

MATHEMATICS 310/COMPUTER SCIENCE 310 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

I. Introduction

A. Catalog Description

This course is concerned with solving mathematical problems numerically using the computer. Topics covered will include error analysis, root finding, numerical linear algebra, numerical differentiation and iteration, approximation theory, and curve fitting. *Prerequisites: MATH 221, 232, and CSCI 161 or equivalent.*

B. Objectives

This course is concerned with solving mathematical problems numerically using digital computers. The main objectives are to give students a clear understanding of how to select a suitable method for a given problem and to determine from computer output whether the desired accuracy was achieved. This course should cover the topics in the Numerical Analysis Component of the Actuarial Exams.

C. Prerequisites

MATH 221, 232, and CSCI 161 or equivalent. A grade of C- or better is required in both prerequisite courses.

II. Required Topics

A. Algorithms, Errors, and Digital Devices

1. Representation of numeric data
2. Loss of significance and error propagation
3. Strategies for minimizing roundoff error
4. Ill-conditioned problems

B. Numerical Methods for solving Equations in One Variable

1. Fixed-point method and other iterative algorithms
2. Error analysis and rate of convergence
3. Zeroes of polynomials
4. Complex roots and Müller's Method.

C. Numerical Differentiation and Integration

1. Numerical Differentiation
2. Numerical Quadrature
3. Newton-Cotes Formulas
4. Romberg Integration

II. Required Topics (continued)

D. Interpolation and Curve Fitting

1. Polynomial Interpolation
2. Piecewise Polynomial Interpolation
3. Divided Differences
4. Parametric Curves

E. Numerical Linear Algebra

1. Linear Equations and Matrices
2. Triangular Systems and the LU Decomposition
3. Norms of Vector and Matrices; Condition Numbers
3. Iteration Techniques
4. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
5. Error Estimates and Iterative Refinement

F. Approximation Theory

1. Least Squares Approximation
2. Orthogonal Polynomial Approximation
3. Trigonometric Polynomial Approximation
4. Rational Function Approximation

III. Optional Topics

- A. Numerical Solutions of Differential Equations
- B. Numerical Solutions of Partial Differential Equations
- C. The QR Algorithm and Approximation of Eigenvalues

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