

# Introduction to Numerical Methods of Engineering Analysis

EGM 3344

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**Class Meeting Times:** MWF 5 (10:40am-11:30am), MWF 9 (4:05pm-4:55pm)

**Class Meeting Locations:** Bartram 211, Florida Gym 220, respectively

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## ***Course Description***

Methods for numerical solution of mathematical problems, with emphasis on engineering applications and computer implementation in MATLAB. Modeling, computers, and error analysis. Roots and optimization. Linear algebraic equations and matrices. Curve fitting. Numerical differentiation and integration. Ordinary differential equations. Credits: 3

## ***Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites***

Pre-requisites: MAC 2313

COP 2271 or equivalent

Co-requisites: MAP 2302

Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3

Computer Programming for Engineers MATLAB

Elementary Differential Equations

## ***Course Objectives***

The goal of EGM 3344 is to teach you how to apply computational methodologies to solve engineering problems when no closed-form, analytical solution exists. Achievement of this goal requires learning the basics of structured programming as well as learning how to combine engineering knowledge, judgment, and intuition to develop reasonable approximations through the engineering modeling process. Because mathematical judgment and approximations are involved, the material in this course will be somewhat more open-ended than the material covered in other courses. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the concepts behind the various numerical methods studied, implementing basic numerical methods using the MATLAB structured programming environment, and utilizing more sophisticated numerical methods provided as built-in MATLAB functions. This approach is taken since understanding how numerical methods work is essential for choosing the correct method and understanding its limitations. At the same time, the existence of commercial numerical libraries makes it inefficient and unnecessary for students to re-develop complex existing numerical routines.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- *Numerical methods.* Understand the most common numerical methods used in engineering analysis, when to use each method, and how to implement basic methods in a structured manner using MATLAB's programming language.
- *Numerical accuracy.* Estimate the amount of error inherent in different numerical methods.
- *Numerical efficiency.* Assess the efficiency of a selected numerical method when more than one option is available to solve a certain class of problem.
- *Numerical stability.* Understand the convergence properties and limitations of different numerical methods.

## ***Weekly Schedule (subject to Brooksing)***

<b>Week 1</b>	Mathematical modeling; Euler's method
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<b>Week 2</b>	Floating-point representation; round-off error
<b>Week 3</b>	Taylor series; truncation error; finite-difference approximations
<b>Week 4</b>	Root-finding: bisection, false position, Newton-Raphson, secant methods
<b>Week 5</b>	Brent's method; gradient descent method
<b>Week 6</b>	Newton's method of optimization; linear algebra
<b>Week 7</b>	Solving linear systems: Cramer's rule, Gauss elimination, LU factorization
<b>Week 8</b>	Matrix inverse; norms; condition number; Jacobi method; Gauss-Seidel method; multidimensional Newton-Raphson method
<b>Week 9</b>	Eigenvalues and eigenvectors; linear regression using linear least squares
<b>Week 10</b>	Polynomial regression; multiple linear regression; general linear least squares; nonlinear least squares
<b>Week 11</b>	Fourier analysis: Fourier series, frequency-domain representation of functions
<b>Week 12</b>	Fourier analysis: Fourier transform, discrete Fourier transform
<b>Week 13</b>	Interpolation: Newton and Lagrange polynomials, splines
<b>Week 14</b>	Numerical integration: Newton-Cotes formulas, Romberg integration
<b>Week 15</b>	Gauss quadrature; numerical differentiation; Runge-Kutta

### **Materials and Supply Fees**

None

### **Professional Component (ABET):**

This course prepares graduates to have a knowledge of a range of numerical methods for solving a variety of engineering problems as well as the critical thinking required for problem solving in life and engineering.

### **Relation to Program Outcomes (ABET):**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Coverage*</b>
1) An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics	High
2) An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors	
3) An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences	Low
4) An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts	
5) An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives	
6) An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions	
7) An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies	Low

\*Coverage is given as high, medium, or low. An empty box indicates that this outcome significantly addressed by this course.

### **Required Software**

- Software: MATLAB Student Version (**any recent version** should be fine)  
 You may consider using UFApps (**not recommended**) to access a number of popular software applications for “free” including Matlab at: <http://info.apps.ufl.edu/>  
 Matlab is also available for purchase and download at [http://www.mathworks.com/academia/student\\_version/index.html](http://www.mathworks.com/academia/student_version/index.html)

- I recommend against using UFApps and instead purchasing a MATLAB student license. Furthermore, I highly recommend purchasing the \$100 version that comes with Simulink and various toolboxes. While we may not use these in this course explicitly, it is very possible you will need those toolboxes and/or Simulink in future course (in particular, EML 4312).

### **Recommended Textbook**

- Title: *Applied Numerical Methods with MATLAB for Engineers and Scientists*  
Author: Steven C. Chapra  
Publication date and edition: 2017, 4th Edition (McGraw Hill)  
ISBN number: 978-0-07-339796-2

### **Recommended Reading**

We will largely follow the layout of the Chapra book. It is extremely useful. I suggest you read the relevant chapters, especially if you are having issues with the homework. Any edition of the book is fine for content, but homework problems will occasionally be assigned from the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the book.

### **COVID-19**

- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu)) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.
- If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect, you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.
- Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

### **Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy**

#### *Attendance*

- All students (and the instructor) are expected to wear masks while in class.
- Regular class attendance is expected although not explicitly included in the grade evaluation.
- The course will be delivered in a hybrid format. A Zoom conference will be created for each lecture for students to attend remotely if they do not wish to come to the classroom.

#### *Homework*

- HW will be posted on Canvas along with its due date.
- HW will be turned in on Canvas.
- Some or all assigned problems will be graded for each assignment. You are required to complete all assigned problems.
- Late HW will be accepted up to 24 hours after the due date with a maximum-grade penalty of 20 points. If you have an absolute doomsday of a week, this is your safety valve. Hardship cases will be considered on an individual basis and only if the instructor has been contacted before the due date of the assignment. Students with hardship cases (e.g., due to medical problems) will be referred to the Dean of Students office, which will perform a background investigation to determine if the hardship is legitimate.
- If you do not agree with the grading of a HW problem, you will have one week from the date the HW is returned to submit a written argument of why you think the grade should be higher. However, the final decision will remain the instructor's.

### Exams

- Exams will be conducted via Honorlock. You must have a webcam and be able to rotate the webcam for Honorlock's "Room Scan" to take the exam. Google Chrome and the Honorlock extension for Chrome are also needed.
- Exams will be closed-book and closed notes. The instructor will announce, in class, any allowed formula sheets or resources at least one week before the exam.
- No cell phones or calculators (or anything that can store formulae) are allowed during exams. An abacus is allowed if desired.
- Exam problems may be taken directly from the homework problems or from lecture discussions with some modifications. Thus, in addition to the weight placed on homework in the final grade, it is to your advantage to understand as many of the homework problems as possible. The emphasis of the exams will be to test your understanding, not on formulaic repetition, so expect the exam problems to be challenging and to test your grasp of the methods taught in the class.
- Makeup exams are only allowed for students with extreme, documented circumstances. Students must contact the instructor as soon as possible to provide documentation and request a make-up exam. Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog and require appropriate documentation (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>).
- If you do not agree with the grading of a particular exam problem, you will have one week from the date the exam is returned to submit a written argument of why you think the grade should be higher. However, the final decision will remain the instructor's.

### E-learning course web site (Canvas)

- Students are expected to check Canvas on a regular basis for up-to-date course information. This may include changes to the syllabus, homework assignment due dates, and exam schedules.

### Workload

- Numerical Methods requires a great deal of programming, and completing the assignments is the only way to solidify your understanding of the material. The lectures will introduce the material, but **you should expect to spend a significant amount of time on the homework**, this is where the real learning takes place.

### Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Homework	30%
Two Lowest Exam Scores	15% each
Two Highest Exam Scores	20% each
	100%

*Tentative Exam Weeks: September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Finals week*

### Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93.4–100	A	4.00
90.0–93.3	A-	3.67
86.7–89.9	B+	3.33
83.4–86.6	B	3.00
80.0–83.3	B-	2.67
76.7–79.9	C+	2.33
73.4–76.6	C	2.00
70.0–73.3	C-	1.67
66.7–69.9	D+	1.33
63.4–66.6	D	1.00

60.0–63.3	D-	0.67
00.0–59.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

### ***Consent for Audio/Video Recording for Online Lectures***

Our class sessions will be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

### ***Students Requiring Accommodations***

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

### ***Course Evaluation***

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

### ***University Honesty Policy***

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

**Cheating at the University of Florida is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.** While learning together and collaboration in the interest of learning are welcome, cheating and plagiarism are not. You are welcome to work with others to learn, but your work must be your own. If you need help with a problem, do not search for someone else's solution on Chegg. Using solutions such as those on Chegg is an Honor Code violation in this class. Instead, **come to office hours to get help from the TAs or myself!** We are the most direct and Honor Code-approved method of getting help in the class. *Use us!*

### ***Software Use***

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

### ***Student Privacy***

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

### ***In-Class Recording***

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

### ***Campus Resources:***

#### *Health and Wellness*

##### **U Matter, We Care:**

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

**Counseling and Wellness Center:** <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

##### **Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)**

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

**University Police Department** at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

#### *Academic Resources*

**E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu).  
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

**Career Resource Center**, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

**Library Support**, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.  
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

**Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall**, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.  
<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

**Student Complaints Campus**: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf).

**On-Line Students Complaints**: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.