Numerical Computations

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Class Overview and Objectives. This class introduces students to key ideas behind numerical computation, with emphasis on the implementation of common numerical methods. CMPSC/MATH 455 is a related course that covers a subset of the topics we will study in this class. Students may obtain credit for either this class or CMPSC/MATH 455, but not both.

Prerequisites. MATH 220. MATH 230 or MATH 231. Three credits of programming (CMPSC 201 or CMPSC 202 or CMPSC 121).

Class Material. All class presentations, lecture notes, and homework assignments will be posted on Penn State’s Angel CMS. Please send me email through Angel. We will also use Piazza for class discussions, announcements, and for clarifications regarding homeworks and exams.

Evaluation and Grading. The final grade will be based on six homeworks, three in-class evening exams, and class attendance. There will be no final exam.
Exam 1: 15% (Oct 2), Exam 2: 15% (Nov 4), Exam 3: 10% (Dec 13), 111 Tyson, 6.30–7.45 PM.
Homeworks: 55%, Attendance: 5%
Please let me know as soon as possible if you will need to reschedule an exam.

Homework Assignments. Most of the homeworks will be due one week after they have been handed out. Please submit them via Angel before the start of the class, or hand them over to me in class. Each homework will be worth 10 points, and I will assign a 50% weighting to the lowest score of the six homeworks. For instance, if your individual homework scores are 10, 10, 6, 8, 10, and 10, your final homework grade will be 51 out of 55. Most of the homeworks will include problems that require MATLAB programming, and the code should be submitted electronically. Late homework submissions will generally not be accepted. Please contact me at least two days in advance in case you won’t be able to meet a deadline.

Attendance Policy. I strongly encourage students to attend all the lectures. Please let me know if you will be missing multiple classes for legitimate, unavoidable reasons. I will periodically take a roll call in class, and will use the aggregate attendance count for your 5% class attendance grade.
Schedule. Here is a tentative schedule of lectures, homeworks, and topics to be covered:

- **Aug 26–Sep 11.** Introduction, Error Analysis, Floating point arithmetic
- **Sep 9–16.** Homework #1
- **Sep 13–Sep 20.** Nonlinear equations in one variable
- **Sep 23–30.** Homework #2
- **Oct 2.** Exam 1 (covering material in Homeworks #1 and #2)
- **Sep 23–Oct 21.** Linear systems
- **Oct 16–Oct 28.** Homework #3
- **Oct 23–Nov 1.** Interpolation
- **Oct 28–Nov 4.** Homework #4
- **Nov 4.** Exam 2 (covering material in Homeworks #3 and #4)
- **Nov 8–Nov 22.** Numerical Integration and Differentiation
- **Nov 20–Dec 2.** Homework #5
- **Dec 2–Dec 9.** ODEs
- **Dec 4–Dec 11.** Homework #6
- **Dec 13.** Exam 3 (covering material after exam 2)

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Students should independently perform the homework assignments, and no collaboration is allowed (even with students of the other section). Avoid plagiarism ([http://tlt.its.psu.edu/plagiarism/tutorial](http://tlt.its.psu.edu/plagiarism/tutorial)), and please contact me first if you are in doubt. You can contact the TA if you have any questions about the homework assignments, and for getting started with the programming assignments.

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In order to receive consideration for course accommodations, you must contact ODS and provide documentation (see the documentation guidelines at [http://equity.psu.edu/ods/guidelines/documentation-guidelines](http://equity.psu.edu/ods/guidelines/documentation-guidelines)). If the documentation supports the need for academic adjustments, ODS will provide a letter identifying appropriate academic adjustments. Please share this letter and discuss the adjustments with your instructor as early in the course as possible. You must contact ODS and request academic adjustment letters at the beginning of each semester.