

Numerical Analysis
Exercises

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Abstract

The topics of the course are:

- Floating-point arithmetic: different sources of the computational error; absolute vs relative errors; the floating point representation of real numbers; the round-off unit; the machine epsilon; floating-point operations; over- and under-flow; numerical cancellation.
- Numerical approximation of nonlinear equations: the bisection and the Newton methods; the fixed-point iteration; convergence analysis (global and local results); order of convergence; stopping criteria and corresponding reliability; generalization to the system of nonlinear equations (hints).
- Numerical approximation of systems of linear equations: direct methods (Gaussian elimination method; LU and Cholesky factorizations; pivoting; sparse systems: Thomas algorithm for tridiagonal systems); iterative methods (the stationary and the dynamic Richardson scheme; Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, gradient, conjugate gradient methods (hints); choice of the preconditioner; stopping criteria and corresponding reliability); accuracy and stability of the approximation; the condition number of a matrix; over- and under-determined systems: the singular value decomposition (hints).
- Numerical approximation of functions and data: Polynomial interpolation (Lagrange form); piecewise interpolation; cubic interpolating splines; least-squares approximation of clouds of data.
- Numerical approximation of derivatives: finite difference schemes of the first and second order; the undetermined coefficient method.
- Numerical approximation of definite integrals: simple and composite formulas; midpoint, trapezoidal, Cavalieri-Simpson quadrature rules; Gaussian formulas; degree of exactness and order of accuracy of a quadrature rule.
- Numerical approximation of ODEs: the Cauchy problem; one-step methods (forward and backward Euler and Crank-Nicolson schemes); consistency, stability, and convergence (hints).

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