
	Two-Semester Programs		Program:	SBE	
	Academic Year:	2024/2025	Semester:	Spring 2025	
	Course Code:	SBE2250/SBEG108	Course Title:	Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering	
	Day:	Wednesday-Thursday	Date:	June 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	

### Course Project

## Numerical and Machine Learning Methods for Differential Equations in Biomedical Engineering

Dear students,

- Second-year students (SBE2250) can work on the project in groups of 6-8 students, while first-year students (SBEG108) can work on the project in groups of 10-11 students. Please clearly indicate the contribution of each group member.
- For the course projects, you are required to pick a problem in biomedical engineering, show how it can be modeled by differential equations (partial differential equations for SBE2250 students and ordinary differential equations for SBEG108 students), implement a numerical scheme for solving these equations, and implement an equivalent machine learning (or deep learning) scheme for solving these equations.
- More specifically, you need to do the following:
  - 1) Pick a problem.  
Second-year students (SBE2250) should pick one of the 13 problems in any of the following two books (attached):

**[Schiesser-PDE-R-2014]** William E. Schiesser, *"Differential Equation Analysis in Biomedical Science and Engineering: Partial Differential Equation Applications with R"*, Wiley 2014

- 2. Pattern Formation 43
- 3. Belousov–Zhabotinskii Reaction System 103
- 4. Hodgkin–Huxley and Fitzhugh–Nagumo Models 127

- 5. *Anesthesia Spatiotemporal Distribution* 163
- 6. *Influenza with Vaccination and Diffusion* 207
- 7. *Drug Release Tracking* 243
- 8. *Temperature Distributions in Cryosurgery* 287

**[Schiesser-PDE-MATLAB-2013]** William E. Schiesser, “*Partial Differential Equation Analysis in Biomedical Engineering: Case Studies with MATLAB*”, Cambridge University Press (2013)

- 2 *Antibody binding kinetics* 148
- 3 *Acid-mediated tumor growth* 184
- 4 *Retinal O<sub>2</sub> transport* 221
- 5 *Hemodialyzer dynamics* 284
- 6 *Epidermal wound healing* 308
- 7 *Drug distribution from a polymer matrix* 339

First-year students (SBEG108) should pick one of the seven problems in the following book (attached):

**[Schiesser-ODE-R-2014]** “*Differential Equation Analysis in Biomedical Science and Engineering: Ordinary Differential Equations with R*”, by William E. Schiesser, Wiley 2014

- 2. *Diabetes Glucose Tolerance Test* 79
- 3. *Apoptosis* 145
- 4. *Dynamic Neuron Model* 191
- 5. *Stem Cell Differentiation* 217
- 6. *Acetylcholine Neurocycle* 241
- 7. *Tuberculosis with Differential Infectivity* 321
- 8. *Corneal Curvature* 337

2) Send your selection to your representative who should in turn send all group selection to the instructor at <[mrushdi@eng1.cu.edu.eg](mailto:mrushdi@eng1.cu.edu.eg)>. No topic can be picked by more than one group.

3) Read and reproduce the results from the selected chapter.

4) Survey the literature for relevant papers on the same topic.

- 5) Implement two numerical solution schemes for your problem (in addition to the one used in the selected book chapter).
- 6) Implement an equivalent machine learning (or deep learning) scheme for solving the ODE/PDE equations.

Check these resources for further information:

***Physics-based Deep Learning***

<https://physicsbaseddeeplearning.org/intro.html>

<https://github.com/thunil/Physics-Based-Deep-Learning>

***Physics-informed machine learning***

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s42254-021-00314-5>

***Integrating Physics-Based Modeling With Machine Learning: A Survey***

[https://beiyulincs.github.io/teach/fall\\_2020/papers/xiaowei.pdf](https://beiyulincs.github.io/teach/fall_2020/papers/xiaowei.pdf)

***py-pde***

*Python package for solving partial differential equations using finite differences.*

<https://github.com/zwicker-group/py-pde>

- 7) Compare the numerical and learning-based schemes based on accuracy and time metrics (consult the selected book chapter and reviewed papers for suitable metrics).
- 8) Write a report of 4 pages in the LATEX-based IEEE conference template <<https://www.ieee.org/conferences/publishing/templates.html>>. You may use Overleaf [www.overleaf.com](http://www.overleaf.com) for LaTeX document preparation with the IEEE conference template.
- 9) The report shall include an introduction to the problem, a literature review (surveying recent papers on the problem), explanation of the ODE/PDE model, numerical solution steps, simulation results for the numerical and machine-learning solutions, as well as suggestions for improvements and future work.
- 10) Submit a one-PDF-file report, all LaTeX source files, and the code files (Python, R, or MATLAB).

- 11) Create a page for the project on **GitHub** mirroring all the information in the report, and any additional results you couldn't include in the 4-page report.
- 12) Give a presentation on the chosen problem. The presentation should include the following:
  - Overview of the BME problem under consideration (10%)
  - Explanation of the ODE/PDE model (10%)
  - Explanation of the numerical and learning-based solution steps (25%)
  - Demonstrations and results of the numerical and learning-based solutions (35%)
  - A short survey of recent papers, books, and tools on the BME problem under consideration (10%)
  - Suggestions for improvements and future work (10%)

- All project selections must be made and communicated to the course instructor by **Sunday May 11, 2025**.

Second-year students (SBE2250) must submit their projects by **7 AM on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Online group presentations should be tentatively scheduled on that day.

First-year students (SBEG108) must submit their projects by **7 AM on Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Online group presentations should be tentatively scheduled on that day.

- Grading criteria:
  - Presentation (30%)
  - Four-page report (30%)
  - Experimental results and discussion (30%)
  - GitHub page (10%)

Thanks,

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