

Lecture TF 502 on

Numerical Analysis

Introduction & Organisation

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Objectives

This course is the basis for all scientific computing based research as needed in, e.g.,

- Process Control and Optimization, Robotics
- Image Processing, Computer Vision
- Wireless Networks; Distributed Optimization
- Computational Methods in Physics and Biology

We will learn how about algorithms that allow us solve a great variety of numerical computation and optimization problems arising from these and other application areas.

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- Homework: 20%
- Mid-Term Exam: 20%
- Project Presentation: 20%
- Project Report: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%