Numerical methods for PDEs

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Course Pages:

1. https://github.com/cpraveen/chebpy

2. http://cpraveen.github.io/teaching/chebpy.html

3. https://sauldiazinfantevelasco.wordpress.com/

4. https://github.com/SaulDiazInfante/spectral-methods.git

Office Hours: After class, or by appointment.

Main References: This is a restricted list of various interesting and useful books that will be touched during the course. You need to consult them frequently.

- Trefethen, Lloyd N. Spectral Methods in MATLAB (Software, Environments, Tools). Philadelphia, PA: Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2001. ISBN: 9780898714654.
- LeVeque, Randall J. Finite Difference Methods for Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations: Steady-State and Time-Dependent Problems. Philadelphia, PA: Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2007. ISBN: 9780898716290.
- Canuto, Claudio S., M. Y. Hussaini, A. Quarteroni, and T. A. Zang. Spectral Methods Evolution to Complex Geometries and Applications to Fluid Dynamics.

Description: This course addresses under-graduate students of mathemmatics and computational sciences who are interested in numerical methods for partial differential equations, with focus on a rigorous mathematical basis. Many modern and efficient approaches are presented, after fundamentals of numerical approximation are established. Of particular focus are a qualitative understanding of the considered partial differential equation, fundamentals of finite difference and spectral methods, and important concepts such as stability, convergence, and error analysis.

Problems: Problems: advection equation, heat equation, wave equation, convection-diffusion problems, KdV equation, hyperbolic conservation laws, Poisson equation.

Concepts: Concepts: consistency, stability, convergence, Lax equivalence theorem, error analysis, Fourier approaches, front propagation, preconditioning, multigrid, Krylov spaces.

Methods: finite differences, spectral methods, direct and iterative methods, multigrid.

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Tentative Course Outline:

- 1. Diferentiation Matrices
- 2. Unbounded Grids: The Semi-Discrete Fourier Transform
- 3. Periodic Grids: The DFT and FFT
- 4. Smoothness and Spectral Accuracy
- 5. Polynomial Interpolation and Clustered Grids
- 6. Chebyshev Diferentiation Matrices
- 7. Boundary Value Problems
- 8. Chebyshev Series and the FFT
- 9. Eigenvalues and Pseudospectra
- 10. Time-Stepping and Stability Regions
- 11. Integrals and Quadrature Formulas

Grading Policy:

- Homework and quizzes (50%),
- Final Project (50 %): Pycuda implementation of a spectral method for a 1-D PDEs prblem.

Class Policy:

• Regular attendance is essential and expected.