

MA 3457 / CS 4033
HW #4
Due: Thursday 11/19 by 11 pm

This assignment is due on **Thursday 11/19 by 11 pm on Canvas**. Your assignment submission should contain a few files. You should submit all of your Matlab code and it should be properly commented to explain what the code is doing. You can submit as separate m-files saved as HW#Q# OR you can submit a single word or text file with all of the code pasted in (specifying or delineating code for each problem). For additional written work and discussion of problems, this should be a single pdf that is well-organized and either typed or neatly written. (If hand-written, use an app to scan and save as a single pdf). This file should be saved as HW#. To receive full credit on a problem, the code must run with no errors and the written work/discussion of the problem must also be complete. Matlab output should be discussed in the write-up.

1. (10 points total) *Circuits*

In a circuit with impressed voltage $\varepsilon(t)$ and inductance L , Kirchhoff's first law gives the relationship

$$\varepsilon(t) = L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri$$

where R is the resistance in the circuit and i is the current. Suppose we measure the current i for several values of t and obtain:

t	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.04
i	3.01	3.12	3.14	3.18	3.24

where t is measured in seconds, i is in amperes, the inductance L is a constant 0.98 henries, and the resistance is 0.142 ohms.

- (a) (6 points) Approximate the voltage $\varepsilon(t)$ when $t = 1.00, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03$, and 1.04 using the derivative approximations derived in class and/or 4.1 in Burden & Faires textbook.
- (b) (4 points) Specify the order of accuracy of each approximation and whether it is a forward, backward, or centered approximation.

You can complete this by hand or with a Matlab code.

2. (10 points total) *Approximating Derivatives*

- (a) (5 points) Derive a method for approximating $f'''(x_o)$ whose error term is $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, by expanding the function f in a Taylor polynomial about x_o using $x_o \pm h$, x_o , and $x_o \pm 2h$.
- (b) (5 points) The partial derivative $f_x(x, y)$ of $f(x, y)$ with respect to x is obtained by holding y fixed and differentiating with respect to x . Similar for f_y when holding x fixed. Using a Taylor series expansion of a function of two variables, determine the $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ numerical approximation formulas and associated truncation error for f_x and f_y .