

# NUMERICAL METHODS FOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

Course outline  
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# PTOLEMY AND THE ALMAGEST



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~150 BC – 150 AD~

Development of numerical approximations to describe the motions of the heavenly bodies with accuracy matching reality sufficiently.

# NUMERICAL METHODS

- **Numerical analysis** is concerned with obtaining **approximate solutions** to problems while maintaining reasonable bounds of error...
- ...because it is often **impossible** to obtain **exact** answers ...
- Numerical analysis makes use of **algorithms** to approximate solutions



# RELEVANCE

- Important to the world!
- E.g. in astronomy, construction, agriculture, architecture, ....
- And of course in Engineering!



# ...CHEMICAL ENGINEERING...

- Description of reactors and separators (dynamic and steady state)
- Computational fluid dynamics
- Thermodynamic equations of state
- Optimizing process performance
- Design and synthesis of processes
- Regression of data, e.g. isotherms, kinetics, ...



# COURSE SCHEDULE

Datum	uur	Wat	Locatie	Onderwerp	Wie
10-nov	1+2	HC	PAV I.10	Intro + programming	IR/EZ
10-nov	3+4	WC	PAV I.10	Intro + programming	IR/EZ
13-nov	5+6	HC	PAV I.10	Errors in computer Simulations	IR
13-nov	7+8	WC	PAV I.10	Errors in computer Simulations	IR
17-nov	1+2	HC	PAV I.10	Linear + Elimination methods	EZ
17-nov	3+4	WC	PAV I.10	Linear + Elimination methods	EZ
20-nov	5+6	HC	PAV I.10	Elimination methods + Iterative methods	EZ
20-nov	7+8	WC	PAV I.10	Elimination methods + Iterative methods	EZ
24-nov	1+2	HC	PAV I.10	Nonlinear equations	IR/EZ
24-nov	3+4	WC	PAV I.10	Nonlinear equations	IR/EZ
27-nov	5+6	HC	PAV I.10	Integrals	IR
27-nov	7+8	WC	PAV I.10	Integrals	IR
1-dec	1+2	HC	PAV I.10	ODE's	MS
1-dec	3+4	WC	PAV I.10	ODE's	MS
4-dec	5+6	HC	PAV I.10	ODE's/PDE's	MS
4-dec	7+8	WC	PAV I.10	ODE's/PDE's	MS
<b>8-dec</b>	<b>1+2</b>			<b>No lecture</b>	
<b>8-dec</b>	<b>3+4</b>			<b>No lecture</b>	
<b>11-dec</b>	<b>1+2</b>			<b>No lecture</b>	
<b>11-dec</b>	<b>3+4</b>			<b>No lecture</b>	
15-dec	1+2	HC	PAV I.10	Data regression + Optimization	EZ
15-dec	3+4	WC	PAV I.10	Data regression + Optimization	EZ
18-dec	5+6	WC	PAV I.10	Guest lecture	Mathworks
<b>18-dec</b>				<b>Distribution of last assignment</b>	-

For the instructions: laptop with MATLAB is needed



# COURSE OBJECTIVES

- After the course I hope you'll be able to
  - understand, solve and analyze datasets and different systems of equations (linear equations, nonlinear equations, ordinary differential equations, partial differential equations) using an appropriate programming platform (MATLAB).





# PREREQUISITES

- The following subjects should give you enough hold-on to follow this course comfortably:
  - Calculus A and B
  - Linear Algebra





# COURSE MATERIALS

- Lecture slides
- MATLAB scripts
- Additional articles
- **Lecture book (A numerical primer for the chemical engineer)**
- There are other useful books
  - Numerical recipes, W.H. Press, Cambridge
  - Numerical methods for chemical engineering, K.J. Beers, Cambridge
  - Numerical methods for chemical engineers, A. Constantinides, Prentice hall
  - **Essential matlab-for engineers B.D. Hahn**



# CHAPTERS IN OTHER BOOKS

## Lecture:

1. Errors in computer simulations-
2. Linear equations
3. Elimination methods
4. Iterative methods
5. Non linear equations
6. Ordinary differential equations
7. Partial differential equations 1
8. Partial differential equations 2
9. Data fitting and regressions``
10. Optimization

## K.J Beers

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# ASSESSMENT

- You are required to execute **4 small assignments**
- You may work in couples
- Use the suggested report layout (from the web)
- Hand in the assignments in time!
  
- We will also give you time to solve **one larger assignment**
- You may work in a team of 4
- Write a report
- Present and discuss the results

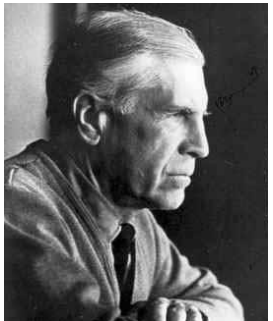
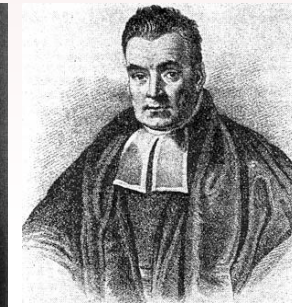
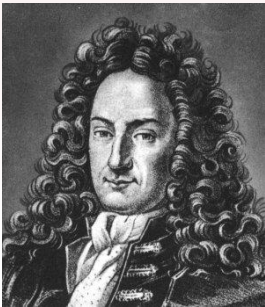
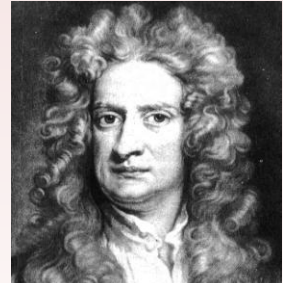
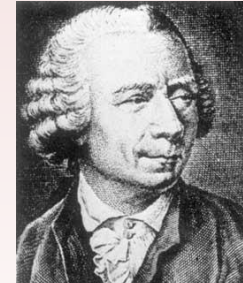


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