

Course Title : Numerical Linear Algebra

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Course Status : Core

Course Aim: The aim of this course is to provide students with a solid foundation in numerical methods for solving linear algebra problems that arise in various scientific and engineering applications. Students will learn both the theory and practical algorithms used to compute solutions efficiently and accurately for large-scale systems, eigenvalue problems, and matrix factorizations.

Expected Learning Outcomes :

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and apply numerical methods for solving linear systems and matrix-related problems.
2. Analyze and implement algorithms for matrix factorizations, such as LU, QR, and Cholesky.
3. Solve eigenvalue problems and understand the implications of different numerical approaches.
4. Evaluate the stability and efficiency of numerical algorithms in the context of real-world applications.
5. Use software tools (e.g., MATLAB, Julia or Python) to implement and solve numerical linear algebra problems.
6. Critically assess the accuracy, convergence, and performance of numerical methods.

Prerequisite :

Linear Algebra

Basic knowledge of programming (e.g., Python, Julia or MATLAB)

Basic understanding of calculus and differential equations

Course Content :

0. Introduction and motivation through selected applications

Application examples of linear algebra methods in

- digital image processing and computer vision.
- digital signal processing and communication science.
- numerical solution of mathematical optimization problems.
- numerical solution of partial differential equations.

- document data representation and web-page ranking.

1. A Review on Basic Concepts:

1.1. Vectors

1.2. Matrices

2. Numerical solution methods for systems of linear equations

2.1 Direct Methods for Linear Systems:

- Gaussian elimination, pivoting strategies, and LU factorization.
- Cholesky factorization for symmetric positive-definite matrices.

2.2 Iterative Methods for Solving Linear Systems:

- Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, and Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR) methods.
- Conjugate gradient and other Krylov subspace methods.
- Preconditioning techniques.

3. Eigenvalue Problems:

- Power method and inverse iteration.
- QR algorithm for eigenvalue computations.
- Applications to stability and vibrations.

4. Matrix Factorizations:

- QR decomposition and its applications.
- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and applications in data analysis.

5. Least Squares Problems:

- Normal equations and QR decomposition for solving least squares problems.
- Regularization methods for ill-conditioned systems.

6. Applications of Numerical Linear Algebra* (optional, depending on time):

- Applications in machine learning, image processing, and optimization.
- Large-scale computations and sparsity.

Software: for this course will be using [Julia Language](#)

Go here to install Julia: [Julia installation](#)

Go here to add Julia Kernel into jupyter notebook: [add Julia kernel to Jupyter](#)

Assessment Methods :

15 Minutes Quiz (each Wednesday)

Individual assignment (2) (First and second week)

Extended Quiz (1) (Last week on Friday/Saturday)

Reading List :

1. Reference Textbooks

- Demmel, J.W.: Applied Numerical Linear Algebra. SIAM.
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