

Uncertainty Quantification in Physical and Biological Applications

Course Introduction

Mitchel J. Colebank

MATH 728 - Spring 2025
University of South Carolina
Department of Mathematics

January 2025

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.
- The lectures will be recorded for you to watch later on, and I will provide an “online attendance” option for specific circumstances.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.
- The lectures will be recorded for you to watch later on, and I will provide an “online attendance” option for specific circumstances.
 - I will take attendance and expect you to be here, though I understand things come up.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.
- The lectures will be recorded for you to watch later on, and I will provide an “online attendance” option for specific circumstances.
 - I will take attendance and expect you to be here, though I understand things come up.
- There will be several homework assignments.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.
- The lectures will be recorded for you to watch later on, and I will provide an “online attendance” option for specific circumstances.
 - I will take attendance and expect you to be here, though I understand things come up.
- There will be several homework assignments.
 - These should be manageable; the goal is to know *how to implement UQ methods*, which requires practical applications.

Introduction to the Course

- This course will be equal parts mathematical theory and computation.
 - Both are important, given the need for new methods for UQ and better algorithms for specific applications.
- The lectures will be recorded for you to watch later on, and I will provide an “online attendance” option for specific circumstances.
 - I will take attendance and expect you to be here, though I understand things come up.
- There will be several homework assignments.
 - These should be manageable; the goal is to know *how to implement UQ methods*, which requires practical applications.

Homework

- Homework assignments will be based on the lectures leading up to the due date.

Homework

- Homework assignments will be based on the lectures leading up to the due date.
- Most homework will ask you to apply a UQ concept to a mathematical model (e.g., perform sensitivity analysis).

Homework

- Homework assignments will be based on the lectures leading up to the due date.
- Most homework will ask you to apply a UQ concept to a mathematical model (e.g., perform sensitivity analysis).
 - **I will provide these models to you in either MATLAB or Python.**

Homework

- Homework assignments will be based on the lectures leading up to the due date.
- Most homework will ask you to apply a UQ concept to a mathematical model (e.g., perform sensitivity analysis).
 - **I will provide these models to you in either MATLAB or Python.**
- You are welcome (and encouraged) to work in groups of 2 or 3, but you must turn in individual assignments.

Homework

- Homework assignments will be based on the lectures leading up to the due date.
- Most homework will ask you to apply a UQ concept to a mathematical model (e.g., perform sensitivity analysis).
 - **I will provide these models to you in either MATLAB or Python.**
- You are welcome (and encouraged) to work in groups of 2 or 3, but you must turn in individual assignments.
 - I highly recommend using Latex or Word for typesetting; I will provide .tex files of the homework PDF for your use.

Final project

- We will have final projects at the end of the course (date TBD).

Final project

- We will have final projects at the end of the course (date TBD).
- This will involve :

Final project

- We will have final projects at the end of the course (date TBD).
- This will involve :
 - ① Applying a more complex/new UQ method to one of the existing models provided ; **OR**

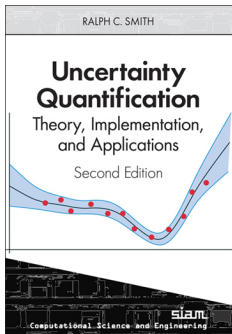
Final project

- We will have final projects at the end of the course (date TBD).
- This will involve :
 - ① Applying a more complex/new UQ method to one of the existing models provided ; **OR**
 - ② Applying a technique we have covered to a new model that is of interest to you.

Final project

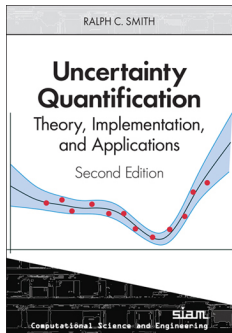
- We will have final projects at the end of the course (date TBD).
- This will involve :
 - ① Applying a more complex/new UQ method to one of the existing models provided ; **OR**
 - ② Applying a technique we have covered to a new model that is of interest to you.
- My hope is that the final project contributes to an Aim or paper in your graduate studies, so please think about how you may use this class in your research !

The book



- The textbook is one of the best in the field (and written by a leader in UQ!)

The book



- The textbook is one of the best in the field (and written by a leader in UQ!)
- It is not required, but it is highly recommended (especially if you plan on using or conducting research in UQ).

Outline of semester

- ➊ Applications and examples (0.5 weeks; chapters 2 and 3)
- ➋ Fundamentals of probability, random processes, and statistics (1.5 weeks; chapters 4 and 6)
- ➌ Representation of random inputs (1 week; chapter 5)
- ➍ Parameter selection techniques, sensitivity analyses, active subspaces (3 weeks; chapters 7-10)
- ➎ Frequentist and Bayesian model calibration (3 weeks; chapters 11-12)
- ➏ Uncertainty propagation (2 weeks; chapter 13)
- ➐ Model discrepancy (1 week; chapter 14)
- ➑ Surrogate/reduced order modeling (2.5 weeks; chapters 15-19)
- ➒ Sparse grids (0.5 weeks (if time allows) chapter 20)

Questions

Any questions about class content ?

Introductions

Lets take 5-10 minutes to introduce ourselves!