What Is Engineering Analysis Using Numerical Methods?

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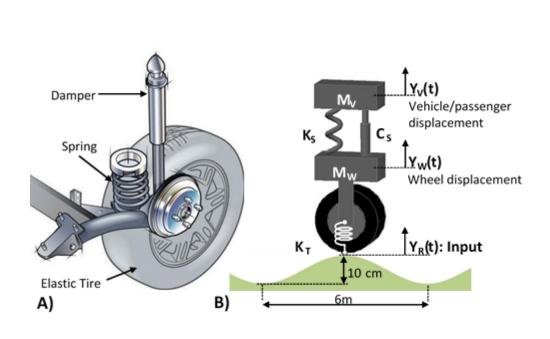
"Engineering Analysis involves the application of scientific analytic principles and processes to reveal the properties and state of a system, device or mechanism under study. –Wikipedia"

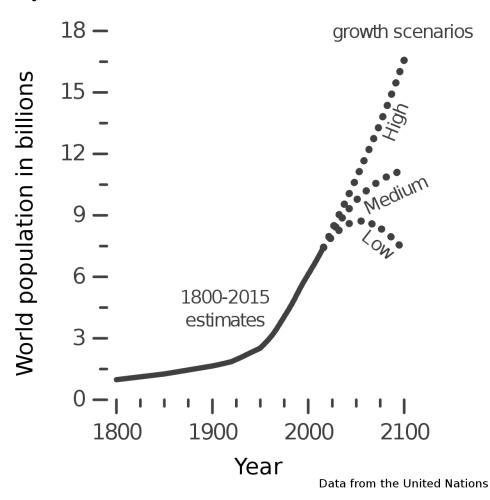
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 In other words: understanding how a complex engineering system works by decomposing it into simpler parts



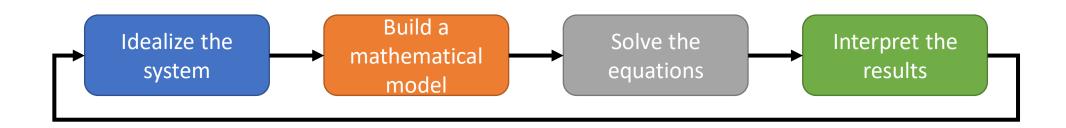
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1.2: What is Numerical Methods?







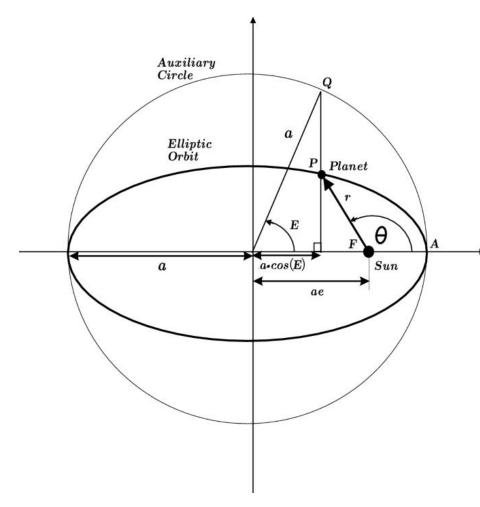


• Kepler's Equation:

$$M = E - e \sin(E)$$

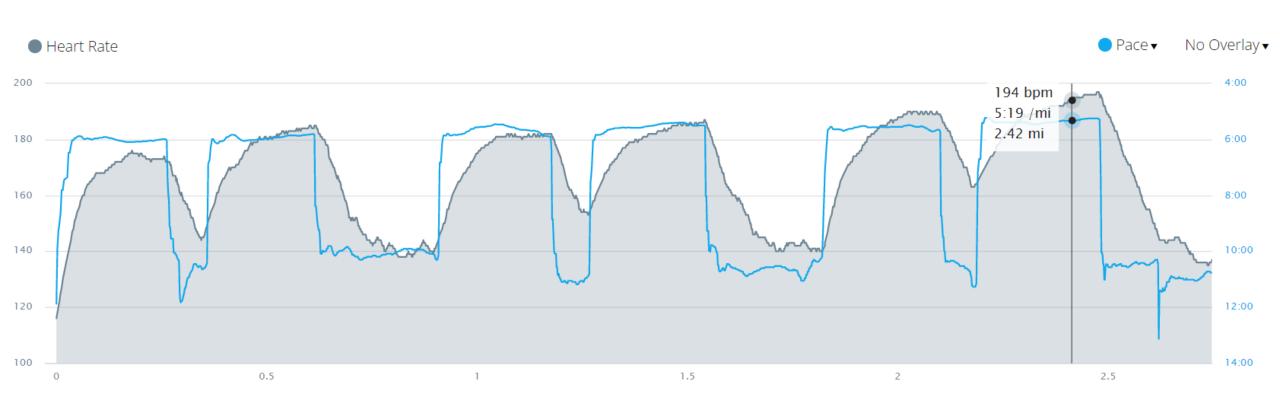
- M = mean anomaly (known)
- e = eccentricity (known)
- E = eccentric anomaly (unknown)

E =











What is Numerical Methods?

• Numerical Methods: using algorithms to approximate the solution to a problem.

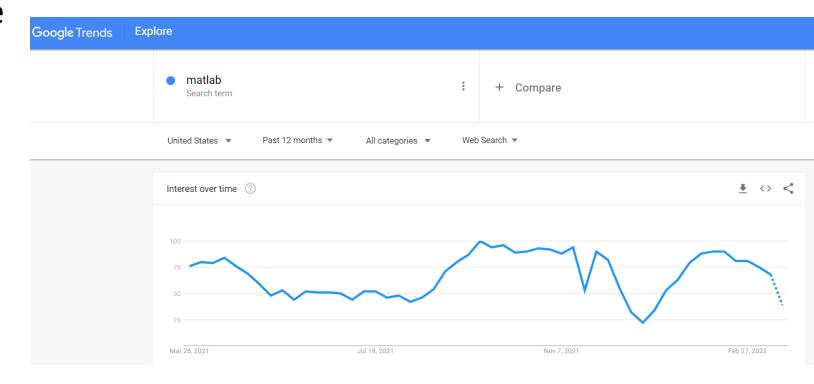
• Concise definition: *numerical methods = making educated guesses*



What is Numerical Methods?

- Most of the algorithms we'll learn are iterative
- MATLAB usage stats:
 - 6500+ universities
 - 82% of Fortune 100 companies
 - 5000+ accelerators/startups





Putting It All Together

Typical problem structure

Presented with a scenario and its
constituent equations

Engineering Analysis

- Solve for a quantity via a numerical method
- Vary some parameters and see what happens to the quantity
- Rinse and repeat!

Numerical Methods