

CSE 4345 – Computational Methods Spring 2019

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Course Description: Introduction to numerical methods for solving problems in computer science and computer engineering. Topics include computer arithmetic, linear and nonlinear equations, eigenvalue problems, least squares, optimization, interpolation, and simulation. Prerequisite: C or better in each of the following: IE 3301 (Probability and Statistics), CSE 2320 (Data Structures and Algorithms), and either CSE 3380 or MATH 3330 (Linear Algebra).

Learning Outcomes:

1. understand pros and cons of various standard algorithms for calculating solutions to computational problems
2. identify sources of errors in computations
3. understand concepts of sensitivity, conditioning, and stability
4. understand the differences between answers produced in an ideal world and what we can really produce

Textbook: I will use the following books as my primary references:

- Justin Solomon. *Numerical Algorithms: Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics*. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2015. I will largely follow the order of topics in this book.
- Tim Sauer. *Numerical Analysis*. Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2nd edition, 2012. This book has lots of examples showing how to perform the calculations. Note that there is a third edition, but I'm not sure any changes justify the difference in costs.

The course website lists more resources.

Homework Policy: I'm a strong believer that the best way to learn math is by doing, so you should expect plenty of homework. Calculators will not be allowed on exams, so you probably should not become dependent on them when doing your homework. Using a calculator to check your work is fine; having the calculator do all of the work isn't.

Grading Policy:

- There will be three exams plus weekly homework assignments. Your final grade will be calculated as $\min(\text{homework average}, \text{exam average})$ where the homework average is the arithmetic mean of the homework grades and the exam average is the arithmetic mean of the exam grades.

- Exams:
 - If your lowest exam grade is one of the first two exams, then I will replace that exam grade with the grade you receive on the final exam. This will only be applied to one exam (in case of a tie) and will not be applied if you receive a grade of zero on an exam due to cheating.
- Homework:
 1. Homework can be submitted late by 5 days (i.e., 120 hours). The cost is 25 points and is the same no matter when in the late period you finally submit the homework. **Note that this does not apply to the last assignment of the semester; it must be submitted on time.**
 2. A scanned copy of the written portion of homework doesn't count as submitting on time.
 3. I never give extra credit work.
 4. No homework grades will be dropped.
 5. I am going to enforce readability of what you submit. The homework should have a clear structure (in my opinion) and the answer should be easy to identify.
- Final grades are based on the ranges of A: 88–100, B: 78–87, C: 68–77, D: 58–67, F: 0–57. I round to the nearest integer, so 87.4 is a B and 87.5 is an A.
- As someone taking an engineering course, I assume that you can keep up with the grades I provide to you and can calculate your current grade in the course. If you want me to calculate your average, tell you what you need to get a certain grade in the class, or tell you again what your grade on something was, then the cost is one point off of your overall course grade per request for this information.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, January 15	first day of class
Thursday, February 21	exam 1
March 11–15	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 26	exam 2
see final exam schedule	exam 3

Attendance: At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients begin attendance in a course. UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

As the instructor of this section, I will not take attendance except when required to determine if you have attended the class. While attendance of the lectures is not required, you should not expect me to catch you up if you choose not to come to class nor is not attending the lectures necessarily good for your grade.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

Disability Accommodations: UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

Non-Discrimination Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.

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Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the

UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlingtons tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence. I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents Rule 50101, 2.2, suspected violations of universitys standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the students suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

Electronic Communication Policy: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

I send out a lot of emails, so check your email regularly. Note that while I am fine with communicating via email in general, I don't like receiving emails asking for grades and probably won't respond to any emails asking for grades.

Campus Carry: Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each students feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlingtons effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week,

an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit; there are exits located east and west of this room. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/studentsuccess/success-programs/programs/resource-hotline.php>.

Emergency Phone Numbers: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at 817-272-3003 (non-campus phone), 2-3003 (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381.

Tentative Schedule Note that this is subject to change, but here are the topics I intend to cover in their approximate order (the calendar on the course website gives more details).

number of lectures	topic
2	introduction
1	error analysis
1	Python and NumPy
1	linear systems of equations
1	LU decomposition
2	linear least squares
2	eigenvalues and eigenvectors
2	singular value decomposition (SVD)
1	1D nonlinear equations (root-finding)
1	systems of nonlinear equations
2	unconstrained optimization
2	constrained optimization
2	iterative linear solvers
4	interpolation
2	numerical differentiation
2	numerical integration
2	random numbers and Monte Carlo simulation