

CEE 175 CEE Computer Applications

- Catalog data:** 20-CEE-175. CEE Computer Applications. 3 ug. cr. Introduction to college computing facilities, application, software, basic concepts of computer programming and application of computer solutions in civil and environmental engineering.
- Prerequisites:** None
- Textbook:** Numerical Methods for Engineers: with Software and Programming Applications, 4th edition, S.C. Chapra and R. P. Canale, McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., 2002
- References:** None
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- Goals:** Introduce fundamental numerical methods to solve mathematical models and the use of computer software for simulation and advanced numerical solution of mathematical models used in engineering.
- Lecture or lab topics:**
1. Mathematical modeling, and type of software (7 hours)
 - Definition of mathematical models.
 - Motivation and learning objectives.
 - Analytical and numerical solution to mathematical models: Finite-Divided-Difference approx of derivatives (Euler's method).
 - Conservation laws in Engineering: conservation of mass.
 2. Root Finder equations (5 hours)
 - Graphical and analytical methods.
 - Numerical methods: Fixed-point iteration and Newton-Raphson method.
 3. Optimization (6 hours)
 - Definition
 - Optimization and engineering practice
 - One-dimensional unconstrained optimization: Quadratic interpolation and Newton's method.
 - Constrained optimization
 4. Curve fitting (6 hours)
 - Linear and non-linear regression.
 - Linearization of nonlinear equations.
 - Non-linear parameter estimation.
 5. Ordinary differential equations (ODE) (6 hours)
 - Solve ODE using Berkeley Madonna
 - Simulation algorithms (Euler's method, 2nd-order Runge-Kutta and 4th-order Runge-Kutta.
- Computer Usage:** MatLab and Excel
- ABET criterion 3:** a, b, e, k
- ABET criterion 8:** a
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