

Course Outline
Numerical Methods in Geotechnical Engineering
CIVE 5800 (Winter 2023)

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
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Topics

- Introduction and Mathematical and Mechanics Preliminaries
Vector and matrix calculus, Gradient, Divergence, and Jacobian, Newton-Raphson Method
- Introduction to computational coding in MATLAB
- Time integration, Computational elastoplasticity
Explicit vs. Implicit methods, Return mapping, Yield functions, 1D and 2D formulation
- Finite Difference Method
Harmonic oscillator, 2D diffusion problems
- Initial Value Problems
Vibrating String, Stability of the numerical solution
- Introduction to Finite Element Methods (1D)
Local vs global stiffness, Stiffness matrix assembly, Shape functions

Textbook

The course does not follow a specific textbook. The books below can be used as additional resources.

- Simo, J. C., & Hughes, T. J. (2006). *Computational Inelasticity* (Vol. 7). Springer Science & Business Media.
Vector and matrix calculus, Gradient, Divergence, and Jacobian, Newton-Raphson Method
- Langtangen, H. P., & Linge, S. (2017). *Finite difference computing with PDEs: a modern software approach*. Springer Nature.
- Fish, J., & Belytschko, T. (2007). *A first course in finite elements* (Vol. 1). New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Evaluation

- The assessment is based on three individual assignments given during the semester. Based on their preference, the students can complete the assignments using either MATLAB or Python.
- Weights: First assignment 30%, Second assignment 35%, Third assignment 35%.
- A minimum of 50% in each assignment is required to obtain a passing grade.

Required Knowledge (IMPORTANT**)**

This course requires a working knowledge of: vector and matrix algebra, basics of elastic and plastic strains, basics of material models, and basics of differential equation (simple ODEs and PDEs). Basic skills of computer coding and computational algorithms are also required.

Course Delivery

All lectures will be in-person, except for lecture 2 (Jan 16th) which will be asynchronous online to allow for a better software training.

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