SU DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE SYLLABUS (Tentative)

MATH 472/572 Numerical Linear Algebra

Objectives: To learn to manipulate and solve Linear Systems Numerically. Such systems arise in numerous

areas of application including Economics, Engineering and Biology and are frequently much too large to handle "by hand". In this course we will learn to investigate them using Numerical

Analysis.

Description: This is an ideal course for those who wish to solve real-world problems through mathematical

techniques, and also learn about various errors which may contaminate numerical results.

Intended for: Majors in Mathematics or strong minors in mathematics majoring in science, engineering or

economics.

Prerequisites: Programming experience (COSC 117, 118, or 120) and MATH 306.

Text: Numerical Methods and Analysis, 2nd edition by James F. Epperson; Wiley

Software: Octave (Matlab) and computer programming will be used extensively.

Weeks

Octave Preliminaries and Error Analysis Solutions of Linear Systems

Computer arithmetic, errors in scientific computation, computer software.

Numerical Methods for the Solution of Linear Systems

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Linear Algebra review, Gaussian Elimination, Opperations counts, LU factorization, Perturbation, Conditioning and Stability.

Approximate Solution of the Algebraic Eigenvalue Problem

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Eigenvalue Review, Hassenburg Form, Power Methods, QR iteration, Application: Roots of Polynomials.

Optional Topics 1

Tests and Review 2

14.0

EVALUATION

Assignments and Projects	50%
Tests	25-38%
Final Examination	12-25%

Graduate students will be assigned special homework/test problems or projects.

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