CME 292: Advanced MATLAB for Scientific Computing

Schedule: Autumn 2014, TuTh 3:15p - 4:45p, 60-120

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Course Description

Short course running first four weeks of the quarter (8 lectures) with interactive lectures and applicationbased assignments. Students will be introduced to advanced MATLAB features, syntaxes, and toolboxes not traditionally found in introductory courses. Material will be reinforced with in-class examples, demos, and homework assignments involving topics from scientific computing. MATLAB topics will be drawn from: advanced graphics (2D/3D plotting, graphics handles, publication quality graphics, animation), MATLAB tools (debugger, profiler), code optimization (vectorization, memory management), object-oriented programming, compiled MATLAB (MEX files and MATLAB Coder), interfacing with external programs, and toolboxes (optimization, parallel computing, symbolic math, PDEs). Scientific computing topics will include: numerical linear algebra, numerical optimization, ODEs, and PDEs. Prerequisites: basic knowledge of MATLAB (CME 192 or equivalent), basic linear algebra (CME 104 or equivalent).

Students will have the opportunity to design an optional 9th lecture on MATLAB-related topics that were not covered in the first 8 lectures. Students should expect to gain: • exposure to the tools available in the MATLAB software • knowledge of and experience with advanced MATLAB features • independence as a MATLAB user. Successful completion of the course requires satisfactory submission of four homework assignments.

Course Outline

• Advanced graphics – advanced plotting (vector/surface/slice plots), graphics handles/objects, publicationquality plots, animation • MATLAB tools – debugger, profiler • code optimization – vectorization, memory management • advanced data structures – object-oriented programming • compiled MATLAB – MEX interface to C/C++/Fortran, MATLAB Coder to generate stand-alone C/C++ code from MATLAB code • interfacing with external programs and files – system calls, file manipulation, communication with spreadsheets • open-source MATLAB programs – MATLAB File Exchange • MATLAB toolboxes – Optimization, Parallel Computing, Symbolic Math, Partial Differential Equations

Prerequisites

- (required) Basic programming skills in MATLAB (CME 192 or equivalent)
- (recommended) Basic knowledge of numerical analysis and numerical linear algebra

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