

# Numerical Solutions of Nonlinear Differential Equations for STEM College Education

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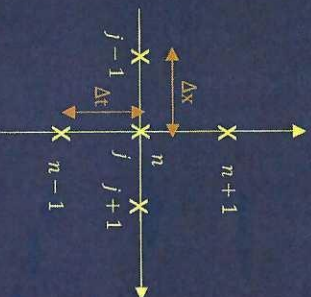
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# Numerical Approximations

1. Discretization of the Domain (Space and/or time); Uniform Mesh

2. Discretization of Equations (Finite Differences)



3. Solution of the discrete Equations

a) IVP (Point by Point)

- Explicit Scheme
- Implicit Scheme

b) BVP (Coupled Equation)

- Iterative Method
  - Point Jacobi
  - Point Gauss-Seidel
  - Point SOR
- Direct Method
  - Scale Tridiagonal solver or Block for second order equation
  - Pentadiagonal solver for fourth order equation

a) First Derivatives

i. Central Difference

$$\left. \frac{dU}{dx} \right|_j = \frac{U(j+1) - U(j-1)}{2\Delta x} + o(\Delta x^2)$$

ii. Backward Difference

$$\left. \frac{dU}{dx} \right|_j = \frac{U(j) - U(j-1)}{\Delta x} + o(\Delta x)$$

iii. Forward Difference

$$\left. \frac{dU}{dx} \right|_j = \frac{U(j+1) - U(j)}{\Delta x} + o(\Delta x)$$

b) Second Derivatives

Central Difference

$$\left. \frac{d^2U}{dx^2} \right|_j = \frac{U(j+1) - 2U(j) + U(j-1)}{2\Delta x^2} + o(\Delta x^2)$$

c) Third Derivatives

Central Difference

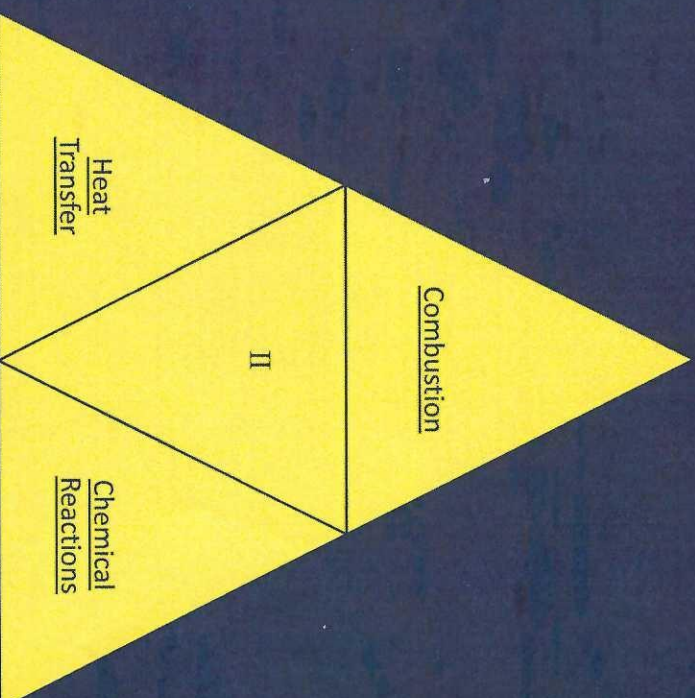
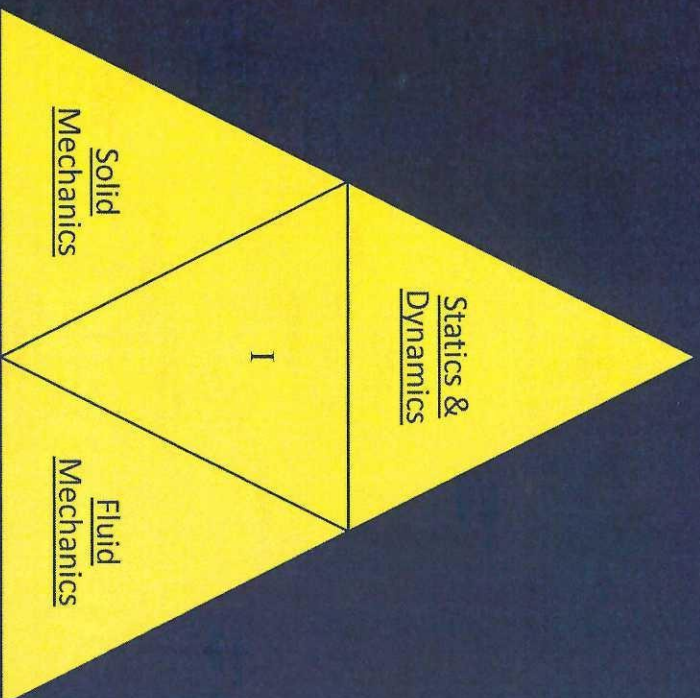
$$\left. \frac{d^3U}{dx^3} \right|_j = \frac{U(j+2) - 2U(j+1) + 2U(j-1) + U(j-2)}{2\Delta x^3} + o(\Delta x^2)$$

d) Fourth Derivatives

Central Difference

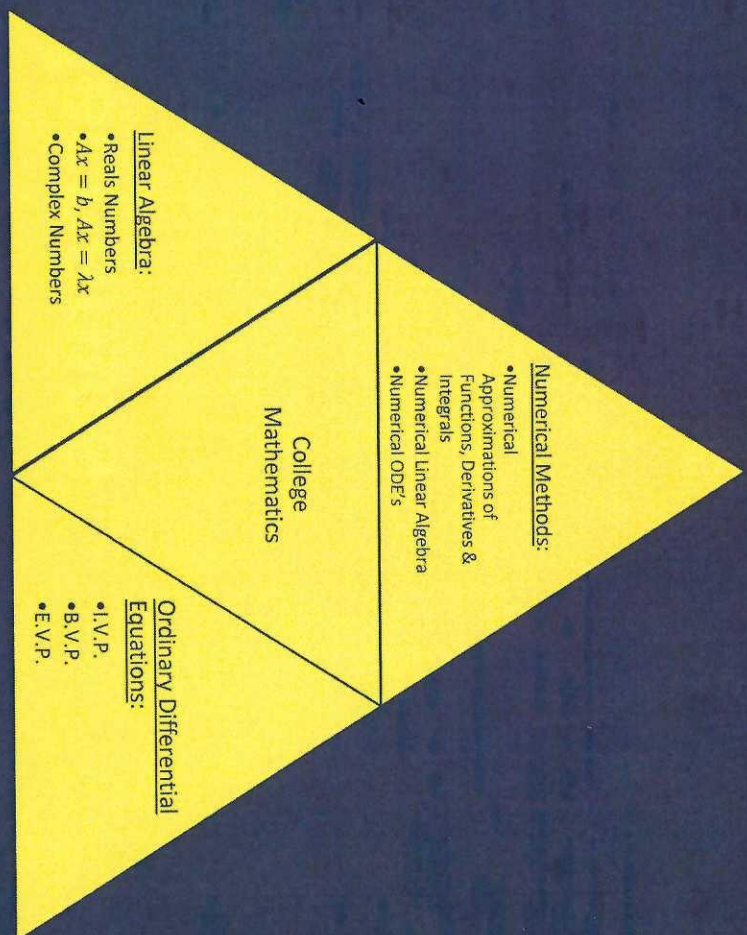
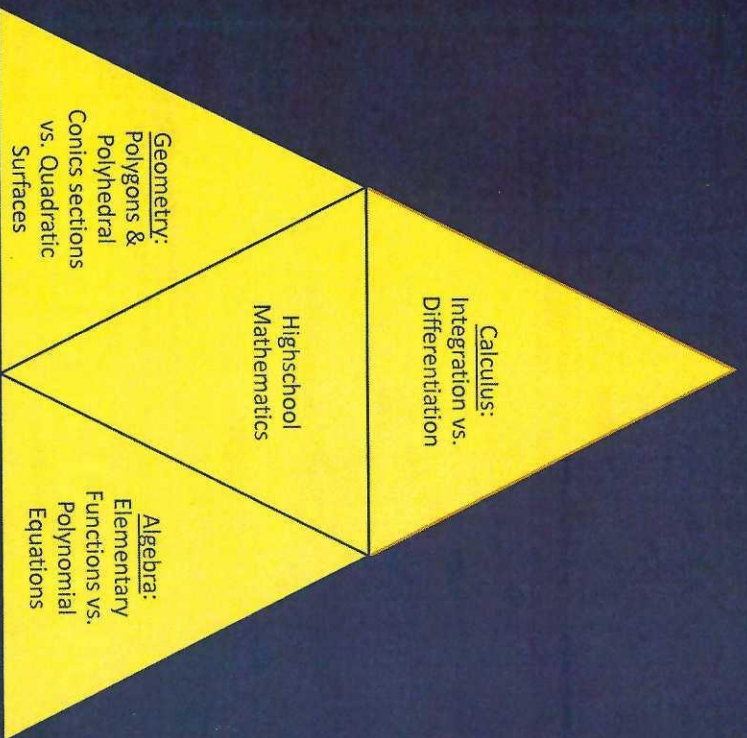
$$\left. \frac{d^4U}{dx^4} \right|_j = \frac{U(j+2) - 4U(j+1) + 6U(j) - 4U(j-1) + U(j-2)}{\Delta x^4} + o(\Delta x^2)$$

# Basic Engineering Mechanics



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# Basic Mathematics



Geometry:  
Polygons &  
Polyhedral  
Conics sections  
vs. Quadratic  
Surfaces

# Initial Value Problem (I.V.P.)

For Initial Value Problem:

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = f(U, t), U(0) = U_0$$

Use Multistage or Multistep Methods

I. Improved Euler (or Runge Kutta)

$$\bar{U}_{n+1} - U_n = f(U_n, t_n) \Delta t$$

$$\frac{U_{n+1} - U_n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} (f(U_n, t_n)) + \frac{1}{2} (f(\bar{U}_{n+1}, t_{n+1}))$$

II. Predictor/Corrector 2<sup>nd</sup> order (3

level)

$$\bar{U}_{n+1} - U_n = \frac{3}{2} (f(U_n, t_n)) - \frac{1}{2} (f(U_{n-1}, t_{n-1}))$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{U_{n+1} - U_n}{\Delta t} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{U_n - U_{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right) = f(\bar{U}_{n+1}, t_{n+1})$$

or

$$\frac{3U_{n+1} - 4U_n + U_{n-1}}{2\Delta t} = f(\bar{U}_{n+1}, t_{n+1})$$

# Boundary Value Problem (B.V.P.)

Tri and Penta –diagonal systems (latter can be reformed as tridiagonal system)

Other Methods:

Use I.V.P. methods to solve problem

Consider the system:

$$a_i u_{j-1} + b_j u_j + c_j u_{j+1} = d_j$$

Jacobi Method

$$b_j u_j^{new} = d_j - a_j u_{j-1}^{old} - c_j u_{j+1}^{old}$$

Gauss Seidel Method

$$b_j u_j^{new} = d_j - a_j u_{j-1}^{n+1} - c_j u_{j+1}^{old}$$

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$$u_j^{new} = u_j^{old} + \omega(u_j(\text{Gauss Sedel}) - u_j^{old})$$

a. Shooting & Double Shooting methods

b. Transformations



# Stability of Simple Schemes for I.V.P.s

i.  $\frac{dU}{dt} = -\alpha U$ , Let  $U = A\eta^n$

$$\frac{U(n+1) - U(n)}{\Delta t} = -\alpha U(n)$$

$$\eta^{n+1} = \eta^n - \alpha\Delta t\eta^n = (1 - \alpha\Delta t)\eta^n$$

$$|\eta| < 1, |1 - \alpha\Delta t| < 1$$

ii.  $\frac{d^2U}{dt^2} + \omega^2U = 0$ , Let  $U = A\eta^n$

$$\frac{\eta^{n+1} - 2\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{\Delta t^2} + \omega\eta^n = 0$$

$$\eta^{n+1} - (2 - \omega^2\Delta t^2)\eta^n + \eta^{n-1} = 0$$

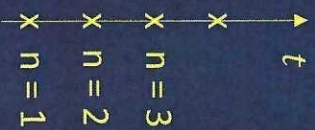
$$\omega^2\Delta t^2 < 2$$

## Treatment of Initial Conditions

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dt^2} = f(U, t)$$

$$U(0) = U_0$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = V_0$$



Second Order Central Difference

$$\frac{U(n+1) - 2U(n) + U(n-1)}{\Delta t^2} = f(U_n, t_n)$$

$$f_n = 3, 4, \dots$$

$$f_n = 2$$

Taylor Series expansion about  $j = \text{const.}, n = 2$

$$U(j, 2) = U(j, 1) + \left. \frac{dU}{dt} \right|_{j,n=1} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2 U}{dt^2} \right|_{j,n=1} \Delta t^2$$

## Treatment of Boundary Conditions

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = f(U, x)$$

$$U_x(0) = U_0$$

$$U(l) = U_l$$



Second Order Central Difference

$$\frac{U(j+1) - 2U(j) + U(j-1)}{\Delta x^2} = f(U_j, t_j)$$

$$f_j = 3, 4, \dots$$

$$f_j = 2$$

Taylor Series expansion about  $j = 2, n = \text{const.}$

$$U(2, n) = U(1, n) + \left. \frac{dU}{dx} \right|_{j=1, n} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} \right|_{j=1, n} \Delta x^2$$

# Cont.

Apply Neumann Boundary Condition at  $j = 1$

$$\frac{U(2) - U_{fictitious}}{2\Delta x} = V_0$$

Hence:

$$U_{fictitious} = U(2) - 2V_0$$

Use  $U_{fictitious}$  in the previous discrete equation

$$\text{Use } U(n + 1) = U_i$$

Solve  $n$  equations for  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  coupled using Gaussian Elimination or Damper Iterative method