

MATH447: NUMERICAL ANALYSIS II – SPRING 2013

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Textbook: Numerical Analysis (2nd Edition), Timothy Sauer, Pearson (2011).

Homework questions will be set after each section is completed. These will not be collected or graded but you are **STRONGLY** advised to attempt them and write out your solutions as if they would be. You are encouraged to discuss these problems amongst yourselves and to make use of the office hours. I will go through the majority of the homework questions in the following class and/or post them on the web, but you will not benefit from this unless you have attempted them properly beforehand. Note that these homework questions are the **ABSOLUTE MINIMUM** you should be doing each week.

The course will be evaluated with 3 (1 hour long) in-class tests on Wednesday February 20th, Wednesday March 27th and Wednesday May 1st. Your 2 best results (relative to the class average for that test) will each contribute 20% towards the evaluation. There will also be two computer projects worth 15% each and the remaining 30% will come from a (cumulative) final exam on **Monday May 13th**. I shall explain the grading system in more detail in the first lecture¹. If you miss more than one of the in-class exams then you will need to provide very good (and well-documented) reasons for missing **EACH** of them. There will be **NO** make-up tests, alternative test dates, or ‘extra-credit’ assignments. You are expected to abide by the University Honor Code and all suspected violations will be reported to the Honor Committee. No outside materials will be allowed during any of the examinations.

Additional Remarks:

- 1) Feel free to ask questions in class. It makes things more interesting for everyone, myself included.
- 2) If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible and contact the Office of Disability Resources at 703 993 2474. All academic accommodations *must* be arranged through that office.
- 3) It is **YOUR** responsibility to regularly check the course webpage and your official university email address for announcements.
- 4) Please check the course webpage or this handout for the answers to any questions you may have before emailing me.

¹**NOTE: I DO NOT GRADE ON A CURVE.** The formula I use to rank you depends upon the class average but the grade boundaries are determined by absolute, not relative, performance!