Course syllabus

Numerisk linjär algebra
Numerical Linear Algebra

FMNN01, 7.5 credits, A (Second Cycle)

Valid for: 2017/18
Decided by: PLED F/Pi
Date of Decision: 2017-04-06

General Information

Elective for: BME4, F4, F4-bs, F4-bg, Pi4-bs, Pi4-bg
Language of instruction: The course will be given in English

Aim

The course provides theoretical understanding of some very useful algorithms. The course also provides hands-on experience of implementing these algorithms as computer code and of using them to solve applied problems. Upon completion of the course the student shall have substantially better and more useful knowledge of numerical linear algebra than students who only have completed a regular basic course in scientific computing. The course should also stimulate continued independent study.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

- have demonstrated substantially better and more useful knowledge of numerical linear algebra than students who only have completed a regular basic course in scientific computing or linear algebra.

Competences and skills
For a passing grade the student must

- have obtained hands-on experience of implementing linear algebra algorithms as computer code and of using them to solve applied problems.

Judgement and approach
For a passing grade the student must
- write logically well-structured reports, in adequate terminology, on weekly
  homework dealing with the construction and application of advanced algorithms in linear
  algebra.

**Contents**

The course is a follow-up to the basic course Linear Algebra. We teach how to solve
practical problems using modern numerical methods and computers. Central concepts are
convergence, stability, and complexity (how accurate the answer will be and how rapidly
it is computed). Other tools include matrix factorization and orthogonalization. The
algorithms covered can, among other things, be used to solve such very large systems of
linear equations as arise when discretizing partial differential equations, and to compute
eigenvalues.

**Examination details**

**Grading scale:** TH - (U,3,4,5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)
**Assessment:** Graded weekly homework. Oral exam on these at the end of the course.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the
regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a
form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

**Admission**

**Required prior knowledge:** Basic course in numerical analysis, FMAF05 Mathematics
- Systems and Transforms. Experience of Matlab-programming.

**The number of participants is limited to:** No

**Reading list**


**Contact and other information**

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