UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

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CE 402 COMPUTER METHODS IN ENGINEERING

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Class No. 29638R
Time & Place: Lecture Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.; (MRF 229)
Textbook: “Numerical Methods for Engineers” (Eighth Ed.)
y by: S.C. Chapra & R.P. Canale (McGraw-Hill)

Prerequisite: CE 108: “Introduction to Computer Methods in Civil Engineering”
MATH 245: “Mathematics of Physics and Engineering”

Drop Dates: 7-APR-2023 with “W”

Final Exam: Tuesday, 09-MAY-2023, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Grades: Homework/Midterm/Final: 20% / 30% / 50%

Remarks: About 8 homework projects will be assigned

Late Homework will not be accepted.
No make-up on any examinations.

******************************************* COURSE OUTLINE *******************************************

1. Introduction - Course Overview; Flowcharts
2. Software Tools - Mathematical Computation Software (Fortran, C, Python, Matlab, Mathematica, R)
3. Solution of Nonlinear Algebraic Equations
4. Solution of Sets of Equations (Linear and nonlinear)
5. Optimization
6. Interpolation
7. Numerical Differentiation
8. Numerical Integration
10. Boundary-Value Problems and Characteristic-Value Problems
11. Finite-Difference Methods for Partial Differential Equations
12. Curve-fitting and Approximation of Functions