Master of Science Statistics & Mathematics

Academic Session 2021/2022



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	27/4	(P&P - 7 Minggu)	lsnin,	25.04.2022 - Ahad,	01.05.2022	01 & 02.05.2022, Ahad & Isnin - Hari Pekerja
	28/5		lsnin,	02.05.2022 - Ahad,	08.05.2022	02 & 03.05.2022, Isnin & Selasa - Hari Raya Aidilitri**
	29/6		lsnin,	09.05.2022 - Ahad,	15.05.2022	15 & 16.05.2022, Ahad & Isnin - Hari Wesak
	30/7		lsnin,	16.05.2022 - Ahad,	22.05.2022	
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						09 & 10.07.2022, Sabtu & Ahad - Aidiladha**
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	39/16	Minggu Ulang Kaji	lsnin,	18.07.2022 - Ahad,	24.07.2022	
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	41/10	(3 Minggu)	lisnin,	01.08.2022 - Ahad,	07.08.2022	
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR FULL TIME CANDIDATES DISSERTATION COURSES MAT 510/20 AND MST 566/20

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR PART TIME CANDIDATES DISSERTATION COURSES MAT 510/20 AND MST 566/20 (for 2021/2022 intake)

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Submission date of supervisor confirmation form for part-time students for intake Academic Session **2021/2022** is by **2nd September 2022**.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS)

A. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the program is to produce experts in the field of statistics who are able to undertake research and development activities in addition to the teaching of statistics at the postgraduate level.

B. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Coursework/Mixed Mode student must comply with the following program structure and graduation requirements:

- Pass all courses, dissertation/research project and obtain at least a C+ grade; and
- Achieve at least a CGPA of 3.00; and
- Fulfill the minimum duration of candidature; and
- The Bahasa Malaysia 1 (LKM 100) is compulsory for all international students. Minimum grade C must be obtained prior to graduation.

C. COURSES

MST561/4	:	Statistical Inference (Pentaabiran Statistik)
MST562/4	:	Stochastic Processes (Proses Stokastik)
MST564/4	:	Statistical Reliability (Kebolehpercayaan Statistik)
MST565/4	:	Linear Models (Model Linear)
MST566/20	:	Dissertation (Disertasi)
MST567/4	:	Categorical Data Analysis (Analisis Data Berkategori)

For full time students, the minimum period given to complete the program is 12 months with a maximum period of 24 months. For part time students, the minimum period is 24 months and a maximum of 48 months.

Full time students have to register MST561/4, MST562/4, MST564/4 and MST567/4 in the first semester, and MST565/4 and MST566/20 in the second semester. Part time students are encouraged to seek the advice of the Deputy Dean (Research, Innovation and Industry-Community Engagement) concerning course registration.

SYNOPSIS OF STATISTICS COURSES

1.0 MST561/4 Statistical Inference (Pentaabiran Statistik)

Aim

To introduce the students to basic statistical theory at an advanced level.

Description

This course will cover basic statistical theory at an advanced level. Point estimation theory, interval estimation theory, Bayesian procedures and hypothesis testing theory will be done at a theoretical level.

Syllabus

Revision of Probability Theory is required. Change of Variables. Order Statistics. Limiting Distributions. Limit Theorems. Sample Moments and Their Distributions. Distributions of Functions of Random Variables.

Estimation theory: Point Estimation: Sufficiency, completeness, consistency, unbiasedness, efficiency. Neyman-Fisher Factorization Criterium, Rao-Blackwell's Theorem, Lehmann-Scheffe's Theorem. Uniform Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimation. Cramer-Rao Inequality. Method of moments. Method of Maximum Likelihood. Bayes Estimation. Quasi Maximum Likelihood Estimation.

Interval Estimation: Confidence Intervals for Small and Large Samples. Methods of Constructing Confidence Interval.

Hypothesis Testing: Type I & Type II errors, non-randomized test, randomized test critical region, critical function, power of a test, power function, Most Powerful Test, Uniformly Most Powerful Test, Unbiased Test, Invariant Test, Likelihood Ratio Test. Generalized Likelihood Ratio Test.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course the students will have a better appreciation of statistical theory. They will see that many of the statistical procedures that are taught at an elementary level are actually optimal.

References

- 1. Rohatgi, V. K. Md. Ehsanes Saleh, A. K. (2015). *An Introduction to Probability and Statistics* (*Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics*) 3rd Edition. John Wiley, New Jersey.
- 2. Hogg. R. V., McKean, J. W. & Craig. A. T. (2005). *Introduction to Mathematical Statistics, 6th edition.* New York, Pearson Prentice Hall.
- 3. Larsen, R. J. & Marx, M. L. (2006). *Introduction to Mathematical Statistics and Its Applications, 4th edition*. New York, Pearson Prentice Hall.
- 4. Miller, I. & Miller, M. (2004). *Mathematical Statistics with Application, 7th edition*. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall

2.0 MST562/4 Stochastic Processes (Proses Stokastik)

Aim

To introduce the students to basic stochastic processes.

Description

This course will cover stochastic processes. Students will be exposed to Markov processes and its applications. Poisson processes, branching processes, birth and death processes will be discussed. Applications to Queuing Theory will be given.

Syllabus

Conditional Probability. Conditional Expectation.

Convergence in Distribution. Convergence in Probability. Convergence with Probability One.

Limiting Distributions.

Stochastic Processes: Random Walks. Discrete Time Markov Chains. Continuous Time Markov Chains. Classification of States. Equilibrium and Limiting Behavior.Recurrence Times.

Discrete Time Markov Processes. Continuous Time Markov Processes.

Poisson Processes. Counting Processes. Branching Processes. Birth and Death Processes.

Queuing Models. Brownian Processes. Stationary Processes.

Simulation.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course, the students will have a better appreciation of stochastic processes. They will be able to identify many of the phenomena that occur as random processes and apply the tools taught to these problems.

References

- 1. Ross, S. M. (2014). Introduction to Probability Models, 11th Edition. Academic Press.
- 2. Ross, S. M. (1996). Stochastic Processes, 2nd Edition. Wiley.
- 3. Karlin, S. & Taylor, H. M. (1975). A First Course in Stochastic Processes, 2nd Edition. Academic Press.
- 4. Pinsky, M. A. & Karlin, S. (2011). *An Introduction to Stochastic Modeling, 4th Edition.* Academic Press.

3.0 MST564/4 Statistical Reliability (Kebolehpercayaan Statistik)

Aim

To introduce the models and statistical methods for survival data analysis, both in biomedical and reliability research.

Description

This course introduces the basic and most commonly used statistical methods of analyzing lifetime data. Both parametric and nonparametric models and procedures are included with applications in various fields, especially in the biomedical sciences and reliability engineering. This course also considers system lifetimes and system structure.

Syllabus

Introduction to reliability/survival concepts, examples of reliability data and the different types of censoring.

Lifetime Distribution: survivor/reliability function, hazard function and cumulative hazard function, mean lifetime and residual lifetime (MTTF/MTBF), distribution classes (IFR and DFR), likelihood function construction under different types of censoring.

Parametric Lifetime Models: exponential distribution, Weibull distribution, lognormal distribution, extreme value distribution and other distributions such as the gamma, logistic and the Log-Logistic distribution.

Estimation of survival function and other related functions, estimation from censored data (Kaplan-Meier) and the confidence interval, tests on survival function.

Probability plotting: linearizing the exponential, Weibull and other distributions, graphical goodness-of-fit.

Parametric Estimation of Models: for complete and censored data; exponential, Weibull and other models, planning life tests, estimation and test procedures under different types of censoring.

Regression Models: accelerated lifetime model and the proportional hazards model.

System Reliability: structure functions, block diagram, minimal path and cut sets, reliability functions.

Repairable Systems: point processes and availability.

Industrial visit or industrial talk will be one of the components in this course focusing on the application of statistical reliability in industry and real-life situation.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

The students should be able to handle the appropriate method to analyze survival data using statistical packages.

References

- 1. Lawless, J. F. (2003). *Statistical Models and Methods for Lifetime Data. 2nd Edition.* Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- 2. Bain, L. J. (1991). Statistical Analysis of Reliability and Life-testing Model: Theory and *Methods. 2nd Edition.* New York: Marcel Dekker Inc.
- Bunday, B. D. (1991). Statistical Methods in Reliability Theory and Practice. New York: Ellis Horwood.
- 4. Leemis, L. M. (1995). *Reliability: Probabilistic Models and Statistical Methods*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
- 5. Lee, E.T. & Wang, J. W. (2003). Statistical Methods for Survival Data Analysis. 3rd Edition. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- 6. Meeker, W. Q. & Escobar, L. A. (1998). Statistical Methods for Reliability Data. New York: John Wiley.

4.0 MST565/4 Linear Models (Model Linear)

Aim

To introduce the basic theory of Linear Models with applications to analysis of variance models and linear regression analysis.

Description

Basic theory of Linear Models will be developed. Applications to ANOVA and Regression models will be discussed. This course will cover various types of Linear Models along with corresponding estimation procedures and testing of hypotheses. Statistical software packages will be used in this course.

Syllabus

Introduction to Linear Models: Simple Linear Regression Model, Multiple Linear Regression Model, Analysis of Variance Models.

Revision of Matrix Algebra Concepts: Matrix Operations, Transpose, Inverse, Orthogonality, Rank, Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors, Idempotent Matrices, Trace.

Quadratic Forms and Their Distributions: Sums of Squares, Mean and Variance of Quadratic Forms, Distribution of Quadratic Forms, Independence of Linear Forms and Quadratic Forms

Simple Linear Regression: The Model, Estimation of Parameters, Hypothesis Test and Confidence Interval for Parameters, Coefficient of Determination.

Multiple Regression: The Model, Estimation of Parameter and Variance, Properties of Least Squares Estimators, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Coefficient of Multiple Determination.

Tests of Hypotheses for Multiple Regression Parameters: Test of Overall Regression, Test on a Subset of Parameters, The General Linear Hypothesis Tests, Testing One or Several Parameters, Confidence Intervals and Prediction Intervals, Likelihood Ratio Tests, Generalized Least Squares.

Model Validation and Diagnostics: Residuals, The Hat Matrix, Outliers, Influential Observations and Leverages.

Analysis of Variance Models: Non-full Rank Models, Estimation, Testing of Hypotheses.

One-Way Analysis of Variance: The Model, Estimable Functions, Estimation of Parameters, Testing of Hypotheses.

Two-Way Analysis of Variance: The Model, Estimable Functions, Estimation, Tests of Hypotheses.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course, the students will be able to use the knowledge acquired to solve statistical problems related to a wide range of linear models in various fields of applications.

Recommended Text: Rencher, A.C. (2008). *Linear Models in Statistics.* 2nd *Edition,* New York: Wiley

References

- 1. Rencher, A. C. (2000). Linear Models in Statistics. John Wiley & Sons, Inc, Canada.
- 2. Littell, R. C. Stroup, W. W. & Freund, R. J. (2002). SAS for Linear Models, 4th Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Canada.
- 3. Faraway. J. J. (2014). *Linear Models with R*, New York: Taylor & Francis Ltd.

5.0 MST566/20 Dissertation (Disertasi)

Students are required to submit the **Dissertation Supervisor Confirmation Form (APPENDIX A)** no later than week 15 of the first semester of the academic session (January). For all students, a minimum of 12 units has to be accumulated before they are allowed to register for this course in the month of **April** (during the second semester registration). There will be an interim viva/presentation around the 4th week of the second semester consisting of the background study, objectives and methodology to determine the direction of the research.

Full time and part time students are required to submit their dissertation (after confirmation by their respective supervisors) no later than **a date that will be determined in June 2022**. Please note that starting from 2019/2020 academic session, students are required to submit a research paper from a compilation of their dissertation to be appended in their dissertation report. The template for the research paper will be provided via the school's website. The submitted dissertation will be assessed by a committee of examiners and, within 1 - 2 weeks after this date, there will be a seminar presentation (30 mins) and finally the viva. The viva will begin with a short oral presentation by the student regarding his/her achievements followed by a question-and-answer session.

Details are available in the **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF DISSERTATION or via** <u>https://math.usm.my</u>.

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6.0 MST567/4 Categorical Data Analysis (Analisis Data Berkategori)

Aim

To expose students the proper method of analyzing categorical data, interpreting parameters in the model and checking adequacy of models using statistical packages such as SPSS and SAS.

Description

Introduction to the analysis of discrete data, fitting log-linear models; linear logistic regression models; goodness of fit tests; residual analysis; applications with the use of statistical packages.

Syllabus

Introduction to the analysis of frequency data. General goodness -of-fit test: Pearson chi-square test and likelihood ratio test. Test of fit. Estimation and inference on two-way contingency tables. Test of independence. Exact inference for the odds ratio in 2x2 tables.

Three-way contingency tables, marginal and conditional independence; Simpson's paradox; Common odds ratio estimate in stratified 2x2 tables; Measures of association in IxJ tables. Log-linear model: representation, interpretation. Fitting log-linear model: likelihood method; test of goodness of fit. Model building strategies, models for ordinal data, test of conditional independence based on models.

Introduction to Generalized Linear Models. Concepts, Models, Link Functions, Likelihood Function, Estimation, Goodness of Fit Tests.

Logistic regression model for binary outcome: model interpretation; parameter estimation and inference. Goodness of fit and residual analysis. Logistic regression for case-control design; matched case-control design and conditional logistic regression.

Log-linear Model- Representation, Interpretation, Log-linear Models for Two-Way Tables and Three-Way Tables, Fitting Log-Linear Model: Likelihood Method, Test of Goodness of Fit, Model Building Strategies.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

After following the course, students should be able to handle the appropriate method to analyze categorical data and to interpret the results.

References

- 1. Agresti, A. (2013). Categorical Data Analysis, 3rd Edition, New York: J. Wiley & Sons.
- 2. Aizen, R. & Walker, C.M. (2010). Categorical Data Analysis for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, Routledge.
- 3. Bishop, Y. M. M, Fienberg, S. E, & Holland, P. W. (2007). *Discrete Multivariate Analysis: Theory and Practice,* Cambridge: MIT Press.
- 4. Stokes, M. E., Davis, C.S. & Koch, G. G. (2013). *Categorial Data Analysis Using SAS* 3rd *Edition*. SAS Institute
- 5. Hosmer, D. W. & Lemeshow, S. (2013). *Applied Logistic Regression 3rd Edition,* New York: J. Wiley & Sons.

LIST OF DISSERTATION SUPERVISORS (MST566/20)

For information about academics' expertise, visit the School of Mathematical Sciences website.

https://math.usm.my/staff/academic-staff

MASTER IN MATHEMATICS

A. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the program is to produce experts in the field of Computational and Applied Mathematics who are able to undertake research and development activities in addition to teaching of Computational and Applied Mathematics at the postgraduate level.

B. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Coursework/Mixed Mode student must comply with the following program structure and graduation requirements:

- Pass all courses, dissertation/research project and obtain at least a C+ grade; and
- Achieve at least a CGPA of 3.00; and
- Fulfill the minimum duration of candidature; and
- The Bahasa Malaysia 1 (LKM 100) is compulsory for all international students. Minimum grade C must be obtained prior to graduation.

C. COURSES

MAT510/20	:	Dissertation (Disertasi)
MAT514/4	:	Mathematical Modelling (Pemodelan Matematik)
MAT515/4	:	Computational Mathematics (Matematik Pengiraan)
MAT516/4	:	Curve and Surface for CAGD
		(Kaedah Lengkung dan Permukaan untuk RGBK)
MAT517/4	:	Computational Linear Algebra
		(Aljabar Linear Pengkomputeran)
MAT518/4	:	Numerical Solution of Differential Equations
		(Penyelesaian Berangka Persamaan Pembezaan)

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SYNOPSIS OF MATHEMATICS COURSES

1.0 MAT510/20 Dissertation (Disertasi)

All students are required to submit the **Dissertation Supervisor Confirmation Form** (APPENDIX A) no later than week 15 of the first semester of the academic session (December). For all students, a minimum of 12 units has to be accumulated before they are allowed to register for this course in the month of April (during the second semester registration). There will be an interim viva/presentation around the 4th week of the second semester consisting of the background study, objectives and methodology to determine the direction of the research.

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2.0 MAT514/4 Mathematical Modelling (*Pemodelan Matematik*)

Aim

To equip students with the techniques and skills for developing and interpreting mathematical models.

Description

This course will concentrate on development and interpretation of mathematical models in the physical and life sciences.

Syllabus

This course will concentrate on some of the following topics:

- 1. Mathematical Modelling with ordinary differential equations.
- 2. Ecological models.
- 3. Fluid flow and water resources modelling.
- 4. Environmental modelling.
- 5. Convective heat and mass transfer.

The topics may also be adjusted from time to time by the lecturer.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course, students will have acquired the skills for developing and interpreting mathematical models.

References

- 1. Strogatz, S. H. (2018). Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos with Student Solutions Manual: With Applications to Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Engineering. CRC Press
- Allen, L. J. (2010). An Introduction to Stochastic Processes with Applications to Biology. CRC Press
- 3. Kot, M. (2001). Elements of Mathematical Ecology. Cambridge University Press
- 4. Giordano F. R., Fox W. P. & Horton S. B. (2014). Convective Heat and Mass Transfer, 4th Edition, McGraw Hill
- 5. Bejan, A. (2013). Convection Heat Transfer, 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons
- 6. Burmeister, L. C. (1993). Convective Heat Transfer, 2th Edition, John Wiley & Sons.

3.0 MAT515/4 Computational Mathematics (*Matematik Pengiraan*)

Aim

To introduce the student to the use of mathematical software (*Mathematica*) as an investigative tool in the field of scientific computing, with special emphasis being put on experimental techniques involving graphical and numerical displays.

Description

The course is split into two distinct but related parts: the lectures on numerical analysis topics and the practical laboratory sessions. The scientific computing topics listed below are intended to introduce the student to important areas of the subject.

The laboratory sessions have the important function of allowing the student to experiment with and investigate mathematical problems. Some of the laboratory time is taken up with the investigation of techniques and problems arising from the lectures. Emphasis will be on built in functions of the software, together with their strengths and weaknesses.

Syllabus

Introduction to Mathematica

- 1. Mathematica syntax
- 2. List, vectors and matrices
- 3. Procedural programming
- 4. Functional programming
- 5. Rule-based programming
- 6. Recursion
- 7. Visualization and graphics

Numerical Analysis Topics

- 1. Basic concepts
- 2. System of linear and nonlinear equations
- 3. Polynomial's approximation
- 4. Numerical Integration and differentiation
- 5. IVP and BVP for ordinary differential equations
- 6. Fast Fourier transform
- 7. Random numbers and stochastic simulation
- 8. Advanced topics

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

To be able to use mathematical software, not just for mathematics, but as a general investigative tool in many areas of applicable mathematics, such as that found in industries.

References

- 1. Mangano, S. (2010), Mathematica Cookbook, O' Reilly Media, Inc.
- 2. Wellin, P., Kamin, S. & Gaylord, R. (2005), *An Introduction to Programming with Mathematica*, Cambridge: University Press.
- 3. Wagon, S. (2010), Mathematica in Action, 3rd Edition, Springer.
- 4. Heath, M. T. (2002), Scientific Computing: An Introductory Survey, 2nd Edition. McGraw-Hill.
- 5. Press, W. H., Teukolsky, S. A., Vetterling, W. T. & Flannery, B. P. (2007), *Numerical Recipes, 3rd Edition.* Cambridge University Press.
- 6. Walter, G. & Jiri, H. (2004), Solving Problems in Scientific Computing using Maple and MATLAB, 4th Edition. Springer-Verlag.
- 7. Chapman, S. J. (2008), MATLAB Programming for Engineers, 4th Edition. Thomson Learning.
- 8. Moler, C. B. (2004), Numerical Computing with MATLAB, SIAM.

4.0 MAT516/4 Curve and Surface Methods for CAGD (Kaedah Lengkung dan Permukaan untuk RGBK)

Aim

To provide the basic theoretical concepts underlying curve and surface design in CAGD.

Description

This course introduces theory and methods for the approximation and representation of curves and surfaces that arise when these objects are processed by a computer.

Syllabus

Basic concepts of vector geometry and differential geometry. Polynomial interpolation including Lagrange form, Newtons form, Aitken's algorithm and Hermite form.

Concepts of Bezier curves with Bernstein polynomials basis. Curves evaluation with de Casteljau algorithm. Derivatives of Bezier curves, degree elevation and reduction.

Continuity issues of composite curves focused on parametric and geometric continuity. Different representation of spline curves and surfaces such as piecewise Bezier form, piecewise Hermite form and B-Spline.

B-Spline evaluation using subdivision method and de Boor Cox algorithm. Rational Bezier and B-Spline curves and surfaces. Representation of conic segments by rational curves.

Coons patches and Triangular Bezier patches. Shape preserving splines, focusing on positivity (or non-positivity) and monotonocity.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course, students would have acquired the fundamental theory and knowledge of methods for the design of curves and surfaces.

References

- 1. Marsh, D. (2005). *Applied Geometry for Computer Graphics and CAD, 2nd Edition*. London: Springer-Verlag
- 2. Farin, G. (2002). Curves and Surfaces for CAGD,5th Edition. Elsevier Inc.

5.0 MAT517/4 Computational Linear Algebra (Aljabar Linear Pengkomputeran)

Aim

The course deals with computational methods in solving linear algebra problems. In particular, it evolves around the following aspects :

- i) the fundamental & numerical properties;
- ii) algorithm development;
- iii) factorization techniques;
- iv) conditioning and stability.

Description

The course is divided into four parts to reflect different aspects of the course :

PART 1 (PRELIMINARIES)

- Numerical Computations, Floating Point Operations, Round-off error, absolute error, relative error;
- Some MATLAB examples;
- Revision of important linear algebra concepts;
- Algorithm, efficiency, stability, conditioning;
- Perturbation analysis of the linear system problem.

PART II (FACTORIZATION METHODS)

- Gaussian elimination, the algorithm, pivoting strategies;
- Gaussian elimination & matrix factorization, elementary matrices, LU Factorization, LDL^T and Cholesky Factorization (LL^T);
- Orthogonal Factorization Methods: Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization and QR factorization, modified Gram-Schmidt;

- Orthogonal matrices: Orthogonal transformations, Householder matrix, Givens matrices;
- QR factorization using Householder & Givens matrices;
- Solution of linear system of equation using QR factorization;
- Eigenvalue Decomposition, Singular Value Decomposition (SVD), Golub-Kahan-Reinsch algorithm.

PART III (THE LEAST SQUARES PROBLEM)

- Orthogonal projection and best approximation, the normal equation, pseudoinverse;
- Computational Issues in solving the normal equation;
- QR Method for Computing Full Rank, Overdetermined Least Squares Solution;
- Computation of Rank Deficient, Overdetermined Least Squares Solution using SVD.

PART IV (EIGENVALUE PROBLEM)

- Computational difficulties in computing eigenvalues;
- Important definitions & theories: Similarity transformation, eigen decomposition, the Bauer-Fike theorem, Gershgorin Circle;
- Power Iteration;
- Power Method: Basic algorithm, rate of convergence and acceleration, Power method with shift;
- Deflation;
- QR Method for Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem: Special properties of the symmetric eigenvalue problem, basic QR iteration for symmetric matrices, QR algorithm using Givens matrices;
- Accelerating convergence: QR method with shift.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of the course, students would have acquired the fundamental theory and knowledge of advanced techniques in Computational Linear Algebra.

References

- 1. Datta, B. S. (2010), Numerical Linear Algebra and Applications, 2nd Edition. SIAM.
- 2. Trefethen, L. N. & Bau, D. (1997). Numerical Linear Algebra, SIAM.
- 3. Leon, S. J. (2005). *Linear Algebra with Applications*, Prentice Hall.
- 4. Golub. G. H. & Charles F. V. L. (2013), Matrix Computations, Johns Hopkins University Press.
- 5. Strang, G. (2019), Linear Algebra and Learning from Data, Wellesley-Cambridge Press.
- 6. Anton, H. (2013), Elementary Linear Algebra with Applications, John Wiley.

6.0 MAT518/4 Numerical Solution of Differential Equations (Penyelesaian Berangka Persamaan Pembezaan)

Aim

To increase students' knowledge of numerical methods for the solution of differential equations.

Description

Differential equations form the basis for the mathematical modeling of various phenomena. This course will focus on the theory and implementation of numerical methods for the solution of differential equations (in particular partial differential equations).

Syllabus

Numerical methods for ordinary differential equations

- Initial value problems: one step, multi-step methods; systems; stability; stiff equations;
- Boundary value problems: shooting, finite difference, Rayleigh-Ritz methods.

Numerical methods for parabolic and hyperbolic partial differential equations

- Finite difference schemes: derivation and implementation; error analysis, stability, consistency, convergence, applications.

Finite Difference Discretization for the solution of Elliptic PDEs Iterative Methods for Systems Arising from Elliptic PDEs

- Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, S.O.R methods.

Convergence Properties and Rate of Convergence of Basic Iterative Methods. Block Iterative Methods.

Other Advanced Point Iterative Methods.

- Simultaneous Displacement Method, Second Order Methods, Gradient Method Preconditioning;
- Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient Method.

Skills and Knowledge Acquired

At the end of this course, students should have the knowledge and skills to efficiently use numerical methods for solving differential equations. The students will also understand the theoretical foundations of the numerical methods discussed.

References

- 1. Rao, S. (2006). *Applied Numerical Methods for Engineers and Scientists*, Pearson International Edition.
- 2. Burden, R. L. & Faires, J. D. (2011). Numerical Analysis, 9th Edition. Thomson.
- 3. Sauer, T. (2018). Numerical Analysis, 3rd Edition, Pearson International Edition
- **4.** Cheney, E.W. & Kincaid, D.R. (2012). *Numerical Mathematics and Computing, 7th edition*. Thomson.

LIST OF DISSERTATION SUPERVISORS (MAT510/20)

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https://math.usm.my/staff/academic-staff

Note:

The academics staff from the Operational Research Group of the School of Mathematical Sciences can also be contacted to obtain appropriate dissertation topics.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF DISSERTATION (MAT 510/20 AND MST 566/20) FOR CANDIDATES REGISTERED IN SEMESTER 1 (PART-TIME) AND SEMESTER 2 (FULL-TIME)

Introduction

The Dissertation should be completed within the stipulated time. Candidates who fail to submit their Dissertation for examination at the time set by the school will be awarded a Grade F for this course and are required to repeat the course with a new topic. This set of guidelines explains the minimum requirements that have to be fulfilled by candidates as well as the process and the aspects of examination of the Dissertation in partial fulfillment of the Master of Science (Mathematics) or Master of Science (Statistics) Degree (Mixed Mode).

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Submission of Dissertation

Dissertations can be written either in Bahasa Malaysia or English.

All candidates have to submit 4 copies of their Dissertation (bound in red with soft cover) for the purpose of examination together with the Dissertation Submission Form that has been signed and approved by the Supervisor to the Dean's Office. The submission date **will be determined in June 2022**. The title of the Dissertation and its translation should be stated in the Dissertation Submission Form (refer to Appendix B) for confirmation and approval by the Council of The School of Mathematical Sciences. The Dissertation will not be examined until the candidate fulfills all the requirements.

Format

1. The full title of the Dissertation, full name of the candidate, name of the School of Mathematical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia and the year of submission of the Dissertation must be typed in capital letters of size **18 on the front cover** as shown in the following example:

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- 2. Every Dissertation comprises four parts: **Introduction, Text, Reference** and **Appendix.** Every part has sections that have to be organized in a specific order. The heading of each section should be in capital letters, centralized without any punctuation; the text and list begin four spaces below.
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- 8. The Text is made up of a number of sections. The organization of this section is to be determined by the student and his/her supervisor(s). As a general guideline, the length of the text should not exceed 25,000 words. For example, the Text can start with an introduction that highlights the problem(s) under investigation by describing the status of the problem(s) conceptually and theoretically. Besides that, the candidate can state the scope and objectives of the study and outline the plan of action or research protocol based on the status of the problem(s). The literature review may be written as a separate chapter and the materials that have been quoted or extracted should be relevant to the research topic, objectives, method or the research protocol and the basic theory or the approach used. The literature review should include the latest research findings from books, journals, magazines, research reports and the latest materials from the internet/websites. The subsequent chapters or sections in the Text may include research methods, results, discussion, summary or conclusion and recommendations for future research.
- 9. The standard margins for the general text, tables and diagrams are as follows:

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Examination of the Dissertation

- 1. The Supervisor and the Internal Examiner appointed by the school board will be given a copy of the Dissertation for examination purposes and to be completed within 2 weeks.
- 2. Candidates need to present a seminar on the Dissertation that has been submitted for examination on a specific date. The seminar may include the presentation of the research background, framework, hypothesis, findings, discussions and recommendations. Each candidate is given 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for the question-and-answer session.
- 3. Candidates have to attend a viva in the presence of the Panel of Dissertation Examiners at the School of Mathematical Sciences. The viva will begin with a 5-minute oral presentation by the candidate regarding his/her dissertation.
- 4. The Panel of Dissertation Examiners comprises:
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 - (b) Deputy Dean (Research, Innovation & Industry-Community Engagement);
 - (c) Supervisor;
 - (d) Internal Examiner;

The overall Dissertation Grade is either a Grade P (PASS) or a Grade F (FAIL).

- 5. After the viva, all copies of the Dissertation will be returned to the candidate.
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- 7. After all corrections (if any) and the decision of the Panel of Examiners are implemented, candidates who PASS should submit 2 hard cover Dissertation bound binding in red buckram or rexine together with the Final Dissertation Submission Form (refer to Appendix D). The full Dissertation title, name of candidate, name of the university and year of submission of the Dissertation should be **printed in gold, font size 18, on the cover page.** The name of the candidate, year of submission of the Dissertation and the degree to be awarded should also be printed in gold of a suitable font size on the spine as follows:



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