

SYLLABUS and REQUIREMENTS

PHYS5416 *Applied Numerical Methods*, Spring 2006

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Object of the Course

Learn to use practical techniques to analyze data and solve scientific problems numerically in most computing environment by using the ROOT program package.

Physics 5416 Course Policy

- (1) Class attendance is required for this course.
- (2) The programming language for weekly labs/projects is C++. Familiarity with C++ is very useful, but not required if you are willing to learn the basics of C++.
- (3) Each of the weekly computing projects is due in one week. No late project is accepted.
- (4) Students at Brownsville will submit projects electronically through email.

Reference Books (not required)

Numerical Methods for Physics, A. L. Garcia, ISBN 0-13-906744-2, Prentice Hall, Inc.

Numerical Methods for Scientists and Engineers, R.W. Hamming

Statistics for Nuclear and Particle Physicists, by Louis Lyons,

Cambridge University Press, ISBN 0 521 37934 2

Numerical Recipes in C, William H. Press *et al.*, Cambridge Univ. Press

A Course in Probability and Statistics, Charles J. Stone

Course Content and Schedule

PHYS5416 is a one-semester course. The contents include probability and statistics, error analysis, numerical analysis of data, optimizations, solving systems of equations, algorithms, applications of numerical methods in physics, and a final chapter on the neural network which will be followed by a set of NN examples.

Weekly Computing Projects

No homework assignments are made. Students will have opportunities to work out homework style problems in class (not graded). Together students and the instructor will eventually go over these problems as exercises/examples in class. Weekly projects are assigned each week and are due in one week. These projects can be run on your own computers, or on my laptop located at WSTC2.106 (available MW 11:00 am – 2:00 pm). Full instruction on these projects will be detailed in the project assignment at <http://www.utdallas.edu/~xinchou/phys5416-Spring2006.htm>. Project reports must be submitted in the form of printed hardcopy by students at UTD, and electronically by students at Brownsville. No late reports are permitted.

Grades

The grade of the course will be based entirely on weekly computing projects (100%).

Office Hours (*preliminary--subject to change*)

MW 3:30 -- 4:30 pm other time by appointment only.

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