MAT 776-1001  Topics in Applied Mathematics
Advanced Analytical (Exact and Approximate) Methods for ODE
FALL SEMESTER (August 28 - December 9, 2017)

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Learning Outcomes:

1. Expanded review of some analytic and other techniques for solving ODEs from MATH 427 and MATH 428.
2. Series and asymptotic series solutions of ODE.
3. Green's functions and other solutions to BVP.
4. Regular Perturbation Methods.
5. Boundary Layer Theory.
6. WKB Method.

Prerequisites: MATH 428 and MATH 459/ MAT 659

The final grade for the course is obtained from (total of 500 points):
-- Weekly homework (!!!) - 35%
-- One midsemester test (80 min.) - 20%
-- Final exam (2 hours) - 30%
-- Instructor's discretion - 15%
In this class, the textbook is only a tool rather than a self-study text. Very often, easier and more powerful methods are going to be presented in class. This textbook was chosen by the instructor because of the good choice and order of topics and also because of the quality and relevance of the problems. Since Differential Equations and Complex Analysis are the first and most important parts of Applied Mathematics, the main goal of this class (at least when I teach it) is going to be analytical, semi-analytical (approximate), and some numerical solutions of differential equations. Issues of existence, uniqueness, stability, convergence, etc. will also be considered, but their formal treatment will be secondary in this class. Use of Fortran, C++, etc. codes and software packages such as Mathematica, Maple, MATLAB, etc. is encouraged but will not be considered in this class. As it is seen from the previous remarks, this is a very serious and time-consuming class. Besides coming to class, students need to review past material, work on homework, prepare for tests, read the text, and consult the instructor. Accordingly, students should plan to allow sufficient time. Regular attendance, prompt arrival, and taking elaborate notes are strongly recommended; students who do not maintain these good habits do not usually succeed in this course. Knowledge of phone number of and keeping in touch with a classmate could be very helpful. Participation in a study group is even better.

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