

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### **NUMERICAL METHODS - 71980**

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*HU Credits:* 3

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* Agricultural Economics

*Academic year:* 1

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Rehovot

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Judith Rivlin

Course/Module description:

Numerical Solution of Nonlinear Equations; Interpolation; Splines ; Numerical Solution of Linear Equations; Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors. Numerical Differentiation and Integration.

Course/Module aims:

To introduce the difference between an analytical and a numerical solution of a problem. To present principal methods to solve numerically classical problems in calculus such as: Solution of a nonlinear equation, Approximation of a function by a piecewise polynom , Solution of a linear system of equations . Calculation of derivatives and integrals numerically

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To solve numerically a nonlinear equation. To approximate a function by a piecewise polynom , To solve a linear system of equations . To Calculate derivatives and integrals numerically

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and exercises

Course/Module Content:

Solution of a nonlinear equation: The Bisection, Newton, Secant and Fixed Point methods.

Interpolation: The interpolation formulas of Lagrange, Hermite and Newton.

Splines.

Solution of a linear system of equations: Gaussian Elimination method, Pivoting methods. Iterative methods: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, S.O.R. Stability of a matrix.

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors.

Numerical Differentiation. Stability.

Numerical Integration: Newton Cotes, Gauss.

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Required Reading:

Lecture summaries;  
Numeric methods- Rivlin, J.-  
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Additional Reading Material:

Burden & Faires- Numerical Analysis-7th edition (2001).

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 90 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

The course is useful for anyone who solves problems with a computer. We will learn basic methods for solving various mathematical problems, including: non-linear equation solving, approximation of functions with polynomials, solving systems of linear equations and so on ...

The software used in the course is a software Maple. At same time there will be the option to work with the software MATHEMATICA or MATLAB for those who are interested.