#### Introduction to Scientific Computing

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#### Introduction



## My advice

- If you don't let a teacher know at what level you are by asking a question, or revealing your ignorance you will not learn or grow.
- You can't pretend for long, for you will eventually be found out. Admission of ignorance is often the first step in our education.
  - Steven Covey—Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

### Why use Numerical Methods?

• To solve problems that cannot be solved exactly



## Why use Numerical Methods?

• To solve problems that are intractable!



# Steps in Solving an Engineering Problem

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# How do we solve an engineering problem?



#### Example of Solving an Engineering Problem



## Bascule Bridge THG



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## Trunnion-Hub-Girder Assembly Procedure

PLD STATE: EXPOSO2

- **Step1**. Trunnion immersed in dry-ice/alcohol
- **Step2.** Trunnion warm-up in hub
- **Step3.** Trunnion-Hub immersed in
  - dry-ice/alcohol
- Step4. Trunnion-Hub warm-up into girder

#### Problem



## After Cooling, the Trunnion Got Stuck in Hub

## Why did it get stuck?

## Magnitude of contraction needed in the trunnion was 0.015" or more. Did it contract enough?



## Video of Assembly Process

#### Trunnion-Hub-Girder Assembly of Bascule Bridges

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#### **Unplugged Version**

VH1 Version

## **Consultant calculations** $\Delta D = D \times \alpha \times \Delta T$ D = 12.363" $\alpha = 6.47 \times 10^{-6} in / in / {}^{o} F$ $\Delta T = -108 - 80 = -188^{\circ} F$

# $\Delta D = (12.363)(6.47 \times 10^{-6})(-188)$ = -0.01504"



#### The Correct Model Would Account for Varying Thermal Expansion Coefficient



#### Can You Roughly Estimate the Contraction?



# Can You Find a Better Estimate for the Contraction?



## Estimating Contraction Accurately



# So what is the solution to the problem?

One solution is to immerse the trunnion in liquid nitrogen which has a boiling point of -321°F as opposed to the dry-ice/alcohol temperature of -108°F.

#### $\Delta D = -0.0244''$

## Revisiting steps to solve a problem

- 1) Problem Statement: Trunnion got stuck in the hub.
- 2) Modeling: Developed a new model

$$\Delta D = D \int_{T_a}^{T_c} \alpha(T) dT$$

- 3) Solution: 1) Used trapezoidal rule OR b) Used regression and integration.
- 4) Implementation: Cool the trunnion in liquid nitrogen.

## THE END

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#### **Introduction to Numerical Methods**

#### **Mathematical Procedures**

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#### **Mathematical Procedures**

- Nonlinear Equations
- Differentiation
- Simultaneous Linear Equations
- Curve Fitting
  - Interpolation
  - Regression
- Integration
- Ordinary Differential Equations
- Other Advanced Mathematical Procedures:
  - Partial Differential Equations
  - Optimization
  - Fast Fourier Transforms

#### **Nonlinear Equations**

How much of the floating ball is under water?



## $x^3 - 0.165x^2 + 3.993 \times 10^{-4} = 0$

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### Differentiation



#### Differentiation

#### What is the acceleration at t=7 seconds?

Time (s)	5	8	12
Vel (m/s)	106	177	600





#### Simultaneous Linear Equations

#### Find the velocity profile, given

Time (s)	5	8	12
Vel (m/s)	106	177	600



$$v(t) = at^2 + bt + c, \ 5 \le t \le 12$$

Three simultaneous linear equations 25a + 5b + c = 106 64a + 8b + c = 177144a + 12b + c = 600



#### Interpolation

What is the velocity of the rocket at t=7 seconds?

Time (s)	5	8	12
Vel (m/s)	106	177	600





#### Regression

#### Thermal expansion coefficient data for cast steel



#### Regression (cont)



## Integration

Finding the diametric contraction in a steel shaft when dipped in liquid nitrogen.



## **Ordinary Differential Equations**

#### How long does it take a trunnion to cool down?



$$mc\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -hA(\theta - \theta_a), \ \theta(0) = \theta_{room}$$

#### **Additional Resources**

For all resources on this topic such as digital audiovisual lectures, primers, textbook chapters, multiple-choice tests, worksheets in MATLAB, MATHEMATICA, MathCad and MAPLE, blogs, related physical problems, please visit

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