Numerical Methods and the C-language, 2016

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Bibliography for NRC2016

Some familiarity with programming in general is assumed. Some basic knowledge of the C/C++ language is helpful, but you can also learn the few features needed during the course.

The basic reference is the huge (about 1000 pages) book:

[NRC] W. H. Press- S. A. Teukolsky- W. T. Vetterling - B. P. Flannery: Numerical Recipes in C++, 2nd ed. 2002, Cambridge Univ. Press, ISBN 0-521-75033-4

An older version in C is available for free on the www-page:

http://www.haoli.org/nr/bookcpdf.html.

If this does not work, googling with numerical recipes might work.

See also the supplementary example book by the same authors

Numerical Recipes Example Book (C++), 2nd ed. 2002, Cambridge Univ. Press, ISBN 0-521-750342

and the accompanying CD-ROM with about 300 programs in the C++ language, version 2.11. The newest version 3.0 will not be used.

An alternative software package is GNU Scientific Library (GSL) which provides a collection of about 1400 numeric algorithms. The use of this software is described in

GNU Scientific Library Reference Manual by M. Galassi, J. Davies, J. Theiler, B. Gough, G. Jungman, P. Alken, M. Booth, F. Rossi, 2009, ISBN: 0-9546120-7-8 (ISBN-13: 978-0-9546120-7-8).

http://www.gnu.org/software/gsl/manual/htmlnode/

Some of the hard to find books about the mathematical features of the C/C++ languages are

[G] R. Glassey: Numerical computation using C, Academic Press, 1993, ISBN 0-12-286155-8.

[Y] D. Yang: C++ and object oriented numeric computing for scientists and engineers, Springer-Verlag, 2001, ISBN 0-387-98990-0.

Errata: http://www.math.wayne.edu/~yang/book/errata.htm

These books are pleasure to read and describe the aspects relevant for our purposes.

The complete description of the C/C++ languages can be found in:

B. W. Kernighan- D. M. Ritchie: The C programming language, Second ed. Prentice Hall 1988, ISBN 0-13-110362-8.

B. Stroustrup: The C++ programming language, Third ed. Addison Wesley, 1997, ISBN 0-201-88954-4.

Both books also contain many exercises for the readers. The solutions can be found, respectively, in

C. L. Tondo- S. E. Gimpel: The C answer book, Second ed., Prentice Hall 1989, ISBN 0-13-109653-2.

D. Vandevoorde: C++ solutions, Addision Wessley, 1998, ISBN 0-201-30965-3.

Stroustrup's book is written to serve as a handbook and as such it is rather difficult for a novice in the C++ language.

Some books on numerical methods should be mentioned, too. A very useful book, perhaps the one most frequently cited in all fields of mathematics, is

[AS] M. Abramowitz- I. A. Stegun eds: Handbook of Mathematical Functions with formulas, Graphs and Mathematical Tables, Dover, 1965, ISBN 0-486-61272-4.

A book with emphasis on computation is (this book has perhaps the best www-page support I have seen)

[H] M. T. Heath: Scientific Computing- An introductory survey, Second ed. McGraw Hill, 2002, ISBN-0-07-239910-4.

Some other widely used books are J. Stoer- R. Bulirsch, S. D. Conte- C. de Boor, R.Burden-J.Faires,.... Round-off errors are present in all numerical computation and where possible, measures should be taken to diminish the accumulation of errors. These topics are discussed in

N. J. Higham: Accuracy and Stability of Numerical Algorithms, SIAM, 1996, ISBN 0-89871-355-2.

Many of the applications of mathematical modeling include solution of linear systems of equations. A comprehensive monograph on this topic is

G.H. Golub- C. F. van Loan: Matrix Computations, Fourth ed., John Hopkins Univ. Press, 2013, ISBN 978-1421407944