

# SPECTRAL METHODS FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS OF ODEs & PDEs

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## Overview

Spectral Methods are very powerful computational techniques for solving differential equations and other problems in applied mathematics, engineering and other areas of applied sciences. Compared to other traditional methods for solving ODEs and PDEs, such as finite differences and finite elements methods, the spectral methods have superior accuracy and are relatively easy to implement numerically through the use of Fourier and Chebyshev expansions, and polynomial interpolation functions. This course offers a hands-on introduction to some spectral collocation methods with emphasis on implementation in MATHEMATICA (or MAPLE) and MATLAB. Particular focus will be directed to designing accurate and efficient spectral collocation based algorithms for solving ODEs and PDEs of practical interest. Selected problems from Mathematical Biology, Mathematics of Finance and Fluid Mechanics will be discussed for numerical experimentation.

## Objectives

The primary objectives of the course are as follows

- i) Introducing the fundamentals of numerical methods to participants.
- ii) Demonstrating the fundamentals of Matlab and Mathematica.
- iii) Providing advanced numerical techniques to participants to help solving their respective research problems involving systems of ODEs and PDEs.

This course will be presented by formal lectures that will be supported by practical, hands-on implementation of the algorithms in MATHEMATICA and MATLAB. Participants will be given prepared lecture notes and hand-outs that will guide them through the learning process.

<b>Modules</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Polynomial Interpolation</li><li>2. Introduction to Mathematica and Matlab</li><li>3. Spectral Collocation using interpolation with polynomial basis functions</li><li>4. Quasi-linearisation Method</li><li>5. Spectral Quasi-Linearization</li><li>6. Chebyshev Spectral Collocation method (CSCM)</li><li>7. Solving Linear and Non-linear Boundary Value problems using the CSCM</li><li>8. Solving systems of coupled nonlinear ODEs using SQLM</li><li>9. Pseudo-spectral methods for Partial Differential Equations</li><li>10. Application in real-life problems</li></ol>
<b>You should attend if...</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Honours, MSc, PhD, Post Doc research students with interests in efficient ways of solving differential equations.</li><li>2. Faculty members involved in teaching numerical methods of solution.</li></ol>

## Fees

**Participants from Abroad:** US \$600  
**Industry/ Research Organizations:** Rs. 6000/-  
**Faculty Members / Researchers:** Rs. 3000/-  
**Students (pursuing PhD/ Masters / Bachelors courses):** Rs 2000/-  
**NIT Mizoram:** Free (Faculty / Student / Researcher)

*The above fee includes all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials, free internet facility. The participants will be provided with single bedded accommodation on payment basis.*

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