

AA 214: Numerical Methods for Compressible Flows

Schedule: Winter 26, M-W-F (2 of 3) 10:30 am – 11:50 am

Units: 3

Venue : Gates B3



Course Description

This course is designed for M.S.-level students. It covers the hierarchy of mathematical models for compressible flows and an introduction to finite difference and finite volume methods for their computation.

Course Outline

Computational Fluid Dynamics: What is it? Why? What for? — Hierarchy of Mathematical Models — Conservation — Integral Forms and Discontinuities — Linearization — Characteristic Relations — Representative Model Problems — The Finite Difference Method — The Finite Volume Method — Treatment of Boundary Conditions — Linear and Nonlinear Stability Analyses — Error Analysis — Local Time-Stepping and Dual Time-Stepping.

Prerequisites

- Basic knowledge of linear algebra and ODEs (CME 206 or equivalent).

Textbooks and Other Reading Materials

- Culbert B. Laney, Computational Gasdynamics, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, ISBN 0-521-62558-0.
- C. Hirsh, Numerical Computation of Internal and External Flows, Volume 1 and Volume 2, WILEY, ISBN 978-0-471-92385-5 (Volume 1) and ISBN 978-0-471-92452-4 (Volume 2).
- John D. Anderson, Jr., Computational Fluid Dynamics, *The Basics with Applications*, MC GRAW HILL, ISBN 0-07-001685-2.
- Lecture notes and various reading materials.

Homeworks

- Assigned in general on a weekly basis.
- Subject to the Stanford Honor Code (no attempt to find and no consultation of any published solutions; collaboration with other students taking the course is allowed

as long as it is limited to discussing the statement of the problem and how to proceed about solving it – everything else is an individual task).

Examination

- 24-Hour Take Home Final Exam: **Released on 03/17/2026 at 10:00 am.**
Due on 03/18/2026 at 10:00 am.
- Subject to the Stanford Honor Code (no attempt to find and no consultation of any published solutions; no assistance from anyone/anything).

Course Grade

- Based 65% on the grades for the homework assignments.
- Based 35% on the grade for the Take Home Final Exam.
- To ensure fairness and facilitate timely posting of solutions and grading, homework assignments must be submitted on time to receive a grade. Additionally, the Take Home Final Exam will only be administered once, with the release and due dates clearly indicated above.

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