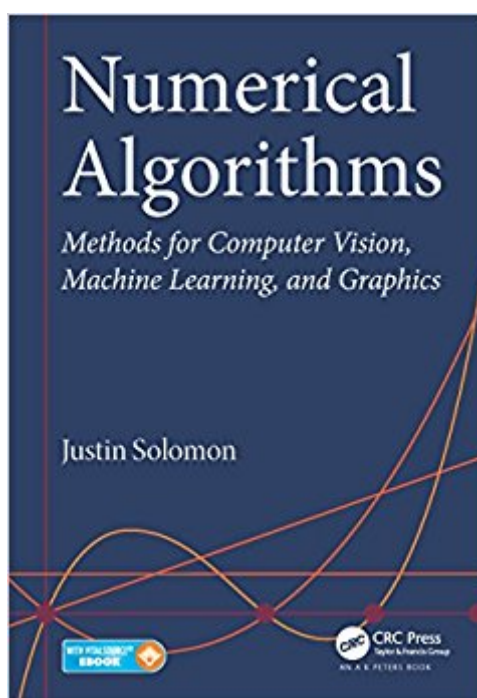


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Synopsis

Numerical Algorithms: Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics presents a new approach to numerical analysis for modern computer scientists. Using examples from a broad base of computational tasks, including data processing, computational photography, and animation, the textbook introduces numerical modeling and algorithmic design from a practical standpoint and provides insight into the theoretical tools needed to support these skills. The book covers a wide range of topicsâfrom numerical linear algebra to optimization and differential equationsâfocusing on real-world motivation and unifying themes. It incorporates cases from computer science research and practice, accompanied by highlights from in-depth literature on each subtopic. Comprehensive end-of-chapter exercises encourage critical thinking and build studentsâ intuition while introducing extensions of the basic material. The text is designed for advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students in computer science and related fields with experience in calculus and linear algebra. For students with a background in discrete mathematics, the book includes some reminders of relevant continuous mathematical background.

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My opinions of this book may be slightly colored by the fact that I was previously a TA for his course. Nonetheless, I think Justin's book is one of the best introductions to "Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics" around. It manages to cover a broad range of foundational topics typically covered in their own full-semester courses, such as numerical linear algebra, scientific computing, optimization, and numerical ODEs/PDEs. One of the strengths of the book is that it presents a well-written, holistic overview of these areas with many practical examples and exercises. Another strength is that it uses the language of optimization to frame many of the problems in the later chapters. For those familiar with Stephen Boyd's book on Convex Optimization, I found the overall style to be similar in terms of the balance between theory and practice. I wish I had read this book before all of my PhD coursework--alas, it hadn't been written yet. Please make sure to consult the errata for the first edition; there were a few typos that came up during the course. I don't believe they detract from the exposition however.

I took Justin's class at Stanford, for which we used this book. I don't have a computer science background, so the subject matter was definitely new to me. In his book, Justin did a great job at presenting the material by explaining everything clearly and organizing things in just the right way. Most everything in the book is derived from first principles, which is key to truly understanding the material. Furthermore, the exercises (while admittedly challenging) do a great job at reinforcing what is being learned.

I have read this book before it was published because I was a student in Justin's class in Stanford. I think it's one of the best "advanced introduction" books on numerical methods. It's clear, it's contemporary, there are a lot of excellent examples in graphics, machine learning and other areas, also after each chapter there are interesting exercises from easy ones to open-ended hard problems. I think the main "plus" of the book is that it gave intuition to the reader for many hard problems such as optimization problems, least-squares problems, iterative methods and so on. Also, in my opinion, linear algebra and its applications, optimization, non-linear problems are considered in more details than differential equations, giving only intuition and some insights for the last topic. In summary: excellent book on numeric methods for all CS students. I think it will be very good to read this book before studying machine learning and its applications and variations.

Justin's book is a fantastic treatment of numerical computing. Error analysis, linear algebra, optimization: this book covers all the fundamentals for anyone interested in computational science

and applications. The book is clear, well written, with plenty of examples. Highly recommended for students, teachers, and practitioners.

Justin's book is an invaluable resource for understanding numerical methods. As I further my studies in computer vision and machine learning, I'm constantly referencing "Numerical Algorithms" for clear explanations of ubiquitous optimization algorithms and matrix factorizations. Highly recommended for anybody interested in ML, CV, graphics, robotics, optimization and the like.

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