

### **NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

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The subject matter was chosen to emphasize prominent research areas and attitudes in numerical analysis. These are introductory lectures on the subject matter for presentation to an audience of scientists from other areas or disciplines. Typically, there is an introduction to a given problem area and to techniques used, an application to applied problems, and a discussion of current research questions or directions.

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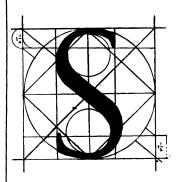
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