CS 205A:

Mathematical Methods for Robotics, Vision, and Graphics

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## **Course Topics I**

#### 1. Numerics

- Stability and error analysis
- Floating-point representations

#### 2. Linear algebra

- Gaussian elimination and LU
- Column spaces and QR
- Eigenproblems
- Applications

### 3. Root-finding and optimization

- Single-variable
- Multivariable
- Constrained optimization



## **Course Topics II**

▶ Iterative linear solvers: Conjugate gradients and friends

### 4. Interpolation and quadrature

- Approximating integrals
- Approximating derivatives

#### 5. Differential equations

- ODEs: time-stepping, discretization
- ▶ PDEs: Poisson equation, heat equation, waves
- Techniques: Differencing, applications



### **Two Roles**

Client of numerical methods

Designer of numerical methods

## **Variational Viewpoint**

## Minimize objective subject to constraints

- $A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \iff \min \|A\vec{x} \vec{b}\|_2^2$
- $A^{\top}A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x} \iff \min \|A\vec{x}\|_2 \text{ s.t. } \|\vec{x}\|_2 = 1$

## What Next?

More depth: Anything in ICME!

### Applications:

- CS 221 AI
- CS 223A Introduction to Robotics
- CS 229 Machine Learning
- CS 231A Computer Vision
- CS 248 Interactive Computer Graphics
- CS 348A/B/C Computer Graphics (Geom/Imag/Anim)
- CS 334A Convex Optimization I
- CS 448J
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## **Final Exam**

- Cumulative
- Similar format to midterm
  - ▶ **Two** sheets of notes
    - ▶ Gates B01

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