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- Uses a “building-block” approach, starting with simpler mathematical tools and using them to develop more and more complex models and methods;
- Integrates modelling, error measuring, and programming, with numerical methods, in order to give an engineering emphasis to an otherwise mathematical topic;
- Demonstrates not only how the math and algorithms work but also how they can be used in engineering practice.

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