

Mathematics Department
Brooklyn College, City University of New York
Math 3202 (Mathematical Modeling and Simulation)
4 hours, 4 credits

Suggested Textbooks:

- A First Course in Mathematical Modeling, 5th ed, by Giordano, Fox and Worton, Brooks/Cole Publication, 2014
- Mathematical Modeling: A Case Studies Approach, by Illner, Bohun, McCollum, Roode, STML 27, American Mathematical Society, 2005
- Simulation, 5th Edition, by Sheldon Ross, Academic Press, 2012.

1. Discrete-time deterministic models

- Modeling change with one-dimensional difference equations
- Approximating change with one-dimensional difference equations
- Exact solutions to linear difference equations; existence and stability of equilibria
- Systems of difference equations; existence and stability of equilibria
- Numerical simulation of difference equations: regular vs chaotic behavior

2. Discrete-time probabilistic models

- Random numbers generation
- Monte Carlo simulation and deterministic problems
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- Inventory models
- Queuing models
- Markov chains with a finite state space; connection with difference equations models

3. Continuous-time deterministic models

- Modeling change with a differential equation
- Graphical solutions of autonomous first-order differential equations; qualitative theory
- Numerical simulation of one-dimensional differential equations: Euler's method
- Graphical solutions of systems of autonomous first-order differential equations
- Euler's method for systems of differential equations
- Chaotic behavior: the Lorenz attractor

4. Continuous-time probabilistic models

- Methods to generate normal random variables
- Methods to generate Poisson and exponential random variables
- Poisson process
- Brownian motion
- Stochastic differential equations and the Euler-Maruyama method