

Math 20550-02 Spring 2010

Name:

Extra Credit Assignment 3, due Monday, April 30

You will receive 15 extra credit points on homework for thoughtful answers to these questions.

What has been the hardest topic so far? What made it hard?

What has been the most confusing topic? What made it confusing? Are you still confused about it?

What is the most interesting topic? Why?

Has the use of MATLAB in the course sometimes

- (a) made you realize there was a topic you hadn't completely understood?
- (b) reinforced your understanding of some of the material?
- (c) made you aware of the importance of saying things exactly the right way?
- (d) increased your understanding of the material?
- (e) helped you gain a better understanding than you could have had by hand and calculator computations alone?
- (f) allowed you to spend less time on purely mechanical computations?
- (g) increased your awareness of the importance of understanding the theory?
- (h) given you a tool which has been or will be useful to you outside this course?

In (a)-(h) above, if you answered yes, please give at least one example.

Would you recommend the use of MATLAB in the course again? Explain. Include any suggestions you have for changing how it is used.

Have you used *A Guide to MATLAB for Beginners and Experienced Users*? If so, how useful have you found it?

What comments do you have about Exams 2 and 3? Consider such things as the length, the types of problems and the level of difficulty.

Please add any suggestions you have for me about the course.