Week	Topics	Assignments & Due Dates
1	Week 1 Topics:	Coding problem 1
May 15-21	Welcome and introduction	Sunday, May 21, 11:59 PM ET
	Resistor-companion simulation	(5/22, 03:59 UTC)
	State variable-based simulation	
	 Conditions for solving ODE's 	
	Function Formulation	
	 Introduction to simulation engines: 	
	Forward Euler	
	 The Runga-Kutta Algorithm 	
	Example: Boost converter/boost	
	converter simulation in MATLAB	
	Simulation Engine metrics	
2	Week 2 Topics:	Coding problem 2
May 22-28	 Euler's method revisited 	Wednesday, May 24, 11:59 PM ET
	 Runga-Kutta method revisited 	(5/25, 3:59 UTC)
	Stiffness	
	Model-order reduction	
	 Backwards Euler for linear systems 	
	 A-stability for trapezoidal method 	
	Boost converter simulation in Simulink	
	Comments on modeling: Algebraic loops	
	Comments on modeling: Discrete events	
3	Week 3 Topics:	Homework 1
May 29-June 4	 Optimization-based design 	Wednesday, May 31, 11:59 PM ET
	 Mathematical properties of objectives 	(6/1, 3:59 UTC)
	functions	Coding Problem 3
	 Single objective optimization using 	Friday, June 2, 11:59 PM ET
	Newton's Method	(6/3, 3:59 UTC)
	 Review of genetics 	
	 The canonical genetic algorithm: 	
	Definitions & evolution	
	 Real-coded genetic algorithms: Coding 	
	and decoding, crossover, gene repair,	
	mutation	
	Real-coded genetic algorithms: example	
	Real-coded genetic algorithms:	
	Additional operators	

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4	Week 4 Topics:	Coding Problem 4
June 5-11	Introduction to GOSET	Wednesday, June 7, 11:59 PM ET
	Population data structure	(6/8, 3:59 UTC)
	Algorithm parameters & Statistics	
	Genetic operators: Diversity control,	
	scaling, selection, death, crossover,	
	mutation, miscellaneous	
	 Single-objective GA examples: 	
	Rosenbrock's Function, OGBT	
	conduction loss fitting, transfer	
	function fitting	
5	Week 5 Topics:	Homework 2
June 12-18	 Multi-objective optimization and the 	Wednesday, June 14, 11:59 PM ET
	Pareto-optimal front	(6/15, 3:59 UTC)
	Multi-objective optimization using Gas	Homework 3
	 GOSET multi-objective GA examples: 	Friday, June 16, 11:59 PM ET
	Shaffer's Problem; Tanaka Problem	(6/17 3:59 UTC)
	A design example	Coding Problem 5
	 A design example: GOSET 	Sunday, June 18, 11:59 PM ET
		(6/19, 3:59 UTC)
6		Coding Problem 6
June 19-25		Friday, June 23, 11:59 PM ET
		(6/25, 3:59 UTC)