

## Project A worksheet: a fourth-order ODEBVP

ONLY TWO RULES:

1. DON'T USE THE INTERNET

2. DO TALK TO EACH OTHER

(ON 2., TRY TO *both* SHARE UNDERSTANDINGS *and* DIVIDE-UP TASKS.)

A flexible beam is clamped at two different heights  $\alpha, \beta$  at the ends, and loaded with weights ( $f(x)$  term), so that its vertical position  $u(x)$  satisfies

$$u^{(4)}(x) = f(x), \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta, \quad u'(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) = 0$$

Propose and implement, in MATLAB/etc., a verified FD scheme for this problem.

(*Hint.* Consider a grid just as before:  $m + 2$  equally-spaced points, spacing  $h = 1/(m + 1)$ , and grid points  $x_j = jh$ . It should be clear what equation to impose at  $x_0$  and  $x_{m+1}$ . Likewise at the generic interior points, once you find a base scheme. What do you want to be true at the near-end points  $x_1$  and  $x_m$ ?)