

# Computational Physics

PHYS 410 2014W

## Midterm Quiz Topics

- \* Binary Representation of Numbers
- \* Fixed Point Representation of Fractions
- \* Unsigned Integers
- \* 32bit/64bit/128 bit IEEE 754 Floating Point Numbers, sign, exponent, mantissa/fraction, exponent bias, max/min,
- \* "Machine  $\epsilon$ "
- \* Round-off Errors, Subtraction Errors
- \* Richardson Extrapolation of a Numerical Method with  $O(h^n)$  error
- \* Forward / Backward Differences
- \* Symmetric "3-point" Formulas for first and second derivatives
- \* Trapezoidal/Simpson's Rule
- \* Theory of Gaussian Quadrature (Gauss-Legendre in Particular)
- \* Solving ODEs with Euler  
RK2, RK4 with fixed stepsize