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#### **Plato Numerical Computation Package**

1. Polynomial, Linear and Nonlinear Curve Fitting Program (1982)
2. Simultaneous Linear and Nonlinear Algebraic Equation Solver (1982)
3. Simultaneous Ordinary Differential Equation Simulator (1982)
4. Multiple Linear and Nonlinear Regression Program (1984)
5. Library Entry to the Computational Package (1984)

#### **Introduction to Chemical Reaction Engineering**

This computer-based course was developed with M. Shacham with the support of Control Data Corporation. It is self-paced and utilizes mastery learning. The student chooses learning activities from a programmed learning textbook, computer tutorials, advanced simulators, computer generated tests and problems. Approximately 50 terminal hours are required.

POLYMATH for the Control Data 110- Released 1984

(Coauthored with M. Shacham)

The initial version of POLYMATH incorporates most of the features of the Plato Numerical Computation Package (Items 1-4 indicated above) plus a calculator. This package is commercially available from Control Data for exclusive use on the CD 110 microcomputer. Detailed user manual is provided.

POLYMATH for the IBM PC and Compatibles Version 1.0 - Released October 1984

(Coauthored with M. Shacham)

This version of POLYMATH incorporates and extends the features of the first version for the CD 110. It consists of four separate disks each having a detailed user guide with extended examples. Polymath is designed to be extremely friendly, and no programming language is required for use. It is menu driven and utilizes extensive graphics. The Version 1.0 programs include:

- Polynomial, Linear and Nonlinear Curve Fitting Program
- Simultaneous Linear and Nonlinear Algebraic Equations Solver
- Simultaneous Linear and Nonlinear Ordinary Differential Equation Simulator
- Multiple Variable Linear Regression Program

POLYMATH for the IBM PC and Compatibles Version 2.0 - Released April 1987

(Coauthored with M. Shacham)

This version of POLYMATH incorporates significant enhancements and an additional library capability to the Version 1.0. Additionally a new program called the Matrix Manipulator allows the use of spread sheet type commands to define and manipulate vectors and matrices. The library capability enables all programs to be stored on disk for later retrieval or modification.

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POLYMATH for the IBM PC and Compatibles Version 3.0 - Released April 1994

(Coauthored with M. Shacham)

POLYMATH software completely rewritten in "C" code with many new capabilities. Programs include:

- Simultaneous Differential Equations
- Simultaneous Algebraic Equations
- Polynomial, Multiple Linear and Nonlinear Regression

CACHE CD-ROM Volume 1, November 1994

(Organizer, Editor and Master Creator - Peter R. Rony, Initial Idea from then CACHE President - Michael B. Cutlip who also provided the Polymath Software.)

This was a unique collection of educational software, databases, interactive media and demonstration programs of general interest to Chemical Engineering students and faculty that was freely distributed by the CACHE Corporation, Austin, TX in celebration of the 25th anniversary of CACHE. The CD was given to attendees at the Annual AIChE Meeting including all students and interested AIChE members. Academic departments and academic faculty also received individual copies.

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Programs include:

- Simultaneous Differential Equations
- Simultaneous Algebraic Equations
- Simultaneous Linear Equations
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CACHE CD-ROM Volume 2, March 1996

(Organizer, Editor and Master Creator - Peter R. Rony, Associate Editor - Michael B. Cutlip)

This was an update to the first CACHE CD\_ROM and it contained updates and enhancements to educational software, databases, interactive media and demonstration programs of general

interest to Chemical Engineering students and faculty. This CD was distributed by the CACHE Corporation, Austin, TX.

POLYMATH for the IBM PC and Compatibles Version 4.01 - Released Sept. 1997  
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POLYMATH software with modest enhancements to Version 4.0.

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POLYMATH 5.0 for all 32-bit Windows Operating Systems - Released August 2000  
(Co-authored with Mordechai Shacham and Michael Elly)

This completely reprogrammed POLYMATH package conveniently allows users to apply standard numerical analysis for interactive problem solving. This current version of POLYMATH takes full advantage of the current Windows(TM) operating systems while greatly improving the user friendliness that is so highly valued by current users.

POLYMATH allows chemical engineering students and professionals to select robust algorithms to solve the following types of problems:

- Simultaneous Linear Algebraic Equations
- Simultaneous Nonlinear Algebraic Equations
- Simultaneous Ordinary Differential Equations
- Data Regressions (Including the following:)
- Curve Fitting by Polynomials
- Multiple Linear Regression with Statistics
- Nonlinear Regression with Statistics
- Interpolation, Integration and Differentiation of Tabular Data

CACHE CD-ROM Volume 3, November 2000  
(Editor - Michael B. Cutlip)

This CD contained a collection of Educational Software from the University of Michigan created under NSF Support and the POLYMATH Numerical Analysis Package. It was distributed by the CACHE Corporation, Austin, TX to approximately 1,000 students at the Annual AIChE Meeting in Los Angeles, California on November 11, 2000.

POLYMATH 5.1 for all 32-bit Windows Operating Systems - Released Feb. 2001

(Co-authored with Mordechai Shacham and Michael Elly)

This POLYMATH version contained modest enhancements and new installation capabilities.

POLYMATH 6.0 for all 32-bit Windows Operating Systems - Released March. 2005

(Co-authored with Mordechai Shacham and Michael Elly)

This new version of Polymath contained new major new editing capabilities and graphics. A new option enabled the export of Polymath problems to Excel. The automatic one-keypress export of Polymath program to Excel provided working Excel spreadsheets. A Polymath ODE\_Solver for Excel (included with Polymath) allowed the solution of simultaneous ordinary differential equations within Excel. Another option created MATLAB code automatically from Polymath Program and provides templates to create m-files for MATLAB solution.

POLYMATH 6.1 for all 32-bit Windows Operating Systems - Released November. 2005

(Co-authored with Mordechai Shacham and Michael Elly)

This Polymath version contained modest enhancements and new installation capabilities.

Distribution Summary January, 2010: The CACHE academic site license for Polymath is in current use by about 130 universities, colleges or academic departments. Additionally some 35 academic departments in developing are using the academic site license at no cost. Seven textbooks either provide Polymath software on CD-ROMs or are extensively referencing Polymath with the textbooks for problem examples and problem solving.

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