

MA432: LINEAR ALGEBRA

Fall 2021

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| Class Time: | M,W,F: 3:35pm – 4:25pm | Class Venue: | Bldg IC Rm. 104 |
| Student Hours (SH): | M,W,F: 4:30pm – 5:30pm | SH Venue: | Room 301.26, COAS. |

Topics Included: Vector and matrix operations including matrix inverses, eigenvectors, and eigenvalues. Equations of lines and planes, vector spaces including basis and dimensions, linear transformations, change of basis, diagonalization of matrices, inner products and orthonormal bases, applications.

Why this course: The concepts that you learn in this course can be utilized to solve problems in applied mathematics and data sciences/machine learning. Some of the applications include: signal processing, computer vision, control theory, deep learning, computer animation and pattern recognition etc.

Text Book: Linear Algebra and Its Applications by David C. Lay, Steven R. Lay, and Judi J. McDonald, Fifth Edition, published by Pearson

Attendance: I will try to take attendance in every class. Although attendance is not mandatory, I encourage you to participate in class activities. This is because attendance is heavily correlated with the course grade. You are expected to be attentive to the Canvas site to take quizzes and tests, pay attention to announcements, and keep a track of your grades. Also, your participation level in the class might inform some part of your final project grade.

Calculators: You could use a scientific calculator to work on in-class problems. Graphing calculators are not allowed on quizzes and exams.

Grading: Your grade will be determined as: Homework 25% + Quizzes 15% + Tests 40% + Final (Project and Presentation) 20%. The grading scale will follow the standard scale

- A: 90% - 100%
- B: 80% - 89.5%
- C: 70% - 79.5%
- D: 60% - 69.5%
- F: <60%

Homework: Your homework grade is determined based on four programs oriented homeworks. You are required to use Python or MATLAB to solve homework problems. Apart from the computer-based homework, I will post a list of questions from your textbook. You are expected to work on those questions to master in materials.

Tests: You will have two main tests. Make-ups on exams may be allowed only for valid extenuating circumstances when I am informed before the test takes place – please see me about conflicts as soon as they occur.

Final (Project and Presentation): During the semester you will be supervised to work on a computer-based project which combines classroom materials and real-world applications. The project together with the presentation is the final classroom assignment. You can work individually or as a group of 5 (at most) classmates. I will announce project topics, guidelines, and rubric in due course.

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- **Vaccinations Strongly Encouraged:** All students are strongly encouraged to receive a vaccination against Covid-19. Vaccinations are available at convenient [campus locations](#).

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Tentative Schedule for Fall 2021

| <i>Week Number</i> | <i>Section Number</i> | <i>Topic</i> | <i>Learning Outcome</i> |
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| 1 (MWF) | 1.1 | System of Linear Equations | 1 |
| | 1.2 | Row Reductions | 1 |
| 2 (WF) | 1.3 | Vector Equations | 2,3 |
| | 1.4 | Matrix Equations | 1,3 |
| 3 (MWF) | 1.5 | Solution of Linear Systems | 1, 3, 12 |
| | 1.7 | Linear Independence Quiz 1 | 5 |
| 4 (MWF) | 2.1 | Matrix Operations | 2 |
| | 1.8 | Introduction to Linear Transformation Quiz 2 | 6 |
| 5 (MWF) | 1.9 | The Matrix of Linear Transformation Test1 | 6,7,12 |
| 6 (MWF) | 2.2 | Inverse of a Matrix | 1,12 |
| | 2.5 | Matrix Factorization | 1,12 |
| | 2.8 | Subspaces Homework 1 | 2,4,5 |
| 7 (MWF) | 4.1 | Vector Spaces and Subspaces | 2,4,5 |
| | 4.2 | Null Spaces and Column Spaces Quiz 3 | 2,4,5,7,8 |
| 8 (MW) | 2.9 | Dimension and Rank | 4,5,8 |
| | 4.3 | Linearly Independent Sets, Bases Homework 2 | 4,5,8 |
| 9 (MWF) | 3.1 | Introduction to determinants | 1,9 |
| | 3.2 | Properties of determinants Test 2 | 1,9 |
| 10 (MWF) | 5.1 | Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues | 9 |
| | 5.2 | The Characteristic Equation Homework 3 | 9 |
| 11 (MWF) | 5.3 | Diagonalization | 7,9,11,12 |
| | 6.1 | Inner Product Quiz4 | 10 |
| 12 (MWF) | 6.2 | Orthogonal Sets | 10 |
| | 6.4 | Gram-Schmidt Process Homework 4 | 10,11 |
| 13, 14, 15 | | Project and Presentation | 12 |

Learning outcome: After successful completion of this course, you will acquire knowledge to:

1. Use Gaussian Elimination to solve systems of linear equations or to calculate matrix inverses.
2. Perform vector and matrix operations such as addition and multiplication.
3. Calculate equations of planes and lines in three dimensions.
4. Use the definition of vector spaces to identify vector spaces and subspaces.
5. Test set of vectors for linear independence and calculate bases for given vector spaces.
6. Calculate matrices representing linear transforms such as projections, reflections, and rotations.
7. Use similarity transforms to calculate matrix representations of linear transforms when a new basis is selected.
8. Use matrices to solve linear homogeneous and non-homogeneous equations and relate the rank and nullity of the matrices to the linear equations.
9. Calculate a basis of eigenvectors so that a linear transformation is represented by a diagonal matrix.
10. Use the definition of inner product in a variety of vector spaces and use Gram-Schmidt process to construct an orthonormal basis for a vector space.
11. Identify orthogonal matrices and symmetric matrices and utilize their properties for matrix decompositions.
12. Apply the concepts learnt in the course to problems of practical importance.