

640:250 Introduction to Linear Algebra

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Syllabus

| | Lecture | Reading | Topics |
|-------|---------|-------------------------|---|
| 9/3 | 1 | 1.1, 1.2 | Matrices and Vectors |
| 9/8 | 2 | 1.3 | Systems of Linear Equations |
| 9/10 | 3 | 1.4 | Gaussian Elimination |
| 9/15 | 4 | 1.6 | Span of a Set of Vectors |
| 9/17 | 5 | 1.7 | Linear Dependence and Linear Independence |
| 9/22 | 6 | 1.7, 2.1 | Homogeneous Systems, Matrix Multiplication |
| 9/24 | 7 | 2.1 | Matrix Algebra |
| 9/29 | 8 | 2.3 | Invertibility and Elementary Matrices |
| 10/1 | 9 | 2.4 | Inverse of a Matrix |
| 10/6 | 10 | 2.5 | LU Decomposition of a Matrix |
| 10/8 | 11 | Midterm Exam #1 | |
| 10/13 | 12 | 3.1 | Determinants; Cofactor Expansions |
| 10/15 | 13 | 3.2 | Properties of Determinants |
| 10/20 | 14 | 4.1 | Subspaces |
| 10/22 | 15 | 4.2 | Basis and Dimension |
| 10/27 | 16 | 4.3 | Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix |
| 10/29 | 17 | 5.1 | Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors |
| 11/3 | 18 | 5.2 | Characteristic Polynomial |
| 11/5 | 19 | 5.3 | Diagonalization of a Matrix |
| 11/10 | 20 | 5.5 | Applications of Eigenvalues (Markov Chains) |
| 11/12 | 21 | Midterm Exam # 2 | |
| 11/17 | 22 | 6.1 | Geometry of Vectors; Projection onto a Line |
| 11/19 | 23 | 6.2 | Orthogonal Sets of Vectors; Gram-Schmidt Process |
| 11/24 | 24 | 6.2 | Orthogonal Projection; Orthogonal Complements |
| 12/1 | 25 | 6.3 | Least Squares; Normal Equations |
| 12/3 | 26 | 6.4, 6.5 | Orthogonal Matrices; Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices |
| 12/8 | 27 | 6.5 | Spectral Decomposition for Symmetric Matrices Diagonalization of Quadratic Forms |
| 12/10 | 28 | Catch up and review | |
| | | Final Exam | (Class-hour exam schedule) |