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MAST 234
Linear Algebra and Applications I
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Text: There is no mandatory textbook for this course, all the material will be available in the Lecture files and the Class work files that will be posted in the course page on Moodle. For additional reading and practicing at home most of the topics learned in this course can be found in following complementary open-source texts:
(A) *Linear Algebra with Applications*, by W. Keith Nicholson, Open Texts by Lyryx
lila1.lyryx.com/textbooks/OPEN_LAWA_1/marketing/Nicholson-OpenLAWA-2021A.pdf
(B) *Linear Algebra*, by F. Szabo (…)

Prerequisites: MATH 204 or equivalent is a prerequisite for this course.

Objectives: This is the first part of the two connected *Linear Algebra and Applications* courses, the second part being MAST 235. There are two major concepts, *Vector Spaces* and *Linear Transformations,* on which this first part is based. In learning these concepts we will use related constructs such as *vectors*, *matrices* and *systems of linear equations*. The objective of the course is to master your understanding and skills in these key concepts of Linear Algebra that will be critical for further Linear Algebra courses in your curriculum.

Pedagogy: Classes are interactive, and start with a lecture introducing the principal concepts of the topic considered that day, followed by problem solving by students in the lab equipped with computers. Mathematical issues that arise during problem solving are discussed in class.

Software: The software used in this course is *MAPLE.* The Waterloo's *Maplesoft* is making "MAPLE Student's edition" available to Concordia students at a special price (details are in Moodle In this course the software is only used as a computational tool, ***not* as an object of study** in itself. All assignments, quizzes, the midterm test and the final examination are done using *MAPLE.*

Assignments: Assignments are given and submitted online through Moodle. Late assignments **will not** be accepted. Assignments contribute 10% to your final grade (see the Grading Scheme). *W*orking regularly on the assignments, as well as class attendance and working on the problems in the class, is essential for success in this course.

Midterm Test: There will be **one midterm test**, written in class on Thursday February 23, and based on the material of weeks 1-6 (see *Contents* below). The midterm test is of closed-book typewritten in the class using MAPLE, and will contribute up to 25% to your final grade (see the Grading Scheme).

NOTE: It is the Department's policy that tests missed for any reason, **including illness,** cannot be made up. If you missed the midterm because of illness (to be confirmed by a **valid medical note)** the final exam can count for 85% of your final grade, and 15% will be contributed by the assignments and the quizzes.

Final Exam: The Final Examination will be 3 hours long (**closed-book** exam, no notes or electronic material is allowed) and written using Maple in the class equipped with computers. Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examinations Office. Conflicts with the schedule of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examinations Office, **not** to the Instructor. **Students are to be available until the end of the final exam period.** Conflicts due to travel plans **will not** be accommodated.

Note: There are **no supplemental exams** for this course.

Grading Scheme: The final grade will be based on the higher of (a) and (b) below:

(a) 10% for the assignments
5% for the best 2 of the 3 quizzes (see the schedule below)
30% for the class test
55% for the final examination

(b) 10% for the assignments
5% for the best 2 of the 3 quizzes
15% for the class test
70% for the final examination

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

IMPORTANT: **NOTE** that there is **NO "100% FINAL EXAM"** option in this course.
The term work contributes at least 25% to the final grade. Therefore, active participation in classes and continuous work on the course material ***during*** the semester is essential for success in this course.

Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the course outline and course content should this be necessary for academic or other reasons. Every effort will be made to minimize such changes.

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Week	Lectures TOPICS	Sub-Topics considered	Complementary Reading (KN Text)
1	**Lecture 1** LINEAR SYSTEMS & MATRICES	• Review of systems of linear equations. o Matrix form of a system o Matrix of the system; augmented matrix o Elementary Row Operations o Row Echelon Form o Row equivalent matrices o Solutions for a system of linear equations	**Sections** **KN: 1.1, 1.2**
2	**Lecture 2** VECTORS, SPANS, MATRICES, RANK	• Review of vectors and matrices o Vectors in R^n. Linear combination of vectors o Matrix-vector products • Span of a set of vectors • Matrix Rank • Consistency of linear systems in terms of span of columns	**Sections** **KN: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3**
3	**Lecture 3** HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEMS, LINEAR DEPENDENCE	• Homogeneous systems of equations , and the Null Space of a matrix • Nontrivial solutions of a homogeneous system. • Linear dependence of vectors and homogeneous systems of equations	**Sections** **KN: 1.3, 5.2, 5.4**
4	**Lecture 4** OPERATIONS ON MATRICES, DETERMINANTS	**QUIZ 1** (on the material covered in previous weeks) • Operations on matrices o Matrix addition and scalar multiplication o Multiplication of matrices: definition and properties o Special matrices Determinants (an introductory overview)	**Sections** **KN: 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.2, 5.4**
5	**Lecture 5** MATRIX INVERSES (Left, Right, & Invertible)	• Left and Right inverses of Matrices. • Square matrices: definition of an invertible matrix • Properties of invertible matrices.	**Sections** **KN: 2.4, 3.2**
6	**Lecture 6** VECTOR SPACES and SUBSPACES	• Examples of Vector Spaces o n-tuples (R^n)& Euclidean vector spaces o Polynomials as vectors, Other examples • Generalization: the axioms of a vector space. • Properties of vector spaces • Linear Independence in general vectors spaces. Vector Subspaces: Definition, Properties, Examples	**Sections** **KN: 6.1,6.2, 6.3**
7	**Lecture 7** LINEAR TRANS-FORMATIONS IN R^n	**MIDTERM TEST** (based on the material of **Weeks 1-6**) • Linear transformations in R^n o Domain, Co-domain, Range: definition and examples o The Linearity properties: definition and examples o Matrices and linear maps: Theorems 1-3. o Composition of linear mappings (Theorem 2.3.8)	**Sections** **KN: 2.2, 2.3, 2.6**

8	**Lecture 8** BASIS, DIMENSION & COORDINATES	• Basis for a vector space & Dimension o Spans, Minimal spanning sets & Dimension o Unique representation of a vector in a given basis o Theorems on Spans and Basis	**Sections** **KN: 6.3, 6.4**
9	**Lecture 9** COORDINATE SYSTEMS	**QUIZ 2** (on the material covered in Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8) • Coordinate vector, Coordinatization • Coordinates in different basis • Transition matrices from one basis to another.	**Sections** KN: -
10	**Lecture 10** LINEAR MAPS (GENERAL) LINEAR MAPS &MATRICES	• Linear transformations in abstract vector spaces, other than R^n • Rank-Nullity Theorem • Linear transformations and basis in the domain and co-domain. • Matrix representation of a linear transformation • Matrices of linear mappings of a vectors space into itself o Similar matrices	**Sections** **KN: 9.1, 9.2, 5.5**
11	**Lecture 11** EIGENVALUES & EIGENVECTORS, EIGENTHEORY	**QUIZ 3** (on material covered in Weeks 8, 9, 10) • Introduction to Eigentheory o Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of matrices o Characteristic polynomial o Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of a linear operator	**Sections** **KN: 3.3, 5.5. 9.3**
12	**Lecture 12** DIAGONALIZATION OF SQUARE MATRICES & APPLICATIONS	• Diagonalizable matrices and diagonalizable linear operators o Conditions of diagonalizability: basis of eigenvectors. o Numerical methods for diagonalization by MAPLE • Application of diagonalization (Dynamical systems)	**Sections** **KN: 5.5, 9.2**
13	**REVIEW**	Review Classes	

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