Syllabus for Math 2270-002 Linear Algebra

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Lecture MTWF 12:55-1:45 p.m. MWF in ST 208, T in LCB 225

Course websites

Daily lecture notes and weekly homework assignments will be posted on our public home page.

http://www.math.utah.edu/~korevaar/2270fall18

There are blank spaces in the notes where we will work out examples and fill in details together. Research has shown that class attendance with active participation - including individual and collaborative problem solving, and writing notes by hand - are effective ways to learn class material for almost everyone. Passively watching a lecture is not usually effective. Class notes will be posted at least several days before we use them, and I plan to bring weekly packets to class for you to use. Beyond what's outlined in the notes, there will often be additional class discussion related to homework and other problems.

Grades and exam material will be posted on our CANVAS course page; access via Campus Information Systems.

Textbook *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 5th edition, by David D. Lay. ISBN: 032198238X

Final Exam logistics: Wednesday, December 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in our MWF classroom WEB ST 208. This is the University scheduled time and location.

Catalog description for Math 2270: Euclidean space, linear systems, Gaussian elimination, determinants, inverses, vector spaces, linear transformations, quadratic forms, least squares and linear programming, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization. Includes theoretical and computer lab components.

wikipedia Linear Algebra, it's pretty good.

Course Overview: This course is the first semester in a year long sequence (2270-2280) devoted to linear mathematics. In this course, we study two objects: vectors and matrices. We start by thinking of vectors and matrices as arrays of numbers, then we progress to thinking of vectors as elements of a vector space and matrices as representing linear transformations. In our study of vectors and matrices, we learn to solve systems of linear equations, familiarize ourselves with matrix algebra, and explore the theory of vector spaces. Some key concepts we study are determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, orthogonality, symmetric matrices, and quadratic forms. Along the way we encounter applications of the material in math, computer science, statistics and elsewhere. Students who continue into Math 2280 will see that linear algebra is one of the foundations, together with Calculus, upon which the study of differential equations is based.

Prerequisites: C or better in MATH 2210 or MATH 1260 or MATH 1321 or MATH 1320. Practically speaking, you are better prepared for this course if your grades in the prerequisite courses were above the "C" level.

Students with disabilities: The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020. CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

Grading

Math 2270-002 is graded on a curve. By this I mean that the final grading scale may end up lower than the usual 90/80/70% cut-offs. **note:** In order to receive a grade of at least "C" in the course you must earn a grade of at least "C" on the final exam. Typical grade distributions in Math 2270 end up with grades divided roughly in thirds between A's, B's, and the remaining grades. Individual classes vary.

Details about the content of each assignment type, and how much they count towards your final grade are as follows:

- Homework (30%): There will be one homework assignment each week. Homework problems will be posted on our public page, and homework assignments will be due in class on Wednesdays. Homework assignments must be stapled. Unstapled assignments will not receive credit. I understand that sometimes homework cannot be completed on time due to circumstances beyond your control. To account for this, each student will be allowed to turn in **two** late homework assignments throughout the course of the semester. These assignments cannot be turned in more than one week late, and must be turned in on a Wednesday with the next homework assignment. You do not need to tell me the reason why your homework assignment is late. Homework will be a mixture of problems from the text and custom problems, and will vary from computational practice to conceptual questions, and will include applications that may sometimes require technology to complete.

- Quizzes (10%): At the end of most Wednesday classes, a short 1-2 problem quiz will be given, taking roughly 10 minutes to do. The quiz will cover relevant topics from the week's lectures, homework, and food for thought work. Two of a student's lowest quiz scores will be dropped. There are no makeup quizzes. You will be allowed and encouraged to work together on these quizzes.

- Midterm exams (30%): Two class-length midterm exams will be given, On Friday September 28 and Friday November 9. I will schedule a room for review on the Thursday before each midterm, at our regular class time of 12:55-1:45 p.m. No midterm scores are dropped.

- Final exam (30%): A two-hour comprehensive exam will be given at the end of the semester. As with the midterms, a practice final will be posted. Please check the final exam time, which is the official University scheduled time. It is your responsibility to make yourself available for that time, so make any arrangements (e.g., with your employer) as early as possible.

Strategies for success

- Attend class regularly, and participate actively.

- Read or skim the relevant text book sections and lecture note outlines *before* you attend class.

- Ask questions and become involved.

- Plan to do homework daily; try homework on the same day that the material is covered in lecture; do not wait until just before homework is due to begin serious work.

- Form study groups with other students.

Learning Objectives for 2270

Computation vs. Theory: This course is a combination of computational mathematics and theoretical mathematics. By theoretical mathematics, I mean abstract definitions and theorems, instead of calculations. The computational aspects of the course may feel more familiar and easier to grasp, but I urge you to focus on the theoretical aspects of the subject. Linear algebra is a tool that is heavily used in mathematics, engineering, science and computer science, so it will likely be relevant to you later in your career. When this time comes, you will find that the computations of linear algebra can easily be done by computing systems such as Matlab, Maple, Mathematica or Wolfram alpha. But to understand the significance of these computations, a person must understand the theory of linear algebra. Understanding abstract mathematics is something that comes with practice, and takes more time than repeating a calculation. When you encounter an abstract concept in lecture and the text, I encourage you to pause and give yourself some time to think about it. Try to give examples of the concept, and think about what the concept is good for.

The essential topics

Be able to find the solution set to linear systems of equations systematically, using row reduction techniques and reduced row echelon form - by hand for smaller systems and using technology for larger ones. Be able to solve (linear combination) vector equations using the same methods, as both concepts are united by the common matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Be able to use the correspondence between matrices and linear transformations - first for transformations between $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{R}^m$, and later for transformations between arbitrary vector spaces.

Become fluent in matrix algebra techniques built out of matrix addition and multiplication, in order to solve matrix equations.

Understand the algebra and geometry of determinants so that you can compute determinants, with applications to matrix inverses and to oriented volume expansion factors for linear transformations.

Become fluent in the language and concepts related to general vector spaces: linear independence, span, basis, dimension, and rank for linear transformations. Understand how change of basis in the domain and range effect the matrix of a linear transformation.

Be able to find eigenvalues and eigenvectors for square matrices. Apply these matrix algebra concepts and matrix diagonalization to understand the geometry of linear transformations and certain discrete dynamical systems.

Understand how orthogonality and angles in $\mathbf{R}^2, \mathbf{R}^3$ generalize via the dot product to $\mathbf{R}^n$, and via general inner products to other vector spaces. Be able to use orthogonal projections and the Gram-Schmidt process, with applications to least squares problems and to function vector spaces.

Know the spectral theorem for symmetric matrices and be able to find their diagonalizations. Relate this to quadratic forms, constrained optimization problems, and to the singular value decomposition for matrices. Learn some applications to image processing and/or statistics.

Week-by-Week Topics Plan

Topic schedule is subject to slight modifications as the course progresses, but exam dates are fixed.

Week 1: 1.1-1.3; systems of linear equations, row reduction and echelon forms, vector equations.

Week 2: 1.3-1.5; matrix equations, solution sets of linear systems, applications.

Week 3: 1.6-1.8; applications, linear dependence and independence, linear transformations and matrices.

Week 4: 1.8-1.9, 2.1-2.2; linear transformations of the plane, introduction to matrix algebra.

Week 5: 2.3-2.5; matrix inverses, partitioned matrices and matrix factorizations.

Week 6: 3.1-3.3; determinants, algebraic and geometric properties and interpretations. **Midterm exam 1 on Friday September 28** covering material from weeks 1-6.

Week 7: 4.1-4.3; vector spaces and subspaces, nullspaces and column spaces, general linear transformations.

Week 8: 4.3-4.6; linearly independent sets, bases, coordinate systems, dimension and rank

Week 9: 4.6-4.7, 5.1-5.2; change of basis, eigenvectors and eigenvalues, and how to find them.

Week 10: 5.3-5.5; diagonalization, eigenvectors and linear transformations, complex eigendata.

Week 11: 5.6, 6.1-6.2; discrete dynamical systems, introduction to orthogonality. **Midterm exam 2 on Friday November 9** covering material from weeks 7-11

Week 12: 6.3-6.5; orthogonal projections, Gram-Schmidt process, least squares solutions

Week 13: 6.6-6.8; applications to linear models; inner product spaces and applications with Fourier series.

Week 14: 7.1-7.3; diagonalization of symmetric matrices, quadratic forms, constrained and unconstrained optimization.

Week 15: 7.4; singular-value decomposition, applications, course review.

Week16: **Final exam Wednesday December 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in classroom WEB ST 208. This is the University scheduled time.**

Math 2270-002 Week 1 notes

We will not necessarily finish the material from a given day's notes on that day. Or on an amazing day we may get farther than I've predicted. We may also add or subtract some material as the week progresses, but these notes represent an outline of what we will cover. These week 1 notes are for sections 1.1-1.3.

Monday August 20:

- Course Introduction
- 1.1: Systems of linear equations

• Pick up syllabus & notes
• write name & what you hope to get out of 2270 (hopes & fears); & a bit about you
hand in at end of class

• Go over course information on syllabus and course homepage:

- http://www.math.utah.edu/~korevaar/2270fall18

• Note that there is a quiz this Wednesday on section 1.1-1.2 material. Your first homework assignment will be due next Wednesday, August 29.

Then, let's begin!

• What is a linear equation?

any equation in some number of variables $x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n$ *which can be written in the form*

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \ldots + a_n x_n = b$$

where b and the coefficients $a_1, a_2, \ldots a_n$ *are real or complex numbers usually known in advance.*

Question: Why do you think we call an equation like that "linear"?

• in 2 variables the sol'n set to $ax + by = c$ is a line
• all variables are to the 1st power (no higher order polys or weird compositions).

Exercise 1) Which of these is a linear equation?

1a) For the variables x, y

$$3x + 4y = 6$$

yes

1b) For the variables s, t

$$2t = 5 - \sqrt{3}\, s$$

yes $\quad 2t + \sqrt{3}\, s = 5$

1c) For the variables x, y

$$2x = 5 - 3\underbrace{\sqrt{y}}.$$

no

$\sqrt{y}$ bad.

- What is a system of linear equations?

A general linear system (LS) of m equations in the n variables $x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n$ *is a list of* $m \geq 1$ *equations that can be written as*

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \ldots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \ldots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ \vdots \qquad\qquad\qquad\quad & \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \ldots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

i: which eqtn j: which variable a_{ij} is coeff of.

In such a linear system the coefficients a_{ij} and the right-side number b_j are usually known. The goal is to find all possible values for the *vector* $\underline{\mathbf{x}} = [x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n]$ of variables, so that all equations are true. (Thus this is often called finding "simultaneous" solutions to the linear system, because all equations will be true at once.)

Definition *The solution set of a system of linear equations is the collection of all solution vectors to that system.*

Notice that we use two subscripts for the coefficients a_{ij} and that the first one indicates which equation it appears in, and the second one indicates which variable its multiplying; in the corresponding *coefficient matrix A* , this numbering corresponds to the row and column of a_{ij}:

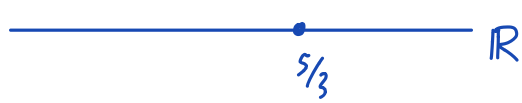
$$A := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \ldots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's start small, where geometric reasoning will help us understand what's going on when we look for solutions to linear equations and to linear systems of equations.

Exercise 2: Describe the solution set of each single linear equation below; describe and sketch its geometric realization in the indicated Euclidean space.

2a) $3x = 5$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$x = 5/3$



$\{5/3\}$. single point

2b) $2x + 3y = 6$, for $[x, y] \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

solution set is a line. L

$3y = 6 - 2x$

$y = 2 - 2/3\,x$

$\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ s.t. } y = 2 - 2/3\,x,\ x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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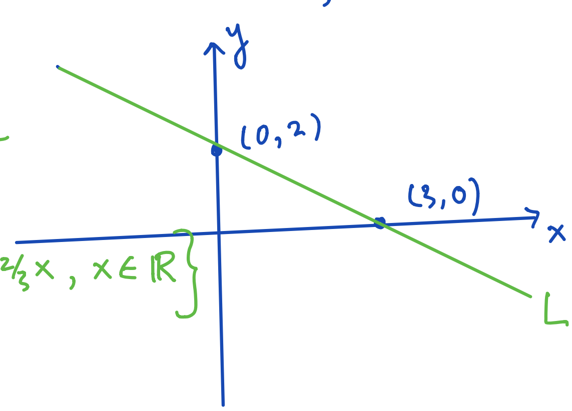
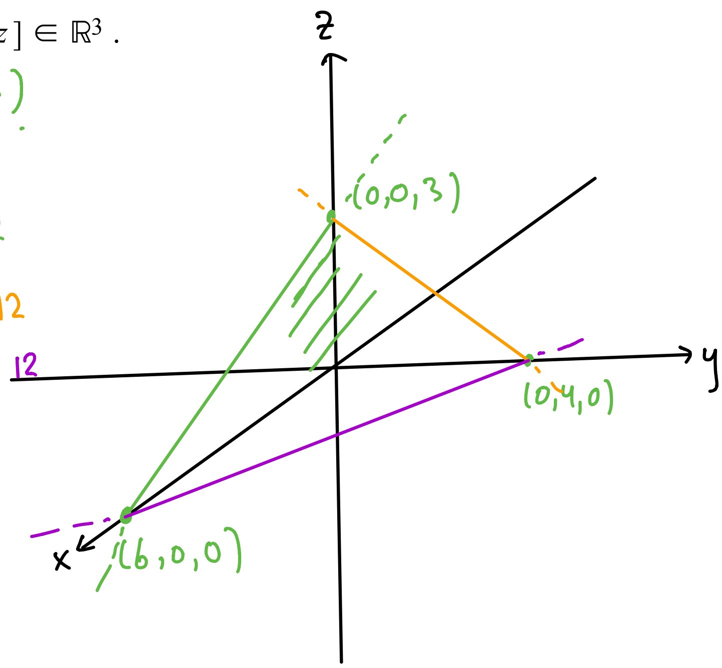
such that



2c) $2x + 3y + 4z = 12$, for $[x, y, z] \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

plane (in Calc 3)



$y = 0$: $2x + 4z = 12$

$x = 0$: $3y + 4z = 12$

$z = 0$: $2x + 3y = 12$

solve for

$z = 3 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{4}y$

this also shows it's a plane.