

Textbook.

Linear Algebra and its Applications by G. Strang, 4th ed.

Class information.

Class times: MWTh, 9:15AM–10:20AM, Forsyth 238.

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Supplementary instruction.

Free tutoring will be available from Tue, Jan. 18 at the Math/Writing Center, 540B NI, tel. 617 373 2438, at the following times: Mon–Wed 10–9PM, Thu 10–6PM, Fri 10–1. You may sign–up for an appointment, or get drop–by help if a tutor is available.

Homework.

Homework is an essential component of the course. It will be assigned at the end of every class and **will be collected weekly**. I will go over the solution of some, but not all of these at the beginning of the next class. If you have a lot of questions on the homework, it is therefore essential that you go to tutoring or come to office hours.

Homework assigned on Monday of any given week, and Wednesday and Thursday of the previous week, will be collected on Thursday of the given week. **Late homework will not be accepted**. I will grade 4 exercises and give each a grade from 0 to 2. 0–2 extra points will be given for completeness.

Students may work jointly on the homework but the **write–ups** of these **must be done separately**.

Grading policy.

There will be **no curving** of grades.

HOMEWORK. The homework make up 30% of the course grade. The lowest homework score will be dropped. This policy applies even if a student has a perfectly justifiable excuse not to hand in a homework. Should that be the case, that homework will be one to be dropped.

1 HOUR EXAMS. There will be two one–hour exams on Thursday, February 10 and Thursday, March 24. Each will count as 15 % of the course grade.

FINAL EXAM. The two hour, final exam will count as 40% of the course grade. It will be held on Thursday, April 28, from 10:30 to 12:30. Please refer to www.registrar.neu.edu/finexsched.html for the classroom in which it be held. All students without legitimate conflicts (approved by the instructor) must take the exam at the scheduled time. Do not make travel plans that conflict with it.

MATERIAL ALLOWED DURING EXAMS. No course material, notes or summary cards will be allowed during the hour–long and final exams. The use of a calculator will **not** be allowed during the hour–long and final exam.

Course grades.

The course letter grades will be obtained from the numerical grades as follows:

	B₊ =87-89	C₊ =77-79	D₊ =67-69		
A =93 and over	B =83-86	C =73-76	D =63-66	F =below 60	
A₋ =90-92	B₋ =80-82	C₋ =70-72	D₋ =60-62		

0.5 and more will be rounded up to 1, 0 to 0.49 to 0.

Concerns and Conflicts.

In case of concerns about the course, or the instructor that cannot be resolved by speaking with the instructor, contact the Undergraduate Director:

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It is the University policy that no grade, including an incomplete, can be changed after one year. Exceptions may be authorised by the Academic Standing Committee.

This syllabus.

The instructor reserves the right to alter this syllabus according to the needs which may arise during the semester. It is each student's responsibility to be aware of any such changes which are announced in class, whether or not that student is present at the time of the announcement.

Course schedule

Week	Topic	Section	Homework assignment
1.	Jan 10: Organisational meeting		
Jan. 10–16	The geometry of Linear Equations	1.2	1–4,13–15
	An Example of Gaussian Elimination	1.3	1,2,5,6,9,10,11,12,18,20,24,28
2.	JAN. 17: MLK DAY, NO CLASSES		
Jan. 17–23	Matrix notation and matrix multiplication I	1.4	1,2,6,9,10,12,17,30,33,42,43,46,47
3.	Matrix notation and matrix multiplication II	1.4	1,2,6,9,10,12,17,30,33,42,43,46,47
	LU factorization	1.5	1,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,15,18
	LDU factorizations and permutation matrices	1.5	1,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,15,18
Jan. 24–30	<i>Jan. 28: last day to drop a class without a W grade</i>		
4.	Inverses	1.6	1,4,5,9,6,10,11,22,29,35,38,40
	Transposes and Symmetric matrices	1.6	16,19,50,51,56,59,60
	Vector Spaces and Subspaces	2.1	1–14,20,21,22,24,25
Jan. 31–Feb. 6			
5.	Solving $Ax = 0$ and $Ax = b$	2.2	2–6,12,33,34,39,44,45
	Feb. 9: 1st midterm review		
	Feb. 10: 1st one hour midterm exam		
Feb. 7–13			
6.	Linear Independence, Basis and Dimension, I	2.3	1,2,3,4,6,9,11–13,16,19
	Linear Independence, Basis and Dimension, II	2.3	20,22,23,25,26,37,39,42
Feb. 14–20			
7.	FEB. 21: PRESIDENT'S DAY, NO CLASSES		
	The Four Fundamental Subspaces	2.4	1,2,3,6,7,8,10,11,22,27
	Linear Transformations, I	2.6	1,2,6,7,8,14,15
Feb. 21–27			
Feb 28–Mar 6	SPRING BREAK		
8.	Linear Transformations, II, III	2.6	18,22,23,25,36,39,46,49
	Orthogonal Vectors and Subspaces	3.1	1,2,4,5,6,7,12,14,15,18,19,21,22,26,27,45,46
Mar. 7–13			
9.	Cosines and Projection onto Lines	3.2	1,3,4,5,8,9,10,12,14,16
	Projections and Least Squares	3.3	1–6,8,15,17,24,25,27
	Orthogonal Bases and Gram–Schmidt, I	3.4	6,8,9,11,13–17
Mar. 14–20			
10.	Orthogonal Bases and Gram–Schmidt, II	3.4	6,8,9,11,13–17
	Mar. 23: 2nd midterm review		
	Mar. 24: 2nd one hour midterm exam		
Mar. 21–27			
11.	Properties of the Determinant	4.2	1,2,4,5,7,10,14,15,16,22,23,24
	Formulas for the Determinant	4.3	2,7,8,13,14,24,28
	Applications of Determinants	4.4	1,2,3,6,13,14,18,27,28,29
Mar. 28–Apr. 3	<i>Apr. 1: last day to drop a class with a W grade</i>		
12.	Introduction to Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors	5.1	1,3,5,7,12,14,18,23,24,25,26
	Diagonalization of a Matrix	5.2	1–5,7,8,10,11,12,16,19,20,25,23,24,28,32
	Difference Equations and Powers A^k	5.3	2,4,5,8,11,12,14,20,24
Apr. 4–Apr. 10			
13.	Minima, Maxima and Saddle points	6.1	2,4,14,15,16
	Tests for Positive Definiteness	6.2	2,4,5,19,23
Apr. 11–17			
14.	APR. 18: PATRIOT'S DAY, NO CLASSES		
	Apr. 20: final review		
	APR. 21: READING DAY, NO CLASSES		
Apr. 18–24			
Apr. 25–May 1	Thursday, Apr. 28: Final exam 10:30–12:30, 130 Forsyth		