

Math 415 - Lecture 5

Matrices and Linear Systems

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Khan Academy Video: Matrix multiplication (part I), Matrix multiplication (part II), Defined and undefined matrix operations

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