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Course Outline for MATH 7
ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA
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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

MATH 7 — ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA — 3.50 units

An introduction to linear algebra including: techniques and theory needed to solve and classify systems of linear equations using Gaussian elimination and matrix algebra; properties of vectors in n-dimensions; generalized vector spaces, inner product spaces, basis, norms, orthogonality; eigenvalues, eigenspaces; and linear transformations. Selected applications of linear algebra, including the use of MATLAB™ to solve problems involving advanced numerical computation.

3.00 Units Lecture 0.50 Units Lab

Prerequisite

MATH 2 - Calculus II
with a minimum grade of C

Grading Methods:

Letter Grade

Discipline:

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	54.00
Lab Hours:	27.00
Total Hours:	81.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

Before entering the course a student should be able to:

A. MATH2

1. Sketch curves defined by parametric equations;
2. Sketch curves defined by polar equations;

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- A. Solve systems of linear equations using any of the following methods: elimination, inverse or LU factorization;
- B. Determine whether a linear system is consistent or inconsistent, and for consistent systems, characterize solutions as unique or infinitely many;
- C. Apply the algebraic properties of vectors and matrices to simplify expressions and to write proofs;
- D. Perform operations with vectors and matrices;
- E. Compute the transpose, determinant, and inverse of matrices if defined for a given matrix;
- F. Recognize and use the properties of vector spaces and inner products spaces;
- G. Define subspace, inner product space, linear independence, basis, spanning set, and orthogonality;
- H. Determine if a given set of vectors is a subspace of a vector space;
- I. Define a linear transformation and represent it using matrix multiplication;
- J. Recognize and use the properties of linear transformations;
- K. Compute the characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues, eigenvectors and eigenspaces for a given matrix;
- L. Construct orthogonal and orthonormal bases for a given basis;
- M. Construct the orthogonal diagonalization of a symmetric matrix;
- N. Use basic MATLAB™ command and functions to perform matrix operations;
- O. Investigate and solve linear algebra applications using MATLAB™.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Systems of linear equations
 1. Basic terminology and notation
 2. Classification of solution sets of a system of linear equations
 - a. Consistent or inconsistent
 - b. Unique solutions
 - c. Infinite number of solutions and parameterization
 3. Gaussian and Gauss-Jordan elimination

4. Row-echelon and reduced row-echelon form
5. Back-substitution and forward-substitution
- B. Matrix algebra
 1. Operations
 2. Properties
- C. Inverse of a matrix
 1. Definition
 2. Methods for computing the inverse of a matrix
 3. Invertibility
 4. Using the inverse to solve $Ax = b$
 5. Relationship between singular and non-singular coefficient matrices and the solutions of a system of linear equations
- D. Transpose of a matrix
- E. Special matrices
 1. Diagonal
 2. Triangular
 3. Symmetric
- F. Determinants
 1. Definition
 2. Methods of computing
 - a. Cofactor expansion
 - b. Elementary row operations
 3. Properties of the determinant function
- G. Vectors in n-space
 1. Algebra of vectors
 2. Norm of a vector
 3. Dot product
 4. Angle between vectors
 5. Orthogonality of two vectors
 6. Scalar and vector and orthogonal projection
- H. Generalized vector spaces
 1. Definition
 2. Properties
 3. Vector addition and scalar multiplication
 4. Axioms
 5. Subspaces
 6. Linear independence and dependence, span
 7. Basis and dimension
- I. Generalized inner product spaces
 1. Definition
 2. Axioms
 3. Norm
 4. Orthogonality of two vectors
- J. Matrix-generated spaces
 1. Row space
 2. Column space
 3. Null space
 4. Rank
 5. Nullity
- K. Orthogonal and orthonormal bases; Gram-Schmidt process
- L. Change of basis
- M. Linear transformations
 1. Definitions
 2. Properties
 3. Matrices of general linear transformations
 4. Geometry of linear transformations
 5. Inverse linear transformations
 6. Kernel and range
 7. One-to-one and onto transformations
 8. Isomorphism
- N. Eigenvalue Problems
 1. Methods for finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors
 2. Characteristic equation
 3. Eigenspace
- O. Diagonalization
- P. Orthogonal diagonalization of a symmetric matrix
- Q. Proofs
 1. Use of proof techniques as they pertain to the content of the course
 2. Evaluation of correctness of a proof
- R. Applications include, but are not limited to: Markov Chains, least-squares analysis with MATLAB™, polynomial curve fitting, use of linear transformations to transform graphs
- S. Laboratory instruction in the use of MATLAB™ to
 1. Define vectors and matrices
 2. Perform algebra with matrices
 3. Obtain reduced row-echelon form
 4. Solve systems of linear equations
 5. Find the inverse of a matrix
 6. Find a LU factorization
 7. Calculate determinants
 8. Solve characteristic equations
 9. Exponentiate a matrix
 10. Graph

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. **Discussion** -
- C. Collaborative learning
- B. **Lab** - assignments
- F. Web- or CD-Rom-based tutorials
- G. Student presentations

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Homework

1. Homework should be assigned from the text and should include a sufficient number and variety of problems to develop both skill and conceptual understanding. Problems should range in level of difficulty from introductory level to challenging. A typical assignment should take an average student 1 to 2 hours for each hour in class.

B. Collaborative learning

1. Collaborative learning, done in small groups of 2-4 students, can be used to introduce new concepts, build skills, or teach problem solving. Students may be asked to present their results on the board.
2. Example collaborative learning assignment: Give each group a description of a possible subspace and ask them to determine whether it is a subspace or not. Then have the group present their results to the class and either explain why it is not a subspace or prove that it is.

C. Laboratory assignments

1. Laboratory assignments can be used to reinforce fundamental concepts and skills, to explore
2. of the curves.

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Home Work
4. Lab Activities
5. Other:
 - a. Collaborative group activities

B. **Frequency**

1. Exams/Tests
 - a. Recommend minimum of three plus the final
2. Quizzes
 - a. Announced or unannounced at instructor's discretion.
3. Homework
 - a. Daily for each section covered
4. Lab Activities
 - a. Recommended minimum of six
5. Collaborative group activities
 - a. At the discretion of the instructor

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Larson, Ron. *Elementary Linear Algebra*. 7th ed., Brooks/Cole, 2013.
2. Anton, Howard. *Elementary Linear Algebra*. 11th ed., John Wiley & Sons, 2014.
3. Poole, David. *Linear Algebra: A Modern Introduction*. 4th ed., Brooks/Cole, 2015.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: