

# MA580H Matrix Computations

## Lectures 1 & 2: Vectors and Matrices

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# Outline

## Topics:

- Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}^n$
- Matrix-vector multiplication
- Matrix-matrix multiplication
- Block matrices
- Outer product of vectors

# Course Syllabus

**Linear systems:** All variants of Gaussian elimination and LU factorization, Cholesky factorization.

**Linear least-squares problem:** Normal equations, rotators and reflectors, QR factorization via rotators, reflectors and Gram Schmidt orthonormalisation, QR method for linear least-squares problems, rank deficient least-squares problems.

**Singular value decomposition (SVD):** Numerical rank determination via SVD, solution of least squares problems, Moore- Penrose inverse, low rank approximations via SVD, Principal Component Analysis, applications to data mining and image recognition.

**Eigenvalue Decomposition:** Power, inverse power and Rayleigh quotient iterations, Schur's decomposition, unitary similarity transformation of Hermitian matrices to tridiagonal form, QR algorithm, implementation of explicit QR algorithm for Hermitian matrices.

## Textbooks

- L. N. Trefethen and David Bau, [Numerical Linear Algebra](#), SIAM, Philadelphia, 1997.
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Another good book on Least-Squares problems:

- S. Boyd and L. Vandenberghe, [Introduction to Applied Linear Algebra: Vectors, Matrices and Least Squares](#), Cambridge University Press, 2018

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$$2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 0 \\ -4 & 12 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } (-1)A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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