

Syllabus of Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

KEY INFORMATION	<p>Instructor: You Qi Time: Every Tue, Thu 9:00–10:15 am Office: 404 DL, 10 Hillhouse Office Hour: Tue, Thu, 10:30-11:30 am</p>	<p>Tel: (203) 432-6859 Venue: 200, LOM, 12 Hillhouse E-mail: you.qi@yale.edu</p>
	<p>Midterm Date and Venue: March 8th Final Date: May 9th, Monday, 7:00pm. Course webpage: http://math.yale.edu/~yq64/spring2016225.</p>	<p>In class TBA</p>
TEXTBOOK	We will mostly follow <i>Linear Algebra, 4th Edition</i> by Stephen H. Friedberg, Arnold J. Insel, Lawrence E. Spence. Pearson, 2003.	
PREREQUISITES	A good understanding of 3-dimensional Euclidean geometry. Functions. Polynomial functions in one variable. It helps to have a basic understanding of calculus (or to be taking it concurrently).	
CONTENT	<p>Our basic goal is to have a basic understanding of the important subject of linear algebra. This is the mathematical tool you use after simplifying scientific models by their linear approximation. Our plan is to cover the essential part of the six chapters of the textbook, as well as some additional topics if time permits. Of course we'll adjust the speed of teaching as we proceed along. Here is a list of sections of the textbook that we will cover, which we will be going through at the speed of about 1.5 sections per class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 1, 1.1–1.6.• Chapter 2, 2.1–2.5, 2.7.• Chapter 3, 3.1–3.4.• Chapter 4, 4.1–4.3.• Chapter 5, 5.1–5.3.• Chapter 6, 6.1–6.5.	
ADVICE	<p>You are required to attend all the lectures. Since our lectures may differ from the text book, and the schedule might change in occasion. As a general principle for taking math courses, <i>take twice the amount of time of lectures to review what you learnt in class, and do a lot of exercises!</i> What we hope to achieve is not only the knowledge but also the ability to think logically and independently. Feel free to let me know if some points are unclear to you and ask for more explanations. Any suggestions about the teaching will be warmly welcomed.</p> <p>In case you have a conflict with any of the exams, please contact the instructor as soon as possible and at least two weeks before the exam. I will schedule a make up exam for you in my office. In the case of a fire alarm or a similar emergency evacuation during either of the midterms or the final exam, leave your exams in the room, face down, before evacuating. Under no circumstances should you take the exam with you.</p>	
ASSIGNMENTS	Homeworks will be assigned each Tuesday, and due the Tuesday a week after. No late homeworks will be accepted. Discussing the problems with other students is encouraged, but each student must write solutions on his/her own. Quizzes and exams will have similar problems as the examples we do in class and exercises you will do after class. As another general principle in math, <i>practice makes perfect</i> .	

GRADING

Your final grade will be based on weekly assignments, a midterm exam and a final exam. We will de-emphasize counting homeworks towards your final grade, since this is the place you are allowed to make mistakes, and get them clarified.

- Homeworks, 10 %
- Quizzes, 20 %
- Mid-term, 30 %
- Final, 40 %

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Any form of cheating during the midterm or the final will result in you failing the course and the matter being reported to your dean.