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0 Motivation

- *Proof-Based Math Readings* is a free and independent online reading group where we study mathematics required in economics master's/PhD programs using an intuitive approach.
- This session of the reading group is on *Linear Algebra*.
- This session is dedicated to Sheldon Axler's cat, 🐱 Moon, who passed away in August 2023.

1 Prerequisites

- CGPA: 3.00/4.00
- 📖 *Book of Proof* - Richard Hammack (3.3 Edition, 2022)
- ▶ *Linear Algebra* - Gilbert Strang (2005)
- Please use our 🔗 *Application Form* to join our reading group anytime.
- Applicants will be informed about their application results within a week via email.

2 Format

- This session will last 12 weeks.
- We will discuss the topics/exercises that we struggle with at 🗨️ *Proof-Based Math Readings [Discord]*.
- We will not have face-to-face/online meetings due to the size of the group.
- Members are expected to read the chapters, and watch the chapter videos from the book's playlist.

3 Resources [All are open-access]

3.1 Main Book and Main Book's Playlist

Linear Algebra Done Right by Sheldon Axler is our main book for this session because it is well-written, well-structured, and open-access.

- 📖 *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (4th Edition, 2024)
- 📖 *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (4th Edition, 2024, Errata)
- ▶ *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (4th Edition, 2024, Companion playlist to the book)
- 📖 *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Solutions by linearalgebras)
- 📖 *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Solutions by jubnoske08)
- 📖 *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Solutions by solverer.com)

3.2 Supplementary

3.2.1 Linear Algebra

- ▶ *Essence of Linear Algebra* - 3Blue1Brown (2023)
- ▶ *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Companion playlist by Robert Won)
- ▶ *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Companion playlist by Jason Morton)
- ▶ *Linear Algebra Done Right* - Sheldon Axler (3rd Edition, 2015, Companion playlist by Felix Leditzky)
- 📖 *Mathematical Proofs A Transition to Advanced Mathematics* - Gary Chartrand, Albert D. Polimeni, Ping Zhang (Chapter 17: Proofs in Linear Algebra, 4th Edition, 2018) and Odd-Numbered Exercise Solutions

3.2.2 Proof

- 📖 *Book of Proof* - Richard Hammack (3.3 Edition, 2022)
- ▶ *Book of Proof* - Richard Hammack (3.3 Edition, 2022, Companion playlist by Jeremy Teitelbaum, Chapter 1-12)
- ▶ *Book of Proof* - Richard Hammack (3.3 Edition, 2022, Companion playlist by Michael Penn, Chapter 1-14)

4 Reading Schedule


- **LADR** is the abbreviation of Linear Algebra Done Right - Sheldon Axler (4th Edition, 2024).

LADR, Chapter 1: Vector Spaces

Week 01  **25 March - 31 March**


LADR, Chapter 1.A: \mathbf{R}^n and \mathbf{C}^n
LADR, Chapter 1.B: Definition of Vector Space
LADR, Chapter 1.C: Subspaces

LADR, Chapter 2: Finite-Dimensional Vector Spaces

Week 02-03  **01 April - 14 April**


LADR, Chapter 2.A: Span and Linear Independence
LADR, Chapter 2.B: Bases
LADR, Chapter 2.C: Dimension

LADR, Chapter 3: Linear Maps

Week 04-05-06  **15 April - 05 May**


LADR, Chapter 3.A: Vector Space of Linear Maps
LADR, Chapter 3.B: Null Spaces and Ranges
LADR, Chapter 3.C: Matrices
LADR, Chapter 3.D: Invertibility and Isomorphisms
LADR, Chapter 3.E: Products and Quotients of Vector Spaces

LADR, Chapter 5: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Week 07-08  **06 May - 19 May**


LADR, Chapter 5.A: Invariant Subspaces
LADR, Chapter 5.B: The Minimal Polynomial
LADR, Chapter 5.C: Upper-Triangular Matrices
LADR, Chapter 5.D: Diagonalizable Operators

LADR, Chapter 6: Inner Product Spaces

Week 09-10  **20 May - 02 June**

LADR, Chapter 6.A: Inner Products and Norms
LADR, Chapter 6.B: Orthonormal Bases
LADR, Chapter 6.C: Orthogonal Complements and Minimization Problems

LADR, Chapter 7: Operators on Inner Product Spaces

Week 11-12  **03 June - 16 June**

LADR, Chapter 7.A: Self-Adjoint and Normal Operators
LADR, Chapter 7.B: Spectral Theorem
LADR, Chapter 7.C: Positive Operators
LADR, Chapter 7.D: Isometries, Unitary Operators, and Matrix Factorization
LADR, Chapter 7.E: Singular Value Decomposition
LADR, Chapter 7.F: Consequences of Singular Value Decomposition