

MATHEMATICS 2270
Introduction to Linear Algebra
Spring semester 2004

Time: MTWF 8:35–9:25am LCB 121

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Office Hours: JWB 113, MWF 9:55-10:30am and 11:45-12:15. Other times will appear on my door card and on the internet due date page.

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Tutoring: The Math Department Tutoring Center is located in LCB, and it is open for free tutoring from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on M-Th, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Some, but not all of the math tutors welcome questions from Math 2270 students. To see the times and specialities of various tutors, consult the web address www.math.utah.edu/ugrad/tutoring.html.

Texts:

Linear Algebra with Applications, 2nd edition, by Otto Bretcher, Prentice-Hall 2001 (the required text).

Student Solution Manual, for Otto Bretcher's text *Linear Algebra with Applications*, 2nd edition.

WWW documents for 2270, by GB Gustafson, at web site www.math.utah.edu/~gustafso. All are pdf or text documents that can be printed from Netscape or MS explorer web browsers.

Prerequisites:

Math 1210 and 1220 or the equivalent. This is first-year Calculus, with a very brief introduction to linear differential equations. The old Math courses 111-112-113 of 1997-98 fulfill the requirement. In addition, background is required in planar curves, velocity and acceleration vectors from Physics 2210 or Math 2210, or their equivalent courses.

A passive knowledge of `maple` is assumed. The entire course can be done without `maple`, but all computer code examples are supplied in `maple` only.

Persons without the passive knowledge of `maple` and `unix` may attend one of the *tutorials* on the subject offered during the first two weeks of the term. The instructor for these tutorials is Angie Gardiner, 585-9478, gardiner@math.utah.edu. The dates and times are printed on Angie's door MC 155A (building LCB). See also the tutoring web address cited above. Free tutoring is available in the LCB tutoring center 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily except until 6:00pm on Friday, closed weekends and semester holidays.

Course content:

This course is an introduction to linear algebra for mathematics majors and science majors. All chapters of Otto Bretcher's text plus class notes will make up the course material.

¹Pronunciation: In the phrase `Gust of Wind` change `Wind` to `Sun`

Grading:

Final grades will be based on:

Textbook problems, call **dailies**, about 132 scores.

The dailies include computer projects.

Written midterm examinations (3).

An in-class 2-hour final examination that counts as two additional midterm scores.

Written In-Class Exams:

There are three (3) midterm exams. Some portion (20 minutes or more) of each midterm is in-class, while the remainder of the exam is done outside of class and submitted separately. The outside work is due at class time on certain dates before the in-class exam. There is a final exam (in-class, 2 hours) as scheduled by the university. The midterm and final exams are graded by G.B. Gustafson.

Hand-written Dailies:

There will be 141 dailies due during the semester, including textbook problems and maple labs. They will be graded by a staff of readers employed by Angie Gardiner.

Textbook problems:

Textbook problems to be submitted for grading are listed on the **gradesheet** for the course. Tentative dates are set for each problem set. Visit the web site for extra copies. The actual due dates for problems appear only on the web site and they are dynamically updated to reflect the reality of what was discussed in class. Generally, problems are submitted shortly after they are discussed in class, and hopefully on the date printed on the gradesheet.

All students must complete each textbook problem and submit their work in their own handwriting. Collaboration is permitted and encouraged on textbook problems in teams of not more than 2. You must submit separate a handwritten report with citation to the partner.

There are certain **rules** for writing up the textbook problems and the take-home portion of a midterm exam. A full accounting of the *format rules* contributed by Utah students appears on the internet course page as *format for submitted work*. Kindly apply the ideas therein to your written work, both textbook problems and take-home midterm exam problems.

Take-home exam problems:

A portion of each of the three midterms is a take-home exam, to be completed and submitted by the due date published on the web site. The format rules apply strictly: what you submit is considered to be your very best work. It will be judged accordingly against the submissions of others.

Collaboration on take-home exam problems is not sanctioned. Tutors and lab assistants may answer questions, but they will not work the problems for you or certify correctness of your solution. Duplicate solutions will be considered a deliberate act of plagiarism.

In-class midterm exam problems:

A midterm sample in-class exam is supplied a few days before the in-class exam. Exam problems are modeled after those already solved on the take-home portion of the exam.

Books, tables, notes and calculators are not allowed on exam day.

An in-class Midterm exam has different presentation rules, and none of the textbook problem rules apply in this case. Basically, the in-class exam is a first draft.

Computer projects:

There will be one to three computer projects assigned during the semester, related to the classroom material. They will be written by hand and use the software package `maple`. There is a Math Department Computer Lab in building LCB at which registered students automatically own accounts. Drop-in tutoring in the computer lab in building LCB starts the second week of the semester.

Final exam:

Two hours are reserved for this written exam. As published by the university, the final exam for the 8:35 class is Wednesday May 5, 8-10am in the regular classroom.

The final exam is comprehensive. About one hour of the exam covers the last three weeks of the course. The remaining time covers all topics that appeared on the previous three midterm exams.

No notes, calculators, tables, books or aids of any kind are allowed on the final exam. Please bring pencils and eraser. Paper will be supplied.

Withdrawal:

It is the Math Department policy, and mine as well, to grant any withdrawal request until the University deadline. This promise also means that such a withdrawal requires no explanation. Withdrawals are always initiated by the registered student. All paperwork is the duty of the student. My job is the signature.

ADA statement:

The American with Disabilities Act requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for students with physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, learning, and psychiatric disabilities. Please contact me at the beginning of the semester to discuss accommodation (113 JWB or 581-6879), which is to say, accommodation shall be made.

Grading Scale:

A = 95-100, A- = 92-94, B+ = 88-91, B = 84-87,
B- = 80-83, C+ = 75-79, C = 65-74, C- = 60-64

This scale is determined from 40% passing use GPA increments. It is used for grading and for final letter grade reporting. This scale is for internal use only.

Grading Details:

Rite of passage: A passing grade in the course requires at least 80 of the 141 dailies (includes computer projects) to be submitted. A grade of *E* is assigned if less than 80 Dailies are submitted. The scores on the 80 dailies are expected to be passing at *C* level or higher.

The right of passage is absolute, similar to the European system, which requires a body of work to be presented before written and oral final exams are taken. For example, the Czech *vypočet* is a requirement to show a body of completed work as the entrance requirement to administration of written and oral final exams.

Final grade: It will be determined as follows: