MATH 307 Applied Linear Algebra

Linear systems of equations, LU decomposition, condition number, orthogonal projection, QR decomposition, least squares approximation, orthogonal diagonalization, singular value decomposition, discrete Fourier transform. Applications: interpolation, data fitting, principal component analysis, digital signal processing. Matrix computations with mathematical software Python, SciPy and Jupyter.

Learning Goals

- Summarize properties and constructions of matrix decompositions LU, QR and SVD
- Perform matrix computations using mathematical software Python, SciPy and Jupyter
- Compute solutions of systems of linear equations using matrix decompositions
- Compute least squares approximations of linear systems using matrix decompositions
- Approximate eigenvalues and eigenvectors using numerical methods
- Analyze digital signals using the discrete Fourier transform
- Create and analyze mathematical models of real-world phenomenon

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Lectures

Section	Instructor	Time	Location
101	Gulsemay Yigit	MWF 1–2pm	HENN 200
102	Patrick Walls	MWF 3–4pm	HENN 202
103	Ahmet Alacaoglu	TTh 8–9:30am	BUCH A103

Textbooks

MATH 307 Notes	Linear Algebra with Applications	Scientific Computing

Canvas and Piazza

Announcements, assignments, grades, lecture notes and all other course information will be posted on Canvas. Please check it often! Use Piazza to ask and answer questions about lecture notes, textbook exercises, etc. Find the Piazza link on the Canvas course page.

Schedule

Hours	Topics
9	**Linear equations.** Gaussian elimination, LU decomposition, condition number. Applications: polynomial interpolation, cubic spline interpolation.
10	**Orthogonality.** Orthogonal subspaces, fundamental subspaces of a matrix, orthogonal projection, Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization, QR decomposition, least squares approximation. Applications: fitting models to data.
10	**Eigenvalues.** Diagonalization, spectral theorem, SVD, pseudoinverse, SVD expansion, power method. Applications: principal component analysis, image deblurring.
7	**Discrete Fourier transform.** Complex vector spaces, discrete Fourier transform, sinusoids, frequency and phase. Applications: digital signal processing.
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Assessments

Canvas Quizzes	$4 \times 2.5\%$ each $= 10\%$
Python Assignments	$4 \times 2.5\%$ each $= 10\%$
Midterm Exams	$2 \times 20\%$ each $= 40\%$
Final Exam	40%

- Multiple attempts and collaboration allowed on Canvas quizzes
- Assignments do not require any prior Python experience
- Midterm exams scheduled during lecture time

Important Dates

Tuesday September 2	UBC Imagine Day (No lecture)
Wednesday September 3	Lectures begin
Tuesday September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (UBC closed)
Monday October 13	Thanksgiving Day (UBC closed)
November 10–12	Midterm Break (No lectures)
Tuesday November 11	Remembrance Day (UBC closed)
Friday December 5	Last day of class
December 9–20	Final exam period

- See the UBC Academic Calendar 2025/2026

Prerequisites

Linear Algebra	One of MATH 152, MATH 221, MATH 223
Multivariable Calculus	One of MATH 200, MATH 217, MATH 226, MATH 253, MATH 254

- See the UBC Course Descriptions

Student Resources

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Math Learning Center	Registration Issues	Standing Deferred Exams

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