MATH 203-A02: Linear Algebra

Syllabus, Summer 2020

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Online classes. MTWR, 10:30 am-12:35 pm.

Online office hours. MW, 12:40 pm-1:40 pm, or by appointment.

Prerequisite. Grade C or better in MATH 114.

Textbook required. Lay, Lay, McDonald, Linear Algebra and its Applications, 5th edition, Addison-Wesley, 2016.

Course goals. To understand and be able to make use of linear equations, the concepts of matrix, determinant, vector space, eigenvalue and eigenvector, matrix diagonalization, length, orthogonality, and approximation.

Lecture materials and syllabus will be posted on the GMU Black Board.

Material to be covered. Chapters 1-6 (with some sections omitted).

Free online tutoring. Free online tutoring is available for the enrolled students. For details see https://science.gmu.edu/academics/departments-units/mathematical-sciences/math-tutoring/tutoring-centerhours-and.

ODS. If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services. All academic accommodations must be arranged through this office.

Exams and homework Assignments. There will be an online midterm (presumably, June 15) and an online final exam (July 2-July 4, to be specified). Also, there will be six online homework assignments. All homework assignments, midterm, and final exam are open-source.

Grading: Homework assignments are 30%, midterm is 30%, and final exam is 40% of the total grade. There is no grade curving or dropping, etc. Equivalence between scores and letters, recommended by GMU, is given below.

A-: 90-92, A: 93-95, A+: 96-100; B- : 80-82, B: 83-85, B+:86-89 ; C : 70 - 75, C+:76-79; D : 60 - 69; F : 0 - 59.

Attendance and make-ups. Each student is expected to attend the online classes regularly. No make-ups for homework, midterm, and final exam are allowed unless you provide a serious written excuse. Excused tests should be taken within a timely fashion before the last day of classes.

Honor Code: Sharing information of any kind about exams is an Honor Code violation. Any violations will be referred to the Office of Academic Integrity.