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Course Information:

Elementary Linear Algebra

MATH-103A

3 credits

Prerequisite: Math 101 / A-level Mathematics or Intermediate Mathematics

TextBook: Elementary Linear Algebra 9th Edition by Howard Anton.

Course Introduction:

This course will help the students to understand basic concepts of Linear Algebra. In this course solution of homogeneous and non-homogeneous system of equations will be addressed. Matrices will be reduced to Echelon and reduced echelon form. This course provides basis for evaluating the determinants, use of determinants in solving system of equations and properties of determinant. In this course foundational knowledge of vector space, subspace and dimensions is provided which will be used in other courses. Contents of the course are introduction to system of linear equations, matrices and matrix operations, elementary matrices, Gaussian elimination, Gauss Jordan method for solving a system of linear equation, determinants and their properties, vector spaces, subspaces, linear independence, basis and dimensions.

Learning Outcomes:

After successfully completing this course, the students would be able to:

- understand and describe the basic concepts, definitions and terminologies of Linear Algebra.
- solve a linear system using Gaussian-elimination and Gaussian-Jordan elimination method.
- perform the arithmetic operations (properties) of matrices i.e. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, scalar multiplication, transposes, trace and inverse of a square matrix.
- use various methods to find the inverse of a square matrix and properties of inverses.
- evaluate determinants using row reduction and other properties.
- use Cramer's rule and inverse matrix method to solve a linear system.
- apply the axioms of real vector spaces and subspaces.
- prepare themselves for higher level courses in mathematics.

Course Requirements :

Students are expected to attend every class. I will follow the university’s attendance policy especially the rule that student whose attendance is less than 67% won’t be allowed to take the final exam.

Students must arrive at class on time. Student should remain in class for the entire class period and Mobile phone should be switched off or on silence. Course assessment will be through quizzes, assignment, attendance and behavior, midterm, and final exam. Students should make every effort to submit (online) assignments on time to assure timely assessment.

There is no make up for missed quizzes. Make up for midterm and final exam is possible only under extremes cases if student provide strong documentary evidence. In case of make up exam there will be a 0-20% deduction in marks depending upon case to case basis. Medical Certificate will be acceptable if it is verified by the medical officer of FCC.

Course Evaluation:

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Class participation and behavior	5%
Assignment	10%
Quizzes (4 and best 3 will be counted)	15%
Mid Term	30%
Final Exam	40%

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Quality Points</u>	<u>Numerical Value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
A	4.00	93-100	Superior
A-	3.70	90-92	
B+	3.30	87-89	
B	3.00	83-86	Good
B-	2.70	80-82	Fair
C+	2.30	77-79	
C	2.00	73-76	Satisfactory
C-	1.70	70-72	
D+	1.30	67-69	
D	1.00	60-66	Passing
F	0.00	59 or below	Failing

Course Outline:

Week	Topics	Assessment
1	Discussion of Course Plan: Course introduction, requirements, policies and grading criteria, Matrices and matrix operations.	
2	Rules of matrix arithmetic. Inverses.	
3	System of linear equations and matrices.	QUIZ-1
4	Gaussian Elimination, Gauss Jordan elimination	
5	Elementary matrices and a method of finding A^{-1} .	
6	Applications of system of linear equations	QUIZ-2
7	Further results on system of equations and invertibility.	
8	Diagonal, triangular and symmetric matrices. Application of linear system.	MID-TERM
9	Determinants by cofactors expansion	
10	Evaluating Determinants by row reduction	
11	Properties of determinant function. A combinatorial approach to determinants.	
12	Real vector spaces	QUIZ-3
13	Subspaces	
14	Linear Independence	
15	Basis and Dimension	QUIZ-4
16	FINAL EXAM (from full course)	