

## Department of Mathematics Johns Hopkins University

# 110.201 Linear Algebra Course Syllabus

The following list of topics is considered the core content for the course 110.201 Linear Algebra. The current text for the course is:

**Text:** Linear Algebra with Applications, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Otto Bretscher, Prentice Hall, December 2012, ISBN-13: 978-0321796974.

### **Course Topics**

- Linear Equations (1 week)
  - 1.1 Introduction to Linear Systems
  - 1.2 Matrices and Gauss-Jordan Elimination
  - 1.3 On the Solutions of Linear System

#### • Linear Transformations (2- weeks)

- o 2.1 Introduction to Linear Transformations and Their Inverses
- 2.2 Linear Transformations in Geometry
- o 2.3 The Inverse of a Linear Transformation
- o 2.4 Matrix Products

## • Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and Their Dimensions (2- weeks)

- 3.1 Image and Kernel of a Linear Transformation
- o 3.2 Subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; Bases and Linear Independence
- o 3.3 The Dimension of a Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- o 3.4 Coordinates

#### • Linear Spaces (1 week)

- 4.1 Introduction to Linear Spaces
- 4.2 Linear transformations and Isomorphisms
- 4.3 Coordinates in a Linear Space

#### • Orthogonality and Least Squares (2 weeks)

- o 5.1 Orthonormal Bases and Orthogonal Projections
- 5.2 Gram-Schmidt Process and *QR* Factorization
- o 5.3 Orthogonal Transformations and Orthogonal Matrices
- o 5.4 least Squares and Data Fitting
- 5.5 Inner Product Spaces

#### • Determinants (1 week)

- o 6.1 Introduction to Determinants
- o 6.2 Properties of the Determinant
- o 6.3 Geometrical Interpretations of the Determinant: Cramer's Rule





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#### • Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors (2- weeks)

- o 7.1 Dynamical Systems and Eigenvalues: An Introductory Example
- 7.2 Finding the Eigenvalues of a Matrix
- 7.3 Finding the Eigenvectors of a Matrix
- o 7.4 Diagonalization
- 7.5 Complex Eigenvalues

#### • Symmetric Matrices and Quadratic Forms (1 weeks)

- 8.1 Symmetric Matrices
- o 8.2 Quadratic Forms
- o 8.3 Singular Values