

MATH 307 Applied Linear Algebra

Course Outline 2026S1

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, differential equations, data fitting, principal component analysis, image deblurring, PageRank, 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

Instructors

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Lectures

Monday	2–3pm	MATX-Floor 1-Room 1100
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	2–4pm	MATX-Floor 1-Room 1100

Textbooks

[MATH 307 Applied Linear Algebra](#)
[Problem Book](#)

Important Dates

Monday May 11	First lecture
Monday May 18	Victoria Day (UBC closed, no lecture)
Thursday June 4	Midterm Exam
Thursday June 18	Last lecture
June 22–26	Final exam period

- See the [UBC Academic Calendar 2025/2026](#)

Canvas and Piazza

Announcements, assignments, grades, lecture recordings 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.

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

Schedule

<i>Hours</i>	<i>Topics</i>
8	Linear equations. Gaussian elimination, LU decomposition, condition number. Applications: polynomial interpolation, cubic spline interpolation.
11	Orthogonality. Orthogonal subspaces, fundamental subspaces of a matrix, orthogonal projection, Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization, QR decomposition, least squares approximation. Applications: fitting models to data.
11	Eigenvalues. Diagonalization, spectral theorem, SVD, pseudoinverse, SVD expansion, power method. Applications: principal component analysis, image deblurring, PageRank.
8	Discrete Fourier transform. Complex vector spaces, discrete Fourier transform, sinusoids, frequency and phase, fast Fourier transform. 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 Exam	30%
Final Exam	50%

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

Student Resources

Science Advising	Health and Wellbeing	Centre for Accessibility
Academic Concession	Academic Integrity	Counselling Services

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