



Level Four

Introduction to Linear Algebra

Course Code	Course Num.	Course Name	Credit Hours	Lec	Lab	Tut	Prerequisites
MAT	221	Intr. Linear Algebra	3	2	0	2	MAT 251

Objectives:

- To introduce students to the subject of linear algebra ,this is essential for subsequent courses in mathematics and physical science.
- To let students be familiar with basics of matrix theory.
- To let students be familiar with basics of vector spaces and linear transformations.

Syllabus:

- Matrices: elementary row operations, transpose of a matrix, inverse of a square matrix, linear equation systems and Gauss eliminations, determinants and their properties, classical adjoint; Cramer's rule.
- Vectors in R^2 and R^3 : Dot product, projections, cross product, mixed product.
- Vector spaces: Basic definitions, subspaces, linear dependence and independence, bases and dimensions, inner product spaces and Gram-Schmidt normalization.
- Eigenvalues: Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, characteristic polynomial.
- Numerical solution of linear systems: Gaussian elimination, and LU decomposition.

The instructor should stress on using mathematical software through out the course.

References:

- Linear Algebra, M.Lipson, Schaum's Outline, S. Lipschutz, McGraw-Hill 3rd ed. (2000).
- Linear Algebra, S. Leduc, Cliffs Notes (1996).

