Course Credits: 4
Lectures: 2:00 - 2:50 PM on MWF at Weniger Hall 149.
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Course Description: you will be introduced to the notion of vector spaces. This concept highlights certain features of a variety of sets such as lines, planes, spaces, solution set of an equation, and so on. You will also learn linear maps (maps between two vector spaces), their determinants and spectral structures. Up to this point, the course is more or less a generalization of Math 341 to abstract vector spaces other than \( \mathbb{R}^n \) or \( \mathbb{C}^n \). Building from here, you will further learn orthogonality of vectors and its role in the vector space as a whole. The simple concept of orthogonality leads to interesting applications, for example, solving some optimization problems and understanding rigid motions.

Math 342 Learning Outcomes: A successful student in MTH 351 will be able to:

1. Recognize whether a set is a vector space or not.
2. Know how to verify independence among given vectors and how to calculate dimension of a given vector space.
3. Use linear isomorphism to bring an abstract vector space arising from a problem to \( \mathbb{R}^n \), \( \mathbb{C}^n \), or some other space that is more convenient to work with.
4. Know when to diagonalize a matrix/linear operator and how to use it in solving problems.
5. Convert some optimization problems into matrix equations.
Topics covered: See the tentative calendar.

Grading:
Homework: 25%
Recitation activity: 20%
Midterm: 25%
Final Exam: 30%

Homework: there will be 8 homework sets, each due on Friday at the beginning of class, except for the week of midterm exam and the week of Thanksgiving (see class calendar). Each homework set is worth 30 points. Most homework sets contain a bonus problem (for example, a Matlab problem).

Policy: Homework must be turned in on paper. The bonus problems are optional. Doing them correctly can give you up to 6 bonus points (adding up to a maximum of 36 points/HW). If you do a Matlab problem, you should print your codes and attach them to your homework. You are encouraged to work together in groups. However, homework must be written individually in your own words and reflect your own understanding. Late homework will not be accepted. Turn in whatever you have completed by the due time. Only a few selected problems will be graded in detail. The rest will be given credit based on completion.

Requirements for written work: this course requires the written communication of mathematical ideas. To obtain full credit for your work, you must write coherently, in complete sentences, with attention to your audience.

Mathematical software: you are encouraged to learn how to use Matlab along the course by working on homework problems. You can download Matlab with OSU’s license to your personal computer here: https://is.oregonstate.edu/service/software/matlab. If you are unable to install it on your computer, you can use the online version through Citrix Receiver (see the course website for instruction). Or you can use computers at the lab room Kidder Hall 108 J almost anytime from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Recitation activity: there will be worksheets handed out in during weekly recitation. You can discuss with your partner(s) or ask your TA for help. Worksheets will then be collected and graded.

Midterm Exam: in class, on Friday Nov 1.
Policy: Calculator is not allowed, but you can bring a sheet of paper containing up to 10 statements of definitions or theorems. Each statement must be numbered from 1 up to 10. Proctor can provide draft papers upon request. Scratch papers and note card should be turned in with your completed midterm. Some formula will be given on the front page of the exam. Any regrading request must be addressed within two weeks after the exam is returned. There will be no make-up exam except for exceptional reasons.

Final exam: 9:30 - 11:20 AM, Thursday Dec 12, at Weniger Hall 149.
Policy: the Final exam is cumulative. Policy is similar to midterm exam, except that your note card can contain up to 15 statements. Any requests for special accommodation (make-up exam, etc) must be addressed to instructor prior to the day of the Final exam. Skipping Final exam will automatically result in a grade of F.
Grade lines: the course grades will not be harder than: A 100-90%, B 89-80%, C 79-70%, D 69-60%, and F 59% and under. Scores on Canvas are raw scores. The running total that Canvas provides may not be accurate since it does not take into account the percentage of homework/exams as indicated above. Instructor will calculate total course scores at the end of the term.

Other Learning Resources: The Math Learning Center MLC in Kidder 108 is a great place to drop in for help. It is open from 9 AM to 4 AM Monday through Friday from the second week of classes to the end of dead week.

Academic Honesty
Students are expected to comply with OSU’s Student Conduct Code: http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/code
Accordingly, academic dishonesty is defined as an intentional act of deception in one of the following areas:
Cheating – use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information, or study aids.
Fabrication – falsification or invention of any information.
Assisting – helping another commit an act of academic dishonesty.
Tampering – altering or interfering with evaluation instruments and documents.
Plagiarism – representing the words or ideas of another person as one’s own.

Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities
Accommodations for students with disabilities are determined and approved by Disability Access Services (DAS). If you, as a student, believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not obtained approval please contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098 or at http://ds.oregonstate.edu. DAS notifies students and faculty members of approved academic accommodations and coordinates implementation of those accommodations. While not required, students and faculty members are encouraged to discuss details of the implementation of individual accommodations.

Reach Out for Success
University students encounter setbacks from time to time. If you encounter difficulties and need assistance, it is important to reach out. Consider discussing the situation with an instructor or academic advisor. Learn about resources that assist with wellness and academic success at http://oregonstate.edu/ReachOut. If you are in immediate crisis, please contact the Crisis Text Line by texting OREGON to 741-741 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)