

Topics in Applied Mathematics I

(LINEAR ALGEBRA AND VECTOR CALCULUS)

Course description: Matrices and systems of linear equations, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformations, orthogonality and inner product spaces, eigenvalues, eigenvectors and diagonalization, vector analysis including gradient, divergence, curl, line and surface integrals, and Gauss, Green, and Stokes theorems.

Objectives: Detailed learning objectives for each week are stated on the course Web page. The general philosophy of the course is explained at some length at <http://calclab.math.tamu.edu/~fulling/m311/311objectives.pdf>.

Prerequisites: multivariable calculus (M. 251 or equivalent); differential equations (M. 308 or equivalent) at least concurrently.

Classes: MWF 12:40–1:30, MPHY 213

Web page: <http://calclab.math.tamu.edu/~fulling/m311/f14/>

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Tentative office hours: M 3:00–3:50, T 3:00–3:45, W 1:50–2:40. Permanent office hours (probably the same as these) will be announced later.

Required textbook:

- S. J. Leon and S. J. Colley, *MATH 311: Custom Edition for Texas A&M University – College Station* (Pearson Learning Solutions, 2013). This is sold in a looseleaf form along with an e-book subscription (for an extra \$5 — highly recommended).

Recommended textbooks:

- S. A. Fulling, Math 311 lecture notes (published as *Linearity*, World Scientific, 2000), <https://www.math.tamu.edu/~fulling/linearity/>. You DON'T need to buy this. You will be able to see it on the Web once the class roster is complete.
- M. R. Spiegel, *Vector Analysis* (Schaum's Outline Series).

Grading system: Hour tests:	100 × 3 = 300
Final exam:	200
Homework and class participation:	<u>200</u>
Total	<u>700</u>

The “curve” will be at least as generous as the “standard” scale [i.e., 90% (= 630 pts) will guarantee an **A**, etc.].

Dates of hour tests: Wednesday, Oct. 1; Wednesday, Oct. 29; Monday, Dec. 1

Final Exam: Monday, Dec. 15, 10:30(a.m.)–12:30

Homework will usually be collected on Wednesdays. Assignments will be on the Web page.

Class participation: We will sometimes discuss homework problems and other examples at the blackboard (or projector) in class. Sometimes I'll assign problems for you to work on in class in groups. At other times volunteers and random draftees will simply be called on. (You may also be called to the board to help me introduce a new concept or technique "Socratically". In such cases a good participation score is attained merely by being alert and cooperative.) Attendance records may influence class participation scores slightly.

Make-up tests: Make-up tests are very hard to grade fairly, and they absorb a large amount of my time which would be better spent for the benefit of the whole class. Please cooperate in making these incidents as rare as possible. If you miss (or foresee that you will miss) a test, it is *your* responsibility to contact me as soon as possible to request, justify, and schedule a make-up test. (If you can't reach me directly, you can leave a message at the Math Department office, (979) 845-3261.) If the absence is not clearly excused under the Attendance section of *Student Rules*, the request may be denied.

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Plagiarism: Finding information in books or on the Internet is praiseworthy; *lying* (even by silence) about where it came from is academic dishonesty. Whenever you copy from, or "find the answer" in, some other source, *give a footnote or reference*. Otherwise, you are certifying that it is your own work.

Joint work: On a homework assignment (*not* a take-home test!) discussion with other students is permitted, even encouraged. However, the grader will not give homework credit for "work" that is parasitical (and your test scores will suffer, too!). To forestall problems, please follow these policies: (1) When two or more students work together on an assignment, they should all indicate so on their papers. (2) If the cooperation is of the divide-and-conquer variety, you are certifying that you *have studied and understand* every problem solution on your paper. Mindless copying is dishonest and academically worthless.

Calculators in exams: Calculators are to be used only to perform *elementary operations* such as addition, multiplication, and (optionally — see remark below) evaluation of simple functions such as square roots, sines, and logarithms. Advanced facilities such as storing formulas in memory, inverting matrices, and graphing functions on the calculator display are prohibited. Violations of this rule may lead to total prohibition of calculators in exams (probably at the insistence of other students).

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