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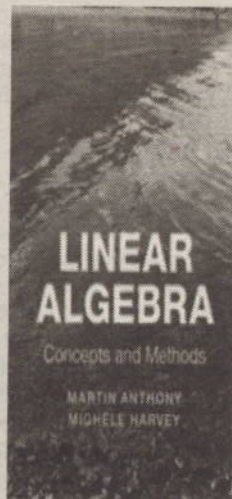
Book Review

Linear Algebra: concepts and methods

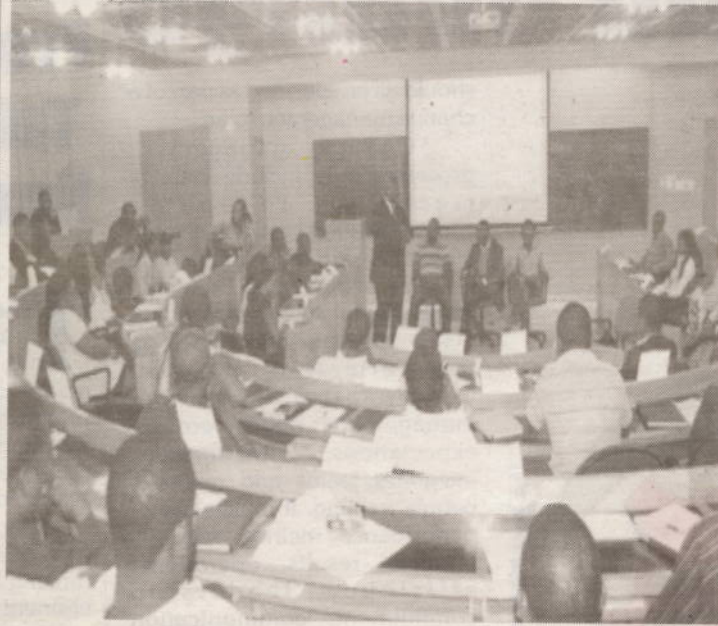
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Any student of linear algebra will welcome this textbook, which provides a thorough treatment of this key topic. Blending practice and theory, the book enables the reader to learn and comprehend the standard methods, with an emphasis on understanding how they actually work. At every stage, the authors are careful to ensure that the discussion is no more complicated or abstract than it needs to be, and focuses on the fundamental topics.

The book is ideal as a course text or for self-study. Instructors can draw on the many examples and exercises to supplement their own assignments. End-of-chapter sections summarise the material to help students consolidate their learning as they progress through the book. Professor Martin Anthony is professor of mathematics at LSE, while Dr Michele Harvey is based in the Department of Mathematics at LSE.



AABS Launches Mentor Deans Programme



LBS MBA Students in Seminar

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AABS has a broad network of international Deans and Directors who would like to contribute to the growth of quality management education and development in Africa. AABS network is one of pipeline and membership Schools that are striving to provide quality management relevant to the local context, but with a global quality standard, would benefit greatly from these "Mentor Deans".

How Does It Work?

Schools which partake in

the programme will be assigned a Mentor from AABS international network. The Mentor will either have been or currently will be a Dean of a Business School. The Mentor will commit to mentoring an African Business School Dean for a period of minimum 1 to maximum 3 years.

How Does Our School Sign Up?

An African Business School will submit a request to enter the AABS Mentor Dean Programme. A form will then be sent to them where they would need to outline particular areas in which the School would like to focus from

the mentoring relationship. AABS will then contact the pool of mentors and propose to the school the name of 2 - 3 Mentors. The school will then contact the Mentor and arrange a mutually convenient time for the mentor to visit the school.

What Is The Process?

One month prior to the visit, the school will provide the mentor with a document on the School, based on the AABS quality review document and membership criteria questions. Upon arrival at the school, the mentor will meet with the Dean and his/her senior management team for a period of a day to go through the document and key issues raised for mentoring. The school and the mentor prior to the visit will agree the other two days agenda.

Upon completion of the visit, the Dean will compile a report on the visit as well as key action steps and deliverables within a 1 to 3 year period. This report will be sent to the mentor as well as to the AABS secretariat. This report will need to be updated on an annual basis with progress indicated in the report and e-mailed annually to the mentor and the AABS secretariat. Regular e-mail communication as well as monthly teleconference calls will be setup between the Dean and mentor to assist the school in achieving these action steps.

Questions To Consider Before Starting The Process: (1). Does the Dean/Director have the capacity to commit to this process to ensure that they get the most out of it?(2). Has the school Dean/Director thought about areas where they could most benefit from mentoring?(3). Does the school have a particular time of the year when it would be useful to have the mentor? Can this be tied in with any board/advisory board meetings?

A mentor would be particularly useful if: (1). The school is wanting to join AABS Pipeline Membership (2). The school is wanting to move from AABS Pipeline to Full Membership.(3). The school is wanting to start looking at the accreditation process.(4). The school is wanting support during the accreditation process.(5). The school is wanting to: 1. Start executive education.(2). Transition deans.(3). Become more independent from the university (4). Work on their strategy and direction.

How Much Does It Cost?

The School will be responsible for accommodation and economy class airfare for the mentor as well as an administration fee of \$6,000 to AABS which includes an honorarium to the mentor for the period of the first year. If ongoing mentoring is required, the school will pay \$4,000 for the following year to AABS which will include the honorarium to the mentor.

LBSAA Elects New Vice President

Mr. Wole Oshin, CEP 9, the managing director of Custodian and Allied Insurance Plc was on Saturday, at the Governing Council meeting of the Lagos Business School Alumni Association (LBSAA) unanimously elected the new vice-president of the association.

Also elected on the same day was Mr Steve Obiagio as secretary of the association. Obiagio is also the president of his class, SMP 40, and the group head, Information Technology Operations at Diamond Bank Plc. The LBSAA has a unique electoral system where the vice-president automatically becomes the

president after a two-year tenure.

Mr Demola Aladekomo, the incumbent vice-president who is the managing director of Chams Plc, will be sworn in as the new president of the association. He takes over from Mr. Udeme Ufot, managing director of SO&U

Saatchi & Saatchi, who has held the fort so brilliantly these past two years.

The inauguration of the new executive committee will take place during the President's Dinner on Saturday, June 2 at the Jasmine & Zinnia Halls of the Eko Hotel & Suites in Lagos.

The Bentley Cropping Systems Fellowship

The Bentley Cropping Systems Fellowship is as a result of a request from Helen S. Bentley and C. Fred Bentley. You can study for MA, PhD or Post Doc in any African country or Canada.

It provides assistance to Canadian and developing country's graduate students with a university degree in Agriculture, Forestry or Biology, who wish to

undertake post-graduate, applied on-farm research with cooperating farmers in a developing country.

Applicants must be citizens of a developing country. They must be enrolled full-time in a graduate programme (Master's, doctoral, post-doctoral) at a recognised university in Canada or in a developing country for the duration of the award period.

Duration and value of the award : Award tenure corresponds with the period of field research. In general, this will be between 18 months and 24 months. While value of the award is up to \$30,000 CAD per year. If there is strong evidence of significant potential benefits, the award may be extended upon re-application.

Progress Reports:Fellowship

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Deadlines: October 1 (awards will be announced by mid-December). Tenure must be undertaken by December of the following year.

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