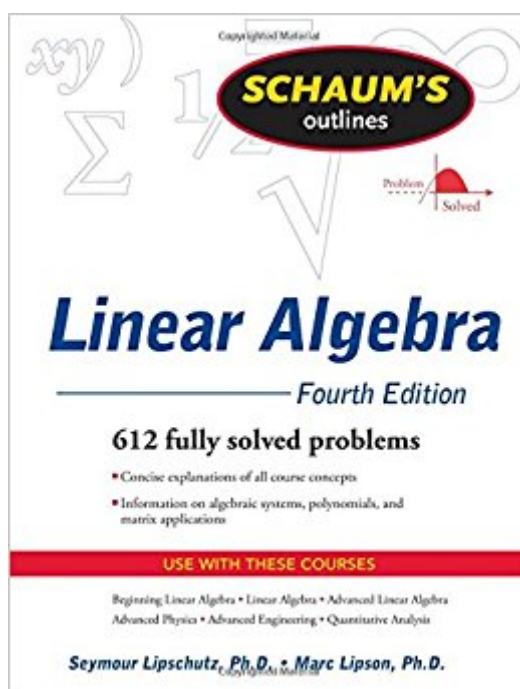


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The book is a bargain, no matter how it is used. Whether it's used as a supplement, a review, or a classroom text, this book should get the job done. The amount of information that the book presents is more than enough to cover a semester of linear algebra. The amount of problems are plentiful, and the topics are covered in a way that leaves some syllabus flexibility. One problem, as mentioned before, is that the book has errors. The Kindle version does not display all characters correctly on my Kindle Fire. These, at times, as simple as numbers, letters and/or parentheses. On the bright side, I am usually able to obtain the missing pieces from intuition, skimming around the missing text, or using another text as reference. The explanations (if one actually writes down and works through the examples, while reading, then he/she should find it readable) are great. Here's where opinions may start to differ. Chapter 1 starts by describing vectors and vector operations, and chapter 2 starts with linear systems and matrix operations. These chapters are extremely plentiful in worked-out problems too. This leaves the student and/or the instructor with a bit of a dilemma. From my experiences, linear algebra texts always start with sets of linear equations, but this one likes to start out with vectors. I, personally, like this method, as it coincides with our calculus program very well. We do not use vectors at all until the beginning of calculus 3 w/analytic geometry. Matrices...well. After 3 and a half years of being out of high school, I went back to college; I placed into calculus, which I had already studied in high school. I re-took calculus I and II (we combine the analytic

geometry part into the calculus sequence), and we did not have to use a single one. In fact, the last time I actually had to do any matrix operations for a class was Honors Algebra 2 in High School...This is not atypical. Many students are rusty on matrices and systems of equations before going into linear algebra. For students with a background in the following topics: vectors in space, matrix operations/notation, sequences and series, and at least a semester of calculus; the first two chapters should go by quickly. There will be a lot of review, as well as some new concepts. Read the book carefully and take notes. For students who have a limited background on matrices, I would recommend using a college algebra book to refresh on the operations, so that when matrices come, the student can focus on the logic behind linear systems. It's a lot easier to focus on linear algebra, when you don't have to review something 'old' each section. The use of calculus is shown early. I also liked this. The amount of calculus is, for the most part, avoidable, and should not be required to study linear algebra. However, any student learning linear algebra, without a calculus background, may be intimidated by the rigor. Speaking of rigor: that is another great thing about the book. It is concise, proof oriented, application oriented, practice guided and easy to understand. This makes approaching the topic less intimidating. Linear algebra is a "weed out" course for a lot of people though. A lot of texts make this worse by overwhelming the student with notation, before he/she even understands Gaussian elimination. Shaum does a great job at introducing notation slowly, with great care. I'd recommend grabbing a couple other cheap college algebra and/or linear algebra books on as references. Having a proof oriented book, Shaum's Linear Algebra, and a College Algebra texts that covers matrices, has all been helpful. I use the college algebra book for practice on matrix operations, Shaum's book as my main text, and a more rigorous (cheap) proof-oriented book to skim through as I read Shaum's text. All in all, the book is very good. Early on, it makes connections between calculus, analytic geometry, physics, and matrices. These concepts are also introduced like they're brand new to the reader. For the price of this book, I get a lot more out of it than I paid for. No negative outweighs the positives in this situation.

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