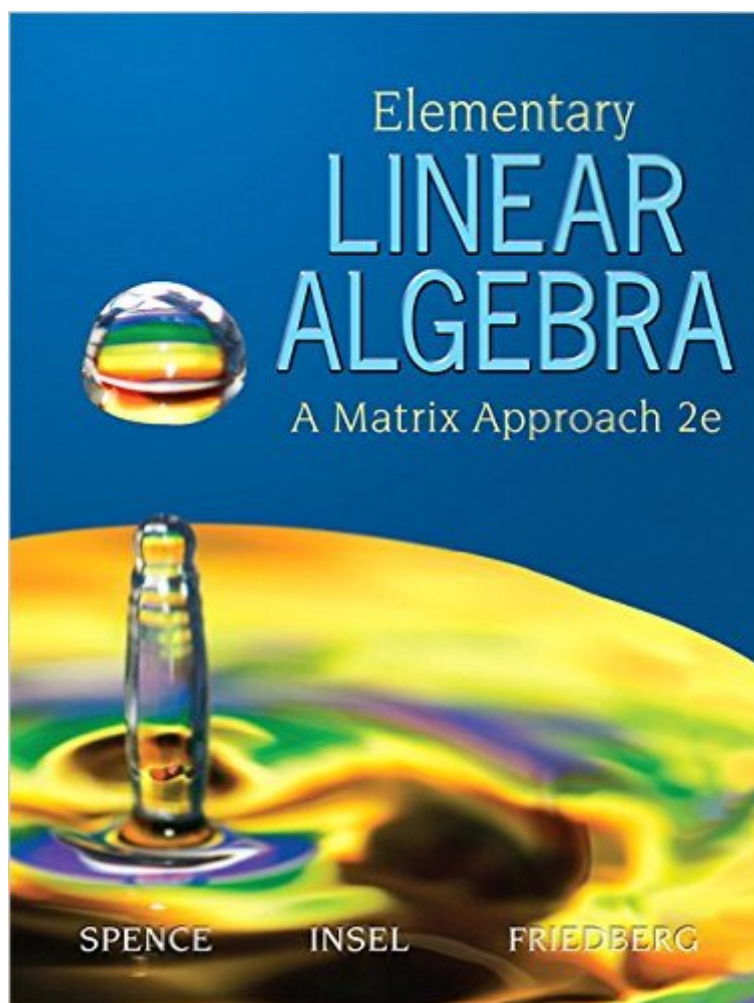


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I am using this textbook for an introductory class for linear algebra at a state university. To sum my review in one sentence: this book is horrible. It is extremely difficult to follow through the chapter readings due to poor writing. I easily space out while reading because the author refers to too many abstract concepts in their explanations. On top of that, the chapter explanations refer back to examples in other chapters without the effort to restate the main points you need out of the example, forcing you to constantly flip back and forth pages. There is also no end of chapter summary which also kind of sucks. Also DO NOT buy the solutions manual. It is a complete waste of money and space to carry around. The solutions manual doesn't even give solutions to all the odd answers, and on top of that, does an extremely poor job of explaining the work behind the problems. If you have to use this book for class, I recommend you to at least go out of your way to find a decent professor, because you will regret trying to learn this material on your own with this book.

Not exactly the best book there is to learn linear algebra but it works. I suppose it's more of a supplementary book. I would recommend getting this book as an extra in case your current book isn't sufficient for you. It's quite a dull book in my opinion.

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