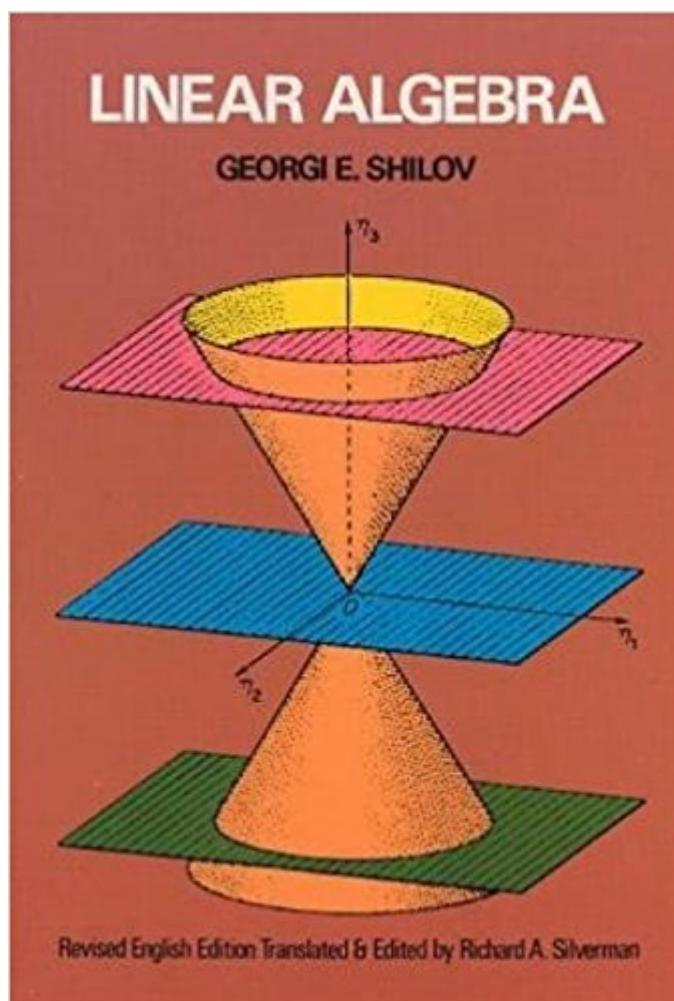


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Great textbook, unfortunately the extremely small font size on bleeding paper makes it hard to read. Otherwise would have given this great textbook an easy 5 stars.

Great refresher for all the stuff I had forgotten. This is well-enough written and the subject matter is simple enough that it could even help a novice.

Simple, useful tool for a student. Formally correct and elegant as to demonstrations

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It's a excellent book

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