



# Exercises and Problems in Linear Algebra



## ABOUT THE BOOK

This book contains an extensive collection of exercises and problems that address relevant topics in linear algebra. Topics that the author finds missing or inadequately covered in most existing books are also included. The exercises will be both interesting and helpful to an average student. Some are fairly routine calculations, while others require serious thought.

The format of the questions makes them suitable for teachers to use in quizzes and assigned homework. Some of the problems may provide excellent topics for presentation and discussions. Furthermore, answers are given for all odd-numbered exercises which will be extremely useful for self-directed learners. In each chapter, there is a short background section which includes important definitions and statements of theorems to provide context for the following exercises and problems.

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Students and teachers of linear algebra.

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