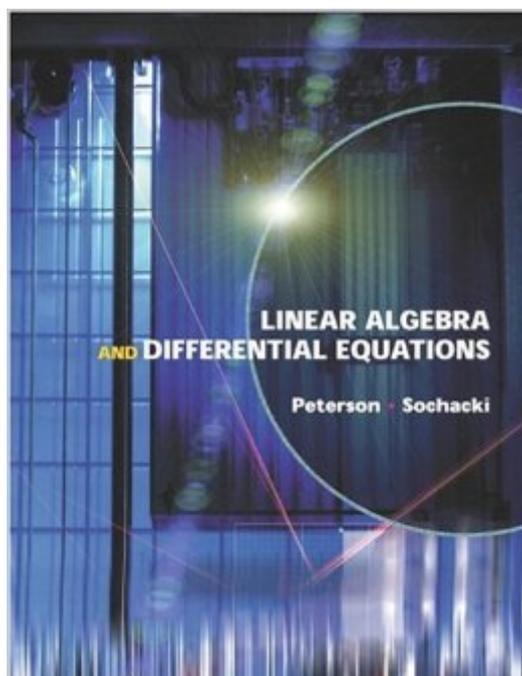


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I actually had Peterson the author of this text for the course. The book is application driven as opposed to pure mathematics. If you are using this book in a course I would highly recommend the solution manual as well because some of the application problems are hard to tackle, and plus Peterson wrote the solution manual so it goes with the text very well.

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