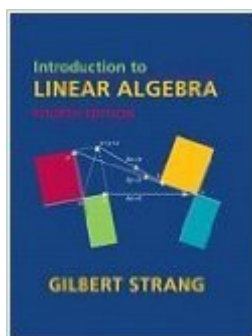


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I write as a 35-year veteran teacher of mathematics and statistics, at Mount Holyoke College. This semester I am teaching two sections of linear algebra, from Gilbert Strang's Introduction to Linear Algebra, 4th edition. I understand that I'm one of the first, perhaps the very first, to teach from this

edition, scooping even the author himself, whose spring semester at MIT began a week after Mount Holyoke's. In choosing a book for my course, I reviewed more than a dozen choices. In what follows, I'll try to set out why, looking back on the first two-thirds of the semester, I'm firmly convinced that I chose the right book to teach from. But first, here's an excerpt from an e-mail I sent the author a few weeks ago: I've admired your book ever since the first edition came out, but in our department we have to wait in line to teach linear algebra, and this is my first chance to teach from your book. It's hard to put into words how much I'm enjoying it. In 35 years, I've nearly always ended up feeling deeply disappointed with almost any textbook I've tried to teach from. However I've had the good fortune to find two books I really admire. Yours is one of those two inspiring books. Thanks to you, I'm having a blast! Enthusiasm aside, I'll start the substance of my review with four questions, aimed both at students and at teachers. These questions highlight the features I find inspiring - but they are not merely rhetorical: I've tried to formulate questions that should be helpful to anyone trying to decide whether Strang's Introduction to Linear Algebra is the right choice for them. In each instance, although my own answer is a resounding "Yes to choice one!"

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