Read, Reflect, and React (or Respond) Prompt #5

One skill that advances education is the ability to read and learn from books. Math books are probably one of the most difficult to read and understand due to how dense and complicated the material is. Personally, I didn’t attempt to read a math book until I was taking upper division math classes. Even though there are some of you that read the book, a number of you are like I was and don’t read the book, relying on the lectures to learn the material. I would like you to read the next section (Section 11.8 pg. 789-795) and respond to the following:

1. Briefly summarize the section.

2. Comment on how the section is written. (For example: Was it easy/hard to understand? Did the pictures help? Did the examples illuminate the ideas presented?) Feel free to criticize the book (I didn’t write it, and I have my own complaints about it).

(in memory of Dr. Silvia)