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We consider linear maps $f(x) = ax+b \pmod{n}$ and explore the variety of orbit graphs produced. These graphs will sometimes have “whiskers” (when $\gcd(a,n) > 1$), although these whisker structures will be much simpler than those found in quadratic orbits \pmod{n} , which will be seen in several examples as well. We will also see symmetry in the distribution of inverse-pairs (in orbit graph) among the units of the ring of integers modulo n . Finally, we examine the groups whose elements are linear maps \pmod{n} . (Received September 24, 2018)