

**Math 217: Quiz 8**  
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1. **Define** what it means that a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^n$  is **orthogonal** (your definition should match the definition in the book and on the worksheets).
  
2. Prove that if  $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal linear transformation, then  $T\vec{v} \cdot T\vec{w} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  for all  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . [Hint: Consider  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$ .]

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3. Suppose you are given a vector  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  and a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with  $QR$  factorization

$$A = QR = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. Let  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$  and  $\vec{u}_3$  be the columns of  $Q$ . Suppose that  $[\vec{u}_1 \ \vec{u}_2 \ \vec{u}_3 \ \vec{b}]$  has rank 4. Does  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  have a solution? Explain.
2. Write the third column of  $A$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$ .
3. Suppose  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = \sqrt{2}$ , and  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{u}_2 = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 2$ . Find a vector  $\vec{b}^*$  such that the solutions of the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}^*$  are the least squares solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .
4. Find the least squares solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . [Hint: If you are clever, there should be no row-reducing.]