

This Quiz is due in class on Friday August 28th. It will be graded. Make sure you include your name and section number on your answer sheet.

1. A vector  $v$  with  $n$  components can be treated as an  $n \times 1$  matrix, i.e. a single column. Then the dot product of two  $n$ -vectors  $u$  and  $v$  corresponds to the matrix product  $u^T v$ , where  $u^T$  is the matrix transpose of  $u$ . Now let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that if  $u^T A v = v^T A u$  for all  $u$  and  $v$ , then  $A = A^T$ . Hint: consider orthonormal basis vectors for  $u$  and  $v$ .
2. Let  $a, b, c$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that the  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose columns are  $a, b, c$ , i.e.  $A = [a, b, c]$ , satisfies  $\det(A) = a \cdot (b \times c)$  where  $\times$  is vector cross product.
3. A linear function  $f(v)$  of some vector  $v$  satisfies:
  - (a)  $f(u + v) = f(u) + f(v)$
  - (b)  $f(\lambda u) = \lambda f(u)$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

Any linear function of  $v$  can be written as the product of some matrix with  $v$ , i.e. as  $Av$  for some matrix  $A$ . Now suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are 3-vectors. Let  $\times$  be the usual cross product of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that:

- (a) The cross product  $f(v) = u \times v$  is a linear function of  $v$ .
  - (b) Find the matrix  $A$  such that  $u \times v = Av$  for all  $v$ . The matrix  $A$  will depend only on  $u$ , not on  $v$ . Aside: This matrix is often written as  $u \times$ , so that  $u \times v = (u \times)v$ .
4. Recall that if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $v$  is an *eigenvector* of  $A$  if it satisfies  $Av = \lambda v$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ . The scalar  $\lambda$  is the *eigenvalue* corresponding to the eigenvector  $v$ . Let  $A$  be any  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that all the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are non-negative.