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"Certain severities are indispensable in war, nay, more, the only
true humanity very often lies in a ruthless application of them."

—THE GERMAN WAR-BOOK (p. 55)

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\mathbb{R}^n is a vector space over \mathbb{R} with the usual addition and scalar multiplication. The dot product is defined by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

and the norm is defined by $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$. The norm is a norm on \mathbb{R}^n and the dot product is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^n .

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IN TOKEN OF
FOURTEEN YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP
AND OF
MUCH WISE COUNSEL IN THE STUDY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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