

1. Given the orthonormal basis vectors from before,

$$|v_B\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |v_D\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

evaluate $\sum_{i=1}^n |v_i\rangle \langle v_i|$ where $\{|v_1\rangle \dots |v_n\rangle\}$ are the basis vectors and $|\cdot\rangle \langle \cdot|$ is the outer product. What do you notice about the result?

2. Suppose we have an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{C} , an $n \times 1$ column vector $|x\rangle$ and a $1 \times n$ row vector $\langle y|$. Predict the type of result (scalar, matrix, bra, or ket) for each operation:

- (a) $\langle y|x\rangle$
- (b) $\mathbf{C}|x\rangle$
- (c) $\langle y|\mathbf{C}$
- (d) $|x\rangle \langle y|$
- (e) $\langle y|\mathbf{C}|x\rangle$

3. Given the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

perform the following operations:

- (a) \mathbf{AB}
- (b) \mathbf{BA}
- (c) Are your answers from a) and b) the same? Should they be?

4. Consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Does this matrix have any eigenvalue(s) that can be determined by inspection? If so, specify the eigenvalue(s) and corresponding eigenvector(s).
 - (b) Determine the remaining eigenvalues and eigenvectors for this matrix. (Hint: consider how the results from (a) might be used to simplify the problem.)
5. Use summation notation to show that the trace of the matrix product \mathbf{AB} is equal to the trace of the matrix product \mathbf{BA} for any two square matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} of (the same) arbitrary size.
6. (Bonus). Matrix \mathbf{F} has eigenvalues $\lambda = -1, \sqrt{3}, 2$ corresponding to the orthonormal eigenvectors $|a\rangle, |b\rangle, |c\rangle$, respectively.
- (a) Given the power series $e^{\mathbf{X}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \mathbf{X}^k$ for an $n \times n$ real or complex matrix \mathbf{X} (where $\mathbf{X}^0 = \mathbf{1}_n$), expand $e^{i\mathbf{F}t}$. Examine the action of each of the first few terms on an eigenvector $|v\rangle$ and use this result to re-collapse the series.

- (b) Using your result from part (a) and given the normalized vector

$$|\chi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} |a\rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} |b\rangle + \frac{i+1}{\sqrt{7}} |c\rangle$$

find $|\Phi(t)\rangle = e^{i\mathbf{F}t} |\chi\rangle$.

- (c) Set up the calculation for $|\Phi(t)\rangle = e^{i\mathbf{F}t} |\chi\rangle$ explicitly in matrix form.