

CMSC 643
EXERCISES WITH BRAS AND KETS

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Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space with orthonormal basis

$$\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle\},$$

and let \mathcal{K} be a Hilbert space with orthonormal basis

$$\{|a\rangle, |b\rangle, |c\rangle\}$$

- (1) Represent each basis element of \mathcal{H} as a column vector.
- (2) Represent each basis element of \mathcal{K} as a column vector.
- (3) Represent

$$|\psi\rangle = 2|0\rangle + 3i|2\rangle - 5|3\rangle$$

as a column vector

- (4) Write $|1\rangle\langle 2|$ as a matrix
- (5) Express

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

as a sum of $|i\rangle\langle j|$'s

- (6) If

$$\begin{cases} |\psi_1\rangle = i|0\rangle - 2|2\rangle + 4|3\rangle \\ |\psi_2\rangle = 2|0\rangle - 5|1\rangle - 7i|3\rangle \end{cases}$$

then compute $\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle$.

- (7) Let $|\psi_1\rangle$ and $|\psi_2\rangle$ be as in (6) above. Express $|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2|$
 - (a) In terms of the bra's $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle\}$ and the ket's $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle\}$
 - (b) As a matrix
- (8) Let $|\psi_1\rangle$ and $|\psi_2\rangle$ be as in (6) above, and let

$$\begin{cases} |\varphi_1\rangle = -2|a\rangle - 3i|b\rangle + i|c\rangle \\ |\varphi_2\rangle = 5|a\rangle + 7|b\rangle + 6i|c\rangle \end{cases}$$

Express

$$|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| \otimes |\varphi_1\rangle\langle\varphi_2|$$

as a 12×12 matrix.