

**CMSC 691Q**  
**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

- (a)  $(|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle)$
- (b)  $\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle$
- (7) Let  $|\psi_1\rangle$  and  $|\psi_2\rangle$  as in #7. Express  $|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2|$ 
  - (a) In terms of the bra's  $\{\langle 0|, \langle 1|, \langle 2|, \langle 3|\}$  and the ket's  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle\}$
  - (b) As a matrix
- (8) 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  $12 \times 12$  matrix.