

Step-1

A matrix is Hermitian matrix if $A = A^H$.

If U is a unitary matrix then following is true:

$$UU^H = I$$

Columns of the unitary matrix are formed by orthonormal vectors.

Step-2

If $u^H u = 1$ then to show that following is Hermitian and unitary:

$$I - 2uu^H$$

Also, find that rank-1 matrix uu^H is the projection onto what line in \mathbb{C}^n .

Step-3

Do the following calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}(uu^H)^H &= (u^H)^H u^H \\ &= uu^H\end{aligned}$$

Now, check for the $I - 2uu^H$ matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}(I - 2uu^H)^H &= (I - 2(uu^H)^H) \\ &= I - 2uu^H\end{aligned}$$

Above calculations shows that $I - 2uu^H$ is Hermitian matrix.

Step-4

Matrix $I - 2uu^H$ will be unitary if:

$$(I - 2uu^H)^H \cdot (I - 2uu^H) = I.$$

Do the following calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}
(I - 2uu^H)^H \cdot (I - 2uu^H) &= (I - 2uu^H) \cdot (I - 2uu^H) \\
&= (I - 2uu^H)^2 \\
&= I + 4(uu^H)^2 - 4(I \cdot uu^H) \\
&= I - 4(uu^H) + 4(uu^H \cdot uu^H) \\
&= I - 4(uu^H) + 4(u \cdot 1 \cdot u^H) \\
&= I - 4(uu^H) + 4(uu^H) \\
(I - 2uu^H)^H \cdot (I - 2uu^H) &= I
\end{aligned}$$

Above calculations shows that $I - 2uu^H$ is unitary matrix.

Step-5

Therefore, matrix $\boxed{I - 2uu^H}$ is Hermitian and unitary. Rank-1 matrix uu^H is the projection onto the line in \mathbf{C}^n through u .