

# Assignment 1

1. Suppose  $|v_i\rangle$  is an orthonormal basis for the inner product space  $V$ . What is the matrix representation for the operator  $|\phi_j\rangle\langle\phi_k|$  with respect to the  $|v_i\rangle$  basis.
2. Show that a positive operator is necessarily Hermitian.
3. Show that for any operator  $A$ ,  $A^\dagger A$  is positive.
4. Show that the eigenvalues of a projector  $P$  are all either 0 or 1.
5. Show that the tensor product of two unitary operators is unitary.
6. Show that the tensor product of two projectors is a projector.
7. Find the square root and logarithm of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Show
  - $\text{tr}(BA) = \text{tr}(AB)$
  - $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$
  - $\text{tr}(2A) = 2 \text{tr}(A)$
9. Show that
  - $[A, B] = -[B, A]$
  - $\frac{[A, B] + \{A, B\}}{2} = AB$
10. Express the polar decomposition of a normal matrix in the outer product representation.
11. Find the left and the right polar decomposition of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$