

## 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  $u$ .