Lecture 6 Projectors

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1 Prerequisite

2 Solutions

2.1 Exercise 6.1

Proof. Since ${\bf P}$ is an orthogonal projector, then we have ${\bf P}^2={\bf P}$ and ${\bf P}^\star={\bf P},$ hence

$$(I - 2P)^*(I - 2P) = I - 2P^* - 2P + 4P^*P = 0,$$
 (1)

which means that $\boldsymbol{I}-2\boldsymbol{P}$ is unitary. A geometric interpretation is given by ??.

 $\begin{array}{c} v \\ Pv - v \\ Pv \\ (I - 2P)v \text{ is the reflection of } v \end{array}$

Figure 1: Geometric interpretation of $\boldsymbol{I}-2\boldsymbol{P}$.