

## Outer Product of a Vector on Itself

1. For one of the vectors below, what matrix is the outer product of the vector on itself (i.e.,  $|v_1\rangle\langle v_1|$ )? All the vectors are written in the  $S_z$  basis.

$$|+\rangle \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|-\rangle \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|+\rangle_x \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|-\rangle_x \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|+\rangle_y \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|-\rangle_y \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|v_7\rangle \doteq \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|v_8\rangle \doteq \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|v_9\rangle \doteq \begin{bmatrix} a \\ be^{i\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|1\rangle_x \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|0\rangle_x \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|-1\rangle_x \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. What is the transformation caused by your outer product?
3. What is the determinant of your outer product?
4. What is the square of your outer product?

Bonus: What happens when you add the outer products for a complete orthonormal basis?

Bonus 2: How would you answer questions (2) and (4) staying purely in Dirac bra-ket notation?