

[gex44] Matrix operations **V**: unitary matrix

Consider the constant square matrix,

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Is it a unitary matrix?

- (a) Demonstrate that $|\text{Det}[\mathbf{U}]| = 1$.
 - (b) Demonstrate that $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger$.
 - (c) Construct a 3×3 unitary matrix $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$ with $\text{Det}[\tilde{\mathbf{U}}] = i$ and vanishing diagonal elements.
- Create a Mathematica notebook to carry out these tasks.

Solution: