

Finding Matrix Elements

- 1) Carry out the following matrix calculations.

$$(0 \ 1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$(0 \ 1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 2) What matrix multiplication would you do if you wanted the answer to be a_{13} ?

- 3) The bra-ket language for the calculations in question 1 are

$$\langle 2|A|1\rangle =? \quad \text{and} \quad \langle 2|A|2\rangle =?$$

Write question number 2 in bra-ket language.