

\* Hilbert space: infinite-dimensional vector space where all inner products converge

[where  $\langle \phi | \psi \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^* b_n$  or  $\langle f | g \rangle = \int f^*(x) g(x) dx$  always finite]

Most theorems carry over from finite-dimensional spaces.

\* Everything follows from the following principles & notation

|                 | finite                                    | Hilbert                               | functional                              |
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| orthonormality  | $\hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ | $\langle n   m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$ | $\langle x   x' \rangle = \delta(x-x')$ |
| closure         | $\sum_i \hat{e}_i \hat{e}_i \cdot = I$    | $\sum_n  n\rangle \langle n  = I$     | $\int dx  x\rangle \langle x  = I$      |
| components      | $v_i = \hat{e}_i \cdot \vec{v}$           | $c_n = \langle n   \psi \rangle$      | $f(x) = \langle x   f \rangle$          |
| matrix elements | $M_{ij} = \hat{e}_i \cdot M(e_j)$         | $H_{mn} = \langle m   H   n \rangle$  | $G(x, x') = \langle x   G   x' \rangle$ |

\* Correspondence of Linear Algebra principles:

|                                  | $\mathbb{R}^n$ Finite Vectors                                                                                             | (discrete infinite)<br>$\mathcal{H}$ Hilbert space.                                                                                                       | (continuous infinite)<br>$\mathcal{F}$ functional space       |
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| vector basis component           | $\vec{v} = \hat{e}_i v_i \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix}$                                                 | $ \psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}  \phi_n\rangle c_n$                                                                                                   | $ f\rangle = \int dx  x\rangle f(x)$                          |
| inner product                    | $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = v_i^* w_i \quad \begin{pmatrix} x^* & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ | $\langle \psi   \chi \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^* d_n$                                                                                             | $\langle f   g \rangle = \int dx f^*(x) g(x)$                 |
| adjoint (dual) vector            | $\vec{v} \cdot = v_i^* \hat{e}_i \cdot \quad (x^* \ x)$                                                                   | $\langle \psi   = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^* \langle \phi_n  $                                                                                             | $\langle f   = \int dx f^*(x) \langle x  $                    |
| orthonormal (unitary) basis.     | $\hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$                                                                                 | $\langle \phi_i   \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$                                                                                                           | $\langle k   k' \rangle = \delta(k-k')$                       |
| completeness (closure) expansion | $\sum_i \hat{e}_i \hat{e}_i \cdot = I$                                                                                    | $\sum_n  \phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i  = I$                                                                                                               | $\int dk  k\rangle \langle k  = I$                            |
| operator components              | $\vec{w} = A \vec{v}$<br>$w_i = A_{ij} v_j$                                                                               | $ \chi\rangle = A  \psi\rangle$<br>$d_m = A_{mn} c_n$                                                                                                     | $ g\rangle = A  f\rangle$<br>$g(x) = \int dx' A(x, x') f(x')$ |
| Hermitian adjoint                | $(A \vec{v})^\dagger = \vec{v}^\dagger A^\dagger$<br>$A^\dagger_{ij} = A_{ji}^*$                                          | $\langle A \psi   = \langle \psi   A^\dagger = (A  \psi\rangle)^\dagger$<br>$\langle \psi   A   \chi \rangle^* = \langle \chi   A^\dagger   \psi \rangle$ |                                                               |
| identity transformation          | $v_i = R_{ij} v_j$                                                                                                        | $\psi(x) = \sum_n \phi_n(x) c_n$                                                                                                                          | $\psi(x) = \int dk \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ikx} A(k)$        |

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| identity transform   | $V_i = R_{ij'} V_{j'}$ $R_{ij'} = \hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_{j'}$               | $\Psi(x) = \sum_n \phi_n(x) C_n$ $\phi_n(x) = \langle x   \phi_n \rangle$                                                                                                                               | $\Psi(x) = \int dk \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ikx} A(k)$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ikx} = \langle x   k \rangle$                                                             |
| orthogonal transform | $R_{ik}^T R_{kj} = \hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ $R^T = R^{-1}$    | $\sum_n \phi_n^*(x) \phi_n(x') = \delta(x-x')$ $\int dx \phi_m^*(x) \phi_n(x) = \delta_{mn}$                                                                                                            | $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int dk e^{-ikx'} e^{ikx} = \delta(x-x')$                                                                                                                  |
| Hermitian transform  | $A^\dagger = A \quad AV = \lambda V$ $V^\dagger V = I \quad V^\dagger AV = D$ | $\mathcal{H}^\dagger = \mathcal{H} \quad \mathcal{H}  \phi_n\rangle = E_n  \phi_n\rangle$ $\langle \phi_n   \phi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm} \quad \mathcal{H} = \sum_n  \phi_n\rangle E_n \langle \phi_n $ | $p = -i\hbar \partial_x \quad p^\dagger = p \quad p  k\rangle = \hbar k  k\rangle$ $\langle k   k' \rangle = \delta(k-k') \quad p = \int dk  k'\rangle \hbar k \langle k $ |