

Schwartz Inequality (Thm 5)

$$|\langle v|w\rangle| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$$

meaning... recall vectors  $\vec{A}, \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos\theta$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $|\cos\theta| \leq 1$

$$\text{so } |\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}| \leq |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}|$$

equality when  $\cos\theta = \pm 1$   
 then  $\vec{A} \parallel \vec{B}$  or  $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$

More generally...

consider...  $|v\rangle + \lambda |w\rangle \equiv |z\rangle$   
 $\uparrow$   
 complex, arbitrary

must be:  $\langle z|z\rangle \geq 0$

$$\{\langle v| + \lambda^* \langle w|\} \{|v\rangle + \lambda |w\rangle\} \geq 0$$

$$\langle v|v\rangle + |\lambda|^2 \langle w|w\rangle + \lambda \langle v|w\rangle + \lambda^* \langle w|v\rangle \geq 0$$

- minimize left hand side
- complicated because  $\lambda = \lambda_R + i\lambda_I$  (2 variables)
- $\langle v|w\rangle = \alpha + i\beta$

$$\lambda \langle v|w\rangle + \lambda^* \langle w|v\rangle = (\lambda_R + i\lambda_I)(\alpha + i\beta) + (\lambda_R - i\lambda_I)(\alpha - i\beta)$$

$$= 2\alpha\lambda_R - 2\beta\lambda_I$$

$$|\lambda|^2 = \lambda_R^2 + \lambda_I^2$$

left hand side:

$$f(\lambda) = \langle V|V \rangle + (\lambda_R^2 + \lambda_I^2) \langle W|W \rangle + 2\alpha \lambda_R - 2\beta \lambda_I$$

differentiate, set = 0

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda_R} = 2\lambda_R \langle W|W \rangle + 2\alpha = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda_I} = 2\lambda_I \langle W|W \rangle - 2\beta = 0$$

$$\lambda_R = -\frac{\alpha}{\langle W|W \rangle}$$

$$\lambda_I = \frac{\beta}{\langle W|W \rangle}$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_R + i\lambda_I = \frac{-\alpha + i\beta}{\langle W|W \rangle} = -\frac{\langle V|W \rangle^*}{\langle W|W \rangle} = -\frac{\langle W|V \rangle}{\langle W|W \rangle}$$

this  $\lambda$  is a minimum because

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \lambda_R^2} = 2\langle W|W \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \lambda_I^2} = 2\langle W|W \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \lambda_R \partial \lambda_I} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \lambda_I \partial \lambda_R} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } |Z\rangle &= |V\rangle - \frac{\langle W|V \rangle}{\langle W|W \rangle} |W\rangle \\ &= |V\rangle - \frac{|W\rangle \langle W|V \rangle}{\langle W|W \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

is the shortest  $|Z\rangle$  imaginable and it still must be greater than or equal to zero.

$$\langle Z|Z \rangle = \left( \langle V| - \frac{\langle V|W \rangle}{\langle W|W \rangle} \langle W| \right) \left( |V\rangle - \frac{\langle W|V \rangle}{\langle W|W \rangle} |W\rangle \right) \geq 0$$

$$\langle v|v \rangle - \frac{\langle v|w \rangle \langle w|v \rangle}{\langle w|w \rangle} - \frac{\langle w|v \rangle \langle v|w \rangle}{\langle w|w \rangle} + \frac{\langle v|w \rangle \langle w|v \rangle}{\langle w|w \rangle} \langle w|w \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle v|v \rangle - \frac{\langle v|w \rangle \langle w|v \rangle}{\langle w|w \rangle} \geq 0$$

$$|\langle v|w \rangle|^2 \leq |v|^2 |w|^2$$

$$|\langle v|w \rangle| \leq |v| |w| \quad \text{QED.}$$

Very Important for the uncertainty principle.

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# Subspaces

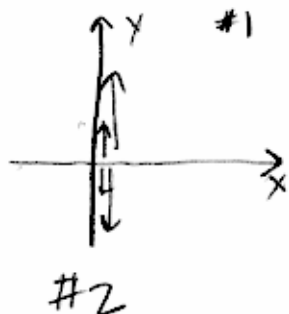
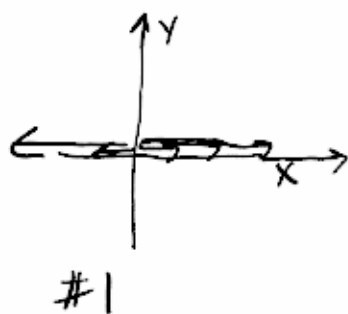
D11: Given  $W$ , a set of elements that form a vector space among themselves is called a subspace. A particular subspace  $i$  of dimensionality  $n_i$  called  $V_i^{n_i}$

Examples: in 3-space  $(x, y, z)$  vectors  $\rightarrow V^3(\mathbb{R})$  with only  $x$ -components are a subspace ( $V_x^1$ )  
 vectors with only  $x$ - $y$  components (those in the  $x$ - $y$  plane) form a subspace ( $V_{xy}^2$ ).

D11: about "breaking down" a vector space. What about building up a vector space?

D12: Given two subspaces  $V_i^{n_i}$  and  $V_j^{m_j}$ ,  $V_i^{n_i} \oplus V_j^{m_j}$ , the sum, is defined as the set: (1) all elements of  $V_i^{n_i}$   
 (2) all elements of  $V_j^{m_j}$   
 (3) all possible linear combinations of elements of  $V_i^{n_i}$  and  $V_j^{m_j}$

Examples:  $V_x^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $V_y^1(\mathbb{R})$  has all vectors of the form:  $a\hat{x}$ ,  $b\hat{y}$ ,  $a\hat{x} + b\hat{y}$   
 #1, #2, #3  
 don't forget



as you should expect, the dimensionality of  $V_i^{n_i} \oplus V_j^{m_j}$  is, when all elements of  $V_i^{n_i}$  are orthogonal to all elements of  $V_j^{m_j}$ , equal to  $n_i + m_j$ .

$$V_{xy}^2 \oplus V_{xz}^2 =_{\text{or}} 4 \quad ? \quad \text{not 4 because both vector spaces include } x \text{ so 3 is the answer}$$

Addition of spaces is important!

## Linear Operators

Operator: a list of instructions, to do to a ket (abstract vector)  $|V\rangle$  and arrive at some other ket  $|V'\rangle$

Linear Operator: when the initial kets have a linear relationship, then the final kets have that same linear relationship.

Operator:  $\Omega |V\rangle = |V'\rangle$

Linear Operator: when  $|U\rangle = a|V\rangle$

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then  $|U'\rangle = a|V'\rangle$

aka  $\Omega a|V\rangle = a\Omega |V\rangle$

more generally, when  $|z\rangle = \alpha|v\rangle + \beta|w\rangle$   
 then for a linear operator  $\underline{\Omega}|z\rangle = \alpha\underline{\Omega}|v\rangle + \beta\underline{\Omega}|w\rangle$

Operators can also operate on the duals of vectors, that is, on bras as well as kets:

$$\langle w|\underline{\Omega} = \langle w|$$

since  $\underline{\Omega}$  a list of instructions, no problem

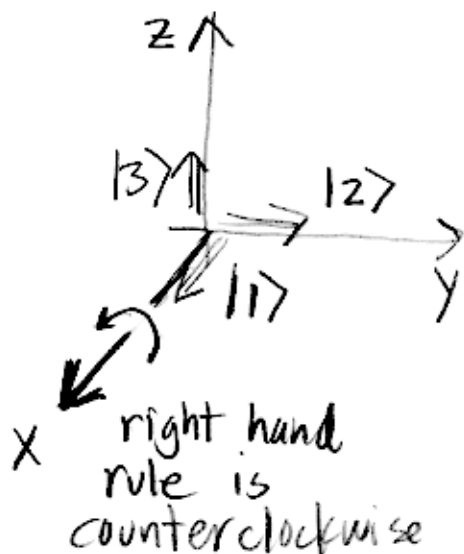
Linear operator:

$$(\alpha\langle w| + \beta\langle z|)\underline{\Omega} = \alpha\langle w|\underline{\Omega} + \beta\langle z|\underline{\Omega}$$

Examples:  $\underline{\Omega} = \underline{I}$  or  $\underline{1}$  leave vector alone!  
 linear.

In xyz space  $\underline{R}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})$  read: rotate by  $\frac{1}{2}\pi$  counterclockwise about  $\hat{i}$

[General case:  $\underline{R}(\vec{\theta})$  means rotate counterclockwise by  $|\vec{\theta}|$  about the  $\vec{\theta}$  direction]



$$\underline{R}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})|1\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$\underline{R}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})|2\rangle = |3\rangle$$

$$\underline{R}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})|3\rangle = -|2\rangle$$

Linear? From figure it is (not exactly obvious).

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evaluate:  $\hat{Q}|i\rangle = |i'\rangle$

then if  $|V\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i |i\rangle$

$$\hat{Q}|V\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \hat{Q}|i\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i |i'\rangle$$

That is, the components of  $|V\rangle$  in the basis  $|i\rangle$  will be the same as the components of  $|V'\rangle = \hat{Q}|V\rangle$  in the basis  $|i'\rangle$ , where  $|i'\rangle = \hat{Q}|i\rangle$

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OPERATORS MAY NOT COMMUTE!

$\hat{Q}, \hat{A}$  are two operators (possibly linear)

$$\hat{A}(\hat{Q}|V\rangle) = \hat{A}\hat{Q}|V\rangle \quad \text{means do } \hat{Q}'\text{s list and then do } \hat{A}'\text{s}$$

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often  $\hat{A}\hat{Q}|V\rangle \neq \hat{Q}\hat{A}|V\rangle$

we say:  $\underbrace{\hat{Q}\hat{A} - \hat{A}\hat{Q}} \neq 0$

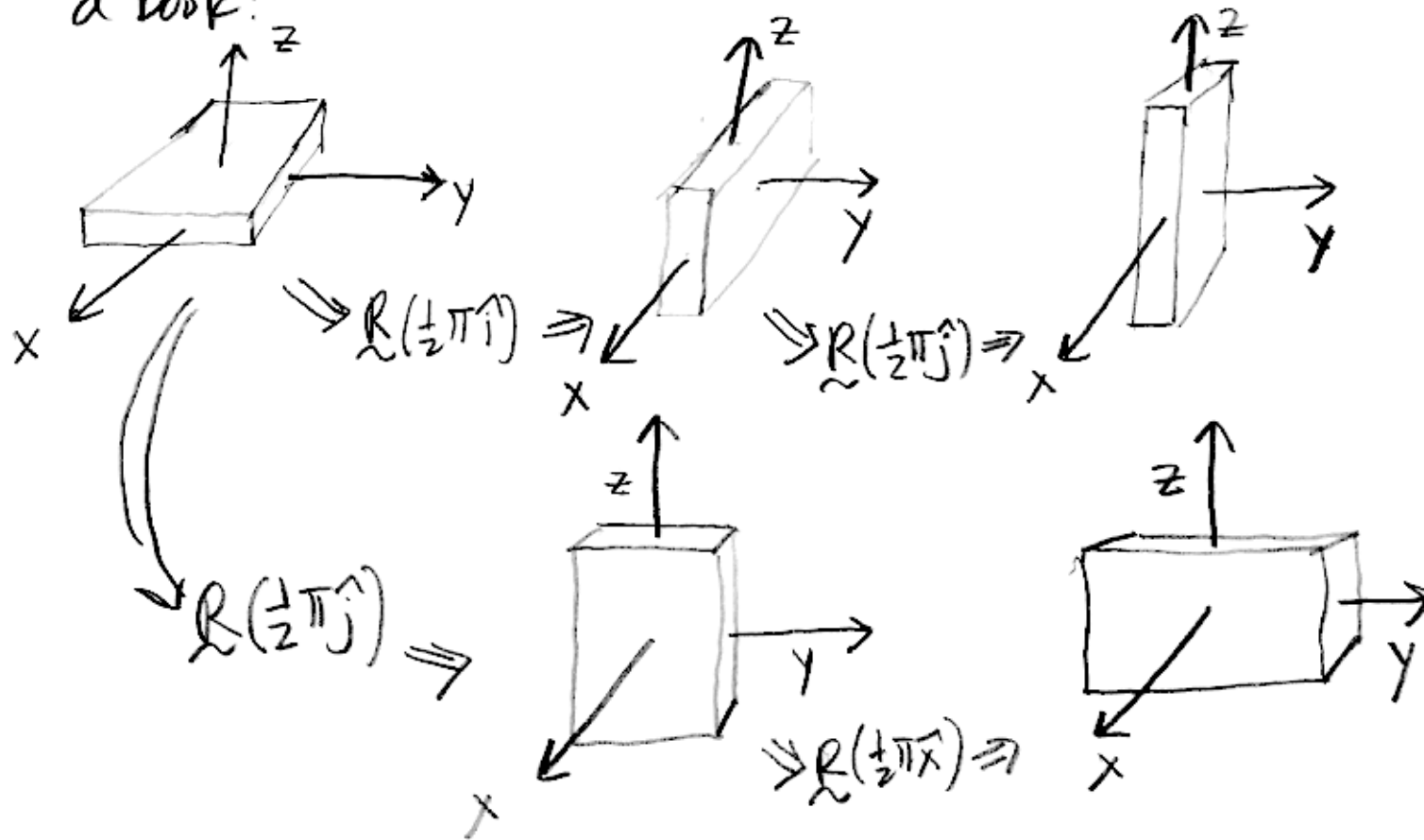
called the commutator of  $\hat{Q}$  and  $\hat{A}$

notation:  $[\hat{Q}, \hat{A}] \equiv \hat{Q}\hat{A} - \hat{A}\hat{Q}$

Example: in 3-space,  $\mathbb{V}_{xyz}^3(\mathbb{R})$

$$\underline{\underline{R}}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})\underline{\underline{R}}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{j}) \neq \underline{\underline{R}}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{j})\underline{\underline{R}}(\frac{1}{2}\pi\hat{i})$$

will do this as a demonstration on a book:



### Inverses

$\underline{\underline{R}}$  doesn't always have an inverse.

when  $\underline{\underline{R}}|V\rangle = 0$  and  $|V\rangle \neq 0$ ,  
no inverse.

$$\underline{\underline{R}}\underline{\underline{R}}^{-1} = \underline{\underline{1}} = \underline{\underline{R}}^{-1}\underline{\underline{R}}$$

$$(\underline{\underline{R}}\underline{\underline{\Lambda}})^{-1} = \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{-1}\underline{\underline{R}}^{-1}$$

order  
reversed

$$\underline{\underline{R}}\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}(\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}^{-1}\underline{\underline{R}}^{-1}) = \underline{\underline{1}}$$



Matrix Elements

$$|V\rangle \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle V| \leftrightarrow (v_1^* \ v_2^* \ \dots \ v_n^*)$$

"project  $|V\rangle$  onto  
an orthonormal basis"

that is  $|V\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i |i\rangle$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n |i\rangle \langle i|V\rangle$

$$\langle V| = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle i|v_i^*$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle V|i\rangle \langle i|$$

Linear Operators are matrices

$$\underline{\Omega} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_{11} & \Omega_{12} & \Omega_{13} & \dots & \Omega_{1n} \\ \Omega_{21} & & & & \\ \Omega_{31} & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ \Omega_{n1} & & & & \Omega_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

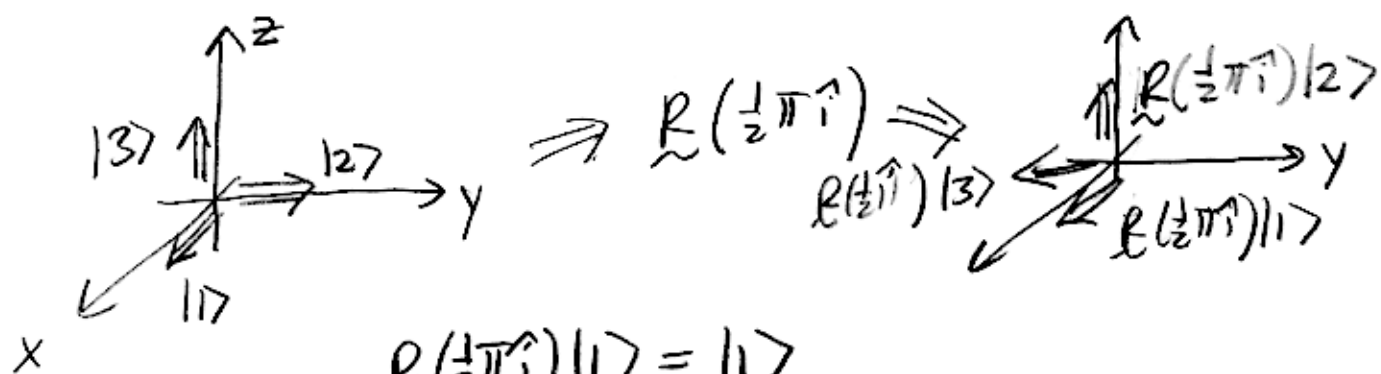
↑  
"image or representation  
of  $\underline{\Omega}$ "

The matrix representation **DEPENDS ON**  
**THE BASIS**.

Which means, the same  $\underline{\Omega}$  can be represented by two different matrices! Given the basis  $|1\rangle, |2\rangle, \dots, |n\rangle$

$$\Omega_{ij} = \langle i|\underline{\Omega}|j\rangle, \neq \langle i'|\underline{\Omega}|j'\rangle \text{ (other basis)}$$

Example:  $R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})$ : use  $x y z$  basis 27



$$R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|1\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|2\rangle = |3\rangle$$

$$R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|3\rangle = -|2\rangle$$

$$\langle 1|R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|1\rangle = \langle 1|1\rangle = 1 \quad \langle 1|R|2\rangle = \langle 1|3\rangle = 0 \quad \langle 1|R|3\rangle = -\langle 1|2\rangle = 0$$

$$\langle 2|R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|1\rangle = \langle 2|1\rangle = 0 \quad \langle 2|R|2\rangle = \langle 2|3\rangle = 0 \quad \langle 2|R|3\rangle = -\langle 2|2\rangle = -1$$

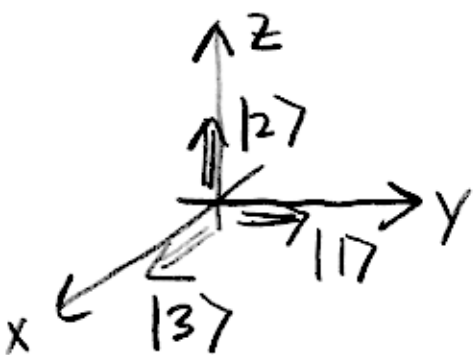
$$\langle 3|R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i})|1\rangle = \langle 3|1\rangle = 0 \quad \langle 3|R|2\rangle = \langle 3|3\rangle = 1 \quad \langle 3|R|3\rangle = -\langle 3|2\rangle = 0$$

$$R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i}) \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

symbol:  
 $\doteq$  same  
 as  $\iff$   
 "is represented by"

But I could have labelled...

in this basis...



$$R(\frac{1}{2}\pi \hat{i}) \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

worse, could have picked a basis not parallel to the  $x, y$  directions!