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The main concepts and results of this chapter are listed below:

- Semilinear maps.
- Sesquilinear forms; Hermitian forms.
- Quadratic form associated with a sesquilinear form.
- Polarization identities.
- Positive and positive definite Hermitian forms; pre-Hilbert spaces, Hermitian spaces.
- Gram matrix associated with a Hermitian product.
- The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the Minkowski inequality.
- Hermitian inner product, Hermitian norm.
- The parallelogram law.
- The musical isomorphisms $\flat \colon \overline{E} \to E^*$ and $\sharp \colon E^* \to \overline{E}$; Theorem 14.6 (E is finite-dimensional).
- The adjoint of a linear map (with respect to a Hermitian inner product).
- Existence of orthonormal bases in a Hermitian space (Proposition 14.11).
- Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization procedure.
- Linear isometries (unitary transformations).
- The unitary group, unitary matrices.
- The unitary group U(n).
- The special unitary group SU(n).
- QR-Decomposition for arbitrary complex matrices.
- The *Hadamard inequality* for complex matrices.
- The *Hadamard inequality* for Hermitian positive semidefinite matrices.
- Orthogonal projections and involutions; orthogonal reflections.
- Dual norms.
- Nuclear norm (also called trace norm).
- Matrix completion.