

Abstract Maths Cheat Sheet

1 Ket-vector Axioms

1. The sum of any two ket-vectors is also a ket-vector:

$$|A\rangle + |B\rangle = |C\rangle \quad (1.1)$$

2. Vector addition is commutative:

$$|A\rangle + |B\rangle = |B\rangle + |A\rangle \quad (1.2)$$

3. Vector addition is associative:

$$(|A\rangle + |B\rangle) + |C\rangle = |A\rangle + (|B\rangle + |C\rangle) \quad (1.3)$$

4. There is a unique vector 0 such that when you add it to any ket, it gives the same ket back:

$$|A\rangle + 0 = |A\rangle \quad (1.4)$$

5. Given any ket $|A\rangle$, there is a unique ket $-|A\rangle$ such that

$$|A\rangle + (-|A\rangle) \quad (1.5)$$

6. Given any $|A\rangle$ and any complex number z , you can multiply them to get a new ket. Also, multiplication by a scalar is linear:

$$|zA\rangle = z|A\rangle = |B\rangle \quad (1.6)$$

7. The distributive property holds:

$$z(|A\rangle + |B\rangle) = z|A\rangle + z|B\rangle \quad (1.7)$$

$$(z + w)|A\rangle = z|A\rangle + w|A\rangle \quad (1.8)$$

4. There is a unique vector 0 such that when you add it to any bra, it gives the same bra back:

$$\langle A| + 0 = \langle A| \quad (2.4)$$

5. Given any bra $\langle A|$, there is a unique bra $-\langle A|$ such that

$$\langle A| + (-\langle A|) \quad (2.5)$$

6. Given any $\langle A|$ and any complex number z , you can multiply them to get a new bra. Also, multiplication by a scalar is linear:

$$\langle zA| = z\langle A| = \langle B| \quad (2.6)$$

7. The distributive property holds:

$$z(\langle A| + \langle B|) = z\langle A| + z\langle B| \quad (2.7)$$

$$(z + w)\langle A| = z\langle A| + w\langle A| \quad (2.8)$$

2 Bra-vector Axioms

1. The sum of any two bra-vectors is also a bra-vector:

$$\langle A| + \langle B| = \langle C| \quad (2.1)$$

2. Vector addition is commutative:

$$\langle A| + \langle B| = \langle B| + \langle A| \quad (2.2)$$

3. Vector addition is associative:

$$(\langle A| + \langle B|) + \langle C| = \langle A| + (\langle B| + \langle C|) \quad (2.3)$$