

Standard inequalities:  $|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|$  (1) (Schwartz inequality)

$(f \in \mathcal{H}; g \in \mathcal{H})$   $\|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$  (2) (Triangular inequality)

$$\|f+g\|^2 \leq 2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2 \quad (3)$$

$$|\|f\| - \|g\|| \leq \|f-g\| \quad (4)$$

Proof:

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}: 0 \leq \|f + \alpha g\|^2 = \langle f + \alpha g, f + \alpha g \rangle = \langle f + \alpha g, f \rangle + \alpha \langle f + \alpha g, g \rangle = \|f\|^2 + \bar{\alpha} \langle f, g \rangle + \alpha \langle f, g \rangle + |\alpha|^2 \|g\|^2 \quad (**)$$

+ If  $g = \mathbf{0}$  then it is obvious that  $|\langle f, g \rangle| = 0 = \|f\| \|g\|$

+ If  $g \neq \mathbf{0}$  then by taking  $\alpha = -\frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|g\|^2}$ , one gets  $0 \leq \|f + \alpha g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \frac{\langle f, g \rangle \langle g, f \rangle}{\|g\|^2} - \frac{\overline{\langle f, g \rangle} \langle f, g \rangle}{\|g\|^2} + \frac{|\langle f, g \rangle|^2}{\|g\|^4} \|g\|^2$

$$\text{Moreover, } \langle f, g \rangle \langle g, f \rangle = \overline{\langle f, g \rangle} \langle f, g \rangle = |\langle f, g \rangle|^2 = \overline{|\langle f, g \rangle|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \|f\|^2 - \frac{|\langle f, g \rangle|^2}{\|g\|^2} \Rightarrow |\langle f, g \rangle|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 \Rightarrow |\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}: |\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\| \quad (1)$$

Taking  $\alpha = 1$  in (\*) yields

$$\|f+g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 + \langle g, f \rangle + \langle f, g \rangle + \|g\|^2 \quad (**)$$

$$\leq \|f\|^2 + |\langle g, f \rangle| + |\langle f, g \rangle| + \|g\|^2$$

$$\leq \|f\|^2 + 2\|f\| \|g\| + \|g\|^2 \quad (\text{using (1)})$$

$$= (\|f\| + \|g\|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\| \quad (2)$$

Taking  $\alpha = -1$  in (\*) yields:  $0 \leq \|f-g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \langle g, f \rangle - \langle f, g \rangle + \|g\|^2 \Rightarrow \langle g, f \rangle + \langle f, g \rangle \leq \|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2$

$$\Rightarrow \|f+g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 + (\langle g, f \rangle + \langle f, g \rangle) + \|g\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 + (\|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2) + \|g\|^2$$

(due to (\*\*))

$$\Rightarrow \|f+g\|^2 \leq 2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2 \quad (3)$$

If  $\|f\| \geq \|g\|$  then  $|\|f\| - \|g\|| = \|f\| - \|g\| = \|(f-g) + g\| - \|g\| \leq (\|f-g\| + \|g\|) - \|g\| = \|f-g\|$

If  $\|f\| < \|g\|$  then  $|\|f\| - \|g\|| = \|g\| - \|f\| \leq \|g-f\| = \|f-g\|$

due to (2)

$$\Rightarrow \forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}: |\|f\| - \|g\|| \leq \|f-g\| \quad (4)$$