# Quantum Information, Machine Learning and Knot Theory 

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# Part 1: Quantum Information 

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- The Hilbert space is finite dimensional for compact groups. (For $S U(2)$, the basis is labelled by spins $j=0, \frac{1}{2}, \cdots \frac{k}{2}$.)


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