

## **DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS Fall 2025 MATH Colloquium Series**

## Linear Algebra and Quantum Mechanics

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How do we use linear algebra to express Schrödinger's equation? Everyone is welcome as I will start from the beginning.

HEAT EQUATION	SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION		WAVE EQUATION
$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$	$i\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} =$	$-\frac{\hbar}{2m}\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$	$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$

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