

# Operator Systems: Quotients, Duals and Tensors with Applications to Connes' Embedding Conjecture

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Today, I want to introduce you to some constructions in the operator system category and convince you of their utility.



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