QUANTUM GROUPS,
FROM A FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT. It is well-known that any compact Lie group appears as closed subgroup of a unitary group, \( G \subseteq U_N \). The unitary group \( U_N \) has a free analogue \( U_N^+ \), and the study of the closed quantum subgroups \( G \subseteq U_N^+ \) is a problem of general interest. We review here the basic tools for dealing with such quantum groups, with all the needed preliminaries included, and we discuss as well a number of more advanced topics.

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