

Exercise: Calculate the Pauli vectors for these Pauli spinors (and check that they make sense)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi^1 \\ \xi^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\xi^2 & \xi^1 \\ z & x - yi \\ x + yi & -z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^1 &= \sqrt{x - yi} \\ \xi^2 &= -i\sqrt{x + yi} \end{aligned}$$

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These spinors have the opposite sign compared to the ones on the left, and so the z -component has a reversed sign.