

Assignment #3 For Monday 9/10

1) Consider the following state vectors:

$$|\psi_1\rangle = 2|+\rangle + 3|-\rangle \quad ; \quad |\psi_2\rangle = -3i|+\rangle + 2|-\rangle \quad ; \quad |\psi_3\rangle = |+\rangle + e^{i\pi/4}|-\rangle$$

- a) Calculate the inner-product of $\langle\psi_2|$ with $|\psi_1\rangle$
 - b) Normalize each state vector
 - c) For each normalized state vector, use Postulate 4 to calculate the probability that the spin-component is up or down along the z-axis. Use bra-ket notation for the entire calculation.
 - d) Answer the following question with a sentence or two. Would you expect to find the same probabilities if you measured the spin components along the x- and y-axes? Why or why not?
- 2) Show that a change in the overall phase of a quantum state vector does not change the probability of obtaining a particular result in a measurement. To do this, consider how the probability is affected by changing the state $|\psi\rangle$ to the state $e^{i\alpha}|\psi\rangle$

Assignment #4 For Wednesday 9/12

- 1), Complete the following problems at the end of
Chapter 1: 1.6, 1.10, 1.11