

# PHYS 234: Quantum Physics 1 (Winter 2026)

## Quiz 2

Let  $|\pm\rangle$  denote the  $S_z$  eigenstates for a spin-1/2 particles. Given the vector

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + e^{i\varphi} |-\rangle), \quad \theta, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}$$

which of the following statements is true? Justify your answer.

1.  $|\psi\rangle$  is not a physically-valid state, since it is not normalized.
2. For arbitrary  $\varphi$ ,  $|\psi\rangle$  is an eigenstate of the  $S_x$  operator.
3. The probabilities of measuring different values of  $S_x$  is independent of  $\varphi$ .
4. The probabilities of measuring different values of  $S_x$  is independent of  $\theta$ .

*Hint:* Recall that the  $S_x$  eigenstates are  $|\pm\rangle_x = (|+\rangle \pm |-\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ .