

Conventions for “states”

- Can't exactly specify the states, but have “conventional” choices (details in text):
- (WRITE THESE ON THE BOARD!!)

$$|+\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|+\rangle + |-\rangle]$$

$$|+\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|+\rangle + i|-\rangle]$$

$$|-\rangle_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|+\rangle - |-\rangle]$$

$$|-\rangle_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|+\rangle - i|-\rangle]$$

- Row 1: write $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$ in terms of $|+\rangle_y$ and $|-\rangle_y$
- Row 2: show that the $|+\rangle_y$ and $|-\rangle_y$ states are orthonormal
- Row 3: write $|+\rangle_x$ in terms of $|+\rangle_y$ and $|-\rangle_y$