Quantum Physics, Preparation for Tuesday, Feb. 13

Study Q7 from Six Ideas

We are in the heart of quantum mechanics of two-state systems.

Presentations

(1) Ren and Hexi, Q7D.3, p. 118, wherein complex superpositions are forced upon us!

(2) Rebecca and Emma, Q7R.3, p. 119, a cascade of three Stern-Gerlach apparatuses (see also Q7M.3, p. 118 as a warmup)!

(3) Miles and Trey, Sections Q8.4 and Q8.5, pp. 128-131, Schrödinger's cat and the multiverse interpretation of quantum mechanics!

For Problem Set 8

The following 5 problems are all on p. 117.

Basic and Intermediate Problems

1. Q7B.1, p. 117, normalizing c_+ and c_- 2. Q7B.4, p. 117, although (a) is easy, note that in (b) Moore has asked for the probability of finding $S_x = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar$, and this is not at all the same as finding the probability that $S_z = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar$

Challenging Multi-Part Problems

3. Q7B.5, two Stern-Gerlach apparatuses

4. Q7B.8, three Stern-Gerlach apparatuses

5. Q7M.2, three Stern-Gerlach apparatuses, builds on Q7B.8, and prepares you for Rebecca and Emma's presentation