

PHYS2581 Foundations2A: QM2 examples class9

- (a) ψ_1
- (b) b_1 with probability $9/25$, b_2 with probability $16/25$
- (c) invert to get $\phi_1 = (3\psi_1 + 4\psi_2)/5$ and $\phi_2 = (4\psi_1 - 3\psi_2)/5$.
if measured b_1 (with prob $9/25$) then state is ϕ_1 so prob a_1 is $9/25$ so prob this way is $(9/25)^2$
if measured b_2 (with prob $16/25$) then state is ϕ_2 so prob a_1 is $16/25$ so prob this way is $(16/25)^2$
so total prob is sum of the two probabilities $(9/25)^2 + (16/25)^2$
- (d) 1 because we haven't disturbed the wavefunction since the measurement of A gave a_1
- (e) its the measurement that collapses the wavefunction! not your knowledge!! so its still $(9/25)^2 + (16/25)^2$