

Carry out Problem 4.30 in three parts, as follows:

(a) Calculate the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{S}_r \equiv \hat{r} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{S}}$ , where  $\hat{r}$  is given by Eq. [4.154], and  $\vec{\mathbf{S}} \equiv \mathbf{S}_x \hat{i} + \mathbf{S}_y \hat{j} + \mathbf{S}_z \hat{k}$ , using the Pauli spin matrices in Eq. [4.148].

(b) Show that the two spinors  $\chi_{\pm}^{(r)}$  in Eq. [4.155] are normalized, that they are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}_r$ , and determine their corresponding eigenvalues.

(c) The “direction”  $\hat{n}$  of a normalized Pauli spinor  $\chi$  can be defined as  $\hat{n} \equiv \langle \chi | \vec{\mathbf{S}} | \chi \rangle / (\hbar/2)$ . Calculate the directions of  $\chi_+^{(r)}$  and  $\chi_-^{(r)}$ . How do these directions compare to  $\hat{r}$  of Eq. [4.154]?