

Group Theory in Quantum Mechanics

Lecture 1 (1.17.17)

Introduction to quantum amplitudes and analyzers

(Quantum Theory for Computer Age - Ch. 1 of Unit 1)

(Principles of Symmetry, Dynamics, and Spectroscopy - Sec. 1-2 of Ch. 1)

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Portal pages to the two primary texts: *(Note throughout the course many of the underlined statements are linkable to the WWW)*

Principles of Symmetry, Dynamics, and Spectroscopy - URL is "<http://www.uark.edu/ua/modphys/markup/PSDSWeb.html>"

Quantum Theory for the Computer Age - URL is "<http://www.uark.edu/ua/modphys/markup/QTCAWeb.html>"



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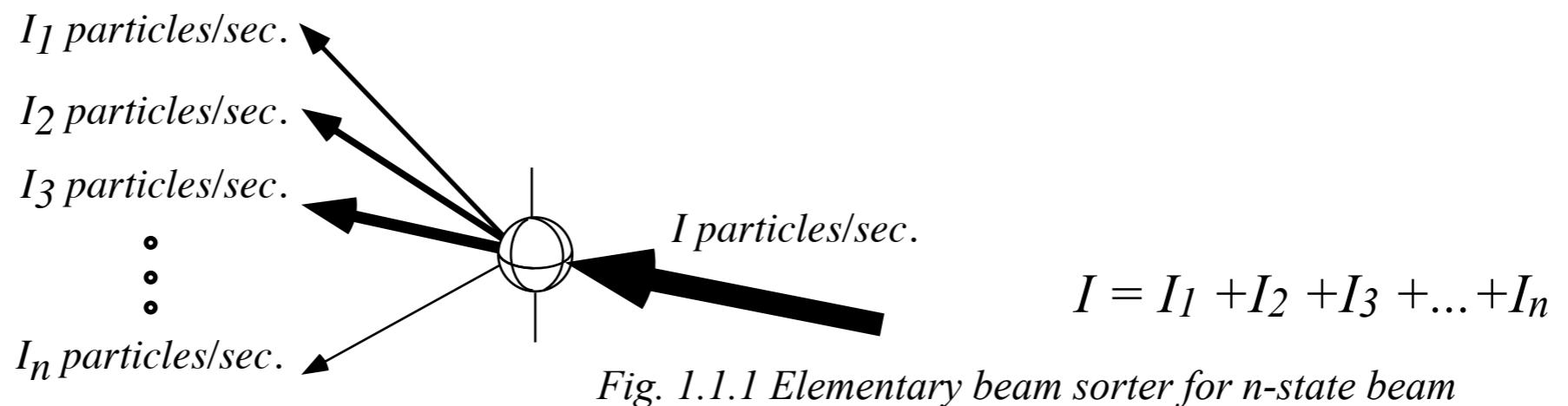


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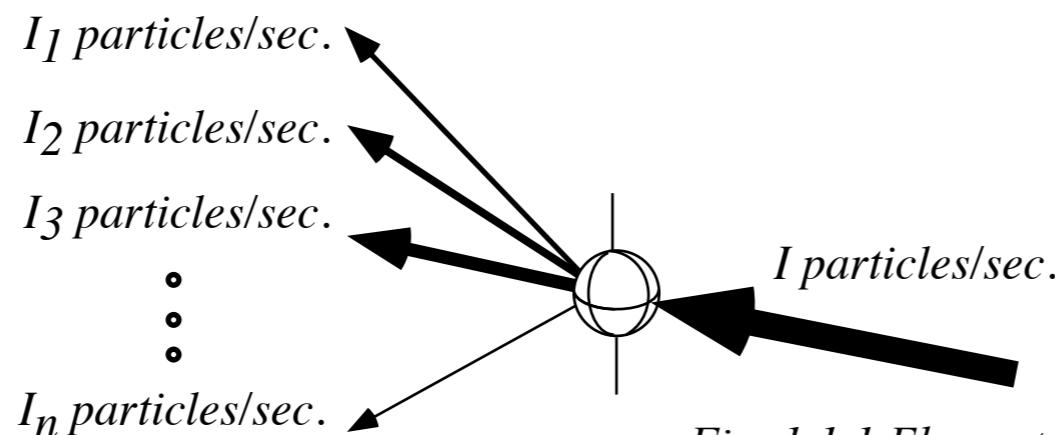


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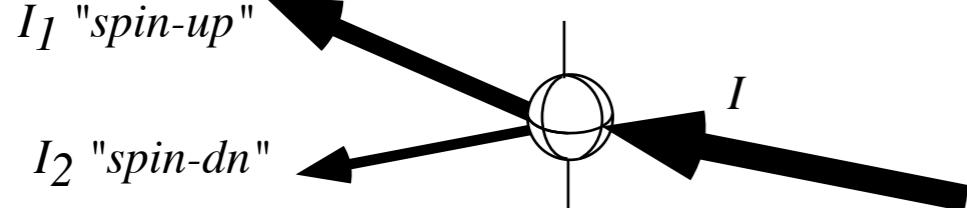
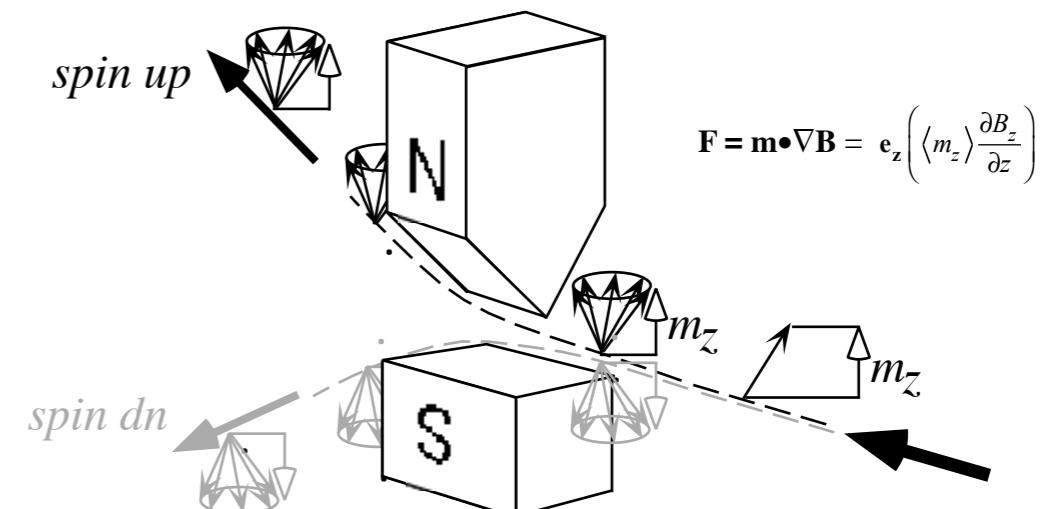


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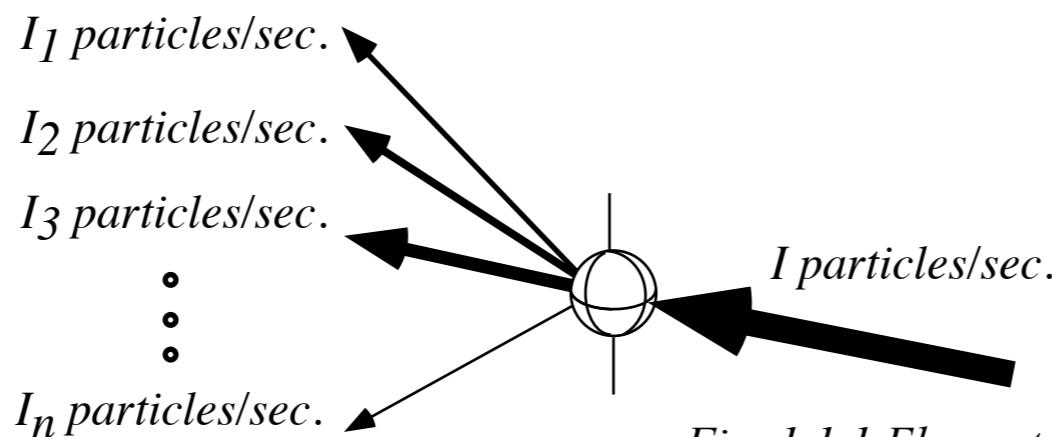


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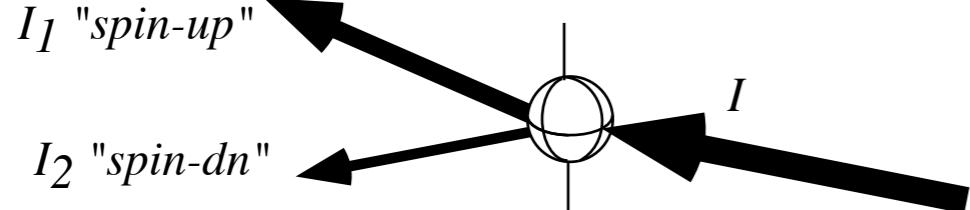


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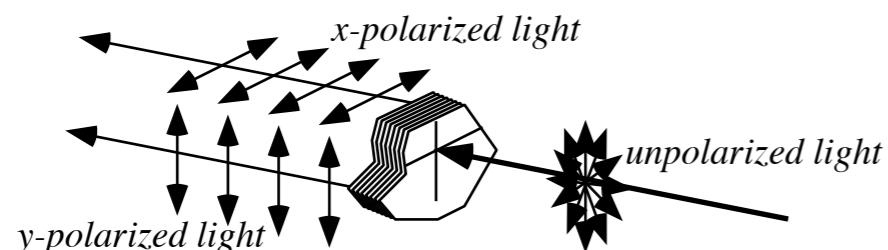


Fig. 1.1.3 Primitive photon beam sorter for 2-state polarization

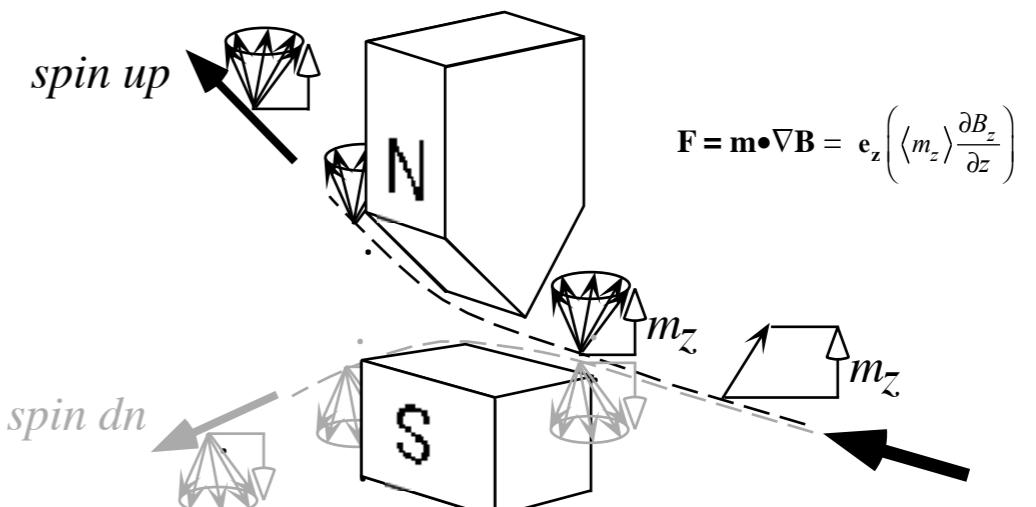


Fig. 1.1.6 Sketch of electron beam sorting by non-uniform B -field:
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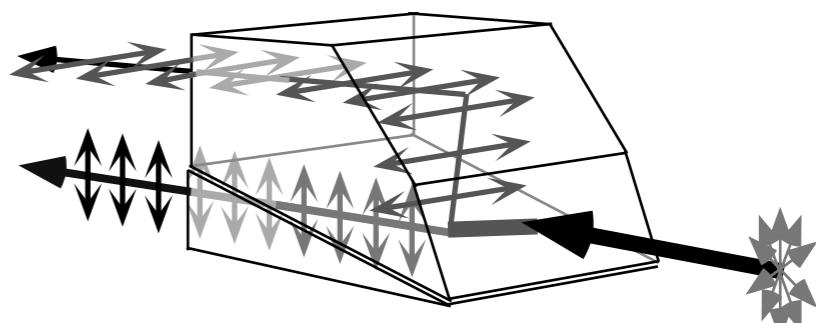


Fig. 1.1.5 Sketch of modern optical polarization sorter:
(The Brewster prism)

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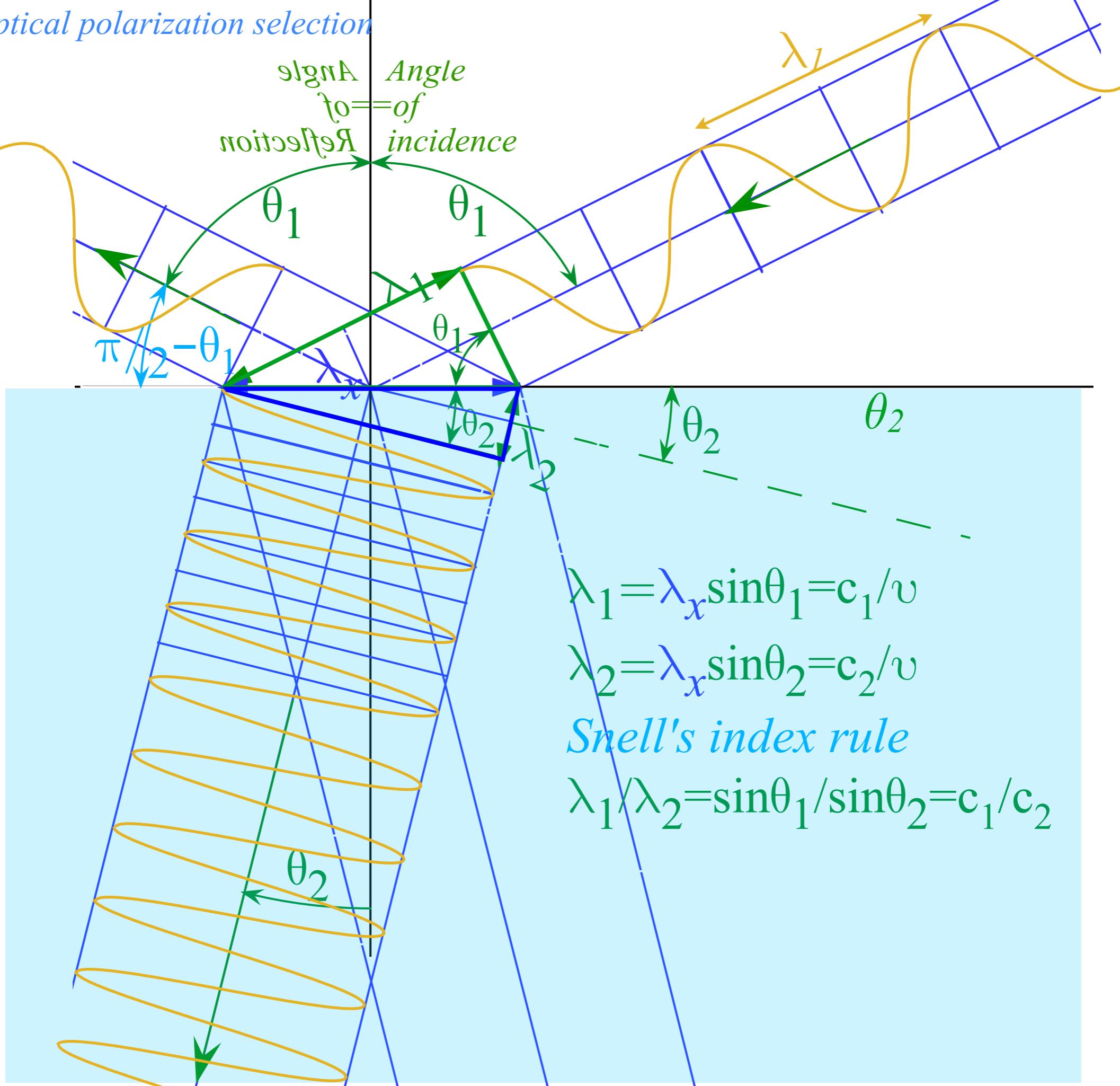
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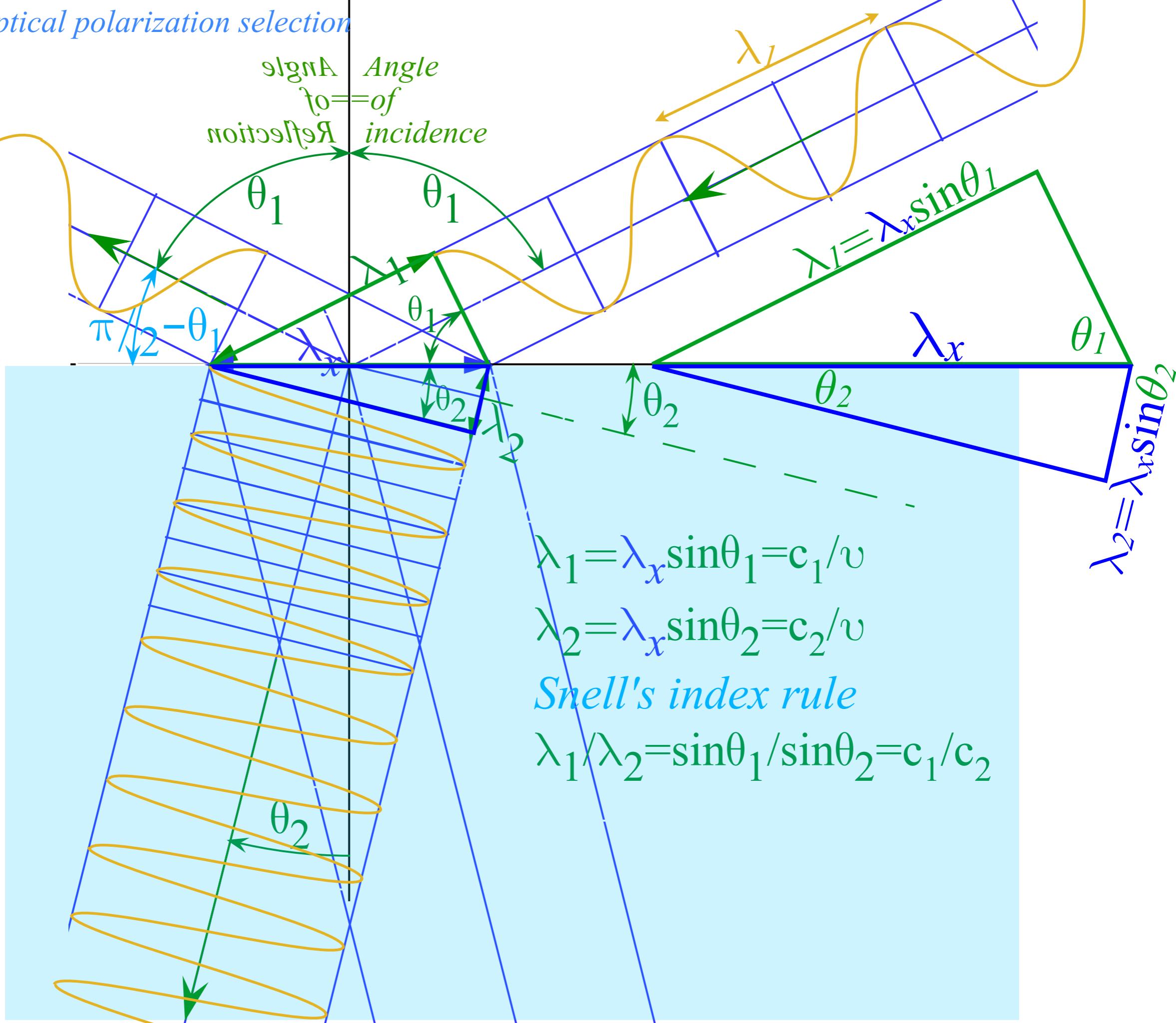
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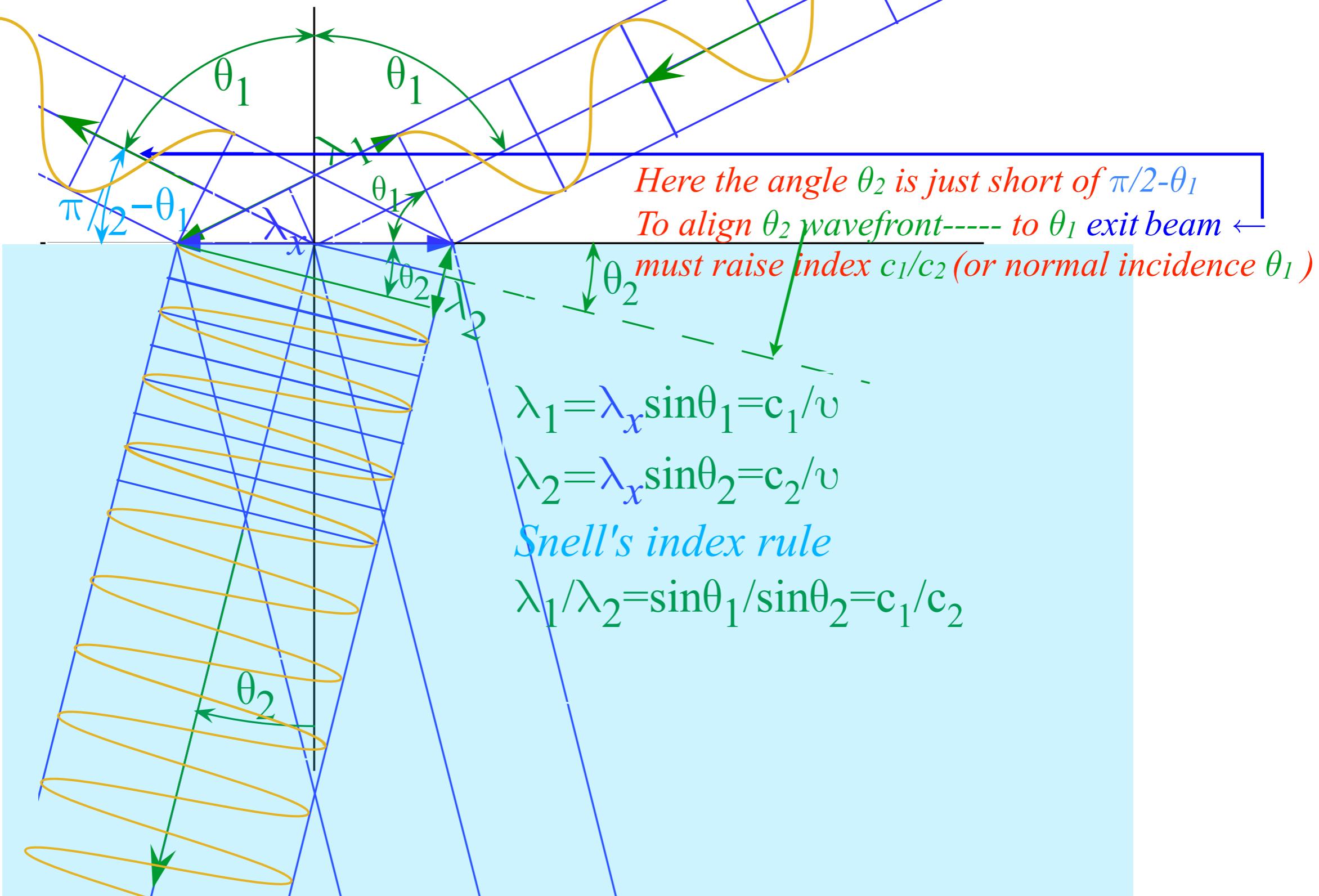


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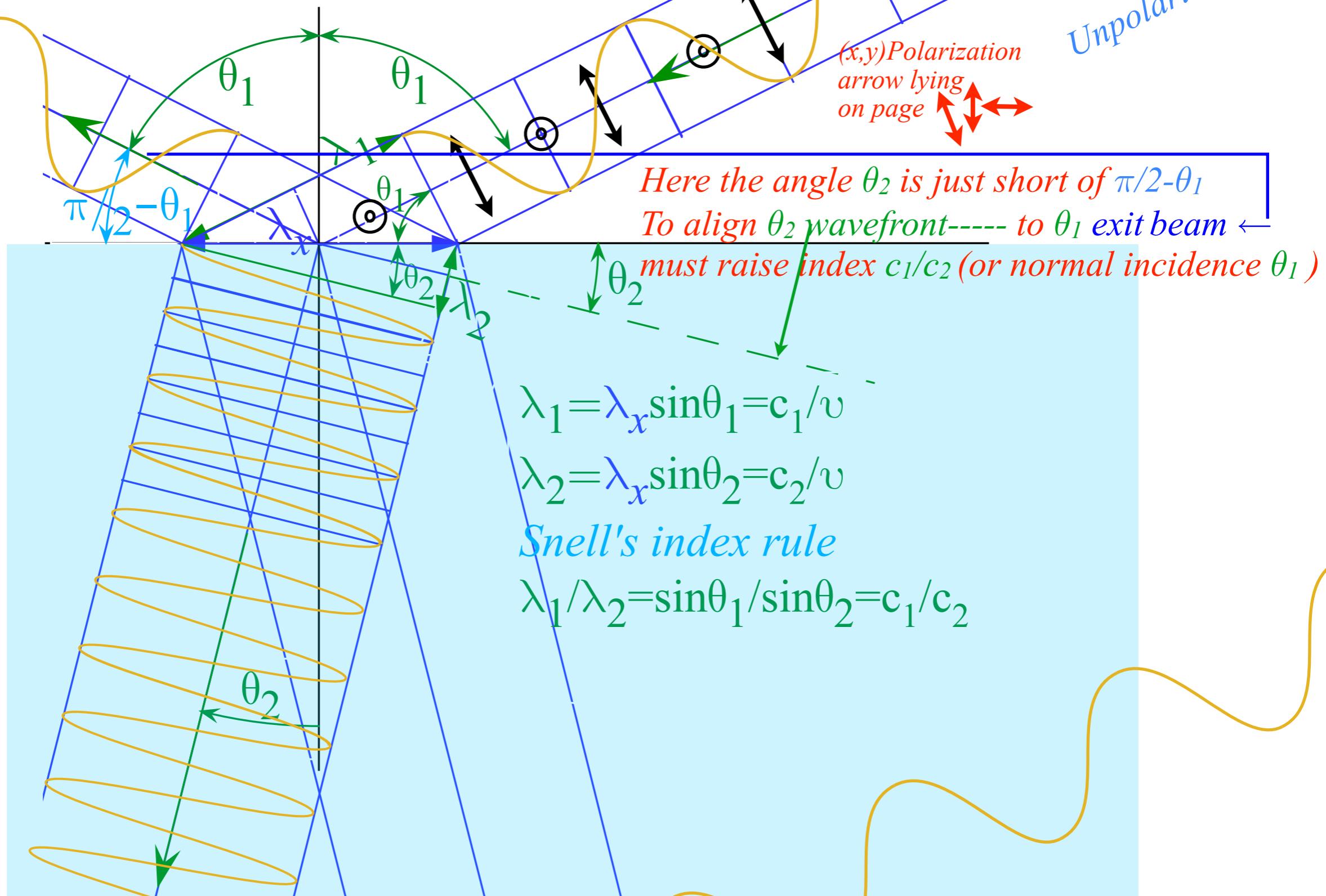


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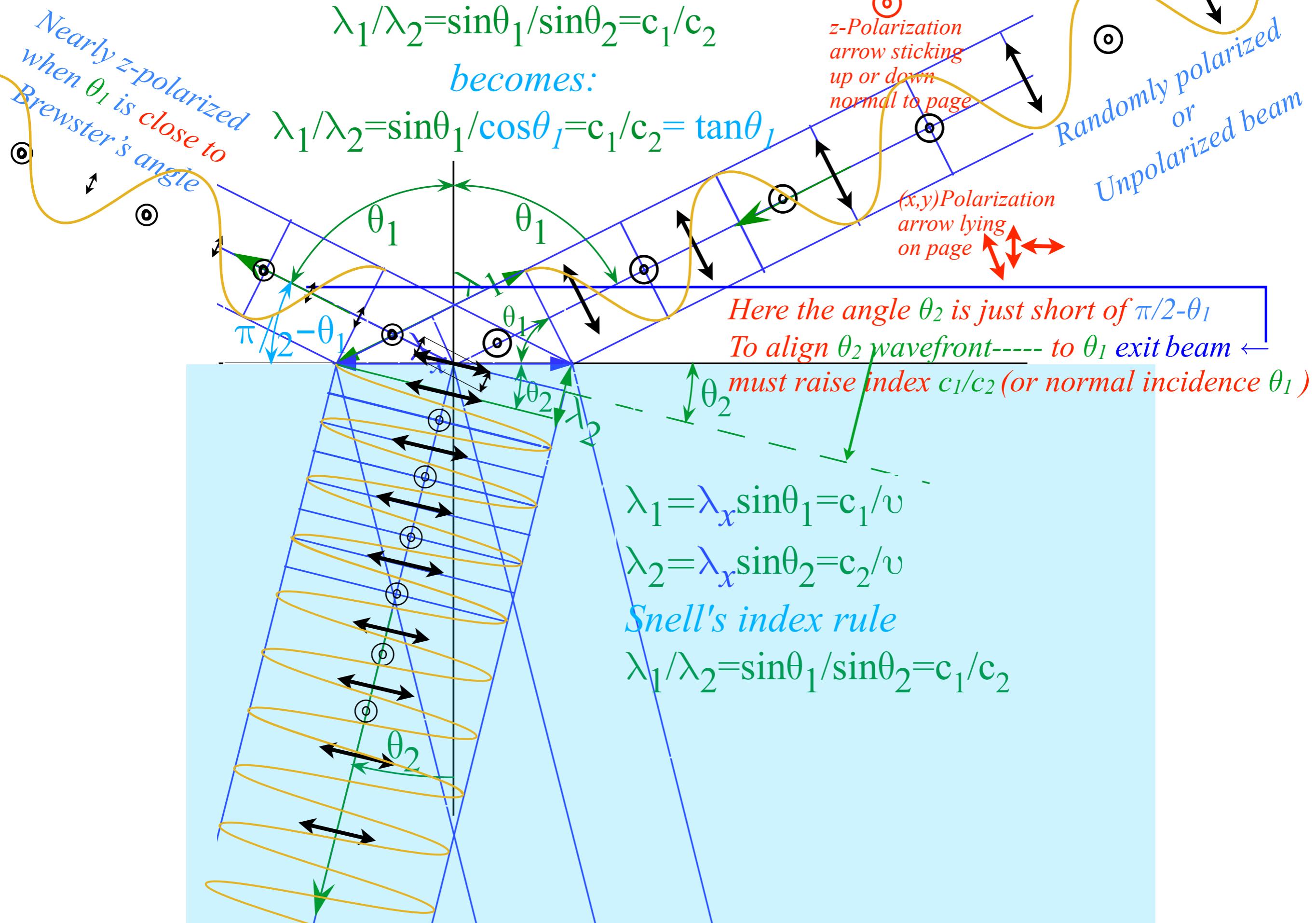


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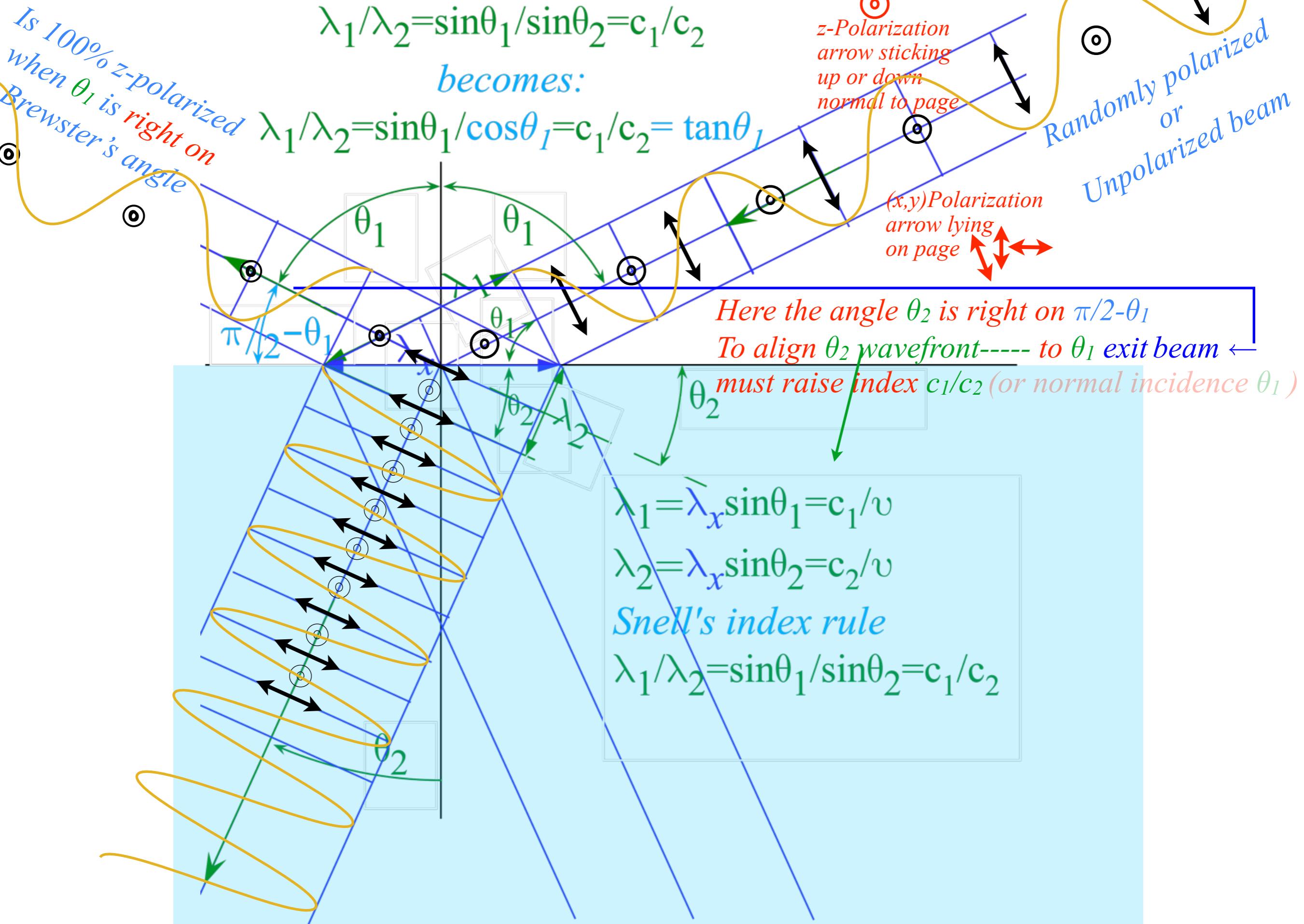


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(c) Visualizing Radiation Coupling Using Feynman's Lever The detailed solutions of Newton's and Maxwell's equations for coupled particles and em fields are complicated. However, for small numbers of particles there is a graphical construction given in the Feynman Lectures (Section II-21) which is very instructive. It provides a way to tell exactly what the fields will be around an arbitrarily moving charge.

Imagine that you are holding a charge and moving it back and forth. Let the charge be attached to a ring which can slide on a long lever arm as shown in Figure 6.5.6(a). Let the lever have a unit vector ($-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$) or pointer pointing in the opposite direction of the lever \mathbf{r} on the other side of its swivel point (0) at origin. Feynman has shown that the \mathbf{E} field at origin at time t depends on the position of the pointer $\hat{\mathbf{e}}'$, and lever \mathbf{r}' at a slightly earlier time ($t' = t - r/c$). The time delay is just the time it would take a signal traveling at c to propagate from r at t' to origin at t . The \mathbf{E} field is given by

$$\mathbf{E}(0, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_r}{(r')^2} + \frac{r'}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{-\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_r}{(r')^2} \right] + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} [-\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_r] \right\}$$

$$= \text{Coulomb term} + \text{induction term} + \text{radiation term}. \quad (6.5.25a)$$

The first term is just the usual Coulomb field. The second term gives rise to a magnetic induction field,

$$\mathbf{B}(0, t) = (\hat{\mathbf{e}}'_r \times \mathbf{E})/c, \quad (6.5.25b)$$

at origin if the charge has velocity transverse to \mathbf{r} . Finally, the third radiation term contributes to $\mathbf{E}(0, t)$ and $\mathbf{B}(0, t)$ in (6.5.25) if the charge has acceleration transverse to \mathbf{r} . It is interesting to note that in some ways this term is the reverse of Newton's law. For Newton's law one is given a field \mathbf{E} or

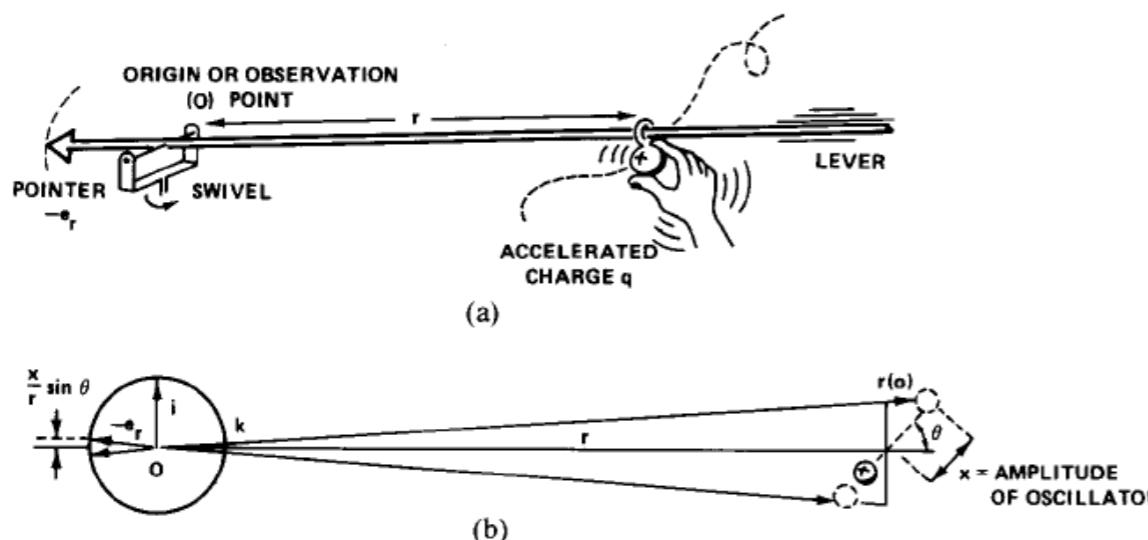


Figure 6.5.6 Feynman's lever. This construction provides a convenient way to visualize the field due to an accelerated or moving charge.

Feynman's Lectures now free online

<http://www.feynmanlectures.caltech.edu/>

See Volume II Chapter 21 for the lever

Feynman's lever as described in PSDS:

[http://www.uark.edu/ua/modphys/pdfs/PSDS_Pdfs/PSDS_Ch.6_\(4.20.10\).pdf#page=517](http://www.uark.edu/ua/modphys/pdfs/PSDS_Pdfs/PSDS_Ch.6_(4.20.10).pdf#page=517)

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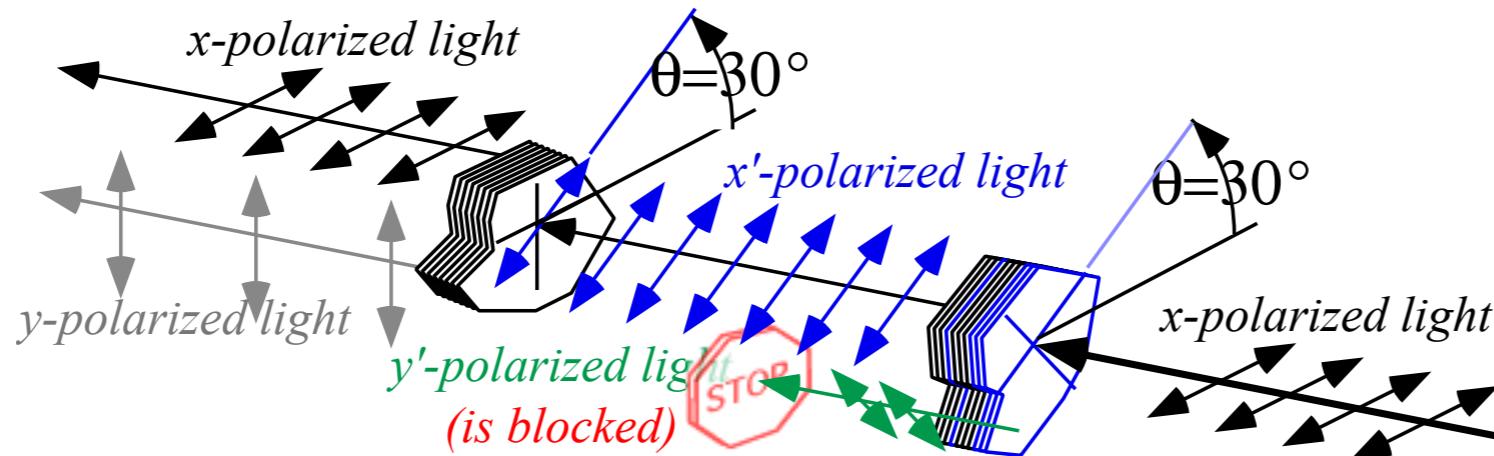


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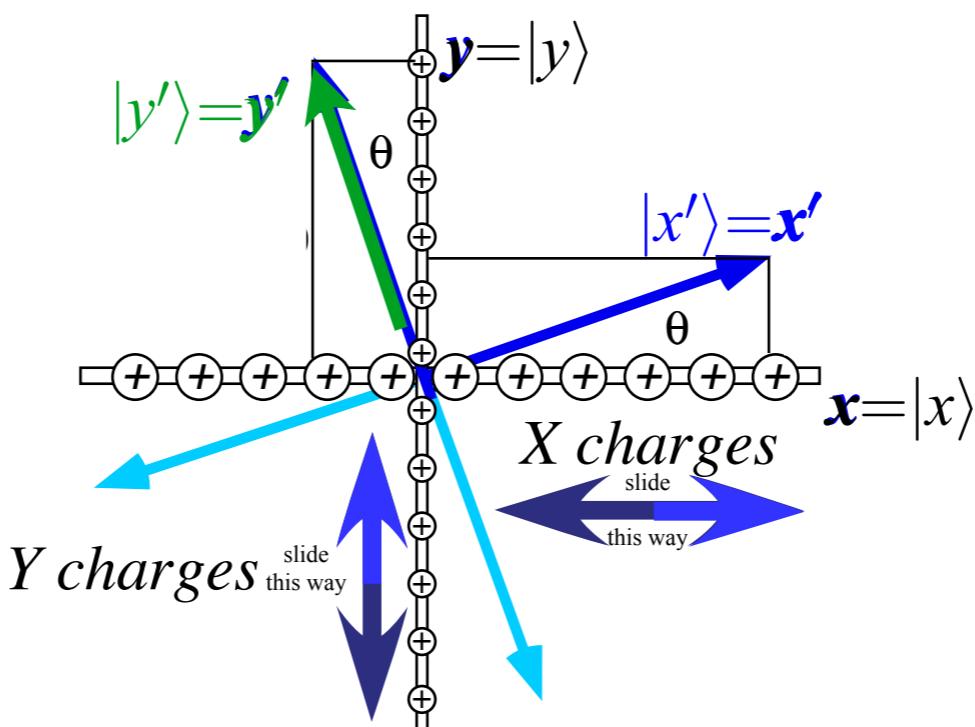


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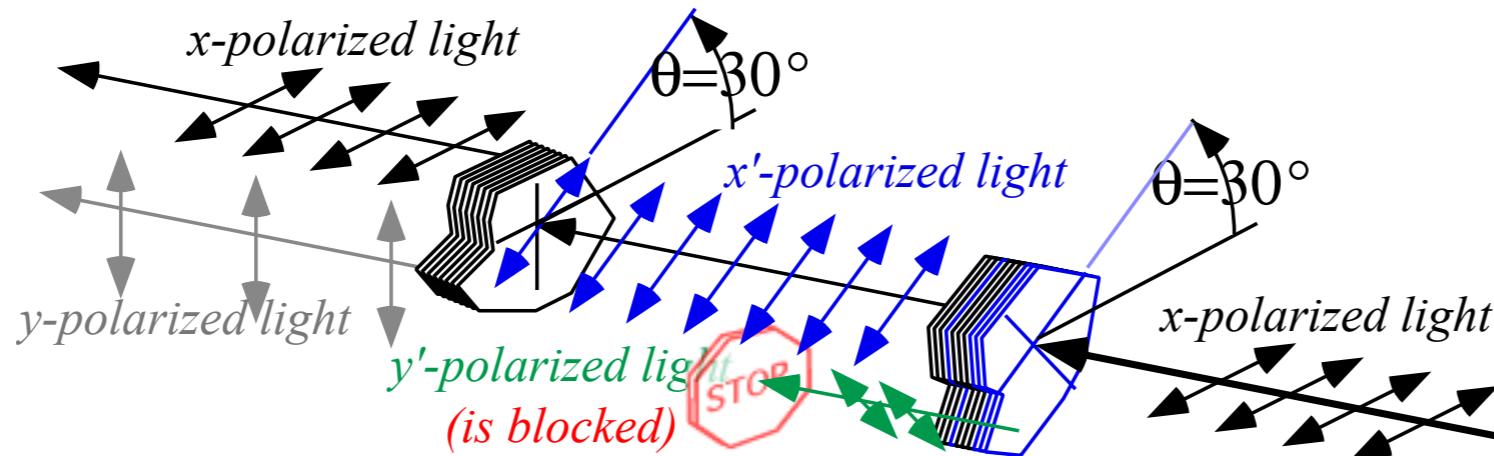


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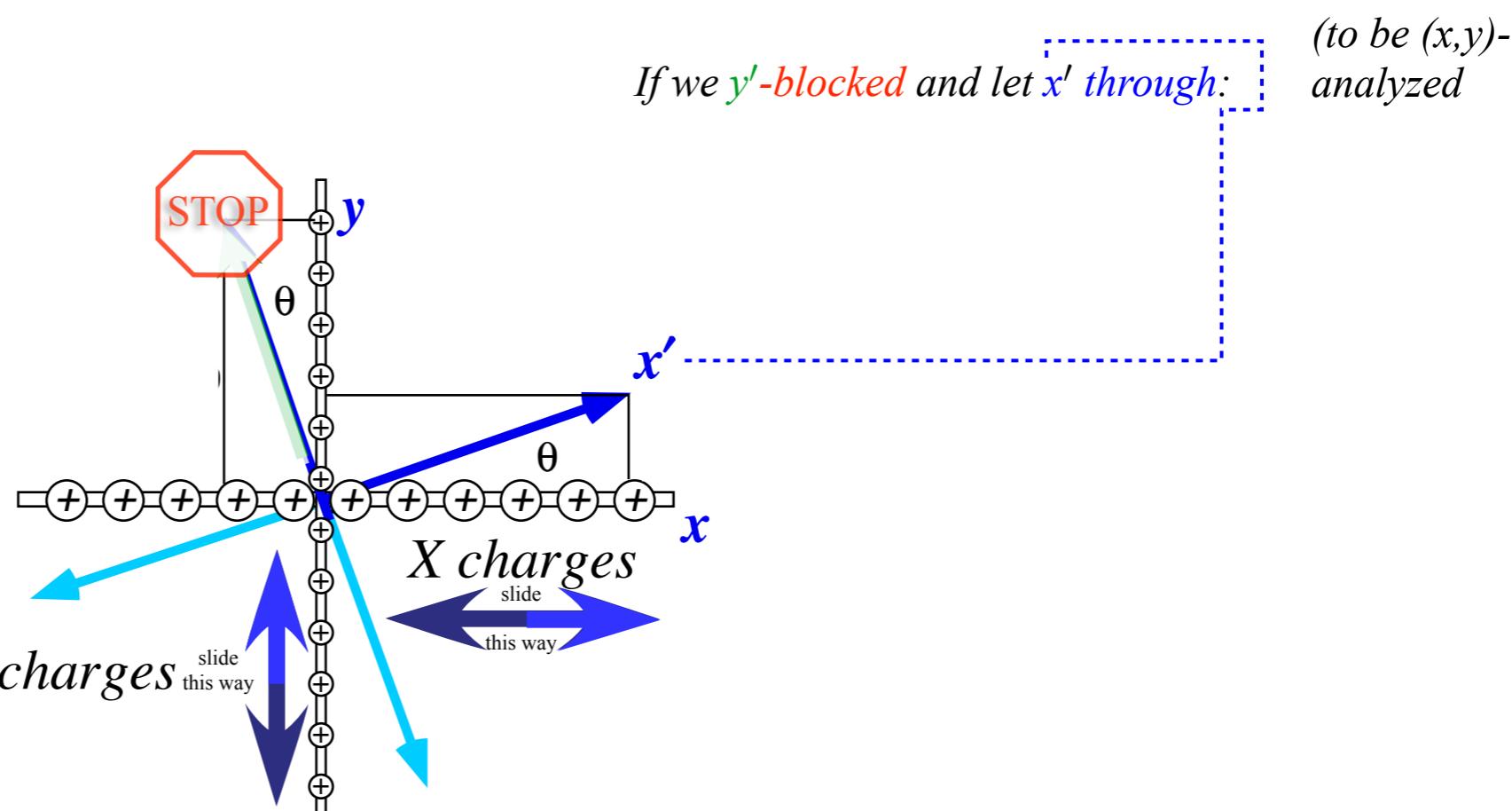


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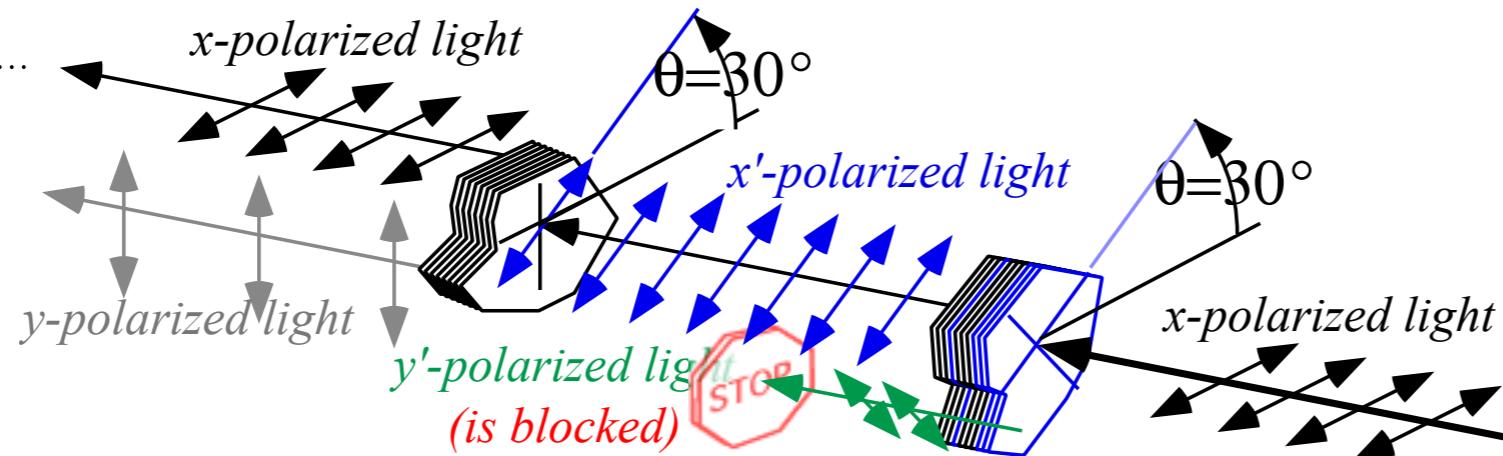


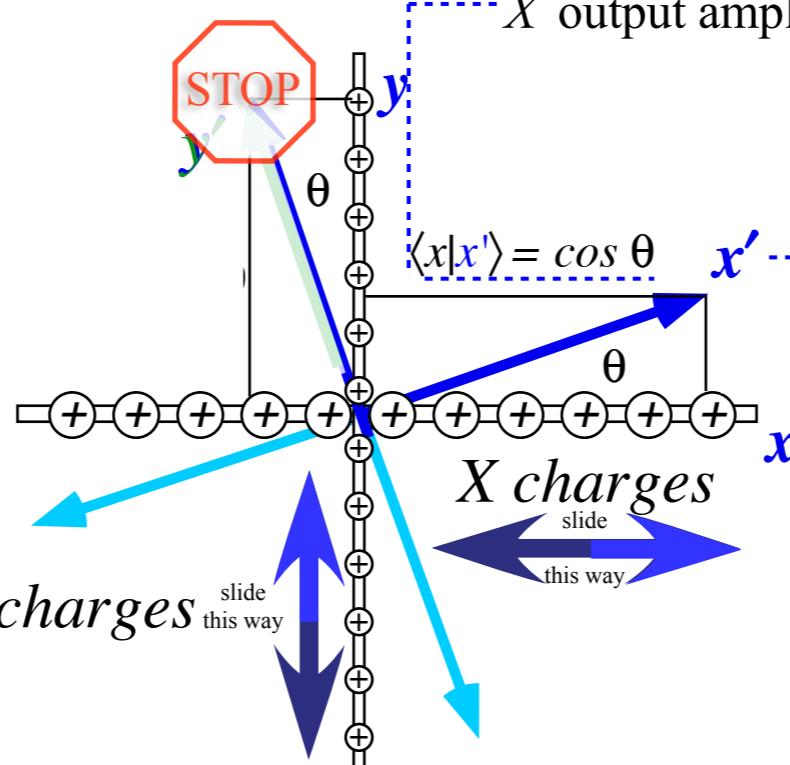
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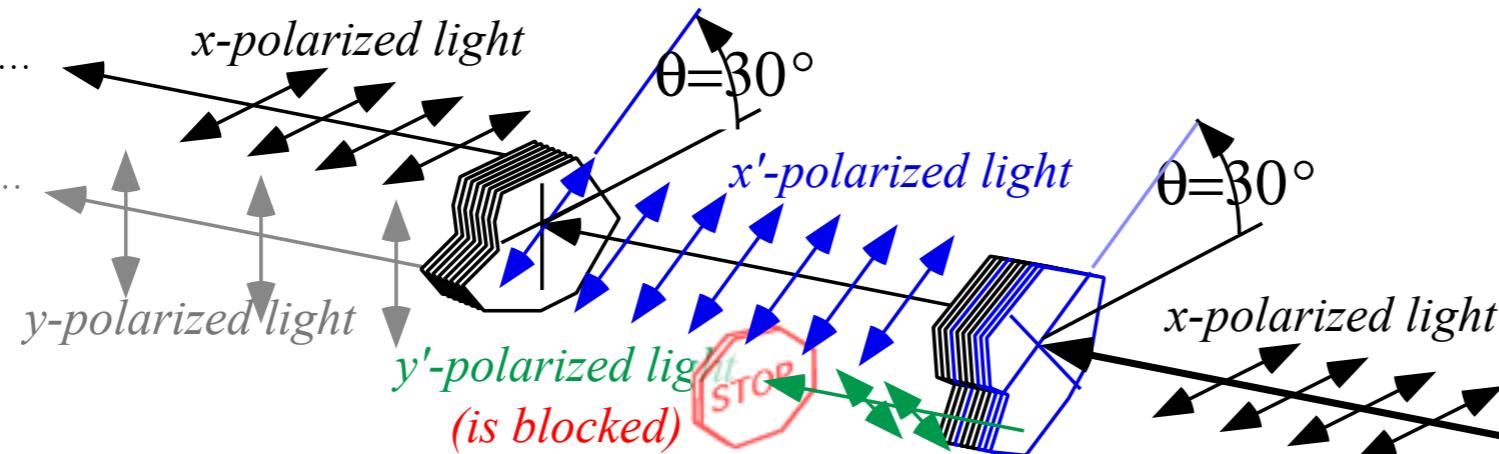
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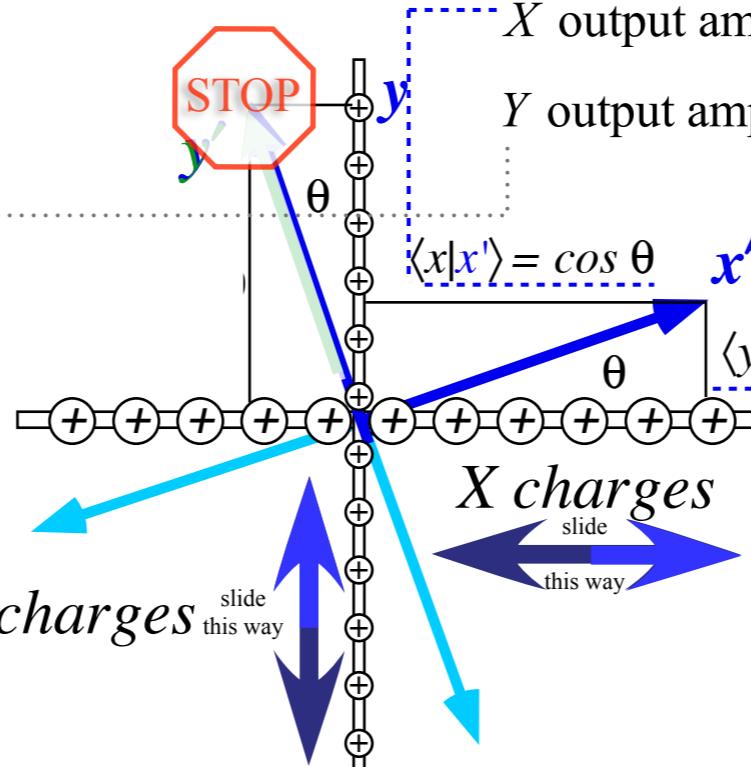
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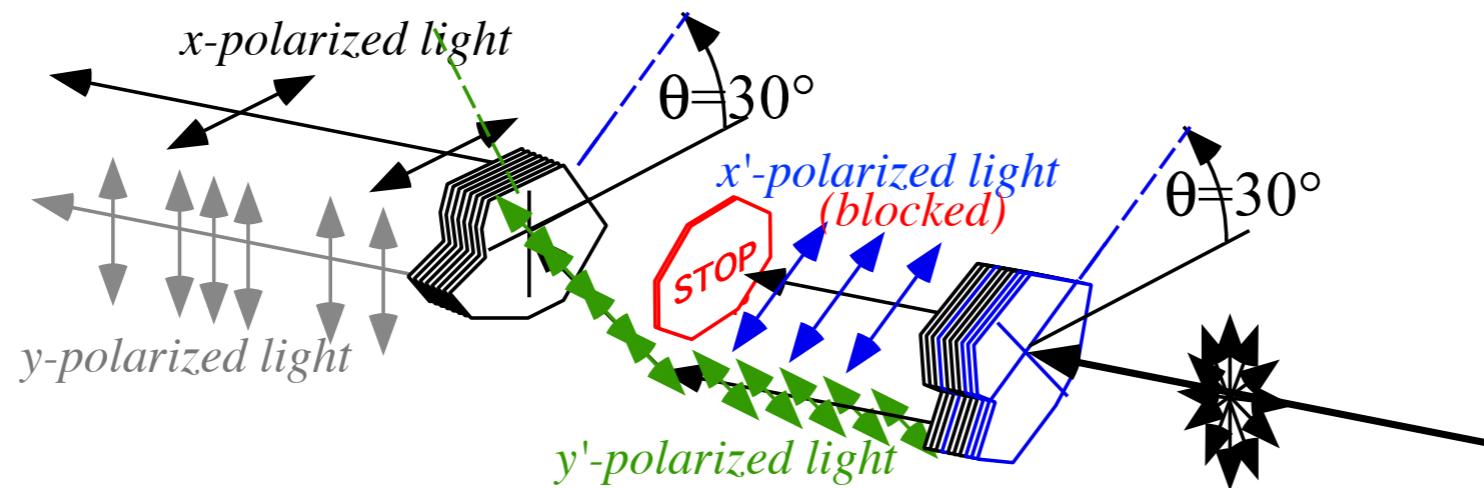
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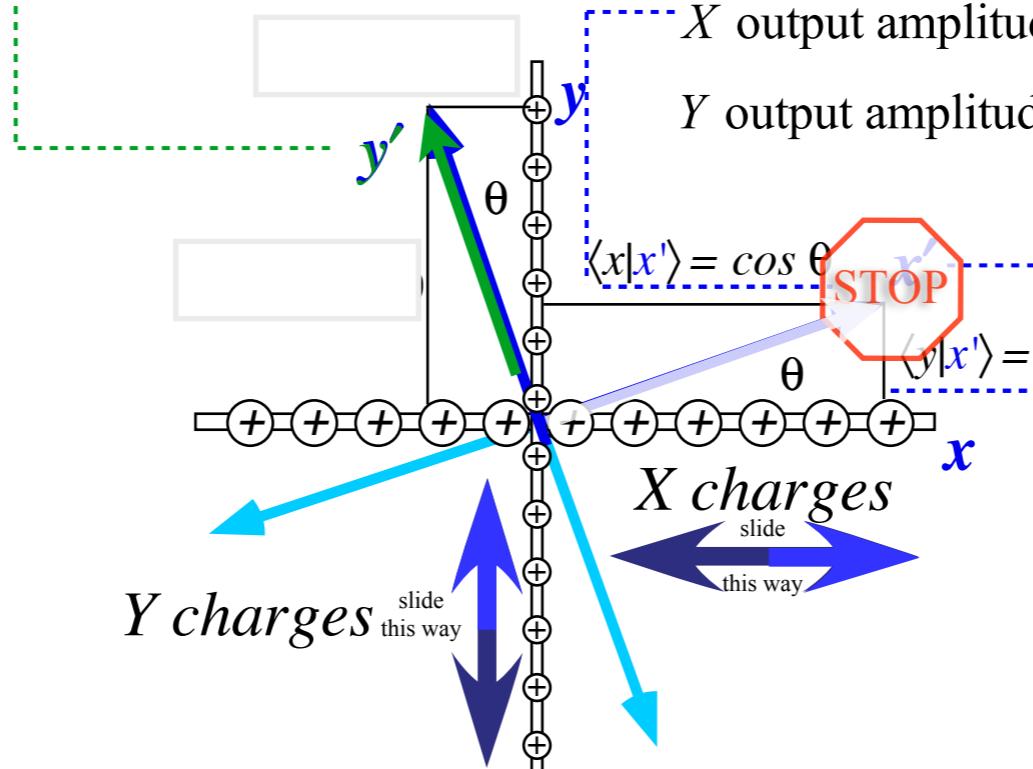
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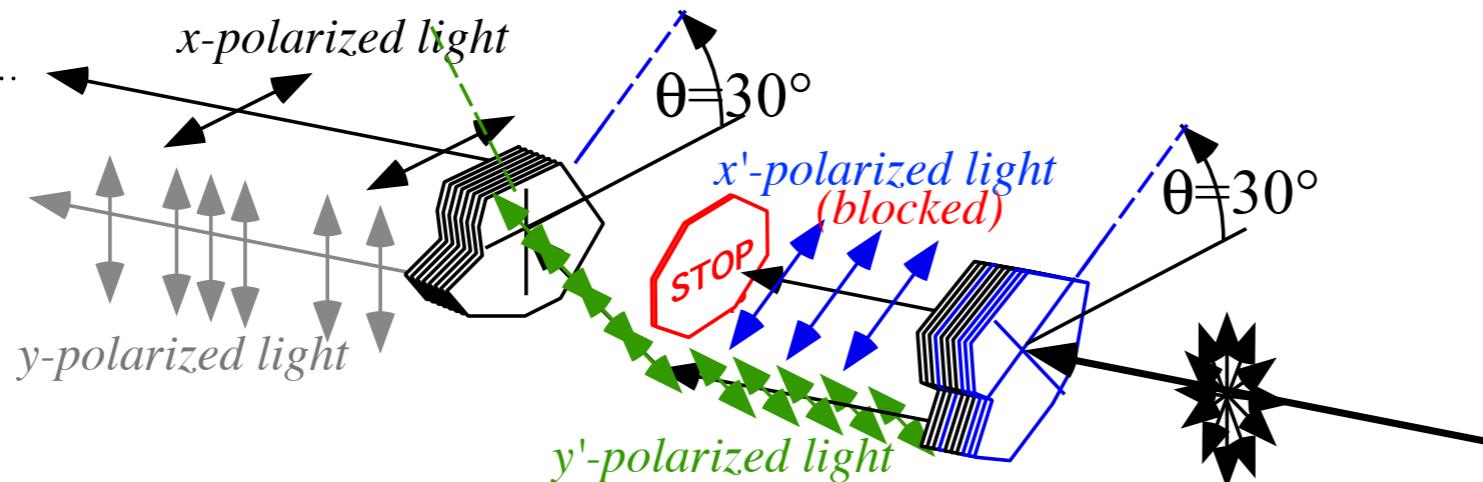


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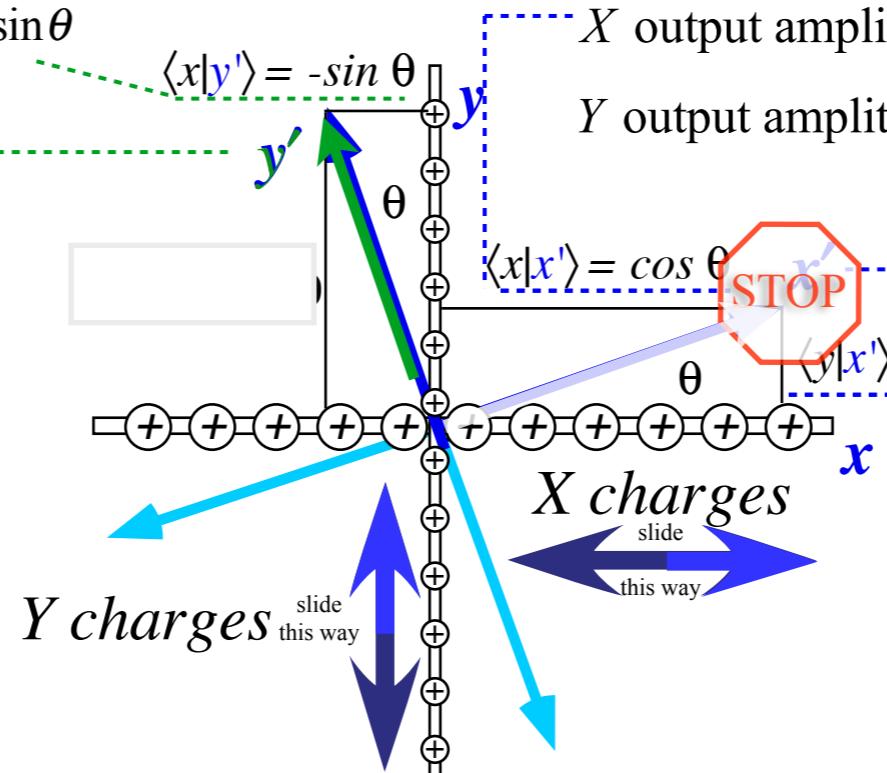
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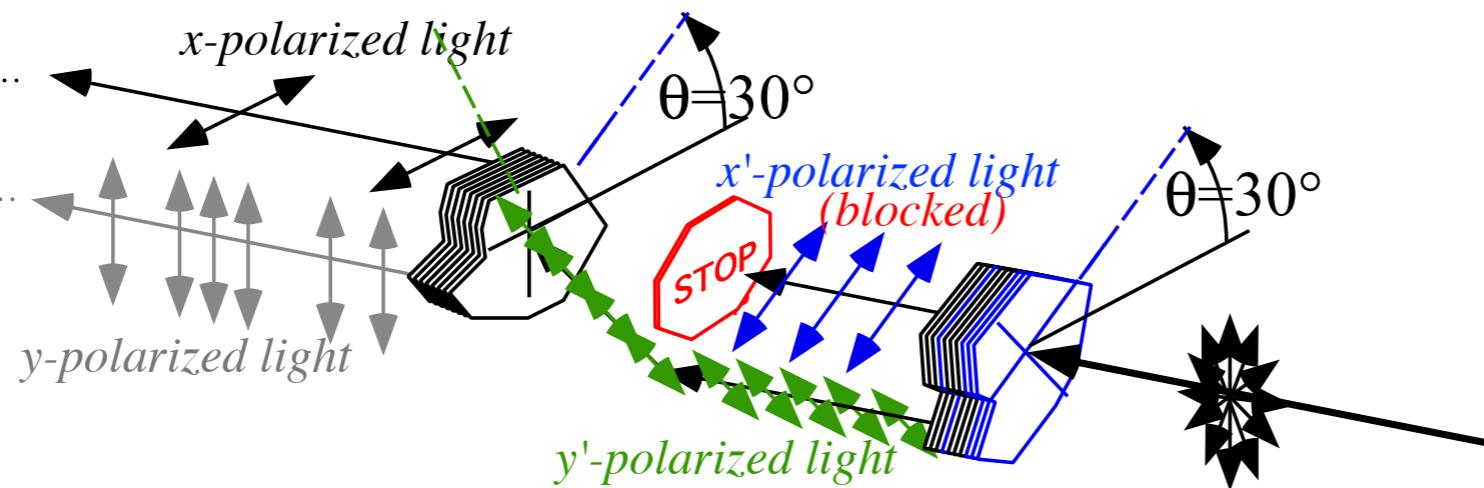


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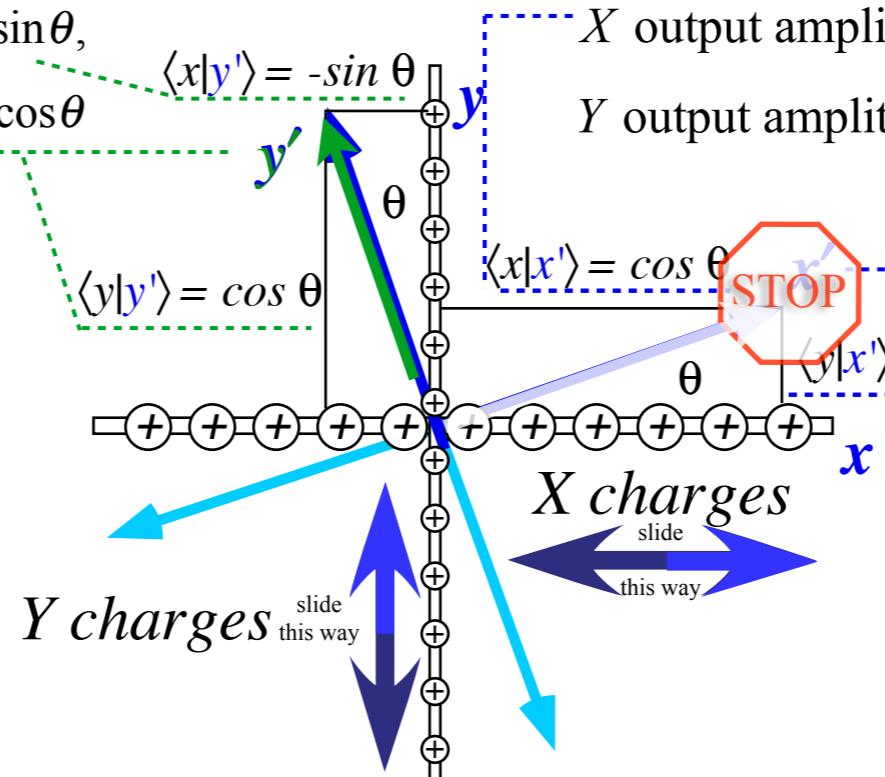
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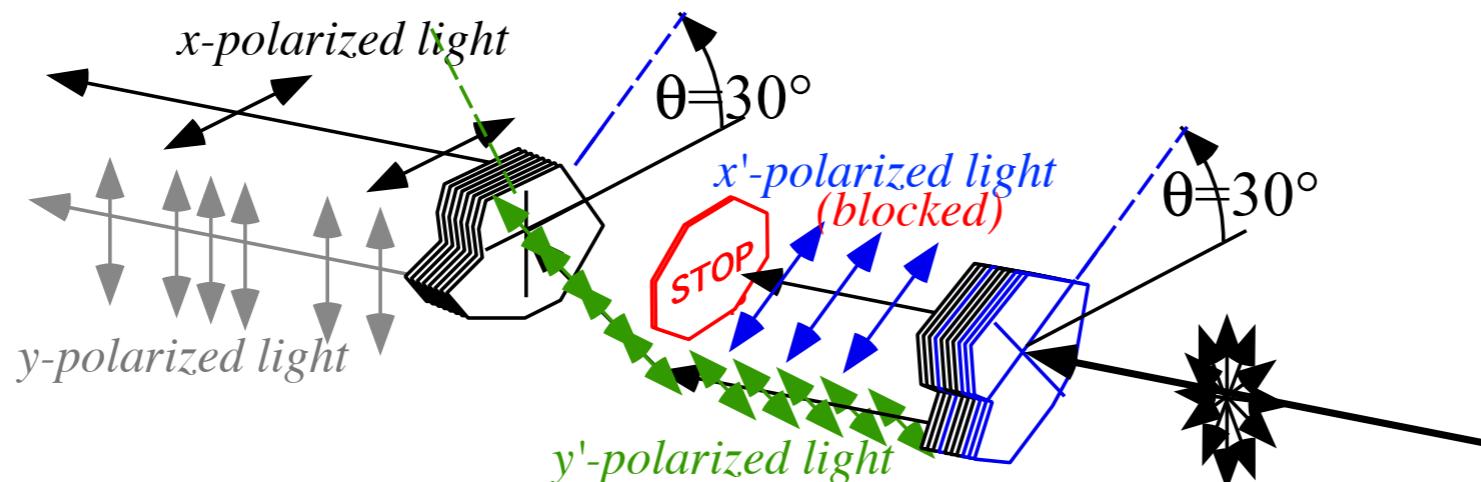


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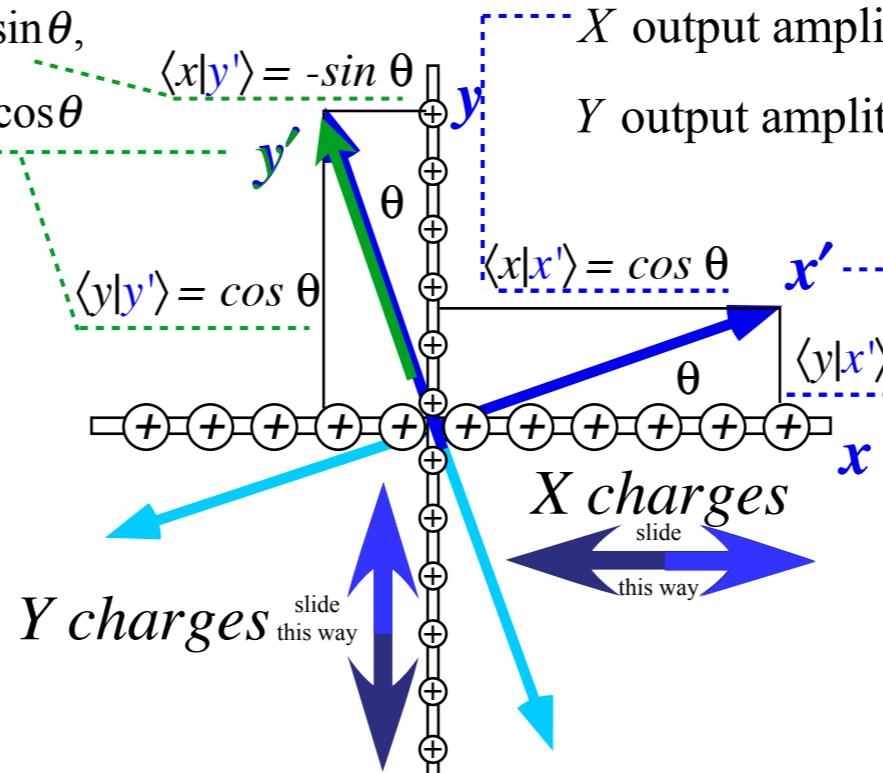
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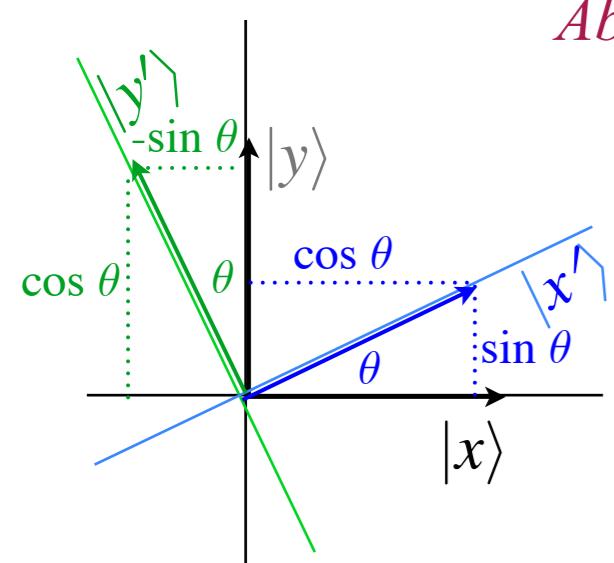
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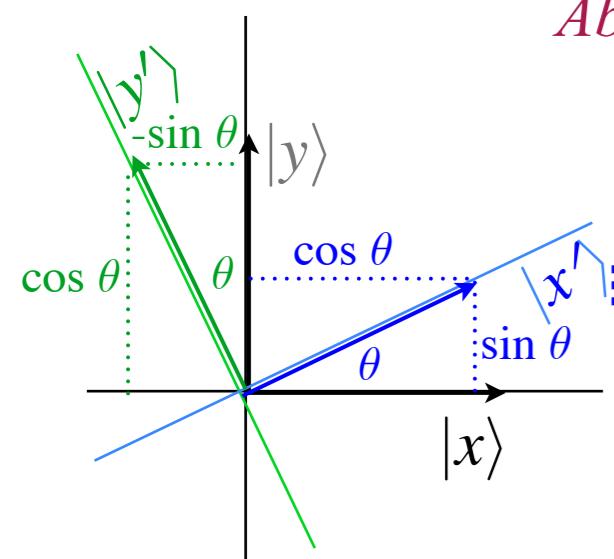
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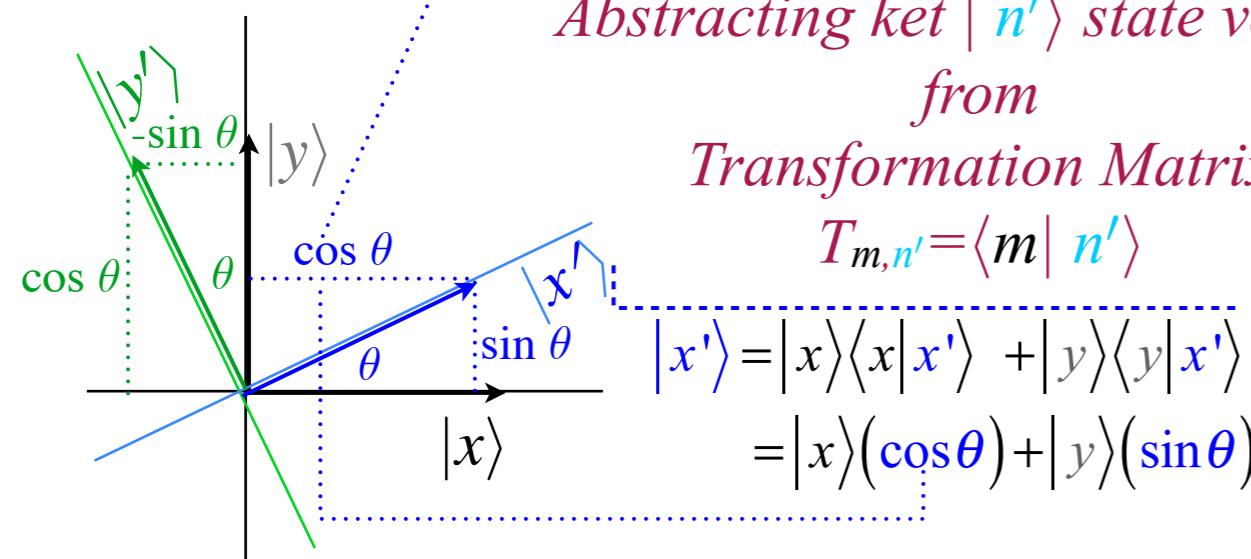
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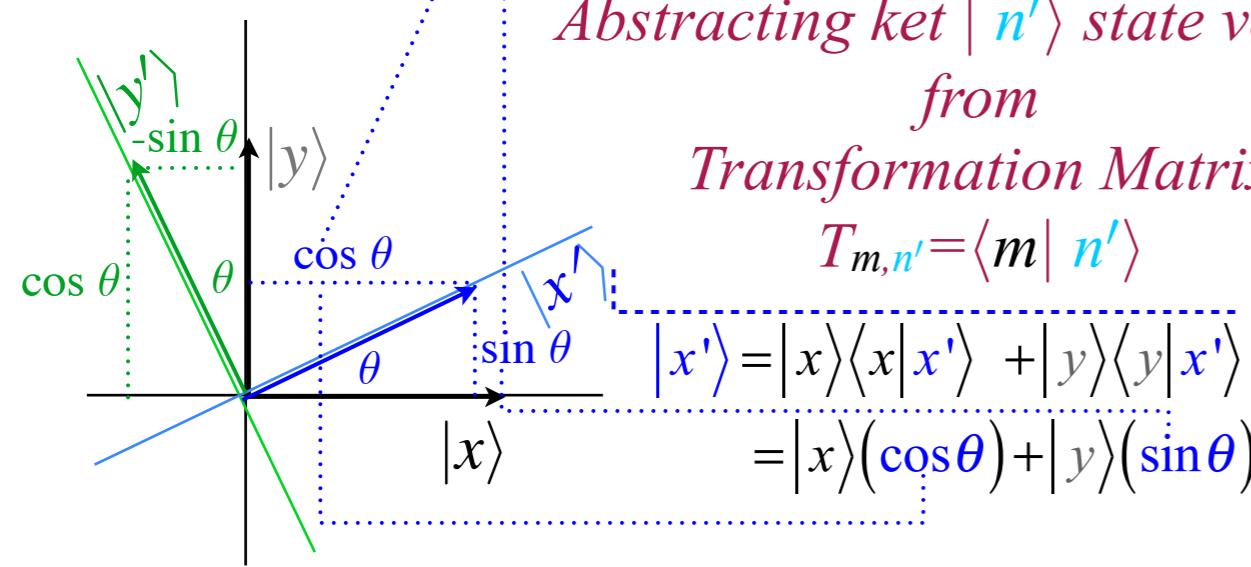
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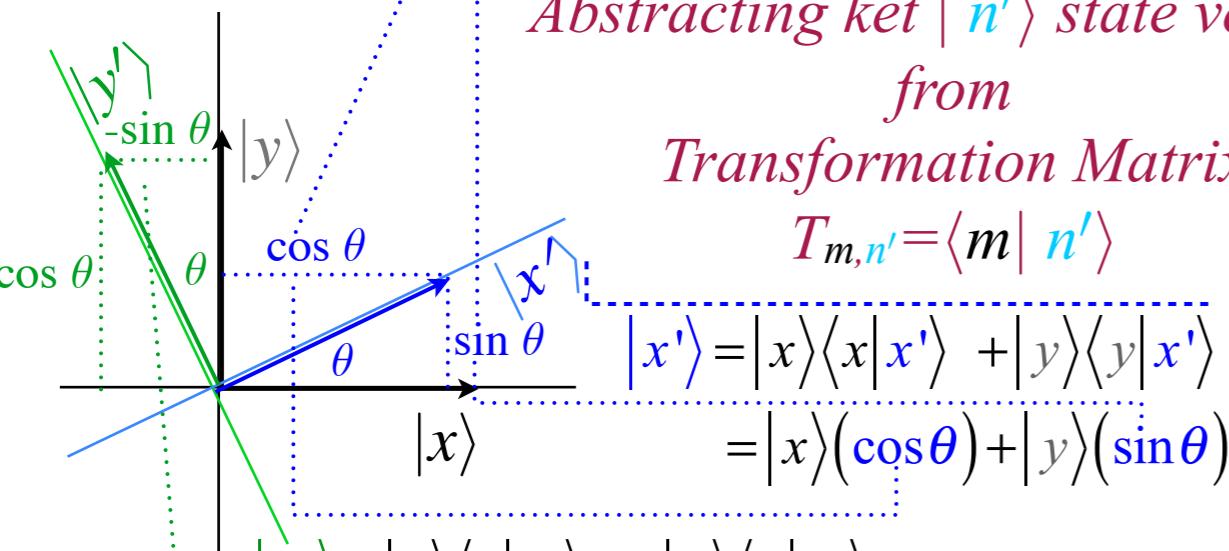
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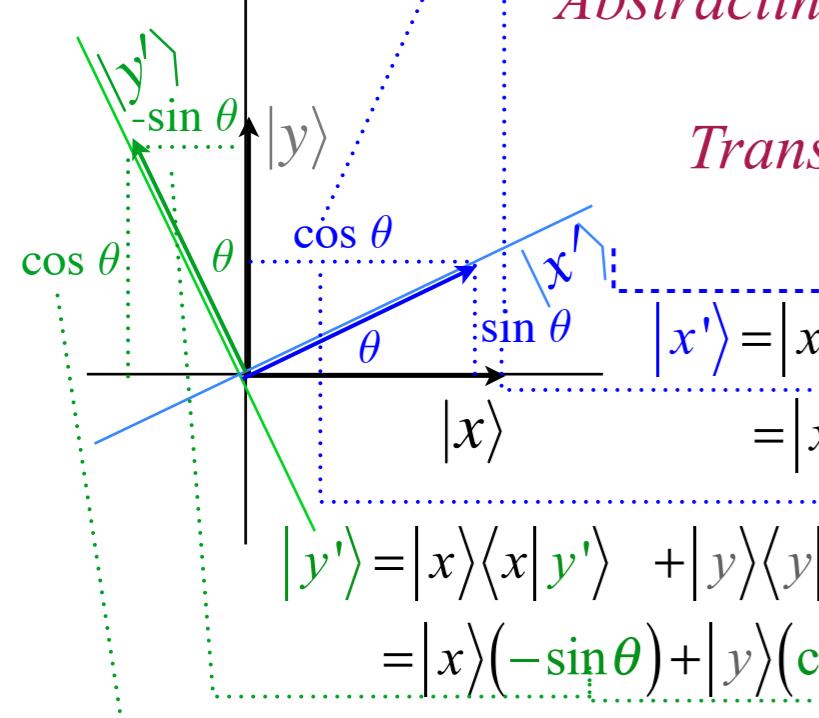
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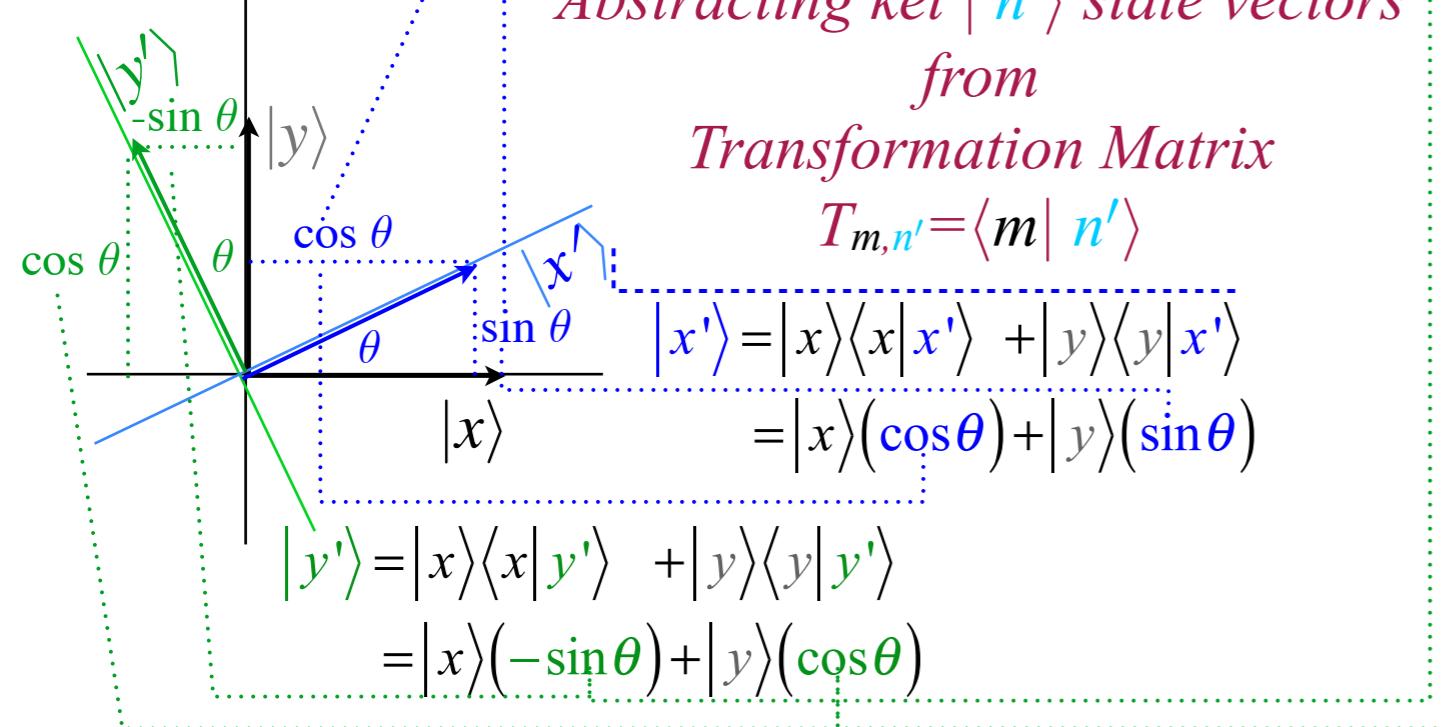
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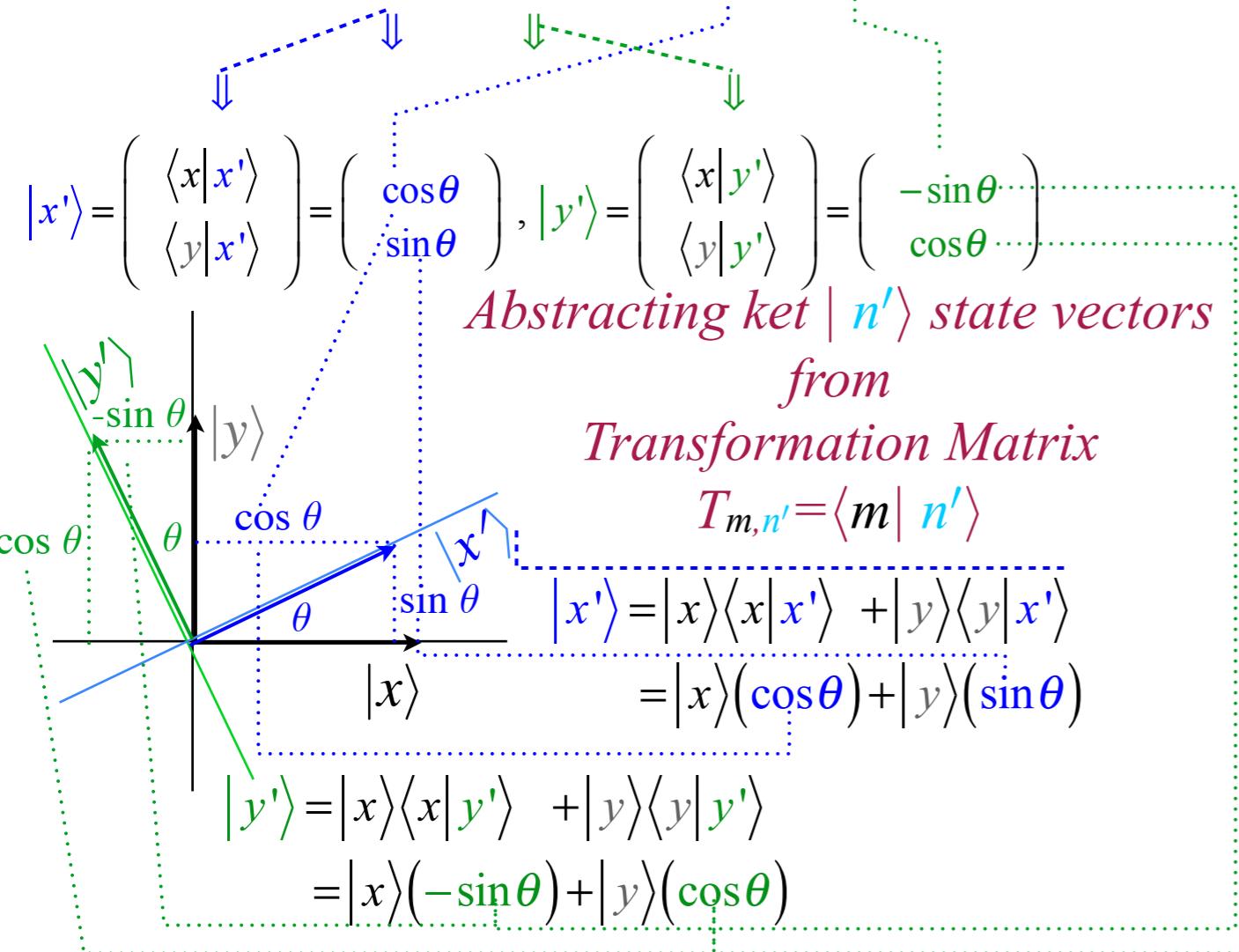
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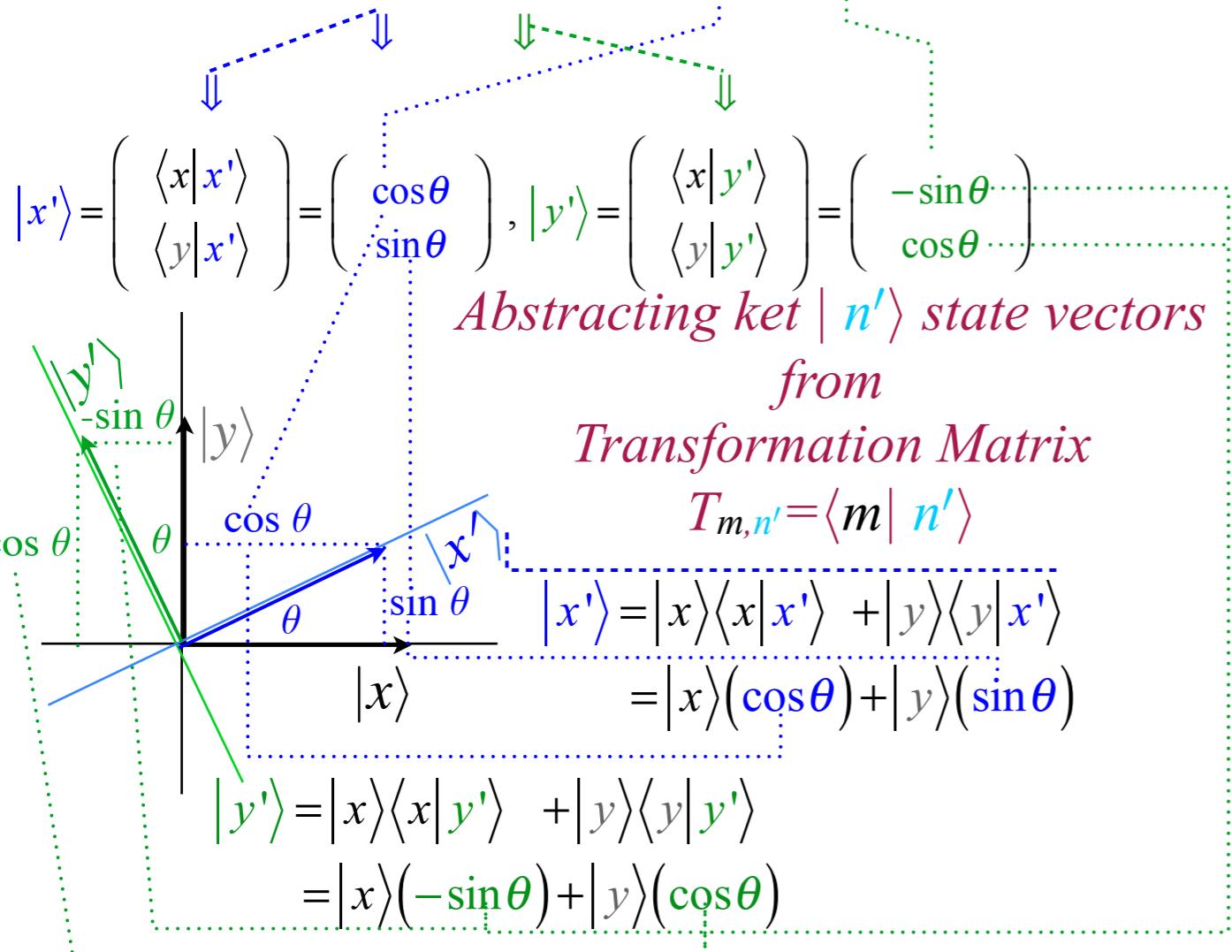
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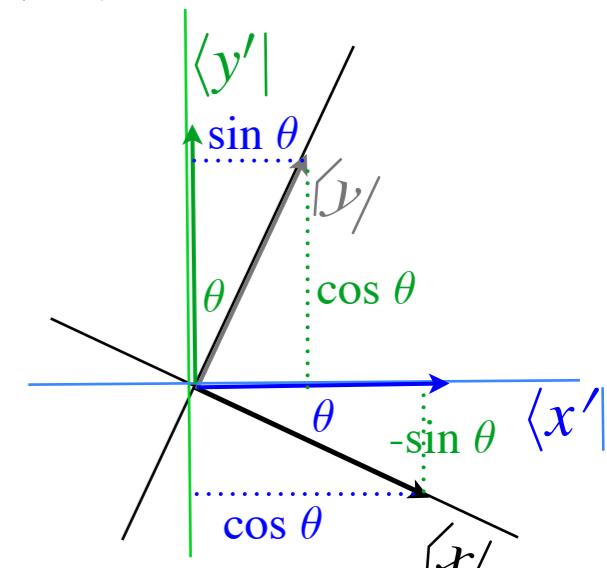
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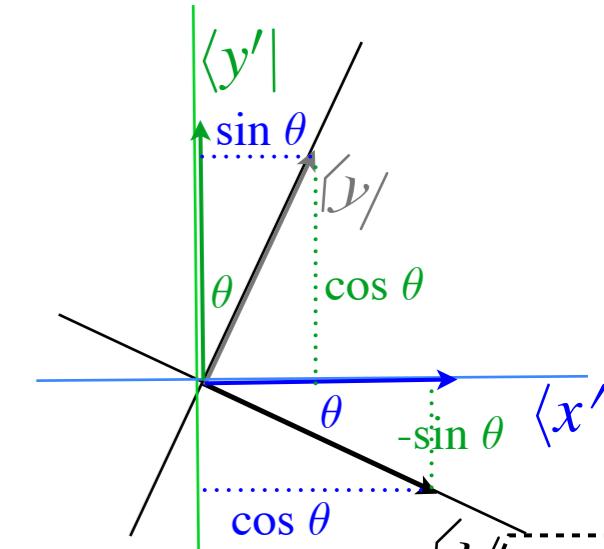
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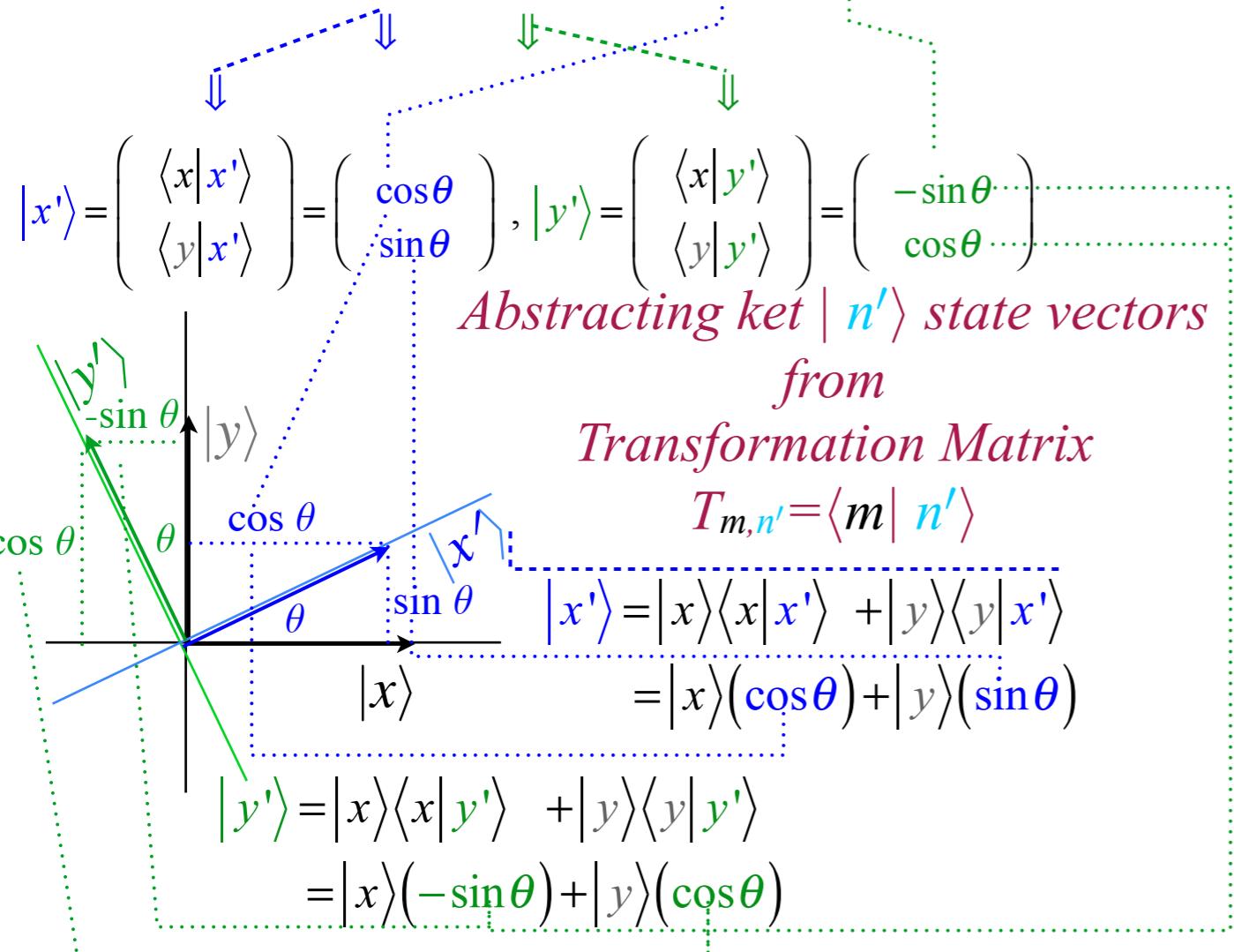
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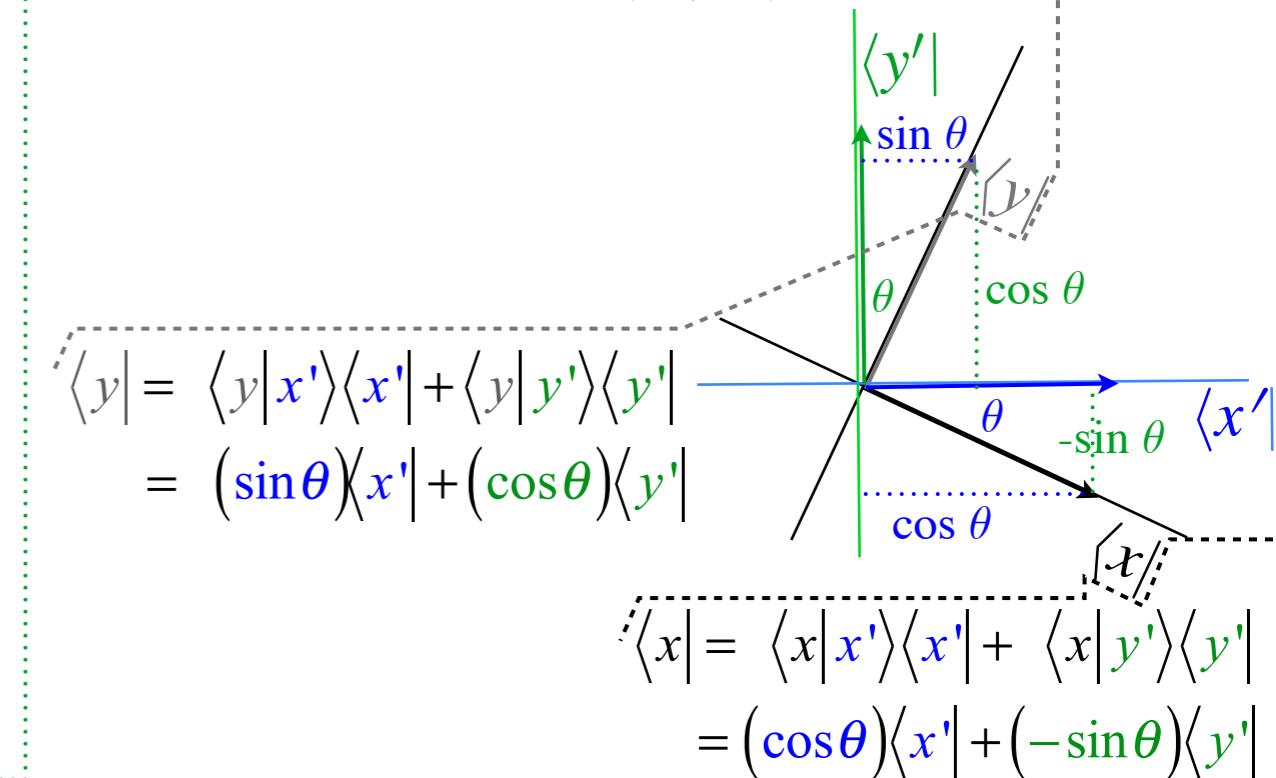
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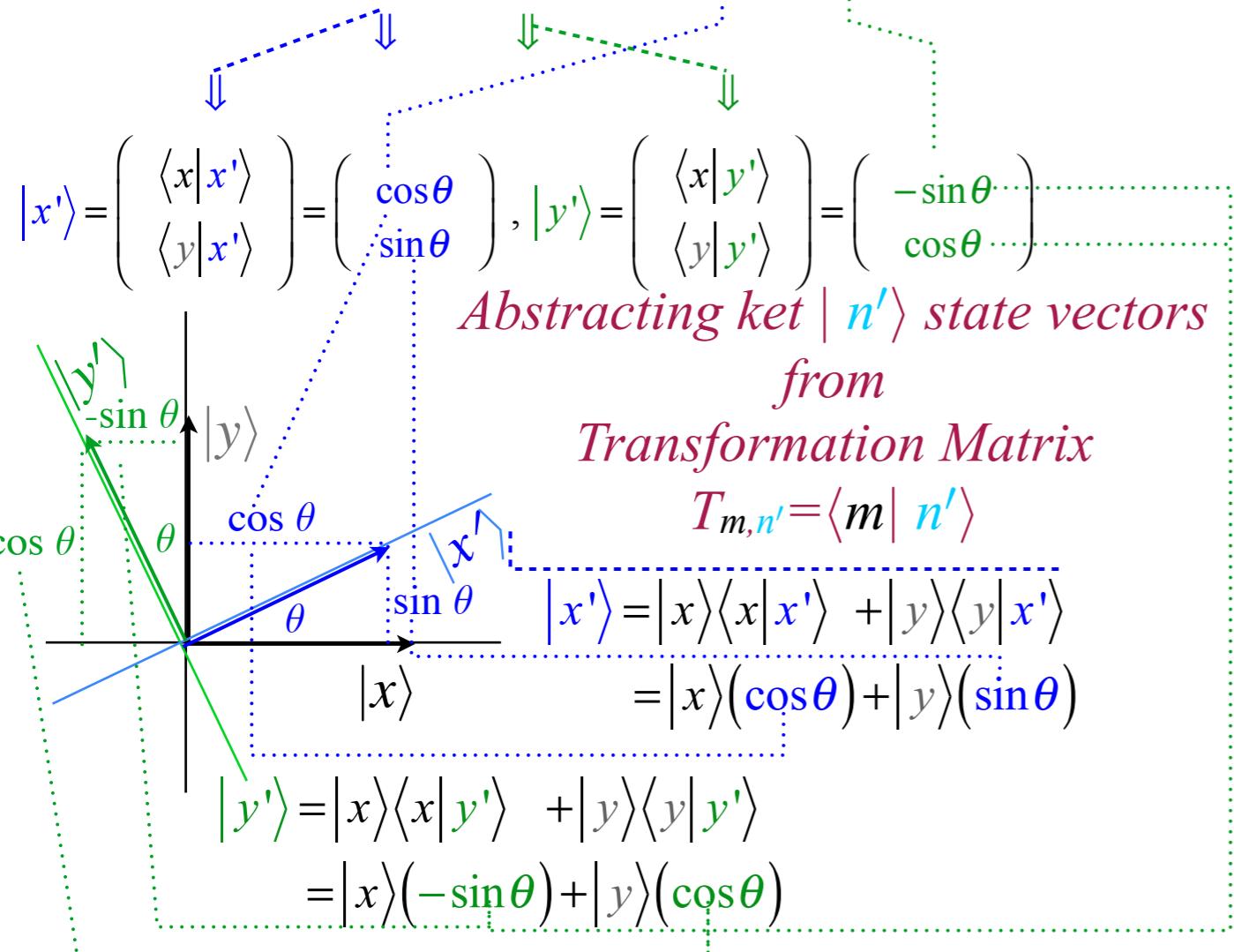
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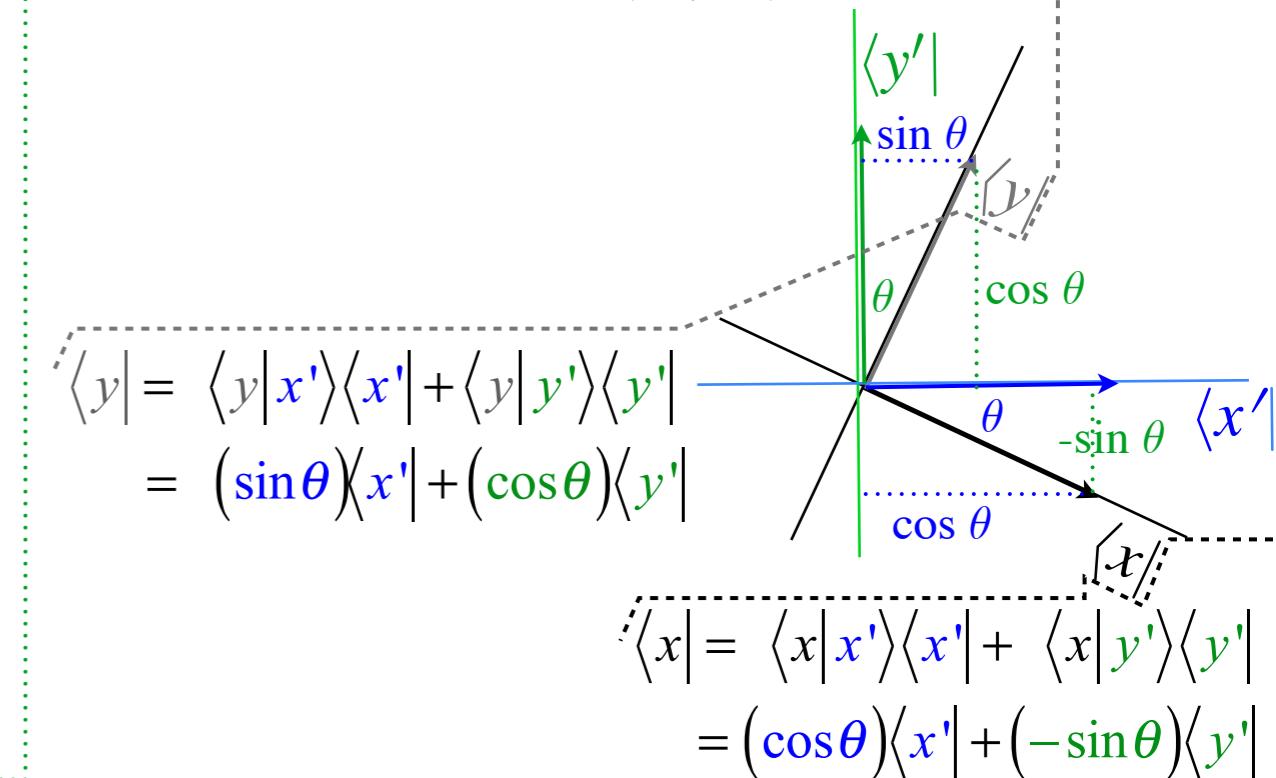
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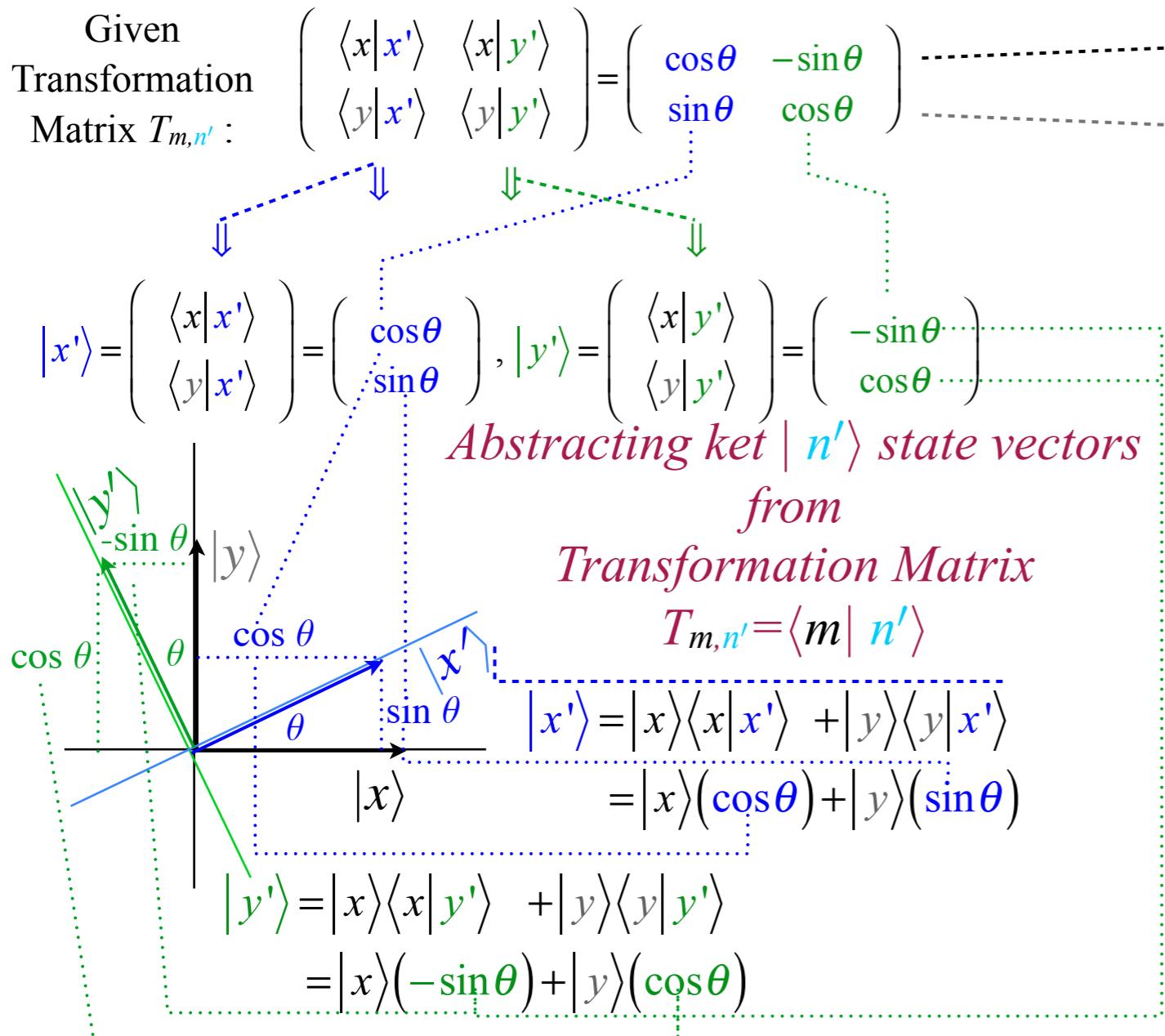
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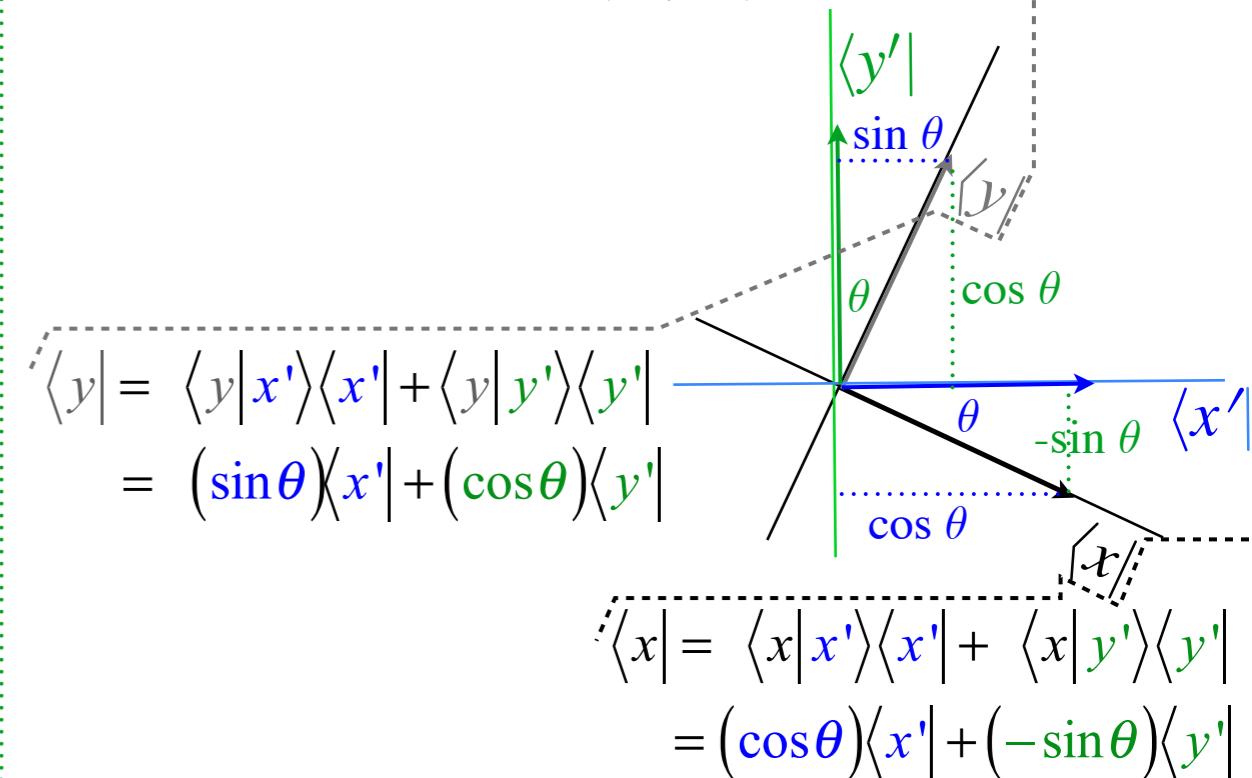
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Abstracting bra $\langle m|$ state vectors from Transformation Matrix

$$T_{m,n'} = \langle m| n' \rangle$$



$(\theta=-30^\circ)$ -Rotated bras $\{\langle x|, \langle y|\}$ or $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ represented in page-aligned $\{|x'\rangle, |y'\rangle\}$ basis.

Bra vector algebra has the same order as $T_{m,n'}$

$$\langle x| = \langle x|x' \rangle \langle x'| + \langle x|y' \rangle \langle y'| = (\cos\theta)\langle x'| + (-\sin\theta)\langle y'|$$

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Unit vector kets $|x\rangle$ and $|y\rangle$ or x' and y' are represented (in their own $|x\rangle$ and $|y\rangle$ basis) as follows.

$$|x\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x|x \rangle \\ \langle y|x \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |y\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x|y \rangle \\ \langle y|y \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Beam Sorters

2-State Sorters: spin-1/2 vs. optical polarization

Geometry of optical polarization selection and Brewster's angle

Feynman's lever

Beam Sorters in Series and Transformation Matrices

Introducing Dirac bra-ket notation

*“Abstraction” of **bra** and **ket** vectors from a Transformation Matrix*

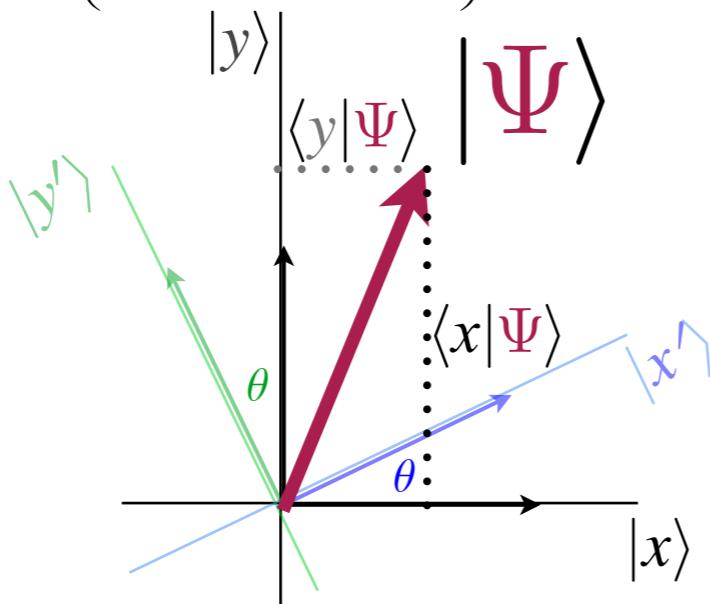
Introducing scalar and matrix products



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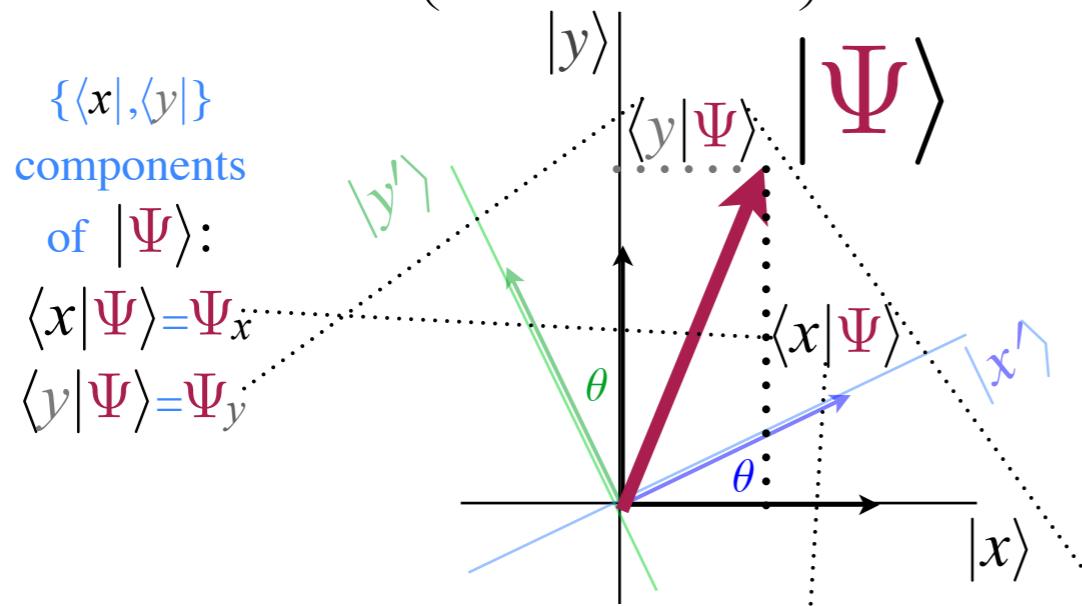


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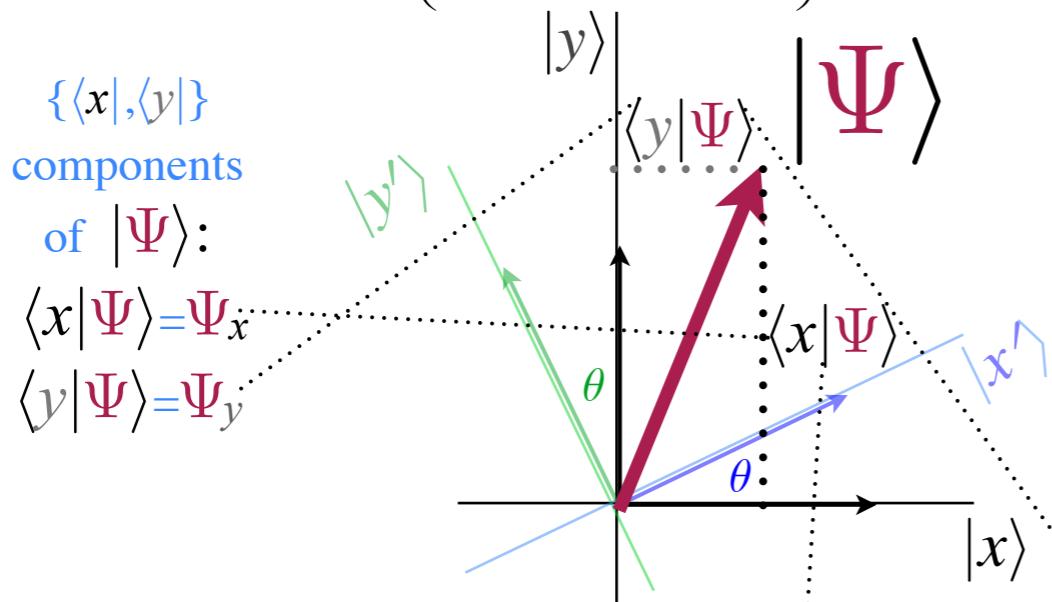
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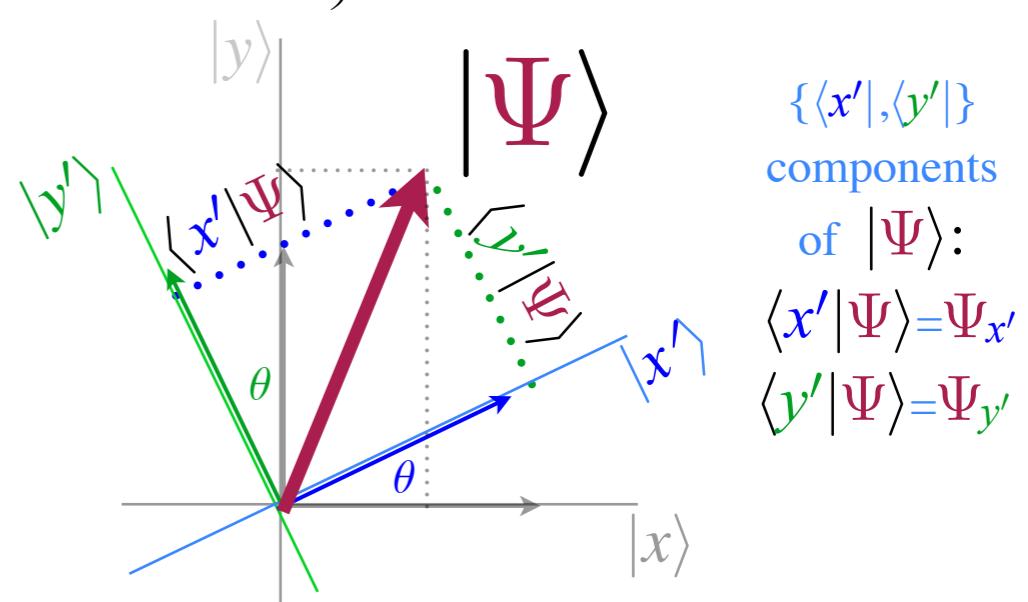
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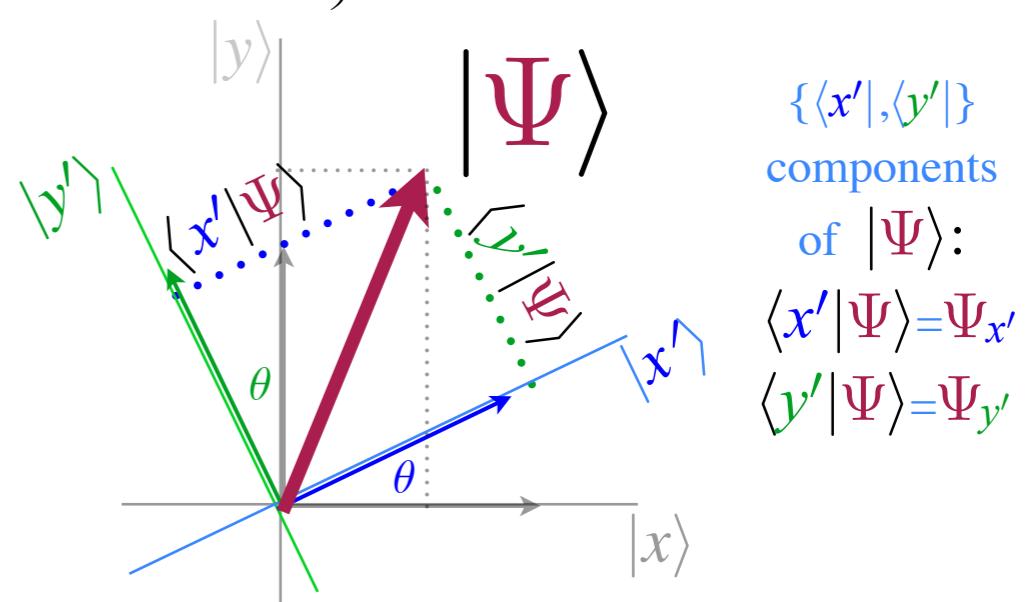
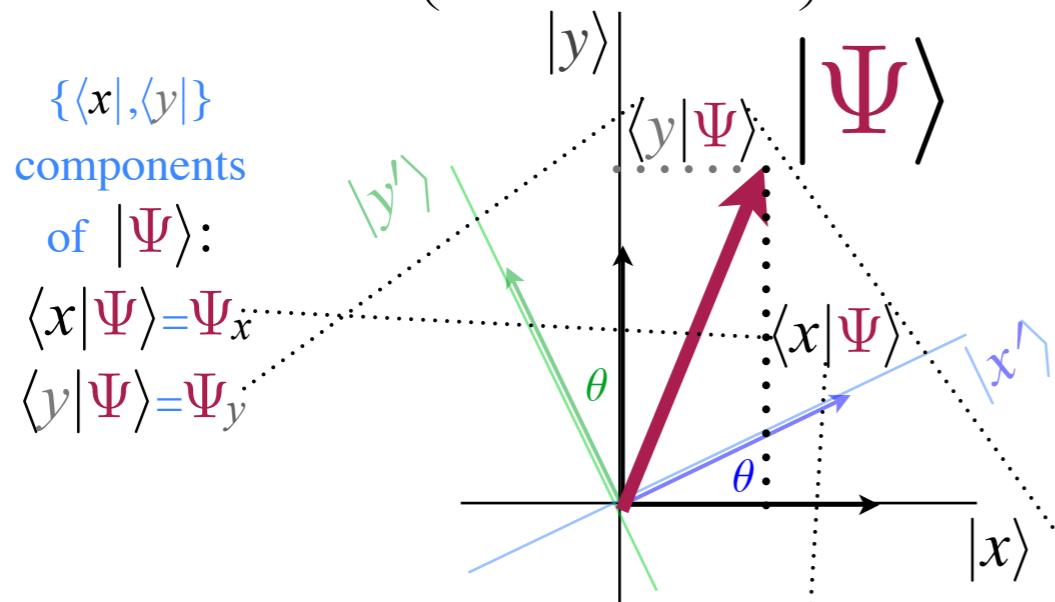
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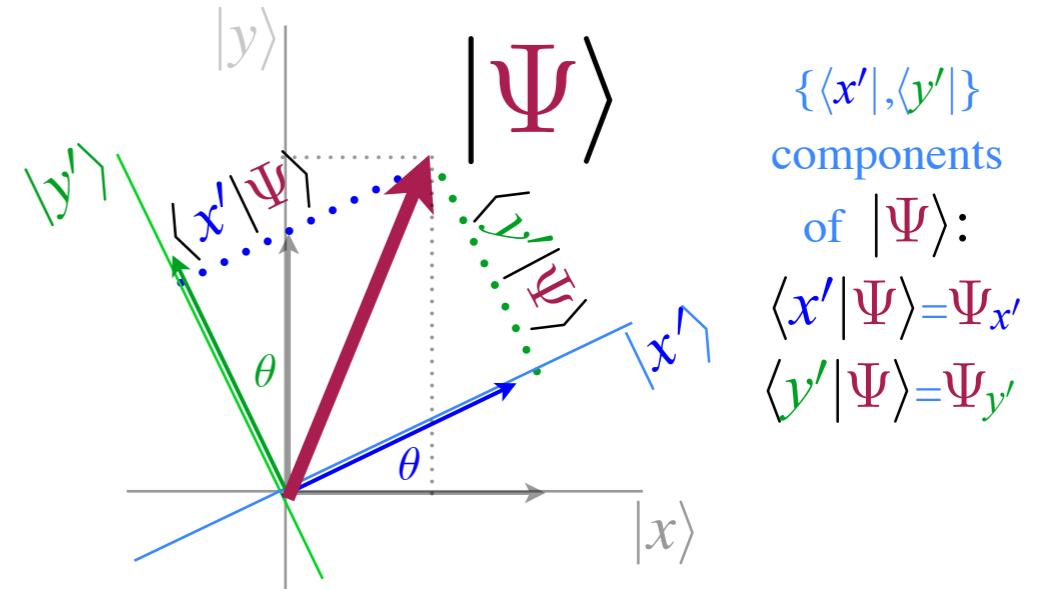
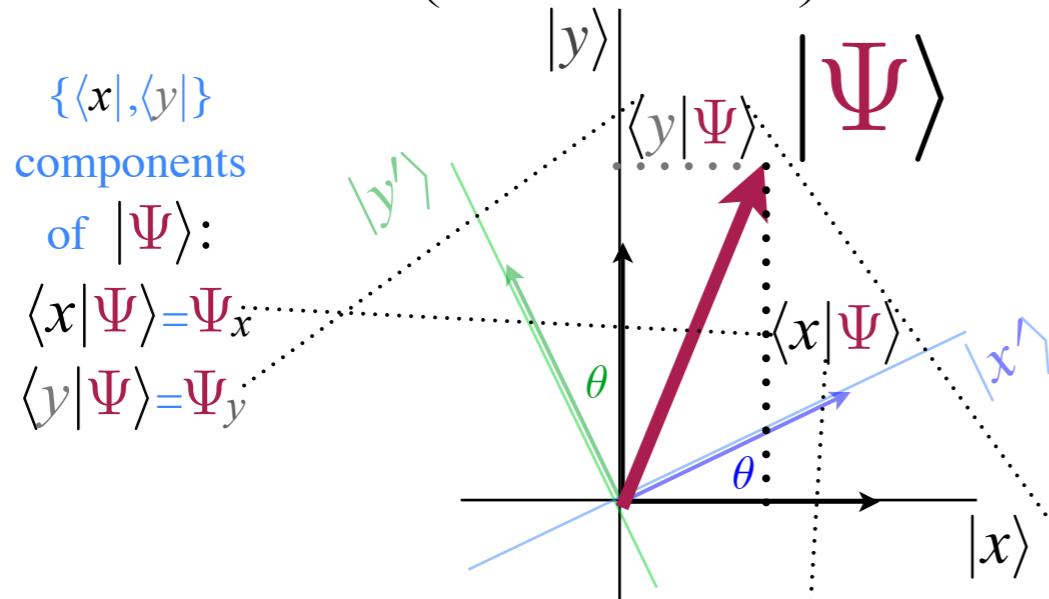
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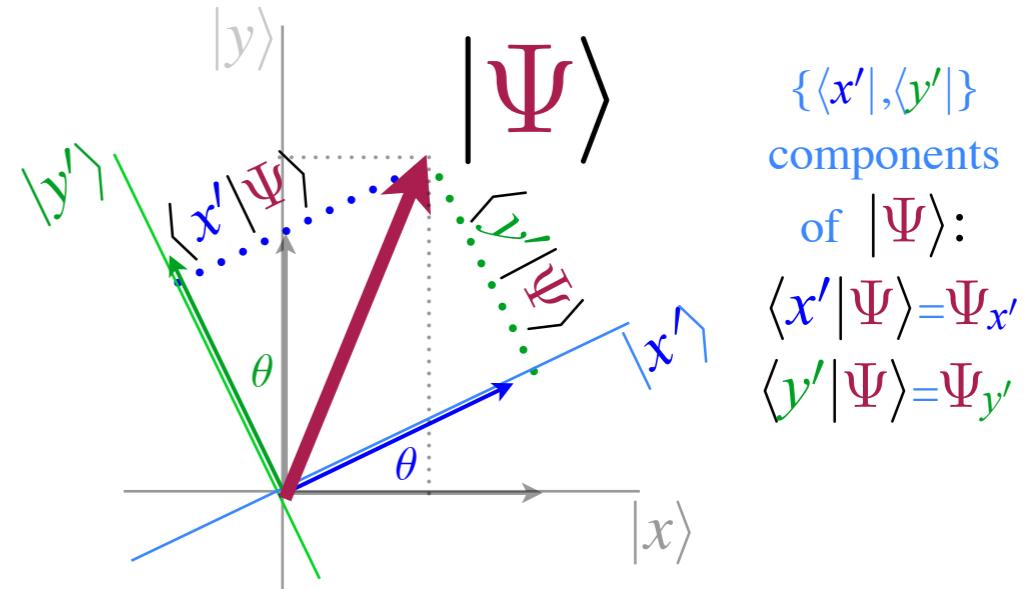
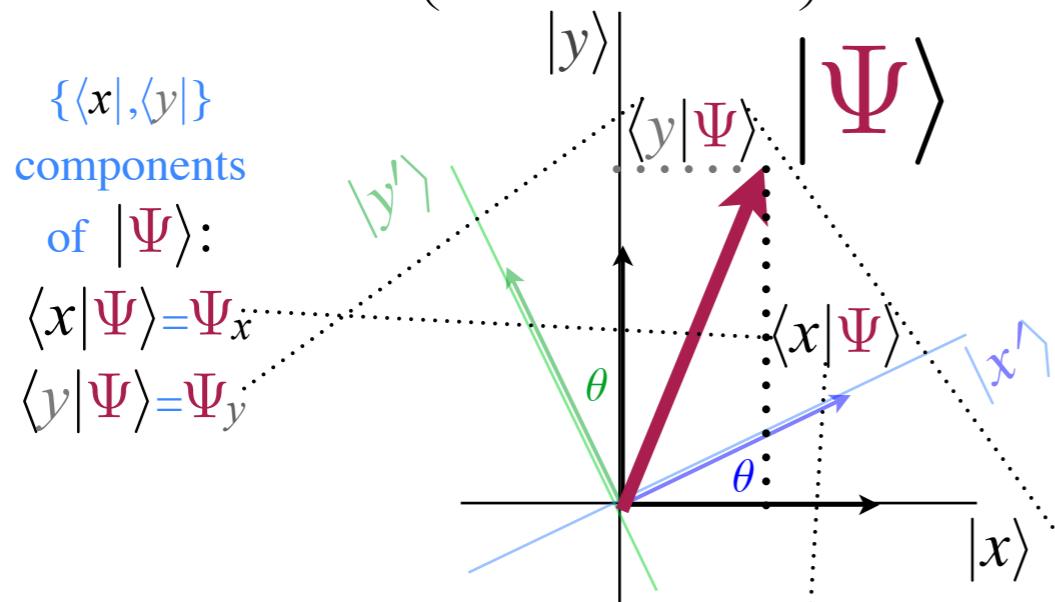
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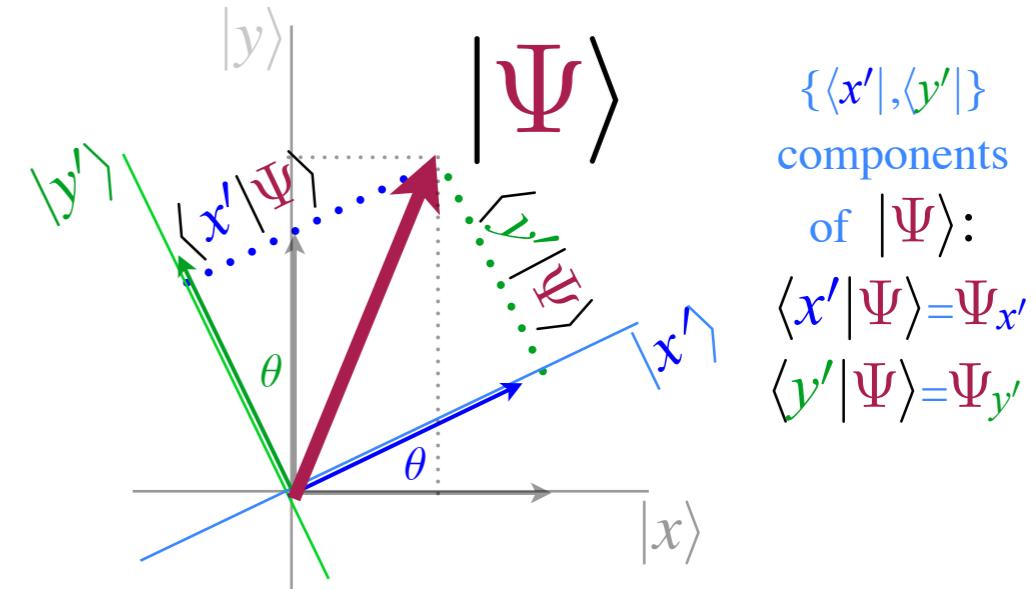
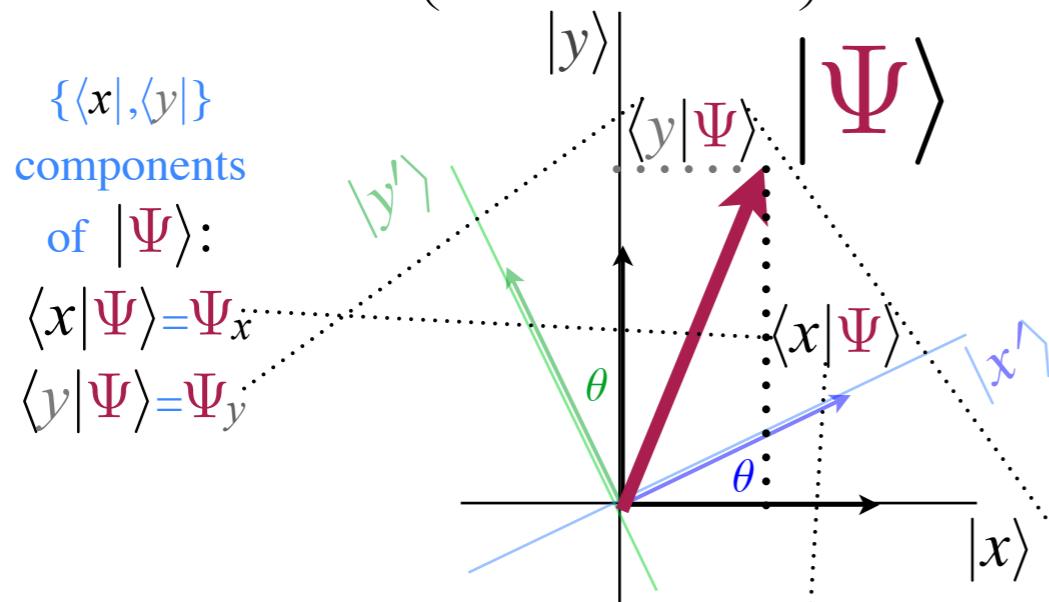
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