Homework Problem 3.3

Discussion Friday, October 3

3.3 GHZ-Mermin violation of local realism. Consider the three-qubit state

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$$
,

which is called the Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) state.

- (a) Show that the GHZ state is a +1 eigenstate of  $X \otimes Y \otimes Y$ ,  $Y \otimes X \otimes Y$ , and  $Y \otimes Y \otimes X$ .
- (b) Use the results of part (a) to argue that each qubit has well-defined values of X and Y. For qubit j, denote these values by  $x_j$  and  $y_j$ . We say that these values are elements of reality. What does local realism, i.e., the assumption of realistic values that are undisturbed by measurements on other qubits, predict for the product of the outcomes of measurements of X on each qubit?
- (c) What does quantum mechanics predict for the product of the outcomes of measurements of X on each qubit?