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## Appendix A

PROVE THAT  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} &= \sqrt{\frac{i}{i \cdot i}} = \sqrt{-i} = \sqrt{\frac{-2i}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-i)(1-i)}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (1-i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}\end{aligned}$$