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Pauli – Dirac representation of γ -matrices

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_k \\ -\sigma_k & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\gamma^{2+} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{transpose}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \xrightarrow{\text{conjugate}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\gamma^2$$

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Adjoint equation

Dirac eq.: $(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0$

$$(i\gamma^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\gamma^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} - m)\psi = 0$$

Hermitian conjugate

(Dirac eq.)⁺ $-i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi^+ \gamma^{0+} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \psi^+ \gamma^{k+} - m \psi^+ = 0$

$$-i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi^+ \gamma^0 - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \psi^+ (-\gamma^k) - m \psi^+ = 0 \quad | \cdot \gamma^0$$

$$-i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi^+ \gamma^0 \gamma^0 - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \psi^+ (-\gamma^k \gamma^0) - m \psi^+ \gamma^0 = 0 \quad | \gamma^k \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^k$$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi^+ \gamma^0 \gamma^0 + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \psi^+ \gamma^0 \gamma^k + m \psi^+ \gamma^0 = 0 \quad | \bar{\psi} \equiv \psi^+ \gamma^0$$

$$i \partial_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu + m \bar{\psi} = 0$$

Adjoint row spinor $\bar{\psi}$

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2.2 **Adjoint spinor**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\psi} &= \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 = (\psi^*)^T \gamma^0 \\ &= (\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, \psi_3^*, \psi_4^*) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*)\end{aligned}$$

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2.2 **Probability density and currents**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\psi} \cdot (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi &= 0 \\ + \\ i\partial_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu + m\bar{\psi} &= 0 \quad | \cdot \psi \\ \Downarrow \\ i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m\bar{\psi} \psi + i(\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \gamma^\mu \psi + m\bar{\psi} \psi &= 0 \\ i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + i(\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) \gamma^\mu \psi &= 0 \\ \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

<p>current</p> $j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \vec{j} \end{pmatrix}$	<p>Electron current:</p> $j^\mu = (-e) \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$
<p>continuity eq. $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$</p>	
<p>probability</p> $\rho = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \psi = \psi^\dagger \psi = \sum_{i=1}^4 \psi_i ^2 > 0$	<p>For comparison: Boson current: (from KG - equation) $j^\mu = (-e) 2 p^\mu$</p>

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2.3 Free particle spinors

Easiest case: free particle at rest: $(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0$

$$\psi = u(E, \vec{p})e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r} - Et)}$$

$$(\gamma^0 E - \gamma^1 p_x - \gamma^2 p_y - \gamma^3 p_z - m)u = 0$$

$$(\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m)u = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \vec{p} = 0, \psi = u(E, \vec{p})e^{-iEt}$$

$$E\gamma^0 u - mu = 0$$

$$E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix} = m \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_3 \\ \varphi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

4 independent solutions:

$$\underbrace{\psi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-imt}, \psi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-imt}}_{E=m>0}, \underbrace{\psi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{+imt}, \psi_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{+imt}}_{E=-m<0}$$

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2.3 Derivation of plane wave solution

Find general solution:

$$\psi = u(E, \vec{p})e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r} - Et)}$$

$$(\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m)u = (\gamma^0 E - \gamma^1 p_x - \gamma^2 p_y - \gamma^3 p_z - m)u$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix} E - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{p} - \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} m$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (E-m)I & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -(E+m)I \end{pmatrix}$$

Ansatz taking into account substructure of 4x4 matrix with $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (E-m)I & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -(E+m)I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Coupled equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})u_B &= (E-m)u_A \\ (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})u_A &= (E+m)u_B \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} p_x + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} p_y + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} p_z$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p_z & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & -p_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_B = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E+m} u_A = \frac{1}{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} p_z & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & -p_z \end{pmatrix} u_A$$

Explicite solutions by making an arbitrary choice for u_A and u_B (motivated by particle-at-rest solutions):

$$u_A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, u_A^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, u_B^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, u_B^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Plane wave solutions

$$u_1 = N_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = N_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E+m} \\ -\frac{p_z}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_3 = N_3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E-m} \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E-m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_4 = N_4 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E-m} \\ -\frac{p_z}{E-m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

All 4 solutions give $E^2 = |\vec{p}|^2 + m^2$

Comparison to vanishing momentum solutions gives rise to the statement:

u_1, u_2 correspond to $E > 0$ particle at rest solutions
 u_3, u_4 correspond to $E < 0$ particle at rest solutions

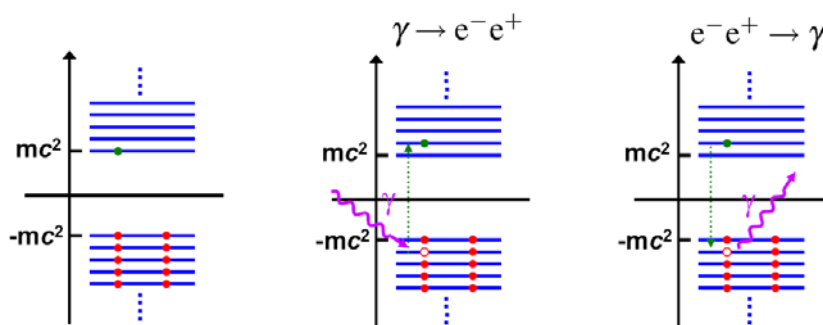
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Interpretation of negative energy solutions

Dirac picture:



All lower states are filled.
 Electrons obey Fermi – Dirac – statistics (Pauli exclusion principle).

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Discovery of positron

Cloud chamber picture, C.D. Anderson (1933)

$\otimes \vec{B}$

← 6mm Pb plate

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Energy loss of charged particles

$\beta\gamma = p/Mc$

Muon momentum (GeV/c)

Pion momentum (GeV/c)

Proton momentum (GeV/c)

PDG

μ^+ on Cu

Nuclear losses

Anderson-Ziegler

Bethe

Minimum ionization

Radiative effects reach 1%

$E_{\mu c}$

Radiative losses

Without δ

units: $-\frac{dE}{d\varepsilon} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{dx} = z^2 \frac{Z}{A} f(\beta, I)$

$$\frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{g cm}^2} = \frac{1}{\text{g cm}^3} \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{cm}}$$

“dE/dx” normally given in MeV g⁻¹ cm²

dE/dx independent of the mass of the projectile

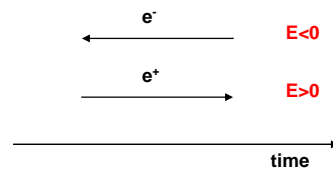
BB valid only for ‘heavy’ particles (m > m_p)

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Feynman – Stückelberg – Interpretation

Interpret a negative energy solution as a **negative energy particle** that propagates **backward in time** or equivalently **positive energy antiparticle** that propagates forward in time.



Note: in Feynman diagrams one keeps the negative energy direction of the arrow.

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Anti-particle spinors

$$u_3 = N_3 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E-m} \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E-m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_4 = N_4 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E-m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{E<0, particle}$$

↓ flip sign of E and \vec{p}

$$v_1(E, \vec{p}) e^{-i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)} = u_4(-E, -\vec{p}) e^{i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)} \quad \text{E>0, antiparticle}$$

$$v_2(E, \vec{p}) e^{-i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)} = u_3(-E, -\vec{p}) e^{i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)}$$

↓

$$v_1 = N_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = N_2 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E+m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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2.3 Particle and anti-particle spinors

Alternative forms of solutions:

1) $\psi_i = u_i(E, \vec{p})e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}-Et)}$

$$u_1 = N_1 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}}_{E=+\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad u_2 = N_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}}_{E=+\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad u_3 = N_3 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E-m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E-m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{E=-\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad u_4 = N_4 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E-m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{E=-\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}.$$

2) $\psi_i = v_i(E, \vec{p})e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}-Et)}$

$$v_1 = N \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{E=+\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad v_2 = N \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{E=+\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad v_3 = N_1 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E-m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \end{pmatrix}}_{E=-\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}, \quad v_4 = N_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E-m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E-m} \end{pmatrix}}_{E=-\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2+m^2}}.$$

For calculations different spinor systems possible giving the same results:

$$\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}, \quad \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, \quad \{u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2\}$$

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2.3 Wavefunction normalisation

Wavefunctions have to be normalized to 2E:

$$\int \rho dV = \int \psi^\dagger \psi dV = \int (\psi^\dagger)^T \psi dV \stackrel{!}{=} 2E$$

Example: $\psi = u_1(E, \vec{p})e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}-Et)}$

$$\rho = u_1^\dagger u_1 = |N|^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{p_z}{E+m} & \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E+m} \\ 0 & \frac{p_z}{E+m} & \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} & \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} & \frac{p_x-ip_y}{E+m} & \frac{-p_z}{E+m} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= |N|^2 \left(1 + \frac{p_z^2}{(E+m)^2} + \frac{p_x^2 + p_y^2}{(E+m)^2} \right)$$

$$= |N|^2 \left(\frac{(E+m)^2 + |\vec{p}|^2}{(E+m)^2} \right) = |N|^2 \left(\frac{(E+m)^2 + E^2 - m^2}{(E+m)^2} \right)$$

$$= |N|^2 \frac{2E}{E+m}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$N = \sqrt{E+m}$$

$$u_1 = N \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x+ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Same result for N with u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2

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2.3 Summary of solutions

Particle solutions: $\psi = u(E, \vec{p})e^{i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)}$ satisfy $(\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m)u = 0$

$$u_1 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_z}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E+m} \\ -\frac{p_z}{E+m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Anti-particle solutions: $\psi = v(E, \vec{p})e^{-i(\vec{p}\vec{r} - Et)}$ satisfy $(\gamma^\mu p_\mu + m)v = 0$

$$v_1 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_x - ip_y}{E+m} \\ \frac{-p_z}{E+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ \frac{p_x + ip_y}{E+m} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

These solutions have positive energies: $E = +\sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2}$

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2.3 Spin

Spinors u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 are not Eigenstates of S_z

$$\hat{S}_z = \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_z & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

However, particles and antiparticles moving in z-direction are Eigenstates of S_z $p_z = \pm|\vec{p}|$

$$u_1 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\pm|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{0}{E+m} \\ \mp|\vec{p}| \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mp|\vec{p}| \\ \frac{0}{E+m} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pm|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{S}_z u_1 = \frac{1}{2} u_1, \quad \hat{S}_z u_2 = -\frac{1}{2} u_2, \quad \hat{S}_z^{(\nu)} v_1 = -\hat{S}_z v_1 = -\frac{1}{2} v_1, \quad \hat{S}_z^{(\nu)} v_2 = -\hat{S}_z v_2 = -\frac{1}{2} v_2$$

Note: the Eigenvalues are independent of the sign of p_z

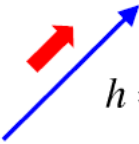
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2.3 Helicity

The component of the spin along the particle direction of flight is a good quantum number:

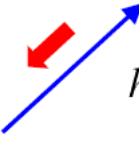
$$[\hat{H}, \hat{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p}] = 0$$

Therefore: definition of Helicity:
$$h \equiv \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{S}| |\vec{p}|} = \frac{2\vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} = \frac{2\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$$



$h = +1$

right handed



$h = -1$

left handed

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2.3 Helicity - Eigenstates

Find spinors with $\hat{p} = \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$ unit 3-momentum vector

$$(\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p}) u_{\uparrow} = +u_{\uparrow}$$

$$(\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p}) u_{\downarrow} = -u_{\downarrow}$$

Eigenvalue equation:
$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) u_A = \pm u_A \\ (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) u_B = \pm u_B \end{cases} \quad \text{Coupled equations}$$

Calculate explicitly for a particle moving into (ϑ, ϕ) direction:

$$\hat{p} = (\sin \vartheta \cos \phi, \sin \vartheta \sin \phi, \cos \vartheta)$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_z & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & -p_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta \cos \phi - i \sin \vartheta \sin \phi \\ \sin \vartheta \cos \phi + i \sin \vartheta \sin \phi & -\cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta e^{-i\phi} \\ \sin \vartheta e^{+i\phi} & -\cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_A = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = u_B : \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta e^{-i\phi} \\ \sin \vartheta e^{+i\phi} & -\cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for helicity } h = \pm 1$$

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Helicity – Eigenstates (II)

$$u_A = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = u_B : \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin \vartheta e^{+i\varphi} & -\cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for helicity } h = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pm a \cos \vartheta \pm b \sin \vartheta e^{-i\varphi} &= \pm a \Rightarrow \pm a(1 \pm \cos \vartheta) = \pm b \sin \vartheta e^{-i\varphi} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\pm 1 - \cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} e^{i\varphi} \\ \pm a \sin \vartheta e^{+i\varphi} \mp b \cos \vartheta &= \pm b \end{aligned}$$

For right handed helicity state ($h=1$):

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1 - \cos \vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} e^{i\varphi} = \frac{2 \sin^2(\frac{\vartheta}{2})}{2 \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2}} e^{i\varphi} = e^{i\varphi} \frac{\sin \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\vartheta}{2}}$$

↓

$$u_{A\uparrow} \propto \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

↓

$$u_{\uparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} N_A \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ N_A e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ N_B \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ N_B e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Page 38: $(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})u_A = (E+m)u_B$

$$\downarrow h=1$$

$$u_B = \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} u_A$$

↓

$$u_{\uparrow} = N \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Same for $h=-1$.

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Helicity – Eigenstates – Summary

Particles

$$u_{\uparrow} = N \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad u_{\downarrow} = N \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ -\frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Anti-Particles

$$v_{\uparrow} = N \begin{pmatrix} \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ -\frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ -\sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad v_{\downarrow} = N \begin{pmatrix} \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \frac{|\vec{p}|}{E+m} e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalisation: $N = \sqrt{E+m}$

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