

Exercise 1: Lorentz Transformation of Dirac Spinors(5 points) Given the transformation property of the Dirac spinor $\psi(x)$ under Lorentz transformations, show the the adjoint spinor transforms as

$$\bar{\psi}'(x') = \bar{\psi}(x)S^{-1}(\Lambda) \quad (1)$$

Exercise 2: Dirac and Klein-Gordon equation(4 points)

Let ψ be a Dirac spinor solving the Dirac equation

$$[i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - m]\psi(x) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Show that it is also a solution of the Klein-Gordon equation

$$[\partial_\mu\partial^\mu + m^2]\psi(x) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Exercise 3: Bilinear covariants(2+4=6 points)

i) First show that

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \quad (4)$$

and use your results to show that

$$\gamma^{\mu\dagger} = \gamma^0\gamma^\mu\gamma^0. \quad (5)$$

ii) Using these transformations, show that the equation

$$S^{-1}(\Lambda)\gamma^\mu S(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\gamma^\nu, \quad (6)$$

familiar from the lecture, is satisfied up to first order in $\delta\omega$.

iii) From Exercise 1 and what you were shown in the lecture, one can easily see that $\bar{\psi}\psi$ transforms as a Lorentz scalar and $\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$ transforms as a Lorentz vector. Furthermore an additional gamma matrix $\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3$ was introduced with the transformation property

$$S^{-1}(\Lambda)\gamma^5 S(\Lambda) = \det(\Lambda)\gamma^5. \quad (7)$$

Prove the behaviour under Lorentz transformation of the following bilinear covariants

$$\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\psi \rightarrow \det(\Lambda)\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\psi \quad \text{pseudoscalar} \quad (8)$$

$$\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi \rightarrow \det(\Lambda)\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma^\nu\gamma^5\psi \quad \text{axial vector} \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi \rightarrow \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha\Lambda^\nu{}_\beta\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\alpha\beta}\psi \quad \text{antisymmetric tensor} \quad (10)$$

Exercise 4: Continuity equation in relativistic quantum mechanics II(4 points)

Let the Dirac spinor ψ be a solution of the Dirac equation

$$[i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m] \psi(x) = 0. \quad (11)$$

Show that the current

$$j^\mu(x) = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi \quad (12)$$

satisfies a continuity equation

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu(x) = 0. \quad (13)$$

Discuss whether $j^0 = \rho$ is positive definite in the case of the Dirac equation.