

Equations

Schrödinger:

i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi(t)\rangle}{\partial t} = H |\psi t\rangle \qquad \mathcal{L} = i\psi^* \dot{\psi} - \frac{1}{2m} \vec{\nabla} \psi^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi

Klein-Gordon (Real Scalar Field):

(\partial \cdot \partial + m^2)\phi = 0 \qquad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \big[\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^2 \big] = \frac{1}{2} \Big[\dot{\phi}^2 - \big(\vec{\nabla} \phi \big)^2 - m^2 \phi^2 \Big]

Dirac (Complex Scalar Field):

(i\partial\!\!\!/ - m)\varphi = 0 \qquad \overline{\varphi}(i\partial\!\!\!/ + m) = 0 \qquad \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi^* - m^2 \varphi \varphi^*

Pauli Matrices

\sigma^\mu = (1, \vec{\sigma}) \qquad \overline{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\vec{\sigma})

\sigma^1 = \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma^2 = \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma^3 = \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}

\{\sigma^i, \sigma^j\} = 2\delta^{ij} \qquad [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] = 2i\epsilon^{ijk} \sigma^k \qquad \sigma^i \sigma^j = \delta^{ij} + i\epsilon^{ijk} \sigma^k \qquad \sigma^2 \sigma^1 \sigma^2 = -(\sigma^1)^*

\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_z & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & -p_z \end{pmatrix} \qquad (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})^2 = |\vec{p}|^2 \qquad (p \cdot \sigma)(p \cdot \overline{\sigma}) = p^2

p \cdot \overline{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} p^0 + p^3 & p^1 - ip^2 \\ p^1 + ip^2 & p^0 - p^3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad p \cdot \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} p^0 - p^3 & - (p^1 - ip^2) \\ - (p^1 + ip^2) & p^0 + p^3 \end{pmatrix}

\sqrt{p \cdot \sigma} = \frac{E + m - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{\sqrt{2(E + m)}} \qquad \sqrt{p \cdot \overline{\sigma}} = \frac{E + m + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{\sqrt{2(E + m)}}

Dirac \gamma-Matrices

\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \quad \gamma_5 = +i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = -i\gamma_0\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3 = -\frac{i}{4!}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_\beta\gamma_\gamma\gamma_\delta

\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \implies [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] = -2i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \qquad \{\gamma_5, \gamma^\mu\} = 0 \qquad \gamma^0(\gamma^\mu)^\dagger \gamma^0 = \gamma^\mu

(\gamma^0)^\dagger = \gamma^0 \quad (\gamma^0)^2 = \mathbb{1} \qquad (\gamma^k)^\dagger = -\gamma^k \quad (\gamma^k)^2 = -\mathbb{1} \qquad (\gamma^5)^\dagger = \gamma^5 \quad (\gamma^5)^2 = \mathbb{1}

\overline{\Gamma} = \gamma^0 \Gamma^\dagger \gamma^0 \qquad \overline{\gamma_5} = -\gamma_5 \qquad \overline{\gamma^\mu} = \gamma^\mu \qquad \overline{\gamma^\mu \gamma_5} = \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \qquad \overline{\sigma^{\mu\nu}} = \sigma^{\mu\nu}

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | \gamma_5 | \gamma^\mu | \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu | \sigma^{\mu\nu} |
| \gamma_5 | 1 | +\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu | +\gamma^\mu | \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\sigma_{\alpha\beta} |
| \gamma^\alpha | -\gamma_5 \gamma^\alpha | g^{\alpha\mu} - i\epsilon^{\alpha\mu} | -\frac{1}{2}(2g^{\alpha\mu}\gamma_5 + \epsilon^{\alpha\mu\alpha'}\sigma_{\alpha'\mu}) | \epsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}\gamma_5\gamma_\lambda + i g^{\mu\nu}\gamma^\alpha - i g^{\alpha\mu}\gamma^\nu |
| \gamma_5 \gamma^\alpha | -\gamma^\alpha | -\gamma^\mu | -(g^{\mu\mu} - i\epsilon^{\mu\mu}) | \epsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}\gamma_\lambda + i g^{\mu\nu}\gamma_5\gamma^\alpha - i g^{\alpha\mu}\gamma_5\gamma^\nu |
| \sigma^{\alpha\beta} | \sigma^{\alpha\beta} | \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\lambda}\gamma_5\gamma_\lambda + i g^{\beta\mu}\gamma^\alpha - i g^{\alpha\mu}\gamma^\beta | \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\lambda}\gamma_\lambda + i g^{\beta\mu}\gamma_5\gamma^\alpha - i g^{\alpha\mu}\gamma_5\gamma^\beta | i\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}\gamma_5 + g^{\mu\nu}g^{\beta\alpha} - g^{\alpha\nu}g^{\beta\mu} + \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\mu}g^{\beta\nu} + g^{\beta\mu}g^{\alpha\nu} - g^{\alpha\mu}g^{\beta\nu} - g^{\beta\mu}g^{\alpha\nu} |

\not{A} = A^\mu \gamma_\mu \qquad \gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu = 4 \qquad \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu = -2\gamma^\nu \qquad \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma_\mu = 4g^{\nu\rho}

\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\mu = -2\gamma^\sigma \gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \qquad \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\pi \gamma_\mu = 2[\gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\pi + \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\pi]

\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho = i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 + g^{\mu\nu}\gamma^\rho - g^{\mu\rho}\gamma^\nu + g^{\nu\rho}\gamma^\mu

Spin, Helicity and Chirality

\vec{S} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{\Sigma} \qquad \vec{h} = \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} = \frac{\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{2|\vec{p}|} \qquad \tilde{h} = 2h = \frac{\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \qquad P_L = \frac{1-h}{2} \qquad P_R = \frac{1+h}{2}

Y_L = \frac{1-Y_5}{2} \qquad Y_R = \frac{1+Y_5}{2} \qquad Y_{L,R}^2 = Y_{L,R} \qquad Y_{L,R}Y_{R,L} = 0 \qquad Y_L + Y_R = \mathbb{1}

\gamma^\mu Y_{L,R} = Y_{R,L} \gamma^\mu \qquad \gamma_5 Y_L = Y_L \gamma_5 = -Y_L \qquad \gamma_5 Y_R = Y_R \gamma_5 = Y_R \qquad \gamma_{L,R}^\dagger = Y_{L,R}

\overline{\gamma^\mu Y_{L,R}} = \gamma^\mu \overline{Y_{L,R}} \qquad \overline{\gamma_5 Y_L} = -Y_R \qquad \overline{\gamma_5 Y_R} = Y_L \qquad \overline{Y_{L,R}} = Y_0 Y_{L,R}^\dagger Y_0 = Y_{R,L}

u_L = u_\downarrow \qquad u_R = u_\uparrow \qquad v_L = v_\uparrow \qquad v_R = v_\downarrow

P_L u_\downarrow = u_\downarrow \quad P_L u_\uparrow = 0 \quad P_R u_\downarrow = 0 \quad P_R u_\uparrow = u_\uparrow \quad \overline{u}_\uparrow P_L = 0 \quad \overline{u}_\uparrow P_L = u_\uparrow \quad \overline{u}_\downarrow P_R = u_\downarrow \quad \overline{u}_\uparrow P_R = 0

\gamma_L u_L = u_L \quad \gamma_L u_R = 0 \quad \gamma_R u_L = 0 \quad \gamma_R u_R = u_R \quad \overline{u}_L \gamma_L = 0 \quad \overline{u}_R \gamma_L = u_R \quad \overline{u}_L \gamma_R = u_L \quad \overline{u}_R \gamma_R = 0

P_L v_\downarrow = 0 \quad P_L v_\uparrow = v_\uparrow \quad P_R v_\downarrow = v_\downarrow \quad P_R v_\uparrow = 0 \quad \overline{v}_\downarrow P_L = v_\downarrow \quad \overline{v}_\uparrow P_L = 0 \quad \overline{v}_\downarrow P_R = 0 \quad \overline{v}_\uparrow P_R = v_\uparrow

\gamma_L v_L = v_L \quad \gamma_L v_R = 0 \quad \gamma_R v_L = 0 \quad \gamma_R v_R = v_R \quad \overline{v}_L \gamma_L = 0 \quad \overline{v}_R \gamma_L = v_R \quad \overline{v}_L \gamma_R = v_L \quad \overline{v}_R \gamma_R = 0

u_\uparrow = N \begin{pmatrix} c \\ se^{i\phi} \\ kc \\ kse^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \approx N \begin{pmatrix} c \\ se^{i\phi} \\ c \\ se^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \qquad u_\downarrow = N \begin{pmatrix} -s \\ ce^{i\phi} \\ ks \\ -kce^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \approx N \begin{pmatrix} -s \\ ce^{i\phi} \\ s \\ -ce^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}

v_\uparrow = N \begin{pmatrix} ks \\ -kce^{i\phi} \\ -s \\ ce^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \approx N \begin{pmatrix} s \\ -ce^{i\phi} \\ -s \\ ce^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \qquad v_\downarrow = N \begin{pmatrix} kc \\ kse^{i\phi} \\ c \\ se^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \approx N \begin{pmatrix} c \\ se^{i\phi} \\ c \\ se^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}

\vec{p} = p(\sin\theta \cos\phi, \sin\theta \sin\phi, \cos\theta)

N = \sqrt{E + m} \approx \sqrt{E} \qquad k = \frac{p}{E + m} \approx 1 \qquad s = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \qquad c = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)

Traces

Tr[1] = 4 \qquad \text{Tr}[\underbrace{\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \dots \gamma^\rho}_{\text{Odd Number}}] = 0 \qquad \text{Tr}[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] = 4g^{\mu\nu}

Tr[\gamma_5] = 0 \qquad \text{Tr}[\underbrace{\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \dots \gamma^\rho}_{\text{Odd Number}}] = 0 \qquad \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] = 0

Tr[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma] = 4(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\rho\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\rho}) \qquad \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma] = -4i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}

Tr[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_L] = 2(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\rho\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\rho} + i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})

Tr[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_R] = 2(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\rho\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\rho} - i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})

\text{Tr}[(\not{p}_a + m_a)\gamma^\mu(\not{p}_b + m_b)\gamma^\nu] = 4[p_a^\mu p_b^\nu + p_b^\mu p_a^\nu + (m_a m_b - p_a \cdot p_b)g^{\mu\nu}]

\text{Tr}[\not{a}\gamma^\mu \not{b}\gamma^\nu] \text{Tr}[\not{c}\gamma_\mu \not{d}\gamma_\nu \gamma_5] = 0 \qquad \text{Tr}[\not{a}\gamma^\mu \not{b}\gamma^\nu \gamma_L] \text{Tr}[\not{c}\gamma_\mu \not{d}\gamma_\nu \gamma_R] = 16(a \cdot d)(b \cdot c)

\text{Tr}[\not{a}\gamma^\mu \not{b}\gamma^\nu \gamma_L] \text{Tr}[\not{c}\gamma_\mu \not{d}\gamma_\nu \gamma_L] = \text{Tr}[\not{a}\gamma^\mu \not{b}\gamma^\nu \gamma_L] \text{Tr}[\not{c}\gamma_\mu \not{d}\gamma_\nu \gamma_L] = 16(a \cdot c)(b \cdot d)

Spinors (Fermions)

\psi = ue^{+i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}-Et)} = ve^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}-Et)} \qquad \bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0

(\not{p} - m)u = \bar{u}(\not{p} - m) = 0 \qquad (\not{p} + m)v = \bar{v}(\not{p} + m) = 0

\bar{u}(p)u^s(p) = +2m\delta^{rs} \quad \bar{u}(p)v^s(p) = 0 \quad u^\dagger(p)u^s(p) = 2E\delta^{rs} \quad \sum_{s=1,2} u^s(p)\bar{u}^s(p) = \not{p} + m

\bar{v}(p)v^s(p) = -2m\delta^{rs} \quad \bar{v}(p)u^s(p) = 0 \quad v^\dagger(p)v^s(p) = 2E\delta^{rs} \quad \sum_{s=1,2} v^s(p)\bar{v}^s(p) = \not{p} - m

Polarization Vectors (Bosons)

External massless & Massive:

\sum_{\lambda=1}^2 \epsilon^\mu(k, \lambda) \cdot \epsilon^{*\nu}(k, \lambda) = -g^{\mu\nu} \qquad \sum_{\lambda=1}^3 \epsilon_\mu(q, \lambda) \epsilon_\nu^*(q, \lambda) = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{M^2}

Virtual massless:

\epsilon(k, \lambda) \cdot \epsilon^*(k, \lambda') = g^{\lambda\lambda'} \qquad \sum_\lambda g^{\lambda\lambda'} \epsilon^\mu(k, \lambda) \cdot \epsilon^{*\nu}(k, \lambda) = g^{\mu\nu}

Quantization : Real Scalar Field (Bosons)

: \frac{1}{2} \big[a^\dagger(k)a(k) + a(k)a^\dagger(k) \big] : = a^\dagger(k)a(k) \qquad : a(x)b(x') : = a(x)b(x') + b(x')a(x)

T(a(x)b(x')) = \theta(t-t')a(x)b(x') + \theta(t'-t)b(x')a(x)

The “+” corresponds to positive frequency plane waves $e^{-ik \cdot x}$:

\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi \phi \qquad \pi = \dot{\phi} \qquad \big[a^\dagger(k, \lambda), a(k', \lambda') \big] = g^{\lambda\lambda'} \tilde{\delta}(k - k')

[\phi(\vec{x}, t), \phi(\vec{y}, t)] = [\Pi(\vec{x}, t), \Pi(\vec{y}, t)] = 0 \qquad [\phi(\vec{x}, t), \Pi(\vec{y}, t)] = i\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y})

\phi(x) = \int \tilde{d}k \big[a(k)e^{-ik \cdot x} + a^\dagger(k)e^{+ik \cdot x} \big]

|p\rangle = a^\dagger(p)|0\rangle \qquad |p_1, p_2\rangle = a^\dagger(p_2)a^\dagger(p_1)|0\rangle = |p_2, p_1\rangle

Quantization : Complex Scalar Field (Bosons)

\mathcal{L} = : \partial^\mu \varphi^\dagger \partial_\mu \varphi - m^2 \varphi^\dagger \varphi : \qquad \pi = \dot{\varphi}^\dagger \quad \pi^\dagger = \dot{\varphi} \qquad \big[a_\pm(k), a_\pm^\dagger(k') \big] = \tilde{\delta}(k - k')

[\varphi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{y}, t)] = [\varphi^\dagger(\vec{x}, t), \pi^\dagger(\vec{y}, t)] = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y})

\varphi(x) = \varphi^+(x) + \varphi^-(x) = \int \tilde{d}k \big[a_+(k)e^{-ik \cdot x} + a^\dagger_+(k)e^{+ik \cdot x} \big]

\varphi^\dagger(x) = \varphi^{+\dagger}(x) + \varphi^{-\dagger}(x) = \int \tilde{d}k \big[a_-(k)e^{-ik \cdot x} + a^\dagger_-(k)e^{+ik \cdot x} \big]

|p^+\rangle = a^\dagger_+(p)|0\rangle \qquad |p^-\rangle = a^\dagger_-(p)|0\rangle \qquad |p_1^+, p_2^-\rangle = a^\dagger_-(p_2)a^\dagger_+(p_1)|0\rangle

Quantization : Dirac Field (Fermions)

: a(x)b(x') : = a(x)b(x') - b(x')a(x)

T(a(x)b(x')) = \theta(t-t')a(x)b(x') - \theta(t'-t)b(x')a(x)

\mathcal{L} = : i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi : \qquad \pi_\alpha = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\psi}_\alpha} = i\psi_\alpha^\dagger \qquad \pi_\alpha^\dagger = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\psi}_\alpha^\dagger} = 0

\{ b^\dagger(p, s), b(p', s') \} = \{ d^\dagger(p, s), d(p', s') \} = \tilde{\delta}(p - p')\delta_{ss'}

\psi(x) = \psi^+(x) + \psi^-(x) = \int \tilde{d}p \sum_s \big[b(p, s)u(p, s)e^{-ip \cdot x} + d^\dagger(p, s)v(p, s)e^{+ip \cdot x} \big]

\bar{\psi}(x) = \bar{\psi}^+(x) + \bar{\psi}^-(x) = \int \tilde{d}p \sum_s \big[d(p, s)\bar{v}(p, s)e^{-ip \cdot x} + b^\dagger(p, s)\bar{u}(p, s)e^{+ip \cdot x} \big]

|e^-(p_1, s_1), e^-(p_2, s_2)\rangle = b^\dagger(p_2, s_2)b^\dagger(p_1, s_1)|0\rangle = -|e^-(p_2, s_2), e^-(p_1, s_1)\rangle

\psi^+(x)|p\rangle = \psi^+(x)b^\dagger(p)|0\rangle = |0\rangle u(p)e^{-ip \cdot x} \qquad \psi^+(b) \text{ destroys } e^-

\bar{\psi}^+(x)|p\rangle = \bar{\psi}^+(x)d^\dagger(p)|0\rangle = |0\rangle \bar{v}(p)e^{-ip \cdot x} \qquad \bar{\psi}^+(d) \text{ destroy } e^+

\langle p|\psi^-(x) = \langle 0|d(p)\psi^-(x) = v(p)e^{+ip \cdot x}\langle 0| \qquad \psi^-(d^\dagger) \text{ creates } e^+

\langle p|\bar{\psi}^-(x) = \langle 0|b(p)\bar{\psi}^-(x) = \bar{u}(p)e^{+ip \cdot x}\langle 0| \qquad \bar{\psi}^-(b^\dagger) \text{ creates } e^-

