

Solution to Problem Sheet 2

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Solve for problem no. 1

Given

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

From L.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned} [\gamma^\kappa \gamma^\lambda, \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] &= \gamma^\kappa [\gamma^\lambda, \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] + [\gamma^\kappa, \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] \gamma^\lambda \\ &= \gamma^\kappa (\gamma^\lambda \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) + (\gamma^\kappa \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\kappa) \gamma^\lambda \\ &= \gamma^\kappa ((\gamma^\lambda \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \gamma^\lambda) \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu (\gamma^\lambda \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) + ((\gamma^\kappa \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \gamma^\kappa) \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu (\gamma^\nu \gamma^\kappa + \gamma^\kappa \gamma^\nu)) \gamma^\lambda) \\ &= \gamma^\kappa ((\{\gamma^\lambda, \gamma^\mu\} \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu \{\gamma^\lambda, \gamma^\nu\}) + (\{\gamma^\kappa, \gamma^\mu\} \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\mu \{\gamma^\nu, \gamma^\kappa\}) \gamma^\lambda) \\ [\gamma^\kappa \gamma^\lambda, \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] &= 2\eta^{\lambda\mu} \gamma^\kappa \gamma^\nu - 2\eta^{\lambda\nu} \gamma^\kappa \gamma^\mu + 2\eta^{\kappa\mu} \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda - 2\eta^{\nu\kappa} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\lambda \quad (\text{Showed}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu) &= \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma_5) && ([\text{because } (\gamma_5)^2 = 1]) \\ &= -\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5) = -\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5) \\ \implies \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma_5) &= -\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5) = \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5) \\ \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma_5) &= 0 \\ \implies \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(b) \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) &= \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) + \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) + \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \{ \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu \} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} 2\eta^{\mu\nu} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} 2\eta^{\mu\nu} \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbb{1}) \\
&= 4\eta^{\mu\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(d) (\gamma^5)^2 &= i\gamma_0\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3 \cdot i\gamma_0\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3 \\
&= -(-1)\gamma_0\gamma_0\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3 \\
&= \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3 \\
&= \gamma_1\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_2\gamma_3 &= -\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_2\gamma_3 \\
&= \gamma_2\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_3 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(e) \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^5) &= \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^0 \gamma^0) & ((\gamma^0)^2 = 1) \\
&= -\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^0 \gamma^5 \gamma^0) = \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^0 \gamma^5 \gamma^0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$