

**Advanced Quantum Mechanics (PHL 744)**  
**(Major Test)**

Max. Marks: 50

1. Write down the relativistic wave equation (Klein-Gordon equation) starting from the relativistic energy-momentum relation.

Derive the equation of continuity and discuss the problems encountered with this relativistic equation.

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2. Examine the influence of the charge conjugation ( $\psi_c = C\gamma^0\psi^*$ ) on an electron at rest with positive energies (in both spin up and spin down states).

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3. Starting from the Maxwell's equations

$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\mu$  and,  $\partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\mu F^{\nu\lambda} + \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\mu} = 0$ , with  $F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\nu A^\mu - \partial^\mu A^\nu$ ,  $j^\mu = (\rho, \vec{j})$

derive the two Maxwell's equations corresponding to the divergence and the curl of the magnetic field,  $\vec{B}$ .

Electric and magnetic fields:

$$E^i = F^{0i}, \quad B^i = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{ijk}F^{jk}.$$

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4. Under a Lorentz transformation ( $x'^\mu = a^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$ ), Dirac wave function transforms as  $\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x') = S(a)\psi(x)$ . From the form invariance of the Dirac equation, find the constraint the matrix  $S(a)$  must satisfy.

[6]

5. Dirac equation in the presence of an external electromagnetic field is given as

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = (c\vec{\alpha} \cdot (\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}) + \beta mc^2 + e\phi)\psi.$$

Show that in the non-relativistic limit, this reduces to the Pauli equation.

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6. For a complex scalar field,  $\phi$ , derive an expression for the Feynmann propagator,

$$i\Delta_F(x' - x) = \langle 0|T(\phi(x')\phi^\dagger(x))|0\rangle,$$

by using the field operator expansions for  $\phi$  and  $\phi^\dagger$  and the commutation relations of the creation and annihilation operators. Show that the above obtained expression is equivalent to the integral

$$i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} e^{-ik \cdot (x' - x)},$$

where  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0_+$ .

[12]