Quantentheorie II Übung 4

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1. Questions

- (a) How can you obtain the Dirac Hamiltonian from the Dirac equation?
- (b) How can you make the Dirac equation invariant under a local transformation $\psi(x) \to e^{-i\alpha(x)}\psi(x)$?
- (c) What is the covariant derivative D^{μ} for the Dirac equation with the electromagnetic fields?
- (d) What are the terms appearing in the nonrelativistic Dirac Hamiltonian with nonzero electromagnetic fields up to the order of $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{m})$?
- 2. Gauge invariance and charge conjugation: for a given real potential $A_{\mu}(x)$ the Dirac equation of an electron with its charge q = -e satisfies

$$(i\partial \!\!\!/ + e \!\!\!/ A(x) - m)\psi(x) = 0.$$

(a) We now consider a transformation of the electron spinor field ψ where $\psi'(x) = e^{-ie\alpha(x)}\psi(x)$. Find out how the potential $A_{\mu}(x)$ should transform

$$A(x) \to A'_{\mu}(x) = A_{\mu}(x) = A_{\mu}(x) + ?,$$

in order that the Dirac equation is invariant under this transformation, which means

$$(i\partial \!\!\!/ + e \!\!\!/ A'(x) - m)\psi'(x) = 0.$$

- (b) The corresponding Dirac equation of a positron should be obtained when we replace q = -e with q = +e and $\psi(x)$ with its charge conjugation spinor $\psi_c = C\bar{\psi}^T$. Find out the equation to determine the charge conjugation matrix C.
- 3. **Relativistic hydrogen atom (spinless):** we can discuss the spinless relativistic hydrogen atom with the Schrödinger equation in the spherical coordinate system,

$$(\Delta + 2M\frac{\alpha}{r} + 2ME_S)\psi_S(\vec{r}) = 0, \quad \Delta = \partial_r^2 + \frac{2}{r}\partial_r - \frac{\hat{L}^2}{r^2},$$

where $\hat{L}^2\psi_S = l(l+1)\psi_S$.

- (a) Write down the Klein-Gordon equation for a particle in the Coulomb potential.
- (b) Use the Ansatz

$$\psi_K(x^{\mu}) = e^{-i\omega t} \phi_K(\vec{r})$$

and bring the Klein-Gordon equation into the form

$$\left(\Delta - M^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{r} + E_K\right)^2\right)\phi_K(\vec{r}) = 0.$$

- (c) Which substitutions are required to rewrite the Klein-Gordon equation into the Schrödinger equation?
- (d) What are the energy eigenvalues of the Klein-Gordon equation? Compare the results with the Schrödinger equation up to the order of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$. You can use the known results of the energy eigenvalues of the Schrödinger equation.
- 4. Dirac Hamiltonian in nonrelativistic limits: an electron is moving in a homogeneous electric fields $\vec{E} = \mathcal{E}\hat{z}$. The magnetic field vanishes, and we ignore the movement along the z-axis. The corresponding Dirac equation, rewritten for an energy eigenstate, is $H_D\psi(\vec{x}) = E\psi(\vec{x})$ where $\vec{x} = (x, y, 0)$ as we ignore the movement along the z-axis, and the Dirac Hamiltonian expanded up to the order of $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{m^3})$ is

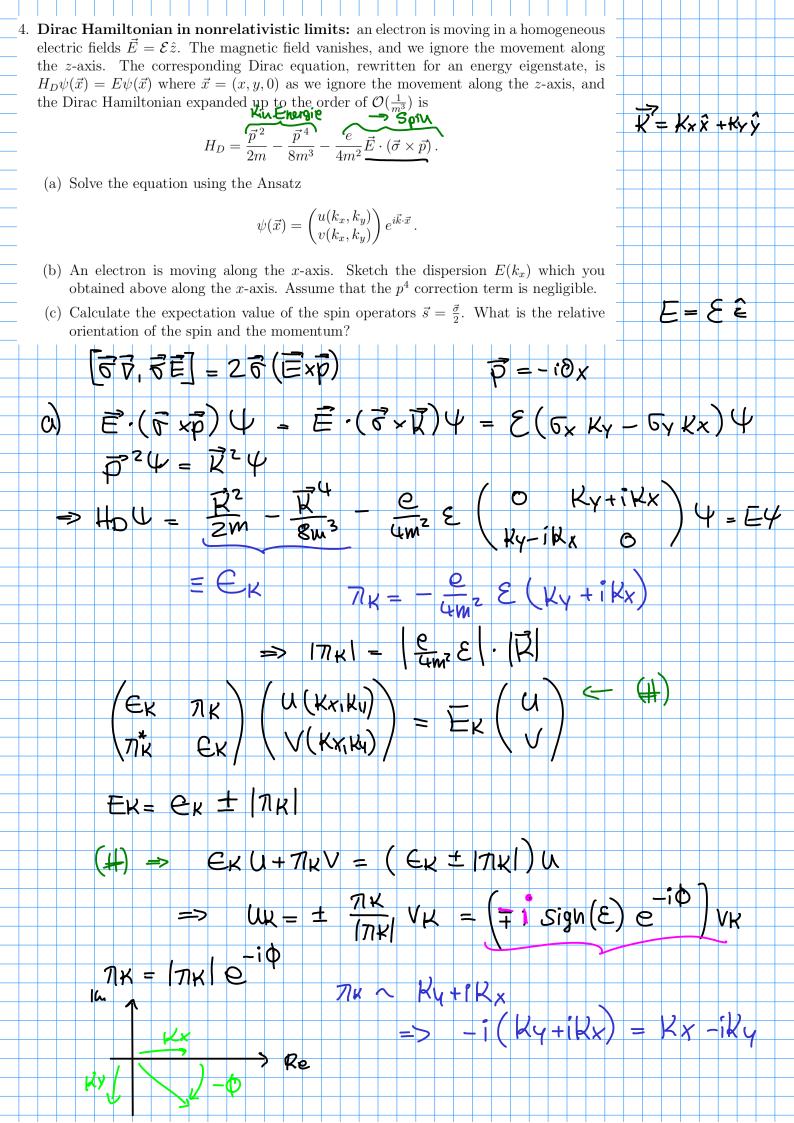
$$H_D = \frac{\vec{p}^{\,2}}{2m} - \frac{\vec{p}^{\,4}}{8m^3} - \frac{e}{4m^2} \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\sigma} \times \vec{p}) \,.$$

(a) Solve the equation using the Ansatz

$$\psi(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} u(k_x, k_y) \\ v(k_x, k_y) \end{pmatrix} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}.$$

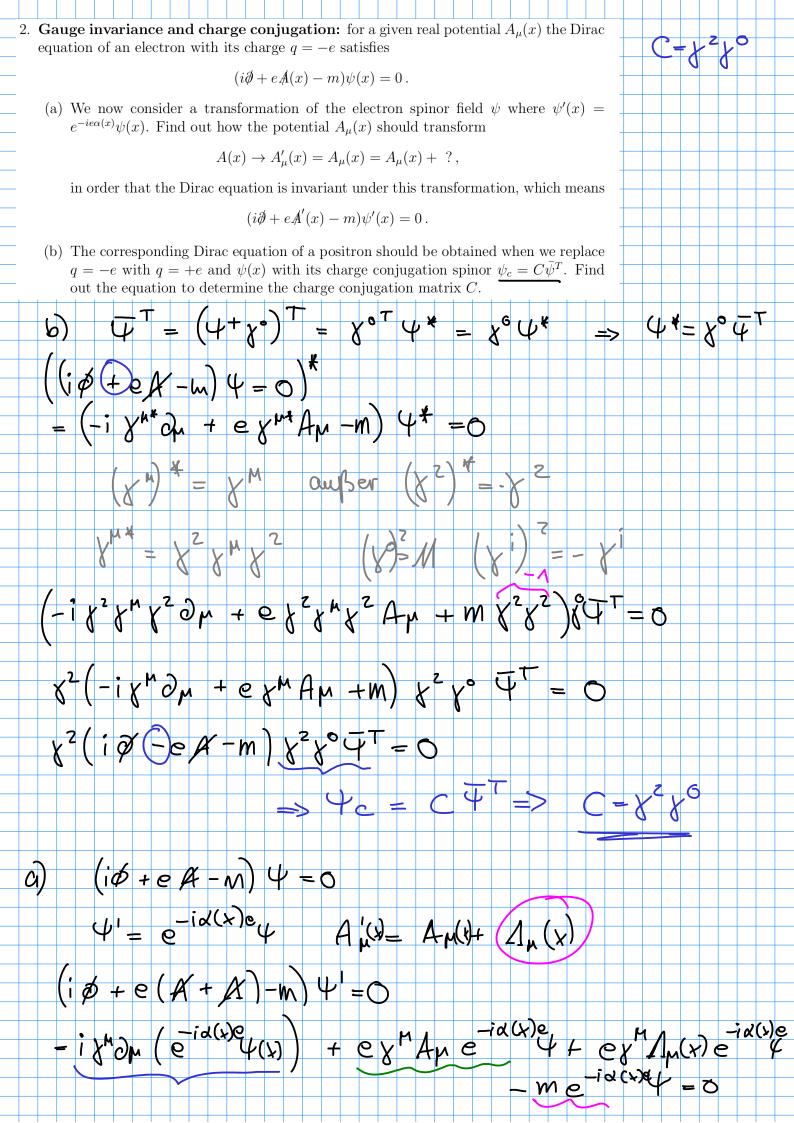
- (b) An electron is moving along the x-axis. Sketch the dispersion $E(k_x)$ which you obtained above along the x-axis. Assume that the p^4 correction term is negligible.
- (c) Calculate the expectation value of the spin operators $\vec{s} = \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}$. What is the relative orientation of the spin and the momentum?

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b)
$$E_{R}^{\pm} = \frac{R^{2}}{2m} \pm \frac{e}{4m^{2}} \frac{|E|}{|R|}$$

c) $S = \frac{5}{2}$ $\langle S \rangle_{\pm} = \int dx dy \ \psi^{\pm} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \psi$
 $\psi^{\pm}_{R} = N \left(\mp i sgu(E) e^{-i\Phi} \right) e^{iR} \vec{r}$
 $\langle S^{\times} \rangle_{\pm} = \int d^{2}r \left(\psi^{\pm}_{R} \right)^{\pm} S^{\times} \left(\psi^{\pm}_{R} \right)$
 $= \int d^{2}r N^{2} \left(\pm i sgu(E) e^{i\Phi} \right) A \int \frac{1}{2} \left(0.1 \right) \left(\mp i sgu(E) e^{i\Phi} \right)$
 $= N^{2}A \frac{1}{2} \left(\pm i sgu(E) \left(e^{i\Phi} - e^{-i\Phi} \right) \right)$
 $= N^{2}A \left(\pm sgu(E) \right) sin \Phi$
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