

Given a Lorentz transformation  $\Lambda = e^{i\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu}/2}$ , we will see how this transforms the Dirac equation

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0$$

Keep in mind that the Dirac spinor  $\psi$  is composed of the two Weyl spinors, i.e.,  $\psi = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ , and that

$$\gamma^\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \bar{\sigma}^\mu \\ \sigma^\mu & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The generators  $J^{\mu\nu}$  of  $\Lambda$  are the following aliases

$$J^{0i} = K_i \quad J^{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

then considering antisymmetry in the exponent of  $\Lambda$ ,

$$\Lambda = e^{i(\omega_{23}J_1 + \omega_{31}J_2 + \omega_{12}J_3 + \omega_{01}K_1 + \omega_{02}K_2 + \omega_{03}K_3)}$$

Now following the standard procedure to map this to Weyl spinor representations, i.e., write  $\Lambda = e^{i[\alpha_i(J_i + iK_i) + \beta_i(J_i - iK_i)]}$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \omega_{23} \\ \alpha_1 - \beta_1 = -i\omega_{01} \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \alpha_1 = \frac{\omega_{23} - i\omega_{01}}{2} \\ \beta_1 = \frac{\omega_{23} + i\omega_{01}}{2} \end{cases} \text{ etc.}$$

So under  $\Lambda$ , the right-handed Weyl spinor  $u$  and the left-handed Weyl spinor  $v$  transform as

$$\begin{aligned} u &\rightarrow S_R u = e^{i\alpha_i \sigma_i} u \\ v &\rightarrow S_L v = e^{i\beta_i \sigma_i} v \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (S_R^{-1})^\dagger &= (e^{-i\alpha_i \sigma_i})^\dagger = e^{i\alpha_i^* \sigma_i} = S_L \quad \text{and vice versa} \\ (S_L^{-1})^\dagger &= S_R \end{aligned}$$

Now for the Dirac spinor  $\psi = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ , under  $\Lambda$ , it must transform as

$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} S_R u \\ S_L v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_R & 0 \\ 0 & S_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \equiv S \psi$$

We want to show that when  $\psi \rightarrow S\psi$  under  $\Lambda$ , the Dirac equation still holds, i.e.

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial'_\mu - m)S\psi = 0$$

This is equivalent to claiming that

$$\left( i \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \bar{\sigma}^\mu \\ \sigma^\mu & 0 \end{bmatrix} \partial'_\mu - m \right) \begin{bmatrix} S_R & 0 \\ 0 & S_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

which is equivalent to two claims

$$i\sigma^\mu \partial'_\mu S_R u - m S_L v = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$i\bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial'_\mu S_L v - m S_R u = 0 \tag{2}$$

From the discussion of Weyl spinor's Lorentz invariance, we know

$$i\sigma^\mu \partial'_\mu S_R u = (S_R^{-1})^\dagger \cdot i\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u = S_L \cdot i\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u$$

therefore, (1) is indeed true since

$$i\sigma^\mu \partial'_\mu S_R u - m S_L v = S_L (i\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu u - m v) = 0$$

and of course, similarly

$$i\bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial'_\mu S_L v - m S_R u = S_R (i\bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu v - m u) = 0$$

More compactly, we write the transformation of Dirac equation under  $\Lambda$  (hence  $S(\Lambda)$ ) as

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0 \rightarrow (i\gamma^\mu \partial'_\mu - m)S\psi = S(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0$$

Note the relation in the book (pp 476) should be corrected in our context as

$$S^{-1}\gamma^\lambda S = \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \gamma^\mu$$

which can be seen by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} S_R^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & S_L^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \bar{\sigma}^\lambda \\ \sigma^\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_R & 0 \\ 0 & S_L \end{bmatrix} &= \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \bar{\sigma}^\mu \\ \sigma^\mu & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\iff \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_R^{-1} \bar{\sigma}^\lambda \\ S_L^{-1} \sigma^\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_R & 0 \\ 0 & S_L \end{bmatrix} &= \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \bar{\sigma}^\mu \\ \sigma^\mu & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\iff \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_R^{-1} \bar{\sigma}^\lambda S_L \\ S_L^{-1} \sigma^\lambda S_R & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu \\ \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \sigma^\mu \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$S_R^{-1} \bar{\sigma}^\lambda S_L = \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu, \quad S_L^{-1} \sigma^\lambda S_R = \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu \sigma^\mu$$

which are the "Weyl map" equation (5-6) proved in the last document.