

From the construction (8.15)

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\chi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] \quad (2)$$

we have

$$\Psi = \phi + \chi \quad (3)$$

$$D_t \Psi = \frac{m}{i} (\phi - \chi) \quad (4)$$

To prove (8.16)

$$iD_t \phi = -\frac{1}{2m} \mathbf{D}^2 (\phi + \chi) + m\phi \quad (5)$$

$$iD_t \chi = +\frac{1}{2m} \mathbf{D}^2 (\phi + \chi) - m\chi \quad (6)$$

It's equivalent to prove

$$2imD_t \phi = -\mathbf{D}^2 \Psi + 2m^2 \phi \quad (7)$$

$$2imD_t \chi = \mathbf{D}^2 \Psi - 2m^2 \chi \quad (8)$$

which are equivalent to

$$imD_t \left(\Psi + \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi \right) = -\mathbf{D}^2 \Psi + m^2 \left(\Psi + \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi \right) \quad (9)$$

$$imD_t \left(\Psi - \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi \right) = \mathbf{D}^2 \Psi - m^2 \left(\Psi - \frac{i}{m} D_t \Psi \right) \quad (10)$$

which are both equivalent to

$$(D_t^2 - \mathbf{D}^2 + m^2) \Psi = 0 \quad (11)$$

which is true by (8.14) given $D_\mu D^\mu = D_t^2 - \mathbf{D}^2$.