Practice with Spinors

Algebra with Dirac γ matrices Ι

Notation:

- 1. $S = \overline{u}u$
- 2. $P = \overline{u}\gamma^5 u$
- 3. $V^{\mu} = \overline{u}\gamma^{\mu}u$
- 4. $A^{\mu} = \overline{u}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5 u$
- 5. $T^{\mu\nu} = \overline{u}\sigma^{\mu\nu}u$

Please follow the above naming convention in the rest of the notes. Make appropriate modifications.

Anything marked in red has a mistake in it. Please work on it and fix it.

1. $(\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2)^* = ?$

Note: $(\gamma^0)^{\dagger} = \gamma^0$ and $(\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger} = \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^0$

 $(\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2)$ is a 1×1 matrix. Therefore, its complex conjugate is the same as its Hermitian conjugate, i.e. if we call $V^{\mu} = (\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2)$, then $(V^{\mu})^* = (V^{\mu})^{\dagger}$. We can then express this quantity as follows:

$$V^{\mu} = \overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2 , \qquad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (V^{\mu})^* = (V^{\mu})^{\dagger} , \tag{2}$$

$$= (\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2)^{\dagger} , \qquad (3)$$

$$= ((u_1)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} u_2)^{\dagger} \quad \text{using } (A \dots Z)^{\dagger} = Z^{\dagger} \dots A^{\dagger} , \qquad (4)$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})(\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger}(\gamma^0)^{\dagger}(u_1) \tag{5}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})\gamma^0\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^0\gamma^0(u_1) \tag{6}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})\gamma^0\gamma^{\mu}(u_1) \tag{7}$$

$$= \overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\mu}(u_1) \tag{8}$$

Therefore $(\overline{u}_1\gamma^{\mu}u_2)^* = \overline{u}_2\gamma^{\mu}u_1$. To solve for $|V^{\mu}|^2$ we simply use $|V^{\mu}|^2 = \text{Tr}[\overline{u}_1\gamma^{\mu}u_2\overline{u}_2\gamma^{\nu}u_1]$.

Question:

$$\frac{\mathbf{\check{W}} \text{hy is } |V^{\mu}|^2}{\mathbf{\check{W}} \text{hy is } |V^{\mu}|^2} \neq \text{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2 \overline{u}_2 \gamma_{\mu} u_1]? \\
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$$|V^{\mu}|^2 = \text{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2 \overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\nu} u_1]$$
?

You start with one index μ . When you square why do you get two indices and not a sum over two of the same index?

When you square you have two indices because you must increase the number of components. The number of components when you square should go as n^2 not simply

1

n. When you have one index, you restrict the number of components, because you have 4 components and not 16.

Note: $\text{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}] = 4g^{\mu\nu}$, $\text{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma}] = 4(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\sigma} - g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\lambda})$, The trace over the product of an odd number of gamma matrices is zero.

$$|V^{\mu}|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} u_2 \overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\nu} u_1] \tag{9}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} (p_2 + m) \gamma^{\nu} u_1] \tag{10}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[u_1 \overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} (p_2 + m) \gamma^{\nu}] \tag{11}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(\not p_1 + m)\gamma^{\mu}(\not p_2 + m)\gamma^{\nu}] \tag{12}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\not p_1 \gamma^{\mu} \not p_2 \gamma^{\nu}] + m[\operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^{\mu} \not p_1 \gamma^{\nu}) + \operatorname{Tr}(\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \not p_2)] + m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu}]$$
(13)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[p_1 \gamma^{\mu} p_2 \gamma^{\nu}] + m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu}] \tag{14}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\lambda} \gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu}(p_2)_{\sigma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu}] + 4m^2 g^{\mu\nu} \tag{15}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu}] + 4m^2 g^{\mu\nu}$$
(16)

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma}4(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\sigma} - g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\lambda}) + 4m^2g^{\mu\nu}$$
(17)

$$= 4[p_1^{\mu}p_2^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu}(p_1 \cdot p_2) + p_2^{\mu}p_1^{\nu}] + 4m^2g^{\mu\nu}$$
(18)

2. $(\overline{u}_1\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5u_2)^*$ is also a 1×1 Matrix so the same reasoning applies as above in 1. Note: $(\gamma^5)^{\dagger} = \gamma^5$ We define: A^{μ} as $\overline{u}_1\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5u_2$ thus:

$$(A^{\mu})^* = (A^{\mu})^{\dagger} \tag{19}$$

$$= (\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{20}$$

$$= ((u_1)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{21}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})(\gamma^5)^{\dagger}(\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger}(\gamma^0)^{\dagger}(u_1) \tag{22}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})\gamma^5\gamma^0\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^0\gamma^0u_1 \tag{23}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})\gamma^5\gamma^0\gamma^{\mu}(1)u_1 \tag{24}$$

$$= -(u_2^{\dagger})\gamma^0\gamma^5\gamma^{\mu}u_1 \tag{25}$$

$$= -\overline{u}_2 \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu u_1 \tag{26}$$

$$= \overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_1 \tag{27}$$

Therefore $(\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_2)^* = \overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_1$

We also are able to calculate $|A^{\mu}|^2$

$$|A^{\mu}|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}[(\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 u_2)(\overline{u}_2 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5 u_1)] \tag{28}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 (p_2 + m) \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5 u_1] \tag{29}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[u_1 \overline{u}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 (p_2 + m) \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5] \tag{30}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(\not p_1 + m)\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5(\not p_2 + m)\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5] \tag{31}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\not\!\! p_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \not\!\! p_2 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5 + m(\not\!\! p_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5 + \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \not\!\! p_2 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5) + m^2 (\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5)] \tag{32}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr} [p_{1} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} p_{2} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{5} + m (p_{1} \gamma^{\mu} (-\gamma^{5} \gamma^{5}) \gamma^{\nu} + p_{2} \gamma^{\mu} (-\gamma^{5} \gamma^{5}) \gamma^{\nu}) + m^{2} (\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{5})]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\not p_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \not p_2 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5 - m(\not p_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} + \not p_2 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu}) + m^2 (\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5)] \tag{34}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\not\!\! p_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \not\!\! p_2 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5] - m \operatorname{Tr}[\not\!\! p_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] - m \operatorname{Tr}[\not\!\! p_2 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] + m^2 (\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \gamma^5)] \tag{35}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\not p_1 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \not p_2 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5 + m^2 (\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5)] \tag{36}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\lambda} \gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 (p_2)_{\sigma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5] + m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5]$$
(37)

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5] - m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu}]$$
(38)

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^5 \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu}] - m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu}]$$
(39)

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\nu}] - m^2(g^{\mu\nu}) \tag{40}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\lambda}(p_2)_{\sigma}4(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\sigma} - g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\lambda}) - 4m^2g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\tag{41}$$

$$= 4[p_1^{\mu}p_2^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu}(p_1 \cdot p_2) + p_2^{\mu}p_1^{\nu}] - 4m^2g^{\mu\nu} \tag{42}$$

3. $(\overline{u}_1 u_2)^* = ?$ We let $S = \overline{u}_1 u_2$

$$(S)^* = (S)^{\dagger} \tag{43}$$

$$= (\overline{u}_1 u_2)^{\dagger} , \qquad (44)$$

$$= ((u_1)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{45}$$

$$= (u_2)^{\dagger} (\gamma^0)^{\dagger} (u_1) \tag{46}$$

$$= (u_2)^{\dagger} \gamma^0(u_1) \tag{47}$$

$$= \overline{u}_2(u_1) \tag{48}$$

Therefore $(\overline{u}_1u_2)^* = \overline{u}_2u_1$. In order to find $|S|^2$ we simply do the following:

$$|S|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 u_2 \overline{u}_2 u_1] \tag{49}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1 + m)(p_2 + m)] \tag{50}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[p_1 p_2 + m(p_1 + p_2) + m^2] \tag{51}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[p_1 p_2] + \operatorname{Tr}[m(p_1 + p_2)] + \operatorname{Tr}[m^2]$$
 (52)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[p_1 p_2] + m(\operatorname{Tr}[p_1] + \operatorname{Tr}[p_2]) + m^2 \operatorname{Tr}[1]$$

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$$= \operatorname{Tr}[p_1 p_2] + 4m^2$$
(54)

$$= 4(p_1 \cdot p_2) + 4m^2 \tag{55}$$

4. By the same reasoning as shown above it can be shown that $(\overline{u}_1\gamma^5u_2)^* = \overline{u}_2\gamma^5u_1$ If we let $P = \overline{u}_1 \gamma^5 u_2$ then:

$$(P)^* = (P)^{\dagger} \tag{56}$$

$$= (\overline{u}_1 \gamma^5 u_2)^{\dagger} , \qquad (57)$$

$$= ((u_1)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 \gamma^5 u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{58}$$

$$= (u_2)^{\dagger} (\gamma^5)^{\dagger} (\gamma^0)^{\dagger} (u_1) \tag{59}$$

$$= (u_2)^{\dagger} (\gamma^5) \gamma^0(u_1) \tag{60}$$

$$= -(u_2)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 \gamma^5(u_1) \tag{61}$$

$$= -\overline{u}_2 \gamma^5(u_1) \tag{62}$$

Therefore $(\overline{u}_1 \gamma^5 u_2)^* = -\overline{u}_2 \gamma^5 u_1$

In order to square P we do the following:

$$|P|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \gamma^5 u_2(-\overline{u}_2 \gamma^5 u_1)] \tag{63}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[u_1 \overline{u}_1 \gamma^5 (-p_2 - m) \gamma^5] \tag{64}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(\not p_1 + m)\gamma^5(-\not p_2 - m)\gamma^5] \tag{65}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu} + m)\gamma^5((-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu} - m)\gamma^5]$$
(66)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5 + m\gamma^5)((-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5 - m\gamma^5)] \tag{67}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5 + m\gamma^5(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5 - m\gamma^5(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5 - \gamma^5\gamma^5m^2)]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5] + \operatorname{Tr}[m\gamma^5(-\gamma^5)(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}] - \operatorname{Tr}[m\gamma^5(-\gamma^5)(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}] - \operatorname{Tr}[m^2]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5] - \operatorname{Tr}[m(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}] + \operatorname{Tr}[m(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}] - 4m^2$$
(68)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5(-p_2)_{\nu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^5] - 4m^2 \tag{69}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\mu} (-p_2)_{\nu} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^5] - 4m^2 \tag{70}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\mu} (-p_2)_{\nu} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 (-\gamma^5 \gamma^{\nu})] - 4m^2 \tag{71}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\mu}(-p_2)_{\nu}(-\text{Tr}[\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}]) - 4m^2 \tag{72}$$

$$= (p_1)_{\mu}(-p_2)_{\nu}(-4g^{\mu\nu}) - 4m^2 \tag{73}$$

$$= 4(p_1)(p_2) - 4m^2 (74)$$

5. While the above identities could be shown to be trivial, the identity: $(\overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2)^* = \overline{u}_2 \sigma^{\nu\mu} u_1$ is more difficult to solve. The identity: $(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^{\dagger} = \sigma^{\mu\nu}$ is needed

$$(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^{\dagger} = (\frac{i}{2}[\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}])^{\dagger} \tag{75}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2}([\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}])^{\dagger} \tag{76}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger} \tag{77}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2}((\gamma^{\nu})^{\dagger}(\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger} - (\gamma^{\mu})^{\dagger}(\gamma^{\nu})^{\dagger}) \tag{78}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2} (\gamma^0 \gamma^\nu \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 - \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^\nu \gamma^0)$$
 (79)

$$= -\frac{i}{2} (\gamma^0 \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 - \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^0) \tag{80}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2}((-1)^2\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - (-1)^2\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}) \tag{81}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu} - \gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}) \tag{82}$$

$$= -\sigma^{\nu\mu} \tag{83}$$

After showing $(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^{\dagger} = \sigma^{\nu\mu}$ is true it is trivial to show $(\overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2)^* = -\overline{u}_2 \sigma^{\nu\mu} u_1$. We let $T^{\mu\nu} = \overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2$

$$(T^{\mu\nu})^* = (T^{\mu\nu})^{\dagger},$$
 (84)

$$= (\overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{85}$$

$$= ((u_1)^{\dagger} \gamma^0 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2)^{\dagger} \tag{86}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^{\dagger}(\gamma^0)^{\dagger}(u_1) \tag{87}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})(-\sigma^{\nu\mu})\gamma^0(u_1) \tag{88}$$

$$= (u_2^{\dagger})(-\gamma^0)(-\sigma^{\nu\mu})(u_1) \tag{89}$$

$$= \overline{u}_2 \sigma^{\mu\nu}(u_1) \tag{90}$$

In order to find the value of $|T^{\mu\nu}|^2$ one needs to find the value of $Tr[\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}\sigma^{\mu\nu}]$

$$Tr[\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}\sigma^{\mu\nu}] = Tr[\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma})\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})]$$
(91)

$$= Tr\left[\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma})\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})\right]$$
 (92)

$$= -\frac{1}{4}Tr[(\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma})(\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})]$$
(93)

$$= -\frac{1}{4}Tr[\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} + \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}]$$
 (94)

$$= -\frac{1}{4}Tr[\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}(-\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}) - (-\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda})\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} + (-\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda})(-\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu})]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}Tr[\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} + \gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} + \gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} + \gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}]$$
 (95)

$$= -\frac{1}{4}Tr[4\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}] \tag{96}$$

$$= -Tr[\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}] \tag{97}$$

$$= Tr[\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma}] \tag{98}$$

$$= 4(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\sigma} - g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\lambda}) \tag{99}$$

(100)

In order to find the value of $|T^{\mu\nu}|^2$ one needs to do the following:

$$|T^{\mu\nu}|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_2 \overline{u}_2 \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} u_1] \tag{101}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[\overline{u}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} (p_2 + m) \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} u_1] \tag{102}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[(\not p_1 + m)\sigma^{\mu\nu}(\not p_2 + m)\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] \tag{103}$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa}\gamma^{\kappa} + m)\sigma^{\mu\nu}((p_2)_{\gamma}\gamma^{\gamma} + m)\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}]$$
(104)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} + m \sigma^{\mu\nu})((p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} + m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda})]$$
(105)

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa})^{\gamma} \sigma^{-1} m \sigma^{-1})((p_2)_{\gamma})^{\gamma} \sigma^{-1} m \sigma^{-1}]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} + (p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} + (p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} m \sigma^{\mu\nu} + m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} m \sigma^{\mu\nu})] \quad (106)$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] + \operatorname{Tr}[(p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} + (p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} m \sigma^{\mu\nu}] + \operatorname{Tr}[m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} m \sigma^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] + \operatorname{Tr}[m \sigma^{\sigma\lambda} m \sigma^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\tag{107}$$

=
$$\operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa}\gamma^{\kappa}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_2)_{\gamma}\gamma^{\gamma}\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] + m^2Tr[\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}\sigma^{\mu\nu}] \operatorname{Let} B = m^2\operatorname{Tr}[\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}\sigma^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$= \operatorname{Tr}[((p_1)_{\kappa} \gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (p_2)_{\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] + B$$

$$= (p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\kappa} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \sigma^{\sigma\lambda}] + B$$

$$= (p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\gamma^{\kappa}\left(\frac{i}{2}((\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})\gamma^{\gamma}\left(\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma})\right)\right] + B$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\gamma^{\kappa}(\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})\gamma^{\gamma}(\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\lambda}\gamma^{\sigma})\right] + B \text{ (Let A } = -\frac{1}{4}(p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma})$$

$$= (A) \text{Tr}[(\gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu})(\gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\sigma})] + B$$

$$= (A) \text{Tr}[(\gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\sigma} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} + \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^{\sigma})] + B$$

$$= (A) \text{Tr}[(\gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} (-\gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda}) - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} + \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} (-\gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda}))] + B$$

$$= (A) \text{Tr}[(\gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} + \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda} - \gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\gamma} \gamma^{\sigma} \gamma^{\lambda}))] + B$$

$$= (A)\operatorname{Tr}[2\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - 2\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}] + B$$

$$\tag{109}$$

$$= (A)\operatorname{Tr}[2\gamma^{\kappa}(-\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu})\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - 2\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}] + B$$
(110)

$$= (A)\operatorname{Tr}[-2\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda} - 2\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}] + B \tag{111}$$

$$= (A)\operatorname{Tr}[-4\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}] + B \tag{112}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}[-4\gamma^{\kappa}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\gamma}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\lambda}] + B$$
(113)

=
$$(p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma} \operatorname{Tr}[\gamma^{\kappa} \gamma^{\gamma}] + B$$
 (Using a similar identity as shown in eq. 91) (114)

$$= 4(p_1)_{\kappa}(p_2)_{\gamma}g^{\kappa\gamma} + B \tag{115}$$

$$= 4p_1p_2 + m^2Tr[\sigma^{\sigma\lambda}\sigma^{\mu\nu}] \tag{116}$$

$$= 4p_1p_2 + m^24(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\sigma} - g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma}g^{\nu\lambda})$$
(117)