

Prove the following Gordon decomposition by direct calculation. Momentum vectors  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  have the same rest mass  $m$ . Each of the spins  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  can be either up or down.

$$\bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \gamma^\mu u(p_1, s_1) = \bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \left[ \frac{(p_2 + p_1)^\mu}{2m} + i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \frac{(p_2 - p_1)_\nu}{2m} \right] u(p_1, s_1)$$

The following vectors and spinors are used. Spinors  $u_{11}$  and  $u_{21}$  are spin up,  $u_{12}$  and  $u_{22}$  are spin down.

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ p_{1x} \\ p_{1y} \\ p_{1z} \end{pmatrix} & u_{11} &= \begin{pmatrix} E_1 + m \\ 0 \\ p_{1x} + ip_{1y} \\ p_{1x} + ip_{1y} \end{pmatrix} & u_{12} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ E_1 + m \\ p_{1x} - ip_{1y} \\ -p_{1z} \end{pmatrix} & E_1 &= \sqrt{p_{1x}^2 + p_{1y}^2 + p_{1z}^2 + m^2} \\ p_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ p_{2x} \\ p_{2y} \\ p_{2z} \end{pmatrix} & u_{21} &= \begin{pmatrix} E_2 + m \\ 0 \\ p_{2x} + ip_{2y} \\ p_{2x} + ip_{2y} \end{pmatrix} & u_{22} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ E_2 + m \\ p_{2x} - ip_{2y} \\ -p_{2z} \end{pmatrix} & E_2 &= \sqrt{p_{2x}^2 + p_{2y}^2 + p_{2z}^2 + m^2} \end{aligned}$$

Tensor  $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$  is defined as

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

In component notation we have

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu\alpha}{}_\beta = \frac{i}{2} (\gamma^{\mu\alpha}{}_\rho \gamma^{\nu\rho}{}_\beta - \gamma^{\nu\alpha}{}_\rho \gamma^{\mu\rho}{}_\beta)$$

Let  $T^{\mu\nu} = \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu$ . Transpose the first two indices of  $\gamma^{\nu\rho}{}_\beta$  to form a dot product.

$$T^{\mu\nu\alpha}{}_\beta = \gamma^{\mu\alpha}{}_\rho \gamma^{\rho\nu}{}_\beta$$

Convert to code. The transpose on the second and third indices interchanges  $\alpha$  and  $\nu$ .

$$T^{\mu\nu\alpha}{}_\beta = \text{transpose}(\text{dot}(\text{gamma}, \text{transpose}(\text{gamma})), 2, 3)$$

Hence

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i/2 \text{ (T - transpose(T))}$$

where  $\text{T} = T^{\mu\nu\alpha}{}_\beta$ . Now convert  $\sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_2 - p_1)_\nu$  to code.

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu}(p_2 - p_1)_\nu = \sigma^{\mu\alpha}{}_\beta{}^\nu g_{\nu\rho} (p_2 - p_1)^\rho = \text{dot}(\text{S}, \text{gmunu}, \text{p2} - \text{p1})$$

where  $\text{S} = \sigma^{\mu\alpha}{}_\beta{}^\nu = \text{transpose}(\text{transpose}(\text{sigmamunu}, 2, 3), 3, 4)$ .