

Relativistic

Quantum

Mechanics

# PHY424 - QUANTUM FIELD THEORY-1

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## grading Structure:

- 2 Assignments : 20%.  
2 Mid Terms : 30% → after 1 month  
1 Final : 50% → after 2 months.

## Textbooks:

- ① Bjorken & Drell , RQM v1, QFT v2  
② Sakurai , Quantum Mechanics.  
③ Lahiri and Pal, A First book of QFT  
④ Peskin & Schroeder, An introduction to QFT  
⑤ Srednicki , Quantum Field Theory  
⑥ J.D. Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics.

modern replacement.

No separate tutorials. Can contact on whatsapp.

## Office hours:

Resources for SR: (1) Martin Martinez GR lectures  
(2) [klimas.pginas.ufsc.br/files/2020/07/chapter-1.pdf](http://klimas.pginas.ufsc.br/files/2020/07/chapter-1.pdf)

# Relativistic Quantum Mechanics.

For a non-relativistic quantum particle-

$$E = \underbrace{\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}}_{\text{KE}} + \underbrace{V(\vec{r})}_{\text{PE}}$$

The relativistic energy momentum relation is given as

→  $E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$  (for free particle)

$$E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4} + V(\vec{r})$$

? (is this even correct?)

and if interactions are described by  $V(\vec{r})$  it corresponds to instantaneous forces and action-at-a-distance scenarios in a relativistic theory.

A proper formulation should have causal interactions.

Also, NRQM is actually a single particle / Ensemble of stable particle theory.

The relativistic theory however allows creation & destruction of particles, and a scattering process may give rise to arbitrary no. of particles. The number of particles isn't conserved. ∴ The Hilbert space of the theory is intrinsically has states with arbitrary no. of particles

If one is in a non-rel. theory, the energy  $\ll mc^2$  and the Hilbert space can be considered to have the same dim<sup>n</sup> always b/c particle nos. are conserved.

Creation and Destruction of particles  $\longrightarrow$  QFT : {H.O}  $\uparrow$   
 $a_i, a_i^\dagger$

Then we can start with a ground state

and apply  $a_p$  and  $a_p^+$

$$a_{\vec{p}_1}^+ a_{\vec{p}_2}^+ |0\rangle = |\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2\rangle \rightarrow \text{two particles.}$$

$$\prod_i (a_{\vec{p}_i}^+)^{n_i} |0\rangle = |\overset{\vec{p}_1}{n_1}, \overset{\vec{p}_2}{n_2}, \dots \rangle$$

↑  
Fock-space state

$n_1$  particles have  $\vec{p}_1$   
 $n_2$  particles have  $\vec{p}_2$

(for fermions,  $n$  can  
only be 0,1)

So, what is QFT?

$\phi(\vec{x}, t)$  → infinite collection of dynamical variables indexed by  $\vec{x}$

this field is quantized.

In QM, (Heisenberg formalism)

$$[\hat{q}(t), \hat{p}(t)] = i\hbar$$

# EQUAL TIME COMMUTATION RELATIONS

$$\text{In QFT, } [\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{y}, t)] = i\hbar \delta^{(d)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

RELATIONS

↑ For each  $\vec{x}$  &  $\vec{y}$ , this eqn defined. ( infinite d.o.f. in this eqn)

## Units

Dimensional quantities can be reduced to units of mass, length & time.

3 different unit systems: cgs, mks, SI, Heaviside-Lorentz } Conventional units.

Natural units:

$$\text{In SI, } c = 2.99792\ldots \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s. } [c] = LT^{-1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} \rightarrow \text{a number } \in [0, 1]$$

In natural units,  $c=1$ .

$$[c] = LT^{-1} = 1 \Rightarrow L \sim T \text{ (length is equivalent to time)}$$

$$1 \text{ sec} = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm.}$$

$$(\text{Reduced}) \text{ Planck's constant } \hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi} = 1.054 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$[\hbar] = [p][q] = [E][t] = ML^2T^{-1}$$

$$\text{For reference, } 1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J (unit of energy)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{in these units, } \hbar &= 6.58 \times 10^{-16} \text{ eV-sec.} \\ &= 6.58 \times 10^{-22} \text{ MeV-sec} \\ &= 6.58 \times 10^{-28} \text{ GeV sec} \end{aligned}$$

The next step is to put  $\hbar = 1$

$$[\hbar] = ML^2T^{-1} = 1 = ML \underbrace{LT^{-1}}_{1(c=1)} \Rightarrow ML = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow M \sim L^{-1} \sim T^{-1}$$

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$$\text{Also, } E \sim T^{-1} \sim M$$

Thus, we define ENERGY NATURAL UNITS as  
 $\hbar = 1, c = 1$

Some good rules of thumb.

$$\hbar c = 197.326 \text{ MeV-fm}$$

$$fm = 10^{-15} m = 10^{-13} m \sim \text{size of a neutron}$$

So writing  $\hbar c \approx 200 \text{ MeV-fm} = 1$  (since  $\hbar = c = 1$ )

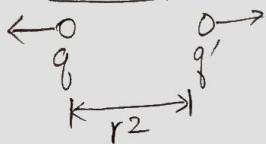
$\therefore$  in this unit system

$$1 \text{ fm} = (200 \text{ MeV})^{-1} = 5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

(gives an energy scale that needs to probe that distance)

### Electromagnetic units.

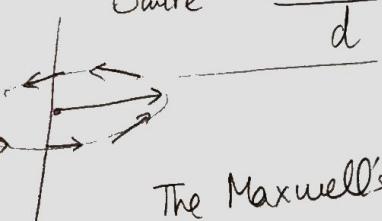
$$F_{\text{coul}} = \frac{k_1 q q'}{r^2}$$



$$I \quad \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ d \end{array} \quad I' \quad F_{\text{amp}} = 2k_2 \frac{II'}{d}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -k_3 \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$B_{\text{wire}} = \frac{2k_2 \tilde{\alpha} I}{d}$$



The Maxwell's eq's are - (for free space)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi k_1 \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = 4\pi k_2 \tilde{\alpha} \vec{J} + \frac{k_2 \tilde{\alpha}}{k_1} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -k_3 \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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Combining these we get

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} - \frac{k_3 k_2 \alpha}{k_1} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (\text{wave-eq}^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k_1}{\tilde{\alpha} k_2 k_3} = c^2$$

Using the Heaviside-Lorentz units (cgs)

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \quad k_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2} \quad k_3 = \frac{1}{c} \quad \tilde{\alpha} = c$$

( J.D. Jackson Appendix )

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## Natural Units (diff ways to think about it)

In cgs, the quantities have a dimension  $[A] = M^a L^b T^c$

If we redefine the fundamental dimensions as  $S, V, M$ , then -

$$[S]_{\text{cgs}} = [E][t] = ML^2 T^{-2} T = ML^2 T^{-1}$$

- Mandl & Shaw  
- 9/102527

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- MIT units notes.

- The nature of natural units. (Rick Van Royen Remorted)

$$\Rightarrow S^{a'} V^{b'} M^{c'} = M^{a'} L^{2a'} T^{-a'} L^{b'} T^{-b'} M^{c'} \\ = M^{a'+c'} L^{2a'+b'} T^{-a'-b'} = M^{\alpha'} L^{\beta'} T^{\gamma'}$$

$$\alpha' = a' + c'$$

$$\beta' = 2a' + b'$$

$$\gamma' = -(a' + b')$$

$$\frac{-(\beta' + 2\gamma')}{2a'} = \frac{b'}{\beta' + \beta' + 2\gamma'} \Rightarrow \underline{a' = \beta' + \gamma'} \\ \underline{c' = \alpha' - \beta' - \gamma'}$$

$$\Rightarrow M^a L^b T^c = S^{b+c} V^{-(b+2c)} M^{a-b-c}$$

So, there are two schools of thought for using natural units as far as I understand -

- (a) Call  $c$  the new unit of velocity, &  $\hbar$  the new unit of action. We redefine our units of action & velocity s.t.  $1 \text{ einstein} = c$ , and  $1 \text{ planck} = \hbar$ . So putting  $c=1$  doesn't mean it is literally just 1, we are actually setting  $c = 1$  velocity unit = 1 einstein. (same for  $\hbar$ ).

So, one can "suppress" the  $c$  &  $\hbar$  factors in all the eq's for the natural units & then bring them back using dimensional analysis whenever we need the numbers in conventional unit systems.

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So " $\hbar = c = 1$ " isn't to be taken literally. It says rescale units s.t. numerical values of  $c$  &  $\hbar$  in this system is 1.

One can also view it as follows. It's much easier to state the mass of Higgs Boson is 125 GeV, but what it's really telling is the rest mass energy of Higgs Boson with  $c^2$  "suppressed" because

$$m_H = 125 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}/c^2.$$

Therefore, to restore the correct dimensionality, one needs to remember implicitly multiplying by appropriate factors of  $c$  &  $\hbar$ , but meanwhile everything can be expressed in powers of eV.

(also,  $\hbar + c = 2$  is utter nonsense in this discussion)

(b) I don't properly understand the second school of thought, but afairk, it says that non-dimensionalize S and V after changing to S, V, M (or E) system. i.e. literally set  $c = \hbar = 1$ .

That'd mean redefining velocity to be  $v' = \frac{v}{c}$  and  $S' = \frac{S}{\hbar}$  in this new system and the only fundamental dim<sup>n</sup> left is Energy (or mass).

However, some textbooks don't even do the first step & directly do

$$c=1 \Rightarrow 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = 1 \Rightarrow (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ s}) \text{ which is confusing as heck}$$

However, doing the above thing is fine as long as the units aren't literally identical, but instead  $L \sim T \sim M^{-1}$  under multiplication factors of  $\hbar$  &  $c$ . ( $\sim$  means the dimensions aren't equal, but equivalent under some transformation)

## Lecture-2

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Natural Units (contd.)

EM units: Heaviside-Lorentz units are convenient for EM because Maxwell's eqn's get a simple form

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = j \quad \text{Inhomogeneous}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \text{homogeneous}$$

(in H-L units)

The natural units  $\hbar=1$ ,  $c=1$  imply a certain "equivalence" relation of the dim's of  $M, L, T$  (upto dim's of  $\hbar$  &  $c$ )

So, we won't say that  $c=1$  &  $\hbar=1$  implies that  $c$  &  $\hbar$  are dimensionless numbers now, or say that  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ s}$ . We will however use the symbol ' $\sim$ ' to describe the similarity b/w these dim's upto factors/dim's of  $c$  &  $\hbar$  and we restore them back whenever needed.

$$\text{So, } M \sim L \sim T^{-1} \quad (\text{not } M=L=T^{-1})$$

So, from now on, we'll write every quantity in the units of powers of the energy unit eV. The factors of  $c$  &  $\hbar$  are set to 1 and are "suppressed" for notational convenience.

$$\text{So, } \hbar c = 197.3 \text{ MeV-fm} \sim 1 \quad (\text{since } c=1, \hbar=1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 197.3 \text{ MeV} \sim 1 \text{ fm}^{-1} \quad \text{where } 1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

$$\sim (200 \text{ MeV})^{-1}$$

Similarly,  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \sim 1 \text{ s}$ .

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Let us now express different physical quantities in terms of units of energy on setting  $c=1$ ,  $\hbar=1$ .

$$E = \hbar\omega \text{ but } \hbar=1 \Rightarrow E = \omega \quad (\hbar \text{ is suppressed but understood})$$

$$E = mc^2 \text{ but } c=1 \Rightarrow E = m \quad (c \text{ is suppressed but understood})$$

$$E = pc \text{ but } c=1 \Rightarrow E = p$$

So, let's make a table of different physical quantities. (given  $[E]=1$ )

<u>A</u>		<u>Mass dim's.</u>
$\omega = \frac{E}{\hbar}$ but $\hbar=1 \Rightarrow E = \omega$	$E \& \omega$ have same	$[\omega] = 1$
$m = \frac{E}{c^2}$ but $c=1 \Rightarrow E = m$	$E \& m$ have same dim	$[m] = 1$
$p = \frac{E}{c}$ but $c=1 \Rightarrow E = p$	$E \& p$ have same	$[p] = 1$
$\oint p dq = \hbar$ but $\hbar=1$		$[q] = -1$
$t = \frac{l}{c}$ but $c=1$		$[t] = -1$

In the above table  $[ ] \equiv$  the mass dim's of the physical quantity.

\* In the standard MLT system if a physical quantity A has

$$[A]_{\text{conv.}} = M^\alpha L^\beta T^\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow [A_{\text{conv.}}] = M^\alpha L^\beta T^\gamma = \underset{\text{mass}}{M^{\alpha-\beta-\gamma}} \underset{\text{action}}{S^{\beta+\gamma}} \underset{\text{velocity}}{V^{-\beta-2\gamma}}$$

\* If we suppress the action(S) & velocity dim's by setting  $c=1$ ,  $\hbar=1$ , then the  $[A_{n.u.}]$  has mass dim's of  $(\alpha-\beta-\gamma)$ .

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$$\therefore M^\alpha L^\beta T^\gamma \sim M^{\alpha-\beta-\gamma} \text{ (mass natural units)}$$

The  $\sim$  suppresses the remaining dim's of action ( $S^{\beta+\gamma}$ ) and velocity ( $V^{-\beta-2\gamma}$ ).

\* Doing the conversion into energy natural units instead, we get

$$M^\alpha L^\beta T^\gamma = E^{\alpha-\beta-\gamma} S^{\beta+\gamma} V^{\beta-2\alpha}$$

and similarly, when writing quantities in energy n.u., the dim's of  $\hbar$  &  $c$  are dropped out

$$\therefore M^\alpha L^\beta T^\gamma \sim E^{\alpha-\beta-\gamma}$$

The  $\sim$  suppresses the remaining dim's of action ( $S^{\beta+\gamma}$ ) and velocity ( $V^{\beta-2\alpha}$ )

for energy natural units       $S = \beta + \gamma$   
 $E = \beta - 2\alpha$

Quantity	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$S(\text{dim of } S)$	$E(\text{dim of } v)$	Conversion factor
$C(LT^{-1})$	0	1	-1	0	1	
$\hbar(ML^2T^{-1})$	1	2	-1	1	0	
mass (M)	1	0	0	0	-2	$m = E/c^2$
length (L)	0	1	0	1	1	$E = \hbar 2\pi c$ $\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2\pi \hbar c}{E}$
time (T)	0	0	1	1	0	$E = \hbar \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)$ $\Rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi \hbar}{E}$
Energy ( $ML^2T^{-2}$ )	1	+2	-2	0	0	$E = Et^o c^o$
Momentum ( $MLT^{-1}$ )	1	1	-1	0	-1	$p = E/c$
Force ( $MLT^{-2}$ )	1	1	-1	-1	-1	$F = dp/dt$
Action ( $ML^2T^{-1}$ )	1	2	-1	1	0	$S = \hbar$

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Now let's see what happens with charge. In H-L units,

$$q\phi = \text{Energy} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi} \Rightarrow \text{In H-L system } [q] = [(E)(r)]^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [q] = M^{1/2} L^{3/2} T^{-1/2}$$

If we impose a similar system for Energy natural units, then

<u>Quantity.</u>	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\epsilon$	<u>Conversion factor</u>
$q$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\sqrt{hc}$

This means that if we divide  $q$  by the reqd factors of  $h$  and  $c$  i.e.

$\frac{e^2}{hc}$  will only have energy dim's. But the energy dim's of

$$q \text{ is } (\alpha - \beta - \gamma) = \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{e^2}{hc} = \text{number (dim-less)}$$

In fact,  $\frac{e^2}{hc} = \alpha$  (fine structure constant)  
in c.g.s units.

Natural Units for temperature.

$$k_B = 1.38 \dots \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} = 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$$

$$P_{\text{Boltz}} \sim e^{-E/k_B T}$$

If we now use units where  $k=1$ , then  $[T] \sim [E]$

In this n.u., we use " $\hbar = c = k_B = 1$ ".

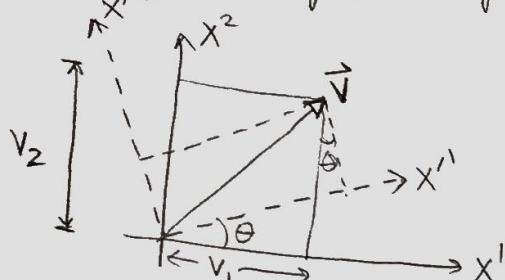
to indicate their suppression

Although I'm still not very comfortable with writing  $\hbar = c = k_B = 1$  because it implies that all of  $\hbar, c, k_B$  have same dim<sup>n</sup> (dim<sup>n</sup> to be precise) and can be added to do stupid things like  $\hbar + c + k_B = 3$ . So I'll try to use  $\sim$  as much as possible.

# Special Theory of Relativity & Electromagnetism.

let's start by discussing rotation

(how do I derive the rotation matrix?)



$$v'_1 = v_1 \cos \theta + v_2 \sin \theta$$

$$v'_2 = v_2 \cos \theta - v_1 \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_O \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since rotations preserve inner products,

$$\vec{v}' \cdot \vec{w}' = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} \text{ since } \vec{v}' \cdot \vec{w}' = v'^T w' = \underbrace{v^T O^T}_1 O w = v^T w = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$$

This is true in d-spatial dimensions. ( $v' = Ov$ )

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dxd orthogonal matrix.

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Speed of light = c in all inertial frames (in absence of gravity).  
(set  $c=1$ )

For light-like events, the distance travelled / time taken = c

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \right)^2 = c^2 = 1 \Rightarrow -d\vec{x}^2 + dt^2 = 0$$

the spacetime interval is invariant in all inertial frames

$$\therefore ds^2 = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2 = dt'^2 - d\vec{x}'^2 = 0$$

The  $dx^\mu$  and  $dx'^\mu$  are related by a similar matrix to rot's.

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx' \\ dt' \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dt \end{pmatrix}$$

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We can write the spacetime interval for the frame S in a certain way

$$(dt \ dx) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \end{pmatrix} = dt^2 - dx^2$$

$\eta = g$

Now if  $dt^2 - dx^2 = dt'^2 - dx'^2$

$$\Rightarrow (dt \ dx) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} dt' \\ dx' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dt' \\ dx' \end{pmatrix}$$

But we have related  $\begin{pmatrix} dt' \\ dx' \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow (dt \ dx) \eta \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \end{pmatrix} = (dt \ dx) \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta \rightarrow \text{if this is true, then spacetime interval } ds^2 \text{ remains invariant.}$$

The conventional way in which this is usually set up is

Lorentz  $x'_\perp = x_\perp$

transformations  $x'_{||} = \gamma (x_{||} - \beta t)$  where  $x_{||} = \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\beta}$

$$t' = \gamma (t - \beta x_{||})$$

If we take the differentials then

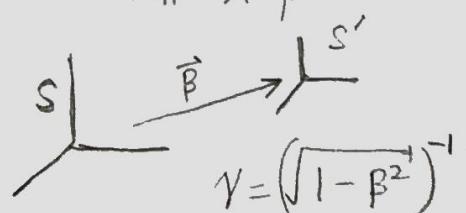
$$dx'_{||} = \gamma (dx_{||} - \beta dt)$$

$$dt' = \gamma (dt - \beta dx_{||})$$

So  $\Lambda$  here has the form  $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta \gamma \\ -\beta \gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \omega & -\sinh \omega \\ -\sinh \omega & \cosh \omega \end{pmatrix}$

where

$$\tanh \omega = \beta$$



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And we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{matrix} c & -s \\ -s & c \end{matrix} \right) \underbrace{\left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{matrix} \right)}_{\text{metric}} \left( \begin{matrix} c & -s \\ -s & c \end{matrix} \right) \\ &= \left( \begin{matrix} c & -s \\ -s & c \end{matrix} \right) \left( \begin{matrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{matrix} \right) = \left( \begin{matrix} c^2-s^2 & 0 \\ 0 & s^2-c^2 \end{matrix} \right) = \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{matrix} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta \end{aligned}$$

So in exactly the same way that

$$O^T \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right) O = \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right)$$

So just like  $O$  (orthogonal matrices) preserve the Euclidean metric (1), the Lorentz transformation  $\Lambda$  preserves the Minkowski metric ( $\eta$ ).

In fact the Lorentz transf. can be thought of as a generalised rotation-

$$t \left( \begin{matrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{matrix} \right)' = \Lambda \left( \begin{matrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{matrix} \right)^t$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|ccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & \text{Rot.} & & & \\ 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

Together the Lorentz transfo. & rotations make up the Lorentz group, which is a generalisation of rot<sup>n</sup> group.

So we introduce four-vectors  $\{x^\mu\} = \{x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3\}$   $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

We can now write Lorentz transf. in tensor notation

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$$

We now define the proper time  $T$  defined as

$dT^2 = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2$  which can be written for any 2 events  $x^\mu$  and  $x^\mu + dx^\mu$  and for any frames.

$$dT^2 = dx^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu \\ = (dx^0)^2 - (d\vec{x})^2$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$dT^2$  is left invariant under  $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$  (Lorentz transf.)

$$dT'^2 = dx'^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} dx'^\nu \quad \text{where } dx'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu dx^\nu$$

$$\text{So, } dT'^2 = dx^\alpha \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta dx^\beta \\ = dx^\alpha \left[ (\Lambda^T)_\alpha{}^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta \right] dx^\beta = dx^\alpha dx^\beta (\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda)_{\alpha\beta}$$

But since  $dT^2$  is left invariant under L.T.

$$dT^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = dT'^2 = dx^\alpha dx^\beta (\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda)_{\alpha\beta} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta} \quad (\text{or } \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta = \eta_{\alpha\beta})$$

$$\text{We can also see that in Minkowski space, } \eta^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta^{-1} = \eta$$

Thus, we define the inverse metric  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$  with the same components as

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \quad \eta^{\mu\nu} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta^{\alpha\nu} = \delta_\mu^\nu}$$

(Why define the inverse  $\eta$  i.e.  $\eta^{-1}$  with upper indices?)

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Now let's see how we can define  $\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu}$  from  $\tilde{\Lambda}^{\mu}_{\nu}$  i.e. reverse the order of indices

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} \propto \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\beta} \cdot (\eta^{\lambda\beta})}_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\lambda}_{\mu}} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (\eta^{\lambda\beta})$$

can we even contract repeated indices both in the second position?

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} \tilde{\Lambda}^{\lambda}_{\mu} = \delta^{\lambda}_{\alpha}$$

### Lowering and raising indices

From the contravariant form  $v^{\mu}$ , we define the covariant form

$$v_{\mu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} v^{\nu} \quad (\text{lowering of index})$$

We can similarly define raising of indices. We know that

$$v_{\mu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} v^{\nu} \xrightarrow[\text{multiply both sides by } \eta^{\alpha\mu}]{\quad} \eta^{\alpha\mu} v_{\mu} = \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\mu}}_{\delta^{\alpha}_{\nu}} v^{\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow v^{\alpha} = \eta^{\alpha\mu} v_{\mu} \quad (\text{raising of index})$$

- Need to understand Einstein summation notation & contraction rules properly from somewhere.

Einstein summation convention - repeated indices sum over when one of the index is upstairs (contravariant) and one is downstairs (covariant). Repeated indices which are both or both down don't sum (and more often than not, points that you have definitely made some mistake).

So  $A^i_{(j)} v^{(j)}$  is allowed.  $A_i^{(j)} v^{(j)}$  isn't.

Contraction rule:

Consider rank-2 tensors (mixed). Einstein summation allows summation over repeated covariant & contravariant indices. However, if the second index of first & the first index of second tensor are repeated, one can interpret this as a matrix multiplication

$$A^i_{(j)} B^{(j)}_k = (A \circ B)^i_k \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu} \tilde{\eta}^{\nu\alpha} = (\gamma \cdot \tilde{\eta})_\mu^\alpha$$

Summation with both repeated indices in the same position still gives rise to another tensor, just that it can't be interpreted as a matrix multiplication

$$T_{\mu\nu} T^{\sigma\nu} = S_\mu^\sigma \quad (\text{not the same as } T_{\mu\nu} T^{\nu\sigma} = (T \cdot T)_\mu^\sigma)$$

Therefore, in a nutshell, repeated covariant & contravariant indices sum.

however, one can deform this into matrix not as well by taking the transpose to switch indices

$$T^{\sigma\nu} = (T^T)^{\nu\sigma} \Rightarrow T_{\mu\nu} T^{\sigma\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} T^{\nu\sigma} = (T T^T)_\mu^\sigma$$

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### Lecture-3

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#### Special Theory of Relativity (contd): Lorentz transformations.

In the rotation group, we describe rotation of a vector as follows-

$$\vec{x}'_{(d)} = O \vec{x}_{(d)}$$

where  $O$  is an orthogonal matrix.  $O^T O = \mathbb{1}_d = O^T \mathbb{1}_d O$

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = x^T \mathbb{1}_d x$$

↑ Euclidean metric

Therefore, the eqn  $O^T \mathbb{1}_d O = \mathbb{1}_d$  can be interpreted as-

" $O_{(d)}$  preserves the Euclidean metric."

We now want to develop a similar structure for Lorentz transf. Boosts

Let's define something called a 4-vector as follows- Rot<sup>n</sup>s.  
(in 3+1 dim's)

$$(x^0, \vec{x}) = [x^\mu] \quad x^\mu: \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ t \end{matrix}$

Then we can write a transformed 4 vector as-

$$x' = \Lambda x \quad (\text{in matrix notn})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_0 \\ x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$4 \times 4$

Now just like we define a Euclidean metric which is preserved under rotations of  $O(d)$ , we similarly define -

Minkowski Metric:  $\eta = \text{diag}(1, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\mu\nu} &= 1 && \text{if } \mu = \nu = 0 \\ &= -1 && \text{if } \mu = \nu \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ &= 0 && \text{if } \mu \neq \nu\end{aligned}$$

then the defining property of Lorentz transf. is that it preserves the Minkowski metric

$$\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta$$

Contravariant: We call an object that transforms like the co-ords.  $x^\mu$  as contravariant. It transforms with  $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$

$$v^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu v^\nu$$

We similarly define a co-variant vector as one which is manufactured from  $v^\mu$  by "lowering its index"

$$v_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} v^\nu$$

The metric defines the "lowered" counterpart (the dual vector) of the four vector  $v^\mu$ .

Now given that  $v^\mu$  transforms with  $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$ , let's find out how  $v_\mu$  transforms?

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We first prove that the dot product remains invariant under a Lorentz transformation.

Say we perform a Lorentz transf.  $\rightarrow V'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu V^\nu$

$$\Rightarrow V'^\mu \cdot W'_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} V'^\mu W'^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\alpha V^\alpha \Lambda^\nu_\beta W^\beta$$

(def<sup>n</sup> of <sub>index</sub> Lorentz)

$$= (\Lambda^\mu_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_\beta) V^\alpha W^\beta = (\Lambda^\mu_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_\beta) V^\alpha W^\beta$$

But we know from the def<sup>n</sup> of L.T. that  $\Lambda^\mu_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_\beta = (\Lambda^\mu_\alpha \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_\beta)_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta}$

$$\Rightarrow V'^\mu W'_\mu = \eta_{\alpha\beta} V^\alpha W^\beta = V^\mu W_\mu$$

$\therefore$  Dot products are Lorentz scalars.  
(Lorentz inner product)

Using this we can define transf. properties of  $V_\mu$

$$V'_\mu \equiv \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu V_\nu \quad \text{where } \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu \text{ is the unknown transf. tensor}$$

$$V'_\mu W'^\mu = \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\alpha V_\alpha \Lambda^\mu_\beta W^\beta = \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\alpha \Lambda^\mu_\beta V_\alpha W^\beta$$

Now since  $V'_\mu W'^\mu$  is supposed to be a Lorentz scalar i.e.  $V_\mu W^\mu = V_\mu W^\mu$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\alpha \Lambda^\mu_\beta V_\alpha W^\beta \stackrel{!}{=} V_\mu W^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\alpha \Lambda^\mu_\beta = \delta_\beta^\alpha \Rightarrow (\Lambda^\mu_\beta)^\alpha \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\beta = \delta_\beta^\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^\mu \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu = 1$$

and hence  $\boxed{\tilde{\Lambda} = (\Lambda^\mu_\nu)^{-1}}$

Therefore, covariant vectors transform with a  $\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu$  s.t.

$$v'_\mu = [(\tilde{\Lambda}^{-1})^T]_\mu^\nu v_\nu = v_\nu (\tilde{\Lambda}^{-1})^\nu_\mu \quad (\text{transpose shifts index order})$$

We now define the inverse metric s.t.  $\eta^{\mu\nu} \eta_{\nu\theta} \equiv \delta_\theta^\mu$

$\overline{\eta} \quad \eta = 1 \quad (\text{in matrix notation})$   
 $\overline{\eta} = \eta^{-1}$

Since  $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  in flat spacetime, the inverse metric also ends up having the same elements  $\eta^{\mu\nu} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Using the property of inverse metric, we can multiply it in the foll. expression

$$[\tilde{\Lambda}_\gamma^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} \tilde{\Lambda}_\nu^\lambda] \cdot \eta^{\theta\lambda} = [\eta_{\gamma\theta}] \eta^{\theta\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_\gamma^\mu \underbrace{[\eta_{\mu\nu} \tilde{\Lambda}_\nu^\lambda] \eta^{\theta\lambda}}_{\substack{\text{III} \\ Q_\mu^\lambda}} = \delta_\gamma^\lambda$$

$$\text{So, } (\tilde{\Lambda}^T)_\gamma^\mu Q_\mu^\lambda = \delta_\gamma^\lambda \Rightarrow \underline{Q = (\tilde{\Lambda}^{-1})^T}$$

which is exactly what  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  was. So  $Q = \tilde{\Lambda}$ !

$$\therefore \boxed{\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu = \eta_{\mu\alpha} \tilde{\Lambda}_\beta^\alpha \eta^{\beta\nu}} \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{\Lambda} = \eta \wedge \bar{\eta} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \bar{\eta} \text{ happens to be} \\ \bar{\eta} = \eta \text{ here} \end{array} \right)$$

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If we take the determinant on  $\Lambda \eta \Lambda = \eta$

$$\det(\Lambda^T) \det(\eta) \det(\Lambda) = \det(\eta)$$

$\det(\Lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow \det(\Lambda) = \pm 1$$

If  $\det(\Lambda) = +1$ , then  $\Lambda \in \underline{\text{SO}}(1, 3)$  "Proper" Lorentz transf.

Let us now talk about Tensors

$$V'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_{\phantom{\mu}\nu} V^\nu \quad \text{This is a rank-1 contravariant tensor.}$$

If we instead have 2 indices, the transformation law is as follows -

$$V'^{\mu_1 \mu_2} = \Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\theta_1} \Lambda^{\mu_2}_{\phantom{\mu_2}\theta_2} V^{\theta_1 \theta_2}$$

Why though?

$$\text{Let's say we define } V^\mu_1 W^{\mu_2} \equiv T^{\mu_1 \mu_2}$$

Then  $T^{\mu\nu}$  would transform as a product of transf. of  $V$  &  $W$

$$\underbrace{T'^{\mu_1 \mu_2}}_{2 \text{ indices}} = V'^{\mu_1} W^{\mu_2} = \Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\nu_1} \Lambda^{\mu_2}_{\phantom{\mu_2}\nu_2} V^{\nu_1} W^{\nu_2} = \underbrace{\Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\nu_1} \Lambda^{\mu_2}_{\phantom{\mu_2}\nu_2}}_{2 \Lambda \text{ tensors}} T^{\nu_1 \nu_2}$$

Similarly, for a  $(0, 2)$  tensor

$$T'_{\mu_1 \mu_2} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu_1}^{\phantom{\mu_1}\nu_1} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu_2}^{\phantom{\mu_2}\nu_2} T_{\nu_1 \nu_2} = (\Lambda^{-1})^{\nu_1}_{\phantom{\nu_1}\mu_1} (\Lambda^{-1})^{\nu_2}_{\phantom{\nu_2}\mu_2} T_{\nu_1 \nu_2}$$

For a mixed  $(1, 1)$  tensor

$$T'^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\mu_2} = \Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\theta_1} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu_2}^{\phantom{\mu_2}\theta_2} T^{\theta_1}_{\phantom{\theta_1}\theta_2} = \Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\phantom{\mu_1}\theta_1} (\Lambda^{-1})^{\theta_2}_{\phantom{\theta_2}\mu_2} T^{\theta_1}_{\phantom{\theta_1}\theta_2}$$

So, for a general  $(n, m)$ -tensor

$$T'^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_m} = (\Lambda^{\mu_1}_{\alpha_1} \Lambda^{\mu_2}_{\alpha_2} \dots \Lambda^{\mu_n}_{\alpha_n})(\tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu_1}^{\lambda_1} \dots \tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu_m}^{\lambda_m}) T^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}_{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_m}$$

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Irreducible representations.

Say we have a tensor  $A$  s.t.  $A_{\mu\nu} = -A_{\nu\mu}$

We know that  $A'_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu}^{\alpha} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu}^{\beta} A_{\alpha\beta}$   
the transformed  $A$

However for the interchanged indices  $A'_{\nu\mu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu}^{\beta} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu}^{\alpha} A_{\beta\alpha}$  but  $A_{\beta\alpha} = -A_{\alpha\beta}$

$\Rightarrow A'_{\nu\mu} = -A'_{\mu\nu} \quad \therefore$  Anti-symmetrization is preserved  
within L.T.s!

The same is true for symmetric tensors. By separating a tensor into S & AS parts, one could find an irreducible representation which stays invariant in symmetry of indices

$$S_{\mu\nu} = \underset{\text{AS}}{A_{\mu\nu}} + \underset{\text{S}}{B_{\mu\nu}}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad - \underset{\text{AS}}{A_{\nu\mu}} \quad \underset{\text{S}}{B_{\nu\mu}}$$

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Another important tensor is the metric which is an invariant tensor of  $SO(1, 3)$

$$\eta'_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\mu}^{\alpha} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu}^{\beta} \eta_{\alpha\beta} = (\Lambda^{-1})^{\alpha}_{\mu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} (\Lambda^{-1})^{\beta}_{\nu}$$

$$= (\Lambda^{-1})^{\alpha}_{\mu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} (\Lambda^{-1})^{\beta}_{\nu} = ((\Lambda^{-1})^{\alpha}_{\mu} \eta^{\beta}_{\alpha\beta})^{\text{by defn.}}_{\mu\nu} = (\eta)_{\mu\nu}$$

( $\epsilon$  is another one)

Let us now consider derivatives

if  $\underline{x'^\mu} = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$ , then by defn.  $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \equiv \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}$  ★

if  $\underline{x'_\mu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu x_\nu$ , then by defn.  $\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu = \frac{\partial x'_\mu}{\partial x_\nu}$   
Can we  
always use  
this?

One can also write  $x^\mu = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu = (\tilde{\Lambda}^T)^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$

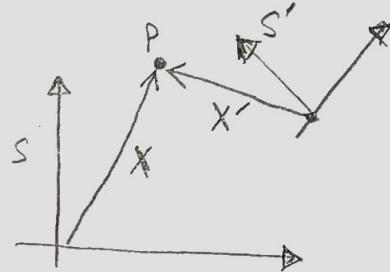
$$\therefore (\tilde{\Lambda}^T)^\mu{}_\nu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x'^\nu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_{\nu}{}^\mu$$

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Let's move onto fields now. A field is defined for every point in spacetime  $x^\mu$ . However, for diff. frames  $S$  &  $S'$ , the field at that pt. should be the same.

$$\phi'(x') = \phi(x) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{SCALAR FIELD}}$$

where  $x' = \Lambda x$



but we can consider infinitesimal

transformations s.t.  $\Lambda = \mathbb{1} + \omega$   $\rightarrow$  small

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \delta^\mu{}_\nu + \omega^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$\text{then } x'^\mu = x^\mu + \delta x^\mu = \delta_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu + \omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta x^\mu = \omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$$

$$\therefore \phi'(x + \delta x) = \phi'(x) + \delta x^\mu \frac{\partial \phi'(x^\mu)}{\partial x^\mu} + \dots = \phi(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } \delta\phi &\equiv \phi'(x) - \phi(x) = -\delta x^\mu \frac{\partial \phi'(x)}{\partial x^\mu} + \dots \\
 &\approx -\delta x^\mu \frac{\partial \phi(x)}{\partial x^\mu} + \dots O(\delta^2) \\
 &= -\omega^\mu{}_\nu x_\nu \partial_\mu \phi
 \end{aligned}$$

(We write derivatives as contravariant b/c

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu} = \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} = (\tilde{\lambda})_\mu{}^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \equiv \tilde{\lambda}_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu$$

Hence, covariant

For differentials,

$$dx'^\mu = \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\nu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu dx^\nu$$

However, if we instead choose VECTOR FIELDS  $V^\mu(x)$

we can use the brick of Lorentz scalars to find its transformation i.e.

$$V^\mu(x) \partial_\mu = V'^\mu(x') \partial'_\mu = V'^\mu(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow V'^\mu(x') = \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} V^\nu(x)$$

$$\text{Now } V'^\mu(x + \delta x) = V'^\mu(x) + \delta x^\nu \partial_\nu V'^\mu(x) + O(\delta^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \delta V^\mu &= V'^\mu(x) - V^\mu(x) = V'^\mu(x) - V'^\mu(x + \delta x) \\
 &= -\delta x^\nu \partial_\nu V'^\mu(x) \\
 &= -\delta x^\nu \partial_\nu V^\mu + \omega^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu + O(\omega^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

*didn't understand this at all*

Therefore to find the transformation properties of any geometrical object, we can use the "Lorentz scalar trick"

$$\begin{aligned} "T" &= T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_m} dx^{\nu_1} \dots dx^{\nu_m} \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_n} \\ &= T'^{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n}_{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_m} dx'^{\lambda_1} \dots dx'^{\lambda_m} \partial'_{\gamma_1} \dots \partial'_{\gamma_n} \end{aligned}$$

$x$        $x'$

## Relativistic mechanics of EM

Pair up the energy with momentum  $(E, \vec{p}) \rightarrow 4\text{-momentum}$

In QM,  $E \rightarrow i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  and  $\vec{p} \rightarrow -i \vec{\nabla}$

So, the 4-momentum operator would be given by

$$(\hat{E}, \hat{\vec{p}}) = \hat{p}^\mu = (i \partial_t, -i \vec{\nabla})$$

and  $\hat{p}_\mu = (i \partial_t, i \vec{\nabla}) = i \partial_\mu$

### THREE GOLDEN RULES FOR TENSORS:

- ① Repeated indices sum.
- ② adjacent indices can be "thought of as matrix multiplication". Use transpose to switch order of indices. (anything other than (1,1) tensor isn't LITERALLY a matrix so be careful.)
- ③ The Lorentz transform  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  of covariant tensors is inverse transpose of Lorentz transform  $\Lambda$  of contravariant tensors.

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = (\Lambda^{-1})^T$$

Some nice insight by Bubs:

## DANGERS OF MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF TENSORS

It might seem harmless to use matrices to denote rank-2 tensors in general. However, that's not a very wise thing to think.

Out of  $(1,1)$ ,  $(2,0)$  and  $(0,2)$ , only a  $(1,1)$  tensor is an actual matrix.

A  $(1,1)$  tensor takes a co/contravar. vector and gives back the same type of object.

$$A^\mu{}_\nu \underbrace{v^\nu}_{\text{same object}} = v^\mu$$

$$A_\mu{}^\nu \underbrace{v_\nu}_{\text{same object.}} = v_\mu$$

In other words, a  $(1,1)$  tensor does the foll. transof. -

covariant  $\rightarrow$  covariant

Contravariant  $\rightarrow$  contravariant

Hence it works like an "operator" or a matrix in the Linear Algebra sense.

If we relate contra  $\rightarrow$  column & co  $\rightarrow$  rows

$$(A^\mu{}_\nu) \begin{pmatrix} \\ v^\nu \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \\ v^\mu \end{pmatrix} \quad (v_\nu) \begin{pmatrix} A^\nu{}_\mu \\ \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \\ v_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Another way to think is - only  $(1,1)$  tensors take a vector & covector to give you a number.)

We however do the same thing with metric  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$  (rank  $0,2$ ), even though claims to "raise/lower" indices & take co  $\rightarrow$  contra / contra  $\rightarrow$  co,

matrix representation suggests that  $\eta$  will leave it

the same form of tensor. Hence, only use matrices for other than  $(1,1)$  only for ease of matrix multiplication not.

## Lecture-4

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Relativistic Kinematics & Classical Electrodynamics in 4-vector notation

We abbreviate the derivative as  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = \partial_\mu$

The proper time in the particle's own reference frame is  $\tau$ . For two infinitesimally separated events:

$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 - \sqrt{g}^{10} = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2 \Rightarrow d\tau^2 = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2 \\ = dx^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu$$

The 4-velocity  $v^\mu \equiv \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau}$

From the def'n of 4-velocity, we see that the inner product of  $v^\mu$  with itself is

$$v^\mu v_\mu = v^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} v^\nu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} = \frac{d\tau^2}{d\tau^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow v_\mu v^\mu = 1$$

The 4-momentum of a particle is defined as  $p^\mu = m v^\mu$   
and from the properties of 4-velocity, it is straightforward to see that-

$$p^\mu p_\mu = m^2 \Rightarrow E^2 - p^2 = m^2 \text{ or } \underline{E^2 = p^2 + m^2}$$

$$E = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\text{For } |\vec{p}| \ll m \Rightarrow E = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} = m \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{m^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{and thus } E = m \left(1 + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m^2} - \frac{\vec{p}^4}{8m^4} + \dots\right) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{rest mass}}}{m} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{NR KE}}}{\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{first relativistic correction}}}{\frac{\vec{p}^4}{8m^3}} + O(\vec{p}^6)$$

$$\text{For } |\vec{p}| \gg m \Rightarrow E \approx |\vec{p}| \quad (\text{like radiation})$$

Let's now reformulate Newton's laws for STR. Newton's law says that

$$F^\mu = \frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} \quad (\text{proper rate of change of 4-momentum})$$

4-force ("force")

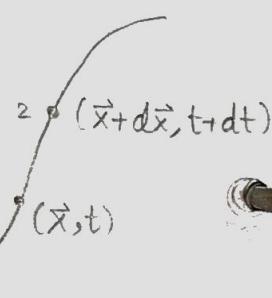
One might remember that for two close events, the  $d\tau^2$  is defined as

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2 = dt^2 \left(1 - \frac{d\vec{x}^2}{dt^2}\right) = dt^2 (1 - \vec{\beta}^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow d\tau = dt \sqrt{1 - \vec{\beta}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\tau = \underline{dt} \quad \text{or } dt = \gamma d\tau$$

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Particle's trajectory in lab's frame

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{\beta} \quad (\text{particle's velocity from lab frame})$$

Let us now reformulate EM in this not<sup>n</sup>

(Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup> in H-L units)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \partial_t \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j} + \partial_t \vec{E}$$

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We can define a 4-current  $j^\mu = (p, \vec{j})$ . We also aim to write M.E. compactly which we'll do by including  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  in an anti-symmetric tensor  $F^{\mu\nu}$  (field strength tensor)

As we'll see, the Maxwell's eqn's become:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \quad \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0$$

Expanding these out,

$$\text{for } \underline{\nu=0} \quad F^{00} = -F^{00} \Rightarrow \underline{F^{00}=0}$$

$$\text{and } \partial_i F^{i0} = j^0 = p \quad \text{therefore by inspection} \Rightarrow \underline{F^{i0} = (\vec{E})^i}$$

For  $\nu=j$

$$\partial_0 F^{0j} + \partial_i F^{ij} = j^j \Rightarrow -\partial_0 F^{0j} + \partial_i F^{ij} = j^j$$

$$\text{but we just identified } F^{0j} = (\vec{E})^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\partial_i F^{ij}} = j^j + \partial_0 E^j \rightarrow \text{which looks exactly like Maxwell-Ampere eqn}$$

!!!  $(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})^j$

So we can say  $F^{ij} = \epsilon^{ijk} B_k$  ( $B^k = B_k$  here essentially since there is no time comp. involved)

How?

$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j B_k \xrightarrow{\text{switch } i \leftrightarrow j} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})^j = \epsilon^{jik} \partial_i B_k = \partial_i (\epsilon^{jik} B_k)$$

$$\text{Now } (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})^j = j^j + \partial_0 E^j \Rightarrow \partial_i (\epsilon^{jik} B_k) = j^j + \partial_0 E^j$$

$$\text{but } \partial_i F^{ij} = j^j + \partial_0 E^j \Rightarrow \boxed{F^{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} B_k}$$

$$\text{Since } F^{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} B_k \Rightarrow F^{12} = -B_3, \quad F^{23} = -B_1, \quad F^{13} = +B_2$$

$\begin{matrix} \\ \\ -B^3 \end{matrix}$        $\begin{matrix} \\ \\ -B^1 \end{matrix}$        $\begin{matrix} \\ \\ +B^2 \end{matrix}$

So,  $\boxed{\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu}$  reproduces the two inhomog- eqns.

where  $F^{i_0} = E^i$  and  $F^{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} B_k = -\epsilon^{ijk} B^k$

The homogeneous eq's are given by "Bianchi identity"  $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0$

where  $F_{\lambda\sigma} = \eta_{\lambda\alpha} \eta_{\sigma\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$   $\Rightarrow F_{\alpha i} = -F^{\alpha i}$  ( $= F^{i0}$ ),  $F_{i0} = -F^{i0}$   
 $F_{ij} = F_i^{ij}$  ( $= -F^{ji}$ )

Now for  $\mu = 0, v, \lambda, o$  have to be some permutation of  $(1, 2, 3)$ , so -

$$\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_i F_{jk} = \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_i \underbrace{F_{jk}}_{= -\epsilon^{jkl} B^l} \equiv -\underbrace{\epsilon^{ijk}}_{2\delta^i_l} \underbrace{\epsilon_{jkl}}_{-\epsilon^{jkl}} \partial_i B^l = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \mu=0 \Rightarrow \underline{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$$

Similarly for  $\mu = i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , we need to see what  $\epsilon^{i\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma}$  gives

$$e^{i\nu\lambda\sigma}\partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0 \quad (\text{using } F_{00} = 0)$$

$$\epsilon^{i\nu o k} \partial_\nu \underline{F_{o k}} + \epsilon^{i\nu k o} \partial_\nu \underline{F_{k o}} + \epsilon^{i\nu j k} \partial_\nu \underline{F_{j k}} = 0$$

$$F_{o k} = -F^{o k} = F^{k o} = E^k$$

$$F_{k o} = -F^{k o} = -E^k$$

$$F_{j k} = -F^{j k}$$

$$\underbrace{\epsilon^{inv} \partial_v E_k - \epsilon^{invk} \partial_v E}_{{v \neq 0 \text{ otherwise } E=0}} + \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_v F^{jk}$$

$$\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_i E_k - \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k + \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_k E_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_v F^{jk} = -2\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k = -2\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k$$

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$$\text{So, } \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_\nu F^{jk} = -2 \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon^{iojk} \partial_o F_{jk} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{ilik} \partial_e F_{ik}}_{\substack{\text{since } i,j,k,l \in \{1,2,3\}, \\ \text{indices will always repeat} \\ \& \epsilon \rightarrow 0}} = -2 \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k$$

$$\therefore \cancel{\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_o F_{jk}} = -2 \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j E_k$$

$$-\epsilon^{jke} B_e$$

$$- \underbrace{\epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon_{jkl}}_{\propto \delta^i_l} \partial_o B^l = 2 (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})^i \Rightarrow (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})^i = -\partial_o B^i$$

Therefore, we do indeed get Faraday's law-

$$(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})^i = -\partial_o B^i \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B}$$

Therefore we have now written Maxwell's eq's as

$$\boxed{\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0}$$

where  $F^{\mu\nu}$  (and  $F_{\mu\nu}$ ) is an anti-symmetric tensor.

$$F^{ij} = -\epsilon^{ijk} B_k \quad F^{i0} = E_i \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{aligned} F_{oi} &= -F_{oi} \\ F_{ij} &= F^{ij} \end{aligned}$$

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We now define a 4-vector pot "  $A_\mu$

$$\boxed{F_{\lambda\sigma} = \partial_\lambda A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\lambda = \partial_{[\lambda} A_{\sigma]}}$$

This ansatz automatically satisfies  $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0$

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu \partial_{[\lambda} A_{\sigma]} = 2 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu \partial_\lambda A_\sigma \equiv 0 \quad (\substack{\text{since derivatives commute} \\ \text{& all terms cancel}})$$

both are anti-symm.

∴ the vector pot<sup>n</sup> automatically solves Bianchi identity.  
Let's check it for inhomog. Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup>s

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow F^{i0} = \partial^i A^0 - \partial^0 A^i = (\vec{\nabla} A^0)^i - \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}\right)^i = (\vec{E})^i$$

$$\therefore A^\mu = (A^0 \equiv \phi, \vec{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow F^{ij} = \partial^i A^j - \partial^j A^i = \epsilon^{ijk} B_k$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\epsilon_{ijk}$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} (\partial^i A^j - \partial^j A^i) = \underbrace{\epsilon^{kij} \epsilon_{ijk}}_{2\delta^k_\ell} B_k$$

$$\epsilon_{lij} \partial^i A^j + \epsilon_{lji} \partial^i A^j = 2\delta^k_\ell B_k$$

$$2(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^\ell = 2B^\ell \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

The derivation of wave eq<sup>n</sup> is trivial if we use  $A^\mu$

$$\partial_\mu (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\nu \partial^\mu A^\mu$$

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu = \partial_0^2 - \vec{\nabla}^2 = \square \quad (\text{D'Alembertian})$$

$$\square A^\nu - \partial_\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = j^\nu$$

We also see a gauge invariance here i.e.  $A'_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda(x)$

$$\text{then } \partial_{[\mu} A'_{\nu]} = \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} + \underbrace{\partial_{[\mu} \partial_{\nu]} \Lambda(x)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{derivatives commute}}} \Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} = F'_{\mu\nu}$$

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$(\vec{E}, \vec{B})$  and hence  $F_{\mu\nu}$  is gauge invariant, hence we can choose a gauge to simplify eq's.

Example -  $\partial_\mu A^\mu(x) = 0$  (Lorentz Gauge) \*

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  (Coulomb Gauge)

$A^3 = 0$  (Axial Gauge)

in the next section  
we will see how to apply  
the Lorentz & Coulomb gauge  
conditions

Charge/current conservation: Eq<sup>n</sup> of continuity is given as

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V d^3x \rho = - \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Rate of charge  
 ↓  
 Flow outwards

current flow

Lorentz force eq<sup>n</sup>: We want the Lorentz force eq<sup>n</sup> s.t.  $(dt = \gamma d\tau)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} p^\mu = F^\mu_{(\text{Lorentz})} = q F^\mu_\nu \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} *$$

(didn't understand Lorentz until this was derived?)

$$\frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = q F^0_i \frac{dx^i}{d\tau}$$

$\uparrow$

$F^0_0 = 0$  anyway

$$\frac{dp^i}{d\tau} = q \left( F^i_0 \frac{dx^0}{d\tau} + F^i_j \frac{dx^j}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$\frac{dp^i}{d\tau} = q \left( F^{i0} \frac{dt}{d\tau} - F^{ij} \frac{dx^j}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$\frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = \frac{dE}{d\tau} = q F^0_i \frac{dx^i}{d\tau}$$

$$= q F^{i0} \frac{dx^i}{d\tau}$$

using  $d\tau = \gamma^{-1} dt$  & cancelling on both sides

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dp^i}{dt} = q \left( E^i + \epsilon^{ijk} B_k \frac{dx^j}{dt} \right)$$

$$(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})^i$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = q \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$$

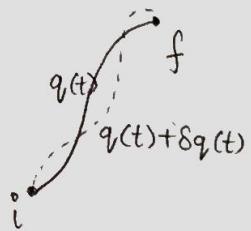
## Classical Mechanics.

Point particles : generalised coordinates  $q_i(t)$   
 generalised velocities  $\dot{q}_i(t)$

$$\text{The action } S = \int_i^f dt L(q, \dot{q})$$

The EOMs can be derived via the variational principle

Hence, we expect that  $\delta S|_{\delta q_i(f)=0} = 0$  for small deviations



$$\delta S = \int_i^f dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \delta q_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \delta \dot{q}_i \right) \xrightarrow{\text{d/dt } \delta q_i(t)}$$

Using IBP

$$\delta S = \int_i^f \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) \delta q_j(t) dt + \cancel{\left( \text{other terms} \right)} \quad 0 \text{ since } \delta q_i(f) = 0$$

$$\text{Putting } \delta S = 0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} \right|_{q(t)} = \frac{d}{dt} \left. \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) \right|_{q(t)} \text{ Euler Lagrange eq's.}$$

$$\text{For conservative classical systems, } L(q, \dot{q}) = T - V$$

## Noether's theorem.

For every continuous invariance of the action, there is a conserved quantity.

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### Hamiltonian formalism.

In Lagrangian formulation, we use  $L(q, \dot{q})$  where  $q$  &  $\dot{q}$  are co-ords & velocities.

The Hamiltonian formulation is based on the object called  $H(p, q)$  Hamiltonian which is a fn of generalized coords  $q$  and generalized momenta  $p$ .

It is defined by doing a Legendre transform to go from  $\dot{q} \rightarrow p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$

$$H(p, q) \equiv p \dot{q} - L(q, \dot{q}) \quad \text{where } p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow dH = p dq + \dot{q} dp - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} dq - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} d\dot{q}$$

$$\text{From E-L eq's, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (p) = \dot{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow dH = \dot{q} dp - \dot{p} dq$$

$$\therefore \dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{p} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

These give the Hamilton's eq's of motion.

Poisson Bracket Given functions of dynamical variables  $f(q_i, p_i)$  &  $g(q_i, p_i)$ ,

The "equal time" Poisson brackets are defined as.

$$\{f, g\} = \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i} \right) = - \{g, f\}$$

At equal times, the Poisson bracket of  $p$  &  $q$  gives

$$\{q(t), p(t)\} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial q} \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} \stackrel{!}{=} \underline{\underline{\{q(t), p(t)\} = 1}}$$

For more than one generalised  $q, p$ , we have

$$\{q_r(p), p_s(t)\} = \delta_{rs}$$

Now poisson bracket of  $q & p$  with  $H$  is -

$$\{q(t), H(q(t), p(t))\} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial q} \overset{1}{\cancel{\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}}} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} \overset{10}{\cancel{\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \dot{q}(t)$$

Similarly

$$\{p_{(t)}, H\} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = \dot{p}(t)$$

$\therefore$  For any function  $O(p, q, t)$ , we can write the time derivative as -

$$\dot{O} = \frac{dO}{dt} = \frac{\partial O}{\partial t} + \sum_r \frac{\partial O}{\partial p_r} \dot{p}_r + \frac{\partial O}{\partial q_r} \dot{q}_r = \frac{\partial O}{\partial t} + \sum_r \left( \frac{\partial O}{\partial q_r} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r} - \frac{\partial O}{\partial p_r} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_r} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{O} = \frac{dO}{dt} = \frac{\partial O}{\partial t} + \{O, H\}$$

For conservative system,  $O$  generally doesn't have explicit time dependence so

$$\frac{\partial O}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \dot{O} = \{O(q(t), p(t)), H\}$$

Quantization. (classical  $\rightarrow$  quantum)

observables become operators. PB become commutator  $\cdot \left(\frac{1}{i\hbar}\right)$

$$q \rightarrow \hat{q} \quad \{ , \}_{PB} \rightarrow \left[ , \right] \quad p \rightarrow \hat{p} \quad \frac{i}{i\hbar}$$

$$\text{So, } [\hat{q}(t), \hat{p}(t)] = \hat{q}(t) \hat{p}(t) - \hat{p}(t) \hat{q}(t) \quad (\text{setting } \hbar=1) \\ = i \{q, p\} \\ = i$$

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For  $> 1$  position & momentum coordinates, the commutator becomes

$$[\hat{q}_r(t), \hat{p}_s(t)] = i \delta_{rs}$$

### Quantum dynamics.

The time evolution of the quantum state is unitary & is governed by the Schrödinger eq<sup>n</sup>

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

(the most general eq<sup>n</sup> in abstract vector not<sup>n</sup>)

### One-particle Schrödinger eq<sup>n</sup>

in position representation becomes

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\vec{x}, t) = \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V(\vec{x}) \right) \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$\langle \vec{x} | \psi(t) \rangle$  position space representation

### Non-Relativistic QM. $\rightarrow$ RQM??

Let's begin by how we got to Schrödinger eq<sup>n</sup>

for a free particle  $E = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}$

quantized project to position rep.

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \hat{p} := -i \vec{\nabla} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{operator form in} \\ \text{position representation} \end{array} \right)$$

$$E \rightarrow \hat{H} := i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$\hat{H} \psi = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{x}, t) = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

where  $\psi(\vec{x}, t) = \langle \vec{x} | \psi(t) \rangle$

One could equivalently work in momentum space s.t.

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \hat{p} = \hat{p}$$

$$\langle \vec{p} | \psi(t) \rangle = \tilde{\psi}(\vec{p}, t)$$

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \hat{x} := i \partial_p$$

Essentially, the free particle gives a plane wave soln from the Schrödinger eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\psi \sim \exp(\pm i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} - iEt)$$

Since  $\hat{E} = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \Rightarrow$  the eigenvalues of  $E > 0$

Now if we go to relativistic quantum mechanics, then the energy momentum relation is quadratic.

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \Rightarrow E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

If we now do the same thing that we did in NRQM, then we now have to make sense of square root of an operator, which gives an infinite power  $\Rightarrow$   $\infty$  order PDE series.

So this is not going to work. So we avoid taking the square root, and quantize the quadratic relation

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \Rightarrow (i\partial_t)^2 \phi(\vec{x}, t) = ((-i\nabla)^2 + m^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$(i\partial_t)^2 \downarrow \quad (-i\nabla)^2 \downarrow \Rightarrow (\partial_t^2 - \nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0$$

Klein-Gordon equation  $\rightarrow$   $\boxed{(\square + m^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0}$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{mc}{\hbar}\right)^2 = k^2} \xrightarrow{\text{inverse compton wavelength}}$$

However, can we interpret  $\phi$  as a single particle wavefunction?

In NRQM,  $j^\mu = (\psi^* \psi, \frac{1}{2mi} \psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi)$   
 $\rightarrow " \psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi - \psi \vec{\nabla} \psi^* "$

This comes from the structure of the Schrödinger eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\psi^* \times \left( -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 + V - i \partial_t \right) \psi = 0$$

$$-\psi \times \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 + V + i \partial_t \right) \psi^* \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_s + \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \partial_\mu j_s^\mu = 0$$

Here  $j_s^\mu = p_s = \psi^* \psi = |\psi|^2 \geq 0$  and can thus be interpreted as a probability density.

Also,  $\int dV p_s = \int dV |\psi|^2 = 1$  (we fix the normalisation)

Now the eq<sup>n</sup> of continuity assures that normalization is preserved.

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{V_0} p_s dV}_{\text{this integral is preserved}} = - \int_{V_0} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_s dV = - \int_{S_\infty} \vec{ds} \cdot \vec{j}_s^0 \quad \text{since } \psi|_\infty = 0$$

in time since  $\partial_t \left[ \int dV p_s \right] = 0$

Doing the same thing for Klein-Gordon equation -

$$\phi^* \times [(\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2) \phi = 0] \Rightarrow \phi^* \square \phi - \phi \square \phi^* = 0$$

$$-\phi \times [(\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2) \phi^* = 0] \quad \partial_\mu (\phi^* \partial^\mu \phi - \phi \partial^\mu \phi^*) = 0$$

So, we can interpret  $j^\mu = \phi^* \partial^\mu \phi - \phi \partial^\mu \phi^*$  as a conserved current.

$$j_{KG}^\mu = (\phi^* \dot{\phi} - \phi \dot{\phi}^*, \phi^* \vec{\nabla} \phi)$$

However,  $\phi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_t \phi$  is not  $> 0$  in general.

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As an example, if  $\phi \sim f(x)e^{-iEt}$ , then  $\phi^* f(x) e^{iEt}$

$$\Rightarrow \phi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial_t} \phi \sim f(x) e^{iEt} e^{-iEt} (-iE) - f(x) e^{-iEt} e^{iEt} (iE)$$

$$\sim (-2iE) f(x) \cancel{> 0}$$

since  $E = \pm \sqrt{\dots}$

Therefore, the Klein-Gordon equation doesn't provide a good interpretation of a single particle probability density since  $j^0$  is not positive definite.

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## lecture-6 QFT (14/09)

Dirac Equation - spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  RQM.

We need an equation which is first order in time and space.  $\exists$  it should be first order in  $\vec{\nabla} \sim \vec{p}$  and  $\partial_t$ .

Therefore, Dirac's ansatz was argued by saying that if we can find the form of the Hamiltonian s.t. it is linear in  $\vec{p}$  and  $m$ .

$$\hat{H} = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \vec{\beta} \cdot m \longleftrightarrow E^2 = p^2 + m^2$$

then  $i\partial_t \psi = \hat{H} \psi$        $E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$  causes a problem.

So can we somehow "factor"  $\hat{H}$  into a linear expression of  $\vec{p}$  &  $m$ ?  
Dirac's insight was that it's possible if  $\vec{\alpha}$  &  $\vec{\beta}$  are matrices.

If we square the Hamiltonian operator

$$(\alpha_i p^i + \beta m)(\alpha_j p^j + \beta m) = \alpha_i \alpha_j p^i p^j + (\alpha_i \beta + \beta \alpha_j) m p^i + \beta^2 m^2$$

$$\equiv \vec{p}^2 + m^2$$

How can that be?

$$\alpha_i \alpha_j p^i p^j = \vec{p}^2$$

$$\alpha_i \beta + \beta \alpha_j = 0$$

$$\beta^2 = 1$$

Now  $\alpha_i \alpha_j p^i p^j = \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_i \alpha_j p^i p^j + \alpha_j \alpha_i p^i p^j) = \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_i \alpha_j + \alpha_j \alpha_i) p^i p^j$

(switching  $i \leftrightarrow j$ )      ( $p^i$  &  $p^j$  commute)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ \alpha_i, \alpha_j \} p^i p^j$$

$\Rightarrow \{ \alpha_i, \alpha_j \} = 2 \delta_{ij} \mathbb{1}_n$	$\beta^2 = \mathbb{1}_n$
$\{ \alpha_i, \beta \} = 0$	

What is  $n$ ? We don't know.

∴ We now have the following equation

$$(\alpha_i p^i + \beta m) \psi = i \partial_t \psi$$

$$\beta \times [(-i \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\partial} - i \mathbf{1}_n \partial_t + \beta m) \psi = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow (-i \beta \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\partial} - i \beta \partial_t + m \mathbf{1}_n) \psi = 0$$

$$[i(\beta \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\partial} + \beta \partial_t) - m] \psi = 0$$

if we identify  $\beta \vec{\alpha} = \vec{\gamma}$  and  $\beta = \gamma^0$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^\mu = (\gamma^0 = \beta, \vec{\gamma} = \beta \vec{\alpha})$$

then we can write the eqn in a covariant form

$$\boxed{(i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m \mathbf{1}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix} = 0} \quad \text{DIRAC EQUATION!}$$

where  $\gamma^0 = \beta$  and  $\gamma^i = \gamma^0 \alpha_i$

Now let's look at the anticommutator of  $\gamma^i$  &  $\gamma^j$

$$\{\gamma^i, \gamma^j\} = \gamma^0 \alpha_i \gamma^0 \alpha_j + \gamma^0 \alpha_j \gamma^0 \alpha_i = \beta \alpha_i \beta \alpha_j + \beta \alpha_j \beta \alpha_i$$

$$\text{but } \beta \alpha_i = -\alpha_i \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\gamma^i, \gamma^j\} = -\alpha_i \beta^2 \alpha_j - \alpha_j \beta^2 \alpha_i = -\{\alpha_i, \alpha_j\} = -2 \delta_{ij} \mathbf{1}_n$$

$$\{\gamma^0, \gamma^0\} = 2\beta^2 = 2 \mathbf{1}_n$$

$$\{\gamma^0, \gamma^i\} = \gamma^0 \gamma^i + \gamma^i \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \alpha_i + \gamma^0 \alpha_i \gamma^0 = \alpha_i - \alpha_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2 \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{1}_n}$$

Clifford Algebra.

The basic question then is, can we find such a set of matrices? (3)

If we can find one such set  $\gamma^0 \dots \gamma^3$ , then another set

$$\gamma'^\mu = S \gamma^\mu S^{-1} \quad \det S \neq 0$$

connected via a similarity transform will also satisfy the same algebra.

$$\Rightarrow \{\gamma'^\mu, \gamma'^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{1}_n.$$

Now, if  $m=0$ , then we need to find a set of matrices s.t.

$$\hat{E}^2 = \hat{P}^2$$

We can, by inspection, do that by choosing  $\hat{H} = \hat{\sigma} \circ \hat{P}$

$$\text{So, } \vec{\alpha} = \vec{\sigma} \text{ for } m=0$$

This is because  $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \mathbb{1}_2 \delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma^k$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \hat{H}^2 &= \sigma_i p^i \sigma_j p^j = \sigma_i \sigma_j p^i p^j = (\mathbb{1}_2 \delta_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k) p^i p^j \\ &= p^i p_i + \underbrace{\epsilon_{ijk} p^i p^j}_{=0} \sigma_k = \vec{p}^2 \end{aligned}$$

which was the required relation.

$$\text{Hence } (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) \psi = -i \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi = i \partial_t \psi$$

What are the gamma matrices here?

Now for  $m \neq 0$

For  $d$  dim's: we can find  $d$ -gamma matrices s.t.  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{1}$   
where  $[n] = \left[ \frac{d}{2} \right]$   $\downarrow$   
 $2^n \times 2^n$  matrices

→ For  $d=2$  (1 space & 1 time dim<sup>n</sup>)

$$n = \left[ \frac{2}{2} \right] = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma^\mu \text{ are } d=2 \text{ } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices}$$

For Euclidean metric, we can take  $\underline{\gamma^\mu = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}}$  since they anti-commute  
( $g^{\mu\nu} = \delta^{\mu\nu}$ )

For Minkowski metric, then we can take  $\gamma^0 = \sigma_1, \gamma^1 = i\sigma_2 \Rightarrow \underline{\gamma^\mu = \{\sigma_1, i\sigma_2\}}$   
( $g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu}$ )

because  $\{\gamma^1, \gamma^2\} = i\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\} = 0$  and  $\gamma^{02} = 1, \gamma^{12} = -1$

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_2$$

→ For  $d=3$  (2 space & 1 time dim<sup>n</sup>)  $n = \left[ \frac{3}{2} \right] = 1$

∴ We'll still have  $2 \times 2$  matrices but 3 of them.

for Minkowski metric  $\eta^{\mu\nu}$ , we can similarly take

$$\gamma^0 = \sigma_1 \quad \gamma^1 = i\sigma_2 \quad \gamma^2 = i\sigma_3$$

To get  $\gamma^\mu = \{\sigma_1, i\sigma_2, i\sigma_3\} \Rightarrow \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_2$

★ The case we are primarily interested in is  $d=4$  (3 space & 1 time)

$$d=4 \longrightarrow n = \left[ \frac{4}{2} \right] = 2 \longrightarrow 2^2 \times 2^2 \text{ matrices.}$$

so we'll have four  $4 \times 4$  matrices. s.t.  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_4$

One commonly used set is called Dirac-Pauli.

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

For the given set, it's easy to see that

$$\gamma^i \gamma^j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_j \\ -\sigma_j & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma_i \sigma_j & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_i \sigma_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\gamma^i, \gamma^j\} = \begin{pmatrix} -\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} & 0 \\ 0 & -\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} \end{pmatrix} = -2 \delta_{ij} \mathbb{1}_4$$

$$(\gamma^0)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4$$

$$\text{Also, } \gamma^0 \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^i \gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\gamma^0, \gamma^i\} = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \Rightarrow \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2 \gamma^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{1}_4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_1 \\ -\sigma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_2 \\ -\sigma_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_3 \\ -\sigma_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma_2 \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_2 \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \\ -\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \sigma_2 \sigma_3 = i \epsilon_{23}, \sigma_1 = i \sigma_i \Rightarrow -\underline{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3} = -i \sigma_i^2 = -i \underline{\mathbb{1}_2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{i \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma^5} \quad \text{and } \underline{\underline{(\gamma^5)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4}}$$

Also, as can be seen for any set of gamma matrices, the product of all the gamma matrices  $\prod_\alpha \gamma^\alpha$  anti-commutes with all the individual gamma matrices & hence

$$\{\underline{\underline{\gamma^5}}, \gamma^\mu\} = 0$$

Therefore, the product of all the  $\gamma$ -matrices gives a new  $\gamma$ -matrix which anti-commutes with all of the previous ones & naturally extends to being the next  $\gamma$ -matrix in higher dim's

i.e.  $\gamma^5$  is the fifth gamma matrix for  $d=5$ . (since the dim's of  $\gamma$ 's for  $d=4$  is same as  $d=5$  ( $[\frac{d}{2}]$ ))

$\gamma^5$  is called the Chirality matrix.

Another common representation of gamma matrices called the Chiral representation. Here you take  $\gamma^0$  as  $\gamma^5$  of Pauli Dirac rep.

$$\text{so, } \gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^0 \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma_i & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^i \gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\gamma^0, \gamma^i\} = 0 \quad \text{and } (\gamma^0)^2 = 1_4$$

and of course the  $\gamma^i$  remain the same so  $\{\gamma^i, \gamma^j\} = 2\delta_{ij}1_4$

$$\text{so, } \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}1_4$$

What does change however is that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= i \begin{pmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1_2 \end{pmatrix} = -i \begin{pmatrix} -1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{i \gamma_c^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_c^5}$$

So the role of  $\gamma^0$  &  $\gamma^5$  interchange with each other  $\gamma^0 \leftrightarrow \gamma^5$  (upto a proportionality sign) in Dirac-Pauli and Chiral representation. (7)

### Some general properties of $\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5$

We would like the Hamiltonian to be hermitian since it's an observable, so  $H = H^\dagger$

$$H = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m \Rightarrow H^\dagger = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\alpha}^\dagger + \beta^+ m$$

$$\therefore \text{for } H = H^\dagger$$

$$\rightarrow \beta = \beta^+ \Rightarrow \underline{\gamma^0}^\dagger = \gamma^0$$

$$\rightarrow (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p})^\dagger = \vec{\alpha}^\dagger \cdot \vec{p} \Rightarrow \hat{\vec{\alpha}}^\dagger = \hat{\vec{\alpha}}$$

(since they  
are obj on diff H spaces)

$$\text{Now } \alpha^i = \gamma^0 \gamma^i \Rightarrow (\alpha^i)^\dagger = \gamma^i \gamma^0 \dagger = \gamma^i \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 \gamma^i$$

$$\text{Multiply both sides by } \gamma^0 \Rightarrow (\gamma^i)^\dagger = \underbrace{\gamma^i \gamma^0 \gamma^0}_\text{anti-commute} = -\gamma^i$$

$$\text{so, } \underline{(\gamma^i)^\dagger = -\gamma^i}$$

(a) So, the general relation is  $\boxed{(\gamma^\mu)^\dagger = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0}$

(b)  $\boxed{\text{Tr } \gamma^\mu = 0} \quad \forall \mu$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^0) = \text{Tr}((\gamma^0)^2 \gamma^i) \quad \text{but since } \gamma^i \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^i$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^0) = -\text{Tr}((\gamma^0)^2 \gamma^i) \Rightarrow \underline{\text{Tr}(\gamma^i) = -\text{Tr}(\gamma^i)} = 0$$

Similarly

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^i \gamma^0 \gamma^i) = \text{Tr}((\gamma^i)^2 \gamma^0) = -\text{Tr}((\gamma^i)^2 \gamma^0) \quad \begin{matrix} \scriptstyle \frac{-1}{n} \\ \scriptstyle \text{(cyclicity)} \end{matrix}$$

$(\gamma^i \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^i)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{Tr}(\gamma^0) = 0}$$

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

$$\text{For } \underline{\mu \neq \nu}, \quad \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu = -\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \Rightarrow \underline{\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\sigma^{\nu\mu} = -\sigma^{\mu\nu}}$$

$\exists 6 \sigma^{\mu\nu}$  unique values

$$\underline{\sigma^{ij}} \longleftrightarrow \text{Rotation generators} \quad \hat{S}_k = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{kij} \sigma^{ij}$$

$$\underline{\sigma^{oi}} \longleftrightarrow \text{Boosts.}$$

$$(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^\dagger = -i (\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)^\dagger = -i (\gamma^0 \gamma^v \underbrace{\gamma^0 \gamma^0}_{1} \gamma^\mu \gamma^0)$$

$$= -i (\gamma^0 \gamma^v \gamma^\mu \gamma^0) = i (\gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^v \gamma^0)$$

$$\underline{(\sigma^{ij})^\dagger = i (\gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^j \gamma^0)}$$

$$\therefore \underline{(\sigma^{ij})^\dagger = i (\gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^j \gamma^0)} = i [(-\gamma^i \gamma^0) \underbrace{(-\gamma^0 \gamma^j)}_1] = i \gamma^i \gamma^j = \underline{\sigma^{ij}}$$

$$\underline{(\sigma^{oi})^\dagger = i (\gamma^0 \gamma^o \gamma^i \gamma^0)} = i \gamma^i \gamma^o = -i \gamma^o \gamma^i = \underline{-\sigma^{oi}}$$

$$(d) \quad \gamma^5 = i \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -\frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma$$

$$\text{We define } \epsilon^{0123} = +1 \Rightarrow \epsilon_{0123} = -1$$

$$\text{since } \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \eta_{\mu\mu'} \eta_{\nu\nu'} \eta_{\lambda\lambda'} \eta_{\sigma\sigma'}, \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\lambda'\sigma'}$$

$$\text{So, } \epsilon_{0123} = (1)(-1)(-1)(-1) \epsilon^{0123} = -1$$

Lecture - 7      Spinor Representation.  
 (16/09)

Clifford Algebra  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_4$

Chiral representation  
of  $\gamma$ -matrices  $\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\sigma^\mu = (\mathbb{1}_2, \sigma^i)$   
 $\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (\mathbb{1}, -\sigma^i)$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's briefly review some properties of  $\gamma$  matrices discussed in the last lecture.

- $(\gamma^\mu)^\dagger = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0$       •  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$
- $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu) = 0$        $\left( \begin{array}{l} = i\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \text{ for } \mu \neq \nu \\ \text{generators of Lorentz group.} \end{array} \right)$

Linear representations of matrix groups.

$U(N)$ : leaves  $\psi + \chi$  invariant i.e.  $\psi' + \chi' = \psi + \chi$

when  $\chi' = U\chi$  and  $\psi' = U\psi$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \chi_N \end{pmatrix} \quad U: N \times N \text{ unitary matrix}$$

s.t.  $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$

We can write any such  $U = e^{iH}$  where  $H = H^\dagger$ .

$$\text{If } U = e^{iH}, \Rightarrow U^\dagger = e^{-iH}$$

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$$\text{Thus, } \psi^\dagger \chi' = \psi^\dagger \underbrace{U^\dagger}_1 U \chi = \psi^\dagger \chi$$

The group properties enter the picture by the following observation that

$$(U_1 U_2)^\dagger = U_2^\dagger U_1^\dagger = U_2^{-1} U_1^{-1} = (U_1 U_2)^{-1} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\text{if } U_1, U_2 \in U(N) \\ &\Rightarrow U_1 \cdot U_2 \in U(N) \end{aligned}$$

- SU(2):  $2 \times 2$  unitary matrices with  $\det U = +1$   
(Rotation group)

$$U = e^{i\theta^a \sigma^a}$$

$\uparrow$

$\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3$   
(rot<sup>n</sup> angles)

$$T^a = \frac{\sigma^a}{2}$$

(rotation generators.)

} did not understand  
where we got  
these eqns from

$$[T^a, T^b] = i\epsilon^{abc} T^c \quad \text{Rotation Algebra.}$$

- O(N): For  $N=2$ , we have rot<sup>n</sup> matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_O \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}'^2 = \vec{x}^2$$

And  $O$  has the property that  $O^T = O^{-1}$

We can generalize orthogonal matrices to  $N \times N$  orthogonal matrices.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ \vdots \\ x'_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} O_{N \times N} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix}$$

If we expand the rot<sup>n</sup> matrix of  $N=2$  in powers of  $\theta$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \theta^2/2! + \dots & -\theta + \theta^3/3! + \dots \\ \theta - \theta^3/3! + \dots & 1 - \theta^2/2! + \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \theta \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{GENERATOR of } O(2)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

} GENERATOR of  $O(2)$

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We denote the generator by the symbol T.

For  $O(2)$ , we identify the generator as  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

To find the generator, we do a Taylor expansion for the parameter (here  $\Theta$ ) very small

$$\text{i.e. } g(\epsilon) = 1 + \underbrace{\epsilon T}_{\text{generator.}} + O(\epsilon^2) \quad \text{where } \epsilon \ll 1 \text{ (very small)}$$

if we take  $\epsilon = \Theta/N$  where  $\Theta$  is some finite value of parameter, then applying the transformation enough times

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{\Theta}{N} T \right)^N = e^{\Theta T} \text{ gives rise to a finite transformation.}$$

$$\text{So, for } O(2), T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } e^{\Theta T} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Theta & -\sin \Theta \\ \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{since } e^{\Theta T} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \Theta^n T^n = \cos \Theta \mathbb{1} + \sin \Theta T$$

So, in orthogonal group, the orthogonal matrix can be written as

$$O = e^A \quad \text{where } A \text{ is an anti-symmetric matrix}$$

$$O^T = O^{-1} = e^{-A} \stackrel{!}{=} (e^A)^T = e^{(A^T)}$$

Now since A is a  $N \times N$  anti-symm. matrix, we have 0s along the diagonal and entries in upper triangle are the only independent parameters since the lower triangle is just those values negated.

$$\text{So, we can write } A = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \theta_{ij} A^{[i;j]} \quad \text{where } A^{[i;j]} \text{ represents anti-symmetric matrices.}$$

how can a configuration have  $> 1$  generators?

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$$A^{[1,2]} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{[1,3]} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \\ -1 & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and so on}$$

$$\text{So } A = \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ i=1}}^N \Theta_{ij} A^{[i,j]} = \Theta_{12} A^{[1,2]} + \Theta_{23} A^{[2,3]} + \dots + \Theta_{13} A^{[1,3]} + \dots + \dots$$

$\Theta_{ij}$  are called the parameters.

$$O(N) \text{ has } \frac{N \cdot (N-1)}{2}$$

( $i$  can be chosen in  $N$  ways, then  $j$  can be chosen in  $N-1$  ways. But since the order doesn't matter, divide by 2.)

independent parameters.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} N=2 \rightarrow 1 \\ N=3 \rightarrow 3 \\ N=4 \rightarrow 6 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{no. of parameters.}$$

This is all about orthogonal groups.

### Unitary groups

very similar to  $O(N)$ , except for the fact that we now want to see matrices s.t.

$$\text{if } \psi' = U \psi$$

$$\text{then } \psi'^+ \psi' = \psi^+ U^+ U \psi \stackrel{!}{=} \psi^+ \psi$$

$$\text{then } \underline{U^+ \stackrel{!}{=} U^{-1}} \text{ for } U \in U(N)$$

This is ensured if  $U = e^{iH}$  and  $H = H^+$

SU(N) is the same as  $U(N)$  i.e.  $U^+ U = 1$  with the additional  $\det(U) \stackrel{!}{=} +1$

This can be done by demanding  $\text{tr}(H) = 0$ .

So, in a nutshell

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \psi' = U \psi \\ U = e^{iH} \end{array} \quad H = \theta_A T^A \xrightarrow{\text{generators.}} \quad T^{A\dagger} = T^A \right]$$

↑  
real parameters

→ how this?

Lorentz Group:  $SO(1, 3) \longleftrightarrow SO(4)$

↓  
3 rot's + 3 boosts.

no. of parameters = 6  
no. " of generators = 6

One of the representation of Lorentz group comes up when we study tensors

$$V^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu \quad (\text{vector representation})$$

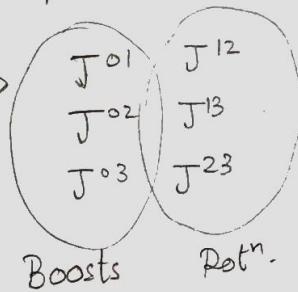
$SO(1, 3)$ : 4 dimensional

BUT, there is another independent 4 component representation which is called the spinor representation.

Generators of the Lorentz group in the spinor representation are

called  $J^{\mu\nu}$ . ( $\mu < \nu$ )

$$J^{\mu\nu} (\mu < \nu) \Rightarrow$$



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It so happens that  $J^{\mu\nu}$  can be defined as -

$$J^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

where  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu$   $\mu \neq \nu$   
(see last lecture)

Recall:

$$(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^\dagger = \gamma^0 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^0 \rightarrow (\sigma^{0i})^\dagger = -\sigma^{0i}$$

$$(\sigma^{ij})^\dagger = +\sigma^{ij}$$

Now we write spin rot<sup>n</sup> matrix in the same way we decomposed orthogonal matrices in terms of generators & parameters.

$$S = e^{i \sum_{\mu\nu} \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$\text{but we know that } \sigma^{\mu\nu} = -\sigma^{\nu\mu} \Rightarrow J^{\mu\nu} = -J^{\nu\mu}$$

$$\text{So, } \Rightarrow S = e^{i \sum_{\mu\nu} \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}}$$

↑                          ↑  
6 independent      6 independent  
parameters          generators

$$= e^{\frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$\text{if we define } \underline{\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}}$$

$$= e^{i\omega \cdot J/2}$$

↑                          ★  
IS  $S = e^{-i\omega \cdot J/2}$  then?

SPINOR ROT<sup>N</sup> MATRIX

$$\therefore \psi'(x') = S \psi(x) \rightarrow \text{transf. of spinors}$$

transf. of spinors is similar to transf. of vectors  $V'^\mu(x') = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu(x)$

$$\text{Infact we can write } \underline{\Lambda = e^{\frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} L^{\mu\nu}}}$$

where  $L^{\mu\nu}$  is the analog of  $J^{\mu\nu}$  for vectors.

The reason is that the commutators of  $J$  &  $L$  are same in form.

$$[L_{\mu\nu}, L_{\lambda\sigma}] = C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \delta_{\gamma\delta} L_{\gamma\delta}$$

$$[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}] = C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \delta_{\gamma\delta} J_{\gamma\delta}$$

↑                          same coeffs.

⇒ Multiplication rules of  $S$  &  $\Lambda$  are same!

$$\left. \begin{aligned} i.e. \quad L(\omega) L(\omega') &= L(\omega'') \\ S(\omega) S(\omega') &= S(\omega'') \end{aligned} \right\} \text{What does this even mean?}$$

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Let's now go back to gamma matrices.

(a)  $\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3$  which has the properties

$(\gamma^5)^+ = \gamma^5$
$(\gamma^5)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4$

(in chiral rep.)

We can check  $(\gamma^5)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4$  easily

$$(\gamma^5)^2 = \gamma^5(\gamma^5)^+ = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 (\gamma^3 + \gamma^2 + \gamma_1 + \gamma^0)$$

$$\text{But } (\gamma^i)^+ = -\gamma^i \quad \& \quad (\gamma^0)^+ = \gamma^0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\gamma^5)^2 = \gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^3\gamma^2\gamma^1\gamma^0 (-1)^3$$

From  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_4$ , we see that  $(\gamma^i)^2 = -\mathbb{1}$  &  $(\gamma^0)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4$

$$\text{So, } (\gamma^5)^2 = \underbrace{\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^3\gamma^2\gamma^1}_{\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ -1 \end{matrix}}\gamma^0 (-1)^3 = (-1)^6 \mathbb{1}_4 = \mathbb{1}_4$$

(b) We also see that  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5\} = 0$

$$\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 = \gamma^\mu(i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3)$$

Now  $\mu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . So when we push it through till the last position,  $\gamma^\mu$  anti-commutes everytime  $v \neq \mu$ . So it will pick up 3 (-) signs no matter what  $\mu$

$$\text{so } \gamma^\mu\gamma^5 = \gamma^\mu(i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3) = -i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^\mu = -\gamma^5\gamma^\mu$$

hence, they anti-commute.

# of L.I. independent matrices  $\longrightarrow$  why are we talking about this?

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$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \gamma_4, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^5, \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \\ 1 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 4 \end{matrix}, \sigma^{\mu\nu} \right\} = T^A \quad 6$$

Basis for expanding any matrix which transforms spinors.

$$\psi \in \mathbb{C}^4$$

$$\text{Matrices } M = M_A T^A \quad 4 \times 4$$

Why? Don't we only have 6 independent generators? Are they even related?

So, we now state that if we have a  $\tilde{\gamma}^\mu$  s.t.

$$\tilde{\gamma}^\mu = U \gamma^\mu U^\dagger$$

then it has all the properties of  $\gamma^\mu$ , and also satisfies same hermiticity prop.

$$\tilde{\gamma}^{\mu\dagger} = \tilde{\gamma}^\circ \tilde{\gamma}^\mu \tilde{\gamma}^\circ$$
 and satisfies Clifford Algebra.

$$\text{Also, if we take } \gamma^{\mu'} = S \gamma^\mu S^{-1}$$

it satisfies Clifford Algebra, but hermiticity properties might not be same! However if  $S$  is unitary then  $S^{-1} = S^\dagger$  and then hermiticity properties would be satisfied.

Also, the converse is true i.e. if  $\gamma^\mu$  &  $\tilde{\gamma}^\mu$  satisfy Clifford Alg., & same hermiticity props, then  $\exists M$  s.t.

$$\tilde{\gamma}^\mu = M \gamma^\mu M^{-1} \quad \text{where } M^{-1} = M^\dagger$$

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Going back to Dirac Eq<sup>n</sup>, we have

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

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \quad \\ \quad \\ \quad \\ \end{array} \right)_{4 \times 4} \left( \begin{array}{c} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_4 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right)$$

We introduce Feynman slash notation -

$$| a_\mu \gamma^\mu \equiv \not{a} |$$

It enjoys various properties, some of them as follows-

$$\not{a}^2 = a_\mu \gamma^\mu a_\nu \gamma^\nu = a_\nu \gamma^\nu a_\mu \gamma^\mu$$

$$\text{So, } \not{a}^2 = a_\mu a_\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu = a_\mu a_\nu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \quad (\text{since } a_\mu, a_\nu \text{ commute})$$

$$2\not{a}^2 = a_\mu a_\nu (\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu) \Rightarrow \not{a}^2 = a_\mu a_\nu \frac{\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\}}{2}$$

$$\text{but } \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_4$$

$$\text{So, } \underline{\not{a}^2} = a_\mu a_\nu \eta^{\mu\nu} = \underline{a_\mu a^\mu} = a \cdot a$$

$$\boxed{\not{a}^2 = a_\mu a^\mu}$$

Therefore, Dirac Eq<sup>n</sup> in slash notation is

$$(i\not{a} - m)\psi = 0$$

$$\text{If we multiply by } (i\not{a} + m) \Rightarrow (i\not{a} + m)(i\not{a} - m)\psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-(\not{a})^2 - m^2)\psi = 0 \quad \text{but } (\not{a})^2 = \partial_\mu \partial_\mu = \square$$

$$\text{So this gives } \underline{(\square + m^2)\psi = 0}$$

and Klein Gordon eq<sup>n</sup> is trivially obtained.

## Lorentz Covariance of Dirac Eqn.

Recall Maxwell's eqns defined Lorentz covariance!

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \quad \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\lambda\sigma} = 0$$

Doing L.T., we get the same form of eqn

$$\partial'_\mu F'^{\mu\nu} = j'^\nu \quad \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial'_\nu F'_{\lambda\sigma} = 0$$

∴ Maxwell's eqns are form invariant under L.T. where

$$j'^\mu(x') = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu j^\nu(x)$$

$$F'^{\mu\nu}(x') = \Lambda^\mu{}_\mu' \Lambda^\nu{}_\nu' F^{\mu'\nu'}(x)$$

$$\partial'_\mu = \Lambda_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu$$

$$\epsilon'^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \rightarrow \text{invariant tensor of Lorentz group}$$

Form invariance  $\equiv$  "Covariance"

$$\text{So, } (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi(x) = 0$$

⇒ Under L.T.

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

However  $\psi$  is not a wavefn but a spinor.

$$\text{So, } \psi'_\alpha(x') = \sum_B \underbrace{\psi_B(x)}_{\text{summed.}}$$

$\gamma^\mu \rightarrow$  invariant object.

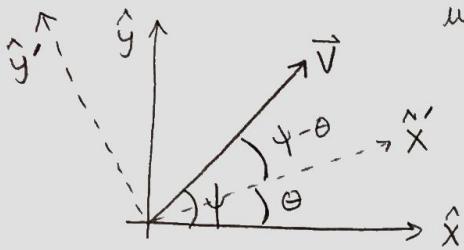
Is it really a fourvector then?

## Lecture - 8

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Crash course of Lie Groups (continuous symmetries)

Suppose we have a vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\hat{x}$ - $\hat{y}$  plane. If we rotate the axes s.t. we now have  $\hat{x}'$  and  $\hat{y}'$  as new axes.



$$\begin{aligned}
 v_x &= |\vec{v}| \cos \psi & v_y &= |\vec{v}| \sin \psi \\
 v'_x &= |\vec{v}| \cos(\psi - \theta) & v'_y &= |\vec{v}| \sin(\psi - \theta) \\
 &= |\vec{v}| (c_\psi c_\theta + s_\psi s_\theta) & &= |\vec{v}| (s_\psi c_\theta - c_\psi s_\theta) \\
 &= v_x c_\theta + v_y s_\theta & &= -v_x s_\theta + v_y c_\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we get the transformation as -

$$\begin{pmatrix} v'_x \\ v'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta & s_\theta \\ -s_\theta & c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v' = O(\theta) v$$

Let's now see what this matrix looks like when expanded in powers of  $\theta$  (about  $\theta=0$ )

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \theta^2/2! + \dots & \theta - \theta^3/3! + \dots \\ -\theta + \theta^3/3! + \dots & 1 - \theta^2/2! + \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + O(\theta^2)$$

For small enough  $\theta$ , we get a rot<sup>n</sup> close enough to 1. The infinitesimal difference b/w  $O(\theta)$  where  $\theta \ll 1$  and 1 is -

$$SO = \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
parameter  
 $SO(2)$

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Matrix generator  $\equiv T$   
of  $SO(2)$

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We usually write an  $i$  in front of  $\theta T$  so here we will write  $T = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{then } SO = i\theta T + O(\theta^2)$$

Repeating this for  $d=3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1' \\ v_2' \\ v_3' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} O(\theta_a)_{3 \times 3} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{a bunch of f's of parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

There's not much use in writing down the explicit form of  $O$ . So we'll analyze a general orthogonal matrix in  $3 \times 3$ .

The primary property of orthogonal matrices is that  $v'^T v' = v^T v$   
 $\Rightarrow O^T O = \mathbb{1}$

Now suppose  $O$  is a function of some parameters  $\theta_a$  i.e.  $O: \theta_a \rightarrow O_{3 \times 3}$   
and then we do a Taylor expansion about  $\theta_a = 0$

$$O(\theta_a) = \mathbb{1}_3 + \theta_a A_a + \dots$$

$$\text{then } O^T(\theta_a) = \mathbb{1}_3 + \theta_a A_a^T + \dots$$

$$OO^T = \mathbb{1}_3 + \theta_a A_a + \theta_a A_a^T + \dots O(\theta_a^2) \dots \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbb{1}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow A_a^T \stackrel{!}{=} -A_a \quad \therefore \text{Generators of } SO(d) \text{ are anti-symmetric!}$$

So,  $A_{ij} = -A_{ji}$  (components of generators)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ -A_{12} & 0 & A_{23} \\ -A_{13} & -A_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{only three independent parameters.}$$

Now we don't have 3 independent parameters for every  $A_a$ . We only have 3 independent parameters in total. Why did I then reach the conclusion that each  $A_a$  has 3 independent parameters?

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The simplest way of writing  $O$  in terms of generators is -

$$O = \mathbb{1} + \theta_1 A_1 + \theta_2 A_2 + \theta_3 A_3 + \dots$$

I still don't understand the way we argue that  $A$  has 3 independent params.  
because we showed that it's  $A_a$  which has 3 independent params, not  $A$ .  
However, let's assume that means 3 independent params of  $O_{3 \times 3}$ .

$$\text{Here we can identify } A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can also decompose  $A$  differently with new parameters  $\varphi_{ij}$   
where we define  $\varphi_{ij} = -\varphi_{ji}$

$$O = \mathbb{1} + \varphi_{23} A_{23} + \varphi_{31} A_{31} + \varphi_{12} A_{12} + \dots$$

$$\text{where } A_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we also define  $A_{ij} = -A_{ji}$  (new matrices with opp. sign)

$$\text{Then } O = \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \varphi_{ij} A_{ij}$$

$$O_{kl} = \mathbb{1}_{kl} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \varphi_{ij} (A_{ij})_{kl} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{need to think about this} \\ \text{oppr.} \end{matrix}$$

$$(\delta_{ik} \delta_{lj} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) \equiv \delta_{i[k} \delta_{l]j}$$

$$(A_{(ij)})_{kl} = \delta_{i[k} \delta_{l]j} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \varphi_{ij} = -\varphi_{ji}$$

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For a general  $d > 3$ , we have  $\frac{d(d-1)}{2}$  parameters.

The generators of  $SO(d)$  are thus given by -

$$\boxed{(A_{ij})_{kl} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{lj}} \quad \boxed{\varphi_{ij} = -\varphi_{ji}}$$

↑ GENERATORS (Anti-hermitian)      i,j=1,2,...,d      ↑ PARAMETERS

$$\# \text{ of independent parameters} = \# \text{ of generators} = \frac{d(d-1)}{2}$$

Doing this same thing for  $SU(N)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix}' = U \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Defining property} \\ \psi^+ \psi = \psi' \psi' \\ \Rightarrow U^+ = U^{-1} \end{array}$$

Writing  $U$  in terms of its parameters  $\theta_a$

$$U(\theta_a) = \mathbb{1} + i\theta_A T^A + O(\theta^2)$$

$$U^+(\theta_a) = \mathbb{1} - i\theta_A T^{A\dagger} + O(\theta^2)$$

$$\text{Since } U^+ U = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow U^+ U = \mathbb{1} + i\theta_A (T^A - T^{A\dagger}) + O(\theta^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{T^A = T^{A\dagger}} \quad \text{Generators of } SU(N) \text{ must be Hermitian.}$$

So, right now, my main confusion is, how does one find the generators of  $SO(N)$  &  $SU(N)$ ? How do we find the generators & # of ind-parameters? I want a proper derivation of this!

Note: For  $SO(d)$ ,  $O = \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2}\theta_{ij} A_{ij} + O(\theta^2)$  where  $A_{ij}$  was anti-Hermitian  
If we define  $T_{(ij)} = +i A_{ij}$

$$O = \mathbb{1} + \frac{i}{2}\theta_{ij} T_{(ij)} + O(\theta^2)$$

## Lorentz Group. $SO(1,3)$

The Lorentz transformation on the co-ordinates is

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu \quad \rightarrow 4 \times 4 \text{ matrices}$$

The defining properties of  $\Lambda^\mu_\nu$  is that -

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu \circ \Lambda^\nu_\sigma \circ \eta_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\sigma}$$

If we consider an infinitesimal Lorentz transformation -

$$\delta \Lambda^\mu_\nu = (\delta^\mu_\nu - \omega^\mu_\nu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta v^\mu \cong v'^\mu - v^\mu = -\omega^\mu_\nu v^\nu$$

We can also see that -

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} (\underbrace{\delta^\mu_\nu - \omega^\mu_\nu}_{\delta \Lambda^\mu_\nu}) (\underbrace{\delta^\nu_\sigma - \omega^\nu_\sigma}_{\delta \Lambda^\nu_\sigma}) = \eta_{\mu\sigma} - \omega_{\mu\sigma} - \omega_{\sigma\mu} + O(\omega^2)$$

$$\text{but } \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta \Lambda^\mu_\nu \delta \Lambda^\nu_\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \eta_{\mu\sigma} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_{\mu\sigma} = -\omega_{\sigma\mu}}$$

property of Lorentz group params.  
(ANTI-SYMM!!)

For  $d=4$ , we have 6 independent Lorentz group parameters.

$\underline{SO(1,3)}$ : 3D spatial rot's  $\rightarrow$  3 rotation parameters.

Now, we know that  $SO(3)$ : 3D spatial rot's  $\rightarrow$  3 rotation parameters.

This leaves  $6-3=3$  boost parameters.

so, Parameters of  $SO(1,3)$  Lorentz group can be labelled by

$$\omega_{ij} = -\omega_{ji} \quad (3\text{-D rot's}) \quad i,j=1,2,3 \quad \begin{cases} \rightarrow 3 \\ \rightarrow 3 \end{cases} \quad \left. \right\} 6$$

$$\omega_{oi} = -\omega_{io} \quad (\text{Boosts})$$

## Lorentz Covariance of Dirac Eq<sup>n</sup>.

For Maxwell's equations

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow s'} \partial'_\mu F'^{\mu\nu} = j'^\nu$$

where  $j'^\nu(x') = \Lambda^\nu \circ j^\sigma(x) \rightarrow$  This is how 4-vectors transforms.

Now, for Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> -

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi_{(x)} = 0 \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow s'} (i\gamma^\mu \partial'_\mu - m)\psi'(x') = 0$$

and just like we have a linear relation b/w 4-vector transformations, we would like a similar situation to prevail for spinors.

So, we'd expect  $\psi'_\alpha(x') = S_{\alpha\beta}^{(\omega)} \psi_\beta(x) \rightarrow$  This is how spinors transform.

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fn of parameters  
of Lorentz group  $\omega_{\mu\nu}$

Objects which transform  
like the wavefn of Dirac  
eq<sup>n</sup> are defined to be  
spinors.

$S_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow$  Lorentz transform in spinor representation.

## What is a representation anyway?

Say we have a matrix  $M$  of some group with parameter  $\Theta$  i.e.  $M(\Theta)$  & another matrix of same group  $M(\Theta')$ . The idea of groups is that

$$M(\Theta) M(\Theta') = M(\Theta''(\Theta, \Theta')) \text{ since } a \circ b \in \text{group.}$$

The new parameter  $\Theta''$  is a fn of  $\Theta$  &  $\Theta'$  i.e.  $\Theta''(\Theta, \Theta')$ . This defines group multiplication.

The idea of generators is that we write  $M_{(\Theta)} = e^{i\Theta \cdot T}$  &  $M(\Theta') = e^{i\Theta' \cdot T}$

BCH  $e^{i\Theta \cdot T} e^{i\Theta' \cdot T} = \exp [(\Theta + \Theta') \cdot T + \Theta_a \Theta'_b [T_a, T_b] + \text{all commutators}]$   
 $= \exp (i\Theta'' \cdot T)$

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The only way for this thing to work is that

$[T^a, T^b] \sim T^c$  & only then we'd be able to match coeffs on both sides.

$$\Rightarrow [T^a, T^b] = i C^{ab}_c T^c \quad \text{COMMUTATOR ALGEBRA}$$

$\uparrow$   
structure const.

$\therefore$  The commutator algebra describes the group multiplication rule.

Now suppose instead of  $T^a$ 's, we had some other set of matrices

$\mathcal{F}^a$ , then if we define objects

$M = e^{i\Theta^a \mathcal{F}^a}$  which satisfy the same commutation algebra

$$[\mathcal{F}^a, \mathcal{F}^b] = i C^{ab}_c \mathcal{F}^c$$

$$\Rightarrow M(\theta) M(\theta') = M(\theta''(\theta, \theta'))$$

$\uparrow$   
same rule as for  $M$

$\therefore$  If two objects satisfy the same commutation algebra, then the group multiplication rule for both would be same, and they would be different representations of the same group.

VERY SIMILARLY, even though spinors and 4-vectors (both 4-component objects) live in different spaces, their multiplication rule is the same  $\omega''(\omega, \omega')$

$$\text{i.e. } \Lambda(\omega) \Lambda(\omega') = \Lambda(\omega''(\omega, \omega')) \leftarrow \text{4-vector rep.}$$

$$S(\omega) S(\omega') = S(\omega''(\omega, \omega')) \leftarrow \text{spinor rep.}$$

and hence they are diff. representations of the same  $SO(1, 3)$  group.

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## Lecture - 9 (QFT)

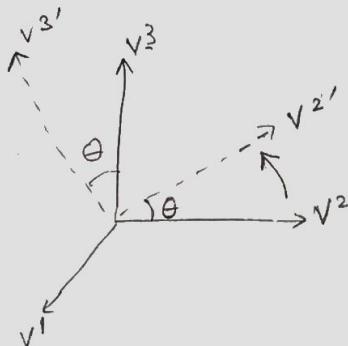
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$SO(3)$  Rotation group  $\rightarrow$  special orthogonal group with  $n=3$  ( $3 \times 3$  matrices)

The Lorentz group  $SO(1,3)$  consists of Boosts  $\oplus$  Rotations which are called the Lorentz transformations.

Recalling rot's in 2-3 plane -

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^{2'} \\ v^{3'} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^2 \\ v^3 \end{pmatrix}$$



In first order

$$\delta v^2 = \theta v^3$$

$$\delta v^3 = -\theta v^2$$

We call  $\theta$  as the parameter  $\omega_{23}$ , for rot<sup>h</sup> around 2-3 plane.

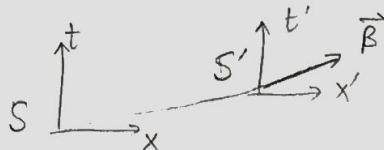
Similar rot's in 1-3 and 1-2 plane are determined by parameters  $\omega_{13}$  and  $\omega_{12}$  respectively.

Then come the boosts, say in the x-direction (or "1"-direction), -

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^0' \\ v^1' \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\beta \\ \beta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^0 \\ v^1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh\omega & -\sinh\omega \\ -\sinh\omega & \cosh\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^0 \\ v^1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\tanh\omega = \beta$ ,  $\gamma = \sqrt{1-\beta^2}$



for small  $\beta$  (or  $\omega$ ), in first order.

$$\delta v^0 = -\omega v^1$$

$$\delta v^1 = -\omega v^0$$

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Now, knowing the infinitesimal form of boosts & rotations, we can write the transformation of a (parameter)•(generator) acting on vectors.

Let us define these generators as -

$$\text{for } O(3): \delta V^l = \frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})_{lj} V^j$$

↑                   ↑  
parameters      generator

we are just guessing a form  
of the infinitesimal  
transformations from knowledge  
of  $O(3)$  transf. covered in  
lec-8.

And this has to coincide with the  
transform. rules we just got from L.T. matrix

$$\text{i.e. } \delta V^l = \omega_{lj} V^j$$

$$\rightarrow T^{mn} = -T^{nm}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{since } \delta V^2 = \omega_{23} V^3 \\ \delta V^3 = \omega_{32} V^2 \\ \text{where } \omega_{32} = -\omega_{23} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})_{lj} \stackrel{!}{=} \omega_{lj}$$

$$\Rightarrow (T^{mn})_{lj} = -i (\delta_{lm} \delta_{nj} - \delta_{ln} \delta_{mj})$$

$$\text{since } \left[ \frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} \right] - \left[ -i (\delta_{lm} \delta_{nj} - \delta_{ln} \delta_{mj}) \right] = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_{lj} - \omega_{jl}) = \omega_{lj}$$

$$\therefore \underline{(T^{mn})_{lj}} = -i \delta_{l[m} \delta_{n]j}$$

The generators satisfy the following commutation algebra-

$$([T_{mn}, T_{pq}])_{rs} = i \left( \delta_{[p[m} T_{n]q]} \right)_{rs} \rightarrow \text{how?}$$

Note:

The object ( $T^{mn}$ ) here is actually a matrix corresponding to rot<sup>n</sup> about m-n plane and  $\omega_{mn}$  is a parameter associated to that rot<sup>n</sup>. The mn aren't separate indices, but can be thought of as independent when defining  $T^{mn} = -T^{nm}$  and  $\omega_{nm} = -\omega_{mn}$  & then putting a  $\frac{1}{2}$  factor.

Let's take an example -

$$[T_{12}, T_{23}] = i (\delta_{[1} T_{2]3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{[2[1} T_{2]3]} &= \delta_{21} T_{23} - \delta_{22} T_{13} \\ &= \delta_{21} T_{23} - \delta_{31} T_{22} - \delta_{22} T_{13} + \delta_{32} T_{12} \\ &= -T_{23} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [T_{12}, T_{23}] = -i T_{13} = +i T_{31}$$

- Note about anti-symm. not<sup>n</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{[i[j} B_{k]l]} &= A_{i[j} B_{k]l} - A_{l[j} B_{k]i} \\ &= A_{ij} B_{kl} - A_{ik} B_{jl} - A_{lj} B_{ki} + A_{lk} B_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } X_{[a} Y_{b]} = X_a Y_b - X_b Y_a$$

One can notice a pattern there. Since  $12 \rightarrow \text{rot}^n$  about 1-2 plane, and so on, in 3D, one can think of rot<sup>n</sup> about axes instead. So, 12 is a rot<sup>n</sup> about z i.e. 3, 23 is a rotation about x i.e. 1, and 31 is a rot<sup>n</sup> about y i.e. 2.

Thus, we define  $L_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} T_{jk}$

$$\Rightarrow [L_i, L_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} L_k \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} [L_3, L_1] &= i L_2 \\ [L_1, L_2] &= i L_3 \\ [L_2, L_3] &= i L_1 \end{aligned}$$

This is the general structure of  $SO(3)$  (or even  $SO(N)$ ) rotations!

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We can now copy this same structure to form Lorentz transformations which include rot<sup>n</sup> in the following manner-

$$\delta V^\mu = -\omega^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu \quad \mu = 0, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Rot}^n}} \Rightarrow \delta V^i = -\omega^i{}_j V^j \quad \text{where } \omega^i{}_j = \eta^{ik} \omega_{kj} = \eta^{ii} \omega_{ij} + 0 \\ = +\omega_{ij} V^j \quad = (+) \omega_{ij}$$

(just as we found on ①)

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Boost in x}}} \Rightarrow \delta V^0 = -\omega^0{}_1 V^1 = -\omega_{01} V^1 \quad \omega_{01} = -\omega_{10} = -\omega = -\tanh^{-1} \beta$$

and  $\delta V^1 = -\omega^1{}_0 V^0 = +\omega_{10} V^0 = -\omega_{01} V^0 \quad \omega_{23} = -\omega_{32} = -\Theta$

Therefore, for counting of parameters -

$$\omega^\mu{}_\nu = \eta^{\mu\lambda} \omega_{\lambda\nu}$$

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anti-symm. parameter =  $-\omega_{\nu\lambda}$

$\therefore$  the no. of independent params are given by  $\frac{4(4-1)}{2} = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{2} = 6$

So, we have a total of 6 ind. params  $\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\omega_{ij} = -\omega_{ji}} 3 \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_{oi} = -\omega_{io}} 3 \end{array} \} 6 \text{ params. of Lorentz group.}$

For Lorentz transformations, we write

$$\delta V^\mu = \frac{i}{2} \underset{0,1,2,3}{\uparrow} (\omega_{MN} L^{MN})^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu$$

where  $L^{MN}$  is now the Lorentz generator (the Lorentz version of  $T^{mn}$ ).

$$\underline{(L^{MN})^\mu{}_\nu = -i \delta_\nu^{[M} \eta^{N]} \mu}$$

## Interlude on Canonical Parameterization.

There are an infinite no. of ways in which the infinitesimal form reduces to -

$$\delta V_l = \frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})_{lj} V^j \equiv \delta O_{lj} V^j$$

$$O_{lj} = 1 + \frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})_{lj} + O(\omega^2)$$

The canonical form of parameterization is using the exponential fn

$$O \equiv \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r!} \left(\frac{i}{2} \omega_{mn} (T^{mn})\right)^r$$

Let's check if this indeed works

$$\begin{aligned} \delta V^\mu &= \frac{1}{2} (\omega_{MN} \delta_\nu^{[M} \eta^{N]\mu}) v^\nu = \frac{1}{2} \omega_{MN} (\delta_\nu^M \eta^{NM} - \delta_\nu^N \eta^{MN}) v^\nu \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\omega_{\nu N} \eta^{NM} - \omega_{M\nu} \eta^{MN}) v^\nu = \frac{1}{2} (\eta^{MN} \omega_{N\nu} - \eta^{MM} \omega_{M\nu}) v^\nu \\ &= -\underline{\omega_\nu^\mu} v^\nu \end{aligned}$$

Let's compare the commutation algebra of T & L.

Starting with T

$$\begin{aligned} [T_{mn}, T_{rs}]_{de} &= (T_{mn})_{df} (T_{rs})_{fe} - (T_{rs})_{df} (T_{mn})_{fe} \\ &= (-i)^2 (\delta_{d[m} \delta_{n]f} \delta_{f[r} \delta_{s]e} - \delta_{d[r} \delta_{s]f} \delta_{f[m} \delta_{n]e}) \\ &= \frac{+1}{i} (i \delta_{d[m} \delta_{n]} \delta_{r[s} \delta_{e]} - i \delta_{d[r} \delta_{s]} \delta_{m[n} \delta_{e]}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{+1}{i} \left( i \delta_{d[m} \delta_{n]} r \delta_{se} - i \delta_{d[m} \delta_{n]} s \delta_{re} \right) \\
 &\quad \left( -i \delta_{d[r} \delta_{s]m} \delta_{ne} + i \delta_{d[r} \delta_{s]e} \delta_{nm} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{i} \left( -(\mathbf{T}^{mn})_{dr} \delta_{se} + (\mathbf{T}^{mn})_{ds} \delta_{re} \right) \\
 &\quad + (\mathbf{T}^{rs})_{dm} \delta_{ne} - (\mathbf{T}^{rs})_{de} \delta_{nm} \\
 &= \frac{1}{i} \left( (\mathbf{T}^{mn})_{d[s} \delta_{r]e} - (\mathbf{T}^{rs})_{d[m} \delta_{e]n} \right) \\
 &= \stackrel{\text{somehow}}{=} i \left( \delta_{[r[m} \mathbf{T}_{n]s]} \right)_{de}
 \end{aligned}$$

We now want to do the exact same thing with  $L^{MN}$ 's.-

$$[L^{MN}, L^{PQ}] = -i L^{[N} \eta^{P]M]}$$

Hence, in summary, the Lorentz group generators are given by

$$(L^{MN})^M_{\nu} = -i S_{\nu}^{[M} \eta^{N]\mu}$$

Satisfying the commutation relations -

$$[L^{MN}, L^{PQ}] = -i L^{[N} \eta^{P]M]}$$

which is very similar to generators of orthogonal group  $O(3)$ .

## Lorentz Covariance of Dirac eq<sup>n</sup>.

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

↑  
 4x4 constant  
 matrices

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 $\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix} \equiv [\psi_\alpha]$

We would expect that under Lorentz transform -

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

where  $\psi'(x')$  is related to  $\psi(x)$  via a L.T.

$$\underline{\psi'(x')} = \underline{S(\omega)} \underline{\psi(x)}$$

↑  
 4x4 matrix

(just like  $V'^\mu_{(x')} = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu V^\nu(x)$  or in matrix not'n  $V'(x') = \Lambda V(x)$ )

Now, we are in the search of  $S$ . Let's first discuss the transf. rule of  $\partial_\mu$

$$\partial'_\mu = \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu} = \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}$$

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 $\frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu}$  (because chain rule)

where  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is related to  $\Lambda$  via -

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu = \eta_{\mu\lambda} \eta^{\nu\lambda} \Lambda^\lambda$$

So, coming back to the Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> in frame F'

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

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 $\tilde{\Lambda}_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu$

∴ We need a  $S(\omega)$  s.t.

$$(i\gamma^\mu \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu \partial_\nu - m\mathbb{1}) S \psi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (i\gamma^\nu \partial_\nu - m\mathbb{1}) \psi(x) = 0$$

Now multiplying by  $S^{-1}$  from LHS

$$(iS^{-1}\gamma^\mu S \tilde{\Lambda}_\mu^\nu \partial_\nu - m\mathbb{1}) \psi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (i\gamma^\nu \partial_\nu - m\mathbb{1}) \psi(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [S^{-1}\gamma^\mu S (\tilde{\Lambda}^{-1})^\nu_\mu = \gamma^\nu] \times \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow S^{-1}\gamma^\nu S = \Lambda^\nu_\mu \gamma^\mu$$

★ Does  $\Lambda^\mu_\nu$  commute with  $S$  &  $\gamma^\mu$  matrices?

\* Yes, because  $\Lambda^\mu_\nu$  is a no. whereas  $S$  &  $\gamma^\mu$  are matrices.

So, we want to find  $S$  matrix s.t.

$$[S \gamma^\mu S^{-1} = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu]$$

We said sometime back that  $\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu - \omega^\mu_\nu + O(\omega^2)$

and is enough for infinitesimal level.  $\Rightarrow (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu + \omega^\mu_\nu + O(\omega^2)$

So, if we write  $S$  as-

$$S = \mathbb{1}_4 + \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \beta^{\mu\nu} + O(\omega^2)$$

$$S^{-1} = \mathbb{1}_4 - \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \beta^{\mu\nu} + O(\omega^2) \quad \text{check by multiplying } SS^{-1}$$

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parameters  $4 \times 4$  matrices

$$SS^{-1} = \mathbb{1}_4 + O(\omega^2)$$

So, writing the condition on  $S$  in form of params & generators

$$\left( \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \beta^{\mu\nu} + \mathbb{1} \right) \gamma^\nu \left( -\frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \beta^{\mu\nu} + \mathbb{1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} [\beta^{\mu\nu}, \gamma^\nu] + \mathbb{1} = \gamma^\nu + \omega^\nu_\mu \gamma^\mu$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\theta} [\beta^{\mu\theta}, \gamma^\nu] &= \omega_{\mu\nu}^\nu \gamma^\mu \\
 &= \eta^{\nu\theta} \omega_{\mu\nu} \gamma^\mu = -\eta^{\nu\theta} \omega_{\mu\theta} \gamma^\mu \\
 &\stackrel{?}{=} -\frac{\omega_{\mu\theta}}{2} (\eta^{\nu\theta} \gamma^\mu - \eta^{\mu\nu} \gamma^\theta) \\
 &= -\frac{\omega_{\mu\theta}}{2} \eta^{\nu}{}^{\theta} \gamma^\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

why anti-sym.  
this?

$$\Rightarrow [\beta^{\mu\theta}, \gamma^\nu] = +2i \eta^{\nu}{}^{\theta} \gamma^\mu$$

Let's now see if we can guess any sol's

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \rightarrow \sigma^{ij} = i \gamma^i \gamma^j \quad i \neq j$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so let's see if } \beta^{\mu\theta} &\stackrel{?}{=} (\text{const.}) \sigma^{\mu\theta} \quad \mu \neq \theta \\
 &\stackrel{?}{=} (\text{const.}) i \gamma^\mu \gamma^\theta \quad \mu \neq \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Let's then check -

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\gamma^\mu \gamma^\theta, \gamma^\nu] &= -[\gamma^\nu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^\theta] \\
 &= -(\{\gamma^\nu, \gamma^\mu\} \gamma^\theta - \gamma^\mu \{\gamma^\theta, \gamma^\nu\}) \\
 &= -2(\eta^{\nu\mu} \gamma^\theta - \gamma^\mu \eta^{\theta\nu}) = 2(\eta^{\nu\theta} \gamma^\mu - \eta^{\mu\theta} \gamma^\nu) \\
 &= 2 \eta^{\nu}{}^{\theta} \gamma^\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\sigma^{\mu\nu}, \gamma^\nu] = 2i \eta^{\nu}{}^{\theta} \gamma^\mu \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \beta^{\mu\theta} = \sigma^{\mu\theta} \\ = i \gamma^\mu \gamma^\theta \end{array}} \quad \underline{\mu \neq \nu}$$

$$[A, BC] = \{A, B\}C - B\{C, A\}$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{S = \exp\left(\frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu}\right)}$$

$$\text{where } \sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

Very similarly

$$S^{-1} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4}\omega_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4}\omega \cdot \sigma\right)$$

If we define  $\delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} S = e^{\frac{i}{2}\omega \cdot \delta} \\ \Lambda = e^{\frac{i}{2}\omega \cdot L} \end{cases}$$

The commutation relations are given by

$$[L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\lambda\theta}] = -i\eta^{\{\lambda}[\mu} L^{\nu\}}{}^{\theta\}} \quad \text{vector rep.}$$

$$[\delta^{\mu\nu}, \delta^{\lambda\theta}] = -i\eta^{\{\lambda}[\mu} \delta^{\nu\}}{}^{\theta\}} \quad \text{spinor rep.}$$

Check by putting  $\delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$

$$\delta x^\mu = \underbrace{(\delta^\mu_\nu - \omega^\mu_\nu + \dots)}_{\text{infinitesimal } \Lambda^\mu_\nu} x^\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \psi'(x') &= \psi'(x + \delta x) = \psi'\left(x + \overbrace{\omega^\mu_\nu x^\nu}^0\right) \\ &= \psi'(x^\mu) - \overbrace{\omega^\mu_\nu x^\nu}^0 \partial_\mu \psi + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv S\psi(x) = \left(1 + \frac{i}{4}\omega_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\right)\psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\psi \equiv \psi'(x) - \psi(x) = -\frac{i}{2}(\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu})\psi(x) + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

$$\text{where } J^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{i[x^\mu \partial^\nu]}_{\text{ORBITAL GENERATOR}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}}_{\delta^{\mu\nu}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \psi'(x') &\cong \psi'(x) + \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + \dots = \psi(x) - \omega^\mu_\nu x^\nu \partial_\mu \psi \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} \psi(x) + \frac{i}{4}\omega_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi \end{aligned}$$

So while discussing unitary rotations, we remember that for

$$\psi' = U\psi \quad \text{we have } U = \exp(i\theta \cdot T) \quad T_A^\dagger = T_A$$

$$U^\dagger = \exp(-i\theta \cdot T) = U^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi'^\dagger = \psi^\dagger U^\dagger = \psi^\dagger U^{-1}$$

$$\text{which also ensured } \psi^\dagger \chi = \psi'^\dagger \chi'$$

However, S doesn't share this property.

$$S = \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \omega \cdot \sigma\right) \Rightarrow S^\dagger = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2} \omega \cdot \sigma^\dagger\right)$$

$$S^\dagger = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2} (\omega_{ij} \sigma^{+ij} + 2\omega_{oi} \sigma^{+oi})\right)$$

If we recall  $\sigma^{oi} = i\gamma^o \gamma^i$  where  $\gamma^{\mu\dagger} = \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \gamma^{\mu\dagger} = \gamma^0$  and  $\gamma^{it} = -\gamma^i$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma^{oi})^\dagger = -i(-\gamma^i)(\gamma^0) = i\gamma^i \gamma^0 = -i\gamma^0 \gamma^i$$

$$= -\sigma^{oi}$$

$$\text{similarly } \sigma^{+ij} = \sigma^{ij}$$

$$\text{so, } S^\dagger = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2} (\omega_{ij} \sigma^{ij} - 2\omega_{oi} \sigma^{oi})\right)$$

However, notice that

$$\frac{\sigma^{ij} \gamma^0}{\gamma^i \gamma^j \gamma^0} = \frac{\gamma^0 \sigma^{ij}}{\gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^j} = (-1)^2 \gamma^i \gamma^j \gamma^0$$

because

$$\text{whereas } \underline{\sigma^{oi} \gamma^0} = -\gamma^0 \sigma^{oi}$$

Therefore,

$$S^+ \gamma^0 = \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{4} \left( w_{ij} \sigma^{ij} - 2w_{oi} \sigma^{oi} \right) \right] \gamma^0$$

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 with  $\gamma^0$

$$\Rightarrow S^+ \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{4} \left( w_{ij} \sigma^{ij} + 2w_{oi} \sigma^{oi} \right) \right] = \underline{\underline{\gamma^0 S^{-1}}}$$

So; if we define an object  $\bar{\Psi}$  where

$$\bar{\Psi} = \Psi^+ \gamma^0$$

then  $\bar{\Psi}'$  can be calculated as-

$$\bar{\Psi}' = (S\Psi)^+ \gamma^0 = \Psi^+ S^+ \gamma^0 = \Psi^+ \gamma^0 S^{-1} = \bar{\Psi} S^{-1}$$

where we used  $\underline{S^+ \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 S^{-1}}$

Therefore, we have the nice property of transf.

$$\underline{\bar{\Psi}' X' = \bar{\Psi} X}$$

$$\bar{\Psi}' = \bar{\Psi} S^{-1}$$

$$X' = SX$$

$\bar{\Psi}$  now transforms as  $\boxed{\bar{\Psi}' = \bar{\Psi} S^{-1}}$

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## Lecture - 10

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Under a L.T., the Dirac wave fn transforms as -

$$\psi'(x') = S \psi(x)$$

where  $S = \exp\left(\frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu}\right)$

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \sigma^{ij} & \text{Rotations} \\ \rightarrow \sigma^{oi} & \text{boosts.} \end{matrix}$$

The total generator  $J^{\mu\nu}$  has an orbital & a spin part

$$J^{\mu\nu}_{(\text{spinor})} = L^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{2}$$

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 $i \times [\mu \gamma^\nu]$

Also, we saw that the spinor transformation  $S$  is s.t.  $S^\dagger \neq S^{-1}$  but

$$S^\dagger \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 S^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for a Dirac wavefn  $\psi' = S\psi \rightarrow \psi'^\dagger = \psi^\dagger S^\dagger$

Then defining  $\bar{\Psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 = (\psi_1^* \psi_2^* \psi_3^* \psi_4^*) \gamma^0$   $\xrightarrow[4 \times 4 \text{ matrix}]{} \text{row object.}$

Then  $\bar{\Psi}' = (\psi'^\dagger \gamma^0)' = \psi^\dagger S^\dagger \gamma^0 = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 S^{-1} = \bar{\Psi} S^{-1}$

So, given  $\bar{\Psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{\Psi}' = \bar{\Psi} S^{-1}}$

so,  $\bar{\Psi}'(x') \psi'(x') = \bar{\Psi} \psi$  (scalar density)

(but  $\psi'^\dagger \psi' \neq \psi^\dagger \psi$ )

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In fact, we can form an object

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \psi = \begin{cases} \psi^\dagger \psi & \text{for } \mu=0 \\ \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^i \psi & \text{for } \mu \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Defining,  $j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$ , then it actually transforms like a Lorentz vector.  $\psi^\dagger \psi$  actually comes out to be the  $\mu=0$  comp. of this current.

Coming back to Dirac eqn

$$(\bar{i} \gamma^\mu \vec{\partial}_\mu - m) \psi = 0 \xrightarrow[\text{Conjugate}]{} \psi^\dagger (\bar{i} \gamma^\mu \vec{\partial}_\mu - m) = 0$$

$$[\psi^\dagger (\bar{i} \gamma^0 \gamma_\mu \gamma^0 \vec{\partial}_\mu - m) = 0] \times \gamma^0$$

$$j^\mu = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0$$

(Do  $\gamma^0$  &  $\vec{\partial}_\mu$  commute?)

$$\underbrace{\psi^\dagger \gamma^0}_{\bar{\psi}} (\bar{i} \gamma^\mu \vec{\partial}_\mu - m \gamma^0) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\psi} (-i \gamma^\mu \vec{\partial}_\mu - m) = 0$$

$$\text{So, we have } \bar{\psi} (\bar{i} \vec{\partial} - m) \psi = 0 \text{ and } \bar{\psi} (i \vec{\partial} + m) \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + i \partial_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) = 0 \Rightarrow j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi \text{ is a conserved current.}$$

$$\boxed{\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0} = \partial_0 j^0 + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}$$

$$j^0 = \psi^\dagger \psi \quad j^i = \bar{\psi} \gamma^i \psi$$

Let's now prove that  $j^\mu$  is a Lorentz vector.

$j^\mu \equiv \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$ , then the transformed version is -

$$j^\mu'(x') = \bar{\psi}'(x') \gamma^\mu \psi'(x') = \bar{\psi}(S^{-1}x) \gamma^\mu S \psi(x)$$

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And we remember that  $S^{-1} \gamma^\mu S = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu$

$$\Rightarrow j^\mu'(x') = \bar{\psi}(x) \Lambda^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu \psi(x) \\ = \underbrace{\Lambda^\mu_\nu \bar{\psi}(x)}_{\text{how did } \Lambda \& \bar{\psi} \text{ commute over here? because } \Lambda^\mu_\nu \text{ is a number.}} \gamma^\nu \psi(x) = \Lambda^\mu_\nu j^\nu(x)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{j^\mu'(x') = \Lambda^\mu_\nu j^\nu(x)}$$

### Free Dirac particle solution

Consider the trial sol<sup>n</sup>  $\psi(x) \sim e^{-iEt} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} = e^{-i\vec{p}\mu x^\mu} = e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$

$$p^\mu x_\mu = Et - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$H_D = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m \quad \alpha^i = \gamma^0 \gamma^i, \beta = \gamma^0$$

$$\text{So, } (H_D)^2 \stackrel{!}{=} \vec{p}^2 + m^2 = E^2$$

$$E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

Consider the situation in the rest frame. ( $\vec{p} = 0$ )

$$i\partial_t \psi = H_D \psi = \gamma^0 m \psi$$

If we consider the sol<sup>n</sup>  $\psi \sim e^{-iEt} \Rightarrow (E - \gamma^0 m) \psi = 0$

Since  $(\gamma^0)^2 = 1_4$ , the eigenvalues of  $\gamma^0$  are supposed to be  $\pm 1$ .

$\Rightarrow E = \pm m$  are the energy eigenvalues in the rest frame.

$$\text{for } \vec{p} \neq 0 \quad E = \pm \sqrt{m^2 + p^2} \quad (\text{both -ve \& +ve energy soln's.})$$

$\psi$  here is a 4-component wavefr  $\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix}$

Then if we use an ansatz  $\psi \sim e^{-ip \cdot x} W$  a 4-component object.

$$(\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m \mathbb{1}_4) e^{-ip \cdot x} W = 0$$

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4x4 matrix       $\uparrow$   
4-component

$$\Rightarrow \left( \gamma^0 E + \gamma^i p_i - m \mathbb{1}_4 \right) \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow 4 \text{ linearly independent sol's.}$$

$(2 \text{ +ve E and } 2 \text{ -ve E})$

We expect 4 solutions: 2 +ve energy and 2 -ve energy solutions for a given  $\vec{P}$ , which will span the 4-D space.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{+ve energy } \psi_{(\vec{p}, s, +)}(x) &\equiv N_s \underbrace{U_s(p)}_{\substack{\text{momentum dependent} \\ \text{normalization}}} e^{-ip \cdot x} \xrightarrow{\sim} e^{-iE_p t} \\ \text{-ve energy } \psi_{(\vec{p}, s, -)}(x) &\equiv \tilde{N}_s \underbrace{V_s(p)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{momentum dependent}}} e^{+ip \cdot x} \xrightarrow{\sim} e^{-i(-E_p)t} \end{aligned}$$

$p_0 \equiv +\sqrt{p^2 + M^2} = E_p > 0$

Now note that  $\psi_+ \sim e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$  and  $\hat{\vec{p}} = -i\vec{\nabla} \Rightarrow \text{momentum} > 0$

$$\hat{\vec{p}} \psi_+(\vec{p}) = \vec{p} \psi_+(\vec{p})$$

$$\text{but for } \psi_- \sim e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \Rightarrow \hat{\vec{p}} \psi_-(\vec{p}) = -\vec{p} \psi_-(\vec{p})$$

so,  $U_s(\vec{p})$  and  $V_s(-\vec{p})$  will span the spinor space at constant  $\vec{p}$   
(i.e. the space of Dirac wavef's for particles of a given 3-momentum  $\vec{p}$ )

$$(\gamma^\mu \hat{p}_\mu - m) \begin{pmatrix} e^{-ip \cdot x} U_s(\vec{p}) \\ e^{+ip \cdot x} V_s(\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore (\not{p} - m) U_s(\vec{p}) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} s=1,2$$

$$(\not{p} + m) V_s(\vec{p}) = 0$$

We can also find the corresponding eq's for  $\bar{U}_s$  and  $\bar{V}_s$

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$$U_s^+ (\not{p} - m) = 0 \quad \text{where } \not{p} = \gamma^0 \not{\sigma} \gamma^0$$

$$V_s^+ (\gamma^0 \not{\sigma} \gamma^0 - \gamma^0 m \gamma^0) = 0$$

$$V_s^+ \gamma^0 (\not{p} - m) \gamma^0 = 0 \Rightarrow U_s^+ \gamma^0 (\not{p} - m) = 0$$

$$\therefore \bar{U}_s (\not{p} - m) = 0 \quad \text{and similarly, } \bar{V}_s (\not{p} + m) = 0$$

Normalization of wavefunctions.

$$U_r^+ (\vec{p}) U_s (\vec{p}) = 2E_p \delta_{rs} = V_r^+ (\vec{p}) V_s (\vec{p})$$

$$V_r^+ (\vec{p}) U_s (-\vec{p}) = 0 = U_r^+ (\vec{p}) V_s (-\vec{p})$$

$U_r (\vec{p})$  and  $V_r (-\vec{p})$  correspond to the same eigenvalue of  $\hat{p}$ , but different energies ( $+E_p$  and  $-E_p$ )  $\therefore$  they must be orthogonal b/c eigenvectors with diff. eigenvalues are orthogonal, always.

Explicit form of the Dirac Pauli Representation.

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_2 \\ 1_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{0i} = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ \sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\not{p} - m) = p_0 \gamma^0 + \vec{p}_i \gamma^i - m$$

$$= E_p \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix} - m \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We don't know what  $E_p$  is right now.

$$= \begin{pmatrix} E_p - m & -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \\ +\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} & -(E_p + m) \end{pmatrix}$$

Writing  $U = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 2 \text{ components.}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p - m & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -(E_p + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_b \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{since } (E_p - m) u_s = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (E_p - m) \phi_t &= \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \phi_b \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \phi_t &= (E_p + m) \phi_b \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow (E_p - m) \phi_t = \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})^2}{(E_p + m)} \phi_t$$

$$[E_p^2 - m^2 - (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})^2] \phi_t = 0 \quad \text{and similarly } [E_p^2 - m^2 - (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})^2] \phi_b = 0$$

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})^2 = \vec{p}^2 \quad \text{since } \sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$$

> isn't this = 0?

$$\text{So, } (E_p^2 - m^2 - \vec{p}^2) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Let's say  $\phi_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \chi^+$  or we can take  $\chi^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\pm} = N_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_t \\ \phi_b \end{pmatrix} = N_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} \chi^{\pm} \\ \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})}{E_p + m} \chi^{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } U_{\pm}^+ U_{\pm}^- = |N_{\pm}|^2 \left( \chi_{\pm}^+, \chi_{\pm}^+ \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})}{(E_p + m)} \right) \left( \frac{\chi_{\pm}}{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})} \chi_{\pm} \right)$$

$$= |N_{\pm}|^2 \left( \chi_{\pm}^+ \chi_{\pm}^- + \chi_{\pm}^+ \frac{\vec{p}^2}{(E_p + m)^2} \chi_{\pm}^- \right)$$

$$= |N_{\pm}|^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{(E_p + m)^2} \right) \quad (\text{on subbing in } \chi_{\pm})$$

$$= \frac{|N_{\pm}|^2 E_p^2 + m^2 + 2mE_p + \vec{p}^2}{(E_p + m)^2} = \frac{2E_p (E_p + m)}{(E_p + m)^2} |N_{\pm}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{If } |N|^2 = (E_p + m) \Rightarrow U_{\pm}^+ U_{\pm}^- = 2E_p}$$

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So, we write the soln as

$$U_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{(E_p + m)} \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, doing the same exercise for  $V_{\pm}(\vec{p})$ , you get -

$$V_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_{\pm} \\ \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

We can now check explicitly if  $U_s^{\dagger}(\vec{p}) V_s(-\vec{p}) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} U_s(\vec{p}) V_s(-\vec{p}) &= (E_p + m) (\chi_s^{\dagger}, \chi_s^{\dagger} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m}) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_{s'} \\ \chi_{s'} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (E_p + m) \chi_s^{\dagger} \left( -\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} + \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \right) \chi_{s'} \stackrel{!!}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

If we check for the case of  $\vec{p} = 0$  solutions

$$U_{\pm}(\vec{p}=0) = \sqrt{2m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{\pm}(\vec{p}=0) = \sqrt{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $U_{\pm}(\vec{p})$  and  $V_{\pm}(\vec{p})$  can be obtained by Lorentz boosts applied on  $U$  &  $V$  in rest frame.

$$\begin{aligned} S &\equiv \underset{\text{boost}}{\exp} \left( \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \right) = \exp \left( \frac{i}{2} \omega_{oi} \overset{i \gamma^0 \gamma^i}{\circlearrowleft} \right) \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \gamma^0 \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\gamma} \right) \quad \overset{\vec{p}}{\uparrow} \quad \text{Lorentz boost} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise:  $S(\vec{\omega}) U_{\pm}(\vec{p}=0) = ?? \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{free particle sol's with} \\ \vec{p} \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$

$S(\vec{\omega}) V_{\pm}(\vec{p}=0) = ?? \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{free particle sol's with} \\ \vec{p} \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Non-relativistic limit  $|\vec{p}| \ll m$  ( $F_p \approx m + \frac{p^2}{2m} + \dots$ )

$$\text{then } \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{2m + \frac{p^2}{2m}} \approx \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{2m}$$

→ velocity

$$\left| \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \right| = \left| \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{v}}{2} \right| = \frac{v}{2} \ll 1 \text{ in the non-relativistic regime.}$$

For  $E > 0$  &  $|\vec{p}| \ll m$ ,  $u_{\pm} \approx \begin{pmatrix} x_{\pm} \\ 0_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v_{\pm} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 \\ x_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$

Exercises: Do the same thing Chiral representation.

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_2 \\ 1_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} -1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } \sigma^{0i} = i \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^i & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^k & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1 \mp \gamma^5}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for -}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for +}$$

Find  $u_s$  &  $v_s$  in chiral representation.

Another standard representation is the Majorana repn.

## Lecture - 11

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Free particle solutions to Dirac Eqn:  $e^{-iEpt} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_+ \quad E > 0 \quad u_s(\vec{p}) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} &\rightarrow p_\mu = (E_p, \vec{p}) \\ \psi_- \quad E < 0 \quad v_s(\vec{p}) e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} &\quad \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} \\ &\uparrow e^{-i(-Ept)} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$u_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_+ \end{pmatrix} \quad E > 0 \text{ solution.}$$

$$(\hat{p} \psi_+ = \vec{p} \psi_+)$$

$$v_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_- \\ \chi_- \end{pmatrix} \quad E < 0 \text{ solution.}$$

$$(\hat{p} \psi_- = -\vec{p} \psi_-)$$

In NRQM, we have the total angular momentum  $\vec{J}$  as

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}$

and we find a very similar expression for generators in RQM.

$$J_k = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{kij} J^{ij} = L_k + S_k \quad \text{where } J^{\mu\nu} = L^{\mu\nu} + S^{\mu\nu}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{kij} \sigma^i \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x & \sigma_y \\ \sigma_y & \sigma_z \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$\frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{2}$

In the non-relativistic limit, the  $u_s(\vec{p})$  wavefn's become the typical spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  wavefn's ( $| \uparrow \rangle$  and  $| \downarrow \rangle$ ) and  $S_k$  becomes the spin operator (?) somehow. How even?

Where did spin even enter the picture?

What about negative energy sol's though?

We'll come to this after a while.

Bilinear Covariants under  $O(1,3)$

$\rightarrow SO(1,3)$   
Parity.

$$\psi'(x') = S \psi(x)$$

$$\text{where } S = \exp\left(\frac{i}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu}\right) \text{ where } \sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

$$\text{Now } S^\dagger \neq S^{-1}, \text{ however } S^\dagger \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi}'(x') = (S\psi)^+ \gamma^0 = \psi^+ S^\dagger \gamma^0 = \psi^+ \gamma^0 S^{-1} \quad \bar{\psi} \equiv \psi^+ \gamma^0 \\ = \bar{\psi} S^{-1}$$

$$\text{Another property from which we derived } S \text{ was } S^{-1} \gamma^\mu S = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu$$

We'll now discuss the formalism for improper Lorentz transformation, and in particular the parity transf

Parity transform:  $(x^0, \vec{x}) \longrightarrow (x^0, -\vec{x})$

$$\text{This can be written as } x'^\mu = (\Lambda_p)^\mu_\nu x^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Lambda_p)^\mu_\nu = \text{diag}(1, -1_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \Lambda_p = -1 \text{ (improper L.T.) } \in O(1,3) \text{ but } \notin SO(1,3)$$

Now we also want to find the parity transformation for spinors.

$$\psi'(x') = S_p \psi(x) \quad S_p = ??$$

Since there is no reason for Dirac eqn to not transform covariantly under parity, we continue down that route -

$$(i(\gamma^0 \partial_0' + \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial}') - m) S_p \psi(x) = 0$$

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But the Dirac eqn in original frame is

$$[i(\gamma^0 \partial_0 + \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial}) - m] \psi = 0$$

Now  $\partial'_0 = \partial_0$  &  $\vec{\partial}' = -\vec{\partial}$  since  $x^{0'} = x^0$  but  $\vec{x}' = -\vec{x}$

$\Rightarrow$  In the parity transformed frame

$$S_p^{-1} \times [ (i(\gamma^0 \partial_0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial}) - m) S_p \psi = 0 ]$$

$$\Rightarrow [i(S_p^{-1} \gamma^0 S_p \partial_0 - S_p^{-1} \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial}) - m] \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S_p^{-1} \gamma^0 S_p = \gamma^0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{S_p^{-1} \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial} = -\vec{\gamma}}$$

So, we can see that if-

$$\boxed{S_p = \eta \gamma^0} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{S_p^{-1} = \frac{1}{\eta} \gamma^0} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{where } |\eta| = 1 \\ \text{↑ phase (to preserve norm)} \end{matrix}$$

it satisfies the above conditions.

Let's now look at the properties of other objects under the (proper L.T. + parity) transformations.

$$\bar{\Psi}' \psi' = \bar{\Psi} S_L^{-1} S_L \psi = \bar{\Psi} \psi \quad (\text{scalar})$$

For parity  $\leftrightarrow$ , let's check this explicitly-

$$\begin{aligned} \psi' &= S_p \psi = \eta \gamma^0 \psi \\ \Rightarrow \psi'^+ &= \psi^+ \gamma^0 + \eta^* \Rightarrow \psi'^+ \gamma^0 = \underline{\bar{\Psi}'} = \underline{\psi^+ \gamma^0 \eta^* \gamma^0} = \underline{\bar{\Psi}} \gamma^0 \eta^* \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Under parity

$$\bar{\Psi}' \psi' = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^0 \underbrace{\eta^* \eta}_{1} \gamma^0 \psi = \underline{\bar{\Psi} \psi} \quad \therefore \bar{\Psi} \psi \text{ is a proper scalar.}$$

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In the last lecture, we also said that  $j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$  is a Lorentz vector

$$\begin{aligned} j^{\mu'}(x') &= \bar{\psi}' \gamma^\mu \psi' = \bar{\psi}(x) \underbrace{S^{-1} \gamma^\mu S \psi}_{\Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} \gamma^\nu} = \Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} S^{-1} \gamma^\nu S \\ &= \Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} j^\nu(x) \end{aligned}$$

Under parity,

$$\bar{\psi}' \gamma^\mu \psi' = \bar{\psi} S_p^{-1} \gamma^\mu S_p \psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \eta^* \overbrace{\gamma^\mu}^1 \eta \gamma^0 \psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 \psi$$

$$\text{now } \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 = \begin{cases} \gamma^0 & \mu=0 \\ -\gamma^i & \mu=i \end{cases} \Rightarrow \bar{\psi}' \gamma^\mu \psi' = \begin{cases} \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \psi & \mu=0 \\ -\bar{\psi} \gamma^i \psi & \mu=i \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(j^0, \vec{j}) \xrightarrow{\text{Parity}} (j^0, -\vec{j})}$$

$\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$ : Vector bilinear covariant.

Now out of the 16 independent  $\gamma$ -matrices, we had  $\gamma^5$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^5 &\equiv i \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \quad \text{where } \{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\} = 0 \\ &= \frac{i}{4!} \underbrace{\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma}_{\epsilon_{0123} = +1 \text{ (T.A.S.)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow S^{-1} \gamma^5 S = \frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} S^{-1} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma S$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{i}{4!} (\underbrace{\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \Lambda^\mu_{\mu'} \Lambda^\nu_{\nu'} \Lambda^\lambda_{\lambda'} \Lambda^\sigma_{\sigma'}}_{\epsilon_{\mu'\nu'\lambda'\sigma'} \det(\Lambda)}) \gamma^{\mu'} \gamma^{\nu'} \gamma^{\lambda'} \gamma^{\sigma'} \\ &\quad \epsilon_{\mu'\nu'\lambda'\sigma'} \det(\Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma \det(\Lambda) = \det(\Lambda) \gamma^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S^{-1} \gamma^5 S = \begin{cases} +\gamma^5 & \text{for } S_L \\ -\gamma^5 & \text{for } S_P \end{cases}}$$

$$\therefore \bar{\psi}(x') \gamma^5 \psi(x') = \begin{cases} +\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi & \text{for } S_L \rightarrow \text{proper Lorentz} \\ -\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi & \text{for } S_p \rightarrow \text{parity.} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi$  is a PSEUDO-SCALAR.

- Similarly, if we consider the transformation of the quantity  $\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \psi$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}' \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \psi' &= \bar{\psi} S^{-1} \gamma_{ss'}^\mu \gamma^\nu S \psi = \bar{\psi} (S^{-1} \gamma^5 S) (S^{-1} \gamma^\mu S) \psi \\ &= \Lambda^\mu_\nu \bar{\psi} (S^{-1} \gamma^5 S) \gamma^\nu \psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\psi} (S^{-1} \gamma^5 S) \gamma^\nu \psi = \begin{cases} \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \psi \\ -\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \psi \end{cases} = \frac{\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \psi \det(\Lambda)}{\Lambda^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu}$$

If  $\det \Lambda = +1 \rightarrow$  vector law

Axial vector.

If  $\det \Lambda = -1 \rightarrow$  extra  $\ominus$  sign.

Also called PSEUDO-VECTOR.

- Now, consider the object  $\bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \psi = i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \psi$  for  $\mu \neq \nu$

Therefore the transf. of this -

$$\bar{\psi}' \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi' = \bar{\psi} S^{-1} \sigma^{\mu\nu} S \psi = i \bar{\psi} \underbrace{S^{-1} \gamma^\mu}_{\Lambda^\mu_\mu \gamma^\mu} \underbrace{S^{-1} \gamma^\nu}_{\Lambda^\nu_\nu \gamma^\nu} S \psi$$

$$= \Lambda^\mu_\mu \Lambda^\nu_\nu i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \psi = \Lambda^\mu_\mu \Lambda^\nu_\nu \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi$$

Let's look at the effect by parity on  $\mu=0, \nu=i$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}' \gamma^0 \gamma^i \psi' &= (\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \eta^*) \underbrace{(\gamma^0 \gamma^i)}_1 (\eta \gamma^0 \psi) = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^0 \psi \\ &= -\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^i \psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \bar{\psi}' \gamma^i \gamma^j \psi' = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^j \gamma^0 \psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma^i \gamma^j \psi$$

$$\text{So, } \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^i \psi' = -\bar{\psi} \gamma^i \gamma^0 \psi$$

$$\bar{\psi}' \gamma^i \gamma^j \psi' = \bar{\psi} \gamma^i \gamma^j \psi$$

But we proved for a general case  
that  $\bar{\psi}' \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi' = \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi$ .

Why this then? & What is this  
mixed  $\pm$  sign? Is this a  
pseudo-tensor or what?

This gives us a total of 16 bilinear covariants -

$$\bar{\psi}(x) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{scalar} \\ \gamma^5 \rightarrow \psi(x) \rightarrow \text{vector} \\ \gamma^\mu \rightarrow \text{pseudoscalar} \\ \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \rightarrow \text{pseudovector} \\ \sigma^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \text{tensor} \end{array} \right.$$

The totally anti-symm. tensor is a pseudo tensor as well.

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\mu'} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\nu'} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\lambda'} \Lambda^{\sigma}_{\sigma'} \epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\lambda'\sigma'} = \det(\Lambda) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$$

$\uparrow$   
invariant density of weight 1.

### DIRAC SEA.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi_{(s, \vec{p}, +)}(x) = u_s(\vec{p}) e^{-ip \cdot x} \quad E > 0 \\ \psi_{(s, \vec{p}, -)}(x) = v_s(\vec{p}') e^{+ip' \cdot x} \quad | \quad p' = (E_p, -\vec{p}) \quad E < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

These solns span the Hilbert space  
at momentum  $\vec{p}$

$$\text{General soln } \psi(\vec{x}) = \sum_s \int_{\vec{p}, s} C_{\vec{p}, s} u_{\vec{p}, s} e^{-ip \cdot x} d^3 \vec{p} + \sum_s \int \tilde{C}_{\vec{p}, s} v_{\vec{p}, s} e^{ip \cdot x} d^3 \vec{p}$$

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Spin index

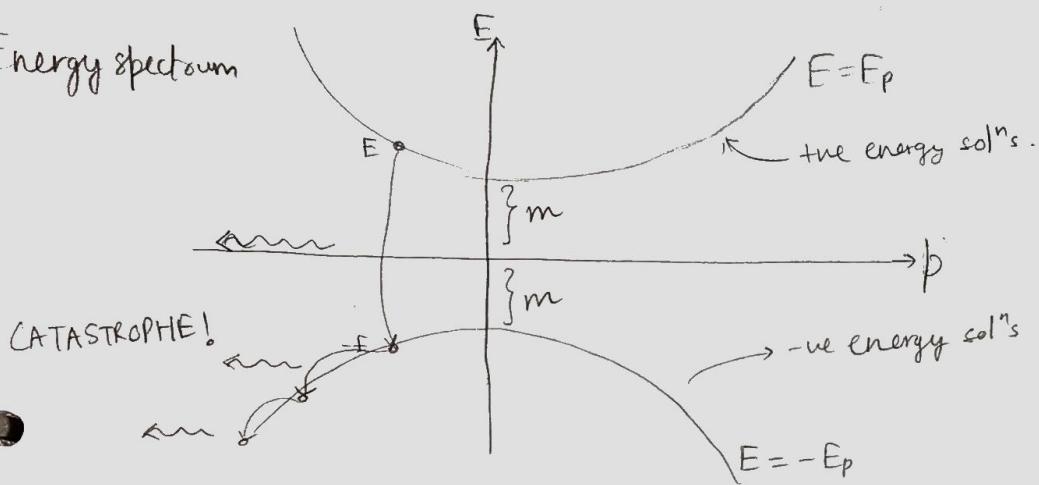
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-ve energy states

how to interpret these?

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Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particles obey Fermi-Dirac statistics, and consequently the Pauli exclusion principle.

Energy spectrum



In case a particle falls down from some  $+E \rightarrow -E$  & emits a photon, due to availability of lower & lower states it will keep going & can't emit energy, which is not what's physically observed.

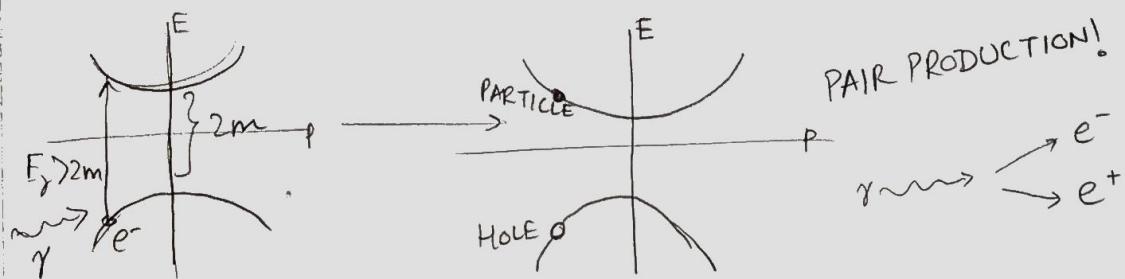
Therefore, Dirac postulated that all the -ve energy states are filled (i.e. have occupation # = 1) when there is no observable particle is present. (DIRAC VACUUM / DIRAC SEA OF FILLED FERMION STATES)

$\therefore$  particles can't fall into lower energy states.

Dirac sea  $\Rightarrow \infty$  -ve energy solns.

However, experiments detect differences / changes in energy. Therefore, the common  $\infty$  background energy is unobservable.

However, we can observe the effects of the presence of the Dirac sea by interacting the vacuum with a photon of energy  $> 2m$ .



$(e^-)$   
Vacuum  $\rightarrow -\infty!$  also unobservable

So, the absence / emptying Dirac sea states behave as particles of positive energy and positive charge.  
(creation of holes)

$(\vec{p}, E, Q = +e)$  where  $E > 0$

Relativistic particle of mass  $m$ ,  $Q = +e$

$$e^- \longleftrightarrow e^+ \text{ (holes of Dirac sea)}$$

ELECTRON

POSITRON

$\Rightarrow$  Every particle has an anti-particle (which is a hole of Dirac sea)  
with opposite charge but all the other physical properties are same.

$$-E_p \xrightarrow{\gamma} E_p = \sqrt{E_p^2 + m^2}$$

Lecture -12

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Projection operators.

$$\text{Basic property: } \hat{P}_{\hat{e}} \vec{V} = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{e} \hat{e}$$

$$\hat{P}_{\hat{e}}^2 = \hat{P}_{\hat{e}}$$

and  $\hat{P}_{\hat{e}_1} \hat{P}_{\hat{e}_2} = 0$  if  $\hat{e}_1 \perp \hat{e}_2$ 

## (1) ENERGY PROJECTION OPERATORS

Dirac Pauli Rep<sup>n</sup> of Clifford Algebra  $\mathcal{V}^\mu$ 

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the last lecture, we derived the free particle spinors.

for  $E > 0$ ,  $u_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_s \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \end{pmatrix}$

$$s = \pm 1$$

$$\chi_s^\dagger \chi_{s'} = \delta_{ss'} \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthonormal basis} \\ \text{of 2-comp. spinor} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \Psi = \sum_{s=\pm 1} c_s \chi_s \text{ where } c_s = \chi_s^\dagger \Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi = \sum_{s=\pm 1} \chi_s \chi_s^\dagger \Psi \Rightarrow \sum_s \chi_s \chi_s^\dagger = 1_2$$

so  $\chi_s$  is a complete basis.

for  $E < 0$   $v_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \\ \chi_s \end{pmatrix}$

We can now define

$$U_{\vec{p},s} = N e^{-i E_p t + i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} u_s(\vec{p})$$

$$V_{\vec{p},s} = N' e^{+i E_p t - i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} v_s(\vec{p})$$

eigenstates of  $\hat{p} = -i \vec{\nabla}$  and  $\hat{E} = i \partial_t$   
 with eigenvalues  
 $\vec{p}$  &  $E_p$   
 and  
 $-\vec{p}$  &  $-E_p$   
 (same as  $\psi_\pm$ )

$$\text{Since } \bar{u}_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_s \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\gamma^0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u}_s(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \left( \chi_s^+, \chi_s^+ \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})}{E_p + m} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{E_p + m} \left( \chi_s^+, -\chi_s^+ \frac{(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})}{E_p + m} \right)$$

If we now compute the following outer product -

$$\sum_{s=\pm 1} u_s \bar{u}_s = \sum_s (E_p + m) \begin{pmatrix} \chi_s \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \end{pmatrix} \left( \chi_s^+, -\chi_s^+ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \right)$$

$$= \sum_s \begin{pmatrix} \chi_s \chi_s^+ & -\chi_s \chi_s^+ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \chi_s^+ & -\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_s \chi_s^+ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} \cdot (E_p + m)$$

but using  $\sum_s \chi_s \chi_s^+ = \mathbb{1}_2$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \sum_s u_s \bar{u}_s = \begin{pmatrix} E_p + m & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ +\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -\frac{\vec{p}^2}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\vec{p}^2 = E_p^2 - m^2} \begin{pmatrix} m + E_p & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & m - E_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= m \mathbb{1}_4 + E_p \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{p} = \underline{m \mathbb{1}_4 + \cancel{\vec{p}}}$$

$$\text{since } \cancel{\vec{p}} = \gamma^\mu p_\mu = \gamma^0 p_0 + \gamma^i p_i = \gamma^0 p^0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} \quad \text{since } p_\mu = (p^0, -\vec{p})$$

So, what we have found is

$$\boxed{\sum_{s=\pm 1} u_s \bar{u}_s = \cancel{\vec{p}} + m \mathbb{1}_4}$$

Now, we know that

$$(\not p - m) u_s'(\vec{p}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\not p + m) u_s'(\vec{p}) = 2m u_s'(\vec{p})$$

We now define an operator  $\Lambda_+(\vec{p}) \equiv \frac{\not p + m}{2m}$  which has the property that

$$\Lambda_+ u_s(\vec{p}) = u_s(\vec{p})$$

But what is the effect of  $\Lambda_+$  on  $v_s(\vec{p})$ ? We remember the eqn that  $(\not p + m) v_s(\vec{p}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_+ v_s(\vec{p}) = 0$$

Therefore, if we have an arbitrary linear combination like a spinor of mass  $m$   
 $\vec{p}$ ,  $[c_s u_s(\vec{p}) + d_s v_s(\vec{p})]$ , then applying  $\Lambda_+$  on this gives

$$[c_s u_s(\vec{p}) + \cancel{d_s v_s(\vec{p})}] = c_s u_s(\vec{p})$$

Therefore,  $\Lambda_+$  is a projection onto the +ve energy subspace!

Similarly, we can construct the object

$$\boxed{\sum_s v_s(\vec{p}) \overline{v}_s(\vec{p}) = \not p - m \mathbb{1}_2}$$

and then define  $\Lambda_-(\vec{p}) \equiv \frac{m - \not p}{2m}$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_-(\vec{p}) v_s(\vec{p}) = v_s(\vec{p}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_- u_s(\vec{p}) = 0$$

$\Lambda_-$  here is the projector onto the -ve energy space.

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## (2) HELICITY PROJECTION OPERATORS.

Helicity  $\equiv$  spin along the momentum direction  $\vec{p}$

$$H_p = \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{P}}{|\vec{P}|} = \vec{S} \cdot \hat{P} \longrightarrow \text{eigenvalues } \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_p = 2 H_p = 2 \vec{S} \cdot \hat{P} \longrightarrow \text{eigenvalues } \pm 1$$

$$\text{For NR spin } \gamma_2 : \vec{S} = \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}$$

$$\text{However for Dirac particles } (\vec{\Sigma})_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma^k = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\sigma}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Therefore, we define } \sum_p = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{P} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{P} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{And since } (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{P})^2 = (\hat{P} \cdot \hat{P}) = \mathbb{1}_2 \Rightarrow (\sum_p)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4 \longrightarrow \text{eigenvalues } \pm 1$$

So, we define the "Helicity projection operator" as-

$$\boxed{\Pi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \equiv \left( \frac{1 \pm \sum_p}{2} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Pi_{\pm}(\vec{p}))^2 = \frac{\mathbb{1}_4 + (\sum_p)^2 \pm 2\sum_p}{4} = \frac{2(\mathbb{1}_4 \pm 2\sum_p)}{4} = \Pi_{\pm}(\vec{p})$$

$$\text{and } \Pi_+ \Pi_- = \frac{\mathbb{1}_4 - (\sum_p)^2}{4} = \frac{\mathbb{1}_4 - \mathbb{1}_4}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \Pi_+(\vec{p}) + \Pi_-(\vec{p}) = \mathbb{1}_4$$

Let's also calculate behaviour of helicity projection ops with energy projection ops.

$$[\Lambda_s(\vec{p}), \Pi_{s'}(\vec{p})] = \left[ \frac{s\vec{p} + m\mathbb{1}_4}{2m}, \frac{1 \pm s' \sum_p}{2} \right]$$

$$[\Lambda_s, \Pi_{s'}] = \frac{ss'}{4m} [\not{P}, \Sigma_p] = \frac{ss'}{4m} [\gamma^0 p_0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{P}, \Sigma_p]$$

Now since  $\gamma^0 p_0 = p_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Sigma_p = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{P} \begin{pmatrix} 1_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and both of these are diagonal matrices, they'll obviously commute. So, now we are left to evaluate -

$$[\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{P}, \Sigma_p] = ? \quad \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|\vec{P}|} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \\ +\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{|\vec{P}|} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \\ +\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\vec{P}|} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P})^2 \\ (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P})^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{|\vec{P}|} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P})^2 \\ (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P})^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\Lambda_s(\vec{P}), \Pi_{s'}(\vec{P}')] = 0$$

$\therefore$  Helicity and energy <sup>projections</sup> are simultaneously diagonalizable.

e.g.  
say  $\vec{P} = \vec{p} \hat{z}$

$$u_{\pm}(\hat{p} \hat{z}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \frac{\vec{p}}{E_p + m} \sigma_z \chi_{\pm} \\ \downarrow \\ \pm \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $u_{\pm}(\hat{p} \hat{z})$  are eigenstates of  $\Sigma_p = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix}$  with eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ .

For arbitrary directions of  $\vec{P}$ , we can take a combination

$$\alpha u_+ + \beta u_- = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \chi_+ + \beta \chi_- \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} \\ \frac{\vec{p}}{E_p + m} (\alpha \chi_+ + \beta \chi_-) \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{E_p + m}$$

and then demand that

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p} (\alpha_s \chi_+ + \beta_s \chi_-) \stackrel{!}{=} s (\alpha_s \chi_+ + \beta_s \chi_-)$$

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we would like these  
to be eigenstates  
 $\vec{p}$  as well

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p_3 - s & p_- \\ p_+ & -(p_3 + s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_s \\ \beta_s \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{where } p_{\pm} = p_1 \pm i p_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} p_3 - s & p_- \\ p_+ & -(p_3 + s) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

[Note: here  $\hat{p}$  is the  
unit vector.]

$$-(p_3^2 - s^2) - (p_1^2 + p_2^2) = -(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 1 = 0 = 0 \quad \square$$

Hence, the sol<sup>n</sup> of the homogeneous eq<sup>n</sup> exists.

$$\text{In fact, } \frac{\alpha_s}{\beta_s} = \frac{-p_-}{p_3 - s} = \frac{p_3 + s}{p_+} \quad (???) \quad \text{what does dividing  
unit vectors even  
mean?}$$

We can also normalize it to get

$$|\alpha_s|^2 + |\beta_s|^2 = 1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Normalization} \\ + \text{phase convention} \end{array} \right)$$

$p_1, p_2, p_3$  are  
components of  
the unit vector  $\hat{p}$ .

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## Lecture-14.

### Projection operators:

→ Energy projection operators.

$$\Lambda_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \frac{\pm \not{p} + m}{2m} = \sum_s \frac{\bar{u}_s u_s(\vec{p})}{2m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_+ v_s = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_+ u_s = u_s \quad \begin{matrix} \text{For } \Lambda_- : + \rightarrow - \\ u \rightarrow v \end{matrix}$$

let's calculate the quantity

$$\sum_{ss'} |\bar{u}_s \circ u_{s'}|^2 = \sum_{ss'} (\bar{u}_s \circ u_{s'})^\dagger (\bar{u}_s \circ u_{s'})$$

$$(\bar{u}_s + \gamma^0 \circ u_{s'})^\dagger = u_{s'}^\dagger \xrightarrow{\gamma^0 \gamma^0} 0 + \gamma^0 u_s = \bar{u}_{s'} \gamma^0 \circ \gamma^0 u_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{ss'} (\bar{u}_s \circ u_{s'})^\dagger (\bar{u}_s \circ u_{s'}) = \sum_{ss'} \bar{u}_{s'_c} \xleftarrow{cd} [\gamma^0 \circ 0 + \gamma^0] u_s \bar{u}_s \xrightarrow{ab} 0_{ab} \bar{u}_{s'_b} \xrightarrow{(p+m)_{da}} (p+m)_{bc}$$

$$= (\gamma^0 \circ 0 + \gamma^0)_{cd} (p+m)_{da} 0_{ab} (p+m)_{bc}$$

$$= 4m^2 \text{tr} (\gamma^0 \circ 0 + \gamma^0 \Lambda_+(\vec{p}) \circ \Lambda_+(\vec{p}'))$$

$\Lambda_+$  projectors prove to be crucial to simplify such trace calculations!

(This part can be ignored w.l.o.g.)

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$$\rightarrow \text{Helicity: } \sum_p = \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} = \frac{\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$$

$$\text{Helicity projection} \rightarrow \Pi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \frac{1 \pm \sum_p}{2} \quad \begin{matrix} \Pi_{\pm}^2 = \Pi_{\pm} \\ \Pi_{\pm} \Pi_{\mp} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$[\Lambda_s, \Pi_{s'}] = 0$$

here  $\pm$  refers to energy sign

$s, s' \in \{\pm 1\}$

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The projection operators are simultaneously diagonalizable. Also, they are Hermitian.  $\Lambda^\dagger = \Lambda$ ,  $\Pi^\dagger = \Pi$

For  $\vec{p} = p\hat{z}$

$$u_\pm(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\pm \\ \frac{p \sigma_3 \chi_\pm}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\pm \\ \pm \frac{p \chi_\pm}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix}$$

and we can see that

$$\sum_p u_s(p\hat{z}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\pm \\ \pm \frac{p \chi_\pm}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm \chi_\pm \\ \pm \frac{p \chi_\pm}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\pm \\ \pm \frac{p \chi_\pm}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum_p$  has eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ .

★ Therefore, the free particle spinors that we constructed ( $u_s$  &  $v_s$ ),

are eigenstates of helicity, even for arbitrary directions of momentum. Hence, we can label the states by the helicity.

• For arbitrary direction  $\vec{p}$ , we take  $\alpha_s u_+ + \beta_s u_- = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \chi_+ + \beta \chi_- \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} (\alpha \chi_+ + \beta \chi_-) \end{pmatrix}$

We demand that  $\underbrace{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}_{\leftarrow} (\alpha_s \chi_+ + \beta_s \chi_-) \stackrel{!}{=} s (\alpha_s \chi_+ + \beta_s \chi_-) \quad (1)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p_3 - s & p_- \\ p_+ & -(p_3 + s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_s \\ \beta_s \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad p_\pm = p_1 \pm i p_2$$

$$\det() = -(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) + s^2 = 0 \quad \text{as should have been.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Demand (1) is always satisfied.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Also, } (p_3 - s) \alpha_s + p_- \beta_s &= 0 \\ (p_+) \alpha_s + (p_3 + s) \beta_s &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s}{\beta_s} = - \frac{p_-}{p_3 - s} = \frac{p_3 + s}{p_+}$$

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So, we define eigenspinors of  $\Sigma_p$  as follows. The new  $\chi_{\pm}$  are-

$$\xi_{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\vec{p}|(p_3 + |\vec{p}|)}} \begin{pmatrix} p_3 + |\vec{p}| \\ p_1 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi_{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\vec{p}|(p_3 + |\vec{p}|)}} \begin{pmatrix} -p_1 + ip_2 \\ p_3 + |\vec{p}| \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\psi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix}}$$

are the new helicity  $\Sigma_p$  eigenspinors!

If  $\vec{p} = p \hat{z}$ ,  $\xi_{\pm} \xrightarrow{\text{reduces to}} \chi_{\pm}$ .

Another way to get these is to consider the projection operator of helicity

$$\Pi_{\pm} = \frac{(1 \pm \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p})}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \pm \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here  $p_1, p_2, p_3$   
are components  
of  $\vec{p}$ .

Now act with  $\Pi_{+}$  on  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_3 - p_1 - ip_2 \\ p_1 + ip_2 - p_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Pi_{+} = \frac{1}{2|\vec{p}|} \begin{pmatrix} (p_3 + |\vec{p}|) p_1 - ip_2 \\ p_1 + ip_2 |p| - p_3 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi_{+} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2|\vec{p}|} \begin{pmatrix} p_3 + |\vec{p}| \\ p_1 + ip_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_3 + p}{|\vec{p}|} \\ \frac{p_1 + ip_2}{|\vec{p}|} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\xi_{+} \text{ up to a factor of normalization}}$$

Projection of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  onto  $\Pi_{+}$  gives  $\underline{\begin{pmatrix} \xi_{+} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}$ . (Why? Why does it give the eigenspinor?)

## (3) CHIRALITY PROJECTION OPERATOR:

$$\gamma^5 = \gamma_5 = i\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$$

$(\gamma^5)^2 = \mathbb{1}_4 \Rightarrow$  eigenvalues of  $\gamma^5$  have to be  $\pm 1$ .

So, the chirality eigenspinor would be of the form  $\psi_{\pm}$  s.t.

$$\gamma^5 \psi_{\pm} = \pm \psi_{\pm}$$

So, we define the chirality projection operator as -

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{\mathbb{1} \pm \gamma^5}{2}$$

$$(P_{\pm})^2 = \frac{1 + 1 \pm 2\gamma^5}{2} = P_{\pm}$$

It's interesting to notice that in the limit  $m \rightarrow 0$

$$Tl_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \right) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow 0} P_{\pm}$$

Proof:

$$u_{\pm} = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{E_p + m} \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{As } m \rightarrow 0, \quad E_p \rightarrow |\vec{p}| \Rightarrow u_{\pm} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

In Dirac Pauli Rep<sup>n</sup>, (for  $\vec{p} = p\hat{z}$ )

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_2 \\ \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow P_{\pm} = \frac{\mathbb{1} \pm \gamma_5}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & \pm \mathbb{1}_2 \\ \pm \mathbb{1}_2 & \mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{+} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{2 \times 1 \text{ objects}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u + \psi_e \\ \psi_u + \psi_e \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$P_+(\Psi_u \Psi_e) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_u - \Psi_e \\ -(\Psi_u + \Psi_e) \end{pmatrix}$$

The above two projections along  $P_{\pm}$  give the eigenspinors of the chirality operator  $\gamma^5$ .

So, when  $m \rightarrow 0$

$$U_{\pm} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\pm} \\ \pm \chi_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
helicity  
op. along  $\hat{\vec{z}}$

which we recognize exactly  
as the eigenspinors of  $\gamma^5$ .

We call  $\Psi_L = \Psi_u + \Psi_e$  and  $\Psi_R = \Psi_u - \Psi_e$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the eigenspinors are then  $\begin{pmatrix} \Psi_L \\ \Psi_L \end{pmatrix}$  (for +) &  $\begin{pmatrix} \Psi_R \\ -\Psi_R \end{pmatrix}$  (for -)

However, a much simpler repn of  $\gamma^5$  is in the chiral repn.

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In this repn,  $\frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_u \\ \Psi_e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_u \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Psi_L$$

$$\frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_u \\ \Psi_e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \Psi_e \end{pmatrix} = \Psi_R$$

This is all for the case when  $\vec{P} = \vec{p} \hat{\vec{z}}$ .

(though actually on that note, when did we even talk about  $\vec{P}$  here?)  
 okay, I guess we are talking about  $\vec{P}$  of massless particles.

So now let's find eigenspiners of  $\gamma^5$  for arbitrary  $\vec{P}$ . Some demand

$$\gamma^5 (\alpha_s u_+ + \beta_s u_-) = \underset{\pm 1}{\downarrow} s (\alpha_s u_+ + \beta_s u_-)$$

Let's work in D.P. Rep<sup>n</sup>.

$$\gamma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_s u_+ + \beta_s u_- = \sqrt{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_s x_+ + \beta_s x_- \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P} (\alpha x_+ + \beta x_-) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P}}{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P}}{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P}}{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{P}}{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$



God knows how

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{s}{E_p + m} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha p_3 - \beta p_- \\ \alpha p_+ - \beta p_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{sp_3}{E_p + m} - 1 & \frac{sp_-}{E_p + m} \\ \frac{sp_+}{E_p + m} & -1 - \frac{p_3 s}{E_p + m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\det(M) = 1 - \frac{p_-^2}{(E_p + m)^2} = \frac{2m}{E_p + m} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$\therefore$  A linear combination of  $u_+$  &  $u_-$  can be an eigenspiner of chirality  $\gamma^5$  iff  $m=0$ !

When  $m=0$ , then  $\psi_{\pm} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \\ \pm \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$  chirality eigenspinors.

$$\gamma^5 \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \\ \pm \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \\ \pm \xi_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  In the limit  $m \rightarrow 0$ , we get the eigenspinors of chirality from eigenspinors of helicity.

#### (4) SPIN PROJECTION OPERATOR:

In the rest frame ( $\vec{p}=0$ ),  $\Sigma_p$  is ill-defined.

Spin 4-vector for massive particles -

$$S^{\mu} = \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s}}{m} ; \hat{s} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s}) \vec{p}}{m(E_p+m)} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow[\vec{p} \rightarrow 0]{} (0, \hat{s})$$

$$\text{If } \hat{s} = \hat{p}, \quad S^{\mu} = \frac{1}{m} \left( |\vec{p}|, m\hat{p} + \frac{\vec{p}^2}{E_p+m} \hat{p} \right) \xrightarrow{E_p^2-m^2} \frac{1}{m} \left( |\vec{p}|, E\hat{p} \right)$$

$$S_{\mu} S^{\mu} = \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s}}{m} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\hat{s}^2}{m^2} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s})^2 \vec{p}^2}{m^2(E_p+m)^2} + \frac{2(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s})^2}{m(E_p+m)} \right)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-1}} \quad (\text{after simplifying})$$

$$p_{\mu} S^{\mu} = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s}}{m} E_p - \hat{s} \cdot \vec{p} - \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{s}) \vec{p}^2}{m(E_p+m)}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0}}$$

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Now let's look at  $\gamma^5 \not{S}$

$$(\gamma^5 \not{S})^2 = \underbrace{\gamma^5 \not{S}}_{-} \gamma^5 \not{S} = -(\gamma^5)^2 \not{S}^2 = -\not{S}^2 = -S_\mu S^\mu = +1$$

So, we introduce operators -

$$\boxed{P_\uparrow = \frac{1 + \gamma_5 \not{S}}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{P_\downarrow = \frac{1 - \gamma_5 \not{S}}{2}}$$

spin projection operators

$$P_\uparrow^2 = P_\uparrow, \quad P_\downarrow^2 = P_\downarrow, \quad P_\uparrow P_\downarrow = 0$$

Say, now we take  $\hat{S} = (1, 0, 0)$

$$\text{then } S^\mu_{\text{rest}(\vec{P}=0)} = (0, \hat{S})$$

$$\Rightarrow \not{S} = \gamma^\mu S_\mu = -\hat{S} \cdot \vec{\gamma} = -\gamma^1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^5 \not{S} &= i \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 (-\gamma^1) = -i \gamma^0 (-1) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i \gamma^0 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\ &= i \gamma^0 \sum^{23} \end{aligned}$$

what is this new  $\Sigma$ ?

$$[\gamma^0(\Sigma)_1, (\Sigma_1)] = 0 \quad \text{god knows what this is.}$$

$\therefore$  eigenstates of  $\gamma^5 \not{S}$  are also eigenstates of  $\Sigma^1$

i.e.  $P_\uparrow$  and  $P_\downarrow$  project out components of spin up or spin down.

Lecture -15.

(05/10/21)

Coupling a Dirac particle ( $e^-$ )

For a charged particle, in CM, we replace the momentum  $\vec{p}$  with

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{\pi} = \vec{p} - q\vec{A} \quad \text{in non-relativistic case.}$$

$$\text{In relativistic mechanics, } p_\mu \rightarrow \pi_\mu = p_\mu - Q A_\mu \quad A^\mu \rightarrow \text{four vector potential.}$$

$$\text{Now in RQM, } \hat{p}_\mu = i\partial_\mu$$

$$\text{Minimal substitution: } i\partial_\mu \rightarrow i\partial_\mu - Q A_\mu = i(\partial_\mu + iQ A_\mu)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + iQ A_\mu. \quad \xrightarrow{\text{covariant derivative.}}$$

Jargon Alert:

The reason for introducing is deriving Dirac eqn from Dirac Lagrangian via Hamilton's principle  $\delta S=0$ .

$$S = \int d^4x \ L(\psi, \partial_\mu \psi), \text{ then } \delta S=0 \rightarrow \text{eqns of motion}$$

$$L_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$$

$\psi$  &  $\bar{\psi}$  are treated as independent objects.

The Dirac Lagrangian  $L_{\text{Dirac}}$  has what's called a U(1) invariance.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &\rightarrow e^{i\theta} \psi \\ \bar{\psi} &\rightarrow e^{-i\theta} \bar{\psi} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \right\} \Rightarrow L \text{ remains invariant!}$$

$$(\text{since } \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 = (\bar{\psi} e^{i\theta}) \gamma^0 = e^{-i\theta} \bar{\psi})$$

"U(1) invariance implies that  $\exists$  a conserved current,  $(\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0)$   
which happens to be  $j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$ .

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Some more jargon: If we have a conserved  $j^\mu$ , we can introduce a "connection"  $A_\mu$ , and promote  $\Theta \rightarrow \Theta(x)$  to a local parameter. Then the theory has a gauge invariance.

The way to make  $L_D$  gauge invariant is  $L_D \rightarrow L_{D+EM}$ . That will guarantee gauge invariance U(1) of  $L_D$ . ( $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu$ )

So, back to actual content, to introduce EM coupling, replace  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu$ .

$$Q = q_e \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q_{e^-} = -e \quad e > 0$$

elementary charge  
of proton

$$Q_{e^+} = +e$$

$$\text{so, } D_\mu \psi_{e^-} = (\partial_\mu + iQ_{e^-} A_\mu) \psi_{e^-} = (\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu) \psi_{e^-}$$

$\therefore$  Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> coupled with EM

$$\boxed{i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + iq_e A_\mu) \psi - m\psi = 0}$$

The adjoint of above eq<sup>n</sup> is

$$\gamma^{\mu\dagger} = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -i\psi^\dagger (\overleftarrow{\partial}_\mu - iq_e A_\mu) \gamma^{\mu\dagger} - m\psi^\dagger &= 0 \\ [i\psi^\dagger \gamma^0 (\not{\partial} - iq_e A^\lambda) \gamma^0 + m\psi^\dagger] \times \gamma^0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{i\bar{\psi} (\not{\partial} - iq_e A^\lambda) + m\bar{\psi} = 0}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [(\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}) i\gamma^\mu + q_e \bar{\psi} A^\mu + m\bar{\psi}] \times \psi &= 0 \\ \bar{\psi} \times [i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - q_e A^\mu \psi - m\psi] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
same old current  $j^\mu$   
but this can now actually  
be thought of as  
electric current.

### Charge conjugate wavefn.

$$\text{If } \psi \rightarrow e^{iq\theta} \psi, \text{ then } \psi^* \rightarrow e^{-iq\theta} \psi^* \\ = e^{i(-q)\theta} \psi^*$$

So, the conjugate  $\psi^*$  actually describes a particle with opposite electric charge. We are now interested in Lorentz transformation of  $\psi^*$ .

$$\text{Now } \psi \text{ transforms as } \psi' = e^{i\frac{\sigma \cdot \omega}{4}} \psi \\ \Rightarrow \psi'^* = e^{-i\frac{\sigma^* \cdot \omega}{4}} \psi^*$$

But  $\sigma^* \neq \pm \sigma \Rightarrow \psi^*$  doesn't transform in a nice way.

So, we say let's construct a new object  $\psi^c$  called "charge conjugate"

$$\psi^c = \underbrace{\tilde{C} \psi^*}_{4 \times 4 \text{ matrix}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\psi^c)' = \tilde{C} (S_L \psi)^* = \tilde{C} S_L^* \psi^* = \tilde{C} S_L^* \tilde{C}^{-1} \underbrace{C \psi^*}_{C \psi^c}$$

So, we now demand that

$$\boxed{\tilde{C} S_L^* \tilde{C}^{-1} = S_L} \quad \leftarrow \text{defn of } C$$

If  $\tilde{C}$  is defined like this, then  $\psi_c' = S_L \psi_c$  (just like  $\psi' = S_L \psi$ )  
but  $Q(\psi^*) = -Q(\psi)$

However by convention, we define

$$\psi^c = C \bar{\psi}^\top = C (\psi^\dagger \gamma^0)^\top = (C \gamma^0)^\top \psi^*$$

This is what we defined as

$$\tilde{C} \equiv C \gamma^0$$

We can get the transformation props. of  $\psi^c$   
from here as well

$$\text{we know } \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} S_L^{-1} \Rightarrow \psi'^c = C (\bar{\psi} S_L^{-1})^\top = C (S_L^{-1})^\top \bar{\psi}^\top \\ = C (S_L^{-1})^\top C^{-1} \underbrace{C \bar{\psi}^\top}_{\psi^c}$$

$$\therefore \psi'^c = C (S_L^{-1})^\top C^{-1} \psi^c$$

So, if we demand  $[C(S_L^{-1})^T C^{-1} = S_L]$ , then the transposition property is

$$\boxed{\psi^{c'} = S_L \psi^c}$$

$$\text{So, } S_L = \exp\left(\frac{i}{4}\omega \cdot \sigma\right) \Rightarrow S_L^{-1} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4}\omega \cdot \sigma\right)$$

$$\text{So, } (S_L^{-1})^T = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4}\omega \cdot \sigma^T\right)$$

Now, for we use the following property of exponentials -

$$Ce^A C^{-1} = C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} A^n C^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (CAC^{-1})^n = e^{CAC^{-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } (CAC^{-1})^n &= CAC^{-1}(CAC^{-1})(CAC^{-1}) \dots (CAC^{-1}) \\ &= CA^n C^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The demand on  $C$  becomes

$$C e^{-i\frac{\omega \cdot \sigma^T}{4}} C^{-1} = e^{-i\frac{\omega \cdot \sigma^T}{4} C C^{-1}} \stackrel{!}{=} e^{i\frac{\omega \cdot \sigma}{4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C(\sigma^{MN})^T C^{-1} = -\sigma^{MN}}$$

Can we find such a  $C$ ?

$$\text{In Dirac Pauli, } \sigma^{ij} = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^j & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^j \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon_{ijk} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^k & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^k \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma^{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \right\} \text{symmetric}$$

$$\sigma^{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\sigma^{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \right\} \text{Anti-symmetric}$$

$$\sigma^{oi} = i \gamma^0 \gamma^i = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ \sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } \sigma^{o1^T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma^{1T} \\ i\sigma^{1T} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^{o1}$$

$$\sigma^{o3^T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma^{o3^T} \\ i\sigma^{o3^T} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^{o3}$$

$$\sigma^{o2^T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma^{2T} \\ i\sigma^{2T} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\sigma^{o2}$$

What now? idk.

Lecture - 16  
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Coupling of Dirac particle to EM

Prescription:  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + iq e A_\mu$

U(1) invariance is associated to the charge.

$$\psi_{(q)} \rightarrow e^{iq\theta} \psi_{(q)}$$

( $\partial_\mu \theta = 0$ ; global)

If we get an invariance under  $\psi_{(q)} \rightarrow \psi_{(q)} e^{iq\theta(x)}$  s.t.  $\partial_\mu \theta(x) \neq 0$   
 (local)

$$\partial_\mu \psi \rightarrow (\partial_\mu \psi + iq(\partial_\mu \theta) \psi)$$

then  $\partial_\mu \psi$  doesn't transform homogeneously.

so, the reason for introducing  $D_\mu$  is that  $D_\mu \psi$  transforms homogeneously

$$D_\mu \psi \rightarrow e^{iq\theta(x)} D_\mu \psi \quad (\text{if } A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \theta(x))$$

under a U(1) gauge invariance.

∴ We write Dirac eqn for a particle of charge  $Q = qe$

$$(i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{(i \overleftrightarrow{\partial} - m) \psi = 0}$$

Taking conjugate of Dirac eqn & multiplying by  $\gamma^0$

$$\psi (-i \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 D_\mu^\dagger - m) \cdot \gamma^0 = 0$$

$$\bar{\psi} (-i \gamma^\mu \overleftarrow{D}_\mu^\dagger - m) = 0$$

$$\text{Now } D_\mu^\dagger = \partial_\mu - iq e A_\mu \equiv \overline{D}_\mu$$

$(q \rightarrow -q)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\bar{\psi} (i \overleftrightarrow{\partial} + m) = 0}$$

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If we take the transpose of the conjugate Dirac eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\xrightarrow{\text{transpose}} (i \bar{D}^\top + m) \bar{\Psi}^\top = 0 \Rightarrow (i \gamma^\mu{}^\top \bar{D}_\mu + m) \bar{\Psi}^\top = 0$$

↑ covariant derivative for  
particle with charge -e<sub>q</sub>

If we can find matrices  $C$  s.t.  $\underbrace{C(\gamma^\mu)^\top C^{-1}}_{\psi^c} = -\gamma^\mu$ , then -

$$C(i\gamma^\mu \bar{D}_\mu + m) \underbrace{C^\top}_{\psi^c} \bar{\Psi}^\top = 0$$

using our demand,

$$(i\gamma^\mu \bar{D}_\mu - m) \psi^c = 0 \rightarrow \text{which looks just like the original Dirac eq<sup>n</sup>, with } \bar{D}_\mu = D_\mu(-q)$$

The only difference is  $\psi$  obeys Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> of charge +q<sub>e</sub> and  $\psi^c$  obeys Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> of charge -q<sub>e</sub>.

Now, we know  $\psi$  transforms as  $\psi' = S_L \psi$ . How does  $\psi^c$  transform?

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'_c &= C \bar{\Psi}'^\top = C (\bar{\Psi} S_L^{-1})^\top = C (S_L^{-1})^\top \bar{\Psi}^\top \\ &= C (S_L^{-1})^\top C^{-1} C \bar{\Psi}^\top = C S_L^{-1\top} C^{-1} \psi^c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } C(S_L^{-1})^\top \epsilon^{-1} = C \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4} \omega \cdot \sigma^\top\right) C^{-1} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4} \omega \cdot C \sigma^\top C^{-1}\right)$$

$$\text{Now earlier, we demanded } C(\gamma^\mu)^\top C^{-1} = -\gamma^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow C(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^\top C^{-1} = i C(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)^\top C^{-1} \quad (\text{for } \mu \neq \nu)$$

$$= i \underbrace{C \gamma^\nu{}^\top C^{-1}}_{C \cdot \gamma^\mu{}^\top C^{-1}} \underbrace{C \cdot \gamma^\mu{}^\top C^{-1}}_{i(-)^2 \gamma^\nu} \gamma^\mu = -i \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu = -i \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{C \gamma^\mu{}^\top C^{-1}}_{\psi^c} = -\gamma^\mu \Rightarrow \underbrace{C \sigma^{\mu\nu}{}^\top C^{-1}}_{C \sigma^{\mu\nu}{}^\top C^{-1}} = -\sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

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$$\therefore C(S_L^{-1})^T C^{-1} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \omega \cdot C \sigma C^{-1}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \omega \cdot \sigma\right) = S_L$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\psi'_c = S_L \psi_c} \quad \text{if} \quad \underbrace{C \gamma^\mu{}^T C^{-1}}_{\text{(same as } \psi\text{)}} = -\gamma^\mu$$

So the problem now is to find these matrices  $C$ .

$$\gamma^\mu{}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^0 \\ \gamma^1 \\ \gamma^2 \\ \gamma^3 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Pauli Dirac representation

$$\text{Now } \gamma^1{}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0^1 \\ -0^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -0^1 \\ 0^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\gamma^1 \quad \gamma^0{}^T = \gamma^0$$

$$\gamma^2{}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0^2 \\ -0^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -0^2{}^T \\ +0^2{}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +0^2 \\ -0^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma^2$$

$$\gamma^3{}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0^3 \\ -0^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -0^3 \\ 0^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\gamma^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^\mu{}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^0 \\ -\gamma^1 \\ \gamma^2 \\ -\gamma^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can show that if we choose  $C = \eta \gamma^2 \gamma^0$  with  $|\eta|=1$ , that will do the job of satisfying our demand.

$$C = \eta \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \Rightarrow C^{-1} = \eta^* \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \quad \text{since } CC^{-1} = |\eta|^2 \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \cancel{\gamma^2 \gamma^0} = -|\eta|^2 \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^2 = -|\eta|^2 (\gamma^2)^2 = (-1)^2 |\eta|^2 = 1$$

So, let's check if we get  $C \gamma^\mu{}^T C^{-1} = -\gamma^\mu$

$$C \gamma^0 C^{-1} = \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^2 \gamma^0 = (\gamma^2)^2 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0$$

$$C \gamma^1 C^{-1} = \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \cancel{(-\gamma^1)} \gamma^2 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 = -\gamma^2 \cancel{\gamma^1 \gamma^2} = (\gamma^2)^2 \gamma^1 = -\gamma^1$$

$$C \gamma^2 C^{-1} = \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^2 \gamma^2 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^2$$

$$C \gamma^3 C^{-1} = \gamma^2 \gamma^0 (-\gamma^3) \gamma^2 \gamma^0 = \text{same as } \gamma^1 \text{ calculation} = -\gamma^3$$

✓  
Yes, it does satisfy the demand.

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Conventionally, we take  $\gamma = i \Rightarrow C = i\gamma^2\gamma^0$

$$\text{Now } i\gamma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma^2 \\ -i\sigma^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon \quad i\sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \epsilon$$

$$\therefore C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon \\ -\epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\epsilon \\ -\epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

anti-symmetric  
unit matrix

Aside:  $SU(2) \quad U^\dagger = U^{-1} \quad \det U = 1$

Under  $SU(2)$ , a 2-spinor  $\psi' = U\psi \Rightarrow \psi'^\dagger \psi' = \psi^\dagger \psi$

The canonical parameterization of  $SU(2)$  transformation is

$$U = \exp\left(\frac{i}{2}\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}\right) = \exp(i\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\tau}) \quad \text{Defining } \vec{\tau} = \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}$$

$(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3)$  Pauli matrices.

Now, let's see how  $\psi^*$  transforms in  $SU(2)$

$$\psi^{*\prime} = U^* \psi^* = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2}(\theta^1\sigma^1 - \theta^2\sigma^2 + \theta^3\sigma^3)\right) \psi^* \quad \text{since } \sigma^2* = -\sigma^2$$

However if define  $\tilde{\psi} = \epsilon \psi^* = (i\sigma^2)\psi^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{\psi}' &= (i\sigma^2)\psi'^* = (i\sigma^2)U^* \psi^* \\ &= i\sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2}(\theta^1\sigma^1 - \theta^2\sigma^2 + \theta^3\sigma^3)\right) \end{aligned}$$

But  $\sigma^2$  anti-commutes with  $\sigma^{1,3}$  but commutes with itself.

$$\text{So, } \sigma^2 \underbrace{(\theta^1\sigma^1 - \theta^2\sigma^2 + \theta^3\sigma^3)}_{= -(\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma})\sigma^2} = -(\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma})\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\psi}' = i\sigma^2 U^* \psi^* = iU\sigma^2 \psi^* = \underline{U\tilde{\psi}}$$

Thus,  $\epsilon \psi^*$  transforms just like  $\psi$ !

We are doing a very analogous thing for  $SO(4)$  by defining

$\psi^c$  which transforms just like  $\psi$ .

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$$\Psi^c = C \bar{\Psi}^\top = C(\psi + \gamma^0)^\top = i\gamma^2 \gamma^0 \not{\partial}^\top \psi^*$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon \\ -\epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix} \psi^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon \\ -\epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_t^* \\ \psi_b^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon \psi_b^* \\ -\epsilon \psi_t^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Summary: CHARGED DIRAC PARTICLE

$$(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi = 0 \quad D = \partial + iq_e A$$

$$(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi^c = 0 \quad \bar{D} = \partial - iq_e A$$

$$(A_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{conj.}} -A_\mu)$$

$$\underline{\Psi^c = C \bar{\Psi}^\top}, \quad C = i\gamma^2 \gamma^0$$

### ELECTRON IN AN EM FIELD

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \quad \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} A_0 - \partial_0 \vec{A}$$

$$\text{so, } A_\mu = (0, -\vec{A})$$

The Dirac eq<sup>n</sup> for this particle is

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

$$(i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + i\gamma^0 \partial_t - m)\psi = -qe\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{A}\psi + qe\gamma^0 A^0 \psi$$

Now multiplying both sides by  $\gamma^0$  from left.

$$(i\gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + i\gamma^0 \partial_t - m)\psi = -qe\gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{A}\psi + qeA^0 \psi$$

$$(i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + i\partial_t - m\beta)\psi = -qe\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{A}\psi + qeA^0 \psi$$

$$i\partial_t \psi = (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m - qe\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{A} + qeA^0) \psi$$

$$i\partial_t \psi = \vec{\alpha} \cdot (\hat{\vec{p}} - qe\vec{A})\psi + (\beta m + qeA^0)\psi$$

↑  
electric energy.

(a)  $e^-$  in a static  $\vec{E}$  field

$$\vec{A} = 0 \quad A_0(\vec{x}, t) = A_0(\vec{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow i\partial_t \psi = (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m + V(\vec{x})) \psi$$

where  $V = qeA_0$   
 $= -eA_0$   
 $(q = -1)$

(b)  $e^-$  in a  $\vec{B}$  field

$$\vec{A} \neq 0, \quad A_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i\partial_t \psi = [\vec{\alpha} \cdot (\hat{\vec{p}} + e\vec{A}) + \beta m] \psi$$

Let's now take the Dirac eqn and analyse it for a central pot<sup>n</sup> problem.

Central Pot<sup>n</sup>  $V = V(\vec{r}) = V(r)$

Angular momentum operators are given by

$$\hat{L}_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{x}^j \hat{p}^k \quad \text{and total ang. mom. } \vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{s}$$

Let's first calculate some commutators.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet [\hat{L}_i, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}] &= \alpha_e [\epsilon_{ijk} \hat{x}^j \hat{p}^k, \hat{p}^l] = \epsilon_{ijk} \alpha_e [\hat{x}^j \hat{p}^k, \hat{p}^l] \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \alpha_e \hat{x}^j [\hat{p}^k, \hat{p}^l] + \epsilon_{ijk} \alpha_e [\hat{x}^j, \hat{p}^l] \hat{p}^k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \alpha_e i \delta^{jl} \hat{p}^k = i \epsilon_{ijk} \alpha_j \hat{p}_k = i (\vec{\alpha} \times \hat{\vec{p}})_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet [\hat{L}_i, \beta m] = 0$$

$$\bullet [\hat{L}_i, V(r)] = 0 \quad (\text{rotational invariance})$$

$$\Rightarrow [\hat{L}_i, H_D^{(\vec{A}=0)}] = i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_i = i \frac{d\hat{L}_i}{dt}$$

(in Heisenberg  
picture)

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We also need the commutator with spin part.

- $[\sum_j, H_D] = ?$

$$\sum_j = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_j^z & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_j^z \end{pmatrix} \quad H_D = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m + V \mathbb{1}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  ↑

trivially commute.

So, we only need to calculate  $[\sum_j, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}] = ?$

In Pauli-Dirac,  $\vec{\alpha} = \gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$[\sum_j, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}] = [\sum_j, \alpha_k] \hat{p}_k$$

So, we need to calculate  $[\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_j^z & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_j^z \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^k \\ \sigma^k & 0 \end{pmatrix}]$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_j^z \sigma^k \\ \sigma_j^z \sigma^k & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^k \sigma_j^z \\ \sigma^k \sigma_j^z & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2i \epsilon_{jkl} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^l \\ \sigma^l & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2i \epsilon_{jkl} \alpha^l$$

$$\Rightarrow [\sum_j, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}] = 2i \epsilon_{jkl} \alpha^l \hat{p}^k = -2i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_j = [\sum_j, H_D]$$

$$\Rightarrow i \frac{d(\sum_j / 2)}{dt} = -i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_j$$

$$\frac{\sum_j}{2} \equiv S_j \text{ in RQM} \Rightarrow i \frac{dS_j}{dt} = -i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_j \xrightarrow{\text{opposite of } [\hat{L}_i, H_D]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{J}, H_D] = [\vec{L}, H_D^{(\vec{A}=0)}] + [\vec{S}, H_D^{(\vec{A}=0)}]$$

$$= i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}) - i (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}) = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{[\vec{J}, H_D^{(\vec{A}=0)}] = 0}$$

$\vec{J}$  commutes with  $H_D$  for a spherically symmetric potential  $V(r)$

and in Heisenberg picture  $\frac{d\vec{J}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{J}$  (total angular mom) is conserved in a central potential!

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So,  $(J^3, \vec{J}^2, H_0 + V(r))$  can be simultaneously diagonalised and form a complete set of commuting observables (CSO).

So, we have quantum nos. -  $j, j_3, n$

Question - Are there anymore COMs?

There is another. If we define  $\hat{K} = \gamma^0 (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2})$

$$\text{writing } \vec{J} = \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{L} \Rightarrow \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \frac{\vec{\Sigma}^2}{2} = \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \frac{3}{2} \mathbb{1}$$

$$\text{so, } \hat{K} = \gamma^0 (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1})$$

Then eigenvalues of  $\hat{K}$  labelled by  $K$  discriminate  $\vec{S}$  (parallel/anti-parallel) to  $\vec{L}$ .

$$\hat{K}^2 = \underbrace{\gamma^0 (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1})}_{\gamma^0 \text{ commutes with } \vec{\Sigma}} \gamma^0 (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1})$$

$\gamma^0$  commutes with  $\vec{\Sigma}$  (check), so we can shift it around

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}^2 &= (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1})^2 = (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L})^2 + \mathbb{1} + 2\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j L_i L_j + \mathbb{1} + 2 \sum_i L_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_i \sum_j L_i L_j = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i \sigma_j & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_i \sigma_j \end{pmatrix} L_i L_j \quad \text{but } \sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} \mathbb{1} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{jk}$$

$$= \mathbb{1} (\vec{L})^2 + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sum_k L_i L_j = \mathbb{1} (\vec{L})^2 + \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \sum_k [L_i, L_j]$$

$$= (\vec{L}^2) \mathbb{1} + \frac{i}{2} (i) \underbrace{\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ije}}_{2 \delta_{e}^k} \sum_k L_e = (\vec{L})^2 \mathbb{1} - \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{K}^2 = (\vec{L})^2 \mathbb{1} - \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1} + 2 \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L}$$

$$= \underbrace{(\vec{L} + \frac{\vec{\Sigma}}{2})^2}_{\vec{J}^2} - \underbrace{(\frac{\vec{\Sigma}}{2})^2}_{-\frac{3}{4} \mathbb{1}} + \mathbb{1} = \vec{J}^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{K}^2 = \vec{J}^2 + \frac{1}{4}}$$

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But now  $J$  is a commuting observable, and we can use its eigenvalue

$$K^2 = j(j+1) + \frac{1}{4} = \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues of  $\hat{K}$  are  $K = \pm \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

And since  $j$  is a half-integer  $\Rightarrow K$  is an integer.

### Lecture - 17

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Constants of motion in a spherically symmetric path (Dirac particle).

Operator:	$\hat{H}_D$	$J_3$	$\vec{J}^2$	$K =$
Eigenvalue:	$E$	$j_3$	$j(j+1)$	
Q. no.:	$n$	$j_3 = jz$	$j$	

For  $\hat{K}$  to also be included in the CSCO, we need to check if it commutes with the Hamiltonian

$$[\hat{K}, H_D] = \left[ \gamma^0 \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{\gamma^0}{2}, H_D \right]$$

$$= \gamma^0 \vec{\Sigma} \cdot [\vec{J}, H_D] + \gamma^0 [\vec{\Sigma}, H_D] \cdot \vec{J} + [\gamma^0, H_D] \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} [\gamma^0, H_D]$$

$$\bullet [\gamma^0, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \gamma^0 m + V(r)] = [\gamma^0, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p}] + \underset{0}{[\gamma^0, \gamma^0 m]} + \underset{0}{[\gamma^0, V(r)]}$$

$$= [\gamma^0, \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}] = [\gamma^0, \gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p}]$$

$$= \gamma^0 \underbrace{\gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p}}_{-} - \gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} \gamma^0 = -2 \gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} \gamma^0 = -2 \underline{\vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}}} \gamma^0$$

$$\bullet [\Sigma_i, H_b] = [\Sigma_i, \alpha_j] \hat{p}_j = -2i(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})_i \quad (\text{calculation done in prev. lecture})$$

$$\bullet \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_j & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_j \end{pmatrix} J_j p_i \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \sigma_j \\ \sigma_i \sigma_j & 0 \end{pmatrix} p_i J_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k \\ \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} p_i J_j$$

since  $\gamma_{pp}^s \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} = \gamma^s \vec{p} \cdot \vec{J} + i\epsilon_{ijk}\alpha_k p_i J_j \\ = \gamma^s \vec{p} \cdot \vec{J} + i\vec{J} \cdot (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})$$

Now using the above results, we can find  $[\hat{K}, H_D]$

$$[\hat{K}, \hat{H}_D] = \gamma^s \vec{\Sigma} \cdot [\vec{J}, H_D] + \gamma^s [\vec{\Sigma}, H_D] \cdot \vec{J} + [\gamma^s, H_D] \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} [\gamma^s, H_D]$$

$$= \gamma^s [\Sigma_i, H_D] J_i + [\gamma^s, H_D] \left( \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \gamma^s (-2i) \vec{J} \cdot (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}) + (-2 \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \gamma^s) \left( \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \gamma^s \left[ -2i \vec{J} \cdot \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p} + 2 \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \left( \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \gamma^s \left[ 2(\gamma^s \vec{p} \cdot \vec{J} + i\vec{J} \cdot (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p})) - \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} - 2i \vec{J} \cdot (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{p}) \right]$$

$$= 2\gamma^s \gamma^s \vec{p} \cdot \left( \vec{L} + \frac{\vec{\Sigma}}{2} \right) - \gamma^s \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \xrightarrow{\gamma^s \vec{p}}$$

Now  $\gamma^s \gamma^s \vec{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \vec{\gamma}$

and  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{L} = \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{r} \times \vec{p}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma^s \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} - \gamma^{s2} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Hence,  $\boxed{[\hat{K}, \hat{H}_D] = 0}$

One can also check  $[\hat{K}, J_i] = [\gamma^0 \sum_j J_j, J_i] - \frac{1}{2} [\gamma^0, L_i + \frac{\sum_i}{2}]$

Check  $[\hat{K}, J_i] = 0$  and  $[\hat{K}, \vec{J}^2] = 0$

$\therefore$  The complete commuting set for  $V(r) + H_0$  is given by  
 $\uparrow_{\text{free}}$

$$\underline{\{ H_D, \vec{J}^2, J_z, \hat{K} \}} \quad K = \pm \left( j + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Eigenvalue eqn of  $\hat{K}$

eigenfunction  $\psi_K = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_K^u \\ \psi_K^D \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \hat{K} \psi_K = K \begin{pmatrix} \psi_K^u \\ \psi_K^D \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hat{K} \equiv \vec{\beta} \left( \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1}_2 \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1}_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so, } (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \mathbb{1}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \psi_K^u \\ \psi_K^D \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} \psi_K^u \\ -\psi_K^D \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{HOW?}$$

$$\vec{L}^2 = \left( \vec{J} - \frac{\vec{\Sigma}}{2} \right)^2 = \vec{J}^2 - \vec{J} \cdot \vec{\Sigma} + \frac{3}{4} \mathbb{1} = \vec{J}^2 - \vec{L} \cdot \vec{\Sigma} - \frac{3}{4} \mathbb{1}$$

$$= \vec{J}^2 - \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3}{4} \mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \vec{J}^2 - \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + \vec{J}^2 - \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Two component wavefn's  $\psi_K^u$  and  $\psi_K^D$  are eigenfn's of  $\vec{J}^2, \hat{K}$ . They are also eigenfn's of  $\vec{L}^2$  but with different values of  $l$ .

From the expression for  $\vec{L}^2$ ,

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1 = \vec{J}^2 - \vec{L}^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Now since } (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1) \begin{pmatrix} \psi^u \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} \psi^u \\ -\psi_D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{J}^2 - \vec{L}^2 + \frac{1}{4}) \begin{pmatrix} \psi^u \\ \psi_D \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} \psi^u \\ -\psi_D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = j(j+1) - l_u(l_u+1) + \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{(a)} \quad \text{why is } j_u = j_L$$

$$-K = j \cdot (j+1) - l_D(l_D+1) + \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{(b)}$$

Putting  $K = \pm \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)$  in (a) and (b)

$|l_u - l_D|$

$$\Rightarrow \bullet K = j + \frac{1}{2} \longrightarrow l_u = j - \frac{1}{2} \quad l_D = j + \frac{1}{2} \quad 1$$

$$\bullet K = -\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) \longrightarrow l_D = j + \frac{1}{2} \quad l_D = j - \frac{1}{2} \quad 1$$

For a given  $j$ ,  $l_u = j \mp \frac{1}{2}$  as  $K = \pm \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} j = \frac{1}{2} & l = 0 & s = \frac{1}{2} \\ j = \frac{1}{2} & l = 1 & s = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \uparrow \downarrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{parallel } \vec{L} \& \vec{s} \\ \text{anti-parallel } \vec{L} \& \vec{s} \end{array}$$

### PARITY:

$$\Psi'(x') = P \Psi(x) = \gamma^0 \Psi(x)$$

$$\Psi'_\pm(\vec{x}) = P \Psi_\pm(-\vec{x}) = \gamma^0 \Psi_\pm(-\vec{x})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_\pm^u(-\vec{x}) \\ \Psi_\pm^L(-\vec{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } P \Psi_{\pm}(-\vec{x}) = \pm \Psi_{\pm}(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\pm}^u(-\vec{x}) \\ \Psi_{\pm}^L(-\vec{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_u(+\vec{x}) \\ \Psi_L(\vec{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \Psi_{\pm}^u(-\vec{x}) = \pm \Psi_{\pm}^u(\vec{x})$$

$$\Psi_{\pm}^L(-\vec{x}) = \mp \Psi_{\pm}^L(\vec{x})$$

Eigenfrs of  $\vec{J}^2, J_3$ , will be built from  $\vec{L}^2, L_3, \vec{S}^2 = \frac{3}{4}, S_3$ . These eigenfrs are known as spherical harmonics  $\otimes$  spin eigenfrs.  
 $(| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \rangle)$

Parity of  $Y_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^l$

However as discussed earlier,  $|l^u - l^D| = 1 \Rightarrow$  the parity of  $\Psi^u$  differs by  $\Psi^L$  by a  $(-1)$ . So their parity will be opposite.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Psi^u \\ \Psi^L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(r) Y_{j; l^u}^{j_3} \\ i f(r) Y_{j; l^L}^{j_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$y_{j; l}^{j_3} \rightarrow$  generalised spherical harmonics.

$$\langle \theta, \phi | j, j_3, l \rangle$$

obtained from  $|l, m\rangle | \frac{1}{2}, s \rangle$

Calculation of Clebsch Gordon coeffs is like this-

$$|j, j-\frac{1}{2}, j_3\rangle = \alpha |j-\frac{1}{2}, j_3-\frac{1}{2}\rangle | \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \rangle + \beta |j-\frac{1}{2}, j_3+\frac{1}{2}\rangle | \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle$$

Projecting along  $\langle \theta, \phi |$

$$y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} = \alpha Y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}}(\theta, \phi) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta Y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}}(\theta, \phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_{j, j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} = \gamma Y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}}(\theta, \phi) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma Y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}}(\theta, \phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} g_+(r) & y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \\ i f_+(r) & y_{j, j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

↑

+ve Parity.

$$\Psi_- = \begin{pmatrix} g_-(r) & y_{j, j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \\ i f_-(r) & y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

↑

-ve Parity.

### Dirac Equation.

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x})^2 \quad \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = \underbrace{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x}}_1 \underbrace{\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x}}{r}}_{\sigma_i \sigma_j x_i p_j} \underbrace{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}_{(\delta_{ij} + i \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k)}$$

$$= \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x}}{r} \left( \vec{x} \cdot (-i \vec{\nabla}) + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x}}{r} \left( -ir \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} \right)$$

↳  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}$  is a pseudo-scalar operator.  $[\vec{\sigma}, \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}] = 0$

Under parity  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} \rightarrow -\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}$

$\therefore \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} y_{j, l}^{j_3}$  has same  $j, j_3$  but opposite parity to  $y_{j, l}^{j_3}$

$\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{x}}{r} \rightarrow$  spin-1 object  $\leftarrow l=1$

Application of  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}$  can change  $l$  by 0 or 1.

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} y_{j, l}^{j_3} = \pm y_{j, l_D}^{j_3}$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} = C_\theta \sigma_3 + S_\theta C_\phi \sigma_1 + S_\theta S_\phi \sigma_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} C_\theta & S_\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ S_\theta e^{i\phi} & -C_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_\theta \\ S_\theta e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ -C_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} \left( \alpha y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \alpha y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} C_\theta \\ S_\theta e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} + \beta y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} S_\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ -C_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}} \cos\theta + \beta y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}} \sin\theta e^{-i\phi} \\ \alpha y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3-\frac{1}{2}} \sin\theta e^{i\phi} - \beta y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3+\frac{1}{2}} \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{j+j_3}{2j}}$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{j-j_3}{2j}}$$

$$\delta = -\sqrt{\frac{j-j_3}{2(j+1)}}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{j+1+j_3}{2(j+1)}}$$

CB coeffs ↑

Using these, we see that

$$\boxed{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} = -y_{j, j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3}}$$

## Lecture-18.

(11-10-21)

Dirac particle in  $V(r)$  (spherically symmetric)

In NRQM, when we analyze problems of central pot<sup>r</sup> like 3D SHO or the classic Hydrogen atom, we begin by identifying constants of motion

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{conserved} \\ \text{q.nos.} \end{array} \quad H_D \rightarrow E_n, \vec{L}^2, L_3 \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} n, l, m \\ \{ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \psi_{nlm} \sim R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

→ Diff. eqn in  $r$  for  $R_{nl}$ , in  $\theta, \phi$  for  $Y_{lm}$

$R_{nl} \rightarrow$  Laguerre polynomials,  $Y_{lm} \rightarrow$  spherical harmonics.

$$E_n = -13.6 \frac{Z^2}{a_0} \quad a_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha me} = \frac{4\pi}{e^2 me}$$

Let's try out this problem in Dirac's relativistic QM.

$$H_D = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\vec{p}} + \beta m + V(r) \mathbb{1} \quad \vec{\alpha}_{DP} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta_{DP} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and we aim to solve the eigenvalue eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\hat{H}_D \psi = E \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m-E+\gamma & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -m-E+\gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Apart from q.nos.  $n, l, m$ , we found other constants of motion. The complete set of commuting operators is -

$$H_D \quad \vec{J}^2 \quad J_3 \quad \hat{K} = \left( \beta \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{J} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \gamma c (\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1)$$

$$E_n \quad j(j+1) \quad j_3 \quad k$$

$\uparrow$  half integers.  $(j = l \oplus \frac{1}{2})$

$$\hat{K} \psi_k = k \psi_k \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_k \\ d_k \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} u_k \\ d_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} u_k = (k-1) u_k$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} d_k = -(k+1) d_k.$$

Now recalling the defn of  $\hat{K}$ ,  $\hat{K}^2 = \vec{j}^2 + \frac{1}{4} = (j + \frac{1}{2})^2 = k^2$   
for eigenfrs.

$$\text{Hence } k = \pm (j + \frac{1}{2})$$

Now, if  $u_k, d_k$  are eigenfrs of  $\vec{L}^2$  (since they are simlt. diag.) with eigenvalue  $lu(lu+1), ld(ld+1)$ , then we can say that

$$k = \pm (j + \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow lu = j + \frac{1}{2} \quad \left( \text{which can be obtained by writing } \vec{j}^2 - \vec{L}^2 + \frac{1}{4} = \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L} + 1 \right)$$

$$ld = j \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

We also concluded that Parity is also a good symmetry here.

$|lu - ld| = 1 \Rightarrow u \& d$  have opposite parities. Therefore, the form of the eigenfrs has generalized spherical harmonics.

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_+(r) & y_{j, j-\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \\ i f_+(r) & y_{j, j+\frac{1}{2}}^{j_3} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{lu} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{+ve parity state}} \text{how did you conclude that?} \\ \xrightarrow{ld} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Psi_{\pm}(-\vec{x}) = \pm \Psi_{\pm}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \text{Parity eigenstates}$$

$$\text{We then showed that } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} y_{j, lu}^{j_3} = - y_{j, ld}^{j_3}$$

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Using this relation for  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}$ , we can write the following -

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = -i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x})^2 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}}{r} (-ir\partial_r + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L})$$

We can now use these operators to be applied on the Dirac eqn.

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} D = \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}}{r} (-ir\partial_r + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{L}) (if \gamma_{j,l_D}^{j_3}) D$$

$\downarrow$   
 $-(k+1)$

$$U, D \equiv \psi_{U,D}$$

Dirac eqn in 2-components

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \psi_D = (m+E-V) \psi_U \quad \text{Also, } \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x} \psi_U = -\psi_D$$

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \psi_U = (m+E-V) \psi_D$$

Plugging in and using  $\psi \sim \begin{cases} g \gamma_{j,l_U}^{j_3} & \rightarrow \psi_U \\ \text{if } \gamma_{j,l_D}^{j_3} & \rightarrow \psi_D \end{cases}$

$$-f'(r) - \frac{(k+1)}{r} f(r) = (E-V-m) g(r)$$

$$g'(r) - \frac{(k-1)}{r} g = (E-V+m) f(r)$$

Defining  $R = rf$  and  $G = rg$  gives

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F'(r) + \frac{k}{r} F = -(E-V(r)+m) G \\ G'(r) - \frac{k}{r} G = (E-V+m) F \end{array} \right.$$

} how did I write these?  
This makes no sens.

These DEs can be solved for any spherically symm.  
 $V(r)$  to get the Dirac wavefn's &  $H_D$  eigenvalues!

• For Hydrogenic atom,  $V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi r}$

$$\text{B.C. } \int \psi^+ \psi d^3x < \infty$$

If we define  $\alpha_1 = m + E$ ,  $\alpha_2 = E - m$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{ze^2}{4\pi}$

$$P = \sqrt{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} r$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial P} + \frac{k}{P} \right) F(P) - \left( \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}} - \frac{\gamma}{P} \right) G(P) = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial P} - \frac{k}{P} \right) G(P) - \left( \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2}} + \frac{\gamma}{P} \right) F(P) = 0$$

$$F(P) = e^{-P} P^s \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m P^m \quad \text{B.C.s} \Rightarrow \text{series should truncate.}$$

$$G(P) = e^{-P} P^s \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m P^m \quad \text{Frobenius ansatz}$$

Truncation  $\Rightarrow$  Eigenvalues  $E$  are discrete, which gives

$$E_{n',k} = \frac{me}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma^2 / (s+n')^2}}$$

$$s = \sqrt{k^2 - \gamma^2} = \sqrt{\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - z^2 \alpha_{EM}^2}$$

$$n' = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$E = m \left[ 1 + \frac{z^2 \alpha_{EM}^2}{\left(n' + \sqrt{\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - z^2 \alpha_{EM}^2}\right)} \right]^{1/2}$$

Define  $n = n' + \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{half integer. min. value } \frac{1}{2}}$   $\rightarrow$  integer principle q.no.

$$\therefore n \geq 1$$

Expanding in powers of  $\alpha_{EM} \approx 1/137$

$$E_{n,j} = me \left( 1 - \frac{z^2 \alpha_{EM}^2}{2n^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{z^4 \alpha^4}{n^3} \left( \frac{1}{1K} - \frac{3}{4n} \right) + G(\alpha^6) \right) + \dots$$

$\uparrow$  Rydberg term       $\uparrow$  relativistic corrections.

$$\frac{\alpha_{em}^2 M_e}{2} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2a_0} \quad a_0 = \text{Bohr radius} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{em}}$$

If we take  $\Delta H^{fs} = \left( -\frac{\vec{p}^4}{8m^3} - e \vec{\sigma} \cdot \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{p}}{4m^2} - \frac{e}{8m^2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \right)$

spin-orbit coupling  
Dirac term.  
 $\vec{E}$  electric field at location of the electron  $\vec{r}$ .

and then we solve for  $\langle \Delta H \rangle$  (first order perturbation correction)

then we get the same relativistic correction term as obtained by expanding in powers of  $\alpha_{em}$ .

Spectroscopic not<sup>n</sup>:  $n, l, m, j$

$$k = \pm(j + \frac{1}{2}) \leftrightarrow m_l = j \mp \frac{1}{2} \quad n \begin{pmatrix} s \\ p \\ d \\ f \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} j \downarrow \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

$j = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow l = 0, 1 \rightarrow ns_{1/2} \text{ or } np_{1/2} \Rightarrow \text{Degenerate states since } E = E(n, j)$

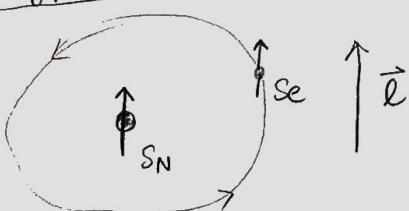
So,  $2p_{1/2}$  and  $2s_{1/2}$  are degenerate from Dirac theory. But actually,

$E_{s_{1/2}} - E_{p_{1/2}} \neq 0$ , and was actually measured in 1947, and is

known as Lamb shift  $\sim 1060 \text{ MHz}$ .

This splitting exists due to self energy + vacuum polarization corrections, which is properly done in the framework of QFT.

Hyperfine interactions.



$$\text{Total ang. mom. } \vec{F} = \vec{S}_e + \vec{S}_N \left( \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

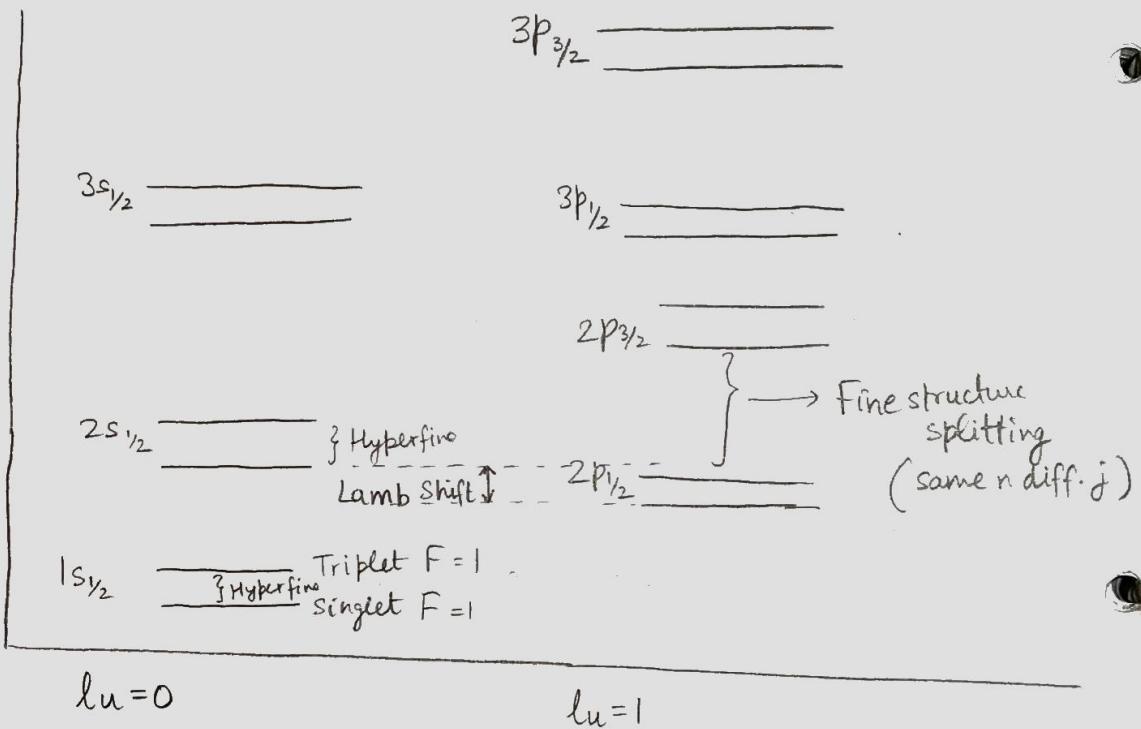
$\Rightarrow$  Total electronic + nuclear spin is 0 or 1.

$$\Delta H_{\text{hyperfine}} \sim \vec{\mu}_N \cdot \vec{\mu}_e \sim \vec{s}_N \cdot \vec{s}_e$$

$$\rightarrow \text{H atom orbitals split} \quad \Delta E_n \approx \alpha'' \left( \frac{m_e}{m_p} \right) \frac{m_e}{n^3}$$

whereas  $\Delta E_n^{\text{fine-structure}} \sim \frac{\alpha^2 m}{2n^3} \sim 5 \times 10^{-5} \times 10 \text{ eV} \sim 10^9 \text{ Hz}$

$$\frac{m_e}{m_p} = \frac{0.5}{938} \sim \frac{1}{1876} \sim 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow \Delta E_n^{\text{hyperfine}} \sim 10^9 \text{ Hz}$$



Fine-Structure > Hyperfine  $\approx$  Lamb Shift.

Propagators

&

Classical Field

Theory

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## Lecture - 22

(25-10-2021)

Green's functions for Partial Differential Equations:

Consider Poisson eq<sup>n</sup>.  $\nabla^2 \phi(\vec{x}) = -\rho(\vec{x})$

The central idea behind the Green's function is that if we knew how to solve for  $G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$  given

$$\nabla^2 G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = +\delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

then we can write the general sol<sup>n</sup> of  $\phi(\vec{x})$  for Poisson's eq<sup>n</sup> as

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \phi_0(\vec{x}) - \int d^3 \vec{x}' G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \rho(\vec{x}')$$

$\uparrow$   
 sol<sup>n</sup> of homogeneous  
 Laplace eq<sup>n</sup>  $\nabla^2 \phi_0(\vec{x}) = 0$

because action of  $\nabla^2$  on  $\phi$  now gives  $-\rho(\vec{x})$ .

In fact, whenever we have an operator  $M$  acting on vector  $V$  equal to

source  $J$  i.e.  $M V = J$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$        $\nearrow$   
 operator    vectors

null vector

then we can write the general sol<sup>n</sup>.  $V = V_0 + M^{-1} J$  • where  $MV_0 = 0$

Now, the object we are interested in finding is the Green's function -

$$\nabla^2 G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \equiv \nabla^2 G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

$\uparrow$   
 in ~~xx~~ space  
 (changing origin doesn't change anything)

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$$\text{Now } \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{q} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}}$$

If we Fourier transform  $G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')$  we get -

$$G(\vec{x} + \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{q} \tilde{G}(\vec{q}) e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{x}')}$$

$$\text{so, } \nabla^2 G = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{q} \tilde{G}(\vec{q}) \underbrace{\nabla^2 e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}}_{-\vec{q}^2} = \int \frac{d^3\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3} [-\tilde{G}(\vec{q}) \vec{q}^2] e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}}$$

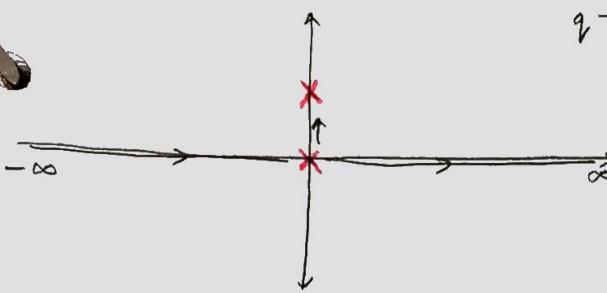
$$\text{Equating } \nabla^2 G = +\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{G}(\vec{q}) = -\frac{1}{|\vec{q}|^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now since } G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') &= G(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{|\vec{q}|^2}\right) e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{q} \cdot \frac{1}{|\vec{q}|^2} \cdot e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int d^3\vec{q} = \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_q \int_0^\pi d\theta_q \sin\theta_q \quad \text{take } \xi = \cos\theta \quad dq = -\sin\theta d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow G(\vec{r}) &= -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot (2\pi) \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \frac{e^{i\vec{q} \cdot |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \cos\theta}}{|\vec{q}|^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \int_{-1}^1 d\xi \underbrace{\frac{e^{iqr \xi}}{q^2}}_{\xrightarrow{\xi = \cos\theta} \frac{e^{iqr \xi} - e^{-iqr \xi}}{iqr}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2 r} \int_0^\infty \frac{2 \sin(qr)}{qr} dq = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2 r} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin qr}{q} dq \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2 r} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dq \frac{\sin qr}{q} \end{aligned}$$



$$q \rightarrow q - i\epsilon$$

Shift the pole & now do the contour integral over the real axis.

However, in this case, we can get away without doing the calculation since

we knew that  $\nabla^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r} = -\delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow G(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|}$

potential at  $\vec{x}$  of a unit charge at  $\vec{x}'$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\vec{x}) = \phi_0(\vec{x}) + \int d^3\vec{x}' \frac{\rho(\vec{x}')}{4\pi|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} \rightarrow dQ(\vec{x}')$$

This was the sol'n of Green function for Poisson's eqn. We can consider other eqns as well-

Wave eqn:  $\square \vec{A} \equiv (\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2) \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{j}(\vec{x}, t)$

Klein-Gordon:  $(\square + m^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0$

Dirac eqn:  $(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta(x) = 0$

Schrödinger type eqn:  $(i\partial_t - H)|\psi\rangle = 0$

Let's start by now finding the Green f'n for K-G eqn

$$(\square + m^2) G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -\delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$-\delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 p \ e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \quad \text{Eqn.(a)}$$

↑  $p_0(t-t') - \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$

Again writing down the F.T. of the Green function  $G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$  (4)

$$G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 p \tilde{G}(p) e^{ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}}$$

$$\square = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu = \partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2 - \partial_z^2$$

$$\text{then } \square e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu (e^{-ip \cdot \underline{x}}) = \underbrace{-p_\mu p^\mu}_{p^2} e^{-ip \cdot \underline{x}}$$

$$\text{So, } \square G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \frac{-1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 p \tilde{G}(p) p^2 e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \quad \text{Eqn.(b)}$$

Equating  $(\square + m^2)G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -\delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$  from (a) & (b)

$$\Rightarrow (-p^2 + m^2) \tilde{G}(p) = -1 \Rightarrow \tilde{G}(p) = \frac{1}{p_0^2 - E_p^2}$$

$$\text{So, } G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} e^{-i(p_0(t-t') - \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}'))} \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{No one said it's momentum yet.} \\ \longrightarrow (p_0 - E_p)(p_0 + E_p)}]{\substack{\text{Remember that } p \text{ is just a dummy.}}} \frac{1}{p_0^2 - E_p^2}$$

Integrand of  $p_0$  integral has poles at  $p_0 = \pm E_p$ !

We need to specify a rule to make  $p_0$  integral well defined. Different rules yield Green's fns obeying different boundary conditions appropriate to different situations.

Rule: prescription to move poles off the IR axis

Some of the BCs that arise are -

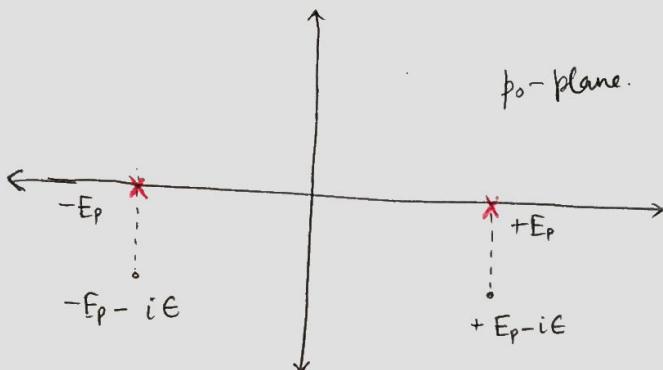
- retarded boundary conditions.
- Feynman boundary conditions.

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## Retarded Boundary conditions (causal boundary conditions)

Start by complexifying the variable  $p_0$ .  $p_0 \in \mathbb{C}$

$$G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i(p_0 t - t') - \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}}{p_0^2 - E_p^2}$$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{p_0^2 - E_p^2} \rightarrow \text{poles at } p_0 = \pm E_p$$

If we shift poles from  $\pm E_p \rightarrow \pm E_p - i\epsilon$

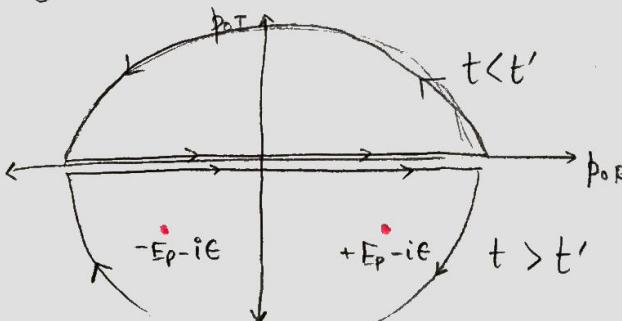
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{(p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon))(p_0 - (-E_p - i\epsilon))}$$

Now since  $p_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p_0 = p_{0R} + ip_{0I} \Rightarrow e^{-ip_0(t-t')} = e^{-ip_{0R}(t-t')} e^{ip_{0I}(t-t')}$

For  $t > t'$ , this function damps out at infinities in the lower half.

For  $t < t'$ , this function damps out at infinities in the upper half.

Corresponding to both these cases, we can choose closed contours



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As a result, for  $t < t'$   $\oint_{\text{upper half}} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{p_0^2 - E_p^2} = 0 \rightarrow$  no part dependent on  $t < t'$

and for the case  $t > t'$ ,  $\oint_{\text{lower half}} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{p_0^2 - E_p^2} = -2\pi i \left[ \underset{\text{clockwise}}{\text{Res}}(f(E_p - i\epsilon)) + \text{Res}(f(E_p + i\epsilon)) \right] \Theta(t-t')$

\* For a pole at  $p_0 = P$ , the  $\text{Res}(f(P))$  is the coefficient factor of  $\frac{1}{p_0 - P}$  evaluated at  $p_0 = P$ .

$$\frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{(p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon))(p_0 + (E_p + i\epsilon))} = \frac{1}{2E_p} \left[ \frac{1}{p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon)} - \frac{1}{p_0 - (-E_p + i\epsilon)} \right] e^{-ip_0(t-t')} \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$\text{Res}(E_p - i\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2E_p} \cdot \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{2\pi} \Big|_{p_0 = E_p - i\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2E_p} \frac{e^{-iE_p(t-t')}}{2\pi}$$

$$\text{Res}(E_p + i\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2E_p} \cdot \frac{(-1) \cdot e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{2\pi} \Big|_{p_0 = -E_p + i\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2E_p} \frac{e^{iE_p(t-t')}}{2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{(p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon))(p_0 + (E_p + i\epsilon))} = \frac{i}{2E_p} (e^{iE_p(t-t')} - e^{-iE_p(t-t')}) \Theta(t-t')$$

$$\Rightarrow G_R(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -\frac{i}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} (e^{-iE_p(t-t')} - e^{iE_p(t-t')}) \Theta(t-t')$$

Feynman Boundary conditions.

$$\tilde{G}_F(p) = \tilde{\Delta}_F(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} \xrightarrow[\text{Feynman prescription}]{\quad} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon'}$$

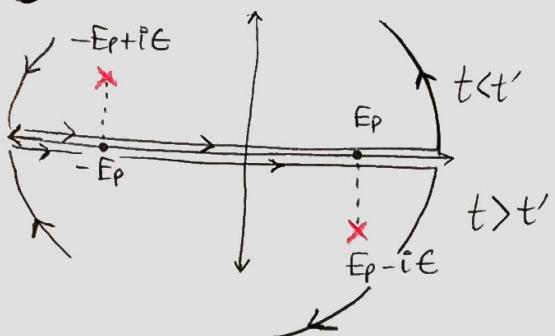
$$\epsilon' = 2E_p \epsilon$$

small  $\rightarrow 0$  at end of calc.

$$p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon = p_0^2 - E_p^2 + i\epsilon'$$

$$= p_0^2 - (E_p^2 - 2iE_p\epsilon) = p_0^2 - (E_p - i\epsilon)^2 + e^{2i\theta}$$

$$\text{So, } p_0^2 - E_p^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Feynman}} p_0^2 - (E_p - i\epsilon)^2 \Rightarrow \text{Poles at } p_0 = \pm(E_p - i\epsilon)$$



so, both semi-circles now enclose a pole.

$$\frac{1}{(p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon))(p_0 - (-E_p + i\epsilon))} = \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( \frac{1}{p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon)} - \frac{1}{p_0 - (-E_p + i\epsilon)} \right)$$

$$\text{so, } G_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( \frac{1}{p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon)} - \frac{1}{p_0 + (E_p - i\epsilon)} \right) e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x}' - \underline{x}')}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( \frac{1}{p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon)} - \frac{1}{p_0 + (E_p - i\epsilon)} \right) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} = \begin{cases} \oint dp_0 & \text{upper half} \\ \int_{\text{lower half}} dp_0 & \text{lower half} \end{cases} + \int_{t < t'} dp_0$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ -\Theta(t - t') \operatorname{Res}(f(E_p - i\epsilon)) + \Theta(t' - t) \operatorname{Res}(f(-E_p + i\epsilon)) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2\pi i}{2\pi} \left[ \Theta(t' - t) \frac{e^{+iE_p(t-t')}}{-2E_p} - \Theta(t - t') \frac{e^{-iE_p(t-t')}}{2E_p} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2E_p} \left[ e^{iE_p(t-t')} \Theta(t' - t) + e^{-iE_p(t-t')} \Theta(t - t') \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_p} e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \left[ e^{-iE_p(t-t')} \Theta(t-t') + e^{iE_p(t-t')} \Theta(t'-t) \right]}$$

Doing  $\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$  on the 2nd term

$$\int \int \int d^3 \vec{p} \rightarrow (-)^6 \int \int \int d^3 \vec{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta_F = \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_p} \left[ e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t-t') + e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t'-t) \right]}$$

Lecture-23

(26-10-2021)

Propagator for the Dirac eqn:

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta(\underline{x}) = j_\alpha(\underline{x})$$

The Green's function  $S(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$  for this eqn should satisfy -

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} S_{\beta\gamma}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta^{(4)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

If we can find such a  $S_{\beta\gamma}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$ , then given

$$\psi_\alpha = \underline{\psi}_\alpha^{(0)}(\underline{x}) + \int d^4\underline{x}' S_{\alpha\beta}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') j_\beta(\underline{x}')$$

$$\Rightarrow (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta(\underline{x}) = (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} \underline{\psi}_\beta^{(0)}(\underline{x}) + \underbrace{\int d^4\underline{x}' \underbrace{(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} S_{\beta\gamma}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}_{j_\gamma(\underline{x}')}}_{\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} = j_\alpha(\underline{x})$$

Let's now find  $S(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$  satisfying

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)_{\alpha\beta} S_{\beta\gamma}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta^{(4)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$S(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int d^4 p \frac{e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{S}(p) \xrightarrow{\text{matrix}}$$

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) S(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int d^4 p \frac{(i\gamma^\mu (-ip_\mu) - m)}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{S}(p) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} (\gamma \cdot p - m) \tilde{S}(p) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \quad \text{Eqn (a)}$$

On the RHS  $\delta^{(4)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix}}}{S} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ (\epsilon \equiv 1)}}{1} e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \quad \text{Eqn (b)}$

Equating (a) and (b), we get

$$(8\cdot p - m) \tilde{S}(p) = 1$$

Multiplying both sides by  $(p+m)$ , we get

$$(p+m)(p-m) \tilde{S}(p) = (p+m)$$

$$(p^2 - m^2) \tilde{S}(p) = (p+m) \Rightarrow \tilde{S}_{\alpha\beta}(p) = \frac{(p+m)_{\alpha\beta}}{p^2 - m^2} \equiv \left( \frac{1}{p-m} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

↑  
exact form.  
↑  
shorthand.

$$\mathcal{E}_{\alpha\beta}^{(F)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(p+m)_{\alpha\beta}}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}}$$

↑ Feynman prescription

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = (i \not{p}_\alpha + m) \Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

↑ poles at  $\pm E_p$

$\Delta_F$  here is the Klein-Gordon Green's function for Feynman B.C.S.

$$= (i \not{p} + m) \left( \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_p} \left[ e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t - t') + e^{ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t' - t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_p} (p+m) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t - t') - \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_p} (p-m) e^{ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Theta(t' - t) \right] = S_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

Propagator for Non-relativistic Schrödinger eqn. (NR scattering theory)

$$i \partial_t \psi(\vec{x}, t) = \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V(\vec{x}) \right) \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

Introduce a causal / retarded Green's function

$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{x}' i G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}', t, t') \psi(\vec{x}', t') \quad \text{for } t > t'$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(t-t') \psi(\underline{x}) = \int d^3\vec{x}' i G(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \psi(\underline{x}')$$

where  $G(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = 0$   
for  $t < t'$

$$(i\partial_t - H)(\Theta(t-t') \psi(\underline{x}))$$

$$(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V)$$

$$= i\partial_t \Theta(t-t') \psi(\vec{x}, t) + \Theta(t-t') i\partial_t \psi(\vec{x}, t) - \Theta(t-t') H \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$= i\partial_t \Theta(t-t') \psi(\vec{x}, t) + \Theta(t-t') \underbrace{(i\partial_t - H) \psi(\vec{x}, t)}_{!!}$$

$$= i\delta(t-t') \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\therefore (i\partial_t - H) \int d^3\vec{x}' i G(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \psi(\underline{x}', t) = i\delta(t-t') \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow (i\partial_t - H) G(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \underline{\delta^{(4)}(\underline{x}-\underline{x}')}}$$

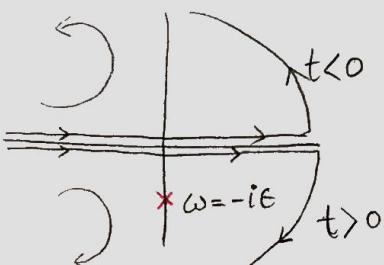
Math aside:

Heaviside step fn

$$\Theta(t) = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{\omega + i\epsilon} d\omega$$

↑ pole at  $\omega = -i\epsilon$

goes to 0 at end



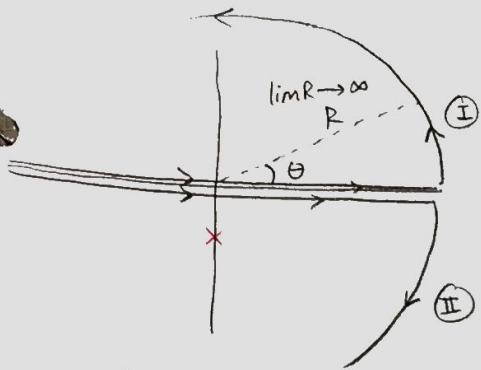
$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} (-2\pi i) \text{Res}(f(i\epsilon))$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} e^{-\epsilon t}$$

↓ how?

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{To evaluate } \Theta(t=0), \quad \Theta(0) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega + i\epsilon}$$



$$\oint_I \frac{dw}{w+i\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x+i\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{\pi} iR e^{i\theta} d\theta = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{w+i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{w+i\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now the curve I doesn't enclose any poles so -

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= Re^{i\theta} \\ \frac{d\omega}{\omega} &= iRe^{i\theta} d\theta \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\omega}{\omega} &= id\theta\end{aligned}$$

This can also be done using the contour II

Using this defn of  $\langle H(t) \rangle$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle H(t) \rangle = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{w+i\epsilon} \partial_t e^{-iwt} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw e^{-iwt} = \delta(t)$$

As before we define  $G_0(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{G}_0(p) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x}-\underline{x}')}}$

free case  $V(x)=0$

$$\left(i\partial_t - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m}\right) G_0(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \left(p_0 - \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}\right) \tilde{G}_0(p) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x}-\underline{x}')}}$$

$$\text{But } \left(i\partial_t - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m}\right) G_0(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \stackrel{!}{=} \delta^4(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{G}_0(p) e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x}-\underline{x}')}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{G}_0(p) = \frac{1}{p_0 - \vec{p}^2/2m}$$

$\vec{p}$  pole at  $p_0 = \vec{p}^2/2m$ .

We want  $G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \sim \Theta(t - t')$  for causal boundaries. So, by adding  $+i\epsilon$  to denominator of  $\tilde{G}_0(p)$  allows integration like we did for the Heaviside fn.

$$\text{We have } G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp_0}{p_0 - \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + i\epsilon} e^{-ip_0(t-t')} \cdot \frac{1}{(2\pi)}$$

$$\text{define } p'_0 = p_0 - \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \Rightarrow dp'_0 = dp_0 \quad \text{and } e^{-ip_0(t-t')} = e^{-ip'_0(t-t')} e^{-i\vec{p}^2/2m(t-t')}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_0 \left( \right) = e^{-i\vec{p}^2/2m(t-t')} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{dp'_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ip_0(t-t')}}{p'_0 + i\epsilon}}_{-i\Theta(t-t')}$$

$$\therefore G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -i \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \Theta(t-t') \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} e^{-i\vec{p}^2/2m(t-t')}$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i[\vec{p}^2/2m(t-t') - \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')]}$$

$$= \left( \frac{m}{2\pi(t-t')} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left( \frac{i(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2 m}{2(t-t')} \right)$$

Procedure to do this integral?

# Lecture-24 (PROPAGATOR THEORY)

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Schrödinger propagator.

$$\left( i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \right) G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta^u(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$\Rightarrow G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -i\Theta(t-t') \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}')} \Big|_{p^0 = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} - i\epsilon}$$

$$= -i\Theta(t-t') \left[ \left( \frac{m}{2\pi i(t-t')} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left( \frac{i(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')^2 m}{2(t-t')} \right) \right]$$

It is important to note that the Green's fns also have a form where they can be written in terms of the normalized eigenfs of the operator for which the Green's fn is evaluated. Here the operator is  $(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m})$

$$G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = -i\Theta(t-t') \int d^3 \vec{p} \phi_{\vec{p}}(\vec{x}, t) \phi_{\vec{p}}^*(\vec{x}', t')$$

$$\phi_{\vec{p}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \quad \rightarrow \text{eigenfs of the Hamiltonian}$$

with  $p_0 = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m}$

$$(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m}) \phi_{\vec{p}}(\underline{x}) = 0$$

Completeness relation:

$$\int d^3 \vec{p} \phi_{\vec{p}}(\vec{x}, t) \phi_{\vec{p}}^*(\vec{x}', t') = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

In general,  $G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \int_n \Theta(t-t') \psi_n(\underline{x}) \psi_n^*(\underline{x}')$

Introducing interactions.  $H_0 \longrightarrow H = H_0 + V(\vec{x})$

$$(i\partial_t - H) G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta^u(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

full Green fn.

$$\Rightarrow (i\partial_t - H_0) G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta^u(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + V(\vec{x}) G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

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Now in the eqn  $(i\partial_t - H_0) G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \underbrace{\delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')}_{P(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')} + V(\underline{x}) G(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')$

Now, for the above eqn, we need to solve for the  $G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$ . The Green's function of the operator  $(i\partial_t - H_0)$  is  $\tilde{G}(\underline{x}, \underline{x}') = G_0(\underline{x}, \underline{x}')$ , so -

$$G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \phi_0(\underline{x}) + \int d^4 \underline{x}'' \underbrace{\tilde{G}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'')}_{G_0} P(\underline{x}'', \underline{x}')$$

$$= \phi_0(\underline{x}) + \int d^4 \underline{x}'' \left[ G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'') \delta^4(\underline{x}'' - \underline{x}') + G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'') V(\underline{x}'') G(\underline{x}'' - \underline{x}') \right]$$

$$= \phi_0(\underline{x}) + G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}'' G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'') V(\underline{x}'') G(\underline{x}'' - \underline{x}')$$

$\uparrow$   
homogeneous soln.

but we can set = 0

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}'' G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}'') V(\underline{x}'') G(\underline{x}'' - \underline{x}')}}$$

Through iteration, we can write the above equation as -

$$G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \left[ G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}') \right. \\ \left. + \int d^4 \underline{x}_2 G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2) V(\underline{x}_2) G(\underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}') \right]$$

$$= G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}')$$

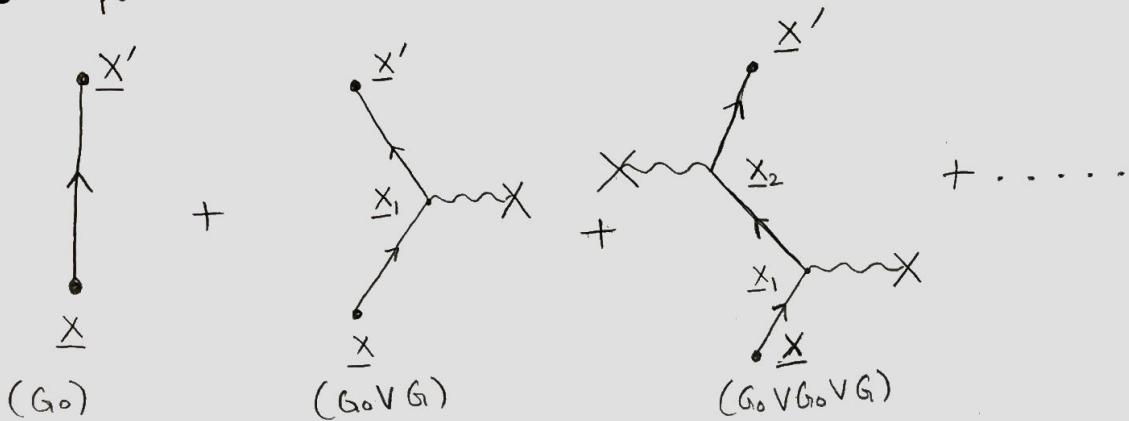
$$+ \int \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 d^4 \underline{x}_2 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2) V(\underline{x}_2) G(\underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}')$$

$\uparrow$   
put  $G$  into this again.  
Keep iterating!

$$G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \underline{x}' \\ \uparrow \\ \bullet \quad \underline{x} \end{array}, \quad V(\underline{x}_i) = \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line} \\ \underline{x}_i \end{array}$$

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So, this perturbation series expansion (done via iteration) can be represented as



The earlier iteration process can be written clearly as follows -

$$G = G_0 + G_0 V G^{\leftarrow}$$

$$G = G_0 + G_0 V (G_0 + G_0 V G)$$

$$= G_0 + G_0 V G_0 + G_0 V G_0 V (G_0 + G_0 V G)$$

$$= G_0 + G_0 V G_0 + G_0 V G_0 V G_0 + G_0 V G_0 V G_0 V G_0 + \dots$$

### Non-relativistic Scattering:

Let's say we start with a wave-packet  $\phi_i(\vec{x}', t')$  at  $t' \rightarrow -\infty$ .

Then we evaluate the wave at a later time using the propagator -

$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) = \lim_{t' \rightarrow -\infty} i \int d^3 \vec{x}' G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \phi_i(\vec{x}', t')$$

$$\text{Using } G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) G(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}')$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \psi(\vec{x}, t) &= \lim_{t' \rightarrow -\infty} i \int d^3 \vec{x}' \left[ G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \phi_i(\underline{x}') + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) G(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}') \phi_i(\underline{x}_1) \right] \\ &= \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \int d^3 \vec{x}' G(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}') \phi_i(\underline{x}') \end{aligned}$$

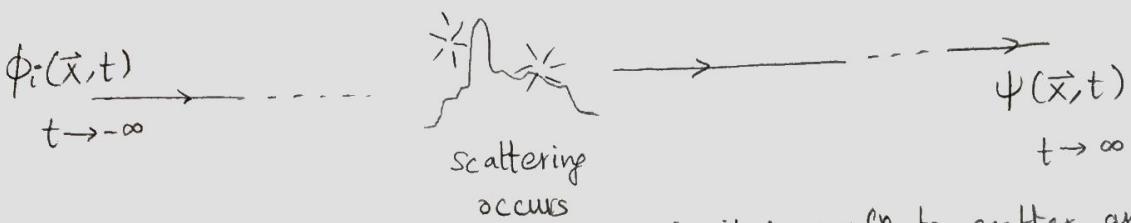
$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \psi(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$$

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$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4x_1 G_0(x - x_1) V(x_1) \psi(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$$

↓ free particle propagation      ↑ scattered propagation.

Notice that we actually haven't solved anything.  $\psi(\vec{x}_i, t_i)$  is as good an unknown as  $G(\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}')$  was.



We are interested in finding the amplitude of initial wavefn to scatter and reach the final wavefn. To do that, we need to consider an overlap of time developed free wavefn with the final state that we expect it to be in.

S-matrix

S-matrix  
 S-matrix theory provides us with the formalism to go from  $\phi_i(\vec{x}', t') \Big|_{t' \rightarrow \infty}$   
 to  $\phi_f(\vec{x}, t) \Big|_{t \rightarrow +\infty}$ .

The S-matrix element is defined as follows -

$$S_{fi} = \langle f | i \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int d^3\vec{x} \phi_f^*(\vec{x}, t) \psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}, t)$$

$\phi_f(\vec{x}, t)$  is the final free particle state attained after scattering.

$\psi_f(\vec{x}, t)$  is the final free part.  
 $\psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}, t)$  is the initial time developed free wavefn which scatters with the potential. (+) denotes forward moving direction.

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$$\text{Now } \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}, t) = \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{fi} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int d^3 \vec{x} \underbrace{\phi_f^*(\vec{x}, t) [\phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}_1, t_1)]}_{\langle \phi_f | \phi_i \rangle} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i)}_{S_{fi}} + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 \int d^3 \vec{x} \phi_f^*(\vec{x}, t) G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}) \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \end{aligned}$$

Now  $i \int d^3 \vec{x} G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) \phi_f^*(\vec{x}, t) \equiv \phi_f^*(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$  since  $G_0$  is the propagator of free states.

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3 \vec{x} \phi_f^*(\vec{x}, t) G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) = -i \phi_f^*(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$$

$$\text{So, } S_{fi} = S_{fi} - i \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 \phi_f^*(\vec{x}_1, t_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}_1, t_1)$$

↑ what about this?

The expansion of  $\Psi_i^{(+)}$  also mimics the expansion of  $G(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$ , and is as follows-

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}, t) &= \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \left[ \phi_i(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int d^4 \underline{x}_2 G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2) V(\underline{x}_2) \Psi_i^{(+)}(\vec{x}_2, t_2) \right] \\ &= \phi_i(\vec{x}, t) + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) \phi_i(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \\ &\quad + \int d^4 \underline{x}_1 d^4 \underline{x}_2 G_0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_1) V(\underline{x}_1) G_0(\underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_2) V(\underline{x}_2) \phi_i(\vec{x}_2, t_2) \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

### Dirac Theory case

- Free Dirac propagator:  $(i\cancel{D} - m) S_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$   
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 Green's fn for Dirac particle (free)

$$\Rightarrow S_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = (i\cancel{D} + m) \Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{im}{2E_p} \left[ \Theta(t-t') \Lambda_+(\vec{p}) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x}-\underline{x}')} + \Theta(t'-t) \Lambda_-(\vec{p}) e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x}-\underline{x}')} \right]$$

$$= S_F^{(+)} + S_F^{(-)}$$

↑                      ↑  
 propagates      propagates -ve energy  
 +ve energy sol's      sol'n's backward in  
 forward in time.      time.

- Interacting case (QED):  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu + iq_e A_\mu$

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m + e A_\mu \gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} S_{\gamma\beta}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta^{(4)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

↑                      ↑  
 potential      full Dirac propagator  
 term

$$\text{We know that } S_F^0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = (i\cancel{D} + m) \Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

So, repeating the same steps-

↓  
potential term like in  
NR-scattering

$$S_F(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') = S_F^0(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + e \int d^4 y \ S_F^0(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \mathcal{A}(\underline{y}) S_F(\underline{y} - \underline{x}')$$

$$= S_F^{(0)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') + e \int d^4 y \ S_F^{(0)}(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \mathcal{A}(\underline{y}) S_F^{(0)}(\underline{y} - \underline{x}')$$

$$+ e^2 \int d^4 y' \ S_F^{(0)}(\underline{y} - \underline{y}') \mathcal{A}(\underline{y}') S_F^{(0)}(\underline{y}' - \underline{x}')$$

+ ... . . .

$$\text{So, } S_F = S_F^{(0)} + e S_F^{(0)} \mathcal{A} S_F^{(0)} + e^2 S_F^{(0)} \mathcal{A} S_F^{(0)} \mathcal{A} S_F^{(0)} + \dots$$

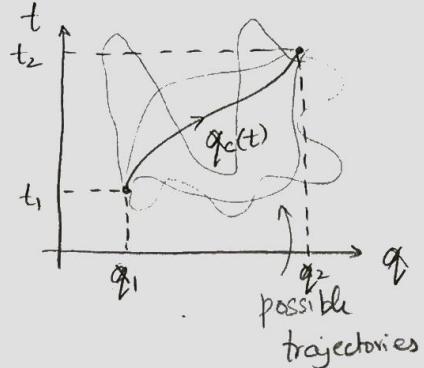
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Lagrangian formalism.

2nd order eqns of motion have a  $L \equiv L(q_i(t), \dot{q}_i(t))$ . Since we consider autonomous systems, we don't have explicit t dependence.

$$S = \int_{\textcircled{1}}^{\textcircled{2}} dt L(q_i(t), \dot{q}_i(t))$$

We fix  $q_i(t_1) = q_{i1}$  and  $q_i(t_2) = q_{i2}$ .



The principle of extremal action:

The trajectory b/w ① & ② is the path  $q_c(t)$  such for small variations of  $\delta q(t)$ ,  $\delta S[q_c(t)] = 0$ .

$$\text{so, } q(t) = q_c(t) + \delta q(t) \xrightarrow{\text{arbitrary}}$$

$$\delta S[q(t)] = \int_{\textcircled{1}}^{\textcircled{2}} dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right)$$

$\downarrow \frac{d \delta q(t)}{dt}$

$$= \int_{\textcircled{1}}^{\textcircled{2}} dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q + \int_{\textcircled{1}}^{\textcircled{2}} dt \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \Big|_{\textcircled{1}}}$$

So, for  $\delta S[q(t)] = 0$ , then  $q$  must satisfy -

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = 0}$$

Euler-Lagrange eqns.

since by defn  
 $\delta q(t_1) = \delta q(t_2) = 0$

### Noether's Theorem:

Noether's Theorem: For every continuous invariance of the Lagrangian, there exists an associated constant of motion.

### (1) Time translation invariance

- translation invariance  
 $t \rightarrow t' = t + a$  → This is a symmetry of autonomous Lagrangians.

$$q'(t') = q(t) = q'(t+8t) \quad \text{because any 'a' works.}$$

$$q'(t + \delta t) = q'(t) + \delta t \cdot \dot{q}'(t) + O(\delta t^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8g(t) = g'(t) - g(t) = -8t \quad \ddot{g}(t)$$

Now, if the Lagrangian is invariant under this transformation, then

$$L'(t+st) = L'(t) + st \frac{dL'}{dt} + O(st^2) = L(t)$$

$\approx \frac{dL}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta L \equiv L'(t) - L(t) = -8t \frac{dL'}{dt}$$

since  $L'(t) = L(t)$  for a continuous time symmetry,  $\delta L = 0$

$$EL = -8t \frac{dL}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt}(L 8t)$$

but we also know that  $\delta L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} + \cancel{\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \delta t}$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) q + \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) q \right]_{\ddot{q}} - \text{ext } \dot{q}(t)$$

$$= - \frac{d}{dt} \left( 8t \dot{q}(t) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right)$$

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$$\text{So, } -\frac{d}{dt} \left( \delta t \dot{q}(t) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = -\frac{d}{dt} (L \delta t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q}(t) - L \right) \delta t = 0$$

↑  
arbitrary

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q}(t) - L \right) = p \dot{q} - L \text{ is a conserved quantity!}$$

↑  
CONSERVATION OF ENERGY FOR AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS.

(2) let's now work and see what happens with translation invariance

$$q_{(t)} \rightarrow q'_{(t)} = q_{(t)} + b \quad L = L(q, \dot{q})$$

If  $L(q(t)) = L(q'(t))$  i.e.  $q \rightarrow q'$  is a symmetry of the Lagrangian, then we can say  $\delta L = 0$

$$\delta L = \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \right] \delta q + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right)$$

In this case  $\delta q(t) = q'(t) - q(t) = b \rightarrow b$  is a continuous parameter

so, on a trajectory that satisfies  $E-L$ ,  $\partial_t L - D_t (\partial_{\dot{q}} L) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \delta L = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \cdot a \right) = a \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = 0$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = p$  is defined as the canonical momentum, so

$$\frac{d}{dt} p = 0 \Rightarrow \text{momentum conservation}$$

$\therefore \text{Translation invariance} \Rightarrow \text{momentum conservation.}$

## (3) Rotation symmetry.

Say we have several  $q_i$  &  $q_i \rightarrow q'_i = O_{ij} q_j$  where

$$O^T = O^{-1} \Rightarrow \sum_i q_i^2 = \sum_i q'_i^2 = 1$$

So, we can write  $O = e^\omega$  where  $\omega^T = -\omega$

$$\Rightarrow O_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{A.S.}}}{\omega_{ij}} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

$$\text{so, } \delta q_i = \omega_{ij} q_j$$

Rotational invariance  $\Rightarrow L(q'(t)) = L(q(t))$

$$\text{Now again } \delta L = \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) \right] \delta q_i + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \delta q_i \right]}_0$$

If E-L eqns are satisfied by  $q_i(t)$ , then  $\delta L = 0$

$$\text{so, } \delta L = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \omega^i_j q^j \right) = 0$$

arbitrarily small A-S.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, } \omega^i_j \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \dot{q}^j &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \omega^i_j \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} q^j + \omega^j_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} q^i \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \omega^i_j \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} q^j - \omega^j_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} q^i \right] = \frac{\omega_{ij}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}^i} q^j \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta L = \frac{\omega^i_j}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}^i} q^j \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}^i} q^j \equiv L_{ji} \text{ is constant.}$$

But what is  $L_{ji}$ ?

In 3D -

$$L_{ij} = q_i p_j - p_i q_j$$

$$\text{If we define } L_k = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{kij} L_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{kij} (q_i p_j - p_i q_j) \\ = (\vec{q} \times \vec{p})_k$$

↑ ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Hence, rotational symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  ANG. MOM<sup>N</sup>. conservation.

### Classical Field Theory. (relativistic)

require the action to be Lorentz invariant.

$$S = \int dt L \quad \text{in classical mechanics.}$$

However, we see an issue b/c integral is only over  $dt$  and not  $d^3\vec{x}$ , so this discriminates b/w space & time. So, we should integrate over  $d^4\vec{x}$ .

In going from particles  $\rightarrow$  fields, we replace -

$$q_i(t) \longrightarrow \phi_i(\vec{x}, t)$$

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both space & time  
derivatives.  
so, it treats them on  
same footing

$$L(q, \dot{q}) \longrightarrow$$

$$L = L(\phi(\vec{x}, t), \dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \vec{\nabla}\phi(\vec{x}, t))$$

$$S = \int d^4x \quad L \longrightarrow \text{Lagrangian density}$$

where  
 $d^4x' = d^4x$

$$S = \int dt L(q, \dot{q})$$

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu$$

So, we get the following for fields -

$$S = \int d^4x \quad L(\phi(x), \partial_\mu \phi(x))$$

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So, to get the eq's of motion for fields, we look at the extremal action principle here.

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{with } \phi_i(\vec{x}) \text{ and } \phi_f(\vec{x}) \text{ held fixed.}$$

$$\delta S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} \delta \phi + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi) \right)$$

$$= \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) \right) \delta \phi + \underbrace{\int d^4x \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta \phi \right)}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta \phi \right|_{\text{S.t.}} = 0$$

$$\text{For } \delta S = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  We get the E-L equations

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_r} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_r)} \right) = 0}$$

Example -

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\phi}^2 - (\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2) - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = -m^2 \phi \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} = \partial^\mu \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow -m^2 \phi - \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2) \phi = 0 \rightarrow \text{K.G. equation.}$$

$$\text{If we add a pot^n to } L \text{ i.e. } L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 - V(\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2) \phi_i = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i}} \rightarrow \text{K.G. eq^n for a potential.}$$

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Math aside:

$$\delta F [\phi, \vec{\nabla}\phi, \varphi, \dots] = \int d^3\vec{x} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} \delta\phi + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \vec{\nabla}\phi} \delta(\vec{\nabla}\phi) + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \varphi} \delta(\varphi) + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \dots} \delta(\dots) + \dots$$

$$\delta f (\phi, \vec{\nabla}\phi, \varphi, \dots) = \int d^3\vec{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \delta\phi + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{\nabla}\phi} \delta(\vec{\nabla}\phi) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \delta(\varphi) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dots} \delta(\dots) + \dots$$

$$\frac{\delta F}{\delta p(\vec{r})} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{\nabla} p}$$

Classical Field Theory:

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi) \xrightarrow{\text{Principle of least action}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right)$$

Action S has dimensions of  $\text{hr.}$  ( $\hbar=1$ )

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$$

 $[ ] \equiv \text{mass dim}^n$ 

$[S]=0, [d^4x]=-4 \Rightarrow [\mathcal{L}] = +4$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{m^2\phi^2}{2!} - g\frac{\phi^3}{3!} - \lambda\frac{\phi^4}{4!} - \sum_n \lambda^{(n)} \frac{\phi^n}{n!}$$

	<u>Length dim<sup>n</sup></u>	<u>Mass dim<sup>n</sup></u>
$[\partial/\partial x^\mu]$	-1	+1
$[\mathcal{L}]$	-4	+4
$[\phi]$	-1	+1
$m, g$	-1	+1
$\lambda$	0	0
$\lambda^{(n)}$	$n-4$	$4-n$

In general, in d-dim's,

$$[d^d \underline{x}] = -d \quad [\mathcal{L}] = +d$$

$$[\mathcal{L}] = [(\partial\phi)^2] = +d \Rightarrow [\partial\phi] = \frac{d}{2} \Rightarrow [\phi]_d = \frac{d}{2} - 1$$

since  $[\partial] = +1$

$$[\phi]_3 = \frac{1}{2} \quad [\phi]_2 = 0$$

### Functional derivatives

If we have independent variables  $\underline{z}^A$ , then  $\frac{\partial \underline{z}^A}{\partial z^B} = \delta_B^A$ .

In CFT,  $\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi(\underline{x})$ , we view the value of  $\phi$  at each  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  as an independent degree of freedom.

( $\vec{x}$  is like a label analogue, so  $\forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$ ,  $\phi(\vec{x}, t_0)$  is an infinite no. of independent variables.)

$$\frac{\partial q_i(t)}{\partial q_j(t)} = \delta_i^j \quad \xrightarrow{\text{as } N \rightarrow \infty} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\delta \phi(\underline{x})}{\delta \phi(\underline{y})} = \delta^{(d)}(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = \delta^{(d-1)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})}$$

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labels  
as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\pi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \longrightarrow \text{momentum density field} = \dot{\phi} \text{ (conservative fields).}$$

In Hamiltonian field theory, we also consider the momentum densities to also be independent variables satisfying -

$$\boxed{\frac{\delta \pi(\underline{x})}{\delta \pi(\underline{x}')}} = \delta^{(d)}(\underline{x} - \underline{x}')$$

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$\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})}$  functional derivative is defined to possess analogs of the standard partial derivatives, such as Liebniz rule, chain rule etc.

$$\text{So, } \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})} [O_1(y) O_2(z)] = \frac{\delta O_1(y)}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})} O_2(z) + O_1(y) \frac{\delta O_2(z)}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})}$$

- $$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(\underline{x}') } = \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\underline{x}')} \int d^4 \underline{x} \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

*how valid is this step?*

$$= \int d^4 \underline{x} \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \frac{\partial^\mu (\delta/\delta \phi(\underline{x}))}{\delta \phi(\underline{x}')} - V'(\phi(\underline{x})) \frac{\delta \phi(\underline{x})}{\delta \phi(\underline{x}')} \right]$$

$$= \int d^4 \underline{x} \left[ \partial_\mu \phi \frac{\partial^\mu (\delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}'))}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})} - V'(\phi(\underline{x})) \delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \right]$$

$$= \left. \partial_\mu \phi \delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \right|_{\partial C} - \left( \int d^4 \underline{x} \delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi + V'(\phi(\underline{x})) \delta'(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \right)$$

$$= \int d^4 \underline{x} \delta^4(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') \left[ - \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi - V'(\phi(\underline{x})) \right] = 0 \quad (\text{for the classical path})$$

$$\Rightarrow \square \phi = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

- What if we take functional derivative of  $S$  w.r.t.  $\dot{\phi}$

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \dot{\phi}(\underline{x})} = \frac{\delta}{\delta \dot{\phi}} \int d^4 \underline{x}' \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - (\vec{\nabla}' \phi)^2 - V(\phi(\underline{x}')) \right)$$

$$= \int d^4 \underline{x}' \left( 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi} \delta(\underline{x}'-\underline{x}) \right) = \int d^4 \underline{x}' \dot{\phi}(\underline{x}') \delta(\underline{x}-\underline{x}') = \dot{\phi}(\underline{x}) = \pi(\underline{x})$$

so does this mean  
 $\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})} (\partial_\mu \phi) = \frac{\partial_\mu (\delta \phi)}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})}$   
but  $\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(\underline{x})} (\phi) = 0$ ?  
 $\delta(\partial_\mu \phi)$

## Poisson Brackets - (functional)

$$\{O(\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{x}, t)), O'(\phi(\vec{x}', t), \pi(\vec{x}', t))\}$$

$$= \int d^3 \vec{y} \left[ \frac{\delta O}{\delta \phi(\vec{y}, t)} \frac{\delta O'}{\delta \pi(\vec{y}, t)} - \frac{\delta O}{\delta \pi(\vec{y}, t)} \frac{\delta O'}{\delta \phi(\vec{y}, t)} \right]$$

Let's calculate  $\{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{x}', t)\}$  using this prescription

$$\begin{aligned} \{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{x}', t)\} &= \int d^3 \vec{y} \frac{\delta \phi(\vec{x}, t)}{\delta \phi(\vec{y}, t)} \frac{\delta \pi(\vec{x}', t)}{\delta \pi(\vec{y}, t)} - \frac{\delta \phi(\vec{x}, t)}{\delta \pi(\vec{y}, t)} \frac{\delta \pi(\vec{x}', t)}{\delta \phi(\vec{y}, t)} \\ &= \int d^3 \vec{y} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x}' - \vec{y}) \\ &= \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{x}', t)\} = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

Similarly,

$$\{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \phi(\vec{x}', t)\} = 0 = \{\pi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{x}', t)\}$$

at equal times.

## Hamiltonian Density.

$$H = p \dot{q} - L \rightarrow H = \pi \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L}$$

$$H = \int d^3 \vec{x} \mathcal{H}(\phi, \pi)$$

$$L = \int d^3 \vec{x} \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial \mu \phi)$$

$$\text{For } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2}{2} - V(\phi) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = \dot{\phi} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \pi(\vec{x}, t) \dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) - \mathcal{L} = \pi^2 - \left( \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2}{2} - V(\phi) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2}{2} + V(\phi)$$

Some other examples of relativistic Lagrangian densities -

### (1) Electromagnetism

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - j_\mu A^\mu = -\frac{1}{4} \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} A^{\nu]} - j \cdot A$$

$$\text{Now } \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} A^{\nu]} = \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})$$

$$= \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu} = \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial_{[\nu} A_{\mu]} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu}$$

(switch labels  $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$ )

$$= (\partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} - \underset{||}{\partial_{[\nu} A_{\mu]}}) \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} = 2 \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu}$$

$$- \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - j_\mu A^\mu$$

$$\text{another way} = -\frac{1}{4} \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial_{[\lambda} A_{\sigma]} \eta^{\mu\lambda} \eta^{\nu\sigma} - j \cdot A$$

$$\text{So, } \delta S = \int d^4x \delta \left( -\frac{1}{4} \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} A^{\nu]} - j^\mu A_\mu \right) = \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} \delta A^{\nu]} + \partial_{[\mu} \delta A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} A^{\nu]} \right] - j^\mu \delta A_\mu \right)$$

$$= \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{[\mu} \delta A_{\nu]} \partial^{[\mu} A^{\nu]} - j^\mu \delta A_\mu \right)$$

$$= \int d^4x \left( - \underbrace{\partial_\mu \delta A_\nu}_{\text{integrate by parts}} \partial^\mu A^\nu + \underbrace{\partial_\nu \delta A_\mu}_{\text{integrate by parts}} \partial^\mu A^\nu - j^\mu \delta A_\mu \right)$$

$$= \int d^4x \left( + \delta A_\nu \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \delta A_\mu \underset{\mu}{\overset{\nu}{\partial_\nu}} \underset{\nu}{\overset{\mu}{\partial^\mu}} A^\nu - j^\mu \underset{\mu}{\overset{\nu}{\delta A_\mu}} \right)$$

$$= \int d^4x \delta A_\nu \left[ \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu - j^\nu \right]$$

If we set  $\delta S = 0$  for arbitrary variations of  $\delta A_\nu$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu} \rightarrow \text{Inhomogeneous Maxwell eq's.}$$

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For the EM Lagrangian,

$$\pi^\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{A}_\mu} \Rightarrow \pi^0 = 0 \text{ because } F^{\mu\nu} \text{ doesn't depend on } \dot{A}_0.$$

We can also do  $\frac{\delta S}{\delta A_\mu(\underline{x})} = 0$ , and try to find the field eq's in the same way.

$$\frac{\delta A_\nu(\underline{x})}{\delta A_\mu(\underline{x}')} = \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \delta_\nu^\mu$$

### (2) Dirac Lagrangian density.

$$L = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{QED} &= \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad (\partial_\mu + ie\gamma^\mu A_\mu) \\ &= \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - qe\cancel{\int}^\mu \gamma^\mu \psi A_\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Free Dirac: } L = \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi$$

$$S = \int d^4x \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \int d^4x (\delta\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi + \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\delta\psi) \\ &\quad \text{integrate by parts} \\ &= \int d^4x (\delta\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi - \int d^4x \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} + m)\delta\psi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For arbitrary } \delta\psi \text{ & } \delta\bar{\psi} \quad (i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi = 0$$

$$\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} + m) = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta \psi_\beta(y)}{\delta \psi_\alpha(x)} = \delta_\alpha^\beta \delta^4(y-x), \quad \Pi_\psi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\psi}} = i\psi + y^\alpha \gamma^\alpha = i\psi^+$$

③ Complex scalar fields.  $\phi_i = \phi_i^*$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_1 + \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial^\mu \phi_2) - \frac{m^2}{2} (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2) - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

Define  $\frac{\phi_1 + i\phi_2}{\sqrt{2}} = \phi, \frac{\phi_1 - i\phi_2}{\sqrt{2}} = \phi^*$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial \phi^*)(\partial \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi - V(\phi^* \phi) \rightarrow U(1) \text{ invariant pot^n.}$$

$$\delta S = 0 \Rightarrow \square \phi = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^*} - m^2 \phi$$

$$\square \phi^* = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} - m^2 \phi^*$$

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Noether's theorem:

For every continuous symmetry which leaves the action unchanged, there exists an associated conserved quantity and hence, a COM.

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0 = \partial_0 j^0 + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_0 \int d^3x j = - \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} d^3x = - \int_V \vec{j} \cdot \vec{ds} \longrightarrow 0$$

∴ a divergenceless current  $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \int d^3x j^0 = \text{const.}$

Let's toy some examples -

### 1(a). U(1) Global invariance

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi^* \partial^\mu \phi - f(\phi^* \phi)$$

$$\text{Under } \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = e^{i\theta} \phi$$

$$\phi^* \phi \rightarrow \phi'^* \phi' = \phi^* \phi$$

$$\text{Now, let's see what } \delta\phi \text{ is. } \delta\phi = \phi'(x) - \phi(x) = i\theta\phi + O(\theta^2)$$

$$\delta\phi^* = -i\theta\phi^* + O(\theta^2)$$

Using the eq's of motion -

$$\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \Rightarrow \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu \phi^*) = -f'(\phi^* \phi) \cdot \phi^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \square \phi^* = -f'(\phi^* \phi) \phi^* \left( = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \right) \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Generally } f(x) = m^2 x + \lambda x^2 + \dots \Rightarrow f'(x) = m^2 + 2\lambda x + \dots$$

similarly, doing derivatives in EL w.r.t.  $\phi^*$

$$\Rightarrow \square \phi = -f'(\phi^* \phi) \phi \quad -\textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Now, evaluating } \phi^* \textcircled{2} - \phi \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \phi^* \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi - \phi \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi^* = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \underbrace{(\phi^* \partial^\mu \phi - \phi \partial^\mu \phi^*)}_{j^\mu} = 0$$

$$\boxed{j^\mu = i \phi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial^\mu} \phi} \Rightarrow Q = \int d^3x j^0 = i(\phi^* \dot{\phi} - \dot{\phi}^* \phi)$$

is a constant of motion.

$$1(b) \quad \mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} (i\cancel{D} - m) \Psi \quad \text{fermion field}$$

$$\text{again } \Psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \Psi \quad \delta\Psi = i\theta \Psi$$

$$\bar{\Psi} \rightarrow e^{-i\theta} \bar{\Psi} \quad \delta\bar{\Psi} = -i\theta \bar{\Psi}$$

$$\bar{\Psi} \times [(\vec{i}\cancel{D} - m) \Psi = 0]$$

$$[\bar{\Psi} (\vec{i}\cancel{D} + m) = 0] \times \Psi$$

Subtracting the above eqn's gives

$$\partial_\mu (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi) = 0 \Rightarrow j^\mu = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi$$

### 1(c) N-fermi fields

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{\Psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi_i = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi$$

$$\text{where } \Psi = (\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_N)^T$$

$$\Psi \rightarrow \Psi' = U \Psi \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{there are internal indices.} \\ \text{int. const.} \\ \text{real.} \end{array} \right\} \text{so } \Psi' = \Psi \quad \text{For } U \in U(N),$$

$$\Psi^\dagger \rightarrow \Psi'^\dagger = \Psi^\dagger U^\dagger \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{so } \Psi' \text{ is real.} \\ \text{real.} \end{array} \right\} \quad U = \exp(i\theta_A T^A)$$

$$\uparrow \quad A=1, \dots, N$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\Psi = i\theta_A T^A \Psi, \quad \delta\Psi^\dagger = -i\theta_A \Psi^\dagger T^A \quad T^A = T^{A\dagger}$$

$$\text{or } \delta\Psi_i = i\theta_A (T^A)_{ij} \Psi_j$$

$$\Rightarrow N^2 \text{ conserved currents } (j^\mu)^A = \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu T^A \Psi$$

$U(1)$  is a special case of  $U(N)$ .

$$U(N) \cong SU(N) \times SU(1)$$

$$U = \hat{U} e^{i\varphi}$$

$$\det \hat{U} = +1$$

$$\hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{U}^{-1} = \hat{U}^{-1} e^{-i\varphi \mathbb{1}_N} \quad \text{and} \quad \det(U) = \det(\hat{U}) \cdot e^{iN\varphi}$$

$$\therefore \varphi = \frac{1}{N} \arg (\det(U))$$

$$\hat{U} = \exp(i\theta \hat{T}^{\hat{A}} \hat{T}^{\hat{A}}) \quad \text{where } \hat{A} = 1, \dots, N^2 - 1.$$

$$\text{where } \hat{T}^{\hat{A}\dagger} = \hat{T}^{\hat{A}} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(\hat{T}^{\hat{A}\dagger} \hat{T}^{\hat{A}}) = 0$$

Let's say if we have the invariance of the Lagrangian.

$$\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L} = 0 \quad \mathcal{L} \equiv \mathcal{L}(\phi_i, \partial_\mu \phi_i)$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_i} \delta \phi_i + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ \parallel}}{\delta (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \underset{\partial_\mu (\delta \phi_i)}{\delta \phi_i}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_i} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \right) \delta \phi_i + \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \delta \phi_i \right)$$

$$\text{If } \phi_i(x) \text{ is a soln to E-L eq's, then } \partial_\phi \mathcal{L} - \partial_\mu (\partial_{\partial_\mu \phi_i} \mathcal{L}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L} = 0 = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \delta \phi_i \right) \rightarrow \text{true for any internal symmetry}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'_i(x) &= M_{ij}(t) \phi_j \\ &= (\delta_{ij} + \underbrace{i\theta_A T_{ij}^A}_{\delta \phi_i} + \dots) \phi_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} i\theta_A T_{ij}^A \phi_j \right) = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
arbitrary

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{j^\mu A = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} T_{ij}^A \phi_j} \text{ is the conserved current.}$$

If we have  $N$  complex scalar fields

$$\Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N)^T$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial^\mu \Phi^+ \partial_\mu \Phi^- - f(\Phi^+ \Phi^-)$$

$$\Phi' = U \Phi \quad \rightarrow \quad \Phi'^+ = \Phi^+ U^+$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \phi_i = i \Theta_A T^A_{ij} \phi_j \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta \phi_i^* = \phi_j^* (-i \Theta_A T^A_{ji}) \\ = i \Theta_A (-T^A)_{ij} \phi_j^*$$

Now the conserved current is given by the eqn -

$$\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i^*)} \delta \phi_i^* + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \delta \phi_i \right) = 0 \quad \forall \Theta^A$$

$$\partial_\mu \left[ i \Theta_A \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i^*)} (-T^A)^T_{ij} \phi_j^* + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} (T^A)_{ij} \phi_j \right] \right] = 0$$

"  
 $(\partial_\mu \phi_i)$

$$\Rightarrow (j^\mu)^A = i \left( \partial^\mu \phi_i (T^A)_{ij}^T \phi_j^* - \partial^\mu \phi_i^* (T^A)_{ij} \phi_j \right)$$

$$= i \left( \underset{i}{\phi_j^*} \underset{j}{T^A_{ji}} \underset{i}{\partial^\mu \phi_i} - \underset{i}{\partial^\mu \phi_i^*} \underset{j}{T^A_{ij}} \underset{j}{\phi_j} \right)$$

$$= i \left( \underset{i}{\phi_i^*} \underset{j}{T^A_{ij}} \underset{i}{\partial^\mu \phi_i} - \underset{i}{\partial^\mu \phi_i^*} \underset{j}{T^A_{ij}} \underset{j}{\phi_j} \right)$$

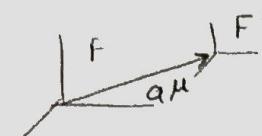
$$= i \Phi^+ T^A \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \Phi^-$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu j^{\mu A} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \boxed{j^{\mu A} = i \Phi^+ T^A \overleftrightarrow{\partial} \Phi^-}$$

## Spacetime symmetries.

Here, the action is invariant, and the Lagrangian can shift by a total derivative -

### (1) Poincaré symmetry (co-ord. shift invariance)



$$x'^\mu = x^\mu - a^\mu$$

$$\phi'(x') = \phi(x) \Rightarrow \phi'(x-a) = \phi(x) - a^\mu \partial_\mu \phi + \dots \equiv \phi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\phi = \phi'(x) - \phi(x) = +a^\mu \partial_\mu \phi$$

$$\text{Now } \mathcal{L}'(\phi'(x'), \partial_\mu \phi'(x')) = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}'(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi) - \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi) = +a^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}$$

↑  
by a similar  
logic

Now along the E-L soln, the variation in the Lagrangian is just

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta\phi \right) = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} a^\nu \partial^\nu \phi \right)$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} a^\nu \partial_\nu \phi \right) = \partial_\mu (a^\mu \mathcal{L})$$

$$a^\nu \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \partial_\nu \phi - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  invariance of action under shifts of origin of spacetime

implies that  $\underline{\partial_\mu \underline{(\delta)}_\nu^\mu} = 0$

where  $\boxed{\underline{(\delta)}_\nu^\mu = \sum_A \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi^A)} \partial_\nu \phi^A - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L}}$   $\rightarrow$  CANONICAL STRESS TENSOR

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Remark:  $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow$  if  $j^\mu' = j^\mu + \partial_\nu A^{\mu\nu}$  where  $A^{\mu\nu} = -A^{\nu\mu}$   
 (antisymm-tensor)  
 then  $\partial_\mu j^\mu' = \partial_\mu j^\mu + \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu A^{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\text{symm.} \\ \text{antisymm.}}} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

$\therefore$  The conserved current is arbitrary upto divergence of AS tensor.

Let's take the example of  $L = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi)$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} = \partial^\mu\phi$$

$$\therefore \Theta^\mu{}_\nu = \partial^\mu\phi \partial_\nu\phi - \delta^\mu_\nu \left( \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\phi}^2 - \vec{\nabla}\phi^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta^0_0 = \dot{\phi}^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - (\vec{\nabla}\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right) = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\phi}^2 + \vec{\nabla}\phi^2 + V(\phi)) = \mathcal{H} \quad (\text{Hamiltonian density})$$

$$H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \Theta^0_0$$

$\therefore$  As a consequence of shift invariance, we automatically have  
 conservation of energy  $\frac{dH}{dt} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_i^0 &= \partial^0\phi \partial_i\phi - \cancel{\partial_i^0 L} \stackrel{\rightarrow 0}{=} (\hat{\vec{p}})_i = -i(\vec{\nabla})_i = -i\partial_i \\ &= i\dot{\phi}(-i\vec{\nabla})_i \\ &= i\pi(\hat{\vec{p}})_i \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$  first quantized momentum / particle momentum.

For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int d^3x \, \mathcal{H}_i^o(\vec{x}, t), \phi(\vec{y}, t) \right\}_{PB} \\ &= \int d^3x \left\{ \pi(\vec{x}, t), \phi(\vec{y}, t) \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \phi(\vec{x}, t) \\ &\quad || \\ &\quad - \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \\ &= - \partial_i \phi(\vec{x}, t) = - (\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{x}, t))_i \end{aligned}$$

(b) Lorentz invariance.  $x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu = x^\mu - \omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$   
where  $\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'_A(x') &= S_{AB} \phi_B(x) & S = e^{i\omega \cdot \sigma/2} \\ \uparrow & \\ \text{spin field} & \\ \Rightarrow \delta\phi_A &= (+\omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu) \partial_\mu \phi_A + S_{AB} \phi_B(x) \\ &= (\omega^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu) \partial_\mu \phi_A + \underbrace{\frac{i}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu} (\sigma^{\mu\nu})_{AB}}_{\uparrow \text{spin generators.}} \phi_B(x) \end{aligned}$$

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Noether's theorem (contd.)

If under some transformation,  $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}'$ ,  $\phi(\underline{x}) \rightarrow \phi'(\underline{x}')$ , the action  $S$  remains invariant / Lagrangian density changes by a four-divergence,

$$\exists \text{ a conserved four-current } \partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$$

$$\text{If. } \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi, \phi^*, \partial_\mu \phi^*) = \partial\phi^* \partial\phi - f(\phi^* \phi)$$

$$\text{Then } \phi(\underline{x}) \rightarrow \phi'(\underline{x}) = e^{i\theta} \phi(\underline{x}) \quad (\text{global U(1) transf.})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\phi', \phi'^*, \partial_\mu \phi', \partial_\mu \phi'^*) = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \phi^*, \partial_\mu \phi, \partial_\mu \phi^*)$$

$$\text{Since } \phi'(\underline{x}) = (1 + i\theta + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)) \phi(\underline{x}) \Rightarrow \delta\phi(\underline{x}) = i\theta \phi(\underline{x})$$

$$\phi'^*(\underline{x}) = (1 - i\theta + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)) \phi^*(\underline{x}) \Rightarrow \delta\phi^*(\underline{x}) = -i\theta \phi^*(\underline{x})$$

Then we know that if eqns of motion are satisfied by  $\phi$  &  $\phi^*$  i.e.

$$\partial_\mu \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu (\partial_{\partial_\mu \phi} \mathcal{L}) \text{ and } \partial_{\phi^*} \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu (\partial_{\partial_\mu \phi^*} \mathcal{L}), \text{ then }$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \cdot i\phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi^*)} (-i\phi^*) \right) = 0$$

$$\text{For } \mathcal{L} \text{ of the type } \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi^* - f(\phi^* \phi)$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \left( \underbrace{i\phi \partial_\mu \phi^* - i\phi^* \partial_\mu \phi}_{-j^\mu} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{j^\mu = i\phi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial_\mu} \phi} \text{ is a conserved current corresponding to U(1) symmetry.}$$

If we integrate the  $j^0$  component

$$\int d^3\vec{x} j^0 = \int d^3\vec{x} i(\phi^* \dot{\phi} - \dot{\phi}^* \phi) \equiv Q_v \quad (\text{conserved charge in vol. } V)$$

$$\text{If } V \rightarrow \infty, \text{ then } \int_{V_0} d^3x j^0 = Q, \text{ and } \frac{dQ}{dt} = - \oint_{S_\infty} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} d^3x = 0$$

For a general variation of  $\delta\phi$  of the form -

$$\delta\phi_i = i\theta_A T_{ij}^A \phi_j(x) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\Rightarrow j^\mu{}^A = \sum_{ij} i \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \phi_i)} T_{ij}^A \phi_j \quad \text{and } \partial_\mu j^\mu{}^A = 0$$

- As an example, for  $L = \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu - m) \psi_i$

Now if we have a symmetry transf.  $\psi \rightarrow U\psi = e^{i\theta_A T^A} \psi$  generators of  $U(N)$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\psi_i = i\theta_A T^A \psi_i \quad \delta\bar{\psi}_i = -i\theta_A T^A \bar{\psi}_i$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \psi_i)} \delta\psi_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}_i)} \delta\bar{\psi}_i \right) = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu) \cdot (i\theta_A T^A \psi_i) \right) = 0$$

$$\theta^A \partial_\mu \left( \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i T^A \gamma^\mu \psi_i \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{j^\mu{}^A} = \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i T^A \gamma^\mu \psi_i$$

- For translational symmetry,

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + \delta x^\mu$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi'_A(x') = \phi_A(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\phi_A = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \phi$$

Since  $\mathcal{L}'(\phi') = \mathcal{L}(\phi)$  (since Lagrangian is also like a scalar field) (3)

$$\mathcal{L}'(\phi') = \mathcal{L}'(\phi) + \delta\phi \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} \equiv \mathcal{L}(\phi)$$

$\Rightarrow$  How is  $\delta\mathcal{L} = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}$  ?? Still need to think about it.  
 (his argument is that  $\mathcal{L}$  is a scalar fn.  
 and scalar fns transf. as  $-\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}$ )

$$\delta\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial\phi) = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\phi} \delta\phi + \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} \delta(\partial_\mu\phi) = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \delta\phi \right) \text{ along } \phi(x)$$

$$\text{So, } \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} (\delta x^\nu \partial_\nu\phi) - \delta x^\nu \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \Theta_\nu^\mu = 0 \quad \text{where } \Theta_\nu^\mu = \sum_A \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi^A)} \partial_\nu\phi^A - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L}$$

Canonical stress tensor.

If we consider a Lagrangian like

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial\phi \partial\phi - V(\phi)$$

$$\Theta_\nu^\mu = \dot{\phi}^A \partial_\nu \phi^A - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \Theta_0^0 = \dot{\phi}^A \dot{\phi}^A - \mathcal{L} = \dot{\phi}^A \pi^A - \mathcal{L} = H.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \Theta_i^0 = \dot{\phi}^A \partial_i \phi^A = \pi^A (\partial_i \phi^A)$$

$P_i = \int d^3x \Theta_i^0 = \text{conserved 3-momentum in the field.}$

Let's now derive the current for Lorentz symmetries.

$$\delta x^\mu = -\omega_{\nu\mu}^A x^\nu \quad \omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}$$

$$\phi'_A(x') = \phi'_A(x) + \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \phi_A = \phi_A(x) \Rightarrow \delta\phi_A = \omega_{\nu\mu}^A x^\nu \partial_\mu \phi_A \quad (\text{if spin} = 0)$$

$$\text{So, } \delta\phi_A = -\frac{\omega_{\mu\nu}}{2} x^{[\mu} \partial^{\nu]} \phi_A$$

However, if we consider spinor fields, then

$$\delta\phi_A = \frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} (i x^{[\mu} \partial^{\nu]} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu}) \phi_A(x)$$

Now,  $\delta L = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu L$  since it's a scalar field.

$$\text{And, } \delta L = \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \delta \phi_A \right) = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu L$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu L + \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \delta \phi_A \right) = 0$$

$$\text{so, } \partial_\mu \left( \delta x^\nu \delta_\nu^\mu L + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \delta \phi_A \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( -\omega_\lambda^\nu x^\lambda \delta_\nu^\mu L + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \cdot \frac{i}{2} \omega_{\nu\lambda} (i x^{[\nu} \partial^{\lambda]} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\nu\lambda}) \phi \right) = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \underbrace{-\omega_{\nu\lambda} x^\lambda \eta^{\mu\nu}}_{\downarrow} L + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \left( -x^{[\nu} \partial^{\lambda]} \phi_A + \frac{i}{2} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B \right) \right) = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \omega_{\nu\lambda} x^{[\lambda} \eta^{\nu]\mu} L$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{\omega_{\nu\lambda}}{2} \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \left( x^{[\lambda} \partial^{\nu]} \phi_A + \frac{i}{2} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B \right) - x^{[\lambda} \eta^{\nu]\mu} L \right)}_{\text{conserved current.}} = 0$$

conserved current.

$$M^{\mu,\nu\lambda} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \left( x^{[\lambda} \partial^{\nu]} \phi_A + \frac{i}{2} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B \right) - x^{[\lambda} \eta^{\nu]\mu} L$$

$\mu$  is the index over which we take the divergence  $\partial_\mu$ .

Lorentz current density.

$$\partial_\mu M^{\mu,\nu\lambda} = 0 \quad M^{\mu,\nu\lambda} \text{ is a conserved current.}$$

The Lorentz current can be written in a simple form as follows -

$$M^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \times [^\lambda \left( \partial^\nu \right) \phi_A - \eta^{\nu\lambda} \mu_L] + \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B$$

$$\Rightarrow M^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = X^{[\lambda} \circledH^{\mu\nu]} + \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B$$

where  $\circledH^{\mu\nu}$  is the canonical stress tensor in the raised form.

$M^{\mu, \lambda\nu}$  is manifestly A.S in  $\nu$  &  $\lambda$

$$M^{\mu, \lambda\nu} = -M^{\mu, \nu\lambda} \quad (\text{due to the } [\ ] \text{ anti-commutation})$$

Now, we know that  $\partial_\mu M^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( X^{[\lambda} \circledH^{\mu\nu]} + \underbrace{\frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B}_{\sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda}} \right) = \partial_\mu (X^{[\lambda} \theta^{\mu\nu]}) + \partial_\mu \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda}$$

$$= \delta_\mu^{[\lambda} \circledH^{\mu\nu]} + X^{[\lambda} \underbrace{\partial_\mu \circledH^{\mu\nu]}_{\stackrel{0}{\uparrow}}} + \partial_\mu \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = 0$$

because  $\circledH^{\mu\nu}$  is itself a conserved current!

$$= \circledH^{[\lambda\nu]} + \partial_\mu \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda}$$

$$\text{So, } \circledH^{\lambda\nu} - \circledH^{\nu\lambda} = -\partial_\mu \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda}$$

↑  
SPIN CURRENT!

Therefore, existence of spin makes  $\circledH^{\lambda\nu}$  non-symmetric.

Here

$$\sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_A)} \sigma_{AB}^{\nu\lambda} \phi_B$$

$$(\sum^{\mu, \lambda\nu} = -\sum^{\nu\lambda})$$

↑  
spin current.  
ANTI-SYMM.

$$\Rightarrow M^{\mu, \nu\lambda} = X^{[\lambda} \circledH^{\mu\nu]} + \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda}$$

This relation b/w the non-symmetry of  $(H)^{\mu\nu}$  and the divergence of the spin current can be exploited to define

Simpler

to get  $T^{\mu\nu}_{(\text{sym.})} = T^{\nu\mu}_{(\text{sym.})}$ . Here,  $B^{\mu\nu}$  is an object defined as -

$$B^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda \left( \sum^{\mu, \nu\lambda} + \sum^{\nu, \mu\lambda} - \sum^{\lambda, \nu\mu} \right)$$

and  $\partial_\mu B^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Main point: if  $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$ , then if  $\tilde{j}^\mu \equiv j^\mu + \gamma^\mu$ :

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{j}^\mu = 0$$

$$\text{if } \partial_\mu Y^\mu = 0$$

$$\bullet \tilde{Q} = \int d^3x \tilde{j}^0(x) = Q + \int d^3x Y^0$$

so, provided  $\int d^3x \, Y^0 = 0$ ,  $\tilde{Q} = Q$ .

- $y^\mu = \partial_x(x^{\mu x})$  for some  $x^{\mu x}$  is enough to ensure this.

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- Canonical stress tensor  $\longleftrightarrow$  invariance under  $\delta x^\mu = a^\mu$ .

$$\boxed{(\mathbb{H})^\mu_\nu = \pi^\mu \partial_\nu \phi - g^\mu_\nu \mathcal{L}} \quad \text{where } \pi^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu \phi)} \quad \downarrow$$

- Lorentz currents  $\longleftrightarrow$  invariance under

$$\delta x^\mu = -\omega^\mu_\nu x^\nu$$

$$\boxed{M^\mu_{\lambda\nu} = x_{[\lambda} (\mathbb{H})^\mu_{\nu]} + \frac{i}{2} \pi^\mu S_{\lambda\nu} \phi} \\ = -M^\mu_{\nu\lambda}$$

- $(\mathbb{H})_i^o = \pi \partial_i \phi = \pi (\vec{\nabla} \phi)_i$

$$\int d^3x (\mathbb{H})_i^o = \int d^3x \pi (\vec{\nabla} \phi)_i = i \int d^3x \pi \hat{\vec{p}}_i \phi \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{from the defn of} \\ \text{first quantized mom} \\ \hat{\vec{p}} = -i \vec{\nabla} \end{array} \right)$$

If we define  $P_\mu \equiv \int d^3x (\mathbb{H})_\mu^o$ , then -

$$\int d^3x (\mathbb{H})_i^o = i \int d^3x \pi \hat{\vec{p}}_i \phi = -\vec{P}_i \quad (\text{const. of motion.})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P} = \int d^3x (-i\pi) \hat{\vec{p}} \phi, \text{ and } \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = 0$$

- $(\mathbb{H})_o^o = \pi \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}$

$$\text{so, } \int d^3x (\mathbb{H})_o^o = \int d^3x (\pi \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L}) = H$$

So, we generally expect the conserved charges to be of the form -

$$Q = \int d^3x (-i\pi) (\text{first quantized operator}) \phi$$

For example, if we talk about U(1) invariance for  $\phi, \phi^*$  fields,

$$\text{then } \delta\phi = i\Theta\phi \text{ & } \delta\phi^* = -i\Theta\phi^*$$

$$\Rightarrow j^\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} \delta\phi + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi^*)} \delta\phi^*$$

If  $L = \partial_\mu\phi^*\partial^\mu\phi - f(\phi^*\phi)$ , then the conserved current (ignoring the  $\Theta$  parameter) -

$$j^\mu = i\phi\partial_\mu\phi^* - i\phi^*\partial_\mu\phi$$

$$\text{Also, for this } L, \quad \pi^\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} = \partial_\mu\phi^* \Rightarrow j^\mu = i\phi\pi^\mu - i\phi^*\pi^{\mu*}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } j^0 = (-i\pi)(-\mathbb{1})\phi + (-i\pi^*)(\mathbb{1})\phi^*$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int d^3x \left[ (-i\pi)(-\mathbb{1})\phi + (-i\pi^*)(\mathbb{1})\phi^* \right]$$

So here, the first quantized operator is almost trivial ( $\pm\mathbb{1}$ ).

If we would have U(N) symmetry, then we would have had -

$$j^{0A} = (-i\pi)_i (-T^A)_{ij} \phi_j + (-i\pi^*)_i (T^A)_{ij} \phi_j$$

$\underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{first quantized}} \qquad \underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{operator}}$

### STRESS ENERGY TENSOR FOR A GRAVITY-COUPLED THEORY.

$$\text{So, we know } M^\mu_{\lambda\nu} = x_{[\lambda} \Theta^\mu_{\nu]} + \sum_{\lambda\nu}^\mu \text{spin current.}$$

Note: (in the prev. lecture, we defined  $M^\mu_{\nu\lambda} = x_{[\lambda} \Theta^\mu_{\nu]} + \sum_{\nu\lambda}^\mu$ , so beware)

$$\text{Now } \partial_\mu M_{\lambda\nu}^\mu = \partial_\mu X_{[\lambda} \Theta^{\mu] \nu} + X_{[\lambda} \partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu] \nu} + \partial_\mu \sum_{\lambda\nu}^\mu$$

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since stress energy  
 tensor is a conserved current

$$= \Theta_{[\lambda \nu]} + \partial_\mu \sum_{\lambda\nu}^\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta_{[\lambda \nu]} = \Theta_{\lambda \nu} - \Theta_{\nu \lambda} = - \partial_\mu \sum_{\lambda\nu}^\mu \neq 0$$

∴ the presence of the spin current makes  $\Theta_{\lambda \nu}$  non-symmetric.

Another definition for a matter stress tensor coupled to gravity which fixes the <sup>symmetrization</sup> problem -

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-\det g}} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}$$

where  $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det g} L$   
 ↑  
 action of the theory coupled to gravity

The Lagrangian density is generally of the form -

$$L = \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - V(\phi)$$

$$\text{Now, } \delta S = \int d^4x \delta \sqrt{-\det g} L + \sqrt{-\det g} \delta L$$

↓  
 by varying  
 $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\text{Since we are only varying } g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \delta L = \frac{1}{2} \delta g_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi$$

$$\delta \sqrt{-\det g} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-\det g}} (-\delta \det g) \quad \rightarrow = g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{and } \delta \det g = \det g \cdot \text{tr}(g^{-1} \delta g) = \det g \cdot (g^{\nu\mu} \delta g_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S = \int d^4y \left( -\frac{\det g \cdot g^{\mu\nu} \delta g_{\mu\nu}}{2\sqrt{-\det g}} \right) L + \sqrt{-\det g} \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi \right) \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)} = \int d^4y \frac{\sqrt{-\det g}}{2} \left( g^{\lambda\sigma} L + \partial^\lambda \phi \partial^\sigma \phi \right) \underbrace{\frac{\delta g^{\lambda\sigma}(y)}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}(x)}}_{\delta^4(y-x)} \delta_\lambda^\mu \delta_\sigma^\nu$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{-\det g}}{2} (\partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi + g^{\mu\nu} L)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - g^{\mu\nu} L} \quad (\text{similar to } \mathbb{H}^{\mu\nu})$$

$\therefore$  by def<sup>n</sup>,  $T^{\nu\mu} = T^{\mu\nu}$  since  $g^{\mu\nu}$  is symmetric.

But for non-gravity coupled theories,  $\mathbb{H}^{\mu\nu} \neq \mathbb{H}^{\nu\mu}$  when we have spin.

However, if  $\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$  by Noether's thm, then  $j^\mu' \equiv j^\mu + Y^\mu$  is also a suitable conserved current provided -

- $\partial_\mu Y^\mu = 0$
- $Q' = \int d^3\vec{x} j'^0 \stackrel{!}{=} Q \Rightarrow Q_Y = \int d^3\vec{x} Y^0 = 0$

This is possible if  $Y^0 = \text{divergence of something}$ -

So, if we write  $Y^\mu = \partial_\nu X^{\nu\mu}$  s.t.  $X^{\nu\mu} = -X^{\mu\nu}$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu Y^\mu = \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu}_{S.} \underbrace{X^{\nu\mu}}_{A.S.} \equiv 0$$

$$\text{This also } \Rightarrow Y^0 = \partial_0 \underbrace{(X^{00} + X_{00})}_{=0} + \partial_i X^{i0} = \partial_i X^{i0}$$

$$\therefore Q_Y = \int_{S_{00}} d^3\vec{x} \partial_i X^{i0} = 0$$

This is known as the Belinfante procedure to produce symmetric stress tensors.

Therefore, to do this for  $(\text{H})^{\mu\nu}$ ,

$$B^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\lambda X^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$$

$$X^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} + \sum^{\nu,\mu\lambda} - \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^{\mu,\lambda\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} + \sum^{\nu,\lambda\mu} - \sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} - \sum^{\nu,\mu\lambda} - \sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} \right) = -X^{\lambda,\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = -X^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$  (antisymmetric in  $\mu \leftrightarrow \lambda$ )

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\partial_\mu B^{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\text{s. in } (\mu \leftrightarrow \lambda) \\ \text{A.S. in } (\mu \leftrightarrow \lambda)}} = \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\lambda X^{\lambda,\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{A.S. in } (\mu \leftrightarrow \lambda)}} \equiv 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \int d^3x B^{0\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \left( \partial_i X^{i,0\nu} + \underbrace{\partial_0 X^{0,0\nu}}_0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{S}\infty} d^3x \partial_i X^{i,0\nu} \equiv 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\partial_\mu B^{\mu\nu} = 0} \quad \text{AND} \quad \underline{Q = \int_{\text{S}\infty} d^3x B^{0\nu} = 0}$$

$\therefore T^{\mu\nu} = (\text{H})^{\mu\nu} + \alpha B^{\mu\nu}$  will be a conserved current!

$$\text{Now } T^{[\mu\nu]} = \text{H}^{[\mu\nu]} + \alpha B^{[\mu\nu]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } B^{[\mu\nu]} &= B^{\mu\nu} - B^{\nu\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda \left( \sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} + \sum^{\nu,\mu\lambda} - \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} - \sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} \right) \\ &= -\partial_\lambda \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} = -\sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} + \sum^{\lambda,\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } -\partial_\lambda \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu} = \text{H}^{[\nu\mu]}$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{[\mu\nu]} = \text{H}^{[\mu\nu]} + \alpha \text{H}^{[\nu\mu]} = (1-\alpha) \text{H}^{[\mu\nu]} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\alpha = 1}}$$

Hence,

$T^{\mu\nu} = \underline{\mathcal{H}}^{\mu\nu} + B^{\mu\nu}$  is a symmetric conserved current,

also known as Belinfante-Rosenfeld stress tensor.

where  $B^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda (\sum^{\mu,\nu\lambda} + \sum^{\nu,\mu\lambda} - \sum^{\lambda,\nu\mu})$ .

### SCALE TRANSFORMATIONS.

Let's take the standard scalar field action

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - (m^2 \phi^2 + g \phi^3 + \lambda \phi^4 + \dots) \right)$$

mass dim's.      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓      ↓

0      -4      1      1      1      2      2      1      3      0      4

Suppose we scale

$$x \rightarrow x' = \lambda x , \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \frac{1}{\lambda} \phi(x) , \quad \partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial'_\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_\mu$$

but for  $\int \cancel{x}^4 d^4x \left( \frac{1}{\cancel{x}^4} (\partial\phi)^2 \right)$ ,  $\int \cancel{x}^4 d^4x (\lambda \cancel{x}^4 \phi)$ , the scale cancels out

and hence they are scale invariant.

However,  $\int d^4x \lambda^4 \left[ \left( g \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^3} \phi^3 \right) + \left( m^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \phi^2 \right) \right]$  is not scale invariant!

Similarly  $\lambda^{(n)} \frac{\phi^n}{n!}$  for  $n > 4$  also won't be scale invariant

$\therefore$  If we take  $\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \lambda \phi^4$ , then

$$S = \int d^4x \cancel{x}^4 \left( \frac{1}{\cancel{x}^4} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{\cancel{x}^4} \cdot (\lambda \phi^4) \right) = \int d^4x (\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \lambda \phi^4)$$

is scale-invariant!

In general, for  $d$ -dim's, if we scale -

$$x \rightarrow x' = \lambda x, \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \lambda^{-\omega_d} \phi(x)$$

Here  $\omega_d$  is the canonical dim<sup>n</sup> of a Base field s.t.

$$A = \int d^d \underline{x} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right)$$

$[\phi] = +\omega_d = +\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)$

For this transformation,  $\delta x^\mu = (\delta \lambda) x^\mu$

$$\text{and } \delta \phi = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \phi - \omega_d \delta \lambda \phi \quad \text{because } \lambda^{-\omega_d} = (1 + \delta \lambda)^{-\omega_d} = 1 - \omega_d \delta \lambda$$

Also, for a scale invariant Lagrangian density,

$$d^d \underline{x} \rightarrow d^d \underline{x}' = \lambda^d d^d \underline{x} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = \lambda^{-d} \mathcal{L} = (1 + \delta \lambda)^{-d} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{(x)} = \mathcal{L}_{(x)} - d \delta \lambda \mathcal{L}$$

$$\text{So, } \mathcal{L}'(x') = \mathcal{L}'(x) + \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(x) - d(\delta \lambda) \mathcal{L}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L} = -\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} - d(\delta \lambda) \mathcal{L}. \quad \text{and } \delta x^\mu = \delta \lambda x^\mu$$

$$\text{So, } \delta \mathcal{L} = -\delta \lambda (x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} + d \mathcal{L})$$

$$\text{Equating the above to } \delta \mathcal{L} \text{ eqn. i.e. } \delta \mathcal{L} = \cancel{\left( \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} - \partial_\mu \partial_{\mu \nu} \mathcal{L} \right)} + \partial_\mu \left( \partial_{\mu \nu} \mathcal{L} \delta \phi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta \phi \right) = -\delta \lambda (\partial_\mu \mathcal{L} + d \mathcal{L})$$

$$\text{Notice that } \partial_\mu (x^\mu \mathcal{L}) = \overset{d}{\underset{\sim}{\partial_\mu}} (x^\mu \mathcal{L}) + x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} = d \mathcal{L} + x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}$$

$$\therefore \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \cdot (+\delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \phi + \omega_d \delta \lambda \phi) \right) = \partial_\mu (+\delta x^\mu \mathcal{L})$$

Re-arranging the terms

$$\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \cdot (x^\nu \partial_\nu \phi + \omega_d \phi) - x^\nu \delta_\nu^{\mu} \mathcal{L} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \underbrace{\left( x^\nu \textcircled{H}_\nu^{\mu} + \pi^\mu \omega_d \phi \right)}_{D^\mu \rightarrow \text{scaling current!}} = 0$$

$$\boxed{D^\mu = x^\nu \textcircled{H}_\nu^{\mu} + \pi^\mu \omega_d \phi} \quad (\text{scaling current}) \text{ is a conserved current!}$$

This means  $\partial_\mu (\pi^\mu \omega_d \phi) = - \partial_\mu (x^\nu \textcircled{H}_\nu^{\mu}) = - \textcircled{H}_\mu^{\mu}$

In cases where  $\textcircled{H}_\nu^{\mu}$  is traceless, classical scale invariance  $\pi^\mu \omega_d \phi$  is itself conserved.

Stress energy tensor for  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}}$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$$

Under U(1) transf.,  $\psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \psi$ ,  $\bar{\psi} \rightarrow e^{-i\theta} \bar{\psi} \Rightarrow j^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$  is the conserved qty.

What about the stress energy tensor?

$$\textcircled{H}_\nu^{\mu} = \pi^\mu \partial_\nu \psi - \delta_\nu^{\mu} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\pi^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \psi)} = i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \Rightarrow \pi^\circ = i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\circ = i \psi^\dagger \gamma^\circ \gamma^\circ = i \psi^\dagger$$

## Equal time Poisson Brackets. (Review)

$$\{O(\vec{x}, t), O'(\vec{y}, t)\} = \int d^3\vec{z} \left( \frac{\delta O(\vec{x}, t)}{\delta \phi(\vec{z}, t)} \frac{\delta O'(\vec{y}, t)}{\delta \pi(\vec{z}, t)} - (O \leftrightarrow O') \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{y}, t) \} = \int d^3\vec{z} \left( \frac{\delta \phi(\vec{x}, t)}{\delta \phi(\vec{z}, t)} \frac{\delta \pi(\vec{y}, t)}{\delta \pi(\vec{z}, t)} - O \right) = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{z}) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{y} - \vec{z})$$

Implement the action of charges on fields as follows-

$$\delta \phi \equiv \{ Q(t), \phi(\vec{x}, t) \}$$

$$\text{So, if } Q = \alpha \int \pi(\vec{y}, t) \hat{O} \phi(\vec{y}, t) d^3\vec{y}$$

↑  
first quantized operator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \{ Q, \phi(\vec{x}, t) \} &= \alpha \int \{ \pi, \phi \} \hat{O} \phi(\vec{y}, t) d^3\vec{y} \\ &= -\alpha \int d^3\vec{y} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \hat{O} \phi(\vec{y}, t) \\ &= -\alpha \hat{O} \phi(\vec{x}, t) \end{aligned}$$

Going from classical  $\rightarrow$  quantum,  $\{ Q, \phi(\vec{x}, t) \} \rightarrow [\hat{Q}, \frac{\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)}{i}]$

$$\text{Therefore, we expect } [\hat{Q}, \frac{\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)}{i}] = -i\alpha \hat{O} \hat{\phi}$$

$$\text{Now } \hat{O}_H(t) = U^\dagger O_S U. \quad \text{If } U = e^{i\theta Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{O}_H(t) = e^{i\theta Q} \hat{O} e^{-i\theta Q} = \hat{O} + i\theta [Q, \hat{O}] + G(\theta^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \hat{O} = i [Q, \hat{O}] = \alpha \hat{O} \phi$$

## FIELD QUANTIZATION.

Real scalar field  $\phi(x)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{m^2 \phi^2}{2} \rightarrow S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi(x), \partial_\mu \phi(x))$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Eq's of motion} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\text{and in this case, it gives us } \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi + m^2 \phi = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

For a free field,  $V=0$

$$\Rightarrow (\square + m^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \pi^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} = \partial^\mu \phi$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \pi \dot{\phi} - \mathcal{L} = \pi \cdot \pi - \left( \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2}{2} + \frac{m^2 \phi^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} (\pi^2 + \vec{\nabla} \phi^2) + \frac{1}{2} m \phi^2$$

Everything upto now was classical.

To quantize the system, we impose equal time commutation relations.

$$\text{We know } \{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{y}, t)\} = i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$\{\phi(\vec{x}, t), \phi(\vec{y}, t)\} = 0 = \{\pi(\vec{x}, t), \pi(\vec{y}, t)\}$$

For quantization,  $\phi \rightarrow \hat{\phi}$ ,  $\pi \rightarrow \hat{\pi}$ ,  $\{\}\rightarrow [\cdot]$

$$\Rightarrow [\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)] = i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$[\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\phi}(\vec{y}, t)] = 0 = [\hat{\pi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)]$$

} CANONICAL EQUAL TIME  
COMMUTATORS.

Equations of motion for the quantized KG field-

$$(\square + m^2) \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = 0$$

$$\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} \hat{\phi}(\vec{p}, t) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \quad \text{→ Fourier transform.}$$

Subbing into KG eqn.

$$(\partial_t^2 - \vec{\nabla}^2 + m^2) \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3\vec{p} (\partial_t^2 - \vec{\nabla}^2 + m^2) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \hat{\phi}(\vec{p}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} (\partial_t^2 + \vec{p}^2 + m^2) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \hat{\phi}(\vec{p}, t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_t^2 + E_{\vec{p}}^2) \hat{\phi}(\vec{p}, t) = 0$$

$$\hat{\phi}(\vec{p}, t) = A_{\vec{p}}^{\pm} e^{\pm iE_{\vec{p}}t}$$

$$\text{so, } \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} A_{\vec{p}}^- e^{-iE_{\vec{p}}t + i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + A_{\vec{p}}^+ e^{iE_{\vec{p}}t + i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{p} A_{\vec{p}}^- e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \int d^3\vec{p} A_{\vec{p}}^+ e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \quad (\text{do } \vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p})$$

under  $\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$ ,  $d^3\vec{p} \rightarrow -d^3\vec{p}$  but  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rightarrow \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3\vec{p} \rightarrow \int d^3\vec{p} \text{ under } \vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$$

$$\text{so, } \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} A_{\vec{p}}^- e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + A_{-\vec{p}}^+ e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

Since we are quantizing a real field,  $\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}) \stackrel{!}{=} \phi^+(\vec{x})$

$$\text{so, } \hat{\phi}^+(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} A_{\vec{p}}^- e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + A_{-\vec{p}}^+ e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{-\vec{p}}^{(+)} = A_{\vec{p}}^{(-)} \quad \text{and} \quad A_{\vec{p}}^{(+)} = A_{-\vec{p}}^{(-)}$$

If we drop the minus sign,

$$\underline{A_{-\vec{p}}^{(+)}} = \underline{A_{\vec{p}}^{(+)}}$$

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So, we can write the quantized field as -

$$\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} \left( A_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \right)$$

$\pi$  (field mom) here can be found as  $\pi = \dot{\phi}$

$$\Rightarrow \pi(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} (iE_{\vec{p}}) (-A_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}})$$

Let us now find what happens if we impose canonical commutation relations -

$$[\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\phi}(\vec{y}, t)] = 0$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{p} \int d^3\vec{q} [A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}] e^{-i(p_0 + q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} + \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} + [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{i(p_0 + q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} + \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} \\ + [A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} + [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}] e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})}$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Similarly

$$[\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)] = i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$= i E_{\vec{q}} \int d^3\vec{p} \int d^3\vec{q} [-A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}] e^{-i(p_0 + q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} + \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} + [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{i(p_0 + q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} + \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} \\ + [A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})} - [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}] e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\vec{y})}$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

The thing which solves the above commutation rel<sup>n</sup> eq's is -

$$[A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}] = 0 = [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger]$$

$$\text{and } [A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] = \alpha_{\vec{p}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

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Let's check if this gives the right result for  $[\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)]$

$$[\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)] = \int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} (i E_{\vec{q}}) \cdot$$

$$\left\{ [A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{-i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{y})} - [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}] e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{y})} \right\}$$

~~$[A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}]$~~  +  ~~$[A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}]$~~

$$= \int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} i E_{\vec{q}} \left( e^{-i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{i(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{y})} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) \alpha_{\vec{p}} \right) e^{i(p_0 - q_0)t} e^{-i(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{y})} \cancel{- \alpha_{\vec{p}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q})}$$

$$= i \int d^3 \vec{p} E_{\vec{p}} \left( e^{-i \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})} + e^{i \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})} \right) \alpha_{\vec{p}}$$

$\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$

$$= i \int d^3 \vec{p} E_{\vec{p}} (2 \alpha_{\vec{p}} e^{i \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})})$$

$$\text{Now } i \int d^3 \vec{p} E_{\vec{p}} (2 \alpha_{\vec{p}} e^{i \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})}) \stackrel{!}{=} i \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \stackrel{!}{=} i \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i \vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } 2 E_{\vec{p}} \alpha_{\vec{p}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \text{ or if } \alpha_{\vec{p}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2 E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3}}}, \text{ then it works.}$$

So,

$$[A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2 E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

$$[A_{\vec{p}}, A_{\vec{q}}] = 0 = [A_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, A_{\vec{q}}^\dagger]$$

Our scalar field  $\phi(\vec{x})$  is a Lorentz scalar. So, we want a Lorentz scalar Fourier expansion.

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \int d^4 \vec{p} A'(\vec{p}) e^{-i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \underbrace{\delta(\vec{p}^2 - m^2)}_{\text{Lorentz dot products} \rightarrow \text{invariant.}}$$

$$d^4 \vec{p}' = \det(\Lambda) d^4 \vec{p}$$

+1 ∴ Manifestly Lorentz invariant.

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Hence  $A'(\vec{p}')$  must also be Lorentz invariant!

$$\text{Here } \delta(p^2 - m^2) = \frac{\delta(p_0 - E_p) + \delta(p_0 + E_p)}{2}$$

$$\text{where } \delta(f(x_i)) = \sum_i \frac{\delta(x - x_i)}{|f'(x_i)|} \quad \text{where } f(x_i) = 0 \leftarrow \text{Property of } \delta\text{-f's.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \phi(x) &= \int d^3\vec{p} \left[ A'(\vec{p}, E_p) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \Big|_{p_0=E_p} + A'(\vec{p}, -E_p) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \Big|_{p_0=-E_p} \right] \\ &= \int d^3\vec{p} \left( A'_p e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + A'^+_p e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \right) \Big|_{p_0=E_p} \quad (\phi^+ = \phi) \end{aligned}$$

This is another way to obtain quantized Fourier transform of  $\phi$ .

Lorentz invariant measure in 3 dimensions.

Claim:  $\frac{d^3\vec{p}}{E_p}$  is Lorentz invariant.

Under a boost -

$$\begin{aligned} p'_{||} &= \gamma(p_{||} - \beta E_p) \quad \text{where } p_{||} \equiv \vec{p} \cdot \hat{\beta} \\ E'_p &= \gamma(E_p - \beta p_{||}) \quad \vec{p}' \equiv \vec{p} - p_{||}\hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{p}'_{\perp} = \vec{p}_{\perp}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{d^3\vec{p}'}{E'_p} = \frac{d^2\vec{p}'_{\perp} dp'_{||}}{E'_p} \xrightarrow{\text{inv.}} \frac{d^2\vec{p}_{\perp} dp'_{||}}{E'_p}$$

$$E_p = \sqrt{p_{||}^2 + p_{\perp}^2 + m^2}$$

$$\text{Now } dp'_{||} = \gamma(dp_{||} - \beta dE_p) \quad \text{but } dE_p = \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( 2p_{||} dp_{||} + 2p_{\perp} \frac{dp_{\perp}}{||} \right) \quad (\text{why?})$$

$$\Rightarrow dp'_{||} = \gamma \left( dp_{||} - \frac{\beta}{E_p} p_{||} dp_{||} \right) = \gamma \frac{dp_{||}}{E_p} (E_p - \beta p_{||})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \frac{d^3\vec{p}'}{E_{p'}} &= \frac{d^2\vec{p}_\perp}{E_{p'}} \frac{dp'_\parallel}{E_p} = d^2\vec{p}_\perp \frac{\gamma dp'_\parallel (E_p - \beta p'_\parallel)}{E_p} \cdot \frac{1}{\gamma(E_p - \beta p'_\parallel)} \\ &= \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{E_p} \quad \text{Nice!} \end{aligned}$$

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### Quantization of K.G field (contd.)

We wrote the field expansion in Fourier modes as -

$$\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3\vec{p} (\hat{A}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{A}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}})$$

$$[\hat{A}_{\vec{p}}, \hat{A}_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) , \quad [\hat{A}_{\vec{p}}, \hat{A}_{\vec{q}}] = 0$$

If we define  $A_{\vec{p}} \equiv \frac{a_{\vec{p}}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}}$   $\Rightarrow [\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}, \hat{a}_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) &= \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} (\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}) \\ &= \hat{\phi}_+(\vec{x}) + \hat{\phi}_-(\vec{x}) \quad (\text{positive and negative freq. fields}) \end{aligned}$$

SHO oscillator in creation/destruction operators -

$$[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = 1$$

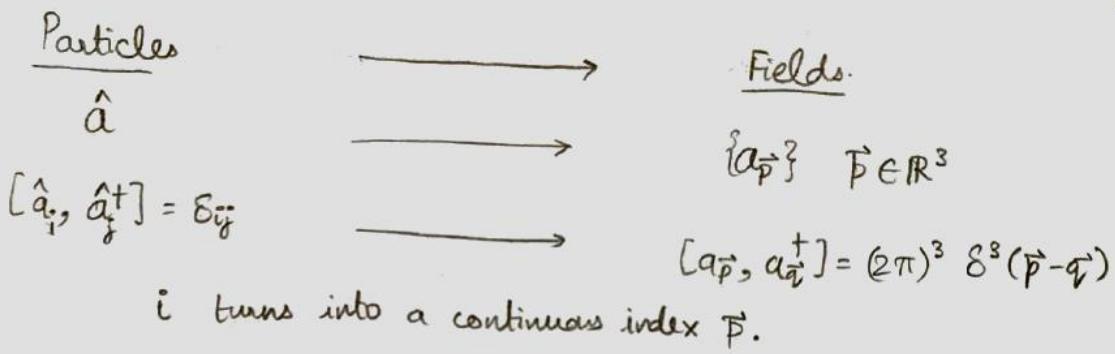
Hilbert space spanned by:  $\left\{ \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle \right\}$

$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\hat{a}|0\rangle \equiv 0$$

Hamiltonian

$$H = \hbar\omega(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2}) = \hbar\omega(\hat{N} + \frac{1}{2})$$



Fock space: Hilbert space for the excitations of the free field, has a particle basis consisting of -

	<u># of particles</u>
Vacuum: $ 0\rangle$ . Defined by $a_{\vec{p}} 0\rangle = 0 \quad \forall \vec{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$	0
1-particle states: $N_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger  0\rangle =  \vec{p}\rangle \quad (\text{one particle state with mom } \vec{p})$	1
2-particle states: $N a_{\vec{p}_1}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}_2}^\dagger  0\rangle =  \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2\rangle$	2
⋮	
$N$ -particle states: $\prod_i \frac{(a_{\vec{p}_i}^\dagger)^{n_i}}{\sqrt{n_i!}}  0\rangle =  n_1(\vec{p}_1), n_2(\vec{p}_2) \dots\rangle$	$N$
$N = \sum_i n_i$	$\uparrow$ occupation no. basis.

For 1-particle states, we choose the normalization of states as follows -

If  $|\vec{p}\rangle \equiv \sqrt{2E_p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{q} | \vec{p} \rangle = \sqrt{2E_p 2E_q} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{q}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger | 0 \rangle = \underbrace{\langle 0 | [a_{\vec{q}}, a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger] | 0 \rangle}_{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})} \cdot \sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}$$

$$\langle \vec{q} | \vec{p} \rangle = 2E_p (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

↳ Relativistically invariant normalization.

This is because, as we know, the delta fn integration is just 1 -

$$\int d^3\vec{p} \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) = 1 \xrightarrow[\text{by } E_p]{\text{multiply, divide}} \int \left( \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{E_p} \right) \cdot (E_p \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})) = 1$$

↑

we showed  
in last lecture that  $\Rightarrow$   
this is a Lorentz invariant  
measure.

This term is also  
Lorentz invariant.

So, the normalization  $|\vec{p}\rangle = \sqrt{2E_p} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$  is a particularly nice one.

### Implementation of Lorentz transformations on Fock space.

QM: All symmetry operators are implemented as unitary operators on H.

We want a vacuum that is relativistically invariant. -

$$U(\Lambda)|0\rangle \equiv |0\rangle$$

However, for a 1-particle state, the Lorentz transf. on 1 particle state -

$$U(\Lambda)|\vec{p}\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} |\Lambda\vec{p}\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} U(\Lambda) \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \sqrt{2E_{\Lambda\vec{p}}} \hat{a}_{\Lambda\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} U(\Lambda) \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger U^\dagger(\Lambda) \underbrace{U(\Lambda)|0\rangle}_{\equiv |0\rangle} \stackrel{?}{=} \sqrt{2E_{\Lambda\vec{p}}} \hat{a}_{\Lambda\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\therefore U(\Lambda) \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger U^\dagger(\Lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{E_{\Lambda\vec{p}}}{E_{\vec{p}}}} \hat{a}_{\Lambda\vec{p}}^\dagger$$


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Completeness relation in each sector.

$$\underline{1}_{\text{1-particle}} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{\vec{p}} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} |\vec{p}\rangle \langle \vec{p}|$$

↑  
identity operator  
in 1-particle subspace.

We can check this as follows -

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{1} \cdot \underline{a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger |0\rangle} &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger |0\rangle \\ &\quad \rightarrow \langle 0| a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger |0\rangle = \langle 0| [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] |0\rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] |0\rangle \\ &\quad \parallel \quad (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) \\ &= \underline{a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger |0\rangle} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Let's now try to find out the quantized momentum operator  $\hat{\vec{P}}$  of the quantized KG field.

The stress-energy tensor in classical field theory is given by -

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta^{0i} = \partial^0 \phi \partial^i \phi = \dot{\phi} (\vec{\nabla} \phi)_i = -\dot{\phi} (\vec{\nabla} \phi)_i = -\pi (\vec{\nabla} \phi)_i \quad \text{for } \mathcal{L} \sim (\partial \phi)^2$$

If we define  $P^\mu \equiv \int d^3 \vec{x} \Theta^{0\mu}$  (Lecture 29), then

$$\vec{P} = \int d^3 \vec{x} \Theta^{0i} = - \int d^3 \vec{x} \pi \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

To find the quantized version of  $\vec{P}$ , we put in  $\hat{\pi}$  and  $\hat{\phi}$ .

$$\text{So, } \vec{P} = - \int d^3\vec{x} \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p}} (i\vec{E}_p) (-\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$$= - \int d^3\vec{x} \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p}} (i\vec{E}_p) (-\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}) \cdot \int \frac{d^3\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_q}} \cdot [\hat{a}_{\vec{q}} (i\vec{q}) e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{a}_{\vec{q}}^\dagger (-i\vec{q}) e^{+i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}]$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{x} \int \frac{d^3\vec{p} (-i\vec{E}_p)}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p}} \left[ -\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \right] \int \frac{d^3\vec{q} (i\vec{q})}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_q}} \left[ \hat{a}_{\vec{q}} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} - \hat{a}_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \right]$$

Let's calculate this term by term-

$$\textcircled{a} \int d^3\vec{x} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{q}} e^{i(\vec{p}-\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}} \frac{(-i\vec{E}_p \cdot i\vec{q})}{(2\pi)^6 \sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}}$$

$$e^{-i(\vec{p}-\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}} e^{i(p_0 - q_0)x^0}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i(p_0 - q_0)x^0}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}} \int d^3\vec{x} \underbrace{e^{-i(\vec{p}-\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}}}_{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{q})}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\vec{p} E_p}{2E_p} \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) = \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}}{(2\pi)^3} \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{p}}{2} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(of course, integrated over} \\ d^3\vec{p} d^3\vec{q} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \vec{p} &= \vec{q} \\ \Rightarrow p_0 &= \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \\ &= \sqrt{q^2 + m^2} = q_0 \\ \Rightarrow e^{i(p_0 - q_0)x^0} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \int d^3\vec{x} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-i(\vec{p}-\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}} \frac{(-i\vec{E}_p \cdot i\vec{q})}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}} = \frac{\text{same as } \textcircled{a}}{\text{but with } \underline{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger}}$$

(only diff. is  $\vec{p} \leftrightarrow \vec{q}$ )  
(and it doesn't matter)

$$\textcircled{c} \int d^3\vec{q} \int d^3\vec{p} \int d^3\vec{x} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{q}} \frac{(-E_p \vec{q})}{\sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}} \cdot \frac{e^{-i(\vec{p}+\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}}}{(2\pi)^6} \rightarrow e^{-i(p_0 + q_0)t} e^{+i(\vec{p}+\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}}$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{p} \int d^3\vec{q} \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{q}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(-E_p \vec{q})}{2\sqrt{E_p E_q}} e^{-i(p_0 + q_0)t} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} + \vec{q})$$

integrates to 8

$$= \int d^3 \vec{p} \frac{a_{\vec{p}} a_{-\vec{p}}}{(2\pi)^2} \cancel{\vec{E}_{\vec{p}}} e^{-2i E_{\vec{p}} t}$$

$$= \int d^3 \vec{p} \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{-\vec{p}}}{(2\pi)^2} \vec{p} e^{-2i E_{\vec{p}} t}$$

↑  
odd fn!  
⇒  $\int d^3 \vec{p} \dots = \underline{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 &= \sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-\vec{p})^2 + m^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} = p_0 \\ \Rightarrow p_0 &= q_0 = E_{\vec{p}} \end{aligned}$$

④ similar to ②,

$$\int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} \int d^3 \vec{x} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{q}}^+ \frac{(-E_{\vec{p}} \vec{q})}{2\sqrt{E_{\vec{p}} E_{\vec{q}}}} e^{+i(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} + \vec{q}) = \underline{0}$$

So,

$$\vec{P} = \int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} (\textcircled{a} + \textcircled{b} + \textcircled{c} + \textcircled{d}) = \int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} (\textcircled{a} + \textcircled{b})$$

$$= \int d^3 \vec{p} \int d^3 \vec{q} \left[ a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} + a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ \right] \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) \cdot \frac{\vec{p}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} + a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ \right] \cdot \frac{\vec{p}}{2} \quad \text{but } a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ = \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^+ \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} + \underbrace{[a_{\vec{p}}^+, a_{\vec{p}}^+]}_{(2\pi)^3} \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{p})$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} + a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} + \underbrace{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{p})}_{2} \right] \cdot \frac{\vec{p}}{2}$$

↓ infinite renormalization term

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} \frac{\vec{p}}{2} + \text{infinite renormalization term}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{P} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} \cdot \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^+ \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}}$$

Quantized momentum operator for KG field.

Let's see what we get by operating  $\vec{P}$  on a state  $|\vec{q}\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\vec{P}} |\vec{q}\rangle &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} |\vec{q}\rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle \\
 &= \int d^3 \vec{p} \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}}{(2\pi)^3}}_{\text{!!}} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \underbrace{a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle}_{[a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger] |0\rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) |0\rangle} \\
 &= \int d^3 \vec{p} \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) |0\rangle \\
 &= \vec{q} \underbrace{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{q}}} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger |0\rangle}_{= \vec{q} |\vec{q}\rangle} \quad \therefore \hat{\vec{P}} |\vec{q}\rangle = \vec{q} |\vec{q}\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $|\vec{q}\rangle$  is an eigenstate of the second quantized momentum operator  $\hat{\vec{P}}$   
with eigenvalue  $\vec{q}$ .

By extension  $\hat{\vec{P}} |n_1(\vec{q}_1), n_2(\vec{q}_2) \dots\rangle = \sum_i n_i \vec{q}_i |\vec{n}(\vec{q}_1), \vec{n}_2(\vec{q}_2) \dots\rangle$

Similarly we can find the second quantized Hamiltonian-

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3 \vec{x} \Theta^{00} = \int d^3 \vec{x} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\hat{\vec{p}}^2 + (\vec{\nabla} \hat{\phi})^2) + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

Inserting all the expressions for Fourier expansion (do this exercise sometime), -

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{p} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} (a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} + a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{p} E_{\vec{p}} (2a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} + \delta^3(0)) \\
 &= \int d^3 \vec{p} E_{\vec{p}} \hat{N}_{\vec{p}} + \text{infinite renormal. term} \\
 &\quad \text{(zero-pt. energy)} \quad \uparrow \text{zero-pt. energy}(\infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{P}^\mu = (\hat{H}, \hat{\vec{P}}) = \int d^3 \vec{p} p^\mu \hat{N}_{\vec{p}}}$$

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Scalar field Theory (contd.)

relativistically invariant

$$1\text{-particle state: } |\vec{p}\rangle = \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ |0\rangle \Rightarrow \langle \vec{p}|\vec{q}\rangle = 2E_{\vec{p}} \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) / (2\pi)^3$$

$$\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \left( a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^+ e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} \right)$$

Sol's of KG eqn  
 $(\square + m^2) e^{\pm i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} = 0$

$p_0 = E_{\vec{p}}$

Let's see what the action of  $\hat{\phi}$  is on the vacuum state -

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) |0\rangle &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}}}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ |0\rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}}}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} |\vec{p}\rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3} e^{i(p_0 t - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x})} |\vec{p}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then, at time  $t=0$

$$\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}, 0) |0\rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} |\vec{p}\rangle \rightarrow \text{superposition of 1-particle momentum eigenstates.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{q} | \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}, 0) |0\rangle = e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \rightarrow \text{Position space eigenfn of momentum } \vec{q} \quad (\langle \vec{q} | \underline{x} \rangle \text{ in NRQM})$$

Some important properties of  $\hat{H}$  and  $\hat{\vec{P}}$  ( $P^\mu$ )

We can prove that -  $\phi(\underline{x}) = e^{i\hat{\underline{P}} \cdot \underline{x}} \phi(0) e^{-i\hat{\underline{P}} \cdot \underline{x}}$

$$\hat{\vec{P}} \equiv \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} \underbrace{a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}}}_N$$

$$\text{and } \hat{H} \equiv \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E_{\vec{p}} \underbrace{a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}}}_N$$

where  $E_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underline{\vec{P} | \vec{q} \rangle} &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} a_{\vec{q}}^+ | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^+ \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} \vec{p} [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^+] | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int d^3 \vec{p} \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^+ | 0 \rangle \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) = \underline{\vec{q}} a_{\vec{q}}^+ | 0 \rangle \sqrt{2E_{\vec{q}}} \\ &= \underline{\vec{q} | \vec{q} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

Let's now calculate the following commutator-

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\vec{P}}, a_{\vec{q}}] &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} [a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}] = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} \left( a_{\vec{p}}^+ [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}] + \underset{0}{[a_{\vec{p}}^+, a_{\vec{q}}]} a_{\vec{p}} \right) \\ &= - \int d^3 \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) a_{\vec{p}} = - \underline{\vec{q}} \hat{a}_{\vec{q}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (\vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}) a_{\vec{q}} &= a_{\vec{q}} \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{q} a_{\vec{q}} \\ &= a_{\vec{q}} (\hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}})^n a_{\vec{q}} = a_{\vec{q}} [(\hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}]^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (-i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}})^n a_{\vec{q}} = a_{\vec{q}} [-i (\hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}]^n$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} a_{\vec{q}} = a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i (\hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} a_{\vec{q}} e^{+i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} = a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i (\hat{\vec{P}} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} e^{+i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{-i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} a_{\vec{q}} e^{+i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} = a_{\vec{q}} e^{+i \vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{-i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} a_{\vec{q}}^+ e^{+i \vec{x} \cdot \hat{\vec{P}}} = a_{\vec{q}}^+ e^{-i \vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}}}$$

Doing this sandwich on  $\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}=0, t) = \hat{\phi}(0, t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} \hat{\phi}(0, t) e^{+i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}}} = e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p}} \left( a_{\vec{p}} e^{iE_p t} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{-iE_p t} \right) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_p}} \left( \underbrace{e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} a_{\vec{p}} e^{+i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}}}_{\downarrow} e^{-iE_p t} + \underbrace{e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}}}_{\downarrow} e^{+iE_p t} \right) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( a_{\vec{p}} e^{-iE_p t} e^{+i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+iE_p t} e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} \right) \quad \text{using the property on the last page} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\hat{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\hat{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \right) = \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can find  $e^{+i\hat{H}t} \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, 0) e^{-i\hat{H}t}$  can be derived by finding the action of  $e^{+i\hat{H}t}$  on  $a_{\vec{q}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger$ , i.e.

$$\boxed{
 \begin{aligned}
 e^{+i\hat{H}t} a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i\hat{H}t} &= a_{\vec{q}} e^{+iE_{\vec{q}} t} \\
 e^{+i\hat{H}t} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-i\hat{H}t} &= a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-iE_{\vec{q}} t}
 \end{aligned}
 }$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{e^{+i\hat{H}t} \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, 0) e^{-i\hat{H}t}} = \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)$$

This implies a very important eq for finding the evolution of  $\hat{\phi}$

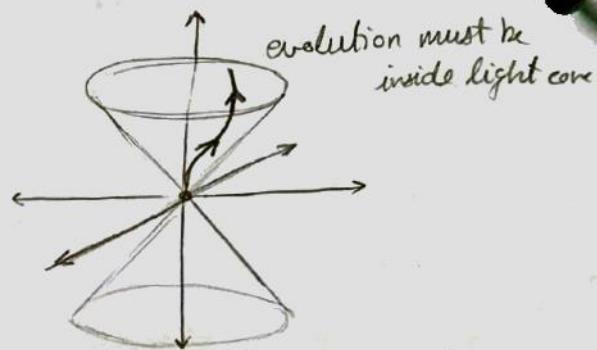
$$\boxed{e^{i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} \hat{\phi}(0) e^{-i\hat{P}\cdot\vec{x}} = \hat{\phi}(\vec{x})}$$

## Propagation of fields: the issue of causality.

Consider the quantity

$$\langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle \equiv D(x-y)$$

This is the amplitude of a particle to propagate from  $y$  to  $x$ .



$$D(x-y) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^6 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}} 2E_{\vec{q}}}} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger | 0 \rangle e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot x} e^{+i\vec{q} \cdot y}$$

↑ rest of the terms = 0 because

$$a_{\vec{p}/\vec{q}} |0\rangle = 0$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^6 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}} 2E_{\vec{q}}}} \underbrace{\langle 0 | [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] | 0 \rangle}_{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{q})} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot x} e^{+i\vec{q} \cdot y}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E_{\vec{p}} (2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (x-y)} \equiv D(x-y)$$

Let us now evaluate this integral in two different cases-

(a) Timelike separation:  $x^0 - y^0 = t$ ,  $\vec{x} - \vec{y} = 0$  (*if  $\exists$  a frame in which  $x$  &  $y$  are connected by a timelike path, then they are timelike connected & frames*)

$$D(x-y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{dp}{2E_p} p^2 \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{i\vec{p}\vec{\xi}/|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} e^{-i\vec{p}(x^0-y^0)}$$

since  $|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|=0$  &  $x^0-y^0=t$

$$\Rightarrow D(x-y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{dp}{2E_p} p^2 \int_{-1}^1 d\xi \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{-iE_p t} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp \frac{p^2 e^{-iE_p t}}{E_p}$$

$$\text{Now } E_p^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \Rightarrow E_p dE_p = p dp \Rightarrow p^2 dp = \sqrt{E_p^2 - m^2} \cdot E_p dE_p \quad (5)$$

$$D(x-y) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dE_p \frac{\sqrt{E_p^2 - m^2}}{E_p} E_p e^{-iE_p t} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dE_p \frac{\sqrt{E_p^2 - m^2}}{E_p} e^{-iE_p t}$$

$$D_{\text{timelike}}(x-y) = -\frac{im}{4\pi^2} \frac{K_1(imt)}{t} \xrightarrow{\lim t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{-im}{32\pi^3 t^3} \right]^{1/2} e^{-imt} + O(t^{-2})$$

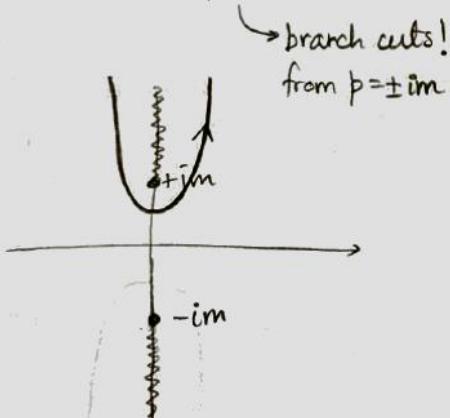
(b) Spacelike separation:  $x^0 - y^0 = 0, \vec{x} - \vec{y} = \vec{r}$

$$D_{\text{spacelike}}(x-y) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{2E_p} \int_{-1}^1 d\xi \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{ip\xi |\vec{x}-\vec{y}|} e^{-iE_p(x^0-y^0)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp \frac{p^2}{E_p} \int_{-1}^1 d\xi e^{ip\xi r} = -\frac{i}{8\pi^2 r} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp \frac{p e^{ipr}}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$$



wrap around



$$D_{\text{spacelike}}(x-y) = \frac{m}{4\pi^2 r} K_1(mr) = D_{\text{timelike}}(x-y) \Big|_{\begin{array}{l} \vec{x}-\vec{y}=0 \\ x^0-y^0=t=-ir \end{array}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{in the}} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-mr}}{4\pi^2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{m\pi}{2r^3}} + O(r^{-2}) \right)$$

↑  
exponentially damped!

## Micro causality

Operators with spacelike separation should commute.

In NRQM, non-commuting operators interfere with each other's measurement.

$$\text{like } [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \neq 0 \Rightarrow \Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

If  $[\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(\underline{y})] = 0$  for  $(\underline{x}-\underline{y})^2 < 0$  (spacelike), then measurements of the field at  $\underline{x}$  &  $\underline{y}$  won't interfere.  $\Rightarrow$  Any operators built from  $\phi$  &  $\pi$  will also be non-interfering.

But is this possible?

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})] &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^6 2\sqrt{E_{\vec{p}} E_{\vec{q}}}} \left( [a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}}, a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{y}} + a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{y}}] \right) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^6 2\sqrt{E_{\vec{p}} E_{\vec{q}}}} \left( [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] e^{-i(\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\underline{y})} + [a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, a_{\vec{q}}] e^{+i(\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x} - \vec{q}\cdot\underline{y})} \right) \\ &\quad \text{||} \quad \text{||} \quad \text{all other } [ , ] = 0. \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}}} (e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{x}-\underline{y})} - e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{x}-\underline{y})}) \end{aligned}$$

$$[\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})] = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}}} (e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{x}-\underline{y})} - e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{y}-\underline{x})}) = D(\underline{x}-\underline{y}) - D(\underline{y}-\underline{x})$$

If  $(\underline{x}-\underline{y})^2 < 0$ , we can go to a frame where  $x^0 - y^0 \equiv t = 0$ ,

$$\Rightarrow [\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})] = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}}} (e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{x}-\underline{y})} - e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot(\underline{x}-\underline{y})})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[\phi(\underline{x}), \phi(\underline{y})] = \underline{\underline{0}}} \quad \text{for } (\underline{x}-\underline{y})^2 < 0$$

since they cancel out!

## Lecture - 33

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In the last lecture, we found out -

$$[\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] = 0 \quad \text{if } (\underline{x}-y)^2 < 0 \quad \text{i.e. } \underline{x} \text{ & } y \text{ are connected via spacelike path.}$$

So, we define the following object -

$$D_R(\underline{x}-y) = \Theta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{if } x^0 \geq y^0 \\ = 0 & \text{if } x^0 < y^0 \end{cases}$$

↑  
causal propagator for propagating  
disturbances forwards in time.

Let us do another computation -

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_{\underline{x}}^2 + m^2) D_R(\underline{x}-y) &= (\partial_{\underline{x}}^2 + m^2) (\Theta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)]) \\ &= \Theta(x^0-y^0) \left( \cancel{[(\partial_{\underline{x}}^2 + m^2) \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)]}^0 \right) + 2 \partial_{\underline{x}}^\mu \Theta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\partial_\mu \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \\ &\quad + \partial_{\underline{x}}^2 \Theta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \\ &= 2 \delta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] + \partial_{\underline{x}} \delta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \end{aligned}$$

Since using delta-fn only really makes sense under integrals -

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\underline{x}^0 \partial_{\underline{x}} \delta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] &= \cancel{\delta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)]}^0 \Big| - \int d\underline{x}^0 \delta(x^0-y^0) \times [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \\ &\Rightarrow \partial_{\underline{x}} \delta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \underset{\substack{\text{upto an} \\ \text{integral}}}{=} - \delta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \hat{\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_{\underline{x}}^2 + m^2) D_R(\underline{x}-y) = 2 \delta(x^0-y^0) \cdot [\hat{\pi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)] - \delta(x^0-y^0) [\hat{\pi}(\underline{x}), \hat{\phi}(y)]$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_x^2 + m^2) D_R(x-y) \quad \delta(x^0 - y^0) [\hat{\pi}(x), \hat{\phi}(y)] \\ = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_x^2 + m^2) \bar{D}_R(x-y) = -i \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

Therefore, we can see that  $D_R(x-y)$  is the Green f<sup>n</sup> of K.G. eq<sup>n</sup>. Since it vanishes for  $x^0 < y^0$ , it is the retarded Green's f<sup>n</sup>.

$$\underline{D_R(x-y) = i G_R(x-y)}$$

If we take the eval. of  $[\hat{\phi}(x), \hat{\phi}(y)]$  -

$$\langle 0 | [\hat{\phi}(x), \hat{\phi}(y)] | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x}-\vec{y})}}{2E_{\vec{p}}} + \frac{e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x}-\vec{y})}}{-2E_{\vec{p}}} \right)$$

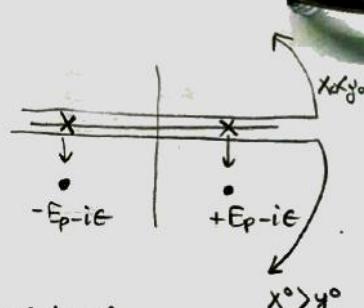
This is exactly what we get on applying retarded B.C.s on KG propagator.  
i.e.

$$I = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x}-\vec{y})} \int \frac{dp_0}{(2\pi i)} \left( \frac{-1}{p_0^2 - E_p^2} \right) e^{-ip_0(x^0 - y^0)} \quad \text{poles at } p_0 = \pm E_p$$

shifting  $\pm E_p \rightarrow \pm E_p - i\epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp_0}{(2\pi i)} \left( \frac{-1}{(p_0 - (E_p - i\epsilon))(p_0 - (-E_p - i\epsilon))} \right) e^{-ip_0(x^0 - y^0)}$$

$$= \Theta(x^0 - y^0) \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} (e^{-iE_p(x^0 - y^0)} - e^{iE_p(x^0 - y^0)}) \quad \text{after doing the contour integral.}$$



$$\Rightarrow I = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} (e^{-ip_0(x-y)} - e^{ip_0(x-y)}) \cdot \Theta(x^0 - y^0)$$

∴ Using residue  
th<sup>m</sup> backwards

$$\int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{e^{-ip_0(x-y)}}{2E_p} + \frac{e^{ip_0(x-y)}}{-2E_p} \right) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dp_0}{(2\pi i)} \left( \frac{-1}{p_0^2 - m^2} \right) e^{-ip_0(x^0 - y^0)}$$

## Particle Creation by a Classical Source

A source for K.G. field, given by  $j(x)$  is turned on for a finite time from  $-T$  to  $T$ . The initial state is the vacuum  $|0\rangle$

$$(\partial^2 + m^2) \phi(x) = j(x)$$

$$\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L_0}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) + \frac{\partial L_0}{\partial \phi} = + \frac{\partial L_{int}}{\partial \phi} \quad L = L_0 + j\phi$$

Solving it using Green's fns -

$$\phi(x) = \phi_0(x) - \int d^4y \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{free KG} \\ \text{soln}}}{G_R}(x-y) j(y)$$

$$\text{where } (\square_x + m^2) G(x-y) = -\delta^4(x-y)$$

$$D_R = iG_R$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = \phi_0(x) + i \int d^4y D_R(x-y) j(y)$$

$$= \phi_0(x) + i \int d^4y \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \Theta(x^0 - y^0) \left[ e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (x-y)} - e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (x-y)} \right] j(y)$$

$\phi(x)$  at  $x \gg T$  so field has settled down to free oscillations ( $\Theta(x^0 - y^0) \approx 1$ ) ?

$$\text{If we put in F.T. of } j, \quad \tilde{j}(\vec{p}) = \int d^4y e^{i\vec{p} \cdot y} j(y) \quad \text{s.t. } \vec{p}^2 = m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = \phi_0(x) + i \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \left( e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot x} \frac{i\tilde{j}(\vec{p})}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} - e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot x} \frac{i\tilde{j}(-\vec{p})}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \right)$$

$$\text{since } j(x) = j^*(x) \Rightarrow \tilde{j}^*(\vec{p}) = \tilde{j}(-\vec{p})$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \left[ \underbrace{\left( a_{\vec{p}} + i \frac{\tilde{j}(\vec{p})}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \right)}_{\text{new } \tilde{a}_{\vec{p}}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + h.c. \right]$$

Now, earlier, our Hamiltonian was of the form

$$\hat{H} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}} + \text{zero energy term.}$$

If we now replace this with our new  $\tilde{a}_{\vec{p}}$  and  $\tilde{a}_{\vec{p}}^+$ , we get -

$$\hat{H} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E_{\vec{p}} \left( a_{\vec{p}}^+ - i \frac{\tilde{j}(-\vec{p})}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \right) \left( a_{\vec{p}} + i \frac{\tilde{j}(\vec{p})}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \right)$$

At very late times,  $x^0 \gg T$ ,

$$\langle 0 | \hat{H} | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E_{\vec{p}} \underbrace{\frac{|\tilde{j}(\vec{p})|^2}{2E_{\vec{p}}}}_{\substack{\text{probability for } j(x) \\ \text{to create particles with} \\ p^2 = m^2}} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|\tilde{j}(\vec{p})|^2}{2}$$

$\therefore$  # of particles produced in the final state -

$$\int dN = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Prob.}(\vec{p}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|\tilde{j}(\vec{p})|^2}{2E_{\vec{p}}} = \langle 0 | \hat{N} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{where } \hat{N} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} a_{\vec{p}}^+ a_{\vec{p}}$$

## Feynman Propagator (of the KG field)

$$D_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = i\Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = i \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-ip \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y})}}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$(\square_x + m^2) D_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = -i \delta^4(\underline{x} - \underline{y})$$

On calculating the Feynman propagator -

$$D_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \left( \Theta(x_0 - y_0) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y})} + \Theta(y_0 - x_0) e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y})} \right)$$

Now, if we recall, the def" of  $D(\underline{x} - \underline{y})$  -

$$D(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = \langle 0 | \phi(\underline{x}) \phi(\underline{y}) | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y})}$$

$$\Rightarrow D(\underline{y} - \underline{x}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) &= \Theta(x_0 - y_0) D(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \Theta(y_0 - x_0) D(\underline{y} - \underline{x}) \\ &= \Theta(x_0 - y_0) \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) | 0 \rangle + \Theta(y_0 - x_0) \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

We now define the time ordering symbol

$$\mathcal{T} \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) = \Theta(x^0 - y^0) \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) + \Theta(y^0 - x^0) \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow D_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = \boxed{\langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) \hat{\phi}(\underline{y}) | 0 \rangle} = i \Delta_F(\underline{x} - \underline{y})$$

## Complex Klein Gordon Field.

Suppose we have 2 real K.G fields with the same mass parameter

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\partial \hat{\phi}_1)^2 + (\partial \hat{\phi}_2)^2 \right] - \frac{m^2}{2} (\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \hat{\phi}_2^2)$$

$$\text{Define } \hat{\phi} = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 + i\hat{\phi}_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \hat{\phi}^\dagger = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - i\hat{\phi}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Then we can define -

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial \hat{\phi})^\dagger (\partial \hat{\phi}) - m^2 \hat{\phi}^\dagger \hat{\phi}$$

Now we'll have

$$\hat{\phi}_1(\underline{x}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \left( \hat{a}_{1\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + \hat{a}_{1\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_2(\underline{x}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} \left( \hat{a}_{2\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + \hat{a}_{2\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\phi_1 + i\phi_2)(\underline{x})}{\sqrt{2}} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{(\hat{a}_1 + i\hat{a}_2)}{\sqrt{2}}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + \frac{(\hat{a}_1^\dagger + i\hat{a}_2^\dagger)}{\sqrt{2}}_{\vec{p}} e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

no longer the  
h.c.

Define  $\boxed{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \equiv \frac{\hat{a}_1 + i\hat{a}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{b}_{\vec{p}} \equiv \frac{\hat{a}_1^\dagger - i\hat{a}_2^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}}}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) = \int \underbrace{\frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}}}_{d^3 \vec{p}} \left( \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

$$\hat{\phi}(\underline{x}) = \int d^3 \vec{p} \left( a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\underline{x}) = \int d^3\vec{p} \left( b_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p}\cdot\underline{x}} \right)$$

So now since  $\mathcal{L} = \dot{\phi} \dot{\phi}^\dagger - (\vec{\nabla} \phi) (\vec{\nabla} \phi) - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_\phi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = \dot{\phi}^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_{\phi^\dagger} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}^\dagger} = \dot{\phi}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L} = \pi \pi^\dagger - |\vec{\nabla} \phi|^2 - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi$$

similarly,  $\hat{P}^\mu = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} p^\mu a_{\vec{p};i}^\dagger a_{\vec{p};i}$

since we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\vec{p}} &= \frac{a_1 + ia_2}{\sqrt{2}} & b_{\vec{p}} &= \frac{a_1 - ia_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger &= \frac{a_1^\dagger - ia_2^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} & b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger &= \frac{a_1^\dagger + ia_2^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{a}_1 = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{b}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \hat{a}_2 = \frac{\hat{a} - \hat{b}}{\sqrt{2}i} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_2 &= \left( \frac{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} + \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \left( \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger - \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger}{-\sqrt{2}i} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} - \hat{b}_{\vec{p}}}{+\sqrt{2}i} \right) \\ &= \cancel{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}} + \cancel{b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}} + \cancel{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}} + \cancel{b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}} + \cancel{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}} + \cancel{b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}} - \cancel{b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}} - \cancel{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}}} \end{aligned}$$

so, 
$$\boxed{\hat{P}^\mu = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} p^\mu (a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}} + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}})}$$

Also, we knew that the creation & destruction operators of the two real fields are independent, so -

$$[a_{\vec{p}_1}, a_{\vec{q}_1}^{\dagger}] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) = [a_{\vec{p}_2}, a_{\vec{q}_2}^{\dagger}]$$

$$[a_{\vec{p}_1}, a_{\vec{q}_2}^{\dagger}] = 0 = [a_{\vec{p}_2}, a_{\vec{q}_1}^{\dagger}]$$

$$\text{So, } \left[ \frac{a_{\vec{p}} + b_{\vec{p}}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} + b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] + [a_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] + [b_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] + [b_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] \right) \\ \stackrel{!}{=} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

$$\text{Similarly, } [a_1, a_2^{\dagger}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{a_{\vec{p}} + b_{\vec{p}}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} - b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}}{-\sqrt{2}i} \right] = \frac{i}{2} \left( [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] - [b_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] + [b_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] - [a_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] \right) \\ \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

All of this calculation implies the following relations-

$$[a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = [b_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})$$

$$[a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{q}}] = [a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger}, a_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = [b_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}] = [b_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = 0$$

$$[a_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = [a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger}, b_{\vec{q}}] = [a_{\vec{p}}, b_{\vec{q}}] = [a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger}, b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}] = 0$$

Conserved current for C-scalar field.

Whenever we have a  $\mathcal{L}$  of the form-

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial\phi^{\dagger}\partial\phi - m^2\phi^{\dagger}\phi \Rightarrow \text{it is invariant under } \begin{aligned} \phi' &= e^{i\theta}\phi \\ \phi'^{\dagger} &= e^{-i\theta}\phi^{\dagger} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\phi = i\theta\phi \quad \text{and} \quad \delta\phi^\dagger = -i\theta\phi$$

$\therefore \exists$  a conserved current which can be found as follows -

$$j^\mu(x) \sim \frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial^\mu \phi} \delta\phi + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial^\mu \phi^\dagger} \delta\phi^\dagger = (\partial^\mu \phi^\dagger)(i\theta\phi) - (\partial^\mu \phi)(i\theta\phi^\dagger)$$

$$\Rightarrow j^\mu(x) = i(\partial^\mu \phi \cdot \phi^\dagger - \partial^\mu \phi^\dagger \cdot \phi)$$

We define the conserved charge as -

$$Q = \int d^3x j^0 = i \int d^3x (\phi^\dagger \dot{\phi} - \dot{\phi}^\dagger \phi)$$

$$Q = i \int d^3x \int d^3\vec{q} \int d^3\vec{p} \left[ (b_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}})(-iq_0)(a_{\vec{q}} e^{-iq \cdot \vec{x}} - b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+iq \cdot \vec{x}}) \right. \\ \left. - (-ip_0)(b_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} - a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}})(a_{\vec{q}} e^{-iq \cdot \vec{x}} + b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+iq \cdot \vec{x}}) \right]$$

- If we consider similar combinations like  $a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}$ , or  $b_{\vec{p}} b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger$ , we'll get a coeff. of form -

$$\int d^3x e^{\pm i(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} = \int d^3x e^{\pm i[(p_0 - q_0)x^0 - (\vec{p} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}]} \\ = e^{\pm i(p_0 - q_0)x^0} \Big|_{\vec{p}=\vec{q}} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) = \frac{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{q})}{(2\pi)^3} \xrightarrow{\text{time independent}}$$

- However, for the cross combinations, like  $b_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{q}}$ , or  $a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger$ , we'll get a coeff. -

$$\int d^3x e^{\pm i(\vec{p} + \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} = e^{\pm i(p_0 + q_0)x^0} \Big|_{\vec{p} = -\vec{q}} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} + \vec{q})$$

$$\text{but since } p_0 = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} = \sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2} = q_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3x e^{\pm i(\vec{p} + \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} = \frac{e^{\pm 2iE_p t}}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} + \vec{q}) \xrightarrow{\text{time dependent!}}$$

$$\text{Now } Q = + \int d^3\vec{x} \widetilde{d^3\vec{p}} \widetilde{d^3\vec{q}} \left[ q_0 \left( b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-i(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+i(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - b_0 \left( b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}} e^{-i(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-i(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} - a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+i(\vec{p}-\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} \right) - a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+i(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \cdot \vec{x}} \right) \right]$$

$$= \int \frac{\widetilde{d^3\vec{p}} \widetilde{d^3\vec{q}}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \delta_{\vec{p}+\vec{q}}^3 \left( a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger + b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger + a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger \right) \cdot b_0 \right. \\ \left. - \delta^3(\vec{p}+\vec{q}) \left( b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}} e^{-2iE_{\vec{p}}t} - a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+2iE_{\vec{p}}t} - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{-2iE_{\vec{p}}t} - a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger e^{+2iE_{\vec{p}}t} \right) \cdot b_0 \right]$$

$$= (2\pi)^3 \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{E_{\vec{p}}}{2\sqrt{E_{\vec{p}} E_{\vec{q}}}} \left( 2a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger - 2b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger \right) \delta^3(\vec{p}+\vec{q})$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \right)$$

We can replace  $b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger$  by  $b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger = b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger + [b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger, b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger]_{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(0)}$

$$\hat{Q} = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger - (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(0) \right) \xrightarrow{\text{renormalizable term (irrelevant)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{Q} = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger - b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \right)} \xrightarrow{\text{conserved charge.}}$$

# density of particles      # density of anti-particles

### FOCK SPACE (of scalar field)

$$a_{\vec{p}} |0\rangle = 0 \quad b_{\vec{p}} |0\rangle = 0$$

$$|\vec{p}, Q=+1\rangle = \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} a_{\vec{p}} |0\rangle$$

$$|\vec{p}, Q=-1\rangle = \sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}} b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{Q}(a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle) = +1 \quad (a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle)$$

$$\hat{Q}(b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle) = -1 \quad (b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle)$$

## QUANTIZATION OF DIRAC FIELD

Bosons: obey Bose-Einstein statistics. (any # of particles can occupy the same state in H)  
 $(s=0, 1, 2, \dots)$

Fock space:  $\prod_{\vec{p}} \frac{(a_{\vec{p}}^+)^{n_{\vec{p}}} (b_{\vec{p}}^+)^{\bar{n}_{\vec{p}}} (\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}})^{n_{\vec{p}} + \bar{n}_{\vec{p}}}}{\sqrt{n_{\vec{p}}! \bar{n}_{\vec{p}}!}} |0\rangle$

i.e.  $n_{\vec{p}}$  particles &  $\bar{n}_{\vec{p}}$  anti-particles with same momentum are allowed.

Fermions: obey Fermi-Dirac statistics (Pauli exclusion principle must be obeyed)  
 $(s=\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots)$  No more than 1 particle can occupy the same quantum state.

Creation operators carry a conserved quantum no. Also, the way we've defined our Hamiltonian, it is positive semidefinite!

Q'tys. :  $\vec{p}, E_{\vec{p}}, Q \dots$

Operators :  $\hat{p}, \hat{H}, \hat{Q} \dots \leftarrow$  conserved const. of motion

∴ We don't want a state with same (identical) particles with identical quantum numbers.

If we define the new creation & annihilation operators as  $C^\dagger$  and  $C$ , then we'd expect

$$C^\dagger |0\rangle \neq 0, \text{ but } (C^\dagger)^2 |0\rangle = 0$$

$$\underbrace{C^\dagger C |0\rangle = 0}_{\text{acts as a no. operator}} \quad \text{and} \quad C^\dagger C C^\dagger |0\rangle = C^\dagger |0\rangle$$

These properties are satisfied if -

$$\{ \hat{C}, \hat{C}^\dagger \} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \{ \hat{C}, \hat{C} \} = \{ \hat{C}^\dagger, \hat{C}^\dagger \} = 0$$

So, with complex Dirac fields to describe charged spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles and anti-particles, we must use anti-commutation relations to perform canonical quantization. (5)

A guess:

$$\psi(\underline{x}) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} \left( c_{\vec{p},s} u_{\vec{p},s} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} + d_{\vec{p},s} v_{\vec{p},s} e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} \right)$$

$\vdots$   
4-component object

We want  $(i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi = 0$ .  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (p - m)u_{\vec{p},s} = 0 \\ -(p + m)v_{\vec{p},s} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi = 0$   
But we know that  $\rightarrow$  trivially.

### Canonical Quantization.

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{Dirac}} &= \int d^4x \cdot (\bar{\psi}(i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi) \\ &\equiv \int d^4x \left( \bar{\psi} \cdot \frac{i}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\partial} - m \right) \psi \\ &\quad \text{upto} \\ &\quad \text{a B.T.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta S = 0 \Rightarrow \int d^4x \delta \bar{\psi}(i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi + \bar{\psi}(i\vec{\gamma} - m)\delta \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\psi}(i\vec{\gamma} + m) = 0$$

So,  $L_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\psi}(i\vec{\gamma} - m)\psi$  is the correct L.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \underline{\underline{\tau_\alpha}} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\psi}_\alpha} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\psi}_\alpha} (\bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\alpha \partial_0 + i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} - m)\psi)_\alpha = (\bar{\psi} i\gamma^\alpha)_\alpha \\ &= \psi^\dagger \gamma^\alpha i\gamma^\alpha = \underline{\underline{i\psi^\dagger}} \end{aligned}$$

## (6)

### Equal time anti-commutation relations

- $\{\psi_\alpha(\underline{x}), \psi_\beta(\underline{x}')\}_{t=t'} = 0$
  - $\{\psi_\alpha(\underline{x}), \pi_\beta(\underline{x}')\}_{t=t'} = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$
- $$\Rightarrow \{\psi_\alpha(\underline{x}), \psi_\beta^\dagger(\underline{x}')\}_{t=t'} = \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

So, now, the fields are given by -

$$\psi(\underline{x}) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( c_{\vec{p},s} u_s(\vec{p}) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} + d_{\vec{p},s}^\dagger v_s(\vec{p}) e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} \right)$$

$$\psi^\dagger(\underline{x}) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( d_{\vec{p},s} v_s^\dagger(\vec{p}) e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} + c_{\vec{p},s}^\dagger u_s^\dagger(\vec{p}) e^{+i\vec{p} \cdot \underline{x}} \right)$$

Imposing anti-commutator relations -

$$\{\psi_\alpha(\underline{x}), \psi_\beta(\underline{x}')\}_{t=t'} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{possible if } \{c_{\vec{p},s}, c_{\vec{q},s'}\} = 0 = \{d_{\vec{p},s}, d_{\vec{q},s'}\}$$

$$\{c_{\vec{p},s}, d_{\vec{q},s'}^\dagger\} = 0$$

$$\{\psi_\alpha(\underline{x}), \psi_\beta^\dagger(\underline{x}')\}_{t=t'} = \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$