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$$(a) \text{ Given : } \mathcal{L} = (\partial_m \phi^*) (\partial^m \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi = (\partial^m \phi^*) (\partial_m \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

We will use E-L equations :

$$(i) \quad \partial_m \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_m \phi)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (ii) \quad \partial_m \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_m \phi^*)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi^*} = 0$$

$$\partial_m (\partial^m \phi^*) + m^2 \phi^* = 0 \quad \partial_m (\partial^m \phi) + m^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_m \partial^m + m^2) \phi^* = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (\partial_m \partial^m + m^2) \phi = 0$$

∴ We can see that we have two copies of KG eqn.

(b) (1) Check what happens under global U(1) Symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_m \phi^*) (\partial^m \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

$$\downarrow \boxed{\phi \rightarrow e^{iqx} \phi \quad \& \quad \phi^* \rightarrow e^{-iqx} \phi^*}$$



$$= (\partial_m (e^{-iqx} \phi^*)) (\partial^m (e^{iqx} \phi)) - m^2 (e^{-iqx} \phi^*) (e^{iqx} \phi)$$

$$= [(\partial_m e^{-iqx}) \phi^* + e^{-iqx} (\partial_m \phi^*)] [(\partial^m e^{iqx}) \phi + e^{iqx} (\partial^m \phi)] - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

Both = 0 as  $q^x$  is a constant.

$$= (\partial_m \phi^*) (\partial^m \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

which means  $\mathcal{L}$  is conserved under U(1) global symmetry.

(2) Check what happens under local U(1) Symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_m \phi^*) (\partial^m \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

$$\downarrow \boxed{\phi \rightarrow e^{iqx} \phi \quad \& \quad \phi^* \rightarrow e^{-iqx} \phi^*}$$



$$= \partial_m (e^{-iqx} \phi^*) \partial^m (e^{iqx} \phi) - m^2 e^{-iqx} \phi^* e^{iqx} \phi$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{As } x \text{ is a constant.}}$

$$= (\partial_\mu \phi^*) (\partial^\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi$$

$$\downarrow \quad \boxed{\phi \rightarrow e^{i q X(x)} \phi \quad \& \quad \phi^* \rightarrow e^{-i q X(x)} \phi^*}$$

$$= \underbrace{\partial^\mu (e^{-i q X(x)} \phi^*)}_{\textcircled{I}} \underbrace{\partial_\mu (e^{i q X(x)} \phi)}_{\textcircled{II}} - m^2 e^{-i q X(x)} \phi^* e^{i q X(x)} \phi$$

mass term unchanged.

Let us figure out how does term  $\textcircled{I}$  &  $\textcircled{II}$  transform

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{I} \quad \partial_\mu (e^{i q X(x)} \phi) &= \partial_\mu (e^{i q X(x)}) \phi + e^{i q X(x)} (\partial_\mu \phi) \\ &= i q (\partial_\mu X(x)) e^{i q X(x)} \phi + e^{i q X(x)} (\partial_\mu \phi) \\ &= e^{i q X(x)} [\partial_\mu + i q \partial_\mu X] \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \textcircled{II} \quad \partial^\mu \phi^* \rightarrow e^{-i q X(x)} [\partial^\mu - i q \partial^\mu X] \phi^*$$

$\textcircled{I} + \textcircled{II}$  transformation gives us the following first term in the transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi) &\rightarrow (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi) - i q (\partial^\mu X(x)) (\partial_\mu \phi) + i q (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu X(x)) \phi \\ &\quad + (\partial^\mu \phi) (\partial_\mu \phi^*) \phi^* \phi \end{aligned}$$

which is not what we started with.

(3) Looking carefully at  $\textcircled{I}$  &  $\textcircled{II}$  transformations, we can guess that if

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + i q A_\mu(x) \quad \& \quad D^\mu = \partial^\mu - i q A^\mu(x)$$

but this will create additional terms due to  $A^\mu(x)$ . Just like we have a transf<sup>n</sup> for  $\phi, \phi^*$ , we need a transformation of the following form

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - (\partial_\mu X(x))$$

to make sure that the new terms arising from  $A^\mu/A_m$  are cancelled out.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D_\mu \phi) &= (\partial_\mu + iq A_\mu(x)) \phi \xrightarrow{\text{U(1)}} (\partial_\mu + iq (A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu(\chi(x)))) e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi \\
 &= \partial_\mu (e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi) + iq A_\mu(x) e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi - iq \partial_\mu(\chi(x)) e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi \\
 &\quad = \cancel{iq e^{iq\chi(x)} (\partial_\mu \chi(x)) \phi} + e^{iq\chi(x)} \partial_\mu \phi + iq A_\mu(x) e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi \\
 &\quad \quad \quad - \cancel{iq (\partial_\mu \chi(x)) e^{iq\chi(x)} \phi} \\
 &= e^{iq\chi(x)} (\partial_\mu + iq A_\mu(x)) \phi \\
 &= e^{iq\chi(x)} (D_\mu \phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\rightarrow (D^\mu \phi^*) \rightarrow e^{-iq\chi(x)} (D^\mu \phi^*)$

Together  $\rightarrow (D_\mu \phi) (D^\mu \phi^*) \xrightarrow{\text{U(1)}} \underbrace{e^{iq\chi(x)} (D_\mu \phi) e^{-iq\chi(x)} (D^\mu \phi^*)}$   
 As long as  $[\chi, \phi] = 0$ .

This gives us our new Lagrangian.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= (D^\mu \phi^*) (D_\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi \\
 &= (\partial^\mu \phi^* - iq A^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi + iq A_\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi \\
 &= (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{(-iq A^\mu \phi^* (\partial_\mu \phi) + iq (\partial^\mu \phi^*) A_\mu \phi + q^2 \phi^* \phi A^\mu A_\mu)}
 \end{aligned}$$

This term shows the coupling strength between  $A_\mu$  &  $\phi, \phi^*$  fields

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \\
 &= \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu \phi^* - iq A^\mu \phi^*) - (-m^2 \phi^* + q^2 \phi^* A^\mu A_\mu)
 \end{aligned}$$

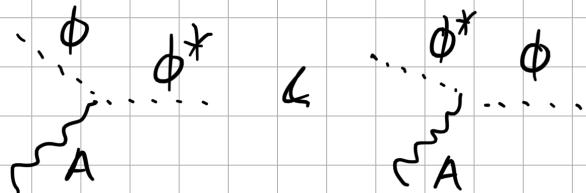
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\partial^m \partial_m + m^2) \phi^* - \partial_m (iq A^m \phi^*) - q^2 \phi^* A^m A_m \\
 &= \underbrace{[\partial^m \partial_m \phi^* + m^2 \phi^*]}_{\text{Together}} - iq (\partial_m A^m) \phi^* - iq A^m (\partial_m \phi^*) - q^2 \phi^* A^m A_m \\
 &= [(D_m + iq A_m)(\partial^m - iq A^m) + m^2] \phi^* \\
 &\Rightarrow [D_m D^m + m^2] \phi^* = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the other E-L eqn gives us :

$$[D_m D^m + m^2] \phi = 0$$

- If  $\phi$  is a particle with charge  $q$  propagating in an EM field specified by  $A^m$ ,  $\phi^*$  corresponds to its antiparticle.
- The new EoM for  $\phi$  &  $\phi^*$  now comprise of source terms!

Specifically source terms like this :



Rough Work

$$(D_m D^m + m^2) \phi^* = 0$$

$$[(\partial_m + iq A_m)(\partial^m - iq A^m) + m^2] \phi^* = 0$$

$$[\partial_m \partial^m - \partial_m (iq A^m) + iq A_m \partial^m + q^2 A_m A^m + m^2] \phi^* = 0$$

$$[\partial_m \partial^m + m^2] \phi - iq (\partial_m A^m) \phi^* + iq A_m (\partial^m \phi^*) + q^2 A_m A^m \phi^* = 0$$

(a) Show that  $-i\psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \psi_L$  is Lorentz-invariant.

→ We have  $\Psi_R(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1(x) \\ \Psi_2(x) \end{bmatrix}$  for  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$  representation

$$\Psi_L(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1(x) \\ \Psi_2(x) \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } (\frac{1}{2}, 0) \text{ representation}$$

Recall how these Weyl spinors transform under  $r_j$  &  $b_j$

$$\Psi_R \rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}(ir_j\sigma_j + b_j\sigma_j)} \Psi_R = \left( 1 + \frac{i}{2}r_j\sigma_j + \frac{1}{2}b_j\sigma_j + \dots \right) \Psi_R$$

$$\Psi_L \rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}(ir_j\sigma_j - b_j\sigma_j)} \Psi_L = \left( 1 + \frac{i}{2}r_j\sigma_j - \frac{1}{2}b_j\sigma_j + \dots \right) \Psi_L$$

Giving us the fact that these Spinors infinitesimally transform like:

$$\delta\Psi_R = \frac{1}{2}(ir_j + b_j)\sigma_j \Psi_R \quad ; \quad \delta\Psi_L = \frac{1}{2}(ir_j - b_j)\sigma_j \Psi_L$$

$$\delta\Psi_R^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(-ir_j + b_j) \Psi_R^\dagger \sigma_j \quad ; \quad \delta\Psi_L^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(-ir_j - b_j) \Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_j$$

Note:  $r_j$  &  $b_j$  are real numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \psi_L) &= \left[ (\delta\Psi_L^\dagger) \sigma_2 \Psi_L + \Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 (\delta\Psi_L) \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}(ir_j - b_j) \Psi_L^\dagger \underbrace{\sigma_j \sigma_2}_{} \Psi_L + \Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \frac{1}{2}(ir_j - b_j) \sigma_j \Psi_L \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(ir_j - b_j) \Psi_L^\dagger \cancel{\sigma_2 \sigma_j} \Psi_L + (ir_j - b_j) \cancel{\Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \sigma_j} \Psi_L \right] \\ &\quad \text{These cancel!} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- This shows that the term  $\Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \Psi_L$  is invariant under infinitesimal rotations & boosts.
- This also shows that  $\Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \Psi_L^*$  is invariant under such a transformation as it is just the complex conjugate of  $\Psi_L^\dagger \sigma_2 \Psi_L$ .

I present a quick proof that  $\sigma_j^\top \sigma_2 = -\sigma_2 \sigma_j$

- Recall,  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  are both real.  $\sigma_2$  is imaginary.

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$So, \quad \sigma_1^* = \sigma_1, \quad \sigma_2^* = -\sigma_2, \quad \sigma_3^* = \sigma_3$$

$$\sigma_1^\top = \sigma_1, \quad \sigma_2^\top = -\sigma_2, \quad \sigma_3^\top = \sigma_3$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Giving us: } \sigma_1^\top \sigma_2 &= -\sigma_2 \sigma_1, \\ \sigma_3^\top \sigma_2 &= \sigma_3 \sigma_2 = -\sigma_2 \sigma_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sigma_j^\top \sigma_2 = -\sigma_2 \sigma_j$$

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$$\sigma_2^\top \sigma_2 = -\sigma_2 \sigma_2$$

(b) Show that  $\frac{m\bar{\psi}\psi}{2}$  is not gauge-invariant, i.e. a Majorana particle cannot be charged.

Let us take the first mass term in account from  $\frac{m\bar{\psi}\psi}{2}$

$$\Psi_L^\top \sigma_2 \Psi_L \xrightarrow{U(1)} \Psi_L^\top e^{i\omega} \sigma_2 e^{i\omega} \Psi_L = e^{2i\omega} \Psi_L^\top \sigma_2 \Psi_L$$

Now, second term,

$$\Psi_L^\top \sigma_2 \Psi_L \xrightarrow{U(1)} \Psi_L^\top e^{-i\omega} \sigma_2 e^{i\omega} \Psi_L = \Psi_L^\top \sigma_2 \Psi_L$$

So, one of the term is invariant but the other, isn't. Making  $m\bar{\psi}\psi$  not-invariant under  $U(1)$ .

$\therefore$  Majorana fermions are not charged.

Another way to see this is from  $\Psi = \Psi_c = -i\sigma_2 \Psi^+$  for Majorana fermions. This means under  $U(1)$  symmetry they cannot be charged as under symmetry operators

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &\rightarrow e^{i\omega} \Psi \\ \Psi_c &\rightarrow e^{-i\omega} \Psi_c \end{aligned}$$

which means  $\Psi = \Psi_c$  cannot hold.