

PH4442 Advanced Particle Physics Week 3

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Recall from last week:

$$\text{Dirac eq. } (i\not{\partial} - m)\psi = \begin{cases} g\mathbf{A}\psi & \text{in EM pot.} \\ 0 & \text{free pte} \end{cases}$$

Free pte solns

$$\psi_+ = u_s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x}$$

$$\psi_- = \underbrace{v_s(p)}_{\text{Dirac spinors}} e^{ip \cdot x}$$

see video + finish today

Today:

- 0) finish discussion of u, v spinors
- 1) Transformation properties/covariance of K-G + Dirac eqs.
- 2) Interpretation of negative energy solns $\rightarrow$ antiparticles
- 3) Green functions (propagators) } start today

Where this is heading:

- Feynman rules for amplitudes
- Predictions for decay rates and cross sections.

[covariance of Maxwell's eqs. ← see notes]

Covariance of Klein - Gordon eq.

Consider two reference frames related by $x' = \Lambda x$

↑
Lorentz trans

In original frame, K-G eq. is

$$(\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2) \varphi(x) = 0$$

We assume $\varphi(x)$ is a Lorentz scalar, i.e.,

in primed frame: $\varphi'(x') = \varphi(x)$

We showed (prob sheet 1)

$$\partial'_\mu \partial'^\mu \varphi'(x') = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \varphi(x)$$

⇒ K-G eq. in primed frame:

$$(\partial'_\mu \partial'^\mu + m^2) \varphi'(x') = 0$$

⇒ 1) Eqs. same form in both frames

2) We have a rule that relates

$$\varphi'(x') \longleftrightarrow \varphi(x) \quad (\text{here, they're equal})$$

⇒ K-G eq. is Lorentz covariant

Covariance of Dirac eq.

want this $\rightarrow$ {

Original frame: $(i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi(x) = 0$ (1)

Primed frame: $(i \gamma^\mu \partial'_\mu - m) \psi'(x') = 0$ (2)

$\uparrow$ note no prime for γ^μ

The γ^μ do not transform, rather, they specify the coupled system of DEs (same in all frames)

For $x' = \Lambda x$ and assuming Dirac eq. has same form, what is relation between $\psi'(x')$ and $\psi(x)$?

Try $\psi'(x') = \underbrace{S(\Lambda)}_{\uparrow 4 \times 4 \text{ matrix}} \psi(x)$

$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = S^{-1}(\Lambda) \psi'(x')$

Use $\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = \frac{\partial x'^\nu}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\nu} = \Lambda^\nu_\mu \partial'_\nu$ } use in Dirac eq (1)

$\rightarrow (i \gamma^\mu \Lambda^\nu_\mu \partial'_\nu - m) S^{-1}(\Lambda) \psi'(x') = 0$

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Multiply on left by $S(\Lambda)$, and use

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

$\uparrow$ number $\uparrow$ 4x4 matrix

$$\Rightarrow (i S \Lambda^\nu{}_\mu \gamma^\mu S^{-1} \partial'_\nu - m) \Psi'(x') = 0$$

i.e. same form, $(i \gamma^\nu \partial'_\nu - m) \Psi'(x') = 0$

if $S \Lambda^\nu{}_\mu \gamma^\mu S^{-1} = \gamma^\nu$.

Optional: Lecture Notes Sec. 2.6

Exponential form of Lorentz trans. (continuous)

$$\Lambda = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \omega_{\alpha\beta} L^{\alpha\beta}\right)$$

$$\omega_{\alpha\beta} = -\omega_{\beta\alpha}$$

$$L^{\alpha\beta} = -L^{\beta\alpha}$$

$\uparrow$ "generators" of Lorentz trans.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_{12} = \theta_3, \quad \omega_{13} = -\theta_2, \quad \omega_{23} = \theta_1, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ rotations}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_{01} = \zeta_1, \quad \omega_{02} = \zeta_2, \quad \omega_{03} = \zeta_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ boosts w/ rapidity } \zeta = \cosh^{-1} \gamma$$

What is corresponding $S(\Lambda)$? Claim:

same

$$S = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \omega_{\alpha\beta} \Sigma_1^{\alpha\beta}\right)$$

$$\Sigma_1^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4} [\gamma^\alpha, \gamma^\beta]$$

Proof in Lecture Notes Sec. 5.3

Sections 2.6

and start of 5.3

not examinable

(Examinable from

5.3.1)

Rotation of coordinates

What Λ does this correspond to?

Consider $S = \exp\left(-\frac{\theta}{2} \gamma^1 \gamma^2\right) = \mathbb{I} - \frac{\theta}{2} \gamma^1 \gamma^2 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2 (\gamma^1 \gamma^2)^2 + \dots$

From $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{I} \Rightarrow \gamma^1 \gamma^2 = -\gamma^2 \gamma^1$

$\Rightarrow (\gamma^1 \gamma^2)^2 = \underbrace{\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2}_{-\gamma^1 \gamma^2} = \underbrace{-\gamma^1 \gamma^1}_{-\mathbb{I}} \underbrace{\gamma^2 \gamma^2}_{-\mathbb{I}} = -\mathbb{I}$

i.e. $\gamma^1 \gamma^2$ like imaginary unit "i", $i^2 = -1$

$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} S &= \mathbb{I} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ S^{-1} &= \mathbb{I} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{can make rigorous} \\ \text{by expanding exp,} \\ \text{sin, cos in Taylor series.} \end{array}$

Use $S \Lambda^\nu_\mu \gamma^\mu S^{-1} = \gamma^\nu$, mult on left by S^{-1} , on right by S

$\Rightarrow \underline{S^{-1} \gamma^\nu S = \Lambda^\nu_\mu \gamma^\mu}$ $\hookrightarrow$ 4 eqs., use to find Λ^ν_μ

$S^{-1} \gamma^0 S = \gamma^0 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \underbrace{\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2}_{+\gamma^0} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \gamma^0$

$S^{-1} \gamma^1 S = \left(\mathbb{I} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \gamma^1 \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$
 $= \gamma^1 \cos \theta + \gamma^2 \sin \theta \quad \hookrightarrow \text{used } \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta$

Similarly, $S^{-1} \gamma^2 S = -\gamma^1 \sin \theta + \gamma^3 \cos \theta$
 $S^{-1} \gamma^3 S = \gamma^3$
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hookrightarrow \text{rotation about } z \text{ axis.}$

$$\Rightarrow S_R(\theta) = \exp\left(-\frac{\theta}{2} \gamma' \gamma^2\right) = I \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \gamma' \gamma^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

↑ rotation

Inverse $S_R^{-1}(\theta) = \exp\left(+\frac{\theta}{2} \gamma' \gamma^2\right)$

i.e. $S_R^{-1}(\theta) = S_R(-\theta)$

Note that $S_R(2\pi) = -I$
 $S_R(4\pi) = +I$

ψ comes back to itself only after 2 full rotations
 (Observable consequences in interference phenom., e.g., neutron scattering.)

Show Dirac ptcls have spin $\frac{1}{2}$

Consider infinitesimal rot. $\delta\theta$ about x^3 , $x = \Lambda^{-1} x'$

↑
 $\theta \rightarrow -\theta$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \delta\theta & -\sin \delta\theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \delta\theta & \cos \delta\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'^0 \\ x'^1 \\ x'^2 \\ x'^3 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\delta\theta & 0 \\ 0 & \delta\theta & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'^0 \\ x'^1 \\ x'^2 \\ x'^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_R(\delta\theta) = \exp\left(-\frac{\delta\theta}{2} \gamma' \gamma^2\right) \approx I - \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \gamma' \gamma^2$$

$$= I + i \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

check this!

Pauli matrix

$$\Rightarrow \psi'(x') = \left[I + i \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \psi(x) + O(\delta\theta^2)$$

Express $\Psi(x)$ in terms of transformed coords.

& expand to first order about x' .

$$\Psi(x) = \Psi(x'^0, x'^1 - x'^2 \delta\theta, x'^1 \delta\theta + x'^2, x'^3)$$

$$\approx \Psi(x') + \left(x'^1 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x'^2} - x'^2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x'^1} \right) \delta\theta + \mathcal{O}(\delta\theta^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi'(x') = \left[\mathbb{I} + i \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \left(\Psi(x') + \left(x'^1 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x'^2} - x'^2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x'^1} \right) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\delta\theta^2)$$

Holds for all coord. values $\Rightarrow$ relabel $x' \rightarrow x$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi'(x) = \left[\mathbb{I} + i \delta\theta (L_3 + S_3) \right] \Psi(x)$$

where $L_3 = -i \left(x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) = 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ component of}$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} \quad \text{with } \vec{p} = -i\nabla$$

$S_3 = 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ component of } \vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$

For finite rotation θ , let $\delta\theta = \frac{\theta}{N}$ and apply infinitesimal rot. N times, let $N \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\Psi'(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[\mathbb{I} + i \frac{\theta}{N} (L_3 + S_3) \right]^N \Psi(x)$$

$$= \exp \left[i \theta (L_3 + S_3) \right] \Psi(x)$$

$\Rightarrow U(\theta) = e^{i \vec{J}_3 \theta}$ $\leftarrow$ generates (passive) rotation of coord.

$\uparrow$ 3rd component of $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S} \leftarrow$ defines spin.

$\Rightarrow \text{spin} = \frac{1}{2} !$

for active rot., $\theta \rightarrow -\theta$
(i.e. rotates system).

Lorentz boosts

Using ~ same procedure as for rotations, find

$$S_B(\omega) = \exp\left(-\frac{\omega}{2} \gamma^0 \gamma^3\right)$$

$$= I \cosh \frac{\omega}{2} - \gamma^0 \gamma^3 \sinh \frac{\omega}{2}$$

corresponds to Lorentz trans

$$\Lambda_B = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \omega & 0 & 0 & -\sinh \omega \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sinh \omega & 0 & 0 & \cosh \omega \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{boost} \\ \text{along} \\ z \text{ axis} \end{array}$$

where $\omega = \text{rapidity}$ ($\cosh \omega = \gamma$, $\sinh \omega = \beta \gamma$)

One can find $S_B^\dagger = S_B$

$$S_B^{-1} = \gamma^0 S_B^\dagger \gamma^0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_B^{-1}(\omega) = S_B(-\omega) \quad \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \text{check: } \gamma^0 \gamma^0 = I \\ \gamma^3 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^3 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$ for both rotations and boosts,

$$S^{-1}(\Lambda) = \gamma^0 S^\dagger(\Lambda) \gamma^0$$

$\uparrow$
(holds for any Lorentz trans. that does not include time reversal)

Illustration of Lorentz boost to find $u(p)$

Recall rest-frame spinor $u_1(0)$

$$u_1(0) \stackrel{p^\mu = (m, 0, 0, 0)}{=} \sqrt{2m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can find $u_1(p)$ by boosting in z dir. to a frame w/ velocity $v_z = -\beta$.

$$\Rightarrow u_1(p) = S_B(\omega) u_1(0) = \left(\mathbb{I} \cosh \frac{\omega}{2} + \gamma^0 \gamma^3 \sinh \frac{\omega}{2} \right) u_1(0)$$

$\uparrow \triangle$

where ω = rapidity of ptcl. in boosted frame

= neg. of rapidity of frame relative to ptcl. at rest.

Relate ω to E , p_z of ptcl.:

$$\rightarrow \text{Find } \cosh \frac{\omega}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{E+m}{2m}}, \quad \sinh \frac{\omega}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{E+m}{2m}} \cdot \frac{p_z}{E+m}$$

$$\text{By using } \gamma^0 \gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and assembling ingredients,}$$

$$\rightarrow u_1(p) = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p_z}{E+m} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{same as what we found before for } p_x = p_y = 0$$

Parity (space inversion)

$$(t', \vec{r}') = (t, -\vec{r}) \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$x' = \Lambda_p x \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda_p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

same as
Minkowski metric

det $\Lambda_p = -1 \rightarrow$ "improper" Lorentz trans.

Seek $\psi'(x') = S_p \psi(x)$ such that

$$S_p^{-1} \gamma^\nu S_p = \Lambda_p^\nu{}_\mu \gamma^\mu$$

$$\text{rhs} = \Lambda_p^\nu{}_\mu \gamma^\mu = \begin{cases} \gamma^0 & \nu = 0 \\ -\gamma^i & \nu = i = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

Requirement satisfied with $S_p = S_p^{-1} = \gamma^0$

↑ check: $\gamma^\nu \gamma^\nu \gamma^0$

Note still satisfied if mult.

by arb. phase $e^{i\theta}$ or set = 1

$$= \begin{cases} \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^0 = \gamma^0, & \nu = 0 \\ \gamma^0 \gamma^i \gamma^0 = -\gamma^i, & \nu = i = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

Acting on Dirac spinors (check using $S_p = \gamma^0$):

$$S_p u_s(p) = + u_s(p)$$

$$S_p v_s(p) = - v_s(p)$$

$\rightarrow$ Dirac p.t.c. and antip.t.c. have opposite parity -

Bilinear Covariants

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We will find amplitudes for reactions contain products of Dirac spinors, $\sim \bar{\psi} \Gamma \psi$ ^{← arb. 4x4 matrix}

where $\bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 = (\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*)$

= "Dirac adjoint" = $\bar{\psi}$

Arb. 4x4 matrix Γ can be written as linear comb. of 16 basis matrices, choose

matrix	N_{indep}	Lorentz trans of $\bar{\psi} \Gamma \psi$
I_4	1	scalar
$i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 \rightarrow \gamma^5$	1	pseudoscalar
γ^μ	4	vector
$\gamma^\mu\gamma^5$	4	axial vector
$\frac{i}{2}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \rightarrow \sigma^{\mu\nu}$	6	tensor
total	16	

E.g. choosing this basis we will find the

"bilinear covariants" $\bar{\psi} \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$, etc. transform in a well-defined way under Lorentz trans.

(Later: are building blocks of Lagrangian in QFT)

Suppose ψ and $\psi^\dagger$ transform under Λ

$$\psi'(x') = \overset{S(\Lambda)}{S} \psi(x)$$

$$\psi'^\dagger(x') = \psi^\dagger(x) S^\dagger$$

Consider $\bar{\psi} \psi$ (scalar)

$$\bar{\psi}'(x') \psi'(x') = \psi'^\dagger(x') \gamma^0 \psi'(x')$$

$$= \psi^\dagger(x) S^\dagger \gamma^0 S \psi(x)$$

$$= \psi^\dagger(x) \underbrace{\gamma^0 \gamma^0 S^\dagger \gamma^0 S}_{\rightarrow \text{insert } I} \psi(x)$$

$$= \bar{\psi}(x) \underbrace{\gamma^0 S^\dagger \gamma^0 S}_{\overset{I}{S^{-1}} \text{ see p 8}} \psi(x)$$

$$= \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x)$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi} \psi$ is a Lorentz scalar

Next, try $\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$:

$$\bar{\psi}'(x') \gamma^\mu \psi'(x') = \psi'^{\dagger}(x') \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \psi'(x')$$

$$= \psi^\dagger(x) \underbrace{S^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu S}_{\rightarrow = \gamma^0 S^{-1}} \psi(x)$$

$$\rightarrow = \gamma^0 S^{-1} \text{ since } S^{-1} = \gamma^0 S^\dagger \gamma^0$$

$$= \psi^\dagger(x) \gamma^0 \underbrace{S^{-1} \gamma^\mu S}_{\rightarrow = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \gamma^\nu} \psi(x)$$

$$\rightarrow = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \gamma^\nu \leftarrow \text{fundamental requirement for covar.}$$

$$= \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\nu \psi(x)$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$ transforms like a Lorentz (four-) vector

$$\left[\text{Example four-vec prob current } j^\mu = (\rho, \vec{j}) = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi \right]$$

In a similar way:

$$P = \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi \text{ is a pseudo scalar}$$

$$A^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi \text{ " " axial vector}$$

$$\uparrow i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3, (\gamma^5)^2 = I, \gamma^{\dagger 5} = \gamma^5, \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5\} = 0$$

Under boosts & rotations, P and A^μ

transform like scalar & four-vector, respectively,

But, under parity (use $\psi' = S_p \psi$, $S_p = \gamma^0$)

$$P' = \bar{\psi}' \gamma^5 \psi' = \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^5 \gamma^0 \psi$$

$$= -\bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi = -P \text{ or } \underline{\text{pseudoscalar}} \\ \text{changes sign} \\ \text{under parity}$$

For axial vector under parity

$$\begin{aligned}
 A'^{\mu} &= \bar{\psi}' \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \psi' = \bar{\psi} \overset{\gamma_P^{\dagger}}{\gamma^0} \gamma^{\mu} \underbrace{\gamma^5 \gamma^0}_{\gamma^5 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^5} \psi = -\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^0 \gamma^5 \psi \\
 &= \begin{cases} -\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^5 \psi & \mu = 0 \\ \bar{\psi} \gamma^i \gamma^5 \psi & \mu = i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (\text{since } \gamma^0 \gamma^i = -\gamma^i \gamma^0) \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ time component picks up minus under parity

Tensor: $T^{\mu\nu} = \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi$

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

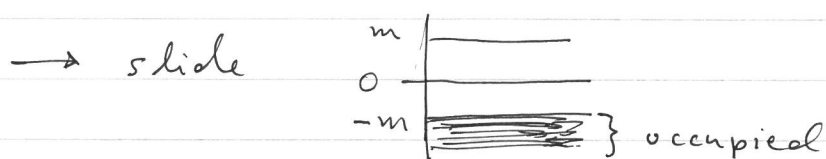
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^{\mu\nu} = -\sigma^{\nu\mu} \\ \Rightarrow \text{only } \underline{6} \text{ indep.} \\ \text{matrices} \end{array} \right.$$

Can show under Lorentz trans Λ

$$T'^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\rho} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\sigma} T^{\rho\sigma} \quad (\text{tensor})$$

Interpretation of negative energy solⁿs

- Dirac (1st attempt) = all negative energy states filled



- From Pauli principle, no transition possible to negative energy state.
- If neg. energy state free, e^- transition to this state possible w/ emission of γ , $E_\gamma \geq 2m_e$
- Correspondingly, γ w/ $E > 2m_e$ can lift ptcl. in neg. energy state to positive energy state, vacated "hole" = antiparticle

Cannot describe bosons, since no Pauli princ.

→ no longer use this picture in PP

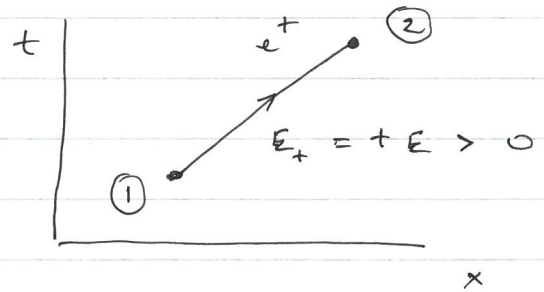
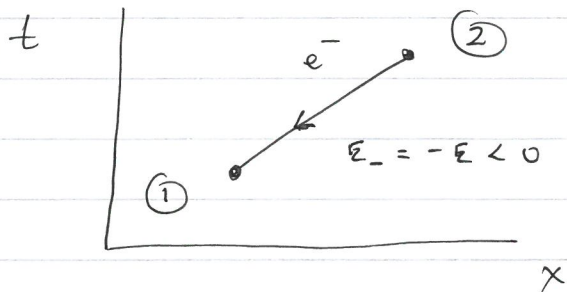
(But, e^- /hole picture used for semiconductors)

Feynman - Stückelberg interp.

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Let $\psi_- = v(p) e^{+ip \cdot x}$ "run backwards" in time
& interpret as antiparticle running forwards in time:

$$e^{i(-E)(-t)} = e^{iEt}$$



Also works for bosons.

Feynman interp. gives consistent description of scattering processes including ptcl. creation/annihilation

- 1) Emission of antiparticle w/ p^μ equivalent to absorption of particle w/ $-p^\mu$
- 2) Absorption of antiparticle w/ p^μ equivalent to emission of particle w/ $-p^\mu$

Dyson: mathematically equiv to QFT

Gives quick route to Feynman rules for amplitudes.

Intro to Green functions $\rightarrow$ See App B

Suppose we have a nonhomog DE

$$\mathcal{L} u(x) = f(x)$$

$\uparrow$ linear op. $\uparrow$ sol'n $\uparrow$ source

Consider first

$$\mathcal{L} G(x, x') = \delta(x - x')$$

$\uparrow$ Green func.

Suppose (or arrange for) homogeneous BC

$$\text{for } u \text{ \& } G \quad (\rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x \rightarrow \pm \infty)$$

If we can find $G(x, x')$ then

claim: $u(x) = \int G(x, x') f(x') dx'$ is sol'n

proof:
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} u(x) &= \mathcal{L} \int G(x, x') f(x') dx' \\ &= \int \left[\mathcal{L} G(x, x') \right] f(x') dx' \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{only has derivatives wrt } x, \text{ not } x' \\ &= \int \delta(x - x') f(x') dx' \\ &= f(x) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Note can always add sol'n to $\mathcal{L} u_0(x) = 0$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L} (u_0 + u(x)) = \cancel{\mathcal{L} u_0} + \mathcal{L} u = f \quad \checkmark$$

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