

**Problem 1.** – *Foldy-Wouthuysen Transformation*

Consider a free Dirac particle in momentum space under Foldy-Wouthuysen Transformation  $\Phi = \hat{U}\Psi$ ,  $U = e^{i\hat{S}}$ , where

$$\hat{S} = -\frac{i}{2m_0c}\beta\vec{\alpha}\vec{p}f\left(\frac{p}{m_0c}\right), \quad p = |\vec{p}|$$

(a) Show:  $\beta e^{-i\hat{S}} = e^{i\hat{S}}\beta$

(b) Show by expansion of  $e^{i\hat{S}}$  that the Hamiltonian of a free Dirac particle transforms under  $\hat{H}_\Phi = e^{i\hat{S}}\hat{H}e^{-i\hat{S}} = e^{2i\hat{S}}(c\vec{\alpha}\vec{p} + \beta m_0c^2)$  to

$$\hat{H}_\Phi = \beta [m_0c^2 \cos(yf(y)) + cp \sin(yf(y))] + \frac{\vec{\alpha}\vec{p}}{p} [cp \cos(yf(y)) - m_0c^2 \sin(yf(y))], \quad (1)$$

where  $y = \frac{p}{m_0c}$ .

(c) Show, that the second term in (1) vanishes for  $f(y) = \frac{1}{y} \arctan(y)$ .

**Problem 2.** – *Lie Group*

Consider a group of unitary operators (Lie group)

$$\hat{U}(\alpha_\mu) = e^{-i\hat{L}_\mu\alpha_\mu}$$

with hermitian operators  $\hat{L}_\mu$  (called generators). Show explicitly by performing successive infinitesimal operations

$$\hat{U}^{-1}(\delta\beta_\mu)\hat{U}^{-1}(\delta\alpha_\mu)\hat{U}(\delta\beta_\mu)\hat{U}(\delta\alpha_\mu)$$

that the following (Lie) algebra holds for the generators  $\hat{L}_\mu$

$$[\hat{L}_\mu, \hat{L}_\nu] = C_{\mu\nu\lambda}\hat{L}_\lambda$$