

Problem 1. – Foldy-Wouthuysen Transformation

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

with hermitian operators \widehat{L}_μ (called generatores). Show explicitly by performing successive infinitesimal operations

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

that the following (Lie) algebra holds for the generators \widehat{L}_μ

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