

Problem 1. – Many particle operators

Show, that the momentum operator $\widehat{\vec{p}} = -i\hbar\vec{\nabla}$ is a single particle operator, but the position operator $\widehat{\vec{x}} = \vec{x}$ isn't. Use the states from problem sheet 6 (problem 2):

$$\Psi_{(+)} = \int d^3p A(p) \begin{pmatrix} m_0c^2 + \hbar\omega_p \\ m_0c^2 - \hbar\omega_p \end{pmatrix} e^{i(\frac{\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}{\hbar} - \omega_p t)},$$

$$\Psi_{(-)} = \int d^3p A(p) \begin{pmatrix} m_0c^2 - \hbar\omega_p \\ m_0c^2 + \hbar\omega_p \end{pmatrix} e^{i(\frac{\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}{\hbar} + \omega_p t)},$$

where $\hbar\omega_p = c\sqrt{p^2 + m_0^2c^2}$.

Problem 2. – Useful identity

Proof the following statement:

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{A}) (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \mathbb{1}_2 + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

Problem 3. – Free Dirac equation

Find the stationary solution of the free Dirac equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = (c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m_0 c^2) \Psi.$$

Use the ansatz: $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0 \\ \chi_0 \end{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(\frac{\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}{\hbar} - Et)}$.

What is the non-relativistic limit?

Problem 4. – Velocity operator

Find the true single-particle-velocity operator of a Dirac-particle $\left[\frac{d\widehat{\vec{x}}}{dt} \right]$ and compare the result with

$$\frac{d\widehat{\vec{x}}}{dt} = \frac{-i}{\hbar} [\widehat{\vec{x}}, H] = c\vec{\alpha}.$$

What are the eigenvalues and eigenstates of the true single-particle-velocity operator? Compare the results with a classical relativistic particle.