

Problem 1. – *Sigma-matrices*

Calculate all 6 matrices $\sigma_{\mu\nu}$, that fulfil

$$\sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu],$$

where $\gamma_0 = \beta$ and $\gamma^j = \beta\alpha_j$.

Problem 2. – *Lorentz-transformation*

Show, that the transformation-operator for Lorentz-transformations of Dirac-spinors

$$S = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \omega \sigma_{\mu\nu} I^{\mu\nu}}$$

fulfils

$$S^{-1} = \gamma_0 S^\dagger \gamma_0.$$

Problem 3. – *Boost of a Dirac particle*

The following equation is an eigenstate of the Dirac-Hamiltonian for vanishing momentum $\vec{p} = 0$:

$$\psi_1(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} m_0 c^2 t}$$

Start with ψ_1 and construct a solution for finite momentum $\vec{p} = (p_x, 0, 0)$ by using a Lorentz-transformation and compare your result with the one from **Problem sheet 7, prob.3.**

Problem 4. – *Invariance under gauge transformation*

Show explicitly, that the Dirac-equation in an external electromagnetic field

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \left\{ c \vec{\alpha} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right) - e A_0 + m_0 c^2 \right\} \psi$$

is invariant under gauge transformation

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{\partial \lambda(x)}{\partial x^\mu}$$

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x) = \psi(x) e^{-\frac{i\lambda(x)}{\hbar c}}$$