

## A Brief Mathematical Look at the Dirac Equation

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### Introduction

The Dirac equation is a linear matrix partial differential equation (or 4-vector linear partial differential equation, or system of linear partial differential equations) in non-negative dependant variable(s) (matrix / 4-vector) which also satisfy the generalized Helmholtz / Klein-Gordon Equation.

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The Dirac Equation is generally written:

$$\left( i \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} - Im \right) \psi = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{where : } \sum_{\mu=0}^3 (\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} + \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\mu}) = 2g^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{I} \quad , \quad g^{\mu\nu} \equiv \delta^{\mu\nu} (-1)^{(1-\delta_{\mu 0}^{\mu})}$$

$$\text{and : } \gamma^{\mu'} = \mathbf{U} \gamma^{\mu} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \quad , \quad \psi' = \mathbf{U} \psi$$

$$\forall \mathbf{U} \ni \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\gamma^5 \equiv i \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$$

$$\text{( alternatively: } \gamma^5 \equiv \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \text{ )}$$

$$\text{( is in limited use )}$$

additional useful definitions:

$$\beta \equiv \gamma^0 \quad , \quad \alpha^k \equiv \gamma^0 \gamma^k$$

$$\Sigma^k \equiv -\alpha^k \gamma^5 \quad , \quad k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \Sigma^k = -\gamma^0 \gamma^k \gamma^5 = -i \gamma^0 \gamma^k \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$$

$$= i \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \gamma^k \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i \gamma^k \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$$

( $\gamma^k, \mathbf{I}$  are  $2n \times 2n$  identity matrices)

So:

$$\mathbf{0} = \gamma^0 \left( i \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} - Im \right) \psi = i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi + i \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \partial_0 \psi - \gamma^0 m \psi$$

$$\mathbf{0} = i \gamma^0 \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi + i \partial_0 \psi - \gamma^0 m \psi = i \alpha^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi + i \mathbf{I} \partial_0 \psi - \beta m \psi$$

$$\mathbf{0} = i \alpha \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi + i \partial_0 \psi - \beta m \psi = i \alpha \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \psi - \beta m \psi$$

$$\mathbf{0} = i \alpha \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi - \beta m \psi$$

$\therefore$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \left( -i \alpha \cdot \vec{\nabla} + \beta m \right) \psi$$

or, defining:  $\vec{\mathbf{p}} \equiv -i \vec{\nabla}$  , then:

$$\mathbf{H} \equiv -\alpha \cdot \vec{\mathbf{p}} + \beta m \quad \text{and, so:}$$

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \mathbf{H} \psi$$

Just as generalized coordinate systems take form from their relationship to a specific coordinate system (as

polar coordinates are defined by its transformation to rectangular cartesian coordinates; as are cylindrical, spherical, parabolic cylindrical, paraboloidal, elliptic cylindrical, prolate spheroidal, ellipsoidal, bipolar, ...) the Dirac equation takes form from a specific choice of representations:  $\gamma^\mu$

The Dirac and Weyl representations are in most common use, but there are a number of others:

**The Dirac representation:**

$$\gamma_D^0 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_D^1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_D^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_D^3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_D^5 = i\gamma_D^0\gamma_D^1\gamma_D^2\gamma_D^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**The Weyl / chiral representation:**

under the transformation:

$$\gamma_W^\mu = \mathbf{U}\gamma_D^\mu\mathbf{U}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \gamma_D^\mu = \mathbf{U}^{-1}\gamma_W^\mu\mathbf{U}$$

where :

$$\mathbf{U} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U}^{-1} \equiv \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or:

$$\mathbf{U} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U}^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & -\mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_W^0 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_W^1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_W^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_W^3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_W^5 = i\gamma_W^0\gamma_W^1\gamma_W^2\gamma_W^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**The Light-plane representation:**

$$\gamma_L^0 \equiv i\gamma_D^0\gamma_D^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_L^1 \equiv i\gamma_D^1\gamma_D^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_L^2 \equiv i\gamma_D^2\gamma_D^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_L^3 \equiv -i\gamma_D^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_L^5 = i\gamma_L^0\gamma_L^1\gamma_L^2\gamma_L^3 = i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A Majorana representation is a representation where the  $\gamma^\mu$  are all purely imaginary, so the Dirac equation becomes purely real:

**The Majorana representation (1):**

$$\gamma_{M1}^0 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M1}^1 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_{M1}^2 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M1}^3 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_{M1}^5 = i\gamma_{M1}^0\gamma_{M1}^1\gamma_{M1}^2\gamma_{M1}^3 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**The Majorana representation (2):**

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{M2}^0 &\equiv \gamma_D^0\gamma_D^2 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma_{M2}^1 &\equiv i\gamma_D^0\gamma_D^1 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma_{M2}^2 &\equiv i\gamma_D^0 = i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma_{M2}^3 &\equiv i\gamma_D^0\gamma_D^3 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma_{M2}^5 &= i\gamma_{M2}^0\gamma_{M2}^1\gamma_{M2}^2\gamma_{M2}^3 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**The Majorana representation (3):**

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{M3}^0 &\equiv i\gamma_D^1 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma_{M3}^1 &\equiv i\gamma_D^0 = i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma_{M3}^2 &\equiv \gamma_D^2 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \gamma_{M3}^3 &\equiv -i\gamma_D^5 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma_{M3}^5 &= i\gamma_{M3}^0\gamma_{M3}^1\gamma_{M3}^2\gamma_{M3}^3 = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.

The **Pauli Matrices** may be defined from these  $\gamma$  – *matrices* (or vice-versa), as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_D^0 &\equiv \sigma^0 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^0 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_D^0 \\
 \gamma_W^0 &\equiv \sigma^0 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^0 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_W^0 \\
 \gamma_{M1}^0 &\equiv \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{M1}^0 \\
 \gamma_{M2}^0 &\equiv \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{M2}^0 \\
 \gamma_{D/W}^\mu &\equiv \sigma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{D/W}^\mu \quad (\mu = 1, 2, 3) \\
 \gamma_{M1}^1 &\equiv i\sigma^3 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow i\sigma^3 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{M1}^1 \\
 \gamma_{M1}^2 &\equiv \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{M1}^2 \\
 \gamma_{M1}^3 &\equiv -i\sigma^1 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow -i\sigma^1 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \gamma_{M1}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}_2 \\
 \sigma^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_D^1 &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \\ -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_D^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ -\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_D^3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \\ -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \gamma_W^1 &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \\ -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_W^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ -\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_W^3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \\ -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \gamma_{M1}^1 &\equiv i \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M1}^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M1}^3 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \gamma_{M2}^1 &\equiv i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \\ \sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M2}^2 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_{M2}^3 \equiv i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \\ \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

and, so:

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_D \equiv \gamma_D^0 &= \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -I_2 \end{pmatrix}, & \beta_W \equiv \gamma_W^0 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I_2 \\ I_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_D^1 \equiv \gamma_D^0 \gamma_D^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \\ \sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, & \alpha_W^1 \equiv \gamma_W^0 \gamma_W^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_D^2 \equiv \gamma_D^0 \gamma_D^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, & \alpha_W^2 \equiv \gamma_W^0 \gamma_W^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_D^3 \equiv \gamma_D^0 \gamma_D^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \\ \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, & \alpha_W^3 \equiv \gamma_W^0 \gamma_W^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} \\
\beta_{M1} \equiv \gamma_{M1}^0 &= \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I_2 \\ I_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M1}^1 \equiv \gamma_{M1}^0 \gamma_{M1}^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^2 \sigma^3 \\ i\sigma^2 \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^1 \\ -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M1}^2 \equiv \gamma_{M1}^0 \gamma_{M1}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -I_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M1}^3 \equiv \gamma_{M1}^0 \gamma_{M1}^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -i\sigma^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -i\sigma^2 \sigma^1 \\ -i\sigma^2 \sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^3 \\ -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\beta_{M2} \equiv \gamma_{M2}^0 &= \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I_2 \\ I_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M2}^1 \equiv \gamma_{M2}^0 \gamma_{M2}^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^1 \\ i\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma^2 \sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^2 \sigma^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M2}^2 \equiv \gamma_{M2}^0 \gamma_{M2}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} iI_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -iI_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -i\sigma^2 \\ i\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \\
\alpha_{M2}^3 \equiv \gamma_{M2}^0 \gamma_{M2}^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^3 \\ i\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma^2 \sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^2 \sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

other Unitary transformations:

$$\mathbf{U}_\theta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} I_2 \cos \theta & I_2 i \sin \theta \\ I_2 i \sin \theta & I_2 \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U}_\theta^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} I_2 \cos \theta & -I_2 i \sin \theta \\ -I_2 i \sin \theta & I_2 \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3.

Note:

$$\text{(Dirac)} \quad i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_D = -i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Psi_D - i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Psi_D + \\ -i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \Psi_D + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} m \Psi_D$$

$$\text{then:} \quad \begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathbf{I}_2 m & i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \\ i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{I}_2 m \end{pmatrix} \Psi_D = \mathbf{0}$$

but

$$\Psi_D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \\ \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so:} \quad \begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathbf{I}_2 m & i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \\ i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{I}_2 m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathbf{I}_2 m \right) \phi_D^A + i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \phi_D^B = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{I}_2 m \right) \phi_D^B + i \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \phi_D^A = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) & -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \\ i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & \mathbf{I}_2 \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) & i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \\ -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & \mathbf{I}_2 \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) & -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \\ i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & \mathbf{I}_2 \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + m^2 - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\mu \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \right) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + m^2 - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\mu \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$(\nabla^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - m^2)\Psi_D = \mathbf{0}$  ,  $\Psi_D$  satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation And:

$$\text{(Weyl / chiral)} \quad i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_W = -i \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Psi_W - i \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Psi_W +$$

$$-i \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \Psi_W + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} m \Psi_W$$

$$\text{then:} \quad \begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i \left( \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) & -\mathbf{I}_2 m \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 m & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i \left( \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi_W = \mathbf{0}$$

but

$$\Psi_W = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \\ \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_W^A \\ \phi_W^B \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & -\mathbf{I}_2 m \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 m & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_W^A \\ \phi_W^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & \mathbf{I}_2 m \\ \mathbf{I}_2 m & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & -\mathbf{I}_2 m \\ -\mathbf{I}_2 m & i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_W^A \\ \phi_W^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} - \mathbf{I}_2 m^2 \right) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \left( -\mathbf{I}_2 m^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_W^A \\ \phi_W^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$(\nabla^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - m^2)\Psi_W = \mathbf{0}$  ,  $\Psi_W$  satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation And:

$$\text{(Majorana (1))} \quad i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{M1} = -i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^1 \\ -\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Psi_{M1} - i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Psi_{M1} +$$

$$-i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^3 \\ -\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \Psi_{M1} + \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} m \Psi_{M1}$$

then: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) & \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \\ \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) & \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi_{M1} = \mathbf{0}$$

but

$$\Psi_{M1} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \\ \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{M1}^A \\ \phi_{M1}^B \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \phi_{M1}^A + \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \phi_{M1}^A + \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \right] \phi_{M1}^A + \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} m \right] \phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} m \right] \phi_{M1}^A + \left[ \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \right] \phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} & \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + m \right) \\ \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - m \right) & \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} & \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + m \right) \\ \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - m \right) & \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_{M1}^0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M1}^2 + \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + m \right) \psi_{M1}^3 \\ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_{M1}^1 + \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - m \right) \psi_{M1}^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3}\psi_{M1}^0 + \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + m\right)\psi_{M1}^1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_{M1}^2 \\ \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - m\right)\psi_{M1}^0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3}\psi_{M1}^1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}\right)\psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t - \partial_2)(\partial_t + \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^0 - (\partial_t - \partial_2)\partial_3\psi_{M1}^2 + (\partial_t - \partial_2)(-\partial_1 + m)\psi_{M1}^3 &= 0 \\ -(-\partial_1 + m)(-\partial_1 - m)\psi_{M1}^0 - (-\partial_1 + m)\partial_3\psi_{M1}^1 - (-\partial_1 + m)(\partial_t - \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so:

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_2^2)\psi_{M1}^0 - (\partial_t - \partial_2)\partial_3\psi_{M1}^2 - (\partial_1^2 - m^2)\psi_{M1}^0 - (-\partial_1 + m)\partial_3\psi_{M1}^1 = 0$$

but:

$$-\partial_3^2\psi_{M1}^0 - \partial_3(-\partial_1 + m)\psi_{M1}^1 - \partial_3(\partial_t - \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^2 = 0$$

so:

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_2^2)\psi_{M1}^0 - \partial_3^2\psi_{M1}^0 - (\partial_1^2 - m^2)\psi_{M1}^0 = 0$$

∴

$$(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - m^2)\psi_{M1}^0 = 0$$

satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation

( $\psi_{M2}^1, \psi_{M2}^2, \psi_{M2}^3$  left for the reader)

And:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(Majorana (2)) } i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{M2} &= -i \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma^2\sigma^1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^2\sigma^1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Psi_{M2} - i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -i\sigma^2 \\ i\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Psi_{M2} + \\ &-i \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma^2\sigma^3 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & i\sigma^2\sigma^3 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \Psi_{M2} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} m \Psi_{M2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then: } \begin{pmatrix} \left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) & \left( -\sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) \\ \left( \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) & \left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi_{M2} = \mathbf{0}$$

but

$$\Psi_{M2} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M2}^0 \\ \psi_{M2}^1 \\ \psi_{M2}^2 \\ \psi_{M2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M2}^0 \\ \psi_{M2}^1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M2}^2 \\ \psi_{M2}^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{M2}^A \\ \phi_{M2}^B \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \phi_{M2}^A + \left( -\sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) \phi_{M2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left( \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) \phi_{M2}^A + \left( i\mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \phi_{M2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right] \phi_{M_2}^A + \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) \right] \phi_{M_2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) \right] \phi_{M_2}^A + \left[ \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right] \phi_{M_2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) \\ -\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) \\ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^1 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) \psi_{M_2}^3 \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^0 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^1 - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) \psi_{M_2}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) \psi_{M_2}^1 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^3 \\ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^2 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^1 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + m \right) \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \\ -\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - m \right) \psi_{M_2}^1 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right) \psi_{M_2}^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_3(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \partial_3^2 \psi_{M_2}^1 + \partial_3(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \\ -(\partial_2 + m)(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M_2}^1 + (\partial_2 + m)(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^2 - (\partial_2 + m) \partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

∴

$$\partial_3(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \partial_3^2 \psi_{M_2}^1 - (\partial_2 + m)(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M_2}^1 + (\partial_2 + m)(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^2 = 0$$

but:

$$-\partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^0 + (\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^1 - (\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^2 = 0$$

∴

$$-(\partial_t + \partial_1) \partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^0 + (\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^1 - (\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^2 = 0$$

so:

$$-\partial_3^2 \psi_{M_2}^1 - (\partial_2 + m)(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M_2}^1 + (\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^1 = 0$$

∴

$$-\partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^1 - (\partial_2^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^1 + (\partial_t^2 - \partial_1^2) \psi_{M2}^1 = 0$$

and:

$$(-\partial_1^2 - \partial_2^2 - \partial_3^2 + \partial_t^2 + m^2) \psi_{M2}^1 = 0 \Rightarrow -(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^1 = 0$$

satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation

also:

$$(\partial_2 - m)(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^0 - (\partial_2 - m) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^1 + (\partial_2 - m)(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

$$\partial_3(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M2}^1 - \partial_3(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^2 + \partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

so:

$$(\partial_2 - m)(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^0 + (\partial_2 - m)(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^3 - \partial_3(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^2 + \partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

but:

$$-(\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M2}^0 + (\partial_t + \partial_1) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^2 - (\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

∴

$$(\partial_2 - m)(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^3 + \partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^3 - (\partial_t + \partial_1)(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

so:

$$(\partial_2^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^3 + \partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^3 - (\partial_t^2 - \partial_1^2) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

∴

$$(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation

also:

$$(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^0 - \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^1 + (\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

and:

$$(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M2}^0 - \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^2 + (\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

so:

$$(\partial_t - \partial_1)(\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^0 - (\partial_t - \partial_1) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^1 + (\partial_t - \partial_1)(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

and:

$$-(\partial_2 + m)(\partial_2 - m) \psi_{M2}^0 + (\partial_2 + m) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^2 - (\partial_2 + m)(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^3 = 0$$

∴

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_1^2) \psi_{M2}^0 - (\partial_t - \partial_1) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^1 - (\partial_2^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^0 + (\partial_2 + m) \partial_3 \psi_{M2}^2 = 0$$

but:

$$-\partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^0 + \partial_3(\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M2}^1 - \partial_3(\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M2}^2 = 0$$

so:

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_1^2) \psi_{M2}^0 - (\partial_2^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^0 - \partial_3^2 \psi_{M2}^0 = 0$$

∴

$$(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - m^2) \psi_{M2}^0 = 0$$

satisfies the Klein-Gordon equation

(  $\psi_{M2}^2$  is left for the reader )



$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 2\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{M1}^- \equiv \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{M1}^0 \mathbf{C}^0 (\mathbf{C}^0 \gamma_{M1}^0 - \gamma_{M1}^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 2\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 2\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{M1}^+ \equiv \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{M1}^0 \mathbf{C}^0 (\mathbf{C}^0 \gamma_{M1}^0 + \gamma_{M1}^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sigma^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\mathbf{P}_{D/W}^- \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^A \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}_{D/W}^+ \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \phi^B \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\mathbf{P}_{M1}^- \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \phi^B \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}_{M1}^+ \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^A \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

so, these projection operators split  $\Psi$

5.

Note:

(Dirac)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_2 \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) & -i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \\ i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & \mathbb{I}_2 \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_D^A \\ \phi_D^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

(seperates space and mass-time)

so:

$$\mathbb{I}_2 \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \phi_D^A - i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_D^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$i \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_D^A + \mathbb{I}_2 \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m \right) \phi_D^B = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\begin{pmatrix} (-i\partial_t + m) & 0 \\ 0 & (-i\partial_t + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_1 \\ \partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} + \\ - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_2 \\ i\partial_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} - i \begin{pmatrix} \partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_1 \\ \partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_2 \\ i\partial_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + i \begin{pmatrix} \partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + m) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (-i\partial_t + m) & 0 \\ 0 & (-i\partial_t + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & (-\partial_2 - i\partial_1) \\ (\partial_2 - i\partial_1) & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\partial_3 & (i\partial_1 + \partial_2) \\ (i\partial_1 - \partial_2) & -i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^0 \\ \psi_D^1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + m) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D^2 \\ \psi_D^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} (-i\partial_t + m)\psi_D^0 - i\partial_3\psi_D^2 + (-\partial_2 - i\partial_1)\psi_D^3 &= 0 \\ (-i\partial_t + m)\psi_D^1 + (\partial_2 - i\partial_1)\psi_D^2 + i\partial_3\psi_D^3 &= 0 \\ i\partial_3\psi_D^0 + (i\partial_1 + \partial_2)\psi_D^1 + (i\partial_t + m)\psi_D^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(i\partial_1 - \partial_2)\psi_D^0 - i\partial_3\psi_D^1 + (i\partial_t + m)\psi_D^3 = 0$$

And:

(Weyl / chiral)

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} & -\mathbb{I}_2 m \\ -\mathbb{I}_2 m & i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_W^A \\ \phi_W^B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

(seperates mass and space-time)

so:

$$\left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \phi_W^A - \mathbb{I}_2 m \phi_W^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$(-\mathbb{I}_2 m) \phi_W^A + \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \phi_W^B = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_1 \\ \partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_2 \\ i\partial_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + i \begin{pmatrix} \partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$- \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} + \\ - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial_1 \\ \partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_2 \\ i\partial_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} - i \begin{pmatrix} \partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + i\partial_3) & (i\partial_1 + \partial_2) \\ (i\partial_1 - \partial_2) & (i\partial_t - i\partial_3) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -m & 0 \\ 0 & -m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^0 \\ \psi_W^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t - i\partial_3) & (-i\partial_1 - \partial_2) \\ (-i\partial_1 + \partial_2) & (i\partial_t + i\partial_3) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_W^2 \\ \psi_W^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} (i\partial_t + i\partial_3)\psi_W^0 + (i\partial_1 + \partial_2)\psi_W^1 - m\psi_W^2 &= 0 \\ (i\partial_1 - \partial_2)\psi_W^0 + (i\partial_t - i\partial_3)\psi_W^1 - m\psi_W^3 &= 0 \\ -m\psi_W^0 + (i\partial_t - i\partial_3)\psi_W^2 + (-i\partial_1 - \partial_2)\psi_W^3 &= 0 \\ -m\psi_W^1 + (-i\partial_1 + \partial_2)\psi_W^2 + (i\partial_t + i\partial_3)\psi_W^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And:

$$\text{(Majorana(1))} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) & \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \\ \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) & \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi_{M1} = \mathbf{0}$$

(seperates amalgams  $x^2$ -time and  $x^1$ - $x^3$ -mass)

so:

$$\left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \Phi_{M1}^A + \left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \Phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left( -i\sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - i\sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} - \sigma^2 m \right) \Phi_{M1}^A + \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) \Phi_{M1}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + i\partial_2) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t + i\partial_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_1 \\ -i\partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -im \\ im & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_1 \\ -i\partial_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -im \\ im & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t - i\partial_2) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t - i\partial_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + i\partial_2) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t + i\partial_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & (-i\partial_1 - im) \\ (-i\partial_1 + im) & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & (-i\partial_1 - im) \\ (-i\partial_1 + im) & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^0 \\ \psi_{M1}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t - i\partial_2) & 0 \\ 0 & (i\partial_t - i\partial_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M1}^2 \\ \psi_{M1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t + \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^0 - \partial_3\psi_{M1}^2 + (-\partial_1 - m)\psi_{M1}^3 &= 0 \\ (\partial_t + \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^1 + (-\partial_1 + m)\psi_{M1}^2 + \partial_3\psi_{M1}^3 &= 0 \\ -\partial_3\psi_{M1}^0 + (-\partial_1 - m)\psi_{M1}^1 + (\partial_t - \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^2 &= 0 \\ (-\partial_1 + m)\psi_{M1}^0 + \partial_3\psi_{M1}^1 + (\partial_t - \partial_2)\psi_{M1}^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And:

(Majorana(2))

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2 \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2 \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) & \left( -\sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) \\ \left( \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) & \left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2 \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2 \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \end{pmatrix} \Psi_{M2} = \mathbf{0}$$

(seperates amalgams  $x^2$ -mass and  $x^1$ - $x^3$ -time)

so:

$$\left( i\mathbb{I}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2 \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2 \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right) \Phi_{M2}^A + \left( -\sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m \right) \Phi_{M2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\left(\sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \sigma^2 m\right) \phi_{M_2}^A + \left(i\mathbf{1}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sigma^2 \sigma^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} - \sigma^2 \sigma^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3}\right) \phi_{M_2}^B = \mathbf{0}$$

∴

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} i\partial_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i\partial_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_3 \\ -i\partial_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i(\partial_2 + m) \\ -i(\partial_2 + m) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i(-\partial_2 + m) \\ -i(-\partial_2 + m) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} + \\ + \begin{pmatrix} i\partial_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i\partial_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\partial_3 \\ -i\partial_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + i\partial_1) & -i\partial_3 \\ -i\partial_3 & (i\partial_t - i\partial_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i(\partial_2 + m) \\ -i(\partial_2 + m) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i(-\partial_2 + m) \\ -i(-\partial_2 + m) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^0 \\ \psi_{M_2}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (i\partial_t + i\partial_1) & -i\partial_3 \\ -i\partial_3 & (i\partial_t - i\partial_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{M_2}^2 \\ \psi_{M_2}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^1 + (\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \\ -\partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^0 + (\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^1 - (\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^2 &= 0 \\ (-\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^1 + (\partial_t + \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^2 - \partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \\ -(-\partial_2 + m) \psi_{M_2}^0 - \partial_3 \psi_{M_2}^2 + (\partial_t - \partial_1) \psi_{M_2}^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 6.

Matrix Transpose:

$$\text{if } \mathbf{A} \equiv (A_{ij}) \text{ then: } \mathbf{A}^T \equiv (A_{ji})$$

Complex Conjugate:

$$\text{if } x, y \in \mathbb{R}, u \in \mathbb{C} \ni u \equiv x + iy \text{ then: } u^* \equiv x - iy \quad (i \cdot i = -1)$$

Matrix Complex Conjugate:

$$\text{if } \mathbf{A} \equiv (A_{ij}) \text{ then: } \mathbf{A}^* \equiv (A_{ij}^*)$$

Matrix Hermitian Adjoint:

$$\text{if } \mathbf{A} \equiv (A_{ij}) \text{ then: } \mathbf{A}^\dagger \equiv (A_{ji}^*)$$

So:

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^* = \mathbf{A}^* + \mathbf{B}^* \quad , \quad (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^\dagger + \mathbf{B}^\dagger$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^* = \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{B}^* \quad , \quad (\mathbf{AB})^\dagger = \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^\dagger + \mathbf{B}^\dagger$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^\dagger = \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \left( i \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \mathbf{Im} \right) \Psi \right]^\dagger &= \mathbf{0}^\dagger = \mathbf{0} \\ &= \left( i \gamma^0 \partial_0 \Psi + i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi - \mathbf{Im} \Psi \right)^\dagger \\ &= (i \gamma^0 \partial_0 \Psi)^\dagger + i^\dagger \sum_{\mu=1}^3 (\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi)^\dagger - \mathbf{Im} \Psi^\dagger \\ &= (-i) (\partial_0 \Psi^\dagger) (\gamma^0)^\dagger + (-i) \sum_{\mu=1}^3 (\partial_\mu \Psi^\dagger) (\gamma^\mu)^\dagger - \mathbf{Im} \Psi^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

in any representation, where:

$$(\gamma^0)^\dagger = \gamma^0 \quad , \quad (\gamma^1)^\dagger = -\gamma^1 \quad , \quad (\gamma^2)^\dagger = -\gamma^2 \quad , \quad (\gamma^3)^\dagger = -\gamma^3$$

which is true for every one of the above representations

then:

$$-i (\partial_0 \Psi^\dagger) \gamma^0 + i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 (\partial_\mu \Psi^\dagger) \gamma^\mu - \mathbf{Im} \Psi^\dagger = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( i \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \mathbf{Im} \right) \Psi &= \mathbf{0} \\ &= i \gamma^0 \partial_0 \Psi + i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi - \mathbf{Im} \Psi \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$

$$\left[ -i \partial_0 (\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0) + i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \partial_\mu (\Psi^\dagger \gamma^\mu) - \mathbf{Im} \Psi^\dagger \right] (\gamma^0 \Psi) = \mathbf{0}$$

and:

$$(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0) \left[ i\partial_0(\gamma^0\Psi) + i\sum_{\mu=0}^3 \partial_\mu(\gamma^\mu\Psi) - \text{Im}\Psi \right] = \mathbf{0}$$

so, subtracting:

$$i(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)\partial_0(\gamma^0\Psi) + i\partial_0(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)(\gamma^0\Psi) + \\ + i(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0) \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \partial_\mu(\gamma^\mu\Psi) - i \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \partial_\mu(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^\mu)(\gamma^0\Psi) = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\partial_0(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \Psi) + \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 [(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)\partial_\mu(\gamma^\mu\Psi) - \partial_\mu(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^\mu)(\gamma^0\Psi)] = \mathbf{0}$$

so:

$$\partial_0(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \Psi) + \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 [(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)\partial_\mu(\gamma^\mu\Psi) - \partial_\mu(\Psi^\dagger)(\gamma^\mu \gamma^0 \Psi)] = \mathbf{0}$$

and, noting:  $\forall \mu \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^\mu$ , so:

$$\partial_0(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \Psi) + \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 [(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)\partial_\mu(\gamma^\mu\Psi) + \partial_\mu(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)(\gamma^\mu\Psi)] = \mathbf{0}$$

$\therefore$

$$\partial_0(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \Psi) + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \partial_\mu [(\Psi^\dagger \gamma^0)(\gamma^\mu\Psi)] = \mathbf{0}$$

so, defining:

$$\rho \equiv \Psi^\dagger (\gamma^0 \gamma^0) \Psi = \Psi^\dagger \Psi$$

and:

$$j^\mu \equiv \Psi^\dagger (\gamma^0 \gamma^\mu) \Psi$$

$$\partial_0 \rho + \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \partial_\mu j^\mu = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{has the form of an equation of continuity}$$

$\rho$  is called a probability density

$\vec{j}$  is called a probability current density

## 7.

The **expectation value** of a physically meaningful quantity is given by:

$$\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle \equiv \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle &\equiv \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV = \iiint_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi) dV \\ &= \iiint_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi^\dagger) \mathbf{F} \psi dV + \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{F}) \psi dV + \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi) dV \\ &= \iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi \right)^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV + \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi \right) dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

but:  $i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \mathbf{H} \psi$  , so:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle &= \iiint_V \left( \frac{1}{i} \mathbf{H} \psi \right)^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV + \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \left( \frac{1}{i} \mathbf{H} \psi \right) dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle \\ &= \iiint_V (-i \mathbf{H} \psi)^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV + \iiint_V \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} (-i \mathbf{H} \psi) dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle \\ &= \iiint_V i \psi^\dagger \mathbf{H}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \psi dV + \iiint_V -i \psi^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{H} \psi dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

and:  $(\alpha_D^\mu)^\dagger = \alpha_D^\mu$  ,  $\beta_D^\dagger = \beta_D$  , are both Hermitian, so:

$$\mathbf{H}_D^\dagger \equiv (\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m)^\dagger = \alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m = \mathbf{H}_D \text{ is Hermitian}$$

$\therefore$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = i \iiint_V \psi^\dagger (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F} \mathbf{H}) \psi dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle$$

Defining:

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] \equiv \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}$$

then:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = i \iiint_V \psi^\dagger [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{F}] \psi dV + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t} \right\rangle$$

so, if  $\mathbf{F}$  is not explicitly a function of  $t$  , then:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = i \iiint_V \psi^\dagger [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{F}] \psi dV$$

and, therefore, if  $[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{F}] = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$

then:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle = \mathbf{0}$$

so,  $\mathbf{F}$  is called a constant of the motion, whenever:  $[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{F}] = \mathbf{0}$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{p}_v] &= \mathbf{H} \mathbf{p}_v - \mathbf{p}_v \mathbf{H} = (\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \mathbf{p}_v - \mathbf{p}_v (\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \\ &= \alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu \mathbf{p}_v + \beta m \mathbf{p}_v - \mathbf{p}_v \alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \mathbf{p}_v \beta m = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\mathbf{p}_v$  , and, thus  $\mathbf{p}$  , is a constant of the motion.

Now, from Classical Mechanics, **Angular Momentum** is a conserved quantity, defined as:

$$\vec{\mathbf{L}} \equiv \vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}}$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\mathbf{L}}_x &= y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2, \quad \vec{\mathbf{L}}_y = z\mathbf{p}_1 - x\mathbf{p}_3, \quad \vec{\mathbf{L}}_z = x\mathbf{p}_2 - y\mathbf{p}_1 \\
\therefore [\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{L}}_x] &= \mathbf{H}\vec{\mathbf{L}}_x - \vec{\mathbf{L}}_x\mathbf{H} \\
&= (\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m)(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) - (y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2)(\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \\
&= \left(-i\alpha^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} + \beta m\right)(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) - \left(-iy \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + iz \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)(\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \\
&= -i\alpha^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) + \beta m(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) + \\
&\quad - \left(-iy \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + iz \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)(\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu) - (y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2)(\beta m) \\
&= -i\alpha^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}(x^2 \mathbf{p}_3) + i\alpha^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}(x^3 \mathbf{p}_2) + \beta m(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) - 0 - (y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2)(\beta m) \\
&= -i\alpha^\mu \delta_\mu^2 \mathbf{p}_3 + i\alpha^\mu \delta_\mu^3 \mathbf{p}_2 + \beta m(y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2) - 0 - (y\mathbf{p}_3 - z\mathbf{p}_2)(\beta m) \\
&= -i(\alpha^2 \mathbf{p}_3 - \alpha^3 \mathbf{p}_2)
\end{aligned}$$

similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{L}}_y] &= -i(\alpha^3 \mathbf{p}_1 - \alpha^1 \mathbf{p}_3) \\
[\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{L}}_z] &= -i(\alpha^1 \mathbf{p}_2 - \alpha^2 \mathbf{p}_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let:

$$\vec{\Sigma} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{i}}\Sigma^1 + \hat{\mathbf{j}}\Sigma^2 + \hat{\mathbf{k}}\Sigma^3$$

and:

$$\vec{\mathbf{S}} \equiv i(\vec{\Sigma} \times \vec{\Sigma}) = \hat{\mathbf{i}}(\Sigma^2 \Sigma^3 - \Sigma^3 \Sigma^2)i + \hat{\mathbf{j}}(\Sigma^3 \Sigma^1 - \Sigma^1 \Sigma^3)i + \hat{\mathbf{k}}(\Sigma^1 \Sigma^2 - \Sigma^2 \Sigma^1)i$$

[ because  $\Sigma^1, \Sigma^2, \Sigma^3$  are matrices (not reals):  $\vec{\Sigma} \times \vec{\Sigma} \neq \mathbf{0}$  ]

$$\Sigma^1 = i\gamma^1 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i(\gamma^1 \gamma^1) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -i\gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i\gamma^3 \gamma^2$$

$$\Sigma^2 = i\gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -i\gamma^1 (\gamma^2 \gamma^2) \gamma^3 = i\gamma^1 \gamma^3$$

$$\Sigma^3 = i\gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i\gamma^1 (\gamma^3 \gamma^3) \gamma^2 = i\gamma^1 \gamma^2$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma^2 \Sigma^3 &= i\gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 i\gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -\gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 (\gamma^3 \gamma^3) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\
&= \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -(\gamma^2 \gamma^2) (\gamma^1 \gamma^1) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -\gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -i\Sigma^1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma^3 \Sigma^2 &= i\gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 i\gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -\gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\
&= \gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^3 (\gamma^2 \gamma^2) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = -\gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^3 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\
&= (\gamma^3 \gamma^3) (\gamma^1 \gamma^1) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = i\Sigma^1
\end{aligned}$$

so:

$$\vec{\mathbf{S}}_x = i(\Sigma^2 \Sigma^3 - \Sigma^3 \Sigma^2) = 2\Sigma^1$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\mathbf{S}}_y &= i(\Sigma^3 \Sigma^1 - \Sigma^1 \Sigma^3) = i(i\gamma^1 \gamma^2 i\gamma^3 \gamma^2 - i\gamma^3 \gamma^2 i\gamma^1 \gamma^2) \\
&= i(-\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^2) = i[\gamma^1 (\gamma^2 \gamma^2) \gamma^3 - \gamma^3 \gamma^1 (\gamma^2 \gamma^2)] \\
&= i[-2i(i\gamma^1 \gamma^3)] = 2\Sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\mathbf{S}}_z &= i(\Sigma^1 \Sigma^2 - \Sigma^2 \Sigma^1) = i(i\gamma^3 \gamma^2 i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 - i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 i\gamma^3 \gamma^2) \\
&= i(-\gamma^3 \gamma^2 \gamma^1 \gamma^3 + \gamma^1 \gamma^3 \gamma^3 \gamma^2) = -\gamma^2 (\gamma^3 \gamma^3) \gamma^1 + \gamma^1 (\gamma^3 \gamma^3) \gamma^2 \\
&= i[-2i(i\gamma^1 \gamma^2)] = 2\Sigma^3
\end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\vec{S} \equiv i(\vec{\Sigma} \times \vec{\Sigma}) = 2(\hat{i}\Sigma^1 + \hat{j}\Sigma^2 + \hat{k}\Sigma^3) = 2\vec{\Sigma}$$

and, then:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{H}, \Sigma^1] &= (\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m)(-i\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3)(\alpha^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \\ &= (\gamma^0\gamma^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m)(-i\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3)(\gamma^0\gamma^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu + \beta m) \\ &= (-i\gamma^0\gamma^\mu\gamma^2\gamma^3)\mathbf{p}_\mu + m\gamma^0(-i\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^0\gamma^\mu)\mathbf{p}_\mu - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3)\gamma^0 m \\ &= (-i\gamma^0\gamma^\mu\gamma^2\gamma^3)\mathbf{p}_\mu + (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3)\gamma^0 m - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^0\gamma^\mu)\mathbf{p}_\mu - (-i\gamma^2\gamma^3)\gamma^0 m \\ &= -i\gamma^0[(\gamma^\mu\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^\mu)]\mathbf{p}_\mu \\ &= -i\gamma^0[(\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^1)]\mathbf{p}_1 - i\gamma^0[(\gamma^2\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^2)]\mathbf{p}_2 - i\gamma^0[(\gamma^3\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^3)]\mathbf{p}_3 \\ &= -i\gamma^0[(\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3)]\mathbf{p}_1 - i\gamma^0[(\gamma^2\gamma^2\gamma^3) - (-\gamma^2\gamma^2\gamma^3)]\mathbf{p}_2 - i\gamma^0[(-\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^3) - (\gamma^2\gamma^3\gamma^3)]\mathbf{p}_3 \\ &= \gamma^0[-2i\gamma^3]\mathbf{p}_2 + \gamma^0[2i\gamma^2]\mathbf{p}_3 \\ &= 2i\alpha^2\mathbf{p}_3 - 2i\alpha^3\mathbf{p}_2 = 2i(\alpha^2\mathbf{p}_3 - \alpha^3\mathbf{p}_2) = -2[\mathbf{H}, \vec{L}_x] \\ &= [\mathbf{H}, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}^1] \end{aligned}$$

similarly:

$$[\mathbf{H}, \Sigma^2] = [\mathbf{H}, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}^2] = -2[\mathbf{H}, \vec{L}_y]$$

$$[\mathbf{H}, \Sigma^3] = [\mathbf{H}, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}^3] = -2[\mathbf{H}, \vec{L}_z]$$

so, let:

$$\vec{J} \equiv \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

then:

$$[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{J}^1] = [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{J}^2] = [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{J}^3] = \mathbf{0}$$

$\vec{S}$  is called the **Spin Angular Momentum**

$\mathbf{J}$  is called the **Total Angular Momentum**, and is a constant of the motion

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