

# FQM problem Sheet 5 in WS 2022/2023

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## 1. Generator of rotations (9)

Apply the operator  $\exp(-i\varphi \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{J})$ ,  $\mathbf{J} := \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$  to the plane wave solution

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} - Et)}, \quad \phi = \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \chi = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{p_0 + m} \mathbf{v}$$

of the Dirac equation.

Show that the result corresponds to a ‘twisted’ plane wave, i.e. the transformation  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{v}(\varphi) = \exp(-i\varphi \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{S})\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{p} \mapsto \mathbf{p}(\varphi) = \mathbf{D}(\varphi)\mathbf{p}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}(\varphi)$  is the rotation in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  around  $\mathbf{e}$  with angle  $\varphi$ .

**Hint:** Use the identity  $(\exp(-i\varphi \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{L})\psi)(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(\mathbf{D}(\varphi)^{-1}\mathbf{x})$ .

## 2. Quantization of the Dirac field (12)

$u(p, s)$  ( $v(p, s)$ ) is the spinor for a solution of the Dirac equation with positive (negative) energy, momentum  $p$  and spin  $s$ .

$$(\not{p} - m)u(p, s) = 0, \quad (\not{p} + m)v(p, s) = 0$$

- (a) Use the plane wave solutions and the transformation  $\psi(p) \rightarrow \gamma_5 \psi(p)$  to **construct**  $u(p, s)$  and  $v(p, s)$ , where the normalization condition

$$\bar{u}(p, s)u(p, s') = \delta_{ss'} = -\bar{v}(p, s)v(p, s')$$

is to be fulfilled.

- (b) **Show** the orthogonality relations

$$u^\dagger(p, s)u(p, s') = \frac{E}{m} \delta_{ss'} = v^\dagger(p, s)v(p, s')$$

$$\bar{v}(p, s)u(p, s') = 0 = v^\dagger(p, s)u(-p, s').$$

- (c) **Show** the completeness relations

$$\sum_{\pm s} [u_\alpha(p, s)\bar{u}_\beta(p, s) - v_\alpha(p, s)\bar{v}_\beta(p, s)] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\sum_{\pm s} u_\alpha(p, s)\bar{u}_\beta(p, s) = \left( \frac{\not{p} + m}{2m} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\sum_{\pm s} -v_\alpha(p, s)\bar{v}_\beta(p, s) = \left( \frac{-\not{p} + m}{2m} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$