

# Relations for conjugating spinors

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The hermitian conjugates of spinors  $u = u(\vec{p}, \lambda)$  are as follows

$$\begin{aligned}u^\dagger &= \bar{u} \gamma^0 \\ \bar{u}^\dagger &= (\gamma^0)^\dagger u = \gamma^0 u \\ \gamma_\mu^\dagger &= \gamma_0 \gamma_\mu \gamma_0 \\ \gamma^0 &= \gamma_0 \\ (\gamma_0)^2 &= \gamma^0 \gamma_0 = I_{4 \times 4} \\ (\gamma_0)^\dagger &= \gamma_0\end{aligned}$$

The completeness relations for the sum of spinors are

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_\lambda u(\vec{p}, \lambda) \bar{u}(\vec{p}, \lambda) &= (\gamma \cdot p + m_p) \\ \sum_{\lambda'} v(\vec{k}, \lambda') \bar{v}(\vec{k}, \lambda') &= (\gamma \cdot k - m_k)\end{aligned}$$

where  $u$  are the spinors for particles, and  $v$  are the spinors for antiparticles. The spinors satisfy the Dirac equation as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}(\gamma \cdot p - m) u(p) &= 0 \\ (\gamma \cdot p + m) v(p) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and conjugating these equations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}(p) (\gamma \cdot p - m) &= 0 \\ \bar{v}(p) (\gamma \cdot p + m) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The Dirac equation is

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi(x) = 0$$

where the plane wave solutions are

$$\psi(x) = u(p) e^{-ip \cdot x}$$

for particles and

$$\psi(x) = v(p) e^{+ip \cdot x}$$

for antiparticles.