

Formula Sheet (in units $\hbar = c = 1$)

4-vector notation:

$$a \cdot b = a^\mu b_\mu = a_\mu b^\mu = a^\mu b^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = a_\mu b_\nu g^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad g_{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x^\mu = (t, \vec{x}) \quad , \quad x_\mu = (t, -\vec{x})$$

$$\partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\vec{\nabla} \right) \quad , \quad \partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \vec{\nabla} \right) \quad , \quad \hat{p}^\mu = i\partial^\mu \quad , \quad \hat{p}_\mu = i\partial_\mu$$

Klein-Gordon equation: $(-\hat{p} \cdot \hat{p} + m^2)\psi = (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2)\psi = (\square + m^2)\psi = 0$

Free Dirac equation in Hamiltonian form: $i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m) \Psi$, or in covariant form:

$$(i\hat{\not{p}} - m)\Psi = (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\Psi = (\hat{p} - m)\Psi = (\gamma \cdot \hat{p} - m)\Psi = (\gamma^\mu \hat{p}_\mu - m)\Psi = 0$$

Dirac and Gamma matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha^i)^2 &= \mathbb{I}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3; \quad \beta^2 = \mathbb{I}; \quad \alpha^i \alpha^j + \alpha^j \alpha^i = 0, \quad i \neq j; \quad \alpha^i \beta + \beta \alpha^i = 0, \quad i \neq j; \\ \gamma^0 &= \beta, \quad \gamma^i = \beta \alpha^i, \quad \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{I}, \\ \gamma_5 &= i\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \end{aligned}$$

Dirac representation:

$$\alpha^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ \sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad , \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the Pauli matrices are

$$\sigma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that α^i , β and γ^0 are Hermitian, whereas the γ^i are anti-Hermitian.