

8 Supersymmetry in the Dirac-Hamiltonian

8.1 The Dirac equation

Problem: (see e.g. F. Schwabl, "QM für Fortgeschrittene")

Schrödinger eq. allows for a probabilistic interpretation but is no *relativistic* description. Klein-Gordon eq. $E^2 = \vec{p}^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$ is covariant and relativistic, but does not allow for a probabilistic interpretation.

Dirac's ansatz:

$$H := c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta mc^2$$

with $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)^T$ and β being arbitrary, not necessarily, numbers.

Quantisation: $E \rightarrow H$ and $\vec{p} \rightarrow -i\hbar\vec{\nabla}$ results in

$$\begin{aligned} H^2 &= -c^2 \hbar^2 \alpha_k \alpha_l \partial_k \partial_l - i\hbar mc^2 (\alpha_k \beta + \beta \alpha_k) \partial_k + \beta^2 m^2 c^4 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} c^2 \hbar^2 (\alpha_k \alpha_l + \alpha_l \alpha_k) \partial_k \partial_l - i\hbar mc^2 (\alpha_k \beta + \beta \alpha_k) \partial_k + \beta^2 m^2 c^4 \end{aligned}$$

Compare with KG relation $E^2 = \vec{p}^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$ led Dirac to the conclusion

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \{\alpha_k, \alpha_l\} &= 2\delta_{kl} \\ \{\alpha_k, \beta\} &= 0 \\ \beta^2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{Dirac matrices, Dirac algebra}$$

Further properties: $H = H^\dagger \implies \alpha_k = \alpha_k^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \beta^\dagger$

Consider: $\text{Tr} \alpha_k = \text{Tr} \alpha_k \beta^2 = -\text{Tr} \beta \alpha_k \beta = -\text{Tr} \alpha_k \implies \text{Tr} \alpha_k = 0$

Similar $\text{Tr} \beta = \text{Tr} \beta \alpha_k^2 = -\text{Tr} \alpha_k \beta \alpha_k = -\text{Tr} \beta \implies \text{Tr} \beta = 0$

- Pauli representation: 4×4 -matrices

$$\alpha_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_k \\ \sigma_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Weyl representation:

$$\vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & -\vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{via} \quad U_W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Supersymmetric representation:

$$\vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{via} \quad U_S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Free Dirac equation: $H = i\hbar\partial_t$

$$\boxed{i\hbar\partial_t \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = (c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta mc^2) \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}$$

Ψ : Dirac spinor, lives in $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^4$

$$\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(\vec{r}, t) \\ \psi_2(\vec{r}, t) \\ \psi_3(\vec{r}, t) \\ \psi_4(\vec{r}, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Free Dirac Hamiltonian: (Pauli representation)

$$H_0 := c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Free massless Dirac Hamiltonian: (Weyl representation)

$$H_0 = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \\ 0 & -c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{Weyl eq.} \quad i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}\Psi, \quad \Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

- Free Dirac Hamiltonian in 1D and 2D:

$$H_0 = -i\hbar c (\sigma_1\partial_1 + \sigma_2\partial_2) + \sigma_3 mc^2$$

- Charged Dirac particle in electromagnetic potentials:
via minimal coupling $\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}$ and $i\hbar\partial_t \rightarrow i\hbar\partial_t - e\phi_{el}$

$$H = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}\right) + \beta mc^2 + e\phi_{el}$$

- Scalar potentials: $V(\vec{r}) = \beta\phi_{sc}(\vec{r})$
- Dirac oscillator:

$$H = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot (\vec{p} + \beta im\omega\vec{r}) + \beta mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - im\omega\vec{r}) \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} + im\omega\vec{r}) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

More details: B. Thaller, "The Dirac Equation" (Springer, Berlin, 1992)

8.2 Supersymmetric Dirac operators

Recall: $N = 2$ SUSY with Witten operator now on $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^4$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

SUSY Hamiltonian:

$$H_S := \{Q, Q^\dagger\} = \begin{pmatrix} AA^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & A^\dagger A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_+ & 0 \\ 0 & H_- \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition:

Let

$$Q_1 := Q + Q^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} = Q_1^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M} := \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & 0 \\ 0 & M_- \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{M}^\dagger \geq 0$$

then

$$H_D := Q_1 + \mathcal{M}W$$

is called *supersymmetric Dirac operator* if $[Q_1, \mathcal{M}] = 0 = [W, \mathcal{M}]$.

That is,

$$H_D = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & A \\ A^\dagger & -M_- \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad AM_- = M_+A, \quad A^\dagger M_+ = M_-A^\dagger.$$

Example: $A := c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}) = A^\dagger$, $M_\pm = mc^2 \otimes 1$

$$H_D = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}) \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix} = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}\right) + \beta mc^2$$

Charged Dirac particle in magnetic field.

Properties:

- Consider

$$\begin{aligned} H_D^2 &= (Q_1 + \mathcal{M}W)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & A \\ A^\dagger & -M_- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & A \\ A^\dagger & -M_- \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} AA^\dagger + M_+^2 & M_+A - AM_- \\ A^\dagger M_+ - M_- A^\dagger & A^\dagger A + M_-^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} AA^\dagger + M_+^2 & 0 \\ 0 & A^\dagger A + M_-^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Let $m > 0$ be an arbitrary mass-like parameter and define

$$H_+ := \frac{1}{2mc^2} AA^\dagger, \quad H_- := \frac{1}{2mc^2} A^\dagger A,$$

Rescale supercharges

$$Q := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and set

$$H_{SUSY} := \frac{1}{2mc^2} (H_D^2 - \mathcal{M}^2) = \begin{pmatrix} H_+ & 0 \\ 0 & H_- \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we obtain a $N = 2$ SUSY QM system with $W = \beta$

$$H_{SUSY} = \{Q, Q^\dagger\}, \quad \{Q, W\} = 0, \quad Q^2 = 0 = (Q^\dagger)^2.$$

- Let $U_{FW} := a_+ + W \operatorname{sgn} Q_1 a_-$ be unitary transformation with $a_\pm := \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\mathcal{M}}{2|H_D|}}$
Then (see tutorial)

$$H_D^{FW} := U_{FW} H_D U_{FW}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{AA^\dagger + M_+^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{A^\dagger A + M_-^2} \end{pmatrix} = \beta |H_D|$$

U_{FW} diagonalises H_D and is called *Foldy–Wouthuysen transformation*.

Hence with

$$H_D^{FW} \widetilde{\Psi}_n^\pm = E_n^\pm \widetilde{\Psi}_n^\pm \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_n^\pm := U_{FW}^\dagger \widetilde{\Psi}_n^\pm \quad \implies \quad H_D \Psi_n^\pm = E_n^\pm \Psi_n^\pm$$

The subspaces \mathcal{H}^\pm are the eigenspaces of H_D for positive and negative energies, respectively.

Observation: In many cases $M_\pm = mc^2$ and $A = A^\dagger$, that is $H_{NR} := H_\pm = \frac{A^2}{2mc^2}$

$$H_D^{FW} = \beta mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{H_{NR}}{2mc^2}}$$

Hence H_{NR} is the non-relativistic limit of H_D in those cases as

$$H_D^{FW}|_{\mathcal{H}^\pm} = mc^2 + H_{NR} + O(1/mc^2)$$

- Spectral properties: Note $[H_+, M_+] = 0 = [H_-, M_-]$

Let $H_\pm \phi_n^\pm = \varepsilon_n \phi_n^\pm$ and $M_\pm \phi_n^\pm = m_n c^2 \phi_n^\pm$ with $\varepsilon_n, m_n > 0$

Hence we have

$$\boxed{E_n^\pm = \pm \sqrt{2mc^2 \varepsilon_n + m_n c^2}, \quad \widetilde{\Psi}_n^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_n^+ \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widetilde{\Psi}_n^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_n^- \end{pmatrix}}$$

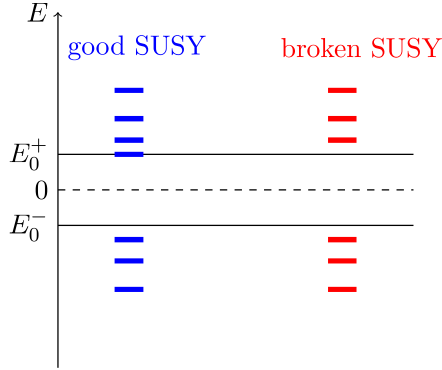
For unbroken SUSY ($\varepsilon_0 = 0$) in addition we have

$$E_0^+ = \langle \phi_0^+ | M_+ | \phi_0^+ \rangle \quad \text{if} \quad \phi_0^+ \in \mathcal{H}^+ \text{ exists with} \quad A^\dagger \phi_0^+ = 0$$

and/or

$$E_0^- = -\langle \phi_0^- | M_- | \phi_0^- \rangle \quad \text{if} \quad \phi_0^- \in \mathcal{H}^- \text{ exists with} \quad A \phi_0^- = 0$$

The spectrum of a supersymmetric Dirac Hamiltonian is symmetric about zero with the exception at E_0^+ and/or E_0^- if SUSY is unbroken.



The spectral properties of H_D follow from those of the SUSY partners H_\pm and M_\pm . In all most all case, $M_\pm = mc^2$ or $M_\pm = 0$.

Note: In general $A \sim \vec{p}$, hence $H_\pm \sim \vec{p}^2$, i.e. the relativistic problem may be reduced to a non-relativistic Pauli-like problem.

Example: Electron in magnetic field results in $H_D^{FW} = \beta mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2H_P}{mc^2}}$

Dirac:
$$H_D = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A} \right) + \beta mc^2$$

Pauli:
$$H_P = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{P} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{A} \right)^2 - \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$$

- SUSY transformations for $\varepsilon_n > 0$:

Recall
$$\phi_n^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2\varepsilon_n}} A \phi_n^- \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_n^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2\varepsilon_n}} A^\dagger \phi_n^+ .$$

Hence
$$\widetilde{\Psi}_n^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}} Q \widetilde{\Psi}_n^- \quad \text{and} \quad \widetilde{\Psi}_n^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}} Q^\dagger \widetilde{\Psi}_n^+$$

Obvious as

$$Q \widetilde{\Psi}_n^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_n^- \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} A \phi_n^- \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_n} \widetilde{\Psi}_n^+$$

$$Q^\dagger \widetilde{\Psi}_n^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_n^+ \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ A^\dagger \phi_n^+ \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_n} \widetilde{\Psi}_n^-$$

8.3 The free Dirac Hamiltonian

Choose: $A := c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = A^\dagger$, $M_\pm := mc^2$ on $\mathcal{H}^\pm = L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$H_D = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Pauli reps.}$$

With $A^\dagger A = c^2(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}) = c^2\vec{p}^2 = AA^\dagger$ we have

$$H_\pm = \frac{1}{2mc^2} c^2 \vec{p}^2 = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \quad \text{free non-rel. particle on } \mathcal{H}^\pm$$

$\varepsilon_0 = 0 \in \text{spec } H_{\pm} \implies \text{SUSY unbroken}$

Eigenspinors: Plane waves

$$\phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar}\right)^{3/2} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \chi_{\lambda}(\vec{k}), \quad \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \lambda \in \{-1, +1\},$$

with eigenvalues $\varepsilon_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 \vec{k}^2}{2m}$ and 2-spinor $\chi_{\lambda}(\vec{k})$

Helicity eigenspinors: Let $k := |\vec{k}|$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{+1}(\vec{k}) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 - ik_2 \\ k - k_3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{and} & \chi_{+1}(k\vec{e}_3) &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \chi_{-1}(\vec{k}) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_3 - k \\ k_1 + ik_2 \end{pmatrix} & \text{and} & \chi_{-1}(k\vec{e}_3) &:= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

Recall helicity operator $\Lambda := \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$ in eigenspace with fixed \vec{k} , $\Lambda_{\vec{k}} := \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k}}{k}$

Lemma: Above spinors are ortho-normal eigenspinors of $\Lambda_{\vec{k}}$, that is,

$$\Lambda_{\vec{k}} \chi_{\lambda}(\vec{k}) = \lambda \chi_{\lambda}(\vec{k}), \quad \lambda = \pm 1, \quad \|\chi_{\lambda}\|^2 = (\chi_{\lambda}^*)^T \chi_{\lambda} = 1, \quad (\chi_{-1}^*)^T \chi_{+1} = 0.$$

Proof:

Consider $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k} = \begin{pmatrix} k_3 & k_1 - ik_2 \\ k_1 + ik_2 & -k_3 \end{pmatrix} \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k} \chi_{+1}(\vec{k}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_3 & k_1 - ik_2 \\ k_1 + ik_2 & -k_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 - ik_2 \\ k - k_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_3(k_1 - ik_2) + (k_1 - ik_2)(k - k_3) \\ k_1^2 + k_2^2 - k_3(k - k_3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k(k_1 - ik_2) \\ k(k - k_3) \end{pmatrix} = k \chi_{+1}(\vec{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k} \chi_{-1}(\vec{k}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_3 & k_1 - ik_2 \\ k_1 + ik_2 & -k_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_3 - k \\ k_1 + ik_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k_3(k_3 - k) + k_1^2 + k_2^2 \\ (k_1 + ik_2)(k_3 - k) - k_3(k_1 + ik_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k(k-k_3)}} \begin{pmatrix} k(k - k_3) \\ -k(k_1 + ik_2) \end{pmatrix} = -k \chi_{-1}(\vec{k}) \end{aligned}$$

The ortho-normal part is homework.

Summary:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\pm} \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) &= \varepsilon_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) & \text{with} & \quad \varepsilon_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 \vec{k}^2}{2m}, \quad \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \Lambda \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) &= \lambda \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) & \text{with} & \quad \lambda = \pm 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{E_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{\hbar^2 c^2 \vec{k}^2 + m^2 c^4}, \quad \widetilde{\Psi}_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\pm}(\vec{r}) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widetilde{\Psi}_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\mp}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_{\vec{k}\lambda}^{\mp}(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix}}$$

Explicit form of FW transformation:

Consider subspace with fixed \vec{k} and λ and set $\epsilon(k) := \sqrt{\hbar^2 c^2 k^2 + m^2 c^4}$

- With $|H_D|\widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^\pm = \epsilon(k)\widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^\pm \implies a_\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{mc^2}{2\epsilon(k)}}$
- $\text{sgn } Q_1 = \frac{Q_1}{\sqrt{Q_1^2}}$, $Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Q_1^2 = \begin{pmatrix} c^2\vec{p}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & c^2\vec{p}^2 \end{pmatrix} = c^2\vec{p}^2 \otimes \mathbf{1}$
 $\text{sgn } Q_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2\vec{p}^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda \\ \Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- $W \text{sgn } Q_1 = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- $U_{FW} = a_+ + W \text{sgn } Q_1 a_- = a_+ + a_- \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $U_{FW}^\dagger = a_+ - a_- \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- The "electron" solution

$$\Psi_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) = U_{FW}^\dagger \widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) = \left[a_+ - \lambda a_- \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\Psi_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_+ \phi_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) \\ \lambda a_- \phi_{k\lambda}^+(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix}}$$

- The "positron" solution

$$\boxed{\Psi_{k\lambda}^-(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda a_- \phi_{k\lambda}^-(\vec{r}) \\ a_+ \phi_{k\lambda}^-(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix}}$$

- SUSY transformations: $A = c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} = A^\dagger$, $\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$
 $A \phi_{k\lambda}^\pm = \hbar c \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k} \phi_{k\lambda}^\pm = \hbar c k \lambda \phi_{k\lambda}^\pm = \lambda \sqrt{2mc^2 \epsilon_{\vec{k}}} \phi_{k\lambda}^\pm$ (λ is phase only!)
 $Q^\dagger \widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k\lambda}^+ \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_{k\lambda}^- \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}} \widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^-$
 $Q \widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^- = \dots = \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}} \widetilde{\Psi}_{k\lambda}^+$
- Free Dirac particle in SUSY representation:

$$\text{Now } \vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_D = c\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} - imc^2 \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} + imc^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence

$$A := c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p} - imc^2 \quad \text{and} \quad M_\pm := 0 \implies$$

$$H_+ = \frac{AA^\dagger}{2mc^2} = \frac{A^\dagger A}{2mc^2} = H_- \quad \text{or} \quad H_\pm = \frac{c^2\vec{p}^2}{2mc^2} + \frac{m^2 c^4}{2mc^2} \geq \frac{1}{2} mc^2 > 0$$

Here SUSY is broken with

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} &= \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} mc^2 && \text{shifted SUSY spectrum} \\ \phi_{k\lambda}^\pm(\vec{r}) &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\hbar}\right)^{3/2} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \chi_\lambda(\vec{k}) && \text{same eigenspinors} \\ E_{\vec{k}}^\pm &= \pm \sqrt{2mc^2 \epsilon_{\vec{k}}} = \pm \sqrt{c^2 \hbar^2 k^2 + m^2 c^4} && \text{same Dirac spectrum} \end{aligned}$$

8.4 The Dirac oscillator

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - im\omega\vec{r}) \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} + im\omega\vec{r}) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is obviously SUSY Dirac Hamiltonian

$$A = c\vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{p} - im\omega\vec{r}), \quad M_{\pm} = mc^2 \quad \implies \quad AM_- = M_+A, \quad A^{\dagger}M_+ = M_-A^{\dagger}$$

Homework: Show

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{\dagger} &= c^2 \left(\vec{p}^2 + m^2\omega^2\vec{r}^2 + 3mc^3\hbar\omega + 2mc^2\omega\vec{L} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right) = 2mc^2H_+ \\ A^{\dagger}A &= c^2 \left(\vec{p}^2 + m^2\omega^2\vec{r}^2 - 3mc^3\hbar\omega - 2mc^2\omega\vec{L} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right) = 2mc^2H_- \end{aligned}$$

Partner Hamiltonians are SUSY Pauli Hamiltonians

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\pm} &= \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{m}{2}\omega^2\vec{r}^2 \pm \left(\frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega + \hbar\omega\vec{L} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right) \\ &= \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{m}{2}\omega^2\vec{r}^2 \pm \hbar\omega \left(K + \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Recall spin orbit operator $K := \vec{L} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + 1$

Eigenvalues of K are given by: $-\kappa = s|\kappa| = s(j + \frac{1}{2}) = \begin{cases} \ell + 1 & \text{for } s = +1 \\ -\ell & \text{for } s = -1 \end{cases}$ or $j = \ell + \frac{s}{2}$

Eigenvalues of H_{\pm} :

$$\varepsilon_{njs}^{\pm} = \hbar\omega \left(2n + \ell + \frac{3}{2} \right) \pm \hbar\omega \left[s \left(j + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

More explicit

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{njs}^- &= \hbar\omega \left(2n + j - \frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{2} - sj - \frac{s}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \hbar\omega [2n + j + 1 - s(j + 1)] \\ \varepsilon_{njs}^+ &= \hbar\omega \left(2n + j - \frac{s}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + sj + \frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \hbar\omega [2(n + 1) + j + sj] > 0 \end{aligned}$$

SUSY unbroken with ground state energy

$$\varepsilon_{0j1}^- = 0 \quad \infty\text{-degenerate as } j = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots$$

Spectral relation between SUSY partners

$$\varepsilon_{njs}^+ = \varepsilon_{n+1, j-1, -s}^-$$

Eigenvalues of the Dirac oscillator

$$\begin{aligned} E_{njs}^- &= -mc^2 \left[1 + \frac{2\hbar\omega}{mc^2} [2n + j + 1 - s(j + 1)] \right]^{1/2} \\ E_{njs}^+ &= mc^2 \left[1 + \frac{2\hbar\omega}{mc^2} [2(n + 1) + j + sj] \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

8.5 One-dimensional Dirac Hamiltonians

- The free Dirac particle on the real line

$$H = c\sigma_1 p + \sigma_3 mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & cp \\ cp & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$\text{Obvious: } A = cp = A^{\dagger}, \quad M_{\pm} = mc^2, \quad H_{\pm} = \frac{A^2}{2mc^2} = \frac{p^2}{2m} \geq 0$$

- The Dirac oscillator on the real line

$$H = c\sigma_1(p + im\omega x\sigma_3) + \sigma_3 mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c(p - im\omega x) \\ c(p + im\omega x) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Obvious: $A = c(p - im\omega x) = -i\sqrt{2mc^2\hbar\omega} a$, $M_{\pm} = mc^2$

$$H_{\pm} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m}{2}\omega^2 x^2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega \left(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$\phi_n^+ = \langle x|n-1\rangle, \quad \phi_n^- = \langle x|n\rangle, \quad \varepsilon_n := \hbar\omega n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

in addition $n = 0$ for H_- only.

$$E_n^\pm = \pm\sqrt{m^2c^4 + 2mc^2\varepsilon_n} = \pm mc^2\sqrt{1 + \frac{2\varepsilon_n}{mc^2}}$$

- The relativistic Witten model

Generalisation of Dirac oscillator with $m\omega x \rightarrow \sqrt{2m}\Phi(x)$

$$H = c\sigma_1(p + i\sqrt{2m}\Phi(x)\sigma_3) + \sigma_3 mc^2 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c(p - i\sqrt{2m}\Phi(x)) \\ c(p + i\sqrt{2m}\Phi(x)) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Obvious: $A = c(p - i\sqrt{2m}\Phi(x))$, $M_{\pm} = mc^2$

$$H_{\pm} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \Phi(x)^2 \pm \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2m}}\Phi'(x)$$

Assume unbroken SUSY with $\varepsilon_0 = 0 \in \text{spec } H_-$ and $\varepsilon_n > 0 \in \text{spec } H_+$ then

$$E_0^- = -mc^2 \quad \text{and} \quad E_n^\pm = \pm mc^2\sqrt{1 + \frac{2\varepsilon_n}{mc^2}}$$

Remarks:

- Whenever the non-relativistic Witten model can be solved, one also has a solution of the relativistic Witten model.
- Application of the SUSY WKB formula results in an approximation for the relativistic Witten model via $E^2 = 2mc^2\varepsilon + m^2c^4$.
Let $W(x) := \sqrt{2mc^2}\Phi(x)$, then $A = cp - iW(x)$ and

$$\int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \sqrt{E^2 - m^2c^4 - W^2(x)} = c\hbar\pi \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\Delta}{2} \right)$$

with $W^2(x_{R/L}) = E^2 - m^2c^4$.

For a general discussion see GJ, Eur. Phys. J. Plus 135 (2020) 464 (13pp)

8.6 Relativistic Hamiltonians with arbitray spin

The Dirac Hamiltonian describes the relativistic dynamics of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles.

How about particles with other spin?

Goal is to find relativistic eq. allowing for a probability interpretation, that is, being of the form

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = H\Psi, \quad \mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2(2s+1)}, \quad s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

The general form of such a Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = \beta m + \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{O}, \quad \text{with} \quad \beta^2 = 1.$$

Here m denotes the mass of the particle.

\mathcal{E} and \mathcal{O} denote the *even* and *odd* parts of the Hamiltonian, respectively. That is,

$$[\beta, \mathcal{E}] = 0, \quad \{\beta, \mathcal{O}\} = 0.$$

With $\mathcal{M} := m + \beta\mathcal{E}$ the general Hamiltonian then reads

$$H_s = \beta\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{O} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} H_s &= H_s^\dagger & \text{for } s = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots, & \text{Fermions} \\ H_s &= \beta H_s^\dagger \beta & \text{for } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, & \text{Bosons} \end{aligned}$$

Choose matrix representation where

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & 0 \\ 0 & M_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ (-1)^{2s+1} A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Note: The matrix elements here are $(2s+2) \times (2s+2)$ submatrices.

Definition:

Above Hamiltonian H_s is called a *supersymmetric relativistic arbitrary-spin Hamiltonian* if

$$M_+ A = A M_-, \quad A^\dagger M_+ = M_- A^\dagger.$$

Note: For $s = 1/2$ this is identical to the definition of a supersymmetric Dirac Hamiltonian.

Properties:

- Consider

$$H_s^2 = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{2s+1} A A^\dagger + M_+^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^{2s+1} A^\dagger A + M_-^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $m > 0$ be an arbitrary mass-like parameter and define

$$H_+ := \frac{1}{2mc^2} A A^\dagger \geq 0, \quad H_- := \frac{1}{2mc^2} A^\dagger A \geq 0,$$

Define supercharges by

$$Q := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the SUSY Hamiltonian by

$$H_{SUSY} := \frac{(-1)^{2s+1}}{2mc^2} (H_s^2 - \mathcal{M}^2) = \begin{pmatrix} H_+ & 0 \\ 0 & H_- \end{pmatrix}$$

results in a $N = 2$ SUSY QM system with $W = \beta$

$$H_{SUSY} = \{Q, Q^\dagger\}, \quad \{Q, W\} = 0, \quad Q^2 = 0 = (Q^\dagger)^2.$$

- As for the Dirac case one can show that for such supersymmetric H_s exists a Foldy–Wouthuysen transformation U which diagonalises H_s

$$H_s^{FW} := U H_s U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{M_+^2 + (-1)^{2s+1} A A^\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{M_-^2 + (-1)^{2s+1} A^\dagger A} \end{pmatrix} = \beta |H_s|$$

The transformation explicitly reads (without proof)

$$U = \frac{|H_s| + \beta H_s}{\sqrt{2H_s^2 + 2\mathcal{M}|H_s|}} = \frac{1 + \beta \operatorname{sgn} H_s}{\sqrt{2 + \{\operatorname{sgn} H_s, \beta\}}}$$

- Due to the SUSY requirement we have $[H_{\pm}, M_{\pm}] = 0$ and we can introduce a joint set of eigenfunctions ϕ_{ε}^{\pm} , this is a $(2s + 1)$ -spinor, with

$$H_{\pm}\phi_{\varepsilon}^{\pm} = \varepsilon\phi_{\varepsilon}^{\pm}, \quad M_{\pm}\phi_{\varepsilon}^{\pm} = m_{\varepsilon}c^2\phi_{\varepsilon}^{\pm}, \quad \varepsilon \geq 0.$$

Hence the spectral properties of H_s^{FM} can be expressed in terms of ϕ_{ε}^{\pm} and ε

$$E_{\pm} = \pm\sqrt{m_{\varepsilon}^2c^4 + (-1)^{2s+1}2mc^2\varepsilon}, \quad \tilde{\Psi}_{\varepsilon}^{+} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{\varepsilon}^{+} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\Psi}_{\varepsilon}^{-} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_{\varepsilon}^{-} \end{pmatrix},$$

The SUSY transformations explicitly read for $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\phi_{\varepsilon}^{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2\varepsilon}} A\phi_{\varepsilon}^{-}, \quad \phi_{\varepsilon}^{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2\varepsilon}} A^{\dagger}\phi_{\varepsilon}^{+}.$$

The spectrum is symmetric about zero with possible exception at m_0c^2 and/or $-m_0c^2$ in case of unbroken SUSY with $\ker A^{\dagger}$ and/or $\ker A$ being not empty, respectively.

Examples

We consider spin- s particles with mass $m > 0$ and charge e in external magnetic field $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$.

- The Klein-Gordon Hamiltonian $s = 0$:

The non-relativistic quantum dynamics is provided by the Landau Hamiltonian

$$H_L := \frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 \quad \text{acting on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

In 1958 Feshbach and Villars showed that the relativistic Klein-Gordon Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_0 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 + H_L & H_L \\ -H_L & -(mc^2 + H_L) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{acting on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

Obviously we may identify

$$M_{\pm} = H_L + mc^2, \quad A = H_L = A^{\dagger} \quad \implies \quad [M_{\pm}, A] = 0$$

Hence it is a supersymmetric spin-zero Hamiltonian with

$$H_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2mc^2} H_L^2$$

The diagonalised FW Hamiltonian reads

$$H_0^{FW} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(mc^2 + H_L)^2 - H_L^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{(mc^2 + H_L)^2 - H_L^2} \end{pmatrix} = \beta mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2H_L}{mc^2}}$$

For a constant magnetic field $\vec{B} = B\vec{e}_z$ the eigenvalues of H_L are the well-know Landau levels

$$\varepsilon := \hbar\omega_c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad k_z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \omega_c := \frac{|eB|}{mc}.$$

Note, the eigenvalues of $H_{\pm} = \frac{H_L^2}{2mc^2}$ are given by $\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2mc^2} > 0$ and SUSY is broken.

The eigenvalues of M_{\pm} are given by $m_{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon + mc^2 = mc^2 \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{mc^2}} \right)$

- The Dirac Hamiltonian $s = 1/2$:

The non-relativistic quantum dynamics is provided by the Pauli Hamiltonian with $g = 2$

$$H_P := \frac{1}{2m} \left[\vec{\sigma} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right) \right]^2 \quad \text{acting on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

The relativistic Dirac Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_{1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 & c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right) \\ c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right) & -mc^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{acting on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

We already know that it is supersymmetric with $M_{\pm} = mc^2$ and $A = c\vec{\sigma} \cdot \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)$. The partner Hamiltonians are given by

$$H_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2mc^2} A^2 = H_P$$

The diagonalised FW Hamiltonian reads

$$H_{1/2}^{FW} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{m^2c^4 + 2mc^2H_P} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{m^2c^4 + 2mc^2H_P} \end{pmatrix} = \beta mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2H_P}{mc^2}}$$

For a constant magnetic field $\vec{B} = B\vec{e}_z$ the eigenvalues of H_P are shifted Landau levels

$$\varepsilon := \hbar\omega_c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} + s_z \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad k_z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad s_z = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

SUSY is unbroken here due to the shift!

- The vector boson Hamiltonian $s = 1$:

The non-relativistic quantum dynamics is provided by the "vector" Hamiltonian for $g = 2$

$$H_V := \frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 - \frac{e\hbar}{mc} (\vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad \text{acting on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^3$$

Here $\vec{S} = (S_1, S_2, S_3)^T$ are the spin-1 matrices obeying $[S_i, S_j] = i\varepsilon_{ijk} S_k$,

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The relativistic Hamiltonian describing a vector boson with $g = 2$ is given by

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} mc^2 + H_V & \frac{(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A})^2}{2m} - \frac{((\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{S})^2}{m} \\ -\frac{(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A})^2}{2m} + \frac{((\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{S})^2}{m} & -(mc^2 + H_V) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \otimes \mathbb{C}^6$$

With $M_{\pm} = mc^2 + H_V$ and $A = \frac{(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A})^2}{2m} - \frac{((\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{S})^2}{m} = A^\dagger$ one can show that, for a **constant** magnetic field $[M_{\pm}, A] = 0$, leading to a supersymmetric relativistic spin-1 Hamiltonian. In addition one may show that $H_V^2 = A^2$.

The diagonalised FW Hamiltonian then reads

$$H_1^{FW} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(mc^2 + H_V)^2 - H_V^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{(mc^2 + H_V)^2 - H_V^2} \end{pmatrix} = \beta mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2H_V}{mc^2}}$$

The eigenvalues of $H_V = H_L - \text{sgn}(eB) \hbar\omega_c S_3$ are again given by the Landau levels

$$\varepsilon := \hbar\omega_c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} + s_z \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad k_z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad s_z \in \{-1, 0, 1\}.$$

The partner Hamiltonians $H_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2mc^2} H_V^2$ have the eigenvalues $\varepsilon = \frac{\epsilon^2}{2mc^2}$.

The eigenvalues of M_{\pm} are given by $m_{\varepsilon} = \epsilon + mc^2 = mc^2 \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{mc^2}}\right)$.

Note that $\varepsilon = 0$ when $\epsilon = 0$, which is the case for $n = 0$, $s_z = -1$ and $k_z = \pm 1/\lambda_L$.
 $\lambda_L := \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega_c} = \sqrt{\hbar c/|eB|}$ is the Larmor wavelength.

Hence SUSY is unbroken, but $\Delta = 0$ as $H_+ = H_-$.

The corresponding eigenvalues of H_1 are then given by

$$E_{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + \hbar^2 c^2 k_z^2 + 2mc^2 \hbar \omega_c (n + 1/2 + s_z)}$$

Note: For $k_z = 0$, $n = 0$ and $s_z = -1$, the above eigenvalue would become complex if $|B| > m^2 c^3 / |e\hbar|$. Such large magnetic fields would imply $\lambda_L < \tilde{\lambda}_C := \hbar/mc$. That is, the Larmor wavelength is small than the reduced Compton wavelength.

Let's confine a particle to such a small area $\Delta x \sim \tilde{\lambda}_C$.

Then uncertainty relation implies $\Delta p \sim \hbar/\Delta x = mc$. At such large energies a single particle description is no longer appropriate. In other words for such large magnetic fields a description via quantum field theory must be applied.

For details see GJ, Symmetry 12 (2020) 1590 (14pp)

Summary Section 8

Supersymmetric Dirac Hamiltonians are of the form

$$H_D = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & A \\ A^\dagger & -M_- \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad M_+ A = A M_-, \quad M_- A^\dagger = A^\dagger M_+.$$

The $N = 2$ SUSY is explicated via ($m > 0$ is a free parameter with dimension of a mass)

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2mc^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & 0 \\ 0 & M_- \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H_{SUSY} = \{Q, Q^\dagger\} = \frac{1}{2mc^2} (H_D^2 - \mathcal{M}^2) = \frac{1}{2mc^2} \begin{pmatrix} H_+ & 0 \\ 0 & H_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note

$$H_+ = \frac{AA^\dagger}{2mc^2}, \quad H_- = \frac{A^\dagger A}{2mc^2}, \quad [M_+, H_+] = 0 = [M_-, H_-]$$

Supersymmetric Dirac Hamiltonians can always be diagonalised via a FW transformation

$$H_D^{FW} = U H_D U^\dagger = \beta |H_D| = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{M_+^2 + 2mc^2 H_+} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{M_-^2 + 2mc^2 H_-} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The spectral properties of H_D are fully determined by those of the non-relativistic Pauli-like partner Hamiltonians H_\pm and the often trivial mass operators M_\pm .

