

Problem 1(a):

In the two-component spinor notations

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ -\sigma_2 \varphi^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\Psi} = \left(-\varphi^\top \sigma_2, \chi^\dagger \right), \quad \gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{S.1})$$

Consequently, the Dirac Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_D \equiv \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\Psi = i\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi + i\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2 \partial_\mu \varphi^* + m \left(\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \chi + \chi^\dagger \sigma_2 \varphi^* \right). \quad (\text{S.2})$$

The second term here looks unduly complicated, so let us transpose it. Because of the fermionic nature of the φ and φ^* fields, there is a sign change when we change their order, thus

$$\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2 \partial_\mu \varphi^* = -(\partial_\mu \varphi^\dagger) (\sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2)^\top \varphi = -(\partial_\mu \varphi^\dagger) \bar{\sigma}^\mu \varphi = +\varphi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi + \partial_\mu (\dots). \quad (\text{S.3})$$

Substituting this formula into eq. (S.2) immediately gives us eq. (2), modulo a total derivative.

Problem 1(b):

As discussed in class, the **CP** — Charge conjugation + Parity — symmetry transforms the Weyl spinor fields according to

$$\widehat{\mathcal{CP}} \chi(\mathbf{x}, t) \widehat{\mathcal{CP}} = \pm \sigma_2 \chi^*(-\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \widehat{\mathcal{CP}} \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) \widehat{\mathcal{CP}} = \mp \sigma_2 \varphi^*(-\mathbf{x}, t). \quad (\text{S.4})$$

Consequently, the kinetic term for the φ spinor — the second term on the right hand side of eq. (2) — becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{CP}} \left(i\varphi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi \right) (\mathbf{x}, t) \widehat{\mathcal{CP}} &= i \left(\mp \varphi^\top(-\mathbf{x}, t) \sigma_2 \right) \bar{\sigma}^\mu \left(\mp \sigma_2 \partial_\mu \varphi^*(-\mathbf{x}, t) \right) \\ &= i \left(\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \bar{\sigma}^0 \sigma_2 \partial_0 \varphi^* - \varphi^\top \sigma_2 \bar{\sigma}^i \sigma_2 \partial_i \varphi^* \right)_{(-\mathbf{x}, t)} \\ &= i \left(\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \sigma^0 \sigma_2 \partial_0 \varphi^* + \varphi^\top \sigma_2 \sigma^i \sigma_2 \partial_i \varphi^* \right)_{(-\mathbf{x}, t)} \\ &\equiv \left(i\varphi^\top \sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2 \partial_\mu \varphi^* \right)_{(-\mathbf{x}, t)} \\ &= \left(i\varphi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi \right)_{(-\mathbf{x}, t)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5})$$

where the last equality is eq. (S.3). In other words, the kinetic Lagrangian term for the φ spinor is **CP** invariant — and of course the kinetic term for the χ spinor is **CP** invariant in exactly

same way. As to the mass term, we have

$$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\mathcal{P}}\left(\varphi^\top\sigma_2\chi\right)\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\mathcal{P}} = (\mp\sigma^2\varphi^*)^\top\sigma_2(\pm\sigma_2\chi^*) = -\varphi^\dagger\sigma_2^\top\sigma_2\sigma_2\chi^* = +\varphi^\dagger\sigma_2\chi^* \quad (\text{S.6})$$

and likewise

$$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\mathcal{P}}\left(\varphi^\dagger\sigma_2\chi^*\right)\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\mathcal{P}} = (\mp\sigma^2\varphi^*)^\dagger\sigma_2(\pm\sigma_2\chi^*)^* = -\varphi^\top\sigma_2^\dagger\sigma_2\sigma_2^*\chi = +\varphi^\top\sigma_2\chi, \quad (\text{S.7})$$

so the complete mass term

$$m\left(\varphi^\top\sigma_2\chi + \varphi^\dagger\sigma_2\chi^*\right) \quad (\text{S.8})$$

is indeed **CP** invariant.

Problem 2(a):

Charge conjugation acts on a Dirac spinor field according to $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}} = \pm\gamma^2\widehat{\Psi}^*$. Consequently,

$$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}} = (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}})^\dagger\gamma^0 = \mp\Psi^\top\gamma^2\gamma^0 \quad (\text{S.9})$$

and hence

$$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\Gamma\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}} = \widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\Gamma\widehat{\mathcal{C}}\widehat{\Psi}\widehat{\mathcal{C}} = -\widehat{\Psi}^\top\gamma^2\gamma^0\Gamma\gamma^2\widehat{\Psi}^* = +\widehat{\Psi}^\dagger(\gamma^2\gamma^0\Gamma\gamma^2)^\top\widehat{\Psi} = \widehat{\Psi}\gamma^0\gamma^2\Gamma^\top\gamma^0\gamma^2\widehat{\Psi} \equiv \widehat{\Psi}\Gamma^c\widehat{\Psi}. \quad (\text{S.10})$$

Problem 2(b):

By inspection, $\mathbf{1}^c \equiv \gamma^0\gamma^2\gamma^0\gamma^2 = +\mathbf{1}$. The γ_5 matrix is symmetric and commutes with the $\gamma^0\gamma^2$, hence $\gamma_5^c = +\gamma_5$. Among the four γ_μ matrices, the γ_1 and γ_3 are anti-symmetric and commute with the $\gamma^0\gamma^2$ while the γ_0 and γ_2 are symmetric but anti-commute with the $\gamma^0\gamma^2$; hence, for all four γ_μ , $\gamma_\mu^c = -\gamma_\mu$. Finally, because of the transposition involved, $(\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu)^c = \gamma_\nu^c\gamma_\mu^c = +\gamma_\nu\gamma_\mu$, thus $\gamma_{\mu\nu}^c = +\gamma_{\nu\mu} = -\gamma_{\mu\nu}$. Likewise, $(\gamma_5\gamma_\mu)^c = \gamma_\mu^c\gamma_5^c = -\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 = +\gamma_5\gamma_\mu$.

To summarize, the scalar S , the pseudoscalar P and the axial vector A_μ are C-even while the vector V_μ and the tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ are C-odd.

Problem 2(c):

A fermion-antifermion bound state with a wave-function $\psi(\mathbf{p}, s_f, s_a)$ is created from the vacuum by the operator

$$\hat{B} = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s_f, s_a} \psi(\mathbf{p}, s_f, s_a) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}, s_f}^\dagger \hat{b}_{-\mathbf{p}, s_a}^\dagger. \quad (\text{S.11})$$

Charge-conjugating this operator yields

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C}\hat{B}\hat{C} &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s_f, s_a} \psi(\mathbf{p}, s_f, s_a) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}, s_f}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}, s_a}^\dagger \\ &= - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s_f, s_a} \psi(\mathbf{p}, s_f, s_a) \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{p}, s_a}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}, s_f}^\dagger = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s_f, s_a} [-\psi(-\mathbf{p}, s_a, s_f)] \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}, s_f}^\dagger \hat{b}_{-\mathbf{p}, s_a}^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.12})$$

Given the net spin S and orbital angular momentum L of a bound state, we have $\psi_{\text{spin}}(s_f, s_a) = -(-1)^S \psi_{\text{spin}}(s_a, s_f)$ and $\psi_{\text{space}}(-\mathbf{p}) = (-1)^L \psi_{\text{space}}(+\mathbf{p})$, hence altogether $[-\psi(-\mathbf{p}, s_a, s_f)] = (-1)^S (-1)^L \psi(\mathbf{p}, s_f, s_a)$. Consequently, $\hat{C}\hat{B}|0\rangle = (-1)^S (-1)^L \hat{B}|0\rangle$ *i.e.*, the bound state $\hat{B}|0\rangle$ has $C = (-1)^S (-1)^L$. $\mathcal{Q.E.D.}$

Quantum electrodynamics is invariant under the charge conjugation, hence C is conserved in electromagnetic processes. The photons are C-odd, hence the electromagnetic decay (or internal annihilation) of a C-even bound state results in an even number of photons while for the C-odd states' decay the number of resulting photons should be odd. Since emission of each additional photon suppresses the decay rate by a factor of order $O(\alpha)$, the dominant electromagnetic decay modes are 2γ (two photons) for the C-even states and 3γ for the C-odd states. (For kinematic reasons, decays into one photon and nothing else are forbidden.)

The so-called *para-positronium* states are spin $S = 0$ bound states of an electron and a positron. The ground 1S para-positronium state has $C = (-1)^S (-1)^L = +1$, so its main decay mode produces two photons; the 4γ , 6γ , *etc.*, decay modes are allowed but have very small branching ratios. The $S = 1$ positronium states are called *ortho-positronium*; the 1S ortho-positronium state has $C = (-1)^S (-1)^L = -1$, so it usually decays into three photons; the 5γ , *etc.*, decay modes are allowed but rare. Because of an additional final-state photon, the ortho-positronium ground states decays much slower than its para-positronium counterpart.

Problem 3(a):

Consider the spin-reversal operator $\widehat{\mathcal{SR}} |m_s\rangle = i^{2m_s} |-m_s\rangle$. For a generic polarization state $|\xi\rangle$ of a non-relativistic spin-half particle, one has $\widehat{\mathcal{SR}} |\xi\rangle = |\sigma^2 \xi^*\rangle$, which implies that for a relativistic electron

$$\widehat{\mathcal{SR}} u(\mathbf{p}, s) \equiv i^{2m_s} u(\mathbf{p}, -m_s) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \sigma^2 \xi_s^* \\ \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \sigma^2 \xi_s^* \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{S.13})$$

Let us also reverse the momentum 3-vector, $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow -\mathbf{p}$, or in Lorentz notations, $p^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{p}^\mu \equiv (E_{\mathbf{p}}, -\mathbf{p})$. Note that $\tilde{p} \cdot \sigma = p \cdot \bar{\sigma}$ and $p \cdot \bar{\sigma} \rightarrow p \cdot \sigma$; therefore

$$\begin{aligned} i^{2m_s} u(-\mathbf{p}, -m_s) &\equiv \widehat{\mathcal{SR}} u(-\mathbf{p}, s) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \sigma^2 \xi_s^* \\ \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \sigma^2 \xi_s^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi_s^* \\ \sigma^2 \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi_s^* \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi_s^* \\ \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi_s^* \end{pmatrix}^* = -i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 u^*(\mathbf{p}, s), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.14})$$

or equivalently $i^{2m_s} u^*(-\mathbf{p}, -m_s) = -i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 u(+\mathbf{p}, +m_s)$, which proves the first half of the lemma.

The second half of the lemma can be proved in a similar way, but there is simpler shortcut using $v(\mathbf{p}, s) = \gamma^2 u^*(\mathbf{p}, s)$:

$$\begin{aligned} i^{2m_s} v^*(-\mathbf{p}, -m_s) &= \gamma^2 (i^{2m_s} u^*(-\mathbf{p}, -m_s))^* = \gamma^2 (-i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 u(+\mathbf{p}, +m_s))^* \\ &= +i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 \gamma^2 u^*(+\mathbf{p}, +m_s) = -i\gamma^1 \gamma^3 v(+\mathbf{p}, +m_s). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.15})$$

Problem 3(b):

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{T}\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \sum_s \left[(\hat{T}e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}-iEt}u(\mathbf{p}, s)\hat{T}^{-1}) (\hat{T}\hat{a}(\mathbf{p}, s)\hat{T}^{-1}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\hat{T}e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}+iEt}v(\mathbf{p}, s)\hat{T}^{-1}) (\hat{T}\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s)\hat{T}^{-1}) \right] \\
&= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \sum_s \left[(e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}+iEt}u^*(\mathbf{p}, s)) ((\pm i)i^{2m_s}\hat{a}(-\mathbf{p}, -s)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}+iEt}u^*(\mathbf{p}, s)) ((\pm i)i^{2m_s}\hat{b}^\dagger(-\mathbf{p}, -s)) \right] \\
&= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \sum_s \left[(e^{+i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}+iEt}(\pm i)i^{2m_s}u^*(-\mathbf{p}, -s))\hat{a}(\mathbf{p}, s) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}-iEt}(\pm i)i^{2m_s}v^*(-\mathbf{p}, -s))\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s) \right] \\
&= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \sum_s \left[(e^{+i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}+iEt}(\pm\gamma^1\gamma^3)u(\mathbf{p}, s))\hat{a}(\mathbf{p}, s) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}-iEt}(\pm\gamma^1\gamma^3)v(\mathbf{p}, s))\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s) \right] \\
&= \pm\gamma^1\gamma^3\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, -t).
\end{aligned} \tag{S.16}$$

Q.E.D.

Problem 3(c):

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{T}\hat{\Psi}\Gamma\hat{\Psi}\hat{T}^{-1}\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, t)} &= (\hat{T}\hat{\Psi}\hat{T}^{-1})^\dagger (\hat{T}\gamma^0\Gamma\hat{T}^{-1}) (\hat{T}\hat{\Psi}\hat{T}^{-1})\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, t)} \\
&= (\pm\gamma^1\gamma^3\hat{\Psi})^\dagger (\gamma^0\Gamma)^* (\pm\gamma^1\gamma^3\hat{\Psi})\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, -t)} \\
&= \hat{\Psi}\gamma^3\gamma^1\Gamma^*\gamma^1\gamma^3\hat{\Psi}\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, -t)} \equiv \hat{\Psi}\Gamma^t\hat{\Psi}\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, -t)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S.17}$$

Q.E.D.

Problem 3(d):

By inspection, $\mathbf{1}^t = \gamma^3\gamma^1\gamma^1\gamma^3 = +\mathbf{1}$. The γ_5 matrix is real and commutes with the $\gamma^3\gamma^1$, hence $\gamma_5^t = +\gamma^5$. Among the γ_μ matrices, the γ_1 and γ_3 are real but anti-commute with the

$\gamma^3\gamma^1$ while the γ_2 is imaginary but commutes with the $\gamma^3\gamma^1$, hence for all three, $\vec{\gamma}^t = -\vec{\gamma}$. On the other hand, γ_0 is real and commutes with the $\gamma^3\gamma^1$, hence $\gamma_0^t = +\gamma_0$: Time-reversal, like parity, acts differently on space *vs.* time components of all four-vectors, including the γ_μ . Finally, $(\Gamma_1\Gamma_2)^t = \Gamma_1^t\Gamma_2^t$, hence $(\gamma_5\vec{\gamma})^t = -\gamma_5\vec{\gamma}$, $(\gamma_5\gamma_0)^t = +\gamma_5\gamma_0$, $\gamma_{ij}^t = +\gamma_{ij}$ and $\gamma_{i0}^t = -\gamma_{i0}$.

Note however that $(\hat{\Psi}\bar{\Gamma}\hat{\Psi})^\dagger = \hat{\Psi}\bar{\Gamma}\hat{\Psi}$ where $\bar{\Gamma} = \gamma^0\Gamma^\dagger\gamma^0$. Hence while the scalar, the vector and the axial vector bilinears are hermitian, the tensor $\hat{\Psi}\gamma_{\mu\nu}\hat{\Psi}$ and the pseudoscalar are anti-hermitian — so let us make them hermitian by re-defining

$$\hat{T}_{\mu\nu} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{\Psi}(i\gamma_{\mu\nu})\hat{\Psi}, \quad \hat{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{\Psi}(i\gamma_5)\hat{\Psi}. \quad (\text{S.18})$$

Since the time-reversal operator \hat{T} anti-commutes with the i , the re-definition (S.18) reverses the time-reversal properties of the tensor and pseudoscalar bilinears. Thus

$$\hat{T}\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} = -\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}, -t), \quad \hat{T}\hat{T}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} = -\hat{T}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, -t), \quad \hat{T}\hat{T}_{i0}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} = +\hat{T}_{i0}(\mathbf{x}, -t), \quad (\text{S.19})$$

while for the rest of the bilinears

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}\hat{S}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= +\hat{S}(\mathbf{x}, -t), \\ \hat{T}\hat{\mathbf{V}}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= -\hat{\mathbf{V}}(\mathbf{x}, -t), & \hat{T}\hat{V}_0(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= +\hat{V}_0(\mathbf{x}, -t), \\ \hat{T}\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= -\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}, -t), & \hat{T}\hat{A}_0(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} &= +\hat{A}_0(\mathbf{x}, -t). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.20})$$

Problem 3(e):

$$\hat{T}\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)(i\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu - m)\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{T}^{-1} = \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, -t)(-i\gamma_\mu^t\partial^\mu - m)\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, -t) = \hat{\Psi}(i\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu - m)\hat{\Psi}\Big|_{(\mathbf{x}, -t)} \quad (\text{S.21})$$

and hence the Dirac action

$$\text{Action} = \int d^4x \hat{\Psi}(i\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu - m)\hat{\Psi}$$

is \mathcal{T} -invariant.

Problem 4:

Let us tabulate the \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{T} properties of the sixteen hermitian Dirac bilinears:

$\hat{\mathcal{O}}$	\mathcal{P}	\mathcal{C}	\mathcal{T}	\mathcal{CP}	\mathcal{CPT}
\hat{S}	+	+	+	+	+
\hat{P}	-	+	-	-	+
\hat{V}^0	+	-	+	-	-
\hat{V}^i	-	-	-	+	-
\hat{A}^0	-	+	+	-	-
\hat{A}^i	+	+	-	+	-
\hat{T}^{ij}	+	-	-	-	+
\hat{T}^{i0}	-	-	+	+	+

The last column in this table can be summarized as

$$\widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} \hat{\mathcal{O}}(x) \widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} = \hat{\mathcal{O}}(-x) \times (-1)^{\#\text{Lorentz indices in } \hat{\mathcal{O}}}. \quad (\text{S.22})$$

For a non-hermitian bilinear operator $\hat{\mathcal{O}}' = (\text{phase})\hat{\mathcal{O}}$, anti-linearity of the $\widehat{\mathcal{CPT}}$ operator implies $\widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} \hat{\mathcal{O}}' \widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} = (\text{phase})^* \widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} \hat{\mathcal{O}} \widehat{\mathcal{CPT}}$. Hence, for any Dirac bilinear, hermitian or not,

$$\widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} \hat{\mathcal{O}}(x) \widehat{\mathcal{CPT}} = \hat{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger(-x) \times (-1)^{\#\text{Lorentz indices in } \hat{\mathcal{O}}}. \quad (\text{S.23})$$

Q.E.D.