

PHYS 575, HW #5

Due: 3/11/20

Note: In Schwartz Ch. 20, the notation e_R is used for the electromagnetic coupling constant. The distinction between e and e_R , where R stands for “renormalized,” is beyond the scope of this course, so just read e_R as e . Please note that e_R is *not* the right-handed electron spinor!

1. **Dirac equation and magnetic moments (25 points).** Schwartz problem 10.1 (a)-(e).
2. **Electron magnetic moment: the details (30 points).**

(a) Prove the identity

$$\frac{1}{ABC} = 2 \int_0^1 dx dy dz \delta(x + y + z - 1) \frac{1}{(xA + yB + zC)^3}.$$

You can do this by direct computation, or more cleverly (and generally) following Peskin & Schroeder: first prove $\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^1 dx dy \delta(x + y - 1) \frac{1}{(xA + yB)^2}$, differentiate n times with respect to B to get a formula for $\frac{1}{AB^n}$, then use this to prove the general formula

$$\frac{1}{A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n} = \int_0^1 dx_1 \cdots dx_n \delta(\sum x_i - 1) \frac{(n-1)!}{(x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \cdots + x_n A_n)^n}$$

by induction on n .

- (b) Perform the change of variables $k' = k + yp - zq$ in the numerator $N^\mu = \gamma^\nu (\not{p} + \not{k} + m) \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + m) \gamma_\nu$, and contract with $\bar{u}(q_2)$ on the left and $u(q_1)$ on the right to show that the coefficient of $i\bar{u}(q_2)\sigma^{\mu\nu}p_\nu u(q_1)$ is $-2mz(1-z)$.
- (c) Do the final Feynman parameter integral: show that

$$\int_0^1 dx dy dz \frac{z}{1-z} \delta(x + y + z - 1) = 1/2.$$

(I encourage you to do this by hand rather than just asking Mathematica to do it: there are factors of 2 which show up very often in these calculations, and it is good to know where they appear for the next time you encounter such an integral.)

3. Final-state radiation: the details (30 points).

- (a) Derive the limits of integration for 3-body phase space in terms of x_1 and $\beta \equiv m_\gamma^2/Q^2$ pretending that the final-state photon has a mass m_γ (Schwartz problem 20.1).
- (b) Perform the Dirac traces to derive Schwartz eq. (20.43).
- (c) Repeat part (a), but instead set $\beta = 0$ and restore a finite muon mass m_μ . Which singularities survive?

4. Experimental resolutions at BaBar (15 points). Estimate Q , as well as E_{res} and θ_{res} for a 10 GeV final-state photon, at the electron-positron experiment BaBar. Cite references to justify the values you took. Plug these values into Schwartz (20.55): at this experiment, do we have to worry about the perturbation expansion breaking down due to large logarithms?