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### Information regarding sheet 6:

Due to the holiday on Monday, 10.06.19, you don't have to hand in solutions to this sheet. We still encourage you to have a look at the exercise, for which a solution will be provided on the webpage. On Wednesday, 12.06.19, the individual exercise classes are canceled, but only a **combined exercise class** will take place at **14:00 in room 6/1** in the physics highrise. If you wish to gain insight into a special topic within this class, please let us know beforehand.

### Exercise 1: Momentum operator and charge of the Dirac field

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The solution of the Dirac equation can be expanded in plain waves as follows

$$\psi(x) = \int d\tilde{p} \sum_{\lambda=\pm} \left[ c_{\lambda}(p) u(p, \lambda) e^{-ip \cdot x} + d_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(p) v(p, \lambda) e^{ip \cdot x} \right].$$

Therein  $u(p, \lambda)$  and  $v(p, \lambda)$  are Dirac spinors associated with positive and negative energies, respectively. They obey relations as shown on sheet 2, i.e.  $u^{\dagger}(p, \lambda) u(p, \lambda') = 2\omega_p \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$ ,  $v^{\dagger}(p, \lambda) v(p, \lambda') = 2\omega_p \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$ ,  $u^{\dagger}(\tilde{p}, \lambda) v(p, \lambda') = v^{\dagger}(\tilde{p}, \lambda) u(p, \lambda') = 0$  with  $\tilde{p} = (\omega_p, -\vec{p})^T$ . A priori  $c_{\lambda}^{(\dagger)}$  and  $d_{\lambda}^{(\dagger)}$  are plain coefficients, which we assume to be not-necessarily anti-commuting.

- (a) Show that the components  $T^{0\mu}$  of the energy-momentum tensor are given by  $T^{0\mu} = \psi^{\dagger} i \partial^{\mu} \psi$ . Express the four-momentum of the Dirac field

$$P^{\mu} = \int d^3x T^{0\mu}$$

in terms of  $c_{\lambda}(p)$ ,  $c_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(p)$ ,  $d_{\lambda}(p)$  and  $d_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(p)$ .

- (b) The charge of the Dirac field is given by

$$Q = \int d^3x \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^0 \psi(x).$$

Express the charge again through the coefficients  $c_{\lambda}(p)$ ,  $c_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(p)$ ,  $d_{\lambda}(p)$  and  $d_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(p)$ .

- (c) For both subexercises (a) and (b) argue why having anti-commutation relations for  $d$  and  $d^{\dagger}$  leads to physically sensible results.