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Exercise 9: Projection Operators

In the lecture the projection properties of

$$\psi_L = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)\psi$$
$$\psi_R = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma^5)\psi$$

have been discussed. It is obvious that $\psi_L + \psi_R = \psi$. Proof the following properties: a) Both operators are projection operators, i.e.:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)$$
$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5)\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5)$$

b) Both operators are orthogonal to each other, i.e.:

$$\frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) = 0$$

c) The projectors act on the spinors in both directions, i.e.:

$$\overline{e}\gamma^{\mu}\frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)\nu = \overline{e}_L\gamma^{\mu}\nu_L$$

d) Proof the relation:

$$\overline{e}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}e + \overline{\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\nu = \overline{e}_{L}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}e_{L} + \overline{e}_{R}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}e_{R} + \overline{\nu}_{L}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\nu_{L} \,.$$

e) Proof on the other hand the releation:

$$\overline{e}e = \overline{e}_L e_R + \overline{e}_R e_L$$

Exercise 10: Hypercharges of Weak Isospin

Complete the following table of hypercharges of the weak isospin for electrons and neutrinos: where $Y_{L/R}$ is the hypercharge for left(right-)handed fermion, I_3 is the third component of the weak isospin and Q is the electric charge of the corresponding particle.

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 $\frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5)\psi$ $\psi_R = \psi.$ Proof the following

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| $SU(2) \times U(1)$ Hypercharges | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|----|
| Particle | $Y_{R/L}$ | I_3 | Q |
| ν | -1 | +1/2 | |
| e_L | -1 | -1/2 | |
| e_R | | 0 | -1 |

Exercise 11: Allowed Gauge Couplings

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Which of the following triple gauge couplings are allowed in the SM?

- γWW
- *ZWW*
- ZZZ
- $ZZ\gamma$
- $Z\gamma\gamma;$

which of the following quartic gauge couplings are allowed in the SM?

- $WWZ\gamma$
- $WW\gamma\gamma$
- $\bullet \ WWZZ$
- $ZZ\gamma$
- $ZZ\gamma\gamma;$

Exercise 12: Chiral Transformation

(homework)

The transformation $\chi: \psi \to \gamma^5 \psi$ is called *chiral* transformation. It turns e.g. axial vectors into vectors and vice versa.

a) What is the adjoint of the transformed spinor?

b) Proof that $e_L(e_R)$ are eigentstates of the chiral transformation with the eigenvalues -1(+1).

c) Proof that terms of type $\overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi$ are covariant under chiral transformations, while terms of type $\overline{\psi}m\psi$ are not. As a consequence the presence of light particles is a small perturbation of a chiral symmetry in the SM Lagrangian density.