

We saw that the cross-section for scattering of an electron from a "fixed" nucleus (Rutherford scattering) was given by

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_f} = \frac{4Z^2 \alpha^2 m^2}{q^4} |u_f^\dagger u_i|^2$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda_i} \sum_{\lambda_f} |u^\dagger(p_f, \lambda_f) u(p_i, \lambda_i)|^2$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ \Lambda^\dagger(p_f) \gamma^0 \Lambda(p_i) \gamma^0 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8m^2} \text{Tr} \left\{ (\not{p}_f + m) \gamma^0 (\not{p}_i + m) \gamma^0 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8m^2} \text{Tr} \left\{ m^2 \mathbb{1} + \not{p}_f \gamma^0 m \mathbb{1} + m \gamma^0 \not{p}_i + \cancel{\not{p}_f \gamma^0 \not{p}_i \gamma^0} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8m^2} \text{Tr} \left\{ m^2 + \not{p}_f \gamma^0 \not{p}_i \gamma^0 \right\}$$

$$\text{now } \not{p} \gamma^0 = (\gamma^0 p^0 - \underline{\gamma} \cdot \underline{p}) \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 (\gamma^0 p^0 + \underline{\gamma} \cdot \underline{p})$$

$$\text{so let } \tilde{p} = (p^0, -\underline{p})$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \not{p} \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 \tilde{\not{p}}}$$

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$$\therefore S = \frac{1}{8m^2} \text{Tr} (m^2 \not{p}_R \tilde{p}_i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8m^2} \{ 4m^2 + 4p_R \cdot \tilde{p}_i \}$$

$$= \left(\frac{E}{m} \right)^2 (1 - v^2 \sin^2 \theta / 2)$$

So what about the current interpretation?
on the spin $1/2$
Feynman graphs.

Going back to

$$a_R^{(1)} = i \int dt \int d^3x \psi_f^+ (e^- p_f, \lambda_f) V^{(1)} \psi_i (e^- p_i, \lambda_i)$$

where $V^{(1)} = (e \underline{\alpha} \cdot \underline{A} - e A^0)$

$$a_R^{(1)} = -i \int \psi_f^+ (x) (e \underline{\alpha} \cdot \underline{A}(x) - e A^0(x)) \psi_i(x) d^4x$$

but using $u^+ = \bar{u} \gamma^0$ $\underline{\gamma} = \gamma^0 \underline{\alpha}$

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We get

$$a_f^{(1)} = - \int \bar{\Psi}_f(x) \{ -e \gamma^\mu A_\mu(x) \} \Psi_i(x) d^4x.$$

If $A^\mu(x)$ is independent of t

$$a_f^{(1)} = -i2\pi \delta(E_f - E_i) V_{fi}$$

$$V_{fi} = -e \int \bar{\Psi}_f(x) \gamma^\mu \Psi_i(x) A_\mu(x) d^3x.$$

Before we had
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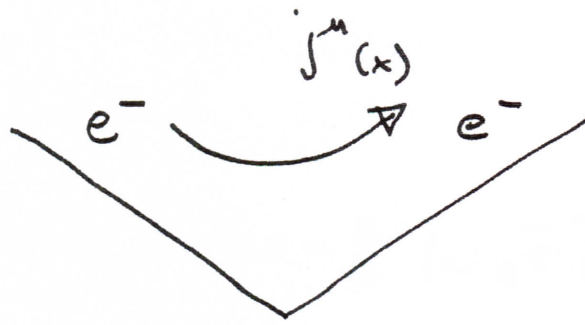
$$V_{fi} = -e \int j_{\text{current}}^\mu A_\mu(x) d^3x.$$

Thus for Dirac spin- $1/2$ particles we can write

$$j_{\text{current}}^\mu = -e \bar{\Psi}_f(x) \gamma^\mu \Psi_i(x)$$

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thus



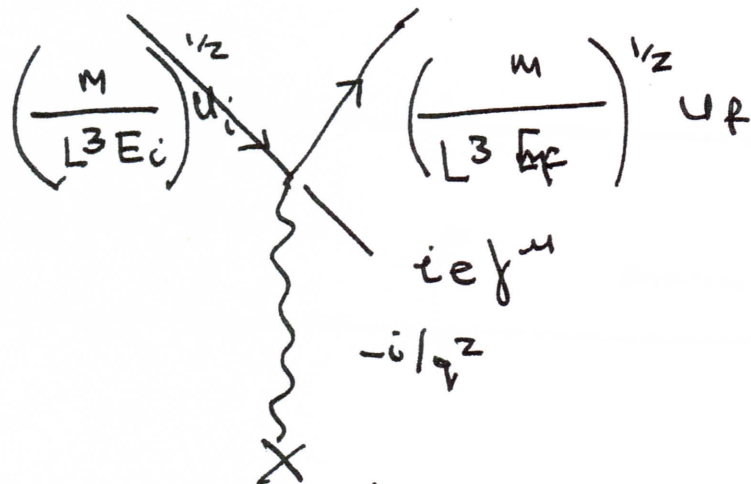
$$j^\mu(x) = -e \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \psi$$

$$= -e \left(\frac{1}{L^3} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m}{E_f} \right)^{1/2} e^{i p_f \cdot x_\mu}$$

$$\bar{u}_f \gamma^\mu u_i$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{L^3} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m}{E_i} \right)^{1/2} e^{-i p_i \cdot x_\mu}$$

This gives us the Feynman diagram.



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It can be shown that

This is called
magnetic part. ↓

$$\bar{u}(p_f) \gamma^\mu u(p_i) = \bar{u}(p_f) \left\{ \frac{(p_i + p_f)^\mu}{2m} + i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} \right\} u(p_i)$$

↑ This is spin-0
current!

where $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = (i/2) (\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu)$

Prove

if $(\not{p}_i - m) u(p_i) = 0.$

prove $\bar{u}(p_f) (\not{p}_f - m) = 0.$

or really, $(\not{p} - m) u(p) = 0.$

$$\bar{u} (\not{p} - m) = 0.$$

And prove

$$\bar{u}(p_f) \left\{ \frac{(p_i + p_f)^\mu}{2m} + i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} \right\} u(p_i)$$

where $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = (i/2) (\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu).$