

$$\gamma^5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sigma_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\not{a} \not{b} = a \cdot b - i \sigma_{\mu\nu} a^\mu b^\nu$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu = 4$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu = -2\gamma^\nu$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma_\mu = 4g^{\nu\lambda}$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\mu = -2\gamma^\sigma \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\nu$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\rho \gamma_\mu = 2(\gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\sigma + \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\lambda \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho)$$

$$\gamma^\mu \sigma^{\nu\lambda} \gamma_\mu = 0$$

$$\gamma^\mu \sigma^{\nu\lambda} \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\mu = 2\gamma^\sigma \sigma^{\nu\lambda}$$

(A.44)

They also obey the following trace identities:

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^{\mu_1} \cdots \gamma^{\mu_n}) = 0; \quad n \text{ odd}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) = 4g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) = 4(g^{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\rho})$$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) = -4i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\not{a}_1 \not{a}_2 \cdots \not{a}_{2n}) &= a_1 \cdot a_2 \text{Tr}(\not{a}_3 \cdots \not{a}_{2n}) - a_1 \cdot a_3 \text{Tr}(\not{a}_2 \not{a}_4 \cdots \not{a}_{2n}) \\ &+ \cdots + a_1 \cdots a_{2n} \text{Tr}(\not{a}_2 \cdots \not{a}_{2n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.45})$$

Under Hermitian conjugation and charge conjugation, the Dirac matrices obey:

$$\gamma^{0\dagger} = \gamma^0; \quad \gamma^{i\dagger} = -\gamma^i$$

$$\gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 = \gamma^{\mu\dagger}$$

$$\gamma^0 \gamma_5 \gamma^0 = -\gamma_5^\dagger = -\gamma_5$$

$$\gamma^0 \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 = (\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu)^\dagger$$

$$\gamma^0 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^0 = (\sigma^{\mu\nu})^\dagger$$

$$C^T = C^\dagger = -C; \quad C^2 = 1; \quad C C^\dagger = C^T = 1;$$

$$C \gamma_\mu C^{-1} = -\gamma_\mu^T$$

$$C \gamma_5 C^{-1} = \gamma_5^T$$

$$C \sigma_{\mu\nu} C^{-1} = -\sigma_{\mu\nu}^T$$

$$C \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu C^{-1} = (\gamma_5 \gamma_\mu)^T \quad (\text{A.46})$$

Let us now specialize to specific representations. The most common is the *Dirac representation*, which has four complex components:

$$\gamma^0 = \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \gamma^5 = \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^i = \beta \alpha^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{0i} = i\alpha^i = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ \sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \sigma^{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^k & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = i\gamma^2 \gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\sigma^2 \\ -i\sigma^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A.47})$$

Under the Lorentz group, the Dirac representation is reducible. Each Dirac representation can be split up into two smaller representations. We can take the chiral projection, which gives us the *Weyl representation* for left-handed and right-handed spinors:

$$\gamma^0 = \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \gamma^5 = \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{0i} = i \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^i & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma^i \end{pmatrix}; \quad \sigma^{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^k & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -i\sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & i\sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A.48})$$