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- 10.38 Show that under the unitary Lorentz transformation (10.273), the action density (10.258) is Lorentz covariant (10.259).
- 10.39 Show that under the unitary Lorentz transformations (10.257 & 10.273), the Majorana mass terms (10.266 & 10.279) are Lorentz covariant.

**Solution:** Transposition flips the sign of  $\sigma_2$  but leaves  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$  invariant. And because  $\sigma_2$  anti commutes with both  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$ , it follows that

$$\sigma_2 \mathbf{z} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\mathsf{T} \sigma_2 = -\mathbf{z} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}. \tag{10.311}$$

Since  $\sigma_2^2 = 1$ , we have for any  $2 \times 2$  matrix A, the relation  $(\sigma_2 A \sigma_2)^2 = \sigma_2 A^2 \sigma_2$  as well as  $(\sigma_2 A \sigma_2)^n = \sigma_2 A^n \sigma_2$ . Thus

$$\sigma_2 e^A \sigma_2 = e^{\sigma_2 A \sigma_2}. (10.312)$$

Thus under a Lorentz transformation

$$U(L)\xi^{\mathsf{T}}(x)\sigma_{2}\xi(x) = \left(e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\left(e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\exp\left(\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathsf{T}}/2\right)\sigma_{2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}\sigma_{2}\exp\left(\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathsf{T}}/2\right)\sigma_{2}\sigma_{2}\sigma_{2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}\exp\left(\sigma_{2}(\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathsf{T}}/2)\sigma_{2}\right)\sigma_{2}\sigma_{2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}\exp\left(-\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2\right)e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}e^{-\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}e^{\mathbf{z}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}/2}\xi(Lx)$$

$$= \xi(Lx)^{\mathsf{T}}\sigma_{2}\xi(Lx).$$

$$(10.313)$$

- 10.40 Show that the definitions of the gamma matrices (10.281) and of the generators (10.283) imply that the gamma matrices transform as a 4-vector under Lorentz transformations (10.284).
- 10.41 Show that (10.283) and (10.284) imply that the generators  $J^{ab}$  satisfy the commutation relations of the Lorentz group.
- 10.42 Show that the spinor  $\zeta = \sigma_2 \xi^*$  defined by (10.295) is right handed (10.273) if  $\xi$  is left handed (10.257.
- 10.43 Use (10.303) to get (10.304 & 10.305).
- 10.44 Derive (10.306) from (10.285, 10.299, & 10.305).