

1.  $\gamma^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \gamma^0 \gamma^0 + \gamma^0 \gamma^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot \mathbb{1} = 2g^{00}$

for  $i \neq 0$

$$\{\gamma^0 \gamma^i\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 = 2g^{0i} \text{ for } i \neq 0.$$

and  $\{\gamma^i \gamma^j\} = 2g^{ij}$  from handouts before.

b) The Dirac eq. is given by

$$(i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi = 0 \quad \text{Let } \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix}$$

you get make substitution of  $\nabla \rightarrow \nabla - ieA$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - m & i \sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \\ -i \sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) & -(i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + m) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$$i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - m \phi + i \sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \chi = 0.$$

$$i \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} + m \chi + i \sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \phi = 0.$$

c) Let  $\phi' = e^{int} \phi$   $\chi' = e^{int} \chi$ .

$$\text{So } i \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} = i (in \phi' + e^{int} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}) = ie^{int} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - me^{int} \phi.$$

$$\text{and } i \frac{\partial \chi'}{\partial t} = ie^{int} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - me^{int} \chi.$$

So multiplying both equations by  $e^{imt}$  you get

$$i \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} + i\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \chi' = 0.$$

$$i \frac{\partial \chi'}{\partial t} + 2m\chi' + i\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \phi' = 0$$

D) Now  $\phi'$  and  $\chi' \propto e^{-iEt} e^{im\mathbf{r}} \approx e^{-\frac{imv^2}{2}}$  in NR limit.

So  $\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} \approx \frac{mv^2}{2} \phi' \approx O(mv^2)$ . Since  $\phi'$  is  $O(1)$ .

and  $\frac{\partial \chi'}{\partial t} \approx \frac{mv^2}{2} \chi' \approx O(mv^3)$  since  $\chi'$  is  $O(v)$ .

So looking at 2nd equation

$$2m\chi' + i\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \phi' = 0.$$

$$\text{So } \chi' = \frac{-i\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \phi'}{2m} + O(mv^3).$$

e) So plugging into first equation.

$$\begin{aligned} i \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} &= -i\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA) \chi' = -\frac{(\sigma \cdot (\nabla - ieA))^2}{2m} \phi' + O(mv^3) \\ &= \frac{(\sigma \cdot (-i\nabla - eA))^2}{2m} \phi' + O(mv^3). \end{aligned}$$

f) Now

$$(\sigma \cdot (-i\nabla - eA))^2 = \sigma_i \sigma_j (-i\nabla - eA)_i (-i\nabla - eA)_j$$

$$\text{Using } \sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$$

$$= \delta_{ij} (-i\nabla - eA)_j (-i\nabla - eA)_i + i\epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k (-i\nabla - eA)_i (-i\nabla - eA)_j$$

$$= (-i\nabla - eA)^2 + i \sigma \cdot (i\nabla \times eA) \times (i\nabla + eA)$$

$$= (-i\nabla - eA)^2 + i \sigma \cdot \left( \underbrace{-\nabla \times \nabla}_0 + e^2 \underbrace{A \times A}_0 + ie [\nabla \times A + A \times \nabla] \right)$$

Now

$$(\nabla \times A \phi') = \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j (A_k \phi')) = \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j A_k) \phi' + A_k \partial_j \phi'$$

$$= (\nabla \times A) \phi' - (A \times \nabla) \phi'$$

$$\text{So } (\nabla \times A + A \times \nabla) \phi' = (\nabla \times A) \phi'$$

$$\text{but } \nabla \times A = \vec{B}$$

$$\text{So } (\sigma \cdot (-i\nabla - eA))^2 = (-i\nabla - eA)^2 - e \sigma \cdot B$$

So

$$i \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} = \frac{(-i\nabla - eA)^2}{2m} - \frac{e}{2m} \sigma \cdot B = \frac{(-i\nabla - eA)^2}{2m} - \frac{ge}{2m} \frac{\sigma \cdot B}{2}$$

$$g = 2$$

$$2. \vec{J} = \int d^3x : \Psi^\dagger (-i\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla} + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) \Psi$$

$$a) \text{ Now } \vec{P} a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle = \vec{P} |p, \pm\rangle = \vec{p} a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle$$

$$\text{So } \vec{J} \cdot \vec{P} a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{J} a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle.$$

From hadout

$$\Psi(x) = \sum_s \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} (U_s(p) a_s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x} + V_s(p) b_s^\dagger(p) e^{ip \cdot x})$$

$$\text{So } -i\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla} \Psi(x) = \sum_s \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} (x \times \vec{p}) (V_s(p) b_s^\dagger(p) e^{ip \cdot x} - U_s(p) U_s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x})$$

So

$$P \cdot J |p, \pm\rangle = \sum_{s, s'} \int d^3x \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot (U_s^\dagger(q) (\vec{x} \times \vec{p}' + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) V_{s'}(p') e^{i(p'+q) \cdot x} + V_s(q) (x \times p' + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) V_{s'}(p') e^{i(p'-q) \cdot x} - V_s(q) (\vec{x} \times \vec{p}' - \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) U_{s'}^\dagger(p') a_{s'}^\dagger(q) a_{s'}(p') e^{i(q-p) \cdot x} - V_s(q) (\vec{x} \times \vec{p}' - \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) U_{s'}^\dagger(p') a_{s'}^\dagger(q) a_{s'}(p') e^{i(q+p) \cdot x})}{2E_q 2E_{p'}} a_s^\dagger(q) b_{s'}^\dagger(p')$$

$$+ V_s(q) (x \times p' + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) V_{s'}(p') e^{i(p'-q) \cdot x} b_s(q) b_{s'}^\dagger(p') - V_s(q) (\vec{x} \times \vec{p}' - \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) U_{s'}^\dagger(p') a_{s'}^\dagger(q) a_{s'}(p') e^{i(q-p) \cdot x}$$

$$- V_s(q) (\vec{x} \times \vec{p}' - \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}) U_{s'}^\dagger(p') a_{s'}^\dagger(q) a_{s'}(p') e^{i(q+p) \cdot x} b_s(q) a_{s'}(p') : a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle$$

$$= \text{term 1} + \text{term 2} - \text{term 3} - \text{term 4}.$$

Now term 2 and term 4 = 0 since  $: b_s(q) b_{s'}^\dagger(p') : a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle$

since  $\{ b_s(q) a_{\pm}(p) \} = 0$  and  $b_s(q) |0\rangle = 0$ .

$\{ b_s(q) a_{s'}(p') \} = 0$ .

Now look at the 3<sup>RD</sup> term.

$$a_s^\dagger(z) a_{s'}(p') a_{\pm}^\dagger(p) |0\rangle = a_s^\dagger(z) \left( \{ a_{s'}(p'), a_{\pm}^\dagger(p) \} - \underbrace{a_{\pm}^\dagger(p) a_{s'}(p')}_{1b} \right) |0\rangle$$

and  $\{ a_{s'}(p'), a_{\pm}^\dagger(p) \} = 2E_p \delta^3(p-p') \delta_{\pm, s'} (\hbar m)^3$

So the fourth term gives

$$= - \sum_{s s'} \int dx^3 \int \frac{dq^3}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dp^3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(p \cdot (X \times p'))}{2E_q 2E_{p'}} U_s^\dagger(z) U_{s'}(p') 2E_p \delta^3(p-p') \delta_{\pm, s'} (\hbar m)^3 e^{i(z-p') \cdot x}$$

$$= - \sum_{s s'} \int dx^3 \int \frac{dq^3}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{p \cdot (X \times p')}{2E_q 2E_{p'}} U_s^\dagger(z) U_{s'}(p') e^{i(z-p') \cdot x} \right) a_{s'}^\dagger(z) |0\rangle$$

Integrate over p' and sum over s' gives

$$= - \sum_s \int dx^3 \int \frac{dq^3}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{p \cdot (X \times p)}{2E_q} U_s^\dagger(z) U_{\pm}(p) e^{i(z-p) \cdot x} - p \cdot U_s^\dagger(z) \frac{\sigma}{2} U_{\pm}(p) e^{i(z-p) \cdot x} \right) a_s^\dagger(z) |0\rangle$$

Now  $p \cdot (X \times p) = 0$ , so one gets.  $\int dx^3 e^{i(z-p) \cdot x} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(z-p)$

$$= - \sum_s \int \frac{dq^3}{(2\pi)^3} \delta^3(z-p) \frac{U_s^\dagger(z)}{2E_q} \frac{p \cdot \sigma}{2} U_{\pm}(p) a_s^\dagger(z) |0\rangle$$

$$= \sum_s \frac{U_s^\dagger(p)}{2E_p} \frac{p \cdot \sigma}{2} U_{\pm}(p) a_s^\dagger(p) |0\rangle$$

Now from handout

$$p \cdot \sigma X_{\pm}(p) = \pm |p| X_{\pm} p \quad X_{+}^{\dagger}(p) X_{+} = X_{-}^{\dagger} X_{-} = 1$$

$$X_{-}^{\dagger} X_{+} = X_{+}^{\dagger} X_{-} = 0$$

$$U_{+}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E-p} \\ \sqrt{E+p} \end{pmatrix} X_{+}(p) \quad U_{-}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+p} \\ \sqrt{E-p} \end{pmatrix} X_{-}(p) \quad U_{s}^{\dagger} U_{s'} = \delta_{ss'} 2E$$

so

$$\frac{\pm |p|}{2} \frac{U_{s'}^{\dagger}(p) U_{\pm}(p)}{2E p} = \frac{\pm |p|}{2} \delta_{s', \pm}$$

so this term gives, after summing over s

$$\boxed{\frac{\pm |p|}{2} a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle} \quad \text{Now I must show}$$

that the first term is zero.

$$\sum_{ss'} \int d^3x \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p \cdot (U_{s'}^{\dagger}(q) (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}' + \frac{\sigma}{2}) U_{s'}(p')) e^{i(p'+q) \cdot x}}{2E_q 2E_{p'}} a_{s'}^{\dagger}(q) b_{s'}^{\dagger}(p') a_{\pm}(p) |0\rangle$$

Now

$$\int d^3x \vec{x} e^{i(p'+q) \cdot x} = -i \vec{\nabla}_{p'} \int d^3x e^{i(p'+q) \cdot x} = -i \vec{\nabla}_{p'} \delta^3(p'+q) (2\pi)^3$$

so one has

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$$\sum_{s,s'} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p'}{2E_{p'} 2E_q} \vec{p} \cdot U_{s(s')}^+ (-i \nabla_{p'} (\delta^3(p'+q)) \times p' + \frac{\sigma}{2} \delta^3(p'+q)) V_s(p') a_{s'}^\dagger(p') b_{s'}^\dagger(p') |0\rangle$$

Now I integrate over  $d^3 p'$

Now

$$\int \frac{d^3 p'}{2E_{p'}} (\nabla_{p'} \delta^3(p'+q) \times (p' V_s(p') b_{s'}^\dagger(p'))) = \text{surface term} - \int d^3 p' \delta^3(p'+q) \epsilon_{ijk} p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial p'_k} \left( \frac{V_s(p') b_{s'}^\dagger(p')}{2E_{p'}} \right)$$

$$= + \int d^3 p' \delta^3(p'+q) p' \times \frac{\partial}{\partial p'} \left( \frac{V_s(p') b_{s'}^\dagger(p')}{2E_{p'}} \right)$$

Now  $\frac{\partial}{\partial p'_i} \frac{1}{E_{p'}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p'_i} \frac{1}{\sqrt{p'^2 + m^2}} = \frac{p_i}{(p'^2 + m^2)^{3/2}}$

So  $p' \times \frac{\partial}{\partial p'} \frac{1}{E_{p'}} \propto p' \times p' = 0$ .

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} b_{s'}^\dagger(p') |0\rangle \propto p_i b_{s'}^\dagger(p') |0\rangle$$

So  $p' \times \frac{\partial}{\partial p'} b_{s'}^\dagger(p') |0\rangle \propto p' \times p' b_{s'}^\dagger(p') |0\rangle = 0$ .

So only the  $p' \times \frac{\partial(V_s(p))}{\partial p'}$  contributes.

So one gets after integrating

$$\sum_{s, s'} \int \frac{d^3 \underline{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \underline{q}}{(2E_q)^2} \left( U_{s'}^+(\underline{q}) \left( -i \underline{q} \times \frac{\partial V_s'(-\underline{q})}{\partial \underline{q}} + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} V_s'(-\underline{q}) \right) a_{s'}^+(\underline{q}) b_{s'}^+(-\underline{q}) a_{\underline{p}}^+ |0\rangle \right)$$

Now one can choose  $\underline{q}$  to be along a  $\hat{z}$  axis and take  $\vec{p}$  to lie along the  $z-y$  plane (since each operator  $a_{s'}^+(\underline{q}) b_{s'}^+(-\underline{q}) a_{\underline{p}}^+$  are linearly independent for each  $\underline{p}, \underline{q}$ , the coefficients of each must vanish separately and we choose the co-ordinate system for each  $\underline{p}$  and  $\underline{q}$ .)  
 Now look at

$$\chi_+(\underline{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{1+\frac{q_z}{q}}{2}} \\ \frac{q_x + i q_y}{2q \sqrt{1+\frac{q_z}{q}}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_-(\underline{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(q_x - i q_y)}{2q \sqrt{1+\frac{q_z}{q}}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1+\frac{q_z}{q}}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi_+(\underline{q})}{\partial q_y} \Big|_{\underline{q}=(0,0,q)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{i}{2q} \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \chi_+(\underline{q})}{\partial q_x} \Big|_{\underline{q}=(0,0,q)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2q} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi_-(\underline{q})}{\partial q_y} \Big|_{\underline{q}=(0,0,q)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{2q} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \chi_-(\underline{q})}{\partial q_x} \Big|_{\underline{q}=(0,0,q)} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2q} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$





$$= P_2 \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{E+q} \\ +\sqrt{E+q} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Now } U_+^\dagger(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E-q} \\ \sqrt{E+q} \end{pmatrix} (1, 0). \quad U_-^\dagger(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+q} \\ \sqrt{E-q} \end{pmatrix} (0, 1).$$

$$\text{So } U_+^\dagger(q) \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{E-q} \\ +\sqrt{E+q} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$U_-^\dagger(q) \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{E-q} \\ \sqrt{E+q} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = (0 \ \sqrt{E+q} \ 0 \ \sqrt{E-q}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{E-q} \\ 0 \\ -\sqrt{E+q} \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad \text{My Gold!$$

Now let's look at the  $V_-$  term.

$$P \cdot \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{q}} V_-(q) + \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} V_-(q) \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+q} \\ -\sqrt{E-q} \end{pmatrix} \left( P_y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{i}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{P_y}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + P_z \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+q} \\ -\sqrt{E-q} \end{pmatrix} P_z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So check.

$$U_+^+(\epsilon) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+\epsilon} \\ -\sqrt{E-\epsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E-\epsilon} & 0 & \sqrt{E+\epsilon} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+\epsilon} \\ 0 \\ -\sqrt{E-\epsilon} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$$U_-^+(\epsilon) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+\epsilon} \\ -\sqrt{E-\epsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{E+\epsilon} & 0 & \sqrt{E-\epsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E+\epsilon} \\ 0 \\ -\sqrt{E-\epsilon} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Thus the term vanishes!!!

Thus we've proven that

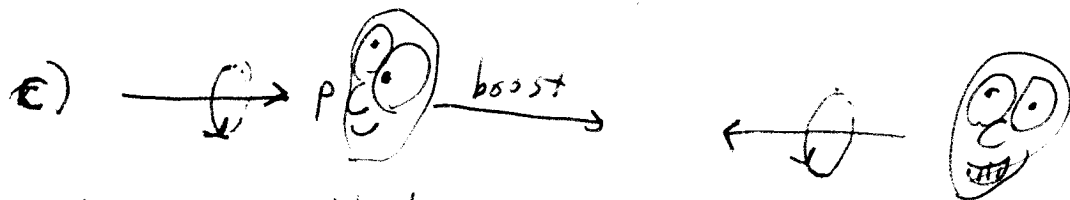
$$J \cdot P a_{\pm}^+ |0\rangle = \pm \frac{|P|}{2} a_{\pm}^+ |0\rangle.$$

b) Now this part follows analogously to the previous part. however one must remember that

$$i b_s(\epsilon) b_{s',p'}^+ = -b_{s',p'}^+ b_s(\epsilon) \quad \text{Since the } \{b_{s',p'}^+, b_{s,p}\} \text{ anti commute}$$

Everything follows the same after that, so you've just picked up an extra - sign. so

$$J \cdot P b_{\pm}^+ |0\rangle = \mp \frac{|P|}{2} b_{\pm}^+ |0\rangle.$$



We see that by being able to catch up with a particle we see that the helicity has changed from  $+$  to  $-$ . This is the reason why statistics with nonzero mass must have 2 helicity states.

D)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\Psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi.$$

For  $m = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = i \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi.$$

where  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_L \\ \Psi_R \end{pmatrix}.$

you get

$$i \Psi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_L$$

$$i \Psi_R^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_R$$

By Euler Lagrange you have

$$i \bar{\sigma}^\mu \cdot \partial_\mu \Psi_L = 0 \quad i \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_R = 0.$$

$$e) U_{+}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E-p} \\ \sqrt{E+p} \end{pmatrix} \chi_{+}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{E} \end{pmatrix} \chi_{+}(p) \quad \text{for } m=0 \\ |E|=|p|$$

$$U_{-}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \chi_{-}(p).$$

$$V_{+}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{E} \end{pmatrix} \chi_{+}(p)$$

$$V_{-}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{E} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \chi_{-}(p).$$

We see only the  $U_{-}(p)$  and  $V_{-}(p)$

~~only satisfy the~~ are the only nonzero solutions  
to  $i\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi_L = 0$ .

f). Now the particle has - helicity  
(corresponds to  $a_{-}^{\dagger}(p)|0\rangle$  which from 2a) has - helicity).  
and the antiparticle has + helicity (since  $b_{-}^{\dagger}(p)|0\rangle$  has + helicity).  
Having only 1 helicity state doesn't contradict results  
of part c, since for massless particles, you can never  
boost + up so that you catch up to them <sup>because they travel at the speed of light</sup>. Therefore if <sup>the</sup> particle  
has - helicity in one frame, it has - helicity in all frames.