

1) 174(5): Simple Example of the Method of 174(1)

Consider the Klein equation in wave form:

$$\left(\square + \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right) \psi = 0. \quad (1)$$

where

$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1^R & \psi_2^R \\ \psi_1^L & \psi_2^L \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Multiply both sides of eq. (1) by ψ^{-1} :

$$(\square \psi) \psi^{-1} + \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

The inverse matrix is:

$$\psi^{-1} = \frac{\text{adjoint } \psi}{\text{determinant } \psi} \quad (4)$$

where: $\text{adjoint } \psi = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_2^L & -\psi_2^R \\ -\psi_1^L & \psi_1^R \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$

and $\text{determinant } \psi = \psi_1^R \psi_2^L - \psi_2^R \psi_1^L \quad (6)$

If it is assumed that:

$$\psi = \psi^{(0)} e^{i(\omega t - k z)} \quad (7)$$

then $\psi^{-1} = (\psi^{(0)})^{-1} e^{-i(\omega t - k z)} \quad (8)$

so

$$\psi \psi^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

In this case:

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$$\begin{aligned} \square \psi &= \square \left(\psi^{(0)} e^{i(\omega t - \kappa z)} \right) \\ &= \left(\kappa^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \right) \psi \quad - (10) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore eq. (3) is:

$$\left(\left(\kappa^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \right) + \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad - (11)$$

i.e.
$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} = \kappa^2 + \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \quad - (12)$$

Finally we:

$$E = \hbar \omega, \quad \underline{p} = \hbar \underline{\kappa} \quad - (13)$$

and eq. (12) becomes the Einstein energy equation:

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad - (14)$$

Therefore a solution of eq. (1) is:

$$\psi = \psi^{(0)} \exp(i(\omega t - \kappa z)) \quad - (15)$$

in which ω and κ are related by eq. (12). If, in eq. (14):

$$E = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \underline{p} = -i\hbar \underline{\nabla} \quad - (16)$$

then eq. (1) is obtained again.