

The positive frequency solutions to the Dirac equation can be written in a form valid for arbitrary 3-momentum:

$\Psi(x) = u(p)e^{-ip \cdot x}$, $p^\mu p_\mu = m^2$, $p^0 > 0$, with two linearly independent solutions for $u(p)$:

$$u^s(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p^0 \sigma_\mu} \xi^s \\ \sqrt{p^0 \bar{\sigma}_\mu} \xi^s \end{pmatrix}, \quad s=1,2$$

$$\sigma^\mu = (1, \vec{\sigma})^\mu, \quad \bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\vec{\sigma})^\mu,$$

$$\xi^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalization: $u^{r\dagger}(p)u^s(p) = \xi^{r\dagger} p^\mu \sigma_\mu \xi^s + \xi^{r\dagger} p^\mu \bar{\sigma}_\mu \xi^s$
 $= 2p^0 \delta^{rs} \equiv 2\omega_{\vec{p}} \delta^{rs}$
 where $\omega_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$

Equivalently, $\bar{u}^r(p)u^s(p) = \xi^{r\dagger} (p^\mu \sigma_\mu)^{1/2} (p^\nu \bar{\sigma}_\nu)^{1/2} \xi^s$
 $+ \xi^{r\dagger} (p^\mu \bar{\sigma}_\mu)^{1/2} (p^\nu \sigma_\nu)^{1/2} \xi^s$
 $= 2 \xi^{r\dagger} \left((p^0)^2 - \sum_{ij} p^i p^j \sigma^i \sigma^j \right)^{1/2} \xi^s$
 $= 2 \xi^{r\dagger} (p^0{}^2 - \vec{p}^2)^{1/2} \xi^s$
 $= 2m \delta^{rs}$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\bar{u}^r(p)u^s(p) = 2m \delta^{rs}}$$

Negative-Frequency Solutions

$$\Psi(x) = v(p) e^{i p \cdot x}, \quad p^\mu p_\mu = m^2, \quad p^0 > 0 \quad (\text{but note positive sign in exponents})$$

Rest frame: $p^0 = m, \quad \vec{p} = 0.$

$$\text{Dirac equation: } -(\gamma^\mu p_\mu + m) v(p) = 0$$

$$-m \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v(p) = 0$$

$$\text{Solutions: } v(p) = \sqrt{m} \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ -\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = \text{constant 2-component spinor}$$

In the Weyl basis the Lorentz transformations act independently on the top two and bottom two components, so we can read off the boosted solutions from the positive-frequency solutions.

$$\rightarrow v^s(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p^0 \sigma_m} & \eta^s \\ -\sqrt{p^0 \sigma_m} & \eta^s \end{pmatrix}, \quad s=1,2, \quad \eta^s = \text{basis of 2-component spinors.}$$

$$\text{Normalization: } \bar{v}^r(p) v^s(p) = 2 \omega_{\vec{p}} \delta^{rs}$$

$$\text{Equivalently } \boxed{\bar{v}^r(p) v^s(p) = -2m \delta^{rs}}$$

Furthermore, the positive and negative-frequency solutions are orthogonal in the sense that

$$\boxed{\bar{u}^r(p) v^s(p) = \bar{v}^r(p) u^s(p) = 0}$$