

1. Let's examine the scattering process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  given on lecture pages 81' and 81". You can neglect the particle masses in the following calculations.
  - a) In the case of spin-1/2 particles the invariant amplitude is  $|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = 2e^4(t^2 + u^2)/s^2$ . What is the differential cross-section  $d\sigma/d\Omega^*$  given as a function of the scattering angle  $\theta^*$ ?
  - b) Show that the total cross-section is  $\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s}$ .
  - c) If the muon was a spin-0 particle (but the electron a spin-1/2 particle) the invariant amplitude would be  $|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = 8e^4(p_a \cdot p_d)(p_a \cdot p_c)/s^2$ . Now calculate the differential and total cross-sections as above and compare the results.
2. The decay width  $\Gamma(a \rightarrow cd)$  for a decay process  $a \rightarrow cd$  was derived in the lecture notes on page 84. Go through the calculation in all details. (And correct the many typos in the lecture notes!)
3. The muon decay width  $\Gamma$  calculation is summarized on pages 86-87 in the lecture notes. Now following the pages from Halzen & Martin (262-263) (see KJE lecture notes pp. 86-88) do this calculation in detail. Show also the general result

$$\int \frac{d^3p}{2E} = \int d^4p \theta(E) \delta(p^2).$$

For the invariant amplitude  $|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$  use the form given in equation (12.35) in Halzen & Martin, but do the exercise 12.10 suggested there. Note that now  $m_e = m_\nu = 0$  and  $m_\mu \equiv m$ . **For this problem you get double points.**

4. Which of the following reactions can happen through the weak interaction? Draw the corresponding Feynman diagrams.
  - (a)  $\nu_\mu + p \rightarrow \mu^+ + n$
  - (b)  $\nu_e + p \rightarrow e^- + \pi^+ + p$
  - (c)  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
  - (d)  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 + \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$
5. The following reactions are observed in nature. Determine the interaction involved in the reaction and draw the corresponding Feynman diagram.
  - (a)  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^+ + n$
  - (b)  $\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi^+ + n$
  - (c)  $\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$
  - (d)  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + e^+ + e^-$
  - (e)  $p + \bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0$
  - (f)  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + \nu_\tau$
  - (g)  $D^- \rightarrow K^+ + \pi^- + \pi^-$
  - (h)  $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
  - (i)  $\Lambda + p \rightarrow K^- + p + p$