

Appendix C

Coordinates and momenta

The space–time coordinates $(t, x, y, z) \equiv (t, \vec{x})$ are denoted by the *contravariant* four-vector x , which is defined as:¹

$$x^\mu \equiv (t, x, y, z) \equiv (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3). \quad (\text{C.1})$$

The *covariant* four-vector is defined as:

$$x^\mu \equiv (t, -x, -y, -z) \equiv (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = g_{\mu\nu}x^\nu, \quad (\text{C.2})$$

where:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C.3})$$

The three-vector is also often denoted as:

$$\vec{x} \equiv \mathbf{x} \quad (\text{C.4})$$

The momentum vector is defined in the same way:

$$p^\mu = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z) \quad (\text{C.5})$$

The scalar products are:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= x_\mu x^\mu = t^2 - \vec{x}^2, \\ p_1 \cdot p_2 &= p_1^\mu p_{2,\mu} = E_1 E_2 - \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2, \\ x \cdot p &= tE - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

The derivative operator is:

$$\partial_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\vec{\nabla} \right) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right). \quad (\text{C.7})$$

The D'Alembertian operator is:

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \partial_\mu \partial x^\mu = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla}^2. \quad (\text{C.8})$$

¹ We shall follow the notations of Bjorken–Drell and Landau–Lifchitz.

The electromagnetic four-vector potential is:

$$A_\mu = (\Phi, \vec{A}) \quad (\text{C.9})$$

The electromagnetic field strength is:

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\nu} A_\mu - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} A_\nu \quad (\text{C.10})$$

The electromagnetic and magnetic fields are:

$$\mathbf{E} = (F^{01}, F^{02}, F^{03}) \quad \mathbf{B} = (F^{23}, F^{31}, F^{12}) \quad (\text{C.11})$$

The gluon field tensor is:

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\nu} A_\mu^a - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} A_\nu^a + gf_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \quad (\text{C.12})$$

where A_μ^a is the gluon fields and $a = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ are the colour indices. The electromagnetic covariant derivative is:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu \quad (\text{C.13})$$

The gluon covariant derivative acting on the quark colour component $\alpha, \beta = \text{red, blue, yellow}$ is:

$$(D_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \delta_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu - ig \sum_a \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{\alpha\beta}^a A_\mu^a, \quad (\text{C.14})$$

where $\lambda_{\alpha\beta}^a$ are eight 3×3 colour matrices.