## Two-spinor description of massive particles and relativistic spin projection operators.

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## Introduction

In this report, using the Wigner unitary irreps of the covering group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$, which covers the Poincare group $I S O^{\uparrow}(1,3)$, we construct spin-tensor wave functions of a special kind. These spin-tensor wave functions form spaces of irreducible representations of the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ and automatically satisfy the Dirac-Pauli-Fierz wave equations for free massive particles of arbitrary spin. We use the approach set forth in S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. 133 (1964) B1318; 134 (1964) B882; see also books: 1) "Introduction to Elementary Particle Theory" by Yu. Novozhilov, 2) "Ideas and Methods of Supersymmetry and Supergravity: Or a Walk Through Superspace" by I. Buchbinder and S. Kuzenko, 3) "Theory of Groups and Symmetries. Part II" (in preparation) by A. Isaev and V. Rubakov, ... The construction is carried out with the help of Wigner operators which translate unitary massive representation of the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ (induced from the irreps of the little subgroup $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ ) acting in the space of Wigner wave functions to representations of the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$, acting in the space of special massive spin-tensor fields.

Here a special parametrization of Wigner operators is proposed, with the help of which the momenta of particles on the mass shell and solutions of the Dirac-Pauli-Fierz wave equations are rewritten in terms of a pair of Weyl spinors (two-spinor formalism K.P. Tod, L.P. Hughston, S. Fedoruk, J. Lukierski, J. A. de Azcarraga and many others). The expansion of a completely symmetric Wigner wave function over a specially chosen basis provides a natural recipe for describing polarizations of massive particles with arbitrary spins. As the application of this formalism, a generalization of the Behrends-Fronsdal projection operator is constructed, which determines the spin-tensor structures of the two-point Green function (propagator) of massive particles with any higher spins in the case of arbitrary space-time dimension D. Note that these spin projection operators are also employed for analysis of the high energy scattering amplitudes.

## Massive unitary representations of $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$

To fix the notation, we recall the definition of the covering group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ of the Poincare group $\operatorname{ISO}(1,3)$. The group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ is the set of all pairs $(A, X)$, where $A \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$, and $X$ is any Hermitian $(2 \times 2)$ matrix which can always be represented in the form $\left(x_{m} \in \mathbb{R}\right)$

$$
X=x_{0} \sigma^{0}+x_{1} \sigma^{1}+x_{2} \sigma^{2}+x_{3} \sigma^{3}=x_{k} \sigma^{k}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
x_{0}+x_{3} & x_{1}-i x_{2} \\
x_{1}+i x_{2} & x_{0}-x_{3}
\end{array}\right) \in \mathbf{H}
$$

The multiplication in the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ is given by the formula

$$
\left(A^{\prime}, Y^{\prime}\right) \cdot(A, Y)=\left(A^{\prime} \cdot A, A^{\prime} \cdot Y \cdot A^{\prime \dagger}+Y^{\prime}\right)
$$

The $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ group action in the Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}=\mathbf{H}$

$$
(A, Y) \cdot X=A \cdot X \cdot A^{\dagger}+Y \in \mathbf{H}, \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathbf{H}
$$

The action of the $S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ group on vectors $x$ in the Minkowski space $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
X \rightarrow X^{\prime}=A \cdot X \cdot A^{\dagger} \Rightarrow \\
\sigma^{k} x_{k}^{\prime}=\sigma^{k} \Lambda_{k}^{m}(A) x_{m} \Rightarrow x_{k}^{\prime}=\Lambda_{k}^{m}(A) x_{m},
\end{gathered}
$$

where $X_{\alpha \dot{\beta}}=x_{k} \sigma_{\alpha \dot{\beta}}^{k}, \quad(\alpha, \dot{\beta}=1,2)$ and the $(4 \times 4)$ matrix $\left\|\Lambda^{m}{ }_{k}(A)\right\| \in$ $S O^{\uparrow}(1,3)$ is determined from the relations

$$
A \cdot \sigma^{m} \cdot A^{\dagger}=\sigma^{k} \Lambda_{k}^{m}(A) \Leftrightarrow A_{\xi}^{\alpha} A_{\dot{\gamma}}^{* \dot{\beta}} \sigma_{\alpha \dot{\beta}}^{m}=\sigma_{\xi \dot{\gamma}}^{k} \Lambda_{k}^{m}(A)
$$

We need also to have dual set of $\sigma$-matrices:

$$
\tilde{\sigma}^{k}=\left(\sigma^{0},-\sigma^{1},-\sigma^{2},-\sigma^{3}\right), \quad\left(\tilde{\sigma}^{k}\right)^{\dot{\beta} \alpha}
$$

Further we will consider mostly the massive case: $m>0$. In this case the unitary irreps of the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ are characterized by spin $j=$ $0,1 / 2,1,3 / 2, \ldots$ and act in the spaces of Wigner wave functions $\phi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}\right)}(k)$, which are components of a completely symmetric tensor of rank $2 j$. Here $k=\left(k_{0}, k_{1}, k_{2}, k_{3}\right)$ denotes the four-momentum of a particle with mass m :

$$
(k)^{2}=k^{n} k_{n}=k_{r} \eta^{r n} k_{n}=k_{0}^{2}-k_{1}^{2}-k_{2}^{2}-k_{3}^{2}=\mathrm{m}^{2}
$$

Let us fix some test momentum $q=\left(q_{0}, q_{1}, q_{2}, q_{3}\right)$ such that $(q)^{2}=\mathrm{m}^{2}$, $q_{0}>0$ and choose a representative $A_{(k)} \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ :

$$
(k \sigma)=A_{(k)}(q \sigma) A_{(k)}^{\dagger} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad k_{m}=\left(\Lambda_{k}\right)_{m}^{n} q_{n}
$$

where $(k \sigma)=k^{n} \sigma_{n},(q \sigma)=q^{n} \sigma_{n}$. The relation between the matrices $A_{(k)}$ and $\Lambda_{k} \equiv \Lambda\left(A_{(k)}\right)$ is standard.

Define a stability subgroup (little group) $G_{q} \subset S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ of the momentum $q$ as the set of matrices $A \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ satisfying the condition

$$
A \cdot(q \sigma) \cdot A^{\dagger}=(q \sigma) \Leftrightarrow A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}\left(q^{n} \sigma_{n}\right)_{\gamma \dot{\alpha}}\left(A^{*}\right)_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\dot{\alpha}}=\left(q^{n} \sigma_{n}\right)_{\alpha \dot{\gamma}}
$$

In the massive case $(q)^{2}=\mathrm{m}^{2}, \mathrm{~m}>0$, the stability subgroup $G_{q}$ is isomorphic to $S U(2)$ for any choice of test momenta $q$. The matrix $A_{(k)} \in$ $S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ is defined up to right multiplication $A_{(k)} \rightarrow A_{(k)} U$ by an element $U$ of the stability subgroup $G_{q}=S U(2)$ :

$$
\left(A_{(k)} \cdot U\right) \cdot(q \sigma) \cdot\left(A_{(k)} \cdot U\right)^{\dagger}=A_{(k)} \cdot\left(U \cdot(q \sigma) \cdot U^{\dagger}\right) \cdot A_{(k)}^{\dagger}=(k \sigma) .
$$

For each $k$ we fix a unique matrix $A_{(k)}$ which numerate left cosets in $S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ with respect to the subgroup $G_{q}=S U(2)$, i.e. matrices $A_{(k)}$ are points in the coset space $S L(2, \mathbb{C}) / S U(2)$

## Explicit formula for unitary irreps of $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$

Let $T^{j}$ be a finite-dimensional irreducible $S U(2)$ representation with spin $j$, acting in the space of symmetric spin-tensors $\phi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}\right)}$. The Wigner unitary irreducible representations $\mathcal{U}$ of the group $\operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ with spin $j$ are defined by the following action of the element $(A, a) \in \operatorname{ISL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ in the space of wave functions (WFs) $\phi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}\right)}$ :

$$
[\mathcal{U}(A, a) \cdot \phi]_{\bar{\alpha}}(k) \equiv \phi_{\bar{\alpha}}^{\prime}(k)=e^{i a^{m} k_{m}} T_{\bar{\alpha} \bar{\alpha}^{\prime}}^{(j)}\left(h_{A, \Lambda^{-1} \cdot k}\right) \phi_{\bar{\alpha}^{\prime}}\left(\Lambda^{-1} \cdot k\right)
$$

Here we use the concise notation $\phi_{\bar{\alpha}}(k) \equiv \phi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}\right)}(k)$, the indices $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}^{\prime}$ are multi-indices $\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}\right),\left(\alpha_{1}^{\prime} \ldots \alpha_{2 j}^{\prime}\right)$, the matrix $\Lambda \in S O^{\uparrow}(1,3)$ is related to $A \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ as usual, and the element (dependent on $k$ )

$$
h_{A, \Lambda^{-1} \cdot k}=A_{(k)}^{-1} \cdot A \cdot A_{\left(\Lambda^{-1} \cdot k\right)} \in S U(2),
$$

belongs to the stability subgroup $S U(2) \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$.

Proposition 1. Wigner representation $\mathcal{U}$ can be transform into the following form (so - called spin-tensor representation):
$\left[\mathcal{U}(A, a) \cdot \psi^{(r)}\right]_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}(k)=e^{i a^{m} k_{m}} A_{\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}}^{\gamma_{1} \ldots \gamma_{p}}\left(A^{\dagger-1}\right)^{\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}}{ }_{\dot{k}_{1} \ldots \dot{k}_{r}}^{\dot{k}_{r}} \psi_{\left(\gamma_{1} \ldots \gamma_{p}\right)}^{\left(r\left(\dot{k}_{1} \ldots \dot{r}_{r}\right)\right.}\left(\Lambda^{-1} \cdot k\right)$,
where we introduced spin-tensor wave functions:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\psi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)}\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right) \\
\left.=\frac{1}{m^{r}}\left(A_{(k)}^{\otimes p}\right)_{(k)}^{\otimes \alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}} \otimes\left(A_{(k)}^{\dagger-1}(q \tilde{\sigma})\right)^{\otimes r} \phi(k) A_{(k)}^{-1 \dagger} \cdot(q \tilde{\sigma})\right)^{\left(\dot{\beta}_{p+1} \ldots \ldots \alpha_{p} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{p+r}\right)} \dot{\delta}_{p+1} \ldots \delta_{p+r} \dot{\beta}_{\left(\delta_{1} \ldots . \ldots \delta_{p} \delta_{p+1} \ldots \delta_{p+r}\right)}^{\left(\dot{\beta}_{1}\right)}(k)
\end{gathered}
$$

Proof. Take $T^{j}\left(h_{A, \Lambda^{-1}, k}\right)$ as tenzor pruduct $h_{A, \Lambda^{-1} . k}$, then we write $r$ multipliers $h$ in form $h=(q \tilde{\sigma})^{-1} \cdot h^{\dagger-1} \cdot(q \tilde{\sigma})$ using the generalized unitarity condition for the elements of little group, use the factored form of the matrix $h_{A, \Lambda^{-1} . k}$.

Proposition 2. The wave functions $\psi^{(r)}$ satisfy the Dirac-Pauli-Fierz (DPF) equations [P.A.M.Dirac (1936), M. Fierz and W. Pauli (1939)]:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& k^{m}\left(\tilde{\sigma}_{m}\right)^{\dot{r}_{1} \alpha_{1}} \psi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)}\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right) \\
& k^{m}\left(\sigma_{m}\right)_{\gamma_{1} \dot{\beta}_{1}} \psi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}(k)=\mathrm{m} \psi_{\left(\gamma_{2} \ldots \alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r-1)\left(\dot{\gamma}_{1} \dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{\rho}\right)}(k), \quad(k), \quad(r=1, \ldots, 2 j),
\end{aligned}
$$

which describe the dynamics of a massive relativistic particle with spin $j=(p+r) / 2$.
Proof. Use the definitions of matrices $A_{(k)}$.
Proposition 3. Spin-tensor wave functions $\psi^{(r)}$ satisfy the equations

$$
\left[\left(\hat{W}^{m} \hat{W}_{m}\right) \psi\right]_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)}\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)(k)=-\mathrm{m}^{2} j(j+1) \psi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)}\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)(k)
$$

$\hat{W}_{m}$ are the components of the Pauli-Lubanski vector

$$
W_{m}=\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{m n i j} M^{i j} P^{n}=\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{m n i j} \hat{\Sigma}^{i j} P^{n}
$$

The matrices $A_{(k)}$ numerate points of the coset space $S L(2, \mathbb{C}) / S U(2)$. The left action of the group $S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ on $S L(2, \mathbb{C}) / S U(2)$ is

$$
A \cdot A_{(k)}=A_{(\Lambda \cdot k)} \cdot U_{A, k}, A \in S L(2, \mathbb{C}), \Lambda \in S O^{\uparrow}(1,3)
$$

The element $U_{A, k} \in S U(2)$ depends on $A$ and $k$. Under this left action the element $A \in S L(2, \mathbb{C})$ transforms two columns of the matrix $A_{(k)}$ as two Weyl spinors.
Therefore, it is convenient to represent the matrix $A_{(k)}$ by using two Weyl spinors $\mu$ and $\lambda$ with components $\mu_{\alpha}, \lambda_{\alpha}$ (the matrix $A_{(k)}^{\dagger}$ will be correspondingly expressed in terms of the conjugate spinors $\bar{\mu}, \bar{\lambda}$ ) in the following way:

$$
\left(A_{(k)}\right)_{\alpha}{ }^{\beta}=\frac{1}{\left(\mu^{\rho} \lambda_{\rho}\right)^{1 / 2}}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\mu_{1} & \lambda_{1} \\
\mu_{2} & \lambda_{2}
\end{array}\right),\left(A_{(k)}^{\dagger-1}\right)_{\dot{\beta}}^{\dot{\alpha}}=\frac{1}{\left(\bar{\mu}^{\dot{\rho}} \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\rho}}\right)^{1 / 2}}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\bar{\lambda}_{\dot{2}} & -\bar{\mu}_{\dot{2}} \\
-\bar{\lambda}_{\dot{1}} & \bar{\mu}_{\mathrm{i}}
\end{array}\right)
$$

In the case $q=(m, 0,0,0)$, it follows from

$$
(k \sigma)=A_{(k)}(q \sigma) A_{(k)}^{\dagger}
$$

that the momentum $k$ is expressed in terms of the spinors $\mu_{\alpha}, \lambda_{\beta}, \bar{\mu}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\beta}}$ as follows:

$$
\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\left|\mu^{\rho} \lambda_{\rho}\right|}\left(\mu_{\alpha} \bar{\mu}_{\dot{\beta}}+\lambda_{\alpha} \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\beta}}\right)=\left(k^{n} \sigma_{n}\right)_{\alpha \dot{\beta}}, \quad \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\left|\mu^{\rho} \lambda_{\rho}\right|}\left(\mu^{\alpha} \bar{\mu}^{\dot{\beta}}+\lambda^{\alpha} \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}\right)=\left(k^{n} \widetilde{\sigma}_{n}\right)^{\dot{\beta} \alpha}
$$

These two-spinor expressions for the 4 -vector $k\left(k^{2}=m^{2}\right.$ and $\left.k_{0}>0\right)$ are generalizations of the well-known Penrose twistor representation for momentum $k$ of a massless particle. The wave functions of massive relativistic particles, which are functions of a four-momentum $k$ can be considered as functions of two Weyl spinors $\mu$ and $\lambda$.
One can show that the two-spinor description of mass. particles based on the representation described above proves to be extremely convenient in describing polarization properties of mass. particles with arbitrary spin $j$.

The expansion of the spin-tensor fields over the polarization vectors of arbitrary integer spin is

$$
\psi_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{(r)\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}(k)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2 j)!}} \sum_{m=-j}^{j} \phi_{m}(k) \stackrel{(m)}{e}_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}(k),
$$

where the polarization vectors are defined

$$
\stackrel{\substack{(m)}}{\left.\stackrel{\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}\right)}(k)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{(2 j)!}} \prod_{i=1}^{p}\left(A_{(k)}\right)_{\alpha_{i}}^{\rho_{i}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{r}\left(A_{(k)}^{-1 \dagger} \tilde{\sigma}_{0}\right)^{\dot{\beta_{\ell}} \rho_{p+\ell}} \epsilon_{\rho_{1} \ldots \rho_{2 j}}^{(m)} .
$$

The constant symmetric tensor $\epsilon_{\rho_{1} \ldots \rho_{2 j}}^{(m)}$ is defined as

$$
\underbrace{\epsilon_{j \cdots 1}^{(m)}}_{j+m} \underbrace{2 \cdots 2}_{j-m}=\sqrt{(j+m)!(j-m)!},
$$

and for other components we have $\epsilon_{\rho_{1} \ldots \rho_{2 j}}^{(m)}=0$. If we express matrices $A_{(k)}$ in terms of spinors $\mu$ and $\lambda$ we obtain explicit formulas for polarization vector-spinors in terms of $\mu$ and $\lambda$.

Proposition 4. The spin-tensors $\stackrel{(m)}{e}$ satisfy the relations:

$$
\begin{gathered}
{ }_{e}^{(m-1)}\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right) \\
\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)
\end{gathered}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{(j+m)(j-m+1)}}\left(\lambda_{\gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_{\gamma}}-\bar{\mu}^{\dot{\gamma}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\gamma}}}\right)^{(m)} \stackrel{( }{e}_{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p}\right)}^{\left(\dot{\beta_{1}} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)},
$$

Using the explicit formula for ${ }^{(j)}$ in terms of $\mu$ and $\lambda$ :

$$
\left.{\underset{()^{()}}{\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{\rho}\right)}}_{\left(\dot{\beta}_{1} \ldots \dot{\beta}_{r}\right)}=\frac{(-1)^{r}}{\left(\mu^{\rho} \lambda_{\rho}\right)^{\rho / 2}\left(\bar{\mu}^{\dot{\rho}}\right.} \bar{\lambda}\right)^{r / 2} \mu_{\alpha_{1}} \cdots \mu_{\alpha_{\rho}} \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}_{1}} \cdots \bar{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}_{r}}
$$

and Proposition 4 one can obtain all the polarization vectors in terms of Weyl spinors $\mu$ and $\lambda$.

## Spin projection operator $\Theta(k)$

First we consider the case of integer spins $j$. We construct the spin projection operator $\Theta(k)$ as the sum of products $\mathrm{e}^{(m)}(k) \cdot \overline{\mathrm{e}}^{(m)}(k)$ over all polariz. $m$ :

$$
\Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}(k):=(-1)^{j} \sum_{m=-j}^{j} e_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{(m)}(k) \bar{e}^{(m) n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}(k)
$$

This operator is sometimes called the density matrix for a massive particle with integer spin j , or the Behrends-Fronsdal projection operator (R.E. Behrends, C. Fronsdal (1957)).
For spin $j=1$ the operator $\Theta(k)$ is well known

$$
\Theta_{n m}^{(1)}(k)=\left(\eta_{n m}-\frac{k_{n} k_{m}}{\mathrm{~m}^{2}}\right)=\left(\eta_{n m}-\frac{k_{n} k_{m}}{k^{2}}\right)
$$

Proposition 5. The operator $\Theta(k)$, defined as $\sum_{m} \mathrm{e}^{(m)}(k) \cdot \overline{\mathrm{e}}^{(m)}(k)$ satisfies the following properties:

1) projective property and reality: $\quad \Theta^{2}=\Theta, \quad \Theta^{\dagger}=\Theta$;
2) symmetry: $\quad \Theta_{\cdots}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j} \cdots n_{i}} \cdots=\Theta_{\cdots}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j} \cdots r_{i} \cdots}, \quad \Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{\cdots n_{i} \cdots n_{\ell} \cdots}=\Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{\cdots n_{\ell} \cdots n_{i} \cdots}$;
3) transversality: $\quad k^{r_{1}} \Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}=0, \quad k_{n_{1}} \Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}=0$;
4) traceless: $\quad \eta^{r_{1} r_{2}} \Theta_{r_{1} r_{2} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}=0$;

Instead of the tensor $\Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}$ symmetrized in the upper and lower indices, it is convenient to consider the generating function

$$
\Theta^{(j)}(x, y)=x^{r_{1}} \cdots x^{r_{j}} \Theta_{r_{1} \ldots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \ldots n_{j}}(k) y_{n_{1}} \cdots y_{n_{j}}
$$

D.Francia,J.Mourad,A.Sagnotti (2007); D.Ponomarev, A.Tseytlin (2016)

Proposition 6. The generating function $\Theta^{(j)}(x, y)$ of the covariant projection operator $\Theta_{r_{1} \cdots r_{j}}^{n_{1} \cdots n_{j}}$ (in $D$-dimensional space-time), satisfying properties 1 )4), listed in previous Proposition, has the form

$$
\Theta^{(j)}(x, y)=\sum_{A=0}^{\left[\frac{j}{2}\right]} a_{A}^{(j)}\left(\Theta_{(y)}^{(y)} \Theta_{(x)}^{(x)}\right)^{A}\left(\Theta_{(x)}^{(y)}\right)^{j-2 A},
$$

where $\left[\frac{j}{2}\right]$ - integer part of $j / 2, a_{0}^{(j)}=1$, for $(A \geq 1)$ we have

$$
a_{A}^{(j)}=\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{A} \frac{j!}{(j-2 A)!A!(2 j+D-5)(2 j+D-7) \cdots(2 j+D-2 A-3)}
$$

and the function $\Theta_{(x)}^{(y)}$ is defined as follows:

$$
\Theta_{(x)}^{(y)} \equiv \Theta^{(1)}(x, y)=x^{r} y_{n} \Theta_{r}^{n}, \quad \Theta_{r}^{n}=\eta_{r}^{n}-\frac{k_{r} k^{n}}{k^{2}}
$$

Remark 1. The generating function $\Theta^{(j)}(x, y)$ satisfies differential equation

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{r}} \Theta^{(j)}(x, y)=\frac{j(j+D-4)(2 j+D-3)}{(2 j+D-5)} \Theta^{(j-1)}(x, y)
$$

One can use this equation to calculate trace of the operator $\Theta^{(j)}$. The complete trace of the Behrends-Fronsdal projector $\Theta^{(j)}$ in the case of $D$ dimensional space-time $(D \geq 3)$ is:

$$
\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)_{r_{1} r_{2} \ldots r_{j}}^{r_{1} r_{2} \ldots r_{j}}=\frac{(D-4+j)!}{j!(D-3)!}(2 j+D-3)
$$

This trace is equal to the dimension of the subspace, which is extracted from the space of vector-tensor wave functions $f_{n_{1} \ldots n_{j}}$ by the projector $\Theta^{(j)}$.

In the case when the dimension of the space $D>4$, the symmetric irreps considered here are not the most general. The way to construct spin projectors of an arbitrary type of symmetry relate to construct all primitive orthogonal idempotents for the Brauer algebra $\mathcal{B}_{j}(\omega)$. The Brauer algebra $\mathcal{B}_{j}(\omega)$ is generated by elements $\sigma_{1}, \ldots, \sigma_{j-1}, \kappa_{1}, \ldots, \kappa_{j-1}$ with defining relations:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sigma_{i}^{2}=1, \quad \kappa_{i}^{2}=\omega \kappa_{i}, \quad \sigma_{i} \kappa_{i}=\kappa_{i} \sigma_{i}=\kappa_{i}, \quad i=1, \ldots, j-1 \\
\sigma_{i} \sigma_{\ell}=\sigma_{\ell} \sigma_{i}, \quad \kappa_{i} \kappa_{\ell}=\kappa_{\ell} \kappa_{i}, \quad \sigma_{i} \kappa_{\ell}=\kappa_{\ell} \sigma_{i}, \quad|i-\ell|>1 \\
\sigma_{i} \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_{i}=\sigma_{i+1} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{i+1}, \quad \kappa_{i} \kappa_{i+1} \kappa_{i}=\kappa_{i} \quad \kappa_{i+1} \kappa_{i} \kappa_{i+1}=\kappa_{i+1} \\
\sigma_{i} \kappa_{i+1} \kappa_{i}=\sigma_{i+1} \kappa_{i}, \quad \kappa_{i+1} \kappa_{i} \sigma_{i+1}=\kappa_{i+1} \sigma_{i}, \quad i=1, \ldots, j-2
\end{gathered}
$$

To construct all primitive orthogonal idempotents $E_{\Lambda}$ for the Brauer algebra $\mathcal{B}_{j}(\omega)$ one can use oscillating Young graph (here $\Lambda$ is the path in oscillating Young graph).

We need the representation $T$ which acts in the space $\left(\mathbb{R}^{1, D-1}\right)^{\otimes j}$ (in this representation we have $\omega=D-1$ )

$$
\begin{gathered}
T\left(\sigma_{k}\right) \cdot\left(e_{i_{1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_{k}} \otimes e_{i_{k+1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_{j}}\right)= \\
\left(e_{\ell_{1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\ell_{k}} \otimes e_{\ell_{k+1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\ell_{j}}\right) \Theta_{i_{1}}^{\ell_{1}} \cdots \Theta_{i_{k-1}}^{\ell_{k-1}} \Theta_{i_{k+1}}^{\ell_{k}} \Theta_{i_{k}}^{\ell_{k+1}} \Theta_{i_{k+2}}^{\ell_{k+2}} \cdots \Theta_{i_{j}}^{\ell_{j}} \\
T\left(\kappa_{k}\right) \cdot\left(e_{i_{1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_{k}} \otimes e_{i_{k+1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_{j}}\right)= \\
\left(e_{\ell_{1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\ell_{k}} \otimes e_{\ell_{k+1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{\ell_{j}}\right) \Theta_{i_{1}}^{\ell_{1}} \cdots \Theta_{i_{k-1}}^{\ell_{k-1}} \Theta^{\ell_{k} \ell_{k+1}} \Theta_{i_{k} i_{k+1}} \Theta_{i_{k+2}}^{\ell_{k+2}} \cdots \Theta_{i_{j}}^{\ell_{j}}
\end{gathered}
$$

Example 1. The idempotent $E_{\Lambda_{j}}$ which corresponds symmetrizer expressed by the recurrence formula

$$
E_{\Lambda_{j}}=E_{\Lambda_{j-1}} \frac{\left(y_{j}+1\right)\left(y_{j}+j+\omega-3\right)}{j(2 j+\omega-4)}
$$

$T\left(E_{\Lambda_{j}}\right)=\Theta^{(j)}$. Where $y_{i} \in \mathcal{B}_{j}(\omega)$ - is Jucys-Merphy elements

$$
y_{n+1}=\sigma_{n}-\kappa_{n}+\sigma_{n} y_{n} \sigma_{n}, \quad y_{0}=0
$$

## Spin projection operator for half-integer spins

Proposition 7. For arbitrary space-time dimension $D>2$ and any halfinteger spin $j$ the projection operator $\Theta^{(j)}$ satisfies the conditions 1)-4) of the Proposition 4, and the additional spinor condition

$$
\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)_{r_{1} \ldots r_{j-1 / 2}}^{n_{1} \ldots n_{j-1 / 2}} \cdot \gamma_{n_{1}}=0=\gamma^{r_{1}} \cdot\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)_{r_{1} \ldots r_{j-1 / 2}}^{n_{1} \ldots n_{j-1 / 2}}
$$

and the following formula holds:

$$
\left(\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)_{r_{1} \ldots r_{j-1 / 2}}^{n_{1} \ldots n_{j-1 / 2}}\right)_{A}^{B}=c^{(j)}\left(\Theta^{(1 / 2)}\right)_{A}{ }^{G}\left(\gamma^{r}\right)_{G}{ }^{C}\left(\gamma_{n}\right)_{C}{ }^{B}\left(\Theta^{\left(j+\frac{1}{2}\right)}\right)_{r r_{1} \ldots r_{j-1 / 2}}^{n n_{1} \ldots n_{j-1 / 2}},
$$

where $\Theta^{\left(j+\frac{1}{2}\right)}$ - operator for the integer spin $\left(j+\frac{1}{2}\right)$, factor $c^{(j)}=\frac{j+1 / 2}{(2 j+D-2)}$ and $\left(\Theta^{(1 / 2)}\right)=\frac{1}{2 \mathrm{~m}}\left(\gamma^{n} k_{n}+\mathrm{m} /\right)$ (here operator $/$ is $2^{[D / 2]} \otimes 2^{[D / 2]}$ unit matrix and [a] denotes the integer part of a), matrices $\gamma^{n}(n=0,1, \cdots, D-1)$ represents generators of the Clifford algebra in dimensions D.

Conclusion. We hope that the formalism considered here for describing massive particles of arbitrary spin will be useful in the construction of scattering amplitudes of massive particles in a similar way to the construction of spinor-helicity scattering amplitudes for massless particles. Some steps in this direction have already been done in papers:

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