

Auxiliar 1

Representaciones del grupo de Lorentz

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P1.-

- a) Considerando una transformación infinitesimal $\Lambda = 1 + \delta\omega$ y la transformación de un campo escalar

$$U^{-1}(\Lambda)\varphi(x)U(\Lambda) = \varphi(\Lambda^{-1}x),$$

muestre que

$$[\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}\varphi(x),$$

donde

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\hbar}{i}(x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu)$$

y $M^{\mu\nu}$ son los generadores del grupo de Lorentz.

- b) Muestre que

$$[[\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}], M^{\rho\sigma}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}^{\rho\sigma}\varphi(x).$$

- c) Use el resultado anterior y la identidad de Jacobi

$$[[A, B], C] + [[B, C], A] + [[C, A], B] = 0$$

para demostrar que

$$[\varphi(x), [M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\rho\sigma}]] = (\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}^{\rho\sigma} - \mathcal{L}^{\rho\sigma}\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu})\varphi(x).$$

P2.-

- a) Nuevamente consideremos $\Lambda = 1 + \delta\omega$, pero para la transformación de un *campo vectorial*

$$U^{-1}(\Lambda)\partial^\mu\varphi(x)U(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu{}_\rho\bar{\partial}^\rho\varphi(\Lambda^{-1}x).$$

Demuestre que

$$[\partial^\rho\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}\partial^\rho\varphi(x) + (S_V^{\mu\nu})^\rho{}_\tau\partial^\tau\varphi(x),$$

donde

$$(S_V^{\mu\nu})^\rho{}_\tau \equiv \frac{\hbar}{i}(g^{\mu\rho}\delta^\nu{}_\tau - g^{\nu\rho}\delta^\mu{}_\tau)$$

- b) Muestre que las matrices $S_V^{\mu\nu}$ deben seguir las mismas relaciones de conmutación que los operadores $M^{\mu\nu}$,

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\alpha\beta}] = i\hbar(g^{\mu\alpha}M^{\nu\beta} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)) - (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta).$$

- c) Para una rotación con un ángulo θ alrededor del eje z , tenemos la transformación de Lorentz

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Muestre que

$$\Lambda = \exp(-i\theta S_V^{12}/\hbar).$$

- d) Mientras que para un *boost* con *rapidity* η en la dirección de z , tenemos

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & 0 & 0 & \sinh \eta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sinh \eta & 0 & 0 & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Muestre que

$$\Lambda = \exp(+i\eta S_V^{30}/\hbar).$$

P3.-

Inspirado en las transformaciones de campos escalares y vectoriales, escribamos la transformación de un campo con un índice de Lorentz arbitrario $\psi_A(x)$, dada por

$$U^{-1}(\Lambda)\psi_A(x)U(\Lambda) = L_A{}^B(\Lambda)\psi_B(x),$$

donde $L_A{}^B(\Lambda)$ es una función de Λ , por lo que considerando $\Lambda = 1 + \delta\omega$ podemos expandir a primer orden en $\delta\omega$ como

$$L_A{}^B(\Lambda) = \delta_A{}^B + \frac{i}{2}\delta\omega_{\mu\nu}(S_V^{\mu\nu})_A{}^B$$

al igual que con $U(\Lambda)$

$$U(\Lambda) = I + \frac{i}{2}\delta\omega_{\mu\nu}M^{\mu\nu}.$$

Muestre que

$$[\psi_A(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}\psi_A(x) + (S_V^{\mu\nu})_A{}^B\psi_B(x),$$

donde, hasta este punto, $S_V^{\mu\nu}$ no tiene ninguna expresión en particular. En un futuro, estos operadores $S_V^{\mu\nu}$ nos permitirán definir las teorías de partículas con spin mayor a 0, por ejemplo fermiones en *Quantum Electrodynamics*, QED.

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P1

a) Nos piden considerar una pequeña transformación de Lorentz $\Lambda = 1 + \delta w$, que escrito como elementos de una matriz de 4×4 (para un espacio-tiempo 3+1-dimensional)

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \delta^\mu{}_\nu + \delta w^\mu{}_\nu, \quad \mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

Para actuar sobre un espacio de Hilbert donde actúan nuestros campos cuánticos, debemos hacer un mapeo de los elementos $\Lambda \in SO^+(3, 1)$ al espacio de Hilbert a través de un operador lineal unitario $U(\Lambda)$.

Sabemos que $U(\Lambda)$ actúa sobre $\varphi(x)$ como

$$\varphi(x) \rightarrow U^{-1}(\Lambda) \varphi(x) U(\Lambda) = \varphi(\Lambda^{-1}x) \quad (1)$$

donde podemos considerar $\Lambda = 1 + \delta w$ y expandir en serie de Taylor ambos lados de (1) hasta orden lineal en δw . Expandiendo $U(\Lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} U(\Lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n U(\Lambda)}{\partial (\Lambda_{\mu\nu})^n} \right|_{\delta w=0} \delta w_{\mu\nu} \\ &= 1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta w^2) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}, \text{ donde } M^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{i} \left. \frac{\partial U(\Lambda)}{\partial \Lambda_{\mu\nu}} \right|_{\delta w=0} \end{aligned}$$

Además, sabemos que $\delta w_{\mu\nu} = -\delta w_{\nu\mu} \in \mathbb{R}$ y como U es unitario, $U^{-1} = U^\dagger$, entonces $M^{\mu\nu} = -M^{\nu\mu}$ y hermítico $M^\dagger = M$. Por lo tanto,

$$U^{-1}(\Lambda) = 1 - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta w^2) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}$$

Reemplazando en LHS de (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow U^{-1}(\Lambda) \varphi(x) U(\Lambda) &= \left[1 - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} \right] \varphi(x) \left[1 + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= 1 \varphi(x) - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x) + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} \varphi(x) M^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\delta w^2) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \\ &= \varphi(x) + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} [\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

donde solo los generadores $M^{\mu\nu}$ actúan sobre $\varphi(x)$, δw son solo c-numbers que podemos mover de un lado a otro c/r a los operadores (al ser lineales)

Expandimos el RHS de (1) hasta orden δw ,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\lambda^{-1}x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n \varphi(\lambda^{-1}x)}{\partial ((\lambda^{-1}x)^n)} \right|_{x=0} (\delta x^n)^n \\ &= \varphi(x) + \delta x^\mu \frac{\partial \varphi(x)}{\partial x^\mu} + \cancel{O(\delta x^2)} \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{donde } (\lambda^{-1}x)^n &= (\lambda^{-1})^n x^\nu = \lambda_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu = (\delta_\nu{}^\mu + \delta w_\nu{}^\mu)x^\nu \\ &= x^\mu + \delta w_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu \equiv x^\mu + \delta x^\mu\end{aligned}$$

así que reemplazando en (3)

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\lambda^{-1}x) &= \varphi(x) + \delta w_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu \partial_\mu \varphi(x) \\ &= \varphi(x) + g^{\mu\nu} \delta w_{\nu\mu} x^\nu \partial_\mu \varphi(x) \\ &= \varphi(x) + \delta w_{\nu\mu} x^\nu \partial^\mu \varphi(x) \\ &= \varphi(x) + \delta w_{\mu\nu} x^\mu \partial^\nu \varphi(x), \quad \delta w_{\mu\nu} x^\mu \partial^\nu \varphi = \delta w_{\nu\mu} x^\nu \partial^\mu \varphi = -\delta w_{\mu\nu} x^\nu \partial^\mu \varphi \\ &= \varphi(x) + \frac{\delta w_{\mu\nu}}{2} (x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \varphi(x) \quad (4)\end{aligned}$$

Juntando (2) y (4)

$$\begin{aligned}\cancel{\varphi(x) + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \delta w_{\mu\nu} [\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}]} &= \cancel{\varphi(x) + \frac{\delta w_{\mu\nu}}{2} (x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \varphi(x)} \\ \therefore [\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] &= \frac{i}{\hbar} (x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \varphi(x) \equiv \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x) \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

b) Debido a que $M^{\mu\nu}$ depende de la transf. de Lorentz λ , y esta es ind. de las coordenadas x^μ , tenemos que

$$[\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}, M^{\rho\sigma}] = 0$$

al ser $\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}$ un operador en función de las coord. Entonces

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x) &= [\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] \quad | \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}. \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}^{\rho\sigma} \varphi(x) &= \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} [\varphi(x), M^{\rho\sigma}] \\ &= [\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x), M^{\rho\sigma}] \\ &= [[\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}], M^{\rho\sigma}] \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

c) Usaremos que $[C, [A, B]] = [[B, C], A] + [[C, A], B]$ con

$$C = \varphi(x), \quad A = M^{\text{av}}, \quad B = M^{\text{pr}}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\varphi(x), [M^{\text{av}}, M^{\text{pr}}]] = [[M^{\text{pr}}, \varphi(x)], M^{\text{av}}] + [[\varphi(x), M^{\text{av}}], M^{\text{pr}}]$$

$$= -\mathcal{L}^{\text{pr}} [\varphi(x), M^{\text{av}}] + \mathcal{L}^{\text{av}} [\varphi(x), M^{\text{pr}}]$$

$$= -\mathcal{L}^{\text{pr}} \mathcal{L}^{\text{av}} \varphi(x) + \mathcal{L}^{\text{av}} \mathcal{L}^{\text{pr}} \varphi(x)$$

$$= (\mathcal{L}^{\text{av}} \mathcal{L}^{\text{pr}} - \mathcal{L}^{\text{pr}} \mathcal{L}^{\text{av}}) \varphi(x) \quad \square$$

P2

a) Queremos encontrar la expresión de $[\partial^r \varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}]$, así que usaremos que sabemos

$$[\varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x)$$

donde podemos actuar por la izq. con ∂^r notando que $[\partial^r, M^{\mu\nu}] = 0$ (mismo argumento de antes)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [\partial^r \varphi(x), M^{\mu\nu}] &= \partial^r \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \varphi(x) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} [\partial^r (x^\nu \partial^\alpha) - \partial^r (x^\alpha \partial^\nu)] \varphi(x) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} [(\partial^\nu x^\alpha) \partial^\alpha + x^\nu \partial^\alpha \partial^\nu - (\partial^\alpha x^\nu) \partial^\nu - x^\alpha \partial^\nu \partial^\alpha] \varphi(x) \end{aligned}$$

donde $\partial^\alpha x^\beta = g^{\alpha\gamma} \partial_\gamma x^\beta = g^{\alpha\gamma} g_{\gamma\beta}$ y las derivadas parciales commutan $\partial^\alpha \partial^\beta = \partial^\beta \partial^\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [\partial^r \varphi, M^{\mu\nu}] &= \frac{\hbar}{i} [x^\nu \partial^\alpha - x^\alpha \partial^\nu] \partial^r \varphi(x) + \frac{\hbar}{i} [g^{\mu\rho} g_{\rho\alpha} \partial^\alpha - g^{\nu\rho} g_{\rho\alpha} \partial^\nu] \varphi(x) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \partial^r \varphi(x) + \frac{\hbar}{i} [g^{\mu\rho} \partial^\rho - g^{\nu\rho} \partial^\nu] \varphi(x) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \partial^r \varphi(x) + \frac{\hbar}{i} [g^{\mu\rho} g_{\rho\tau} - g^{\nu\rho} g_{\rho\tau}] \partial^\tau \varphi(x) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \partial^r \varphi(x) + (S_v^{\mu\nu})^\rho_\tau \partial^\tau \varphi(x) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

b) Calculemos el commutador $[S_v^{\mu\nu}, S_v^{\alpha\beta}]$

$$\begin{aligned} [S_v^{\mu\nu}, S_v^{\alpha\beta}]^\rho_\tau &= (S_v^{\mu\nu} \cdot S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\rho_\tau - (S_v^{\alpha\beta} \cdot S_v^{\mu\nu})^\rho_\tau \\ &= (S_v^{\mu\nu})^\rho_\gamma (S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\gamma_\tau - (S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\rho_\gamma (S_v^{\mu\nu})^\gamma_\tau \\ &= \left(\frac{\hbar}{i}\right)^2 (g^{\mu\gamma} g_{\gamma\tau} - g^{\nu\gamma} g_{\gamma\tau}) (g^{\alpha\tau} g^\beta_\tau - g^{\beta\tau} g^\alpha_\tau) - (\alpha \leftrightarrow \mu, \beta \leftrightarrow \nu) \\ &= \left(\frac{\hbar}{i}\right)^2 (g^{\mu\rho} g^{\alpha\tau} g_{\tau\gamma} g^\beta_\gamma - g^{\mu\rho} g^{\beta\tau} g_{\tau\gamma} g^\alpha_\gamma - g^{\nu\rho} g^{\alpha\tau} g_{\tau\gamma} g^\beta_\gamma + g^{\nu\rho} g^{\beta\tau} g_{\tau\gamma} g^\alpha_\gamma) - (\cdot) \\ &= \left(\frac{\hbar}{i}\right)^2 [(g^{\mu\rho} g^{\alpha\tau} g^\beta_\tau - g^{\mu\rho} g^{\beta\tau} g^\alpha_\tau) - (g^{\nu\rho} g^{\alpha\tau} g^\beta_\tau - g^{\nu\rho} g^{\beta\tau} g^\alpha_\tau)] - (\cdot) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} (g^{\mu\rho} (S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\nu_\tau - g^{\nu\rho} (S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\mu_\tau) - \frac{\hbar}{i} (g^{\alpha\rho} (S_v^{\mu\nu})^\beta_\tau - g^{\beta\rho} (S_v^{\mu\nu})^\alpha_\tau) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{i} (g^{\mu\rho} (S_v^{\alpha\beta})^\nu_\tau - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)) - (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) \end{aligned}$$

que es el mismo de M ,

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\alpha\beta}] = i\hbar(g^{\mu\alpha}M^{\nu\beta} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)) - (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$$

c) Sabemos que $(S_v^{12})_{\tau} = \frac{\hbar}{i}(g^{1\tau}g^{2\tau} - g^{2\tau}g^{1\tau})$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{i}g^{1\tau}g^{2\tau} - \frac{\hbar}{i}g^{2\tau}g^{1\tau}$$

donde el primer término es distinto de 0 para $\tau=1 \wedge \tau=2$ y el segundo término en $\tau=2 \wedge \tau=1$. Matricialmente, esto es

$$(S_v^{12})_{\tau} = \frac{\hbar}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\substack{\tau=0 \\ \tau=1 \\ \tau=2 \\ \tau=3}} \equiv \frac{\hbar}{i} A'_{\tau}$$

que si reemplazamos en λ

$$\lambda = \exp(-i\theta S_v^{12}/\hbar)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{i\theta S_v^{12}}{\hbar} \right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-\theta A)^n = 1 - \theta A + \frac{1}{2!} \theta^2 A^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \theta^3 A^3 + \dots$$

dónde $A \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv -B$ y $A \cdot A \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -A$

Entonces, $A^{2n} = (-1)^n B$ y $A^{2n+1} = (-1)^n A$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-\theta A)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} (-\theta A)^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} (-\theta A)^{2n+1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} (-\theta)^{2n} (-1)^n B + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} (-\theta)^{2n+1} (-1)^n A$$

$$= B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n} - A \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \theta^{2n+1}$$

$$= B \cos \theta - A \sin \theta$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda_v$$

d) Ahora analicemos S_v^{30}

$$(S_v^{30})^P = \frac{\hbar}{i} (g^3 g^0 - g^0 g^3) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{\hbar}{i} \tilde{A}$$

★ $g^3 = -1$, $g^0 = 1$

donde $\tilde{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \tilde{B}$ y $\tilde{A}^3 = \tilde{A}$ $\therefore \tilde{A}^{2n} = \tilde{B} \wedge \tilde{A}^{2n+1} = \tilde{A}$

entonces $\Lambda = \exp\left(i\eta S_v^{30}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta^{2n}}{(2n)!} \tilde{A}^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \tilde{A}^{2n+1} = \tilde{B} \cosh(\eta) + \tilde{A} \sinh(\eta) = \Lambda'$

P3

Consideremos la transformación

$$U^{-1}(\lambda) \Psi_A(x) U(\lambda) = L_A^B(\lambda) \Psi_B(\lambda^{-1}x)$$

tomando $\lambda = 1 + 8w$. El LHS sería

$$U^{-1}(\lambda) \Psi_A(x) U(\lambda) = \Psi_A(x) + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} [\Psi_A(x), M^{\mu\nu}]$$

mientras que el RHS

$$\begin{aligned} L_A^B(\lambda) \Psi_B(\lambda^{-1}x) &= \left[S_A^B + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} (S_v^{\mu\nu})_A^B \right] [\Psi_B(x) + \delta w_{\mu\nu} x^\mu \partial^\nu \Psi_B(x)] \\ &= \Psi_A(x) + \delta w_{\mu\nu} x^\mu \partial^\nu \Psi_A(x) + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} (S_v^{\mu\nu})_A^B \Psi_B(x) \\ &= \Psi_A(x) + \frac{\delta w_{\mu\nu}}{2} (x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \Psi_A(x) + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} (S_v^{\mu\nu})_A^B \Psi_B(x) \end{aligned}$$

que igualando

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_A(x) + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} [\Psi_A(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \Psi_A(x) + \frac{\delta w_{\mu\nu}}{2} (x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu) \Psi_A(x) + \frac{i}{2} \delta w_{\mu\nu} (S_v^{\mu\nu})_A^B \Psi_B(x)$$

$$\therefore [\Psi_A(x), M^{\mu\nu}] = \mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu} \Psi_A(x) + (S_v^{\mu\nu})_A^B \Psi_B(x)$$