

Flavor Physics – Exercise Sheet 9 – SomSem 2015

Discussion: 17/07 during the tutorial

Exercise 1: Mass terms

Show that the mass term for a particle described by a spinor ψ is given by,

$$m\bar{\psi}\psi = m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L),$$

i.e. that the terms $\bar{\psi}_L\psi_L$ and $\bar{\psi}_R\psi_R$ vanish. Hint: Express the chirality states by using the projection operators.

Exercise 2: Chirality-flip

Show that $(\psi_{L,R})^C = (\psi^C)_{R,L}$.

Exercise 3: Neutrinoless double beta decay

A signature for neutrinos being Majorana particles, i.e. $\nu^C = \nu$, is the neutrinoless double beta decay ($0\nu 2\beta$). Draw the Feynman diagram for the process $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$ on quark-level.