

Problem 1

The Majorana-conjugate spinor is defined by

$$\bar{\Psi} = \Psi^T C,$$

where C is the charge-conjugation matrix

$$C\Gamma_M C^{-1} = -\Gamma_M^T.$$

Show that

1. The Dirac action

$$S = i \int d^D x \bar{\Psi} \Gamma^M \partial_M \Psi$$

is well-defined provided C is anti-symmetric:

$$C^T = -C.$$

2. The Dirac Lagrangian is Lorentz-invariant.
3. The chirality constraint

$$\Gamma \Psi = \Psi$$

is consistent with Majorana conjugation only if

$$C\Gamma C^{-1} = -\Gamma^T. \tag{1}$$

Hard part:

4. Show that
 - (a) The charge conjugation matrix exists in $D = 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 \pmod{8}$
 - (b) C is anti-symmetric in $D = 2, 3, 4 \pmod{8}$.
 - (c) Eqn. (1) holds in $D = 2, 6 \pmod{8}$.