

2.1. Solve the Klein-Gordon equation.

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This is the Klein-Gordon equation.

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \right) \psi = 0$$

One solution is

$$\psi = \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} (Et - p_x x - p_y y - p_z z) \right) \quad (1)$$

where

$$E = \sqrt{p_x^2 c^2 + p_y^2 c^2 + p_z^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}$$

Let us inspect dimensions. The dimensions of  $Et$  are joule-seconds.

$$Et \propto \text{joule} \times \text{second}$$

Hence  $Et/\hbar$  is dimensionless.

$$\frac{Et}{\hbar} \propto \frac{\text{joule second}}{\text{joule second}} = 1$$

The dimensions of  $p_x x$  are joule-seconds.

$$p_x x \propto \frac{\text{kilogram meter}}{\text{second}} \times \text{meter} = \text{joule second}$$

Hence  $p_x x/\hbar$  is dimensionless.

$$\frac{p_x x}{\hbar} \propto \frac{\text{joule second}}{\text{joule second}} = 1$$

Solution (1) can be written in a more compact form as

$$\psi = \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} P \cdot X \right)$$

where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$P \cdot X = P^\mu g_{\mu\nu} X^\nu = Et - p_x x - p_y y - p_z z$$