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parity it was considered to be only of mathematical interest until 1956 when Lee and Yang proposed parity violation. The Weyl equation could then be used to describe neutrinos, which are massless². It is now known that all spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles, known as fermions, violate parity, thus they are all described by the Weyl equation before they acquire mass through the Higgs mechanism.

As we already know, $u^\dagger u$ is invariant under rotations, and $u^\dagger u$ transforms like a 3-vector. $u^\dagger u$ is not invariant under boosts. Instead we have,

$$u^\dagger u \quad u^\dagger e u \approx u^\dagger (I + \cdot) u = u^\dagger u + u^\dagger u \quad (1)$$

where \cdot is infinitesimal. We can define the object ${}^\mu (u^\dagger u, u^\dagger u)$ which transforms like a 4-vector.

We work with infinitesimal boosts in, without loss of generality, in the z direction. We have $u = (I + \frac{\cdot}{2})u$, which we can write as $u = \frac{\cdot}{2}u$, where the infinitesimal \cdot has been absorbed. We take the hermitian conjugate and get $= \frac{\cdot}{2}u^\dagger$. Applying to $u^\dagger u$, we get,

$$(u^\dagger u) = (u^\dagger)u + u \quad u$$

We then take the derivative with respect to

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We consider the possibility that there is another invariant term we can add to the Lagrangian for u . Consider $u^T \tau_2 u$. checking , we transpose, $u^T \tau_2 u$ resulting in $u^T \tau_2^T u$. Note that $\tau_2^T = -\tau_2$. Thus $u^T \tau_2 u = -u^T \tau_2^T u = u^T \tau_2 u$. It is invariant. It should be noted that $u^T \tau_2 u$ vanishes identically since τ_2 is an antisymmetric 2x2 matrix. However, to proof of which is beyond this paper, the components of u must be anticommuting Grassman numbers, $u_1 u_2 = -u_2 u_1$.

We then add the term $m u^T \tau_2 u$ to the Lagrangian for m constant. We also had the hermitian conjugate to keep the Lagrangian hermitian. We get,

$$= u^\dagger (\dots) u + (m u^T \tau_2 u + u u^T)$$