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Abstract: We derive the free wave solutions of the Dirac equation from the viewpoint of matrix algebra. The concept of spin and the corresponding helicity states are analyzed in detail. This consideration may help the readers to study mathematical methods of relativistic quantum mechanics.

19.1 Abstract & 19.2 Introduction

We use elementary matrix algebra to derive the free wave solutions of the Dirac equation and examine the fundamental concepts of spin, polarization, and helicity states in details. This consideration can aid readers in studying the mathematical methods of relativistic quantum mechanics. We hope that our somewhat informal presentation may help beginners to enjoy the study of mathematics of relativistic quantum mechanics. To this end, we include important details of calculations which are usually omitted elsewhere. Computer algebra methods are useful for verification.

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19.4. Matrix Algebra Plane Wave Solutions

Here we verify our identities (19.12) and (19.13)

Identity (19.12):

This is the first matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.12) in 4x4 form, say $E=R>0$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 - R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 - R\} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} c^2 m - R & \theta & c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) \\ \theta & c^2 m - R & c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m - R & \theta \\ c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & \theta & -c^2 m - R \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is the second matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.12), when $R \rightarrow -R$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 + R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 + R\} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} c^2 m + R & \theta & c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) \\ \theta & c^2 m + R & c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m + R & \theta \\ c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & \theta & -c^2 m + R \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating their product:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 - R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 - R\} \}. \\ & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 + R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 + R\} \}; \\ & \text{FullSimplify[\%]} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} c^4 m^2 - R^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta & \theta & \theta \\ \theta & c^4 m^2 - R^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta & \theta \\ \theta & \theta & c^4 m^2 - R^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta \\ \theta & \theta & \theta & c^4 m^2 - R^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is the r.h.s. of (19.12) in 4x4 form.

Identity (19.13):

This is the matrices in the l.h.s. of (19.13):

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 + R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 - R\} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} c^2 m + R & \theta & c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) \\ \theta & c^2 m + R & c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m - R & \theta \\ c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & \theta & -c^2 m - R \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the product in the l.h.s. of (19.13):

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 + R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 - R\} \}. \\ & \{ \{m \cdot c^2 + R, \theta, c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2)\}, \{ \theta, m \cdot c^2 + R, c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3\}, \\ & \{c \cdot p_3, c \cdot (p_1 - I \cdot p_2), -m \cdot c^2 - R, \theta\}, \{c \cdot (p_1 + I \cdot p_2), -c \cdot p_3, \theta, -m \cdot c^2 - R\} \}; \\ & \text{FullSimplify[\%]} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} (c^2 m + R)^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta & \theta & \theta \\ \theta & (c^2 m + R)^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta & \theta \\ \theta & \theta & (c^2 m + R)^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) & \theta \\ \theta & \theta & \theta & (c^2 m + R)^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is the r.h.s. of (19.13).

19.5. Fermi's bi-spinors

Verification of Fermi's bi-spinors.

5.1 Equation (19.26):

This is the matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.26):

$$\{ \{ m * c^2, 0, c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2) \}, \{ 0, m * c^2, c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3 \}, \\ \{ c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2), -m * c^2, 0 \}, \{ c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3, 0, -m * c^2 \} \} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c^2 m & 0 & c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) \\ 0 & c^2 m & c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m & 0 \\ c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & 0 & -c^2 m \end{pmatrix}$$

This is Fermi's bi-spinor in the l.h.s. of (19.26); see also equation (27), on page 368, in Fermi's lectures:

$$\{ \{ (c * p_3) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ (c * (p_1 + I * p_2)) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ 1 \}, \{ 0 \} \} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} \\ \frac{c (p_1 + i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Evaluating their product:

$$\{ \{ m * c^2, 0, c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2) \}, \{ 0, m * c^2, c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3 \}, \\ \{ c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2), -m * c^2, 0 \}, \{ c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3, 0, -m * c^2 \} \}. \\ \{ \{ (c * p_3) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ (c * (p_1 + I * p_2)) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ 1 \}, \{ 0 \} \};$$

`FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m - R} \\ -\frac{c R (p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m - R} \\ -\frac{c^2 (c^2 m^2 - m R + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2)}{c^2 m - R} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substitution from (19.15):

$$\% /. p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 \rightarrow (R^2 - m^2 * c^4) / c^2;$$

`FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m - R} \\ -\frac{c R (p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m - R} \\ R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the r.h.s. of (19.26).

5.2 In a similar fashion for the fourth Fermi's bi-spinor:

This is the matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.26), once again:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{ m * c^2, 0, c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2) \}, \{ 0, m * c^2, c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3 \}, \\ & \{ c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2), -m * c^2, 0 \}, \{ c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3, 0, -m * c^2 \} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \left(\begin{array}{cccc} c^2 m & 0 & c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) \\ 0 & c^2 m & c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c (p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m & 0 \\ c (p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & 0 & -c^2 m \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This is the last bi-spinor (27), up to normalization, on page 368, in Fermi's lectures:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{ (c * (p_1 - I * p_2)) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ -(c * p_3) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ 0 \}, \{ 1 \} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{c (p_1 - i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} \\ -\frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating their product:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{ m * c^2, 0, c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2) \}, \{ 0, m * c^2, c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3 \}, \\ & \{ c * p_3, c * (p_1 - I * p_2), -m * c^2, 0 \}, \{ c * (p_1 + I * p_2), -c * p_3, 0, -m * c^2 \} \}. \\ & \{ \{ (c * (p_1 - I * p_2)) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ -(c * p_3) / (R - m * c^2) \}, \{ 0 \}, \{ 1 \} \}; \end{aligned}$$

`FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm`

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} -\frac{c R (p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m - R} \\ \frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m - R} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{c^2 (c^2 m^2 - m R + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2)}{c^2 m - R} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\% /. p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 \rightarrow (R^2 - m^2 * c^4) / c^2;$$

`FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm`

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} -\frac{c R (p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m - R} \\ \frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m - R} \\ 0 \\ R \end{array} \right)$$

This is the last bi-spinor (27), on page 368, in Fermi's lectures multiplied by +R.

5.3 Fermi's bi-spinors are linearly dependent:

The (transposed) matrix of all four Fermi's bi-spinor (26-27) in Appendix B, page 368, in reverse order:

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{ { (c * (p1 - I * p2)) / (R - m * c^2), -(c * p3) / (R - m * c^2), 0, 1},
  { (c * p3) / (R - m * c^2), (c * (p1 + I * p2)) / (R - m * c^2), 1, 0},
  {0, 1, (c * (p1 - I * p2)) / (R + m * c^2), -(c * p3) / (R + m * c^2)},
  {1, 0, (c * p3) / (R + m * c^2), (c * (p1 + I * p2)) / (R + m * c^2)} } // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{c(p_1 - i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} & -\frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} & \frac{c(p_1 + i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{c(p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} & -\frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} & \frac{c(p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Transpose[%] // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{c(p_1 - i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} & -\frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c p_3}{-c^2 m + R} & \frac{c(p_1 + i p_2)}{-c^2 m + R} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{c(p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} & -\frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} & \frac{c(p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Det[%];
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FullSimplify[%]
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$$\frac{(c^4 m^2 - R^2 + c^2 (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2))^2}{(-c^4 m^2 + R^2)^2}$$

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% /. p1^2 + p2^2 + p3^2 -> (R^2 - m^2 * c^4) / c^2
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0
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Thus the determinant of all four Fermi's bi-spinors (26-27), on page 368, is zero.

5.4 Verification of correct solutions in (19.18):

This is the matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.26), once again:

```
{ {m * c^2, 0, c * p3, c * (p1 - I * p2)}, {0, m * c^2, c * (p1 + I * p2), -c * p3},
  {c * p3, c * (p1 - I * p2), -m * c^2, 0}, {c * (p1 + I * p2), -c * p3, 0, -m * c^2} } // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} c^2 m & 0 & c p_3 & c(p_1 - i p_2) \\ 0 & c^2 m & c(p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 \\ c p_3 & c(p_1 - i p_2) & -c^2 m & 0 \\ c(p_1 + i p_2) & -c p_3 & 0 & -c^2 m \end{pmatrix}$$

These are two bi-spinors (19.19) for the positive energy eigenvalues:

```
{ {1, 0}, {0, 1}, { (c * p3) / (R + m * c^2), (c * (p1 - I * p2)) / (R + m * c^2)},
  { (c * (p1 + I * p2)) / (R + m * c^2), -(c * p3) / (R + m * c^2)} } // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} & \frac{c(p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} \\ \frac{c(p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m + R} & -\frac{c p_3}{c^2 m + R} \end{pmatrix}$$

Evaluating the product:

```
{ {m*c^2, 0, c*p3, c*(p1 - I*p2)}, {0, m*c^2, c*(p1 + I*p2), -c*p3},
  {c*p3, c*(p1 - I*p2), -m*c^2, 0}, {c*(p1 + I*p2), -c*p3, 0, -m*c^2} }.
  {{1, 0}, {0, 1}, {(c*p3)/(R + m*c^2), (c*(p1 - I*p2))/(R + m*c^2)},
  {(c*(p1 + I*p2))/(R + m*c^2), -(c*p3)/(R + m*c^2)}};
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FullSimplify[
  %];
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% /. p1^2 + p2^2 + p3^2 -> (R^2 - m^2*c^4) / c^2;
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FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \\ \frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m+R} & \frac{c R (p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} \\ \frac{c R (p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} & -\frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m+R} \end{pmatrix}$$

Those are our bi-spinors (19.19), up to normalization, or Fermi's first set (26), on page 368, multiplied by +R.

These are two bi-spinors (19.20) for the negative energy eigenvalues:

```
{{ (c*p3)/(R + m*c^2), (c*(p1 - I*p2))/(R + m*c^2)},
  {(c*(p1 + I*p2))/(R + m*c^2), -(c*p3)/(R + m*c^2)}, {-1, 0}, {0, -1}} // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{c p_3}{c^2 m+R} & \frac{c (p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} \\ \frac{c (p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} & -\frac{c p_3}{c^2 m+R} \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Evaluating the product:

```
FullSimplify[{ {m*c^2, 0, c*p3, c*(p1 - I*p2)}, {0, m*c^2, c*(p1 + I*p2), -c*p3},
  {c*p3, c*(p1 - I*p2), -m*c^2, 0}, {c*(p1 + I*p2), -c*p3, 0, -m*c^2} }.
  {{ (c*p3)/(R + m*c^2), (c*(p1 - I*p2))/(R + m*c^2)},
  {(c*(p1 + I*p2))/(R + m*c^2), -(c*p3)/(R + m*c^2)}, {-1, 0}, {0, -1}}];
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% /. p1^2 + p2^2 + p3^2 -> (R^2 - m^2*c^4) / c^2;
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FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m+R} & -\frac{c R (p_1 - i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} \\ -\frac{c R (p_1 + i p_2)}{c^2 m+R} & \frac{c R p_3}{c^2 m+R} \\ R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$$

Those are our bi-spinors (19.20) multiplied by -R.

19.6. Relativistic Helicity States

6.2 Nonrelativistic Helicity States

Equation (19.45): the first matrix.

$$\left\{ \left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], -\text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2] \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

Equation (19.45): the second matrix.

$$\left\{ \left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ -\text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

Their product:

$$\left\{ \left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], -\text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2] \right\} \right\} \cdot \\ \left\{ \left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ -\text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & 2 e^{-i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ 2 e^{i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ e^{i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Cos}[\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the r.h.s of (19.45).

Checking (19.40) by matrix multiplication; both equations together as presented in the l.h.s. of (19.46):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ e^{i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Cos}[\theta] \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the r.h.s of (19.40&46).

Verification of equations (19.41): the spinor (19.38) and its Hermitian conjugate.

$$\left\{ \left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2] \right\}, \left\{ \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2] \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

Transpose[%];

% /. $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$ // MatrixForm

$$\left(e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \quad e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \right)$$

For the first component of (19.41) with the first Pauli matrix:

{{0, 1}, {1, 0}} // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \quad e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%]

{{Cos[ϕ] Sin[θ]}}

[This is the first component of the polarization vector in (19.36).]

In a similar fashion, for the second component of (19.41):

$$\left(e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \quad e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%]

{{Sin[θ] Sin[ϕ]}}

For the third component of (19.41):

$$\left(e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \quad e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%]

{{Cos[θ]}}

Thus, all three components of the first (19.41), with plus, are given by:

$$\left\{ \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right\};$$

FullSimplify[%];

MatrixForm[%]

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\cos[\phi] \sin[\theta]) \\ (\sin[\theta] \sin[\phi]) \\ (\cos[\theta]) \end{pmatrix}$$

In a similar fashion, for the spinor (19.39) and its Hermitian conjugate.

$$\left\{ \{-\sin[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi)/2]\}, \{\cos[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi)/2]\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

Transpose[%];

% /. $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$ // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

All three components of the second (19.41), with minus, are:

$$\left\{ \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right\};$$

FullSimplify[%];

MatrixForm[%]

$$\begin{pmatrix} (-\cos[\phi] \sin[\theta]) \\ (-\sin[\theta] \sin[\phi]) \\ (-\cos[\theta]) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus both equations (19.41) are verified.

6.6 Relativistic Helicity States

■ Helicity States

Checking action of the helicity operator (19.34) on all four bi-spinors in (19.104-105) and (19.131-132), $(\Sigma \cdot n) \mathcal{V} = ?$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & 0 & 0 \\ e^{i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Cos}[\theta] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Cos}[\theta] \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This implies that for the first two bi-spinors, given by (19.104)-(19.105), the helicity signs are + and -. But for the last ones, given by (19.131)-(19.132), the helicity signs are - and +. Why? [Hint: Compare two solutions, say, in (19.159), and/or in (19.62) and (19.115), for $E > 0$ and $E < 0$, respectively.]

■ Hamiltonian and bi-spinors in matrix form

Hamiltonian $H / (mc^2)$ in (19.94) in parametrization (19.102):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Checking the first two bi-spinors in (19.104-105) by matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \text{Cos}[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

TensorProduct[{(1 - η²) / (1 + η²)}, {%}];

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{array} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare with (19.104-105) - that is correct for the positive energy eigenvalues E=R>0.

Checking the last two bi-spinors in (19.131-132) by matrix multiplication, with p → -p or η → -η, in the Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

TensorProduct[{(1 - η²) / (1 + η²)}, {%}];

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\begin{array}{cc} -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{array} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare with (19.131-132). The eigenvalue problem is verified for the negative energy eigenvalues $E = -R < 0$.

Let us combine both cases together, for the future consideration, and use only one Hamiltonian below. Then, checking all four bi-spinors in (19.104-105) and (19.131-132), with $p \rightarrow -p$ or $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$, by matrix multiplication, namely, $H\psi = R\tilde{\psi}$, one gets:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is our matrix $R\tilde{\psi} / (mc^2)$; see (19.97).

Det[%];

FullSimplify[%]

$$\frac{(1+\eta^2)^6}{(-1+\eta^2)^4}$$

Recall the matrix \mathcal{V} once again:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix};$$

Det[%];

FullSimplify[%]

$$(1+\eta^2)^2$$

Thus, all four bi-spinors in (19.104-105), the first two columns, and in (19.131-132), with $p \rightarrow -p$ or $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$ in the last two ones, are linearly independent.

Practice: multiplication of matrix $R / (mc^2) \star \tilde{\psi}$ by the reciprocal of the energy constant:

TensorProduct[{{(1-η²)/(1+η²)},

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix} \right\};$$

(* Matrix $\tilde{\nu}$: *) FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Here, the first two columns correspond to positive energy eigenvalues and the last two - to the negative energy eigenvalues.

Checking all four bi-spinors in (19.104-105) and (19.131-132), with $p \rightarrow -p$ or $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$, by matrix multiplication, in the second relation (19.97), $H \tilde{\nu} = R \nu$:

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{-2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{-2e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta\cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right);$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}\eta(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(\eta+\eta^3)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}}(1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

This is the matrix $R \nu / (mc^2)$; see (19.97).

Practice: multiplication of matrix $R / (mc^2) * \nu$ by the reciprocal of the energy constant:

TensorProduct[{{(1 - η²) / (1 + η²)},

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} (1+\eta^2) \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]}{-1+\eta^2} \end{array} \right\};$$

(★ Matrix \mathcal{V} : ★) FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{array} \right)$$

Squared Hamiltonian is diagonal (19.95), $(H / (mc^2))^2 = R^2 \mathcal{I}$:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{-2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{-2e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{2e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right);$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{(1+\eta^2)^2}{(-1+\eta^2)^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{(1+\eta^2)^2}{(-1+\eta^2)^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{(1+\eta^2)^2}{(-1+\eta^2)^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{(1+\eta^2)^2}{(-1+\eta^2)^2} \end{array} \right)$$

■ Inverses

We also need \mathcal{V}^{-1} :

$$\text{Inverse} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{array} \right];$$

Here, both matrix products are the same:

`Simplify[% - %%] // MatrixForm`

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

`Simplify[TensorProduct[{(1 + η²) / (1 - η²)},`

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 + \frac{2}{1+\eta^2} & 0 & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & \frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & -1 + \frac{2}{1+\eta^2} & \frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} \\ \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & \frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & 1 - \frac{2}{1+\eta^2} & 0 \\ \frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{1+\eta^2} & 0 & 1 - \frac{2}{1+\eta^2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

This is Dirac's Hamiltonian in the units (19.102).

Indeed, recall that the Hamiltonian $H / (mc^2)$ in (19.94) in parametrization (19.102) has the identical form:

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

`Simplify[% -`

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} \\ -\frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -\frac{2e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & \frac{2\eta \cos[\theta]}{-1+\eta^2} & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Convenient form of $\tilde{\mathcal{V}} \cdot \mathcal{V}^{-1}$:

Here we verify the projection operators, describing the polarization of spin one-half particles, introduced by Mitchel and Wightman (Figure 19.3, Ref. [36]), by direct matrix multiplications.

Case $E>0$ and $\lambda=1/2$. Identities (19.126)-(19.130):

Let us construct the tensor product in the l.h.s. of (19.124). This is our bi-spinor (19.104):

$$\left\{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I*\phi)/2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I*\phi)/2], \right. \\ \left. \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I*\phi)/2], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I*\phi)/2] \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is its complex conjugate:

$$\% /. \phi \rightarrow -\phi // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the Dirac conjugate:

$$\{ \{1, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 1, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, -1, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, -1\} \} \cdot \{ \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I*\phi)/2], \\ \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I*\phi)/2], \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I*\phi)/2], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I*\phi)/2] \}$$

$$\left\{ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \right\}$$

$$\% // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is their tensor product (19.130):

$$\text{TensorProduct}\left[\left\{\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\text{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[\left(\text{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], \eta * \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\text{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], \eta * \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[\left(\text{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right]\right\}, \left\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -\eta e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -\eta e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right\}\right] // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\% /. \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} * \text{Sin}[\theta] // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{array} \right)$$

This is the matrix in (19.130).

This is the matrix in (19.126):

$$\left\{ \left\{ 1, \theta, -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi] \right\}, \left\{ \theta, 1, -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta] \right\}, \left\{ \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi], -\eta^2, \theta \right\}, \left\{ \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \theta, -\eta^2 \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \theta & -\eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \theta & 1 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta \text{Cos}[\theta] \\ \eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta^2 & \theta \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & \theta & -\eta^2 \end{array} \right)$$

This is the matrix in our equation just before (19.130):

$$\left\{ \left\{ \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, \left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi], -\eta, \theta \right\}, \left\{ \left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, \theta, -\eta \right\}, \left\{ \eta, \theta, \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, -\left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi] \right\}, \left\{ \theta, \eta, -\left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 \right\} \right\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \left(1 + \eta^2\right) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta & \theta \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \left(1 + \eta^2\right) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \theta & -\eta \\ \eta & \theta & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \left(1 + \eta^2\right) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \theta & \eta & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \left(1 + \eta^2\right) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{array} \right)$$

This is multiplication of the last two matrices

$$\left\{ \left\{ 1, \theta, -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi] \right\}, \left\{ \theta, 1, -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta] \right\}, \left\{ \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi], -\eta^2, \theta \right\}, \left\{ \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \theta, -\eta^2 \right\} \right\} .$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, \left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi], -\eta, \theta \right\}, \left\{ \left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, \theta, -\eta \right\}, \left\{ \eta, \theta, \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2, -\left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-\text{I} * \phi] \right\}, \left\{ \theta, \eta, -\left(1/2\right) * \left(1 + \eta^2\right) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[\text{I} * \phi], \left(\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 - \eta^2 * \left(\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right)^2 \right\};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we compare this result with (19.130):

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix} - (1-\eta^2) * \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\sin[\theta] & -\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\sin[\theta] & \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -\eta^2\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2\sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & \eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2\sin[\theta] & -\eta^2\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the first matrix identity (19.124) is verified.

Case E>0 and λ=-1/2. The second identity (19.124):

This is the second tensor product in (19.124), for the bi-spinor (19.105):

$$\text{TensorProduct}\left[\left\{\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\mathbf{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[\left(\mathbf{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], -\eta * \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\mathbf{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right], \eta * \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] * \text{Exp}\left[\left(\mathbf{I} * \phi\right) / 2\right]\right\}, \left\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], \eta e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -\eta e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right\}\right] // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{i\phi} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\% /. \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} * \sin[\theta] // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\sin[\theta] & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2 \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2 \sin[\theta] & -\eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the second polarization density matrix in the l.h.s. of (19.124).

The matrix in (19.126):

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{1, \theta, -\eta \cos[\theta], -\eta \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi]\}, \\ & \{0, 1, -\eta \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], \eta \cos[\theta]\}, \{ \eta \cos[\theta], \eta \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi], -\eta^2, 0\}, \\ & \{ \eta \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], -\eta \cos[\theta], 0, -\eta^2\} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & -\eta \cos[\theta] & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] \\ 0 & 1 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \cos[\theta] \\ \eta \cos[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta^2 & 0 \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos[\theta] & 0 & -\eta^2 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

should be multiplied by the matrix in the next equation to (19.134):

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{ (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \cos[\theta/2]^2, -(1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi], \eta, 0\}, \\ & \{ -(1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\theta/2]^2, 0, \eta\}, \\ & \{ -\eta, 0, (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\theta/2]^2, (1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi]\}, \\ & \{ 0, -\eta, (1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \cos[\theta/2]^2\} \} // \text{MatrixForm} \\ & \left(\begin{array}{cccc} -\eta^2 \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 + \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \eta & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & 0 & \eta \\ -\eta & 0 & \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \\ 0 & -\eta & \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & -\eta^2 \cos[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 + \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \{1, \theta, -\eta \cos[\theta], -\eta \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi]\}, \{0, 1, -\eta \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], \eta \cos[\theta]\}, \\ & \{ \eta \cos[\theta], \eta \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi], -\eta^2, 0\}, \{ \eta \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], -\eta \cos[\theta], 0, -\eta^2\} \} . \\ & \{ \{ (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \cos[\theta/2]^2, -(1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi], \eta, 0\}, \\ & \{ -(1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\theta/2]^2, 0, \eta\}, \\ & \{ -\eta, 0, (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \sin[\theta/2]^2, (1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[-i\phi]\}, \\ & \{ 0, -\eta, (1/2) \cos[\theta] (1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \exp[i\phi], (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 \cos[\theta/2]^2\} \} ; \\ & \text{FullSimplify[\%]} // \text{MatrixForm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{2} (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \cos[\theta]) \\ \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \cos[\theta]) \end{array} \right)$$

Checking the matrix identity:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) \\ \eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) \end{pmatrix}^*$$

$$(-1+\eta^2)*\begin{pmatrix} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\sin[\theta] & \eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\sin[\theta] & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & \eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\eta\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -\eta^2\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2\sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -\eta\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2\sin[\theta] & -\eta^2\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the second matrix identity (19.124) is verified by Mathematica.

Case E<0 and λ=-1/2. Identities (19.125), (19.134-135):

This is the matrix in (19.134):

$$\{\{\eta^2, \theta, -\eta*\cos[\theta], -\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi]\}, \{0, \eta^2, -\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], \eta*\cos[\theta]\}, \{\eta*\cos[\theta], \eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi], -1, \theta\}, \{\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], -\eta*\cos[\theta], \theta, -1\}\} // MatrixForm$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 & \theta & -\eta\cos[\theta] & -e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] \\ 0 & \eta^2 & -e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & \eta\cos[\theta] \\ \eta\cos[\theta] & e^{-i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -1 & \theta \\ e^{i\phi}\eta\sin[\theta] & -\eta\cos[\theta] & \theta & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the matrix in the next equation to (19.134):

$$\{\{(\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\cos[\theta/2])^2, -(1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi], \eta, \theta\}, \{-(1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\sin[\theta/2])^2, \theta, \eta\}, \{-\eta, \theta, (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\sin[\theta/2])^2, (1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi]\}, \{\theta, -\eta, (1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\cos[\theta/2])^2\}\} // MatrixForm$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\eta^2\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta & \theta \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \theta & \eta \\ -\eta & \theta & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ \theta & -\eta & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & -\eta^2\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is multiplication of the last two matrices:

$$\{\{\eta^2, \theta, -\eta*\cos[\theta], -\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi]\}, \{0, \eta^2, -\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], \eta*\cos[\theta]\}, \{\eta*\cos[\theta], \eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi], -1, \theta\}, \{\eta*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], -\eta*\cos[\theta], \theta, -1\}\}.$$

$$\{\{(\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\cos[\theta/2])^2, -(1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi], \eta, \theta\}, \{-(1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\sin[\theta/2])^2, \theta, \eta\}, \{-\eta, \theta, (\cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\sin[\theta/2])^2, (1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[-I*\phi]\}, \{\theta, -\eta, (1/2)*(1+\eta^2)*\sin[\theta]*\exp[I*\phi], (\sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2*(\cos[\theta/2])^2\}\};$$

`FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm`

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & (-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we compare this result with (19.135):

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta^2(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}(-1+\eta^2)(1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2}\eta(-1+\eta^2)(-1+\cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}(-1+\eta^2)\sin[\theta] & (-1+\eta^2)\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix} -$$

$$(1-\eta^2) * \begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta^2 \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta^2 \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi}\eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2}e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the matrix identity under consideration is verified.

Determinant (19.136):

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$(-1+\eta^2)^2$$

This is (19.136).

Finally, let us construct the tensor product in the l.h.s. of (19.125). This is our bi-spinor (19.131):

$\{\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2],$
 $\text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2]\} // \text{MatrixForm}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is its complex conjugate:

$\% /. \phi \rightarrow -\phi // \text{MatrixForm}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the Dirac conjugate:

$\{\{1, \theta, \theta, \theta\}, \{\theta, 1, \theta, \theta\}, \{\theta, \theta, -1, \theta\}, \{\theta, \theta, \theta, -1\}\} \cdot \{\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2],$
 $\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2]\}$
 $\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\}$

$\% // \text{MatrixForm}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is their tensor product (19.135):

$\text{TensorProduct}\left[\{\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2],$
 $\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Cos}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Sin}[\theta/2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2]\},$
 $\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\}\} // \text{MatrixForm}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (1 + \cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta (1 + \cos[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \cos[\theta]) \\ \frac{1}{2} \eta (1 + \cos[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} (-1 + \cos[\theta]) \end{pmatrix}$$

This is our matrix in (19.135):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Case $E < 0$ and $\lambda = 1/2$. The last identity (19.125):

This is the last tensor product of bi-spinors (19.132) in the polarization density matrix (19.125):

$$\text{TensorProduct}\left[\left\{\eta \star \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \star \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\mathbf{I} \star \phi\right) / 2\right],\right.\right.$$

$$\left.\left.-\eta \star \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \star \text{Exp}\left[\left(\mathbf{I} \star \phi\right) / 2\right], -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \star \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\mathbf{I} \star \phi\right) / 2\right], \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \star \text{Exp}\left[\left(\mathbf{I} \star \phi\right) / 2\right]\right\},\right.$$

$$\left.\left\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\right\}\right] // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{-i\phi} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & e^{i\phi} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

`% /. Cos[$\frac{\theta}{2}$] Sin[$\frac{\theta}{2}$] \rightarrow $\frac{1}{2} \star \sin[\theta]$ // MatrixForm`

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & \eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta^2 \sin[\theta] & \eta^2 \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & \eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \\ -\eta \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} \sin[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \eta \sin[\theta] & -\eta \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} \sin[\theta] & -\cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here, the bi-spinor (19.132):

$$\{\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta / 2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta / 2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2], \\ -\text{Sin}[\theta / 2] * \text{Exp}[-(I * \phi) / 2], \text{Cos}[\theta / 2] * \text{Exp}[(I * \phi) / 2]\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

and its Dirac conjugate in the above tensor product:

$$\{e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right], -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \eta \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ e^{\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -e^{-\frac{i\phi}{2}} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the matrix in (19.134), once again:

$$\{\{\eta^2, \theta, -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-I * \phi]\}, \\ \{\theta, \eta^2, -\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[I * \phi], \eta * \text{Cos}[\theta]\}, \{\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-I * \phi], -1, \theta\}, \\ \{\eta * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[I * \phi], -\eta * \text{Cos}[\theta], \theta, -1\}\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 & \theta & -\eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & -e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \theta & \eta^2 & -e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta \text{Cos}[\theta] \\ \eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & e^{-i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -1 & \theta \\ e^{i\phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta \text{Cos}[\theta] & \theta & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the matrix in the equation that is the next to (19.129), once again:

$$\{\{\text{Cos}[\theta / 2]^2 - \eta^2 * \text{Sin}[\theta / 2]^2, (1 / 2) * (1 + \eta^2) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-I * \phi], -\eta, \theta\}, \\ \{(1 / 2) * (1 + \eta^2) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[I * \phi], \text{Sin}[\theta / 2]^2 - \eta^2 * \text{Cos}[\theta / 2]^2, \theta, -\eta\}, \\ \{\eta, \theta, \text{Sin}[\theta / 2]^2 - \eta^2 * \text{Cos}[\theta / 2]^2, -(1 / 2) * (1 + \eta^2) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[-I * \phi]\}, \\ \{\theta, \eta, -(1 / 2) * (1 + \eta^2) * \text{Sin}[\theta] * \text{Exp}[I * \phi], \text{Cos}[\theta / 2]^2 - \eta^2 * \text{Sin}[\theta / 2]^2\}\} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta & \theta \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & \theta & -\eta \\ \eta & \theta & -\eta^2 \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 + \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \theta & \eta & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i\phi} (1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 - \eta^2 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The multiplication of the last two matrices results in:

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{{\eta^2, \theta, -\eta * Cos[\theta], -\eta * Sin[\theta] * Exp[-I * \phi]}, {\theta, \eta^2, -\eta * Sin[\theta] * Exp[I * \phi], \eta * Cos[\theta]},
{\eta * Cos[\theta], \eta * Sin[\theta] * Exp[-I * \phi], -1, \theta}, {\eta * Sin[\theta] * Exp[I * \phi], -\eta * Cos[\theta], \theta, -1}}.
{((Cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 * (Sin[\theta/2])^2, (1/2) * (1 + \eta^2) * Sin[\theta] * Exp[-I * \phi], -\eta, \theta),
{(1/2) * (1 + \eta^2) * Sin[\theta] * Exp[I * \phi], (Sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 * (Cos[\theta/2])^2, \theta, -\eta},
{\eta, \theta, (Sin[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 * (Cos[\theta/2])^2, -(1/2) * (1 + \eta^2) * Sin[\theta] * Exp[-I * \phi]},
{\theta, \eta, -(1/2) * (1 + \eta^2) * Sin[\theta] * Exp[I * \phi], (Cos[\theta/2])^2 - \eta^2 * (Sin[\theta/2])^2}};
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) \\ \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, we compare the results:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (-1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) \\ \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} \eta (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} (-1 + \eta^2) \text{Sin}[\theta] & \frac{1}{2} (-1 + \eta^2) (1 + \text{Cos}[\theta]) \end{pmatrix} -$$

$$(1 - \eta^2) * \begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta^2 \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta^2 \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta^2 \text{Cos}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & -\frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & \eta \text{Cos}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 \\ -\eta \text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Sin}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{-i \phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \eta \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\eta \text{Cos}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 & \frac{1}{2} e^{i \phi} \text{Sin}[\theta] & -\text{Cos}[\frac{\theta}{2}]^2 \end{pmatrix} ;$$

FullSimplify[%] // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, all cases of (19.124)-(19.125) are verified by Mathematica.

Appendix: Matrix Multiplication in Mathematica

Matrix multiplication

A = {{a11, a12}, {a21, a22}}

{{a11, a12}, {a21, a22}}

A // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} a11 & a12 \\ a21 & a22 \end{pmatrix}$$

B = {{b11, b12}, {b21, b22}}

{{b11, b12}, {b21, b22}}

B // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

{{a11, a12}, {a21, a22}}.{{b11, b12}, {b21, b22}} // MatrixForm


$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} b_{11} + a_{12} b_{21} & a_{11} b_{12} + a_{12} b_{22} \\ a_{21} b_{11} + a_{22} b_{21} & a_{21} b_{12} + a_{22} b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

A.B // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} b_{11} + a_{12} b_{21} & a_{11} b_{12} + a_{12} b_{22} \\ a_{21} b_{11} + a_{22} b_{21} & a_{21} b_{12} + a_{22} b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli matrices

Clear[{σ₁, σ₂, σ₃}]

 **Clear:** {σ₁, σ₂, σ₃} is not a symbol or a string.

σ₁ = {{0, 1}, {1, 0}} // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

σ₂ = {{0, -I}, {I, 0}} // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

σ₃ = {{1, 0}, {0, -1}} // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

σ₁.σ₂

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Simplify[%]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

{{0, 1}, {1, 0}}.{{0, -I}, {I, 0}} // MatrixForm

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

σ₁.σ₃

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

{{0, -1}, {1, 0}}

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{0, 1}, {1, 0}}.{1, 0}, {0, -1} // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $\sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3$ 
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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{0, -I}, {I, 0}}.{1, 0}, {0, -1} // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Tensor product

```
TensorProduct[{a, b, c}, {α, β, γ}] // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} a\alpha & a\beta & a\gamma \\ b\alpha & b\beta & b\gamma \\ c\alpha & c\beta & c\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

```
TensorProduct[{1, 2, 3}, {3, 1, 2}] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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v1 = {a, b, c} // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

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v2 = {α, β, γ} // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

```
TensorProduct[v1, v2] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

```
TensorProduct[{d}, { {a α a β a γ}, {b α b β b γ}, {c α c β c γ} }] // MatrixForm
```

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} a d \alpha & a d \beta & a d \gamma \\ b d \alpha & b d \beta & b d \gamma \\ c d \alpha & c d \beta & c d \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

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