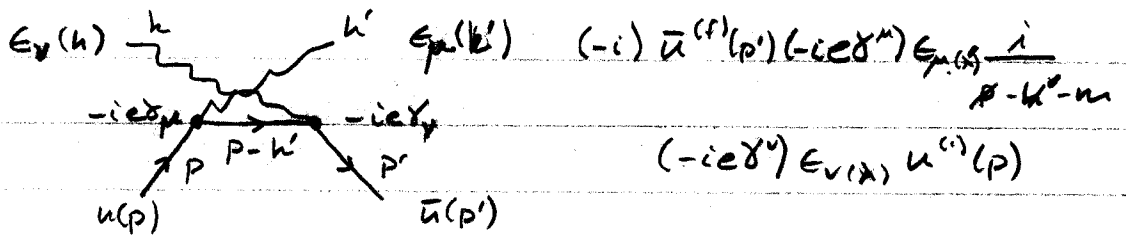
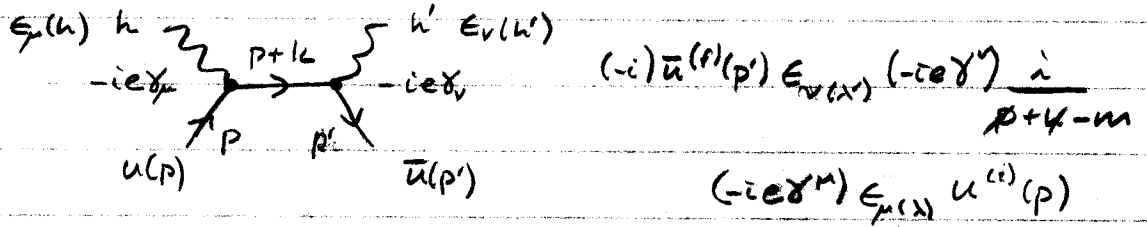


Compton - finish 1

Now let's do the Compton calculation as if we knew the rules all along. I want the cross section for $\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$ for an initial electron at rest.

$$\gamma(k) + e(p) \rightarrow \gamma(k') + e(p') \quad \text{to 2nd order.}$$



so,

$$T_{fi} = -e^2 \bar{u}^{(s')}(p') \not{\epsilon}' \frac{1}{\not{p} + \not{k} - m} \not{\epsilon} u^{(s)}(p) - e^2 \bar{u}^{(s')}(p') \not{\epsilon} \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}' - m} \not{\epsilon}' u^{(s)}(p)$$

simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\not{p} + \not{k} - m} &= \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{(\not{p} + \not{k})^2 - m^2} = \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{\cancel{p^2 + k^2} + 2p \cdot k - m^2} \\ &= \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{2p \cdot k} \\ \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}' - m} &= \frac{\not{p} - \not{k}' + m}{-2p \cdot k'} \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_H &= -e^2 \left[\bar{u}^{(+)}(p') \not{\epsilon}' \left(\frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{2p \cdot k} \right) \not{\epsilon} u^{(+)}(p) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \bar{u}^{(+)}(p) \not{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\not{p} - \not{k}' + m}{2p \cdot k} \right) \not{\epsilon}' u^{(+)}(p) \right] \\
 &= -e^2 \bar{u}^{(+)}(p') \left[\not{\epsilon}' \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{2p \cdot k} \not{\epsilon} - \not{\epsilon} \frac{\not{p} - \not{k}' + m}{2p \cdot k'} \not{\epsilon}' \right] u^{(+)}(p)
 \end{aligned}$$

Continue simplifying -

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{ (\not{p} + m) \not{\epsilon} u^{(+)}(p) \} &= (p_\alpha \gamma^\alpha + m) \epsilon_\mu \gamma^\mu u(p) \\
 &= (p_\alpha \epsilon_\mu \gamma^\alpha \gamma^\mu + m \not{\epsilon}) u(p) \\
 &= (-p_\alpha \epsilon_\mu \gamma^\mu \gamma^\alpha + p_\alpha \epsilon_\mu 2g^{\alpha\mu} + m \not{\epsilon}) u(p) \\
 &= [\not{\epsilon} (-\not{p} + m) u(p) + 2p \cdot \epsilon u(p)]
 \end{aligned}$$

from Dirac equation - asymptotically free -

$$(\not{p} - m) u(p) = 0$$

$$p_{\mu\alpha} = m u \Rightarrow (-\not{p} + m) u(p) = (-\not{p} + \not{p}) u(p) = 0$$

$$\{ \} = 2p \cdot \epsilon u^{(+)}(p)$$

likewise,

$$(\not{p} + m) \not{\epsilon}' u(p) = 2p \cdot \epsilon' u(p)$$

so,

$$T_H = -e^2 \bar{u}^{(+)}(p') \left[\frac{1}{2p \cdot k} \not{\epsilon}' (2p \cdot \epsilon + \not{k} \not{\epsilon}) - \frac{1}{2p \cdot k'} \not{\epsilon} (2p \cdot \epsilon' - \not{k}' \not{\epsilon}') \right] u^{(+)}(p)$$

We need to choose a gauge.

$$\text{Gauge invariance says: } \left. \begin{aligned} A^\mu(x) &\rightarrow A^\mu(x) + \delta^\mu \theta(x) \\ \text{and } \psi(x) &\rightarrow \psi(x) e^{-i\theta(x)} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{invariant}$$

$$\text{in momentum space: } \begin{aligned} E^\mu(k) &\rightarrow E^\mu(k) + \not{k}^\mu \\ E^\mu(k') &\rightarrow E^\mu(k') + \not{k}'^\mu \end{aligned}$$

The above amplitude is invariant with respect to them \rightarrow neither term alone is. That is, both graphs must be present in order to preserve gauge invariance.

I'll choose Coulomb gauge and a frame in which -

$$\begin{aligned} E^\mu &= (0, \vec{E}) & \Rightarrow & \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{k}' \cdot \vec{E}' = 0 \\ E'^\mu &= (0, \vec{E}') \\ p^\mu &= (m, 0) & p \cdot E &= p \cdot E' = 0 \quad \text{4 vectors} \end{aligned}$$

So, the amplitude further simplifies.

$$T_A = -e^2 \bar{u}^{(s)}(p) \left[\frac{1}{2p \cdot k} \not{\epsilon}' \not{k} \not{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2p \cdot k'} \not{\epsilon} \not{k}' \not{\epsilon}' \right] u^{(s)}(p)$$

The probability and then cross section requires us to square this. One could do this explicitly with spinor components and the Dirac matrices explicitly manipulated, however, there is a much easier way.

Suppose we will have unpolarized photons initially and an unpolarized electron "target". Further, we will presume no attempt to measure the polarization of the outgoing photon or electron - (we'll detect the outgoing photon.) FIRST, deal with electron stuff -

So

$$\overline{\sum_i \sum_f |T_{fi}|^2} = e^4 \overline{\sum_i \sum_f |\bar{u}^{(f)}(p') \Gamma u^{(i)}(p)|^2}$$

↙ average initial electron spin states $(\frac{1}{2S+1})$
↗ all stuff inside [] in T_{fi}

↑ sum final electron spin states

$$= e^4 \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_f \bar{u}_h^{(f)}(p') \Gamma_{hj} u_j^{(i)}(p) [\bar{u}_n^{(f)}(p') \Gamma_{nm} u_m^{(i)}(p)]^\dagger$$

↙ now only sum
 ↗ keeping track of the Dirac space matrix indices.

with:

$$\begin{aligned}
 []^\dagger &= (u^\dagger \gamma^0 \Gamma u)^\dagger = u^\dagger(p) \Gamma^\dagger \gamma^0 u(p') \\
 &= u^\dagger(p) \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \Gamma^\dagger \gamma^0 u(p') \\
 &= \bar{u}(p) \bar{\Gamma} u(p')
 \end{aligned}$$

where the standard notation $\bar{\Gamma} \equiv \gamma^0 \Gamma^\dagger \gamma^0$

So,

$$\overline{\sum_i \sum_f |T|^2} = e^4 \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_f \bar{u}_h^{(f)}(p') \Gamma_{hj} u_j^{(i)}(p) \bar{u}_m^{(i)}(p) \bar{\Gamma}_{mn} u_n^{(f)}(p')$$

the matrix elements can be rearranged - just numbers.

$$= \frac{e^4}{2} \underbrace{\sum_i u_j^{(i)}(p) \bar{u}_m^{(i)}(p)}_{\text{completeness}} \underbrace{\sum_f u_n^{(f)}(p') \bar{u}_h^{(f)}(p')}_{\text{projection operators}} \Gamma_{hj} \bar{\Gamma}_{mn}$$

completeness \rightarrow projection operators

Since we're not measuring helicities, we'll only project the + energy electron states.

$$= \frac{e^4}{2} (\not{p} + m)_{jm} (\not{p}' + m)_{nh} \Gamma_{hj} \bar{\Gamma}_{mn}$$

arrange numbers ^{back} to be proper order for matrix multiplication

$$= \frac{e^4}{2} (\not{p}' + m)_{nh} \Gamma_{hj} (\not{p} + m)_{jm} \bar{\Gamma}_{mn}$$

Casimir's
Trick.

↳ remember, a number -
in fact, the Trace

$$= \frac{e^4}{2} \text{Tr} [(\not{p}' + m) \Gamma (\not{p} + m) \bar{\Gamma}]$$

For this problem, $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} \not{\epsilon}' \not{y} \not{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2p \cdot k'} \not{\epsilon} \not{y}' \not{\epsilon}'$

So, we need to take the Trace of Dirac matrices -
lots of useful formulae and theorems:

- $\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu)$: $\mu=0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\gamma^0) = 0$
 $\mu=i \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\gamma^i) = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ \sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$

so

$$\boxed{\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu) = 0}$$

not very exciting.

- $\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)$: this is useful for $\text{Tr}(q \not{b}) = a_\mu b_\nu \text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu)$

note

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) + \text{Tr}(\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu) = 2g^{\mu\nu} \text{Tr}(\mathbb{1})$$

since $\text{Tr}(abc) = \text{Tr}(cab) = \dots$ this becomes,

$$2 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu] = 2g^{\mu\nu} \cdot 4$$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) = 4g^{\mu\nu}$$

so

$$\boxed{\text{Tr}(q \not{b}) = 4a_\mu b_\nu g^{\mu\nu} = 4a \cdot b}$$

- $\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda)$: trick... note $\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^5 \gamma^5 &= -\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\ &= +\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\ &= \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \\ &= -\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = +\gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) = \text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \gamma^5)$$

$$= \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5)$$

$$\text{also} \quad = -\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \gamma^5) = -\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) !$$

so,

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) = 0$$

indeed,

$$\boxed{\text{Tr}(\text{odd number } \gamma\text{'s}) = 0}$$

- For an even number, there's a theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n) &= a_1 a_2 \text{Tr}(a_3 \dots a_n) \\ &\quad - a_1 a_3 \text{Tr}(a_2 a_4 \dots a_n) \\ &\quad + \dots + (a_1 a_n) \text{Tr}(a_2 a_3 \dots a_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

this is since $a_1 a_2 = -a_2 a_1 + 2a_1 a_2$

so,

$$\text{Tr}(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n) = -\text{Tr}(a_2 a_1 a_3 \dots a_n) + 2a_1 a_2 \text{Tr}(a_3 \dots a_n)$$

which one just continues. -

- $n=4$ happens quite a bit. -

$$\text{Tr}(abcd) = 4 \left[(a_1 a_2)(a_3 a_4) - (a_1 a_3)(a_2 a_4) + (a_1 a_4)(a_2 a_3) \right]$$

- Finally, $\text{Tr}(\gamma_5 a b) = 0$

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma_5 a b c d) = -4i \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} a^\alpha b^\beta c^\gamma d^\delta$$

$$\epsilon^{1234} = +1$$

for me.

For our problem

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2p \cdot h} \not{a}' \not{h} \not{a} + \frac{1}{2p \cdot h'} \not{a} \not{h}' \not{a}'$$

We'll need some useful relations for the $\bar{\Gamma}$'s also.

note $\gamma^0 \not{a} + \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 (\gamma^0 a_0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{a})^+ \gamma^0$ (a, real)

$$= \gamma^0 (\gamma^0 a_0 - \vec{\gamma}^+ \cdot \vec{a}) \gamma^0$$

now $\gamma^i = \beta \alpha_i \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^{i+} &= \alpha_i^+ \beta^+ \\ &= \alpha_i \beta \\ &= -\beta \alpha_i = -\gamma^i \end{aligned}$$

so $\gamma^0 \not{a} + \gamma^0 = \gamma^0 (\gamma^0 a_0 + \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{a}) \gamma^0$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \gamma^0 \gamma^0 (\gamma^0 a_0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{a}) \\ &= \gamma^0 a_0 - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{a} = \not{a} \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$\gamma^0 \not{a} + \gamma^0 \equiv \boxed{\bar{\not{a}} = \not{a}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\bar{\gamma}^\mu = \gamma^\mu}$$

note also

$$\boxed{i \bar{\gamma}_5 = i \gamma_5}$$

so,

$$\begin{aligned} \not{a}' \not{h} \not{a} &= \gamma^0 (\not{a}' \not{h} \not{a})^+ \gamma^0 \\ &= \gamma^0 (\not{a}^+ \not{h}^+ \not{a}') \gamma^0 \\ &= \gamma^0 \not{a}^+ \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \not{h} \gamma^0 \gamma^0 \not{a}' \gamma^0 \\ &= \not{a}' \not{h} \not{a} \end{aligned}$$

} problem

generally

$$\boxed{\not{a} \not{b} \not{c} \dots \not{z} = \not{z} \dots \not{c} \not{b} \not{a}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{first term} &= \text{Tr} [\cancel{p'} \cancel{\epsilon'} \cancel{k} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{p} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{k} \cancel{\epsilon'}] \\ &= \text{Tr} [\cancel{p'} \cancel{\epsilon'} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{k} \cancel{p} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{\epsilon'}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } \{k, \epsilon\} = 2k \cdot \epsilon = 0 \Rightarrow k \epsilon = -\epsilon k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also, } k \cancel{p} \cancel{k} &= k (-k \cancel{p} + 2p \cdot k) \\ &= \underbrace{-k k \cancel{p}}_0 + 2k p \cdot k \\ &= 2k p \cdot k \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Tr}(A) = 2p \cdot k \text{Tr}(\cancel{p'} \cancel{\epsilon'} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{k} \cancel{p} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{\epsilon'})$$

$$= -2p \cdot k \text{Tr}(\cancel{p'} \cancel{\epsilon'} \cancel{k} \cancel{\epsilon} \cancel{p} \cancel{\epsilon'})$$

$$\epsilon^2 = -\vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{\epsilon} = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \text{Tr}(A) &= 2p \cdot k \text{Tr}(\cancel{p'} \cancel{\epsilon'} \cancel{k} \cancel{\epsilon'}) \\ &= 2p \cdot k \{ 4 (\underbrace{p' \cdot \epsilon' k \cdot \epsilon' - p' \cdot k \epsilon' \cdot \epsilon' + p' \cdot \epsilon' \epsilon' \cdot k}_{\text{}}) \} \\ &= 8p \cdot k (p' \cdot k + 2 p' \cdot \epsilon' k \cdot \epsilon') \end{aligned}$$

remember that eventually the target electron is going to be at rest so, $p \cdot \epsilon' = p \cdot \epsilon = 0$... so do that now to save work (don't generally evaluate in a frame until later).

Then

$$p' \cdot \epsilon' = (k + p - k') \cdot \epsilon' = \underbrace{k \cdot \epsilon'}_0 + \underbrace{p \cdot \epsilon'}_0 - \underbrace{k' \cdot \epsilon'}_0$$

know I have
the δ function

rest transverse

$$\text{Tr}(A) = 8p \cdot k (p' \cdot k + 2(k \cdot \epsilon')^2)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(B) &= \delta p \cdot h' [p' \cdot h' - 2 (h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2] \\ \text{Tr}(C) &= \delta p \cdot h p \cdot h' [2 (\varepsilon' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 - 1] \\ &\quad - \delta (h \cdot \varepsilon')^2 p \cdot h' + \delta (h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 h \cdot p \\ \text{Tr}(D) &= \text{Tr}(C) \end{aligned}$$

and we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \sum_F |T|^2 &= \frac{e^4}{2} \left\{ \frac{\delta p \cdot h}{(2p \cdot h)^2} [p' \cdot h + 2 (h \cdot \varepsilon')^2] \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta p \cdot h'}{(2p \cdot h')^2} [p' \cdot h' - 2 (h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{2p \cdot h 2p \cdot h'} \left\{ \delta p \cdot h p \cdot h' [2 (\varepsilon' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 - 1] \right. \\ &\quad \quad \left. - \delta (h \cdot \varepsilon')^2 p \cdot h' + \delta (h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 h \cdot p \right\} \\ &= 4e^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{4p \cdot h} [p' \cdot h + 2 (h \cdot \varepsilon')^2] \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4p \cdot h'} [p' \cdot h' - 2 (h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2] \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} [2 (\varepsilon' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 - 1] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(h \cdot \varepsilon)^2}{p \cdot h} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(h' \cdot \varepsilon')^2}{p \cdot h'} \right\} \\ &= e^4 \left\{ \frac{p' \cdot h}{p \cdot h} + 2 \frac{(h \cdot \varepsilon')^2}{p \cdot h} + \frac{p' \cdot h'}{p \cdot h'} - 2 \frac{(h' \cdot \varepsilon)^2}{p \cdot h'} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 [2 (\varepsilon' \cdot \varepsilon)^2 - 1] - 2 \frac{(h \cdot \varepsilon)^2}{p \cdot h} + 2 \frac{(h' \cdot \varepsilon')^2}{p \cdot h'} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Again, using overall 4-momentum conservation
(standard trick).

$$p+k = p'+k'$$

$$(p-k')^2 = (p'-k)^2$$

~~$$p^2 + k'^2 - 2p \cdot k' = p'^2 + k^2 - 2p' \cdot k$$~~

$$p \cdot k' = p' \cdot k$$

also, $(p+k)^2 = (p'+k')^2 \rightarrow p \cdot k = p' \cdot k'$

$$w_1 = e^4 \left\{ \frac{p' \cdot k}{p \cdot k} + \frac{p' \cdot k'}{p \cdot k'} + 2 \left[2(\epsilon' \cdot \epsilon)^2 - 1 \right] \right\}$$

$$= e^4 \left\{ \frac{p \cdot k'}{(p \cdot k)} + \frac{p \cdot k}{(p \cdot k')} + 2 \left[2(\epsilon' \cdot \epsilon)^2 - 1 \right] \right\}$$

now enter the frame,

$$p \cdot k' = m\omega'$$

$$p \cdot k = m\omega$$

$$= e^4 \left\{ \frac{m\omega'}{m\omega} + \frac{m\omega}{m\omega'} + 2 \left[2(\epsilon' \cdot \epsilon)^2 - 1 \right] \right\}$$

$$= e^4 \left[\frac{(\omega - \omega')^2}{\omega\omega'} + 4(\epsilon' \cdot \epsilon)^2 \right]$$