

Notes on the (two-)Weyl Fermi arcs

1 Notations

Let us consider the Bloch hamiltonian H ,

$$H = v \begin{pmatrix} -i\partial_3 & h - \partial_2 \\ h + \partial_2 & i\partial_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$h = \frac{[(-i\partial_1)^2 - k_0^2]}{2k_0}. \quad (1.2)$$

The parameters v and k_0 have respectively the dimensions of a velocity and of a momentum, so that the eigenvalues of H represent energy values. (In our notation, $\hbar = 1 = c$.) In \mathbb{R}^3 , the hamiltonian commutes with the components of the momentum, so one can put

$$\psi_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} \chi(\mathbf{p}). \quad (1.3)$$

One finds

$$H \chi(\mathbf{p}) = v \begin{pmatrix} p_3 & h(p_1) - ip_2 \\ h(p_1) + ip_2 & -p_3 \end{pmatrix} \chi(\mathbf{p}), \quad (1.4)$$

with

$$h(p_1) = \frac{p_1^2 - k_0^2}{2k_0} = \frac{(p_1 + k_0)(p_1 - k_0)}{2k_0}. \quad (1.5)$$

Therefore the eigenvalues of the hamiltonian are given by

$$H u(\mathbf{p}) = E(\mathbf{p}) u(\mathbf{p}), \quad H v(\mathbf{p}) = -E(\mathbf{p}) v(\mathbf{p}) \quad (1.6)$$

with

$$E(\mathbf{p}) = v \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) = v \sqrt{h^2(p_1) + p_2^2 + p_3^2}, \quad (1.7)$$

and the corresponding normalised “eigenspinors” take the form

$$u(\mathbf{p}) = n(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) + p_3 \\ h(p_1) + ip_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v(\mathbf{p}) = n(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} -h(p_1) + ip_2 \\ \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) + p_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.8)$$

where the normalization factor $n(\mathbf{n})$ is given by

$$n(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon(\mathbf{p})(\varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) + p_3)}} . \quad (1.9)$$

A direct computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^*(\mathbf{p})u_1(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\varepsilon + p_3}{2\varepsilon} , & u_1^*(\mathbf{p})u_2(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{h + ip_2}{2\varepsilon} \\ u_2^*(\mathbf{p})u_1(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{h - ip_2}{2\varepsilon} , & u_2^*(\mathbf{p})u_2(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\varepsilon - p_3}{2\varepsilon} ; \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} v_1^*(\mathbf{p})v_1(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\varepsilon - p_3}{2\varepsilon} , & v_1^*(\mathbf{p})v_2(\mathbf{p}) &= -\frac{h + ip_2}{2\varepsilon} \\ v_2^*(\mathbf{p})v_1(\mathbf{p}) &= -\frac{h - ip_2}{2\varepsilon} , & v_2^*(\mathbf{p})v_2(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\varepsilon + p_3}{2\varepsilon} . \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

So one finds

$$u_\alpha^*(\mathbf{p})u_\beta(\mathbf{p}) + v_\alpha^*(\mathbf{p})v_\beta(\mathbf{p}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} . \quad (1.12)$$

2 Boundary conditions in half space

We consider the manifold

$$M = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+ , \quad (x^1, x^2, x^3) \quad \text{with} \quad x^3 \geq 0 . \quad (2.1)$$

The boundary conditions so that H is hermitian,

$$\langle H\varphi | \psi \rangle = \langle \varphi | H\psi \rangle \quad (2.2)$$

for any state $|\psi\rangle$ and $\langle\varphi|$, imply

$$\varphi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \sigma^3 \psi(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{x^3=0} = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

Equation (2.3) is satisfied when each wave function $\psi(\mathbf{x})$ verifies

$$(\sigma^1 \cos \gamma + \sigma^2 \sin \gamma) \psi(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{x^3=0} = \psi(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{x^3=0} , \quad (2.4)$$

where the parameter $0 \leq \gamma \leq 2\pi$ characterises the boundary conditions. Since

$$\sigma(\gamma) \equiv (\sigma^1 \cos \gamma + \sigma^2 \sin \gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\gamma} \\ e^{i\gamma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad (2.5)$$

one finds

$$\sigma(\gamma) w(\gamma) = w(\gamma) , \quad \text{with} \quad w(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\gamma/2} \\ e^{i\gamma/2} \end{pmatrix} . \quad (2.6)$$

The complete set of solutions of the constraint (2.4) is composed of two parts: the so-called scattering states and the edge states.

2.1 Scattering states

The wave functions of the scattering states have the form

$$\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i(p_1x^1 + p_2x^2 - p_3x^3)} u(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_+(\mathbf{p})e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{p}) , \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i(p_1x^1 + p_2x^2 - p_3x^3)} v(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_-(\mathbf{p})e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v(\mathbf{p}) , \quad (2.8)$$

where $\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} = p_1x^1 + p_2x^2 + p_3x^3$, with $p_3 \geq 0$. They verify

$$H \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) = E(\mathbf{p}) \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) \quad , \quad H \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) = -E(\mathbf{p}) \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) . \quad (2.9)$$

One can imagine that $S_{\pm}(\mathbf{p})$ are the scattering transition amplitudes (or the element of the scattering matrix) for particles, with incoming momentum $(p_1, p_2, -p_3)$, which are scattered on the plane $x^3 = 0$ and have final momentum $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$. The boundary condition (2.4) means

$$u(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_+(\mathbf{p}) u(\mathbf{p}) \propto w(\gamma) \quad , \quad v(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_-(\mathbf{p}) v(\mathbf{p}) \propto w(\gamma) . \quad (2.10)$$

One finds

$$S_+(\mathbf{p}) = \left[\frac{\varepsilon + p_3}{\varepsilon - p_3} \right]^{1/2} \frac{-\varepsilon + p_3 + e^{-i\gamma}(h + ip_2)}{\varepsilon + p_3 - e^{-i\gamma}(h + ip_2)} , \quad (2.11)$$

$$S_-(\mathbf{p}) = - \left[\frac{\varepsilon + p_3}{\varepsilon - p_3} \right]^{1/2} \frac{\varepsilon - p_3 + e^{i\gamma}(h - ip_2)}{\varepsilon + p_3 + e^{i\gamma}(h - ip_2)} . \quad (2.12)$$

Note that

$$|S_{\pm}(\mathbf{p})| = 1 , \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$S_{\pm}^*(\mathbf{p}) = S_{\pm}(p_1, p_2, -p_3) . \quad (2.14)$$

2.2 Complex poles of the scattering matrix

The amplitudes S_{\pm} shown in equations (2.11) and (2.12) have poles in the complex p_3 -plane. In particular $S_+(\mathbf{p})$ has a pole when

$$p_3 = \tilde{p}_3 = i [p_2 \cos \gamma - h(p_1) \sin \gamma] , \quad (2.15)$$

and

$$h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \geq 0 . \quad (2.16)$$

In this case, one has

$$\varepsilon(p_1, p_2, \tilde{p}_3) = h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma . \quad (2.17)$$

On the other hand, $S_-(\mathbf{p})$ has a pole when

$$p_3 = \tilde{p}_3 = i [p_2 \cos \gamma - h(p_1) \sin \gamma] , \quad (2.18)$$

and

$$[h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma] \leq 0 . \quad (2.19)$$

In this case, one has

$$\varepsilon(p_1, p_2, \tilde{p}_3) = - [h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma] . \quad (2.20)$$

In order to determine the residues of the amplitudes which are associated to the previous poles, let us put

$$p_3 = \tilde{p}_3 + \epsilon . \quad (2.21)$$

Then

$$\mathcal{R}_+ = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon S_+(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma}{\sqrt{h^2 + p_2^2}} 2\tilde{p}_3 . \quad (2.22)$$

Similarly, in the case of S_- one gets

$$\mathcal{R}_- = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon S_-(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma}{\sqrt{h^2 + p_2^2}} 2\tilde{p}_3 \quad (2.23)$$

It is useful to compute the value of the spinors $u(\mathbf{p})$ and $v(\mathbf{p})$ when $p_3 = \tilde{p}_3$.

At the pole of $S_+(\mathbf{p})$, one finds

$$u(\mathbf{p}) \Big|_{p_3=\tilde{p}_3} = \sqrt{\frac{h + ip_2}{\varepsilon(p_1, p_2, \tilde{p}_3)}} w(\gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{h + ip_2}{h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma}} w(\gamma) , \quad (2.24)$$

and at the pole of $S_-(\mathbf{p})$ one gets

$$v(\mathbf{p}) \Big|_{p_3=\tilde{p}_3} = \sqrt{\frac{-h + ip_2}{\varepsilon(p_1, p_2, \tilde{p}_3)}} w(\gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{h - ip_2}{h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma}} w(\gamma) . \quad (2.25)$$

3 Completeness relations

In order to recover the completeness relations, let us consider the integral

$$I^{(+)} = \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{y}))_{\beta}^* (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}))_{\alpha} , \quad (3.1)$$

where the integral on the momenta is restricted by $p_3 \geq 0$. Let us define

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = (p_1, p_2, -p_3) . \quad (3.2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I^{(+)} &= \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} u_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} u_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) \right] \left[e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} u_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \right] \\ &= \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} u_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_+(\mathbf{p}) S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) u_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) + S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} u_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) u_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \right\} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Since $S_+^*(\mathbf{p})S_+(\mathbf{p}) = 1$, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int' \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} u_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_+^*(\mathbf{p}) S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \right\} = \\ & = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})} u_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where the last integral in d^3p is performed in all space, without constraints. Similarly, because of the identity (2.14),

$$S_+^*(\mathbf{p}) = S_+^*(p_1, p_2, p_3) = S_+(p_1, p_2, -p_3), \quad (3.5)$$

one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int' \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ S_+(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) + S_+^*(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} u_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) u_\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \right\} = \\ & = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{ip_3(x^3+y^3)} S_+(\mathbf{p}) u_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

In the computation of the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_3$, one has to note that since $x^3 \geq 0$ and $y^3 \geq 0$, one can integrate on a large semi-circle on the upper half-plane of the complex p_3 -plane. By means of the residue theorem, one then gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{ip_3(x^3+y^3)} S_+(\mathbf{p}) u_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) = \\ & = - \int \frac{d^2p}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{-[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma](x^3+y^3)} 2[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma] \times \\ & \quad \times w_\beta^*(\gamma) w_\alpha(\gamma) \Theta(p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma \geq 0) \Theta(h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \geq 0). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Let the wave function of the edge states with positive energy be

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) & = \sqrt{2[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} e^{i(p_1 x^1 + p_2 x^2)} e^{-x^3 [p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} w(\gamma) \times \\ & \quad \times \Theta(p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma \geq 0) \Theta(h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \geq 0). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Then,

$$I^{(+)} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})} u_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) u_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) - \int \frac{d^2p}{(2\pi)^2} [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{y})]_\beta^* [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x})]_\alpha. \quad (3.9)$$

Let us now consider

$$\begin{aligned} I^{(-)} & = \int' \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} v_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_-^*(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} v_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) \right] \left[e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} v_\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_-(\mathbf{p}) e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \right] \\ & = \int' \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} v_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_-^*(\mathbf{p}) S_-(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) v_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + S_-(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v_\beta^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) + S_-^*(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} v_\beta^*(\mathbf{p}) v_\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

As before, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} v_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) + S_{-}^*(\mathbf{p}) S_{-}(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \right\} = \\ & = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})} v_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

One also has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ S_{-}(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) + S_{-}^*(\mathbf{p}) e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{x}} v_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) v_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \right\} = \\ & = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{ip_3(x^3+y^3)} S_{-}(\mathbf{p}) v_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

By integrating on a large semi-circle in the complex p_3 -plane, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{ip_3(x^3+y^3)} S_{-}(\mathbf{p}) v_{\beta}^*(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) = \\ & = - \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ip_1(x^1-y^1)+ip_2(x^2-y^2)} e^{-[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma](x^3+y^3)} 2[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma] \times \\ & \quad \times w_{\beta}^*(\gamma) w_{\alpha}(\gamma) \Theta(p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma \geq 0) \Theta(h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \leq 0) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

Let the wave function of the edge states with negative energy be

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) & = \sqrt{2[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} e^{i(p_1 x^1 + p_2 x^2)} e^{-x^3 [p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} w(\gamma) \times \\ & \quad \times \Theta(p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma \geq 0) \Theta(h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \leq 0) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Then,

$$I^{(-)} = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})} v_{\beta}^*(\mathbf{p}) v_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) - \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{y})]_{\beta}^* [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x})]_{\alpha} . \quad (3.15)$$

Finally, by taking the sum of equations (3.9) and (3.15) one derives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int' \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{y}))_{\beta}^* (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}))_{\alpha} + (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{y}))_{\beta}^* (\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}))_{\alpha} \right\} \\ & + \int \frac{d^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} \left\{ [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{y})]_{\beta}^* [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x})]_{\alpha} + [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{y})]_{\beta}^* [\zeta_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x})]_{\alpha} \right\} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

This equation shows that the wave functions represent a complete set of states.

4 Summary of the one-particle wave functions

Scattering states:

$$\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i(p_1 x^1 + p_2 x^2 - p_3 x^3)} u(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_{+}(\mathbf{p}) e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{p}) , \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i(p_1 x^1 + p_2 x^2 - p_3 x^3)} v(p_1, p_2, -p_3) + S_-(\mathbf{p}) e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} v(\mathbf{p}), \quad (4.2)$$

with

$$H \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) = v \sqrt{h^2(p_1) + p_2^2 + p_3^2} \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(+)}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (4.3)$$

$$H \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}) = -v \sqrt{h^2(p_1) + p_2^2 + p_3^2} \phi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(-)}(\mathbf{x}). \quad (4.4)$$

Edge states:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) = & \sqrt{2[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} e^{i(p_1 x^1 + p_2 x^2)} e^{-x^3[p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma]} w(\gamma) \times \\ & \times \Theta(p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma), \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$H \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) = v(h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma) \zeta_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}). \quad (4.6)$$

5 Regions

The function

$$h = h(p_1) = \frac{p_1^2 - k_0^2}{2k_0}$$

is shown in Figure 1, and the value of h satisfies

$$-\frac{k_0}{2} \leq h \leq +\infty.$$

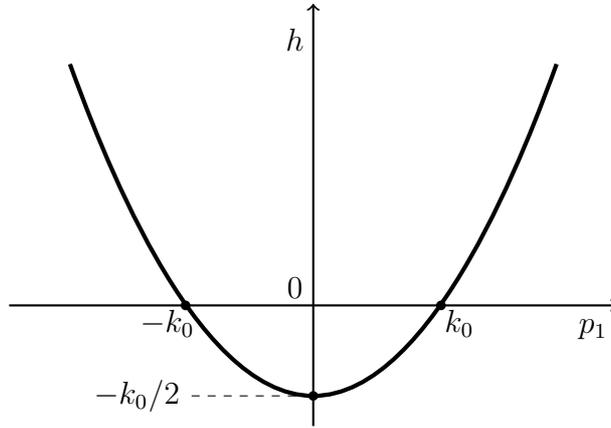


Figure 1

The region of the (p_2, h) -plane which is defined by the condition (existence of the bound edge states)

$$q_2 = q_2(p_1, p_2) = p_2 \cos \gamma - h(p_1) \sin \gamma \geq 0 \quad (5.1)$$

corresponds to the union of the two shaded regions which are shown in Figure 2, where it is assumed that $0 < \gamma < \pi/2$. The dotted (unlimited) region containing a plus sign (+) is defined by the constraint (5.1) and by the additional constraint (positive energy)

$$q_1 = q_1(p_1, p_2) = h(p_1) \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \geq 0 . \quad (5.2)$$

Whereas the (limited) region with pattern vertical lines, and containing a minus sign (-), is defined by the constraint (5.1) and by the additional constraint (negative energy)

$$q_1 = h \cos \gamma + p_2 \sin \gamma \leq 0 . \quad (5.3)$$

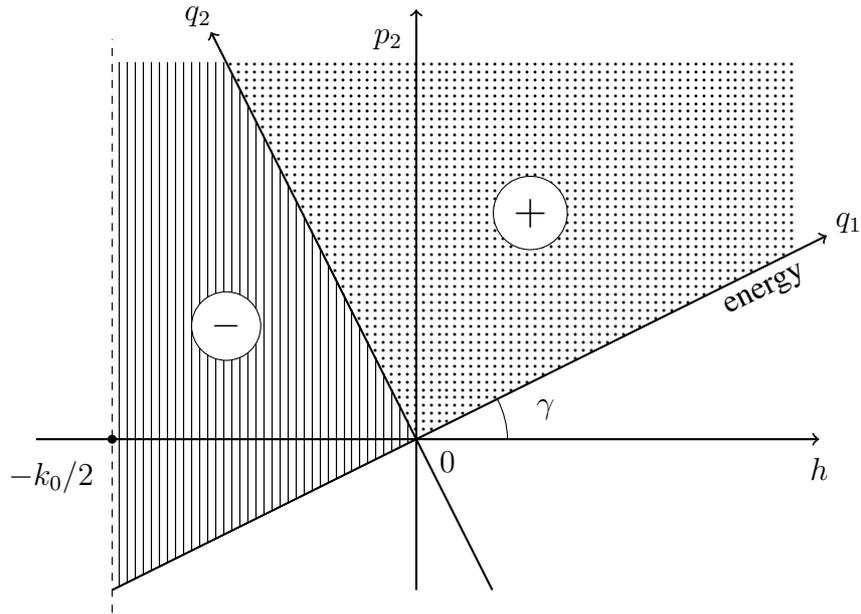


Figure 2

6 Fermi arcs

Let us concentrate on the edge states with vanishing energy.

6.1 ($\gamma = 0$)

When $\gamma = 0$, the vanishing value of the energy implies $h(p_1) = 0$ and then

$$p_1 = \pm k_0 . \quad (6.1)$$

The value of p_2 must be positive, but it can assume arbitrary values, as shown in Figure 3.

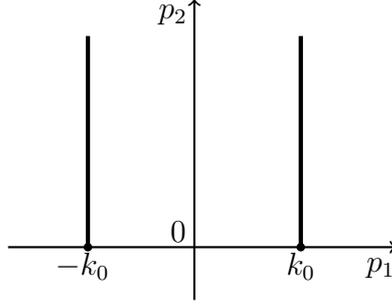


Figure 3. ($\gamma = 0$)

6.2 ($0 < \gamma < \pi/2$)

When $0 < \gamma < \pi/2$, the zero energy constraint gives

$$h(p_1) = -p_2 \tan \gamma, \quad (6.2)$$

which implies

$$p_2 = \frac{k_0^2 - p_1^2}{2k_0} \cot \gamma. \quad (6.3)$$

The existence of the boundary states condition reads

$$-h \cot \gamma \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma = -h \frac{1}{\sin \gamma} \geq 0, \quad (6.4)$$

which implies $h < 0$. Therefore, it must be $-k_0 \leq p_1 \leq k_0$, and the corresponding Fermi arc is shown in Figure 4.

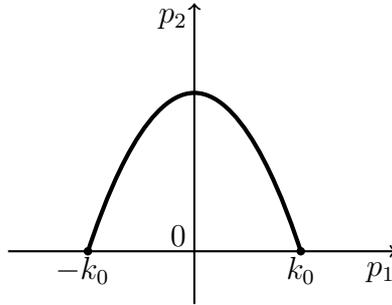


Figure 4. ($0 < \gamma < \pi/2$)

6.3 ($\gamma = \pi/2$)

When $\gamma = \pi/2$, the existence of edge states implies $h(p_1) \leq 0$ and then $-k_0 \leq p_1 \leq k_0$. The vanishing condition for the energy requires $p_2 = 0$. The Fermi arc is shown in Figure 5.

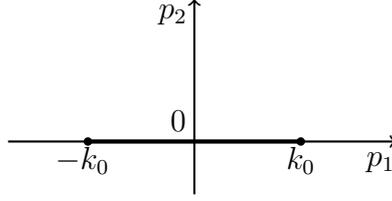


Figure 5. ($\gamma = \pi/2$)

6.4 ($\pi/2 < \gamma < \pi$)

When $\pi/2 < \gamma < \pi$, one has

$$\cos \gamma = -\cos(\pi - \gamma) < 0 \quad , \quad \sin \gamma = \sin(\pi - \gamma) > 0 .$$

The existence of edge states gives the constraint

$$p_2 \leq -h(p_1) \frac{\sin(\pi - \gamma)}{\cos(\pi - \gamma)} = \frac{k_0^2 - p_1^2}{2k_0} \tan(\pi - \gamma) . \quad (6.5)$$

On the other hand, the zero energy condition reads

$$p_2 = h(p_1) \frac{\cos(\pi - \gamma)}{\sin(\pi - \gamma)} = \frac{p_1^2 - k_0^2}{2k_0} \cot(\pi - \gamma) . \quad (6.6)$$

Therefore, the resulting Fermi arc is shown in Figure 6.

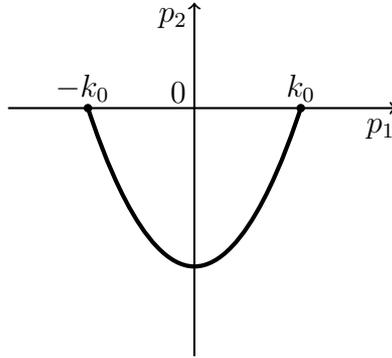


Figure 6. ($\pi/2 < \gamma < \pi$)

6.5 ($\gamma = \pi$)

When $\gamma = \pi$, the condition for the existence of edge states is given by

$$-p_2 \geq 0 , \quad (6.7)$$

and the zero energy constraint gives

$$-h(p_1) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad p_1 = \pm k_0 . \quad (6.8)$$

The associated Fermi arc is shown in Figure 7.

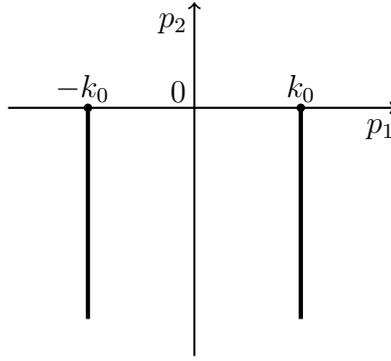


Figure 7. ($\gamma = \pi$)

6.6 ($-\pi < \gamma < -\pi/2$)

When $-\pi < \gamma < -\pi/2$, both $\cos \gamma$ and $\sin \gamma$ assume negative values. The zero energy condition gives

$$p_2 = -h(p_1) \frac{\cos \gamma}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{k_0^2 - p_1^2}{2k_0} \frac{\cos \gamma}{\sin \gamma}. \quad (6.9)$$

On the other hand, the existence of the edge states requires

$$p_2 \cos \gamma - h \sin \gamma = -h \frac{\cos^2 \gamma}{\sin \gamma} - h \sin \gamma \geq 0, \quad (6.10)$$

which implies

$$h(p_1) \geq 0, \quad (6.11)$$

and then $p_1 \leq -k_0$ or $p_1 \geq k_0$. The resulting Fermi arc is shown in Figure 8.

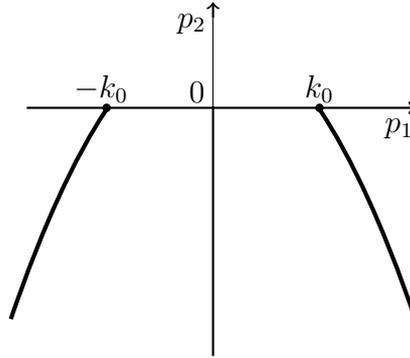


Figure 8. ($-\pi < \gamma < -\pi/2$)

6.7 ($\gamma = -\pi/2$)

When $\gamma = -\pi/2$, the zero energy condition gives

$$p_2 = 0, \quad (6.12)$$

whereas the constraint due to the existence of edge states reads

$$h(p_1) \geq 0 , \quad (6.13)$$

which implies that $p_1 \leq -k_0$ or $p_1 \geq k_0$. In this case, the Fermi arc is shown in Figure 9.

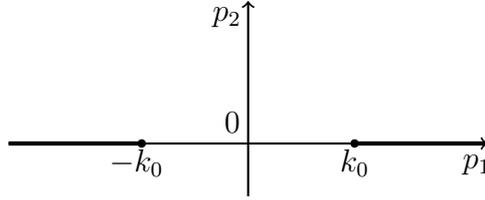


Figure 9. ($\gamma = -\pi/2$)

6.8 ($-\pi/2 < \gamma < 0$)

When $-\pi/2 < \gamma < 0$, one has $\cos \gamma > 0$ and $\sin \gamma = -|\sin \gamma| < 0$. The zero energy condition leads to

$$p_2 = h(p_1) \frac{\cos \gamma}{|\sin \gamma|} . \quad (6.14)$$

The existence of edge states condition states

$$h \frac{\cos^2 \gamma}{|\sin \gamma|} + h |\sin \gamma| = \frac{h}{|\sin \gamma|} \geq 0 , \quad (6.15)$$

which implies $p_1 \geq k_0$ and $p_1 \leq -k_0$. So the corresponding Fermi arc is shown in Figure 10.

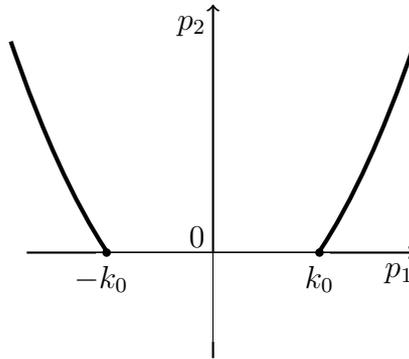


Figure 10. ($-\pi/2 < \gamma < 0$)

In what follows we shall consider the case in which

$$0 \leq \gamma \leq \pi .$$