

**Q. The (1+1)-D Dirac Hamiltonian in the presence of a potential  $V(x)$  can be written**

$$H_D = -i\alpha_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \beta m + V(x),$$

where  $\alpha_x = \sigma_1$  and  $\beta = \sigma_3$  ( $\sigma$ 's denote  $2 \times 2$  Pauli matrices).

Suppose that the potential  $V(x)$  is given by

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ V_0 (> 0), & 0 < x < a \\ 0, & x > a \end{cases}$$

i.e., we have a square barrier.

(i) When the particle is incident from the left with energy  $E(>m)$ , find the reflection and transmission coefficients.

(ii) If the potential is weak, i.e.,  $V_0 \ll m$ , does your finding reproduce the result of nonrelativistic scattering (based on the Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} ) ?$$

(iii) Discuss the result in the opposite limit  $V_0 \rightarrow \infty$ . In this case, can you provide a sensible interpretation on your finding ?