

Phy 523 PARTICLE PHYSICS
PROBLEM SHEET X- SOLUTIONS

46. Matrix element for

$$\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$$

It occurs through an exchange of W^- and Z^0

Feynman diagrams for $\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$

The factors at the vertices are given in the parenthesis:

$$e^- \nu_e W^+ : \frac{-ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5);$$

$$\nu_e e^- W^- : \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)$$

$$\nu_e \nu_e Z^0 : \frac{-ig}{2} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)$$

and

$$e^- e^- Z^0 : \left(\frac{ig}{4\cos(\theta)} \right) \gamma^\mu ((1 - 4\sin^2(\theta)) - \gamma_5)$$

The matrix elements are for (a)

$$N \frac{g^2}{8} \bar{u}_e(q_1) \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) e(p_1) (-i) \frac{\left(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{m_W^2} \right)}{(q^2 - m_W^2)} \bar{e}(q_2) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e(p_2) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2 - p_1 - p_2)$$

for(b)

$$N \frac{g^2}{8\cos(\theta)} \bar{e}(q_2) \gamma^\alpha (A_v - A_A \gamma_5) e(p_1) (-i) \frac{\left(\eta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{r_\alpha r_\beta}{m_Z^2} \right)}{(r^2 - m_Z^2)} \bar{\nu}_e(q_1) \gamma^\beta (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e(p_2) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2 - p_1 - p_2)$$

Here

$$N = \frac{1}{(16p_1^0 p_2^0 q_1^0 q_2^0)^{1/2}}, q = p_1 - q_1, r = p_1 - q_2, A_v = (1 - 4\sin^2(\theta)), A_A = 1$$

Matrix element for the reaction

$$\bar{\nu}_e(\mathbf{q}_1) + e^-(\mathbf{p}_1) \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e(\mathbf{q}_2) + e^-(\mathbf{p}_2)$$

This again goes through an exchange of W^- and Z^0 as shown in the figure. Feynman diagrams for

$$\bar{\nu}_e(q_1) + e^-(p_1) \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e(q_2) + e^-(p_2)$$

The matrix element is given by (the various factors for the vertices is written earlier)

$$M_a = N \frac{g^2}{8} (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_2 + q_2 - p_1 - q_1) \bar{v}_{\nu_e}(q_1) \gamma^\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) e(p_1) (-i) \frac{(\eta_{\alpha\beta} - \left(\frac{r_\alpha r_\beta}{M_W^2} \right))}{r^2 - M_Z^2} \bar{e}(p_2) \gamma^\beta (1 - \gamma_5) v_{\nu_e}(q_2)$$

and

$$M_B = N \frac{g^2}{8 \cos(\theta)} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_2 + q_2 - p_1 - q_1) \bar{e}(p_2) \gamma^\alpha (A_v - A_A \gamma_5) e(p_1) (-i) \frac{\eta_{\alpha\beta} - \left(\frac{(p_1 - q_2)_\alpha (p_1 - q_2)_\beta}{M_Z^2} \right)}{p_1 - q_2)^2 - M_Z^2} \bar{v}_{\nu_e}(q_2)$$



