

Do p. 10 a little better, why is $\bar{Q}_2 |p, h\rangle = \sqrt{4E} |p, h - \frac{1}{2}\rangle$?

"since Q is a spinor"

Helicity h was defined by taking Λ on p. 10 as rotation in 1,2 plane and $\hat{p} = (E, 0, 0, E)$

$$U(e^{i\theta J_3}) |\hat{p}, h\rangle = e^{i\theta h} |\hat{p}, h\rangle$$

$$J_3 |\hat{p}, h\rangle = h |\hat{p}, h\rangle$$

What is $J_3 \bar{Q}_2 |h\rangle$?

More generally, if $M^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu + \omega^\mu_\nu$ infinites. Lorentz
 $\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}$

$$U(\Lambda) = e^{i \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu}}, \quad M^{\mu\nu} = (M^{01}, M^{02}, M^{03}, M^{12}, M^{23}, M^{31})$$

operator $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow U(\Lambda) \mathcal{O} U^{-1}(\Lambda)$
 under Λ

$(K^1 \ K^2 \ K^3$	$J^3 \ J^1 \ J^2)$
boosts	rotations

then $\begin{cases} [M^{\mu\nu}, Q_a] = -i (\sigma^{\mu\nu})_a^b Q_b & \sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu - \sigma^\nu \bar{\sigma}^\mu) \\ [M^{\mu\nu}, \bar{Q}_a] = i \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu}{}_a^b \bar{Q}_b & \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} (\bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^\nu - \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^\mu) \end{cases}$

Analogous of $S^{-1}(\Lambda) \gamma^\nu S(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\nu_\rho \gamma^\rho$ $\sigma^\mu = (1, \bar{\sigma})$ $\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\bar{\sigma})$

$$\exp\{-\frac{1}{4} i \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu}\} \quad \sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

and one should get sth like

$$\bar{Q}_2 M_{12} - M_{12} \bar{Q}_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}_2 \sigma_3^b{}_a = \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}_2 \quad |h\rangle$$

$$\bar{Q}_2 M_{12} |h\rangle - M_{12} \bar{Q}_2 |h\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}_2 |h\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow J_3 \bar{Q}_2 |h\rangle = \underline{(h - \frac{1}{2})} \bar{Q}_2 |h\rangle$$

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Twistor space

Fourier: $p \rightarrow x$

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} e^{ipx} f(p)$$

Now $p = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}^a \Rightarrow \lambda_a \mu^a = \text{"twistor space"}$

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 Fourier only $\frac{1}{2}$ of p !

$$\tilde{f}(\mu^a) = \int \frac{d^2 \tilde{\lambda}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mu^a \tilde{\lambda}_a} f(\tilde{\lambda})$$

What is a plane wave $e^{ip \cdot y}$ in twistor space?

usual: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} e^{ip \cdot x} e^{ip \cdot y} = \delta(x+y)$

now $\int \frac{d^2 \tilde{\lambda}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mu^a \tilde{\lambda}_a} e^{ix^{aa} \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}^a} = \delta(\mu_a + x_{aa} \lambda^a)$

$\mu_a + x_{aa} \lambda^a = 0, a=1,2$ 2d subspace of Minkowski

As in Fourier space

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot x} \\ \int d^4 x e^{ip \cdot x} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \partial_p \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \leftrightarrow -ip_m \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial p^r} \leftrightarrow ix_r \end{array}$$

in twistor space

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\lambda}_a \rightarrow i \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^a} \\ -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}^a} \rightarrow \mu_a \end{array} \right.$$

so that

$$P_{aa} P^{aa} = P_{aa} (P^T)^{aa} = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & -B \\ -C & A \end{pmatrix}$$

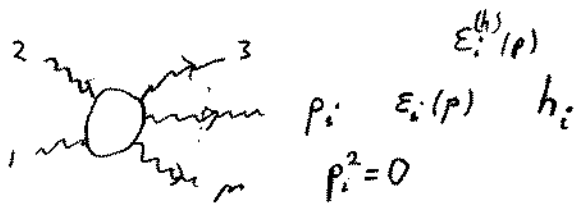
$$= \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} AD-BC & 0 \\ 0 & AD-BC \end{pmatrix} = 2 \det P_{aa} = 2 P_m P^m$$

Correction to p. 9:
 We have $\lambda^1 = \lambda_2, \lambda^2 = -\lambda_1$
 $\lambda^i = \lambda_j, \lambda^j = -\lambda_i$
 Thus if $P_{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$
 then $P^{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} D & -C \\ -B & A \end{pmatrix}$

Generalises to $\int p \cdot q = P_{aa} q^{aa} = \epsilon^{ab} \epsilon^{a'b'} P_{aa} q_{b'b}$

note!

Helicity amplitudes



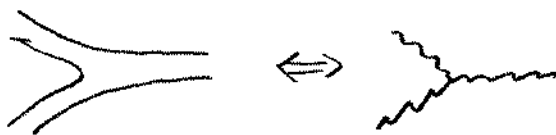
Deep theorem:

If a massless vector field theory with polarisation vector $\epsilon(p)$ is invariant under

$$\epsilon^\mu \rightarrow \epsilon^\mu + \eta(p) p^\mu \quad p^2 = 0$$

then it is a gauge theory

Important for strings since the vertex operators satisfy just this condition; theory of massless states of the (open) string is a gauge theory



For closed strings massless spectrum starts with

$$G_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi \Rightarrow \text{gravity } \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \epsilon^{\mu\nu} + \eta^\mu(p) p^\nu + \eta^\nu(p) p^\mu$$

Could one write the amplitude as $A(p_i, \epsilon_i^{(h_i)}(p_i)) \rightarrow A(p_i, h_i)^\pm$, i.e., is there a way of finding $\epsilon^{(h)}(p)$ up to γp given h ?

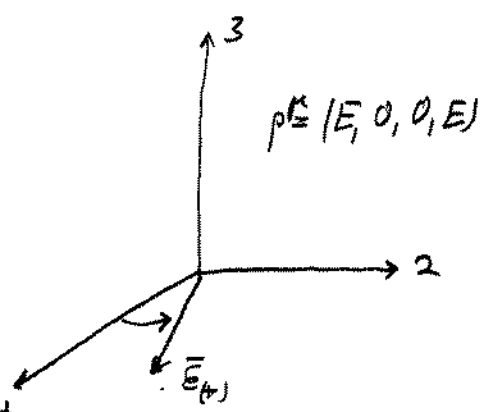
Simple in spinor formulation:

More on helicity: $\cos(\omega t - kz) - i \sin(\omega t - kz)$

ED: $\vec{E} = E_0 (\hat{e}_1 \pm i \hat{e}_2) e^{-i\omega t + ikz}$

$\Rightarrow E_x = \text{Re} \vec{E}_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)$

$E_y = \text{Re} \vec{E}_y = E_0 (\pm) \sin(\omega t - kz)$



$E_{(+)} \text{ at } z=0 \begin{cases} E_x = E_0 \cos \omega t \\ E_y = + E_0 \sin \omega t \end{cases}$

General properties: $\epsilon^* \rightarrow \epsilon^+$ in spinor formulation

$\epsilon_{(+)}^* = \epsilon_{(-)} \quad \epsilon_{(+)}^{\mu} \epsilon_{(+)}^{\nu} = 0, \quad \epsilon_{(+)}^{\mu} \epsilon_{(+)}^* = -1, \quad E(p) \cdot p = 0$

rotates clockwise seen in direction of motion \Rightarrow RH

$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{(+)}^{\mu} = (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$

$\epsilon_1^{(+)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad i \epsilon_2^{(+)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{cases} \epsilon_1^+ + i \epsilon_2^+ = 0 \\ \epsilon_1^+ - i \epsilon_2^+ = -\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$

$\epsilon_{aa}^{(+)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\epsilon_{aa}^{(-)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

A polarization vector can only be determined up to $\gamma p^\mu = \gamma E(1, 0, 0, 1)$

$p^0 + p^3 = 0$

Equally good ϵ 's

$\epsilon^+ + \gamma p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 2\gamma E \end{pmatrix} \quad \epsilon^- + \gamma p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 2\gamma E \end{pmatrix}$

This is in a special frame $p^\mu = (E, 0, 0, E)$. In the spinor formalism, one can write in a general frame, $p_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}$,

motivated below $\epsilon_{aa}^{(+)} = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{a}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{c}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{c}}} = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{a}}}{[\tilde{\lambda} \tilde{\mu}]}$ arbitrary "gauge spinor" $\epsilon_{aa}^{(+)} = \frac{\mu_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mu^c \lambda_c}$ $p_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}$

(or, as well

$\epsilon_{a\dot{b}}^{(+)} = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{b}}}{\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{c}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{c}}}$)

I seem to need these!?

[Idea: the gauge spinor μ_a is chosen to minimize computation]

Conditions:

(1) $\mathcal{L}\epsilon \cdot p = \epsilon_{aa} p^{aa} = N \lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a \lambda^a \tilde{\chi}^a = 0 \quad (\lambda_a \lambda^a = 0)$

(2) $\mathcal{L}\epsilon \cdot \epsilon = N \lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a \lambda^a \tilde{\mu}^a = 0$ Same for μ

(3) $\mathcal{L}\epsilon \cdot \epsilon^* = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\chi}^i \tilde{\mu}_i} \cdot \frac{\tilde{\chi}^a \mu^a}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda^c \mu_c} = -1$ $\tilde{\chi}_a = (A^*)_a$

needed! one needs Penrose to control indices & signs here!

Note: writing one must flip $a \leftrightarrow b$!

$$\mathcal{L}\epsilon \cdot \epsilon^* = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_b}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\chi}^c \tilde{\mu}_c} \cdot \frac{\tilde{\chi}^b \mu^a}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda^c \mu_c}$$

More on the $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$: We may ask what is the $\tilde{\mu}_a$ which gives $\epsilon_{(\pm)}^m + \gamma p^m$ when $p^m = (E, 0, 0, E) \Rightarrow \lambda_a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{2}E \end{pmatrix}$

We found

$$(\epsilon^{(\pm)} + \gamma p)_{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 2\gamma E \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tilde{\chi}^i \tilde{\mu}_i + \tilde{\chi}^2 \tilde{\mu}_2)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_1 & \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Need $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ to get this element!

$$\hookrightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2 \tilde{\mu}_1 - \tilde{\chi}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2 = \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_1 & \sqrt{2E} \tilde{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \frac{\tilde{\mu}_2}{\tilde{\mu}_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_a = z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\gamma \sqrt{2} E \end{pmatrix}$$

One also sees that $\epsilon_{aa}^{(\pm)} = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\chi}^a}$ has $h = -1$

(since $h = +$ produced $\epsilon^{(\pm)} + \gamma p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$)

which can only come from $\mu_a \tilde{\chi}_a$!)

(4) uniqueness: arbitrariness. in $\mu = \text{gauge tr}$

If $\tilde{\mu} \rightarrow \tilde{\mu} + A\tilde{\mu} + B\tilde{\lambda}$ (2 complex dots!)

then $\frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a}{\tilde{\lambda}^a \tilde{\mu}_a} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda_a (\tilde{\mu}_a + A\tilde{\mu}_a + B\tilde{\lambda}_a)}{\tilde{\lambda}^a (\tilde{\mu}_a + A\tilde{\mu}_a + B\tilde{\lambda}_a)} = \frac{(1+A)\lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_a + B\lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_a}{(1+A)\tilde{\lambda}^a \tilde{\mu}_a}$

$\Sigma_{a\dot{a}}^{(\pm)} \rightarrow \Sigma_{a\dot{a}}^{(\pm)} + \frac{B}{1+A} P_{a\dot{a}} = \text{gauge transformation}$

Spinor helicities $\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p} U(p) = \pm U(p)$ even with $m > 0$!

$(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi = 0$ \Rightarrow chiral rep $\begin{cases} i(-\cancel{\partial}_0 \psi_- - \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\partial} \psi_-) = 0 & i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\partial} \psi_- = 0 \\ i(-\cancel{\partial}_0 \psi_+ + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\partial} \psi_+) = 0 & i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\partial} \psi_+ = 0 \end{cases}$

$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_+ \\ \psi_- \end{pmatrix}$ $\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\partial} \psi = 0 \Rightarrow i\sigma_{a\dot{a}}^m \partial_\mu \psi^a = 0$

$\psi^a = \lambda^a e^{ip \cdot x} \Rightarrow \sigma_{a\dot{a}}^m \lambda^a p_{\dot{a}} = p_{a\dot{a}} \lambda^a = 0$

$m=0$ Spin 1 & $m=0$ Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ can be mapped on each other

$\rightleftarrows \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma_5)U(p) \quad \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)U(p)$

see Dixon TASI lect hep-ph/9601359

$E_{(-)}^{\mu}(p, q) = - \frac{\bar{u}_\mu(q) u_+(p) \langle q_+ | \gamma_\mu | p_+ \rangle}{\langle q_+ | p_- \rangle \bar{u}_+(q) u_-(p)}$

$F_{\mu\nu}$

We had $X^M \Rightarrow X_{aa} \equiv X_M \sigma^M_{aa}, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}$

What about $F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \hat{=} -i(p_\mu \epsilon_\nu - p_\nu \epsilon_\mu) ?$
 $\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ a\dot{a} & b\dot{b} \end{matrix}$

$\Rightarrow F_{a\dot{a}b\dot{b}} \equiv F_{ab\dot{a}\dot{b}} = -F_{ba\dot{b}\dot{a}}$
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order of undotted & dotted is irrelevant!

$\equiv \frac{1}{2}(F_{ab\dot{a}\dot{b}} - F_{ab\dot{b}\dot{a}}) + \frac{1}{2}(F_{ab\dot{b}\dot{a}} - F_{ba\dot{b}\dot{a}})$
same, cancel
 $F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu}$

antis in $\dot{a}\dot{b}$, symm in ab *antis. in ab , symm in $\dot{a}\dot{b}$*

$= \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} F_{ab\dot{c}}^{\dot{c}}}_{\text{symm. in } ab} + \epsilon_{ab} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} F_{c\dot{c}}^c}_{\text{symm in } \dot{a}\dot{b}}$

$F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F_{a\dot{a}b\dot{b}} = \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \phi_{ab} + \epsilon_{ab} \psi_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}$

Real $F_{\mu\nu} : F_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \phi_{ab} + \epsilon_{ab} \phi_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}^* \quad (\epsilon_{ab}^* = \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}})$

$\vec{E}, \vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} \\ \phi_{12} & \phi_{22} \end{pmatrix}$
6 real 3 complex

$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} [E_1 - iE_2 - i(B_1 - iB_2)] & -\frac{1}{2}(E_3 - iB_3) \\ \text{symm} & -\frac{1}{2}[E_1 + iE_2 - i(B_1 + iB_2)] \end{pmatrix} !$

Dual fields:

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} i F_{\mu\nu} & \text{self-dual} \\ -i F_{\mu\nu} & \text{anti-self-dual} \end{cases}$$

using
expl. form
of $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ (p.8)

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}_{ab\dot{a}\dot{b}} = -i \epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \phi_{ab} + i \epsilon_{ab} \psi_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} = i F_{ab\dot{b}\dot{a}}$$

Reminder: Instantons are self-dual or anti-self-dual solutions of Euclidian YM: $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \pm F_{\mu\nu}$

$$x^0 = -ix_4 \quad (\tau = it) \Rightarrow E^i = F_{0i} = i F_{4i} = i E_i^{(E)}, \quad B^i = B_i^{(E)}$$

$$\tilde{F}_{0i} = F^{12} = i F_{0i} \quad \text{self-dual} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Mink} \rightarrow \text{Eucl}} \quad \tilde{F}_{4i} = F_{12} = \pm F_{4i} \quad \text{no } i!$$

Classical solutions, in general, are extrema of

$$S[A_\mu] = \int d^4x \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} A_\nu^a \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \frac{1}{2} A_\mu^a \partial_\nu A_\nu^a - g f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \right)$$

$$0 \leq \int d^4x \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu} \pm \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu})^2 = \int d^4x \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 \pm 2 F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu})$$

↑ same!

$$= \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 \pm \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \geq 0$$

= $\frac{16\pi^2}{g^2} m$ ← important topological quantity, winding number of maps of points at Euclidian infinity = surface S^3 of 4d sphere to group manifold (also S^3 for SU(2))

For $F_{\mu\nu} = \pm \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$ obtain $= 0$,
i.e.

$$S[A_\mu] = \int d^4x \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 = \frac{8\pi^2}{g^2} m$$

QCD CP problem: why is $\int d^4x \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu}$ missing from the action?

Now work out $F_{\mu\nu} = -i(\rho_\mu \varepsilon_\nu^\pm - \rho_\nu \varepsilon_\mu^\pm)$

$$F_{ab\dot{a}\dot{b}}^{(-)} = -i (\lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} \lambda_b \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{b}} - \lambda_b \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{b}} \lambda_a \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{a}}) \cdot N$$

just some complex numbers!

$$= -iN \lambda_a \lambda_b (\tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{b}} - \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{b}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{a}}) = \underbrace{\phi_{ab}}_{\text{symmetric}} \varepsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \quad \text{anti-self-dual}$$

$$F_{ab\dot{a}\dot{b}}^{(+)} = \varepsilon_{ab} \psi_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}$$

If $F_{a\dot{a}b\dot{b}} = \varepsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \phi_{ab}$ then $\tilde{F}_{a\dot{a}b\dot{b}} = -i \varepsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \phi = -iF$

n has opposite) \Rightarrow $\begin{cases} F^{(-)} \text{ is antiselfdual} \\ F^{(+)} \text{ is selfdual} \end{cases}$

see Penrose I p. 151