

1. Considering Yukawa's hypothesis that the nuclear force should be due to the exchange of massive particles (that he called mesons), calculate the expected mass of this hypothetical meson. [ 5]
2. Draw a table showing all the elementary spin 1/2 anti-particles arranged in three families horizontally with the individual members of each family vertically. In the table give the names, symbols, electric charges, and approximate masses of each anti-particle. [ 6]
3. In a unit system where  $c = \hbar = 1$ , the Compton wavelength for a muon is given by  $\lambda_\mu = m_\mu^{-1}$ : calculate the numerical value.  
In the same system, the Bohr radius of a muonic hydrogen atom is given by  $r_B = (\alpha m_\mu)^{-1}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the fine structure constant  $\alpha = 1/137$ : calculate the numerical value. [A muonic hydrogen atom is just equivalent to a regular hydrogen atom but the electron is substituted by a muon.] [ 6]
4. The weak interaction is assumed to be due to W or Z exchange. If the Z has a mass of  $90 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ , calculate the range of the weak interaction. How does this compare with the size of a nucleon? What are the consequences for the likelihood of nuclear  $\beta$  decay. [ 6]
5. Two protons are separated by a distance of  $10^{-15} \text{ m}$ . Calculate (a) the electric force and (b) the gravitational force on one proton due to the other. [ 4]  
Using the relative strengths of the strong, electromagnetic, weak and gravitational forces, estimate (c) the strong force and (d) the weak force between the two protons. [ 2]  
Summarise the four results in order of increasing strength. [ 1]