

Ex. 7 Consider a SUSY theory with $\{\hat{Q}_\alpha, \hat{\bar{Q}}_\beta\} = 2(\gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \hat{P}_\mu$ for its generators \hat{Q} and $\hat{\bar{Q}} = \hat{Q}^\dagger \gamma^0$. The indices α and β are spinor indices and \hat{P}_μ is the 4-momentum operator.

(i) Project the right-hand side of the operator identity onto $\hat{P}_0 = \hat{H}$ and derive in this way that $\hat{P}_0 = \frac{1}{8} \{\hat{Q}_\alpha, \hat{Q}_\alpha^\dagger\}$.

(ii) Prove that all physical states $|\varphi\rangle$ (with non-negative norm) have $\langle \varphi | \hat{H} | \varphi \rangle \geq 0$ in this theory.

(iii) Consider the ground state $|\Omega\rangle$ of the theory, with $\hat{H}|\Omega\rangle = E_0|\Omega\rangle$. Prove that $E_0 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{Q}|\Omega\rangle = \hat{\bar{Q}}|\Omega\rangle = 0$.