

## Charge & Current densities :-

Klein - Gordon <sup>eq<sup>n</sup></sup> for a <sup>free</sup> particle is given by :-

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$$

taking complex conjugate, we get

$$\nabla^2 \psi^* - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial t^2} - \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi^* = 0$$

multiply eq<sup>n</sup> (10) & (11) by  $\psi^*$  &  $\psi$  respectively, we get

$$\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \psi^* \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi^* \psi = 0$$

$$\psi \nabla^2 \psi^* - \frac{1}{c^2} \psi \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial t^2} = \frac{m^0 c^2}{\hbar} \psi^* \psi = 0 \quad (12)$$

subtracting (13) from (12), we get

$$\rightarrow \psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \psi^* - \frac{1}{c^2} \left[ \psi^* \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \psi \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial t^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla \cdot \left[ \psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^* \right] - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \psi \right] = 0$$

multiply throughout by  $\frac{\hbar}{2im}$ , we get

$$\nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\hbar}{2im} (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\hbar}{2imc^2} \left( \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \psi \right) \right] = 0 \quad (14)$$

Substituting,  
Probability density or charge density

$$P(r, t) = \frac{\hbar}{2imc^2} \left[ \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \psi \right] \quad (a)$$

current density and  $S(r, t) = \frac{\hbar}{2im} \left[ \psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^* \right] \quad (b)$

eq<sup>n</sup> (11) becomes:

$$\left[ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}(\psi, t) + \frac{\partial P(\psi, t)}{\partial t} = 0 \right] \quad (16)$$

This is the eq<sup>n</sup> of continuity.

This shows clearly that the probability of finding the particle in any system remains conserved.

Here,

1. The current density  $\mathbf{S}$  has the same form as in Non-relativistic case.

2. But the probability density or charge density  $P$  is not same as in Non-relativistic case.  $P = \psi^* \psi$ , due to following reasons:-

$$P(\psi, t) = \frac{\hbar}{2imc^2} \left[ \psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} - \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$P(x, t) = \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left[ \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \right) \psi + \psi^* \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) \right] \quad (17)$$

$$P(x, t) = \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left[ (E\psi^*)\psi + \psi^*(E\psi) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left[ 2E\psi^*\psi \right]$$

$$P(x, t) = \frac{E}{mc^2} \left[ \psi^*\psi \right] \quad (18)$$

where  $E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}$