

Particle Physics Phenomenology II

FS 11, Series 1

Due date: 28.02.2011, 1 pm

Exercise 1 For the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma, Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$, where the f stands for an arbitrary fermion (quark, lepton or neutrino) show that the differential cross section is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{2s} \left[(1 + \cos^2\theta) \{ Q_f^2 - 2Q_f V_e V_f \chi_1(s) + (A_e^2 + V_e^2)(A_f^2 + V_f^2) \chi_2(s) \} + \cos\theta \{ -4Q_f A_e A_f \chi_1(s) + 8A_e V_e A_f V_f \chi_2(s) \} \right]$$

where

$$\chi_1(s) = \kappa \frac{s}{(s - M_z^2)}$$

and

$$\chi_2(s) = \kappa^2 \frac{s^2}{(s - M_z^2)^2}$$

where

$$\kappa = \sqrt{2} \frac{G_F M_z^2}{16\pi\alpha}.$$

You should ignore interference effects and set the quark masses to zero.