PROBLEMS FOR QUANTUM FIELD THEORY 1 3. Tutorial

PROBLEM 1: Lorentz invariance of the 3-momentum integral

In the lecture we have used the following, very important identity for the threemomentum integral

$$\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\omega_{\vec{p}}} f(p) = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} 2\pi \,\delta(p^2 - m^2) \,\Theta(p_0) f(p) \,,$$

with $\omega_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$. Note that

$$\delta(g(x) - g(a)) = \frac{1}{|g'(a)|} \,\delta(x - a) \,.$$

Convince yourself that this implies that the three-momentum integral is invariant under proper, orthochronous Lorentz transformations $\Lambda \in SO(1,3)$ if $f(\Lambda p) = f(p)$. Which functions f satisfy $f(\Lambda p) = f(p)$?