Abstract Submitted for the APR10 Meeting of The American Physical Society

A New Dirac Delta Function Formalism Shows that the Self Energy of a Classical Charged Point Particle is Zero KENNETH BRAND, Pratt & Whitney — A new formalism for the Dirac delta function is presented. An important feature of this formalism is that it enables coordination among different delta functions. Using this method to find acceptable forms for the standard, noncovariant and covariant scalar electromagnetic green functions leads to constraints on these representations. Applying appropriate representations of the green function to the problem of finding the classical electromagnetic self energy of a charged point particle shows that the self energy is not infinite but actually zero.

Kenneth Brand Pratt & Whitney

Date submitted: 25 Oct 2009 Electronic form version 1.4