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Free Scalar Fields

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$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$$

Eqn. of Motion (EOM).

$$\partial_\mu \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \phi}$$

$$(\partial^2 + m^2) \phi_x = 0$$

$$\pi_x := \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial_t \phi} = \partial_t \phi_x$$

$$[\phi_x, \pi_{x'}] = i \delta^3_{\vec{x}-\vec{x}'} \quad \text{if } t=t'$$

equal time commutation  
relation

(ETCR)

# Realization #1

$$\varphi_x = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_p}} \left( e^{-ip \cdot x} a_{\vec{p}} + e^{ip \cdot x} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \right)$$

$p^0 = \varepsilon_{\vec{p}} \quad \text{i.e. on-shell}$

$$\pi_x = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} -i \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_p}{2}} \left( e^{-ip \cdot x} a_{\vec{p}} - e^{ip \cdot x} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \right).$$

$$\langle 0 | a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger | 0 \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_{\vec{p}-\vec{p}'}$$

check that

$$\Rightarrow [\varphi_x, \pi_y] = i \delta_{\vec{x}-\vec{y}}$$

$$\langle 0 | T \{ \varphi_x \varphi_y \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | \varphi_x \varphi_y | 0 \rangle + \theta(y^0 - x^0) \langle 0 | \varphi_y \varphi_x | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \int \frac{d^3p_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3p_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_2}} e^{-i p_1 \cdot x} e^{i p_2 \cdot y}$$

$$(2\pi)^3 \delta_{\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2} +$$

$$\theta(y^0 - x^0) \int \frac{d^3p_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3p_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_2}} e^{i p_1 \cdot x} e^{-i p_2 \cdot y}$$

$$(2\pi)^3 \delta_{\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2}$$

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the 2 terms summarize nicely by

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_k} e^{+i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) - iE_k|x^0-y^0|}$$

↳ check the sign

$$= \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + id} e^{-iK\cdot(x-y)}$$

$|K^0$

$\swarrow$   
 $i\epsilon_2$

x

$\uparrow$  t < 0

$\searrow$  t > 0

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$$t = x^0 - y^0$$

$$14 = \pi \dot{\varphi} - L$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \varphi^2$$

take  $t \rightarrow 0$   $14$  is  $t$ -independent

anyway

$$H = \int d^3x \ 14_x$$

$$\langle 0 | H | 0 \rangle$$

easier to think of  
-  $e \nabla^2 \varphi$

$$= V \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_p}{2} + \frac{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}{2\epsilon_p} \right)$$

$$= V \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_p \quad // \quad \text{vac. energy}$$

In fact, before sandwiched by  $\langle 0 | \dots | 0 \rangle$ .

$$H = \int d^3x \int \frac{d^3p_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3p_2}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2) \cdot \vec{x}} \frac{1}{2} \times$$

$$\left\{ -\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}{4}} (a_{\vec{p}_1} - a_{-\vec{p}_1}^\dagger) (a_{\vec{p}_2} - a_{-\vec{p}_2}^\dagger) + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2}} (-\vec{p}_1 \cdot \vec{p}_2 + m^2) (a_{\vec{p}_1} + a_{-\vec{p}_1}^\dagger) (a_{\vec{p}_2} + a_{-\vec{p}_2}^\dagger) \right\}$$

$$\int d^3x e^{i(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2) \cdot \vec{x}} \rightarrow (2\pi)^3 \delta^3_{\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2} \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{H} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \times \left\{ -\frac{\epsilon_p}{2} \right.$$

$$\left. \left( -\frac{\epsilon_p}{2} \right) \left( a_{\vec{p}} a_{-\vec{p}} - a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} + a_{-\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{-\vec{p}} + a_{-\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. \left( \frac{\epsilon_p}{2} \right) \left( a_{\vec{p}} a_{-\vec{p}} + a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} + a_{-\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{-\vec{p}} + a_{-\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_p \left( a_{\vec{p}} a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} + a_{-\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{-\vec{p}} \right)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \epsilon_p \left( \underbrace{a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{p}}}_{\text{at the same } \vec{p}} + \frac{1}{2} [a_{\vec{p}}, a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger}] \right)$$

$:\hat{H}: \quad \text{normal order.}$

"  $(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}-\vec{p})$  "

$$\langle 0 | :\hat{H}: | 0 \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

Where is the  $V$  factor?

$$(2\pi)^3 \int_{\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p}} \leftrightarrow V.$$

$$\langle 0 | \hat{H} | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_p V.$$

as obtained before!

Similarly

$$\hat{P} \equiv \int d^3 x -\pi(x) \nabla \phi(x)$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger a_{\vec{p}}$$

$\hookrightarrow$   
VAC pressure:

$$P_{vac} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_p$$

Dark energy.

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} \rightarrow 0$$

by sym.

L&S 1.19.

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial g_{\mu\nu}} - \delta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\int T^{00} \leftrightarrow H$$

$$\int T^{0i} \leftrightarrow \hat{P}$$

Realization # 2.

$$\langle 0 | T \{ \psi_x \psi_y \} | 0 \rangle = i G_2$$

$$G_2(x, y) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} e^{-ik \cdot (x-y)}$$

$$(\partial_x^2 + m^2) G_2 = -\delta_{x-y}^4$$

or

$$\underline{(\partial_x^2 + m^2) \langle 0 | T \{ \psi_x \psi_y \} | 0 \rangle = -i \delta_{x-y}^4}$$

verify LHS directly:

$$(\partial_x^2 + m^2) [\theta_{x^0-y^0} \langle \psi_x \psi_y \rangle + \theta_{y^0-x^0} \langle \psi_y \psi_x \rangle]$$

$$\partial_t^2 [\theta(x^0-y^0) \langle \psi_x \psi_y \rangle]$$

$$= \partial_t (\delta_{x^0-y^0} \langle \psi_x \psi_y \rangle + \theta(x^0-y^0) \langle \dot{\psi}_x \psi_y \rangle)$$

$$= \delta_{x^0-y^0} \langle \ddot{\psi}_x \psi_y \rangle + \underline{\theta(x^0-y^0) \langle \ddot{\psi}_x \psi_y \rangle}$$

such term  $\rightarrow 0$

when  $-\nabla^2 + m^2$  acts

LHS

$$\delta(x-y) \langle \dot{\psi}_x \psi_y - \psi_y \dot{\psi}_x \rangle$$

↖  $[\dot{\psi}_x, \psi_y] \rightarrow -i \delta_{x-y}^3$

at equal time. check the sign

$$(\partial_x^2 + m^2) \langle T \{ \psi_x \psi_y \} \rangle = -i \delta_{x-y}^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T \{ \psi_x \psi_y \} \rangle = \frac{-i}{\partial_x^2 + m^2} \delta_{x-y}^4$$

$$= \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} e^{-ik \cdot (x-y)}$$

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Realization 3.

~~wait till  
Functional approach...~~

wait is over!

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$$Z(h) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-x^2 + hx}$$

$$= \sqrt{\pi} e^{\frac{h^2}{4}}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial h} = \frac{\int dx x e^{-x^2 + hx}}{\int dx e^{-x^2 + hx}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial h} \rightarrow \langle x \rangle (h)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial h \partial h} \ln Z = \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left( \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial h} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial h \partial h} - \left( \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial h} \right)^2$$

$$= \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

$$= \langle x^2 \rangle_c$$

$$\ln Z \sim \frac{1}{4} h^2 + C$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle_c \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

take  $h \rightarrow 0$   
at the end.

$$Z(\vec{h}) = \int dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_N e^{-\vec{x}^t A \vec{x} + \vec{h}^t \vec{x}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}^N}{\sqrt{\det A}} e^{\frac{1}{4} \vec{h}^t A^{-1} \vec{h}}$$

$$Z[j_x] = \int D\varphi e^{i \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi_x (\partial^2 + m^2) \varphi_x + j_x \varphi_x \right]}$$

$$\langle \varphi_x \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{-i \delta Z}{\delta j_x} = \frac{\int D\varphi \varphi_x e^{i \int \varphi_x (\partial^2 + m^2) \varphi_x + j_x \varphi_x}}{\int D\varphi e^{i \int \varphi_x (\partial^2 + m^2) \varphi_x + j_x \varphi_x}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | T \{ \varphi_x \varphi_y \} | 0 \rangle &= (-i)^2 \frac{\delta^2}{\delta j_x \delta j_y} \ln Z \\ &= \frac{\int D\varphi \varphi_x \varphi_y e^{i \int \varphi_x (\partial^2 + m^2) \varphi_x + j_x \varphi_x}}{\int D\varphi e^{i \int \varphi_x (\partial^2 + m^2) \varphi_x + j_x \varphi_x}} - \langle \varphi_x \rangle \langle \varphi_y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$Z \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\partial^2 + m^2)}} e^{\int_x j_x \frac{-1}{\partial^2 + m^2} j_x}$$

$$i \frac{1}{2} \int_{xy} j_x \frac{1}{\partial_x^2 + m^2} j_y$$

$$-\frac{\delta^2}{\delta j_x \delta j_y} \ln Z = -i \frac{1}{\partial_x^2 + m^2} \delta_{xy}^4 = i G_{xy}$$

$$\langle T \{ \varphi_x \varphi_y \} \rangle$$