

## 2.3 KG field as harmonic oscillator

- Start with the simplest field; which is the KG field and then quantize it, by re-interpreting variables as operators.
- The system is then solved by finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of these operators.
- $\phi$  and  $\pi$  operators and impose specific commutation relations.
  - ~ for a discrete system of one or more particles the comm. relations are.

$$[q_i, p_j] = i\delta_{ij}$$

$$[q_i, q_j] = [p_i, p_j] = 0$$

For a continuous system the generalization is quite; since  $\pi(x)$  is momentum density

$$[\phi(x), \pi(y)] = i\delta^{(3)}(x-y)$$

$$[\phi(x), \phi(y)] = [\pi(x), \pi(y)] = 0$$

$$\phi(r, t) = \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot r} \phi(p, t)$$

(with  $\phi^*(p) = \phi(-p)$ ); the K.GI eq. becomes:

$$(A) - \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + (|p|^2 + m^2) \right] \phi(p, t) = 0$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{|p|^2 + m^2} = B$$

(A) is the eq. of SHO with freq

(B).

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 \right) \phi(p, t) = 0$$

$$F = -k\alpha$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k \alpha^2 \sim -\frac{1}{2} \frac{k \phi^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$L = \bar{T} - V$$

$$= \frac{\dot{P}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{k\phi^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{\dot{P}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{k\omega^2 \phi^2}{\omega^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  writing  $\phi$  and  $P$  in terms of ladder operator.

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m\omega}} (a + a^\dagger); P = -i\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2}} (a - a^\dagger)$$

$$[\phi, P] = i$$

$$[a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2\phi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{i\omega}{2} (aa - a^+a - a a^+ + a^+a^+) + \frac{\omega^2}{2\omega} (aa^+a + a a^+ + a^+a^+) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{4} (-ga + a^+a + aa^+ - a^+a^+ + ga^+a + a a^+ + a^+a^+)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\omega}{4} (aa^+ + a^+a + a a^+ + a a^+)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{2} (aa^+ + a^+a) = \omega \left( I + a^+a + a^+a \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\omega}{2} (2a^+a + I) = \omega \left( a^+a + \frac{I}{2} \right)$$

$\rightarrow$  The state  $|0\rangle$  such that  $a|0\rangle = 0$

is an eigenstate; the zero-point energy. Furthermore, the commutators

$$[H_{SHO}, a^+] = \omega a^+ ; [H_{SHO}, a] = -\omega a$$

$$|n\rangle = (a^+)^n |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{with eigenvalues } \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\omega$$

We can find the spectrum of the KG hamiltonian using the same trick; but now each fourier mode of the field is treated as independent oscillator with its own  $a$  and  $a^\dagger$ :

We can write:

$$\phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_p}} (a_p e^{ip \cdot x} + a_p^\dagger e^{-ip \cdot x})$$

$$\pi(n) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(-i)}{2} \left[ \frac{\omega_p}{2} (a_p e^{ip \cdot x} - a_p^\dagger e^{-ip \cdot x}) \right]$$

$$[a_p, a_{p'}^\dagger] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(p - p')$$

$$[\phi(x), \pi(\alpha)] = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(-i)}{2} \left[ \frac{\omega_p}{2} \left( [a_p^\dagger, a_{p'}] - [a_p, a_{p'}^\dagger] \right) \right. \\ \left. + \exp(i(p \cdot x + p' \cdot x')) \right] \\ = i \delta^3(x - x')$$

Worked out steps

$$[\phi(x), \pi(\alpha)] = \left[ \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_p}} (a_p e^{ipx} + a_p^\dagger e^{-ipx}) \right],$$

$$\frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} (-i) \left( \frac{\omega_p}{2} \right) \left( a_{p'}^\dagger - a_{p'} e^{ip'x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left( -i \right) \frac{\omega_p}{2\omega_p} \left[ (a_p + a_{-p}^\dagger), (a_{p'} - a_{-p'}^\dagger) \right] e^{i(p \cdot x + p' \cdot x')}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left( -i \right) \frac{\omega_p}{2\omega_p} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \nearrow 0 \\ [a_p, a_{p'}] \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} a_p, a_{-p'}^\dagger \\ a_{-p}, a_{p'}^\dagger \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} a_{-p}^\dagger, a_{-p'}^\dagger \\ a_{-p}, a_{p'} \end{array} \right]$$

$$- \left[ \begin{array}{c} a_{-p}^\dagger, a_{p'}^\dagger \\ a_{-p}, a_{-p'}^\dagger \end{array} \right] e^{i(p \cdot x + p' \cdot x')}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left( -i \right) \frac{\omega_p}{2\omega_p} \left( e^{i(p \cdot x + p' \cdot x')} \right) \left[ \begin{array}{c} -[a_p, a_{p'}] + [a_{-p}^\dagger, a_{p'}] \\ [a_{-p}^\dagger, a_{-p'}^\dagger] \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left( -i \right) \frac{\omega_p}{2\omega_p} \left( \frac{\omega_p}{2} \right) \left( \frac{S^3(p+p') - S^3(p-p')}{(2\pi)^3} \right)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{i}{\vec{p}} \right) \int \frac{w p'}{w p} \left( \dots \right) \left[ (2\pi)^3 (2\pi) S(p+p') \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{i}{\vec{p}} \right) \left( S(p+p') \right) \int \frac{w p'}{w p} \left( \dots \right)$$

$$p \text{ wt } p' = -p$$

$$- \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{i}{\vec{p}} \right) \left( S(p-p') \right) \int \frac{w p}{w p'} \left( e^{ip(x-x')} \right)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{i}{\vec{p}} \right) \int \frac{w p}{w p'} \exp(ip(x-x'))$$

$$\frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip(x-x')} \Rightarrow \frac{i}{2} \delta^3(x-x')$$

This confirms that  $\phi$  and  $\bar{\phi}$  operators satisfy canonical commutation relations.

Writing  $H$  in terms of ladder operators

$$H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \left( \bar{\phi}(x) \frac{i}{\hbar} \dot{\phi}(x) - h \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3p \left( \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2} + (\nabla \phi)^2 - \frac{m^2 \phi^2}{2} \right)$$

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$$\int \frac{d^3p}{2} \left[ \hat{p}^2 + (\nabla \phi)^2 - m^2 \phi^2 \right]$$

$$\int \frac{d^3p}{2} \left[ \frac{\int d^3p' d^3p' e^{i(p+p')x}}{(2\pi)^6} \right] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\sqrt{wpw_{p'}}}{4} (a_p - a_{-p}^+) \\ (a_{p'}^+ - a_{-p'}^-) \end{array} \right.$$

$$+ \frac{-p \cdot p' + m^2}{4\sqrt{wpw_{p'}}} \left( (a_p + a_{-p}^+) (a_{p'} + a_{-p'}^+) \right)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\int d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{d^3 x}{2} \exp(i(p+p')x) \right\}.$$

↓

$$\Rightarrow (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(p+p')$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\int d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \delta^3(p+p') \right\}$$

Resolve the integral for delta function.

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ -\frac{\omega_p}{4} \left[ \dots \right] + \frac{\omega_p}{4} \left[ \dots \right] \right\}$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \frac{\omega_p}{4} \left[ a_p a_p + a_p^+ a_p + a_p a_p^+ + a_p^+ a_p^+ - a_p a_p - a_p^+ a_p^+ \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + a_{-p}^+ a_p + a_p a_{-p}^+ \right] \right\}$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \frac{\omega_p}{4} \left[ 2(a_p a_p^+ + a_p^+ a_p) \right] \right\}$$

$$[a_p, a_p^+] = a_p a_p^+ - a_p^+ a_p$$

$$[H, a_p^+] = \omega_p a_p^+; [H, a] = -\omega_p a_p$$

the energy eigenstates are found by applying  $a_p^+$  on  $|0\rangle$ .

Total momentum operators:-

$$\vec{P}^i = \int \vec{T}^{0i} d^3x = \int d^3x \vec{\nabla}(x) \vec{a}(x)$$

$$\vec{P} = - \int d^3x \vec{\nabla}(x) \nabla(\vec{a}(x)) \vec{a}(x)$$

$$= \int d^3p \frac{p}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{p} \vec{a}^t \vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \int d^3x \left[ \left( \frac{-i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_p}{2}} (a_p - a_p^+) (i \vec{p} (a_p^+ + a_p^-)) \right) \right]$$

$\int d^3p \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3}$        $\cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\omega_p}} \cdot e^{i(\vec{p} + \vec{p}') \cdot \vec{x}}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int \int - \left( \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \exp(i(p+p')) \cdot \frac{d^3 P d^3 P'}{(2\pi)^6} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c} w_p \\ w_{p'} \end{array} \right]}_{w_p w_{p'}}$$

$$\underbrace{(p_p^+)(a_p a_p' + a_p^+ a_p^+ - a_p^+ a_p - a_p a_p')}_{=}$$

$$\int \int \frac{(2\pi)^3}{(2\pi)^6} S(p+p') \frac{d^3 P d^3 P'}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c} w_p \\ w_{p'} \end{array} \right]}_{w_p w_{p'}} \downarrow$$

$$\int \int \frac{P d^3 P}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \dots \right)$$

Since we can switch  $p$  with  $-p$ ,

$$-p,$$

we get even over odd

$$\int \frac{P}{2} \frac{(d^3 p)}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \cancel{a_p a_p^0} + \cancel{a_p^+ a_p^0} + a_p^+ a_p + a_p a_p^+ \right)$$

$$\int \frac{P}{2} d^3 p (a_p^+ a_p)$$

$$\xrightarrow{a_p^+ a_p + [a_p^+ a_p]} \text{ignore}$$

↑  
ignote

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\omega_p}{2} \left[ c_{\vec{p}} c_{\vec{p}}^\dagger [c_{\vec{p}}, c_{\vec{p}}^\dagger] + c_{\vec{p}}^\dagger c_{\vec{p}} \right]$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\omega_p}{2} \left( c_{\vec{p}}^\dagger c_{\vec{p}} + \frac{1}{2} [c_{\vec{p}}, c_{\vec{p}}^\dagger] \right)$$

$$\frac{(2\pi)^3 S(\delta)}{\rightarrow}$$

$\rightarrow$  infinity

\* Since it's the sum of zero point energies of all modes with  $c$ ,  $\frac{\omega_p}{2}$  : so this was expected; we ignore this we can only measure energy differences -

$$\cancel{P} = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} P a_p^+ a_p$$

So the  $a^\dagger$  creates "particles" with momentum  $\vec{p}$ ; in the momentum eigenstate

→ From now on  $w_p$  is  $E_p$

$E_p = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2}$  ✓

Since  $a_p^+ a_q^+ |0\rangle$  commute  
we can write  $a_q^+ a_p^+ |0\rangle$ ; also

A single mode can contain inf particles; like SRO can be excited arbitrarily high levels.

So KG particles follow Bose-Einstein Stats.

We want to normalize vacuum states so that

$\langle 0|0 \rangle = 1$ , the one particle state,

$|p\rangle \otimes a_p^+ |0\rangle$  will also appear quite often.

→ The simplest normalization;  $\langle p|q \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \delta^3(p-q)$

→ But this isn't Lorentz invariant

under 3-d boost; under such a boost we have  $p'_3 = \gamma(p_3 - \beta E)$ ;

$$E' = \gamma(E + \beta p_3).$$

Using the delta func. identity:

$$\delta(f(x) - f(x_0)) = \frac{1}{|f'(x_0)|} \delta(x - x_0)$$

$$\rightarrow \delta^3(p-q) = \delta^3(p'-q') \cdot \frac{dp'_3}{dp_3}$$

$$\rightarrow \delta^3(p - q_f) \gamma \left( 1 + \beta \frac{dE}{dp_3} \right)$$

$$\delta^3(p' - q_f') \frac{\gamma}{E} (E + \beta p_3)$$

$\delta^3(p - q_f) \frac{E'}{E}$

~ volume is not invariant under Lorentz transformation; but quantity  $E_p \delta^3(p - q_f)$  is invariant - we therefore define

$$|P\rangle = \sqrt{2E_p} |q_f\rangle_{10}$$

$$\langle P | q_f \rangle = 2E_p (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(p - q_f)$$

→ On the hilbert space of quantum states, a Lorentz transformation  $\Lambda$  will be implemented as some unitary operator  $U(\Lambda)$ . Our

normalization condition the implies that

$$U(\Lambda) |p\rangle = |\Lambda p\rangle$$

$$U(\Lambda) \alpha_p^+ U^{-1}(\Lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{\Lambda p}}{E_p}} \alpha_{\Lambda p}^+$$

→ With this normalization we

must divide  $2E_p$  in other places.

For 1-KG particle

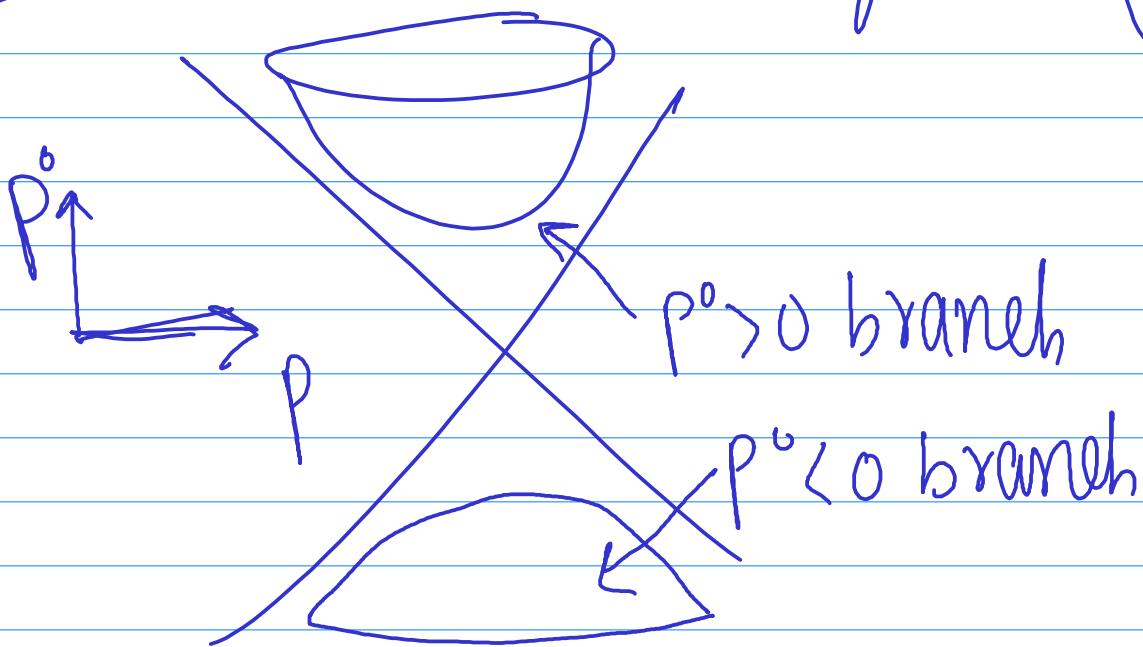
$$(1)_{1\text{-particle}} = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} |p\rangle \frac{1}{2E_p} \langle p|$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta(p^2 - m^2) \Big|_{p>0}$$

Should be Lorentz invariant

→ if  $f(p)$  is Lorentz-invariant; so  
is  $\int d^3p (f(p)/2E_p)$ .

Can be thought of



as being over the  $P^0 > 0$  branch of  
the hyperboloid  $p^2 = m^2$  in  
4-momentum space

Let's see interpretation of  $\phi(x)|0\rangle$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2E_p}} (a_p e^{ipx} + a_p^\dagger e^{-ipx}) |0\rangle$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2E_p}} a^{-ipx} a_p^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\therefore |P\rangle = \sqrt{2E_p} a_p^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$\cancel{a_p^\dagger} |a_p^\dagger |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} |P\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2E_p}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} |P\rangle \cdot e^{-ipx}$$

$$\underbrace{\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{1}{2E_p} \right) |P\rangle e^{-ipx}}_{= \phi(x)|0\rangle}$$

So application of  $\phi(x)$  creates a particle at position  $x$ .

$$\langle 0 | \phi(x) | P \rangle = \langle 0 | -\sqrt{2} \epsilon_P \alpha^+ P | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \epsilon \alpha P (P \cdot x)$$

1d EM field in space-time

→ In Heisenberg picture operators evolve:

for  $\phi(x)$ ; it evolves:

$$\phi(x) = \phi(x, t) = e^{iHt} \phi(x) e^{-iHt}$$

and similarly for  $\pi(x) = \pi(x, t)$ ;

for any operator; Heisenberg eq.

of motion -

$$\frac{i\partial}{\partial t} \circledcirc = [O, H]$$

this allows us to compute time dependence; i.e  
 $\phi$  and  $\pi$

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(x, t) = \left[ \phi(x, t), \int d^3x' \right]$$

$$= \left[ \phi(x, t), \int d^3x' \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \phi(x', t) + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(x', t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2(x', t) \right\} \right] +$$

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3x' \left( i\delta^3(x - x') \nabla \phi(x', t) \right)$$

$\xrightarrow{\circ}$   $i\nabla \phi(x, t)$

$$\rightarrow i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \phi(x, t)) = \left[ \nabla \phi(x, t), \int d^3x' \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \phi(x', t) + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(x', t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2(x', t) \right\} \right]$$

$$(\phi(x', t)) (-\nabla^2 - m^2) (\phi(x', t))$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}\ddot{\text{o}}\text{f}} \int d^3x' \left( -i\delta^3(x - x') (-\nabla^2 + m^2) (\phi(x', t)) - i(-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x, t) \right)$$

Using those two results gives :-

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi = (\nabla^2 - m^2) \phi$$

which is just the Klein-Gordon equation.

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(x, t) = \left[ \phi(x, t), \int d^3x' \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \bar{\pi}^2(x', t) + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(x', t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2(x', t) \right\} \right]$$

$$\left[ (e^{iHt} \phi(x) e^{-iHt}), \int d^3x' \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \bar{\pi}^2(x', t) + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi(x', t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2(x', t) \right\} \right]$$

$\downarrow$

$\bar{\nabla} \phi = i m (\phi|_{x,t})$

will commute.

$$[\phi(x, t), \int \frac{d^3x'}{2} \bar{\pi}^2] \sim [A, B^2] \Rightarrow B[A, B]$$

$$\sim \int \frac{d^3x'}{2} \bar{\pi}(x') [\underbrace{\phi(x, t), \bar{\pi}(x')}_{\text{will commute}}] \sim \int \frac{d^3x'}{2} \bar{\pi}(x') \delta^3(x - x')$$

$\hookrightarrow i \delta^3(x - x')$

for  $x = x'$   
 $\rightarrow \bar{\pi}(x) \cdot \hat{i}$

for

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\pi}(x, t) = \left[ \bar{\pi}(x, t), \int d^3x' \left( \frac{1}{2} \bar{\pi}^2(x') + \frac{1}{2} \phi(x') (-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x') \right) \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  commute.

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3x}{2} \underbrace{[\bar{\pi}(x, t), \phi(x)]}_{\hookrightarrow i \delta^3(x - x')} (-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x) \Rightarrow i (-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x) = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\pi}(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\pi} \Rightarrow -(-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi$$

$\Rightarrow (\nabla^2 - m^2) \phi$

We know

$$[H, a_p] = -E_p a_p$$

$H_{ap} - a_p H = -E_p a_p \rightarrow$  Since  $E_p$  is a number

$$H_{ap} = a_p \circ (H - E_p)$$

for

$$H^n a_p = a_p (H - E_p)^n$$

Useful because: the time evolution

$$e^{iHt} \circ e^{-iHt}$$

↳ Taylor expansion is used

$$e^{iHt} a_p = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} t^n \right) a_p$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} (t a_p) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} (a_p (H - E_p))^n$$

$$\rightarrow a_p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} (H - E_p)^n \sim a_p \exp(i(H - E_p)t)$$

$$e^{iHt} a_p e^{-iHt} \sim a_p (\exp(i(H - E_p)t)) \cdot \exp(-iHt)$$

$$\boxed{a_p \exp(iHt) = e^{iHt} a_p e^{-iHt}}$$

↳ likewise

$$\boxed{a_p^\dagger \exp(iE_p t) = e^{iHt} a_p^\dagger e^{-iHt}}$$

$$\phi(n, t) := e^{iHt} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (a_p e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + a_p^\dagger e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}) e^{iHt}$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (a_p e^{-iE_p t} \cdot e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + a_p^\dagger e^{iE_p t} \cdot e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}})$$

↳ 4-vectors.

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (a_p e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + a_p^\dagger e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}) \Big|_{P_0 = E_p} = \phi(x \cdot \vec{r})$$

## Causality :-

The prob. amplitude for a particle going from  $y$  to  $x$  is  $\langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle$ . We will call this quantity  $D(x-y)$ . Each operator  $\phi$  is a sum of  $a$  and  $a^\dagger$  operators, but only the term  $\langle 0 | a_p a_{-p}^\dagger | 0 \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(p-q)$  survives in this expression. We are left with

$$\therefore D(x-y) = \langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{-ip \cdot (x-y)}$$

We can get this easily.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) \phi(y) &\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{-ipx} (a_p + a_{-p}^\dagger) \cdot \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_q} e^{iqy} (a_q + a_{-q}^\dagger) \\ &\Rightarrow \underbrace{\int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \cdot e^{-ipx} e^{iqy} (a_p + a_{-p}^\dagger) (a_q + a_{-q}^\dagger)}_{\langle 0 |} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_p E_q}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle &= \langle 0 | \int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{e^{ipx} e^{iqy}}{2\sqrt{E_p E_q}} (a_p a_q + a_p a_{-q}^\dagger + a_{-p}^\dagger a_q + a_{-p}^\dagger a_{-q}^\dagger) | 0 \rangle \\ &\downarrow \\ &\quad \langle 0 | a_p a_q | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_p a_{-q}^\dagger | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_{-p}^\dagger a_q | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_{-p}^\dagger a_{-q}^\dagger | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad \text{non zero.} \\ \rightarrow \int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{e^{ipx} e^{iqy}}{\sqrt{2E_p 2E_q}} &\quad \underbrace{\langle p | q \rangle}_{i\delta^3(p-q)/(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} e^{ip(y-x)}}_{e^{ip(y-x)/2}} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  for timelike case where  $x^0 - y^0 = t$  and  $\vec{x} - \vec{y} = 0$

$$\sim D(x-y) = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{p^2 dp}{2E_p} e^{-ipx} = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{p^2 dp}{2\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} e^{-ip(-i\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}t)}$$

$$D(x-y) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{P^2}{2E} \exp(-iEt) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} E^2 = P^2 + m^2 \\ 2EdE = 2PdP \\ dP = \frac{E}{P} dE \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_m^\infty \frac{E}{P} \frac{P^2}{E} dE \exp(-iEt)$$

$$D(x-y) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_m^\infty \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \exp(iEt) dE$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_m^\infty \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \exp(-iEt) dE$$

for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  } After a lot of time has passed.

$$D(n, y) \sim e^{-imt}$$

$\therefore$  because  $E=m$  gives the most stable point; since  $e^{-imt}$  oscillates between 1 and -1 infinitely fast but it gives the value where this phase change is slowest which is at  $E=m$ .

→ It means a quantum state at rest should evolve with  $e^{-imt}$ ;

~ If the integral went to zero, that could mean particles could not exist at rest (at least in the K.G field).

for consistency

↳ Author relied on using the indepence of measurement of  $\phi(x)$  and  $\phi(y)$ ; rather than the prob. amplitude of  $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(y)$  in a space like interval.

$$[\phi(x), \phi(y)] \rightarrow \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2Ep}} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2Eq}} \left\{ [a_p e^{-ipx} + a_p^+ e^{ipx}, a_q e^{-iqy} + a_q^+ e^{iqy}] \right\}$$

$$\text{C} \rightarrow \underbrace{e^{-ipx-iqy} [a_p, a_q]}_0 + \underbrace{e^{-ipx+iqy} [a_p, a_q^+]}_{i\delta^3(P-q)} + \underbrace{e^{ipx-iqy} [a_p^+, a_q]}_{-i\delta^3(P-q)} + \underbrace{e^{ipx+iqy} [a_p^+, a_q^+]}_{-\tau \rightarrow i} \quad ?$$

Miau?

getting rid of deltas; through integral ( $p = q$ )

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( e^{-ip(x-y)} - e^{-ip(y-x)} \right) \quad \text{--- I}$$

$D(x-y)$        $D(y-x)$

$\therefore$  for space like points  $(x-y)^2 < 0$ ; we can show a continuous Lorentz transformation taking  $(x-y) \rightarrow (y-x)$ ; can be done with a boost; so applying that on  $D(y-x)$  to get  $(D(x-y))$

One can show

$$I = D(x-y) - D(y-x) = 0 = [\phi(x), \phi(y)]$$

Since the measurements are independent; causality is conserved.

For timelike there is no smooth Lorentz transformation to take  $(x-y) \rightarrow (y-x)$  [you cannot invert their]; causality

so the  $[\phi(x), \phi(y)]$  gives

$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{exptmt) - emplmt)}$

so for timelike; measurements  
can affect one another; which  
again makes perfect sense.

$\hookrightarrow G$  propagator ..

lets suppose  $x^0 > y^0$ ; then  $\langle 0 | [\phi(x), \phi(y)] | 0 \rangle$  as an integral  
 $\hookrightarrow$  commutator

we found it to be

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} \cdot (\exp(-ip(x-y)) - \exp(-ip(y-x)))$$

$$\langle 0 | [\phi(x), \phi(y)] | 0 \rangle = D(x-y) - D(y-x)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2E_p} \exp(-ip(x-y)) \Big|_{E_p=p^0} + \frac{1}{2E_p} \exp(-ip(x-y)) \Big|_{-E_p=p^0} \right)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C dp^0 \left( \frac{-1}{p^2 - m^2} \right) e^{-ip(x-y)} \right] \rightarrow I$$

$$\text{As } (p^2 - m^2) = (p^0{}^2 - p^2 - m^2) \Rightarrow (p^0{}^2 - E_p{}^2) \xrightarrow{(p^0 - E_p)} (p + E_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C dp^0 \left( \frac{-1}{(p+E_p)(p-E_p)} \right) e^{-ip(x-y)} \right]$$

evaluate integral using Residue theorem.

$$- = -2\pi i \sum \text{Residues} = -2\pi i \left( \frac{1}{2E_p} \exp(-ip(x-y)) + \frac{1}{2E_p} \exp(ip(x-y)) \right)$$

putting in the integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( + 2\pi i \left( \frac{1}{2E_p} (\exp(-ip(x-y)) - \exp(ip(x-y))) \right) \right)$$

putting  
in many  
integral

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2E_p} \left( \exp(-ip(x-y)) - \exp(ip(x-y)) \right)$$

So this is why we write  
as contours,

$$D_r(x-y) = \theta(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) \underbrace{\langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle}_{\text{comm}} \rightarrow \text{comm}$$

$$(\partial^2 + m^2) D_r(x-y) = \underbrace{\partial^2 (\theta(x) (\text{comm}) + \frac{1}{2} \theta(x-y) \partial_\mu (\text{comm}))}_{+ (\partial^2 + m^2) (\text{comm})} \\ = \partial^2 \theta(x-y) (\text{comm}) + 2 \partial^\mu \theta \partial_\mu (\text{comm})$$

$$= \underbrace{\delta(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) (\text{comm})}_{Sf(t)} + 2 \delta(x^0 - y^0) \partial_\mu (\text{comm})$$

$$Sf(t) = - \int S(t) + 2 \delta(x^0 - y^0) \partial_\mu (\text{comm})$$

$$- [\bar{\pi}(x), \phi(y)] \delta(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) + 2 \delta(x^0 - y^0) [\bar{\pi}(x), \phi(y)]$$

$$= \delta(x^0 - y^0) (-i S^3(x-y)) \Rightarrow -i S^3(x-y)$$

Also could've derived this as:-

$$D_r(x^0 - y^0) = \int d^4 p \exp(-ip(x-y)) \tilde{D}_R(x-y)$$

and

$$(-p^2 + m^2) \tilde{D}_r = -\dot{\gamma} \Rightarrow \tilde{D}_r = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}$$

so

$$D_F = \int d^4 p \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} \exp(-ip(x-y)) \quad \left. \right\} \text{energy}$$

$$\rightarrow D_F = \int d^4 p \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon} \exp(-ip(x-y))$$

the infinitesimal  $i\varepsilon$  shifts one pole up and the other plane down in the complex plane

$$P^o = E_p - i\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad p_o = E_p + i\varepsilon$$

the residue calculations yield

$$D_f = \delta(x^o - y^o) \langle 0 | [\phi(x), \phi(y)] | 0 \rangle + \delta(y^o - x^o) \langle 0 | [\phi(x), \phi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

↑ STOP never to do a project