

## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

$$\phi(x, t) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i p \cdot x} \phi(p, t)$$

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

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

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

$\textcircled{A}$  is the eq. of SHO with freq  $\textcircled{B}$ .

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

$$F = -kx$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \sim \frac{1}{2} k \phi^2$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\omega^2$

$$L = T - V$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k \phi^2$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\omega^2$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \phi^2$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{2} (aa^\dagger + a^\dagger a) = \frac{\omega}{2} (1 + a^\dagger a + a^\dagger a)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\omega}{2} (2a^\dagger a + 1) = \omega (a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2})$$

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(x), \pi(x')] &= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{-i}{2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\omega_p}{\omega_{p'}}} \left( \begin{aligned} &[a_p^\dagger, a_{p'}] - \\ &[a_p, a_{p'}^\dagger] \end{aligned} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \exp(i(p \cdot x + p' \cdot x')) \\ &= i \delta^3(x - x') \end{aligned}$$

Worked out steps

$$[\phi(x), \pi(x)] = \left[ \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_p}} (a_p e^{ipx} + a_p^\dagger e^{-ipx}), \right. \\ \left. \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3} (-i) \left( \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{p'}}{2}} \right) (a_{p'}^\dagger e^{ip'x} - a_{p'} e^{-ip'x}) \right]$$

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

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

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

$$\int \frac{d^3p d^3p'}{(2\pi)^6} (-i) \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{p'}}{\omega_p}} \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \delta^3(p + p') - \delta^3(p - p') \right) \right)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left( \frac{i}{2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{p'}}{\omega_p}} \left[ (2\pi)^3 (1+z) (\delta(p+p')) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} (i) (\delta(p+p')) \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{p'}}{\omega_p}} ( )$$

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

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

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

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

This confirms that  $\phi$  and  $\pi$  operators satisfy canonical commutation relations!

Writing  $H$  in terms of ladder operators

$$H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \left( \pi(x) \dot{\phi}(x) - \mathcal{L} \right)$$

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

$$\int d^3x \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + \frac{(\nabla \phi)^2}{2} - \frac{m^2 \phi^2}{2} \right)$$

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

$$\int \frac{d^3x}{2} \left[ \int \frac{d^3p d^3p'}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i(p+p')x} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\omega_p \omega_{p'}}}{4} (a_p - a_p^\dagger) \right. \right.$$

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



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

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

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

resolve the integral for delta function.

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

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

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

$$[a_p, a_p^\dagger] = a_p a_p^\dagger - a_p^\dagger a_p$$

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

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

Total momentum operators:-

$$P^i = \int T^{0i} d^3x = - \int d^3x \pi(x) \partial^i \phi$$

$$P = - \int d^3x \pi(x) \nabla \phi(x)$$

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

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3p d^3p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left[ \frac{-i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_p}{\omega_{p'}}} (a_p - a_p^\dagger) (i p' (a_{p'}^\dagger + a_{p'})) \right] \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\omega_{p'}}} \cdot e^{ip(p+p') \cdot x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^3x}{(2\pi)^6} \exp(i(P+P') \cdot x) \frac{d^3P d^3P'}{(2\pi)^6} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_P}{\omega_{P'}}} \\ (a_P a_{P'} + a_P a_{P'}^\dagger - a_{P'}^\dagger a_P - a_{P'}^\dagger a_P)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3P d^3P'}{(2\pi)^6} \delta(P+P') \frac{d^3P d^3P'}{(2\pi)^6} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_P}{\omega_{P'}}} \left( \downarrow \right)$$

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

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

we get

$$\int \frac{d^3P}{2(2\pi)^3} \left( \overset{\text{odd}}{a_P a_P} + \overset{\text{even}}{a_P^\dagger a_P} + \overset{\text{even}}{a_P a_P^\dagger} + \overset{\text{odd}}{a_P^\dagger a_P^\dagger} \right)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3P}{2} (a_P^\dagger a_P)$$

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$\hookrightarrow a_P^\dagger a_P + [a_P, a_P^\dagger]$

↑  
ignore

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

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

$$(2\pi)^3 \delta(0) \quad \leftarrow$$

$\rightarrow$  infinity

\* Since it's the sum of zero point energies of all modes with  $\omega_p$ , this was expected; we ignore this we can only measure energy differences.

$$\star \left| P = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} p a_p^\dagger a_p \right|$$

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

→ From now on  $\omega_p$  is  $E_p$

$$E_p = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2}$$

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

A single mode can contain inf particles; like string 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 states

$|p\rangle \propto a^\dagger|0\rangle$  will also appear quite often.

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

→ 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$|p\rangle = \sqrt{2E_p} a^\dagger(p) |0\rangle$$

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

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

normalization condition then implies that

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

$$U(\Lambda) a_p^\dagger U^{-1}(\Lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{E_p}{E_{\Lambda p}}} a_{\Lambda p}^\dagger$$

→ With this normalization we must divide  $2E_p$  in other places.

For 1-KG particle

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

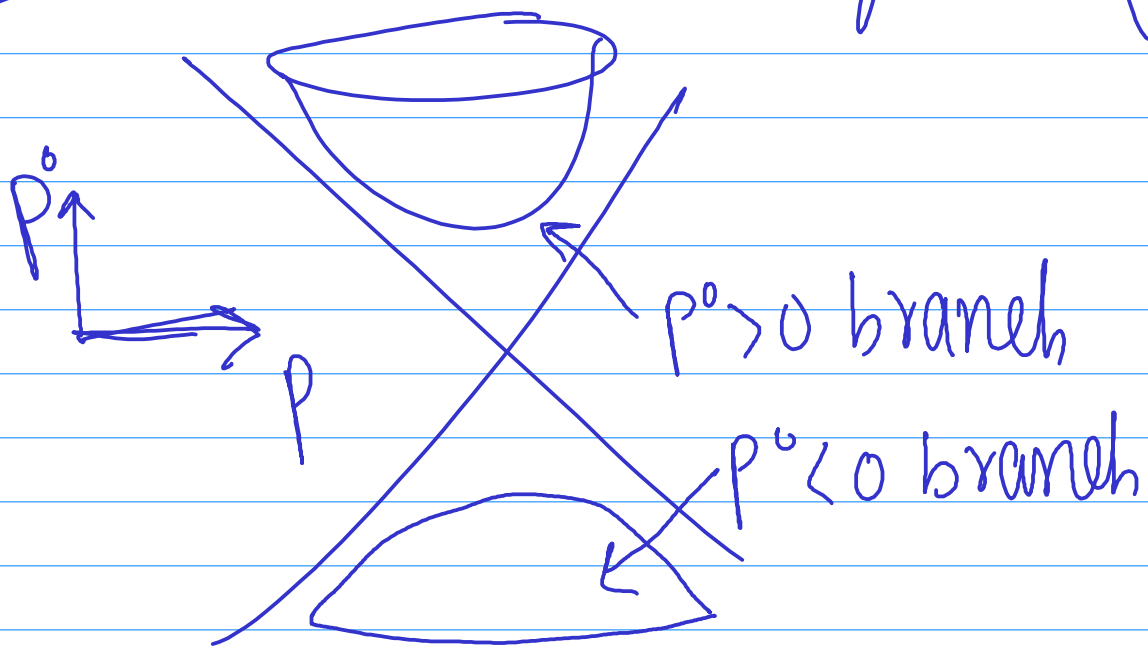
$$\rightarrow \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta(p^2 - m^2) \Big|_{p^0 > 0}$$

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  $\phi(x)|0\rangle$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\langle 0 | \phi(x) | P \rangle = \langle 0 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_P}} a_P^\dagger | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \exp(iP \cdot x)$$

## Klein-Gordon 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.

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3x' (i \delta^3(x - x') \pi(x', t))$$

$$\rightarrow i \pi(x, t)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \int d^3x' (-i \delta^3(x - x') (-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x', t))$$

$$= -i (-\nabla^2 + m^2) \phi(x, t)$$

Using these two results gives :-

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

Which is just the Klein-Gordon equation.

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

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

$\nabla \phi = \nabla (e^{-im(x-t)} \phi(x', t)) \rightarrow \text{will commute.}$   
 $\phi^2 = (\phi(x', t))^2 \rightarrow \text{will commute.}$

$$\left[ \phi(x, t), \int d^3x' \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 \right] \sim [A, B^2] \Rightarrow B[A, B]$$

$$\sim \int d^3x' \frac{1}{2} \pi(x') [\phi(x, t), \pi(x')] \sim \int d^3x' \frac{1}{2} \pi(x') i \delta^3(x - x')$$

for  $x = x'$   
 $\rightarrow i \pi(x) \cdot i$

for

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

$\rightarrow \text{commute.}$

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

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

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

we know

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

$H a_p - a_p H = -E_p a_p \rightarrow$  Since  $E_p$  is a number

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

for

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

Useful because; the time evolution  $e^{iHt} \supset e^{iHt}$

$\hookrightarrow$  Taylor expansion is used

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

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

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

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

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

$\sim$  likewise

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

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

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

4-vectors.

$$\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} \left( a_p e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} + a_p^\dagger e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \right) \Big|_{p_0=E_p} = \phi(x,t)$$

## 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

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

We can get this easily.

$$\phi(x) \phi(y) \Rightarrow \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{-i p \cdot x} (a_p + a_p^\dagger) \cdot \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_q} e^{i q \cdot y} (a_q + a_q^\dagger)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} e^{-i p \cdot x} e^{i q \cdot y} (a_p + a_p^\dagger) (a_q + a_q^\dagger) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{E_p E_q}}$$

$\langle 0 | \quad | 0 \rangle$

$$\langle 0 | \phi(x) \phi(y) | 0 \rangle \Rightarrow \int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{e^{-i p \cdot x} e^{i q \cdot y}}{2\sqrt{E_p E_q}} (a_p a_q + a_p a_q^\dagger + a_p^\dagger a_q + a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \downarrow \\ & \langle 0 | a_p a_q | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_p a_q^\dagger | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_p^\dagger a_q | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger | 0 \rangle \\ & \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ & \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow 0 \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow \text{non zero} \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow 0 \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \int \int \frac{d^3 p d^3 q}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{e^{-i p \cdot x} e^{i q \cdot y}}{\sqrt{E_p E_q}} \underbrace{\langle p | q \rangle}_{i \delta^3(p-q) (2\pi)^3} \left\{ \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{i p(y-x)} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)}}$$

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

$$\sim D(x-y) = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{p^2 dp}{2E_p} e^{-i p^0 t} = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{p^2 dp}{2\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} \exp(-i \sqrt{p^2 + m^2} t)$$

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

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

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

m because  
for  $p=0$   
 $E=m$

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

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

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

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

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

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

for causality

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

$$[\phi(x), \phi(y)] = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_q}} \{ [a_p e^{-ipx} + a_p^\dagger e^{ipx}, a_q e^{-iqy} + a_q^\dagger e^{iqy}] \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{(C)} \underbrace{e^{-ipx-iqy} [a_p, a_q]}_0 + \underbrace{e^{-ipx+iqy} [a_p, a_q^\dagger]}_{i\delta^3(p-q)} + \underbrace{e^{ipx-iqy} [a_p^\dagger, a_q]}_{-i\delta^3(p-q)} + \underbrace{e^{ipx+iqy} [a_p^\dagger, a_q^\dagger]}_0 \quad \text{Miau?} \end{aligned}$$



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

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

$\therefore$  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

$\hookrightarrow \sim \exp(\text{imt}) - \exp(\text{imt})$  [So for timelike; measurements can affect one another; which again, makes perfect sense.]

$\Delta G$  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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{As } (p^2 - m^2) = (p^{02} - p^2 - m^2) \Rightarrow (p^{02} - E_p^2) \Rightarrow (p^0 + E_p)(p^0 - E_p)$$

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

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

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

putting in main integral

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

So this is why we write as contour.

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

$$(\partial^2 + m^2) D_F(x-y) = \partial^2 (\theta(x-y) (\text{comm}) + 2\partial^\mu \theta(x-y) \partial_\mu (\text{comm}) + (\partial^2 + m^2)(\text{comm}))$$

$$= \partial^2 \theta(x-y) (\text{commutator}) + 2\partial^\mu \theta(x-y) \partial_\mu (\text{comm})$$

$$= \frac{\delta(x-y) (\text{comm})}{\dot{\delta}f(t) = -\dot{f}(t)} + 2\delta(x^0-y^0) \partial_\mu (\text{comm})$$

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

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

$$= \delta(x^0-y^0) (-i\delta^3(x-y)) \Rightarrow -i\delta^4(x-y)$$

Also could've derived this as:-

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

and

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

So

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

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

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

$$p^0 = E_p - i\epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad p^0 = E_p + i\epsilon$$

the residue calculations yield

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

Stop here to do a project