Quantum Field Theory Homework

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Problems

- **I.8.3** For the complex scalar field discussed in the text calculate $\langle 0|T[\varphi(x)\varphi^{\dagger}(0)]|0\rangle$.
- **I.8.4** Show that $[Q, \varphi(x)] = -\varphi(x)$.
- **II.2.1** Use Noether's theorem to derive the conserved current $J^{\mu} = \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi$. Calculate $[Q, \psi]$, thus showing that b and d^{\dagger} must carry the same charge.
- **III.1.2** Regard (1) as an analytic function of K^2 . Show that it has a cut extending from $4m^2$ to infinity. [Hint: If you can't extract this result directly from (1) look at (14). An extensive discussion of this exercise will be given in chapter III.8.]
- **III.1.3** Change Λ to $e^{\epsilon}\Lambda$. Show that for \mathcal{M} not to change, to the order indicated λ must change by $\delta\lambda = 6\epsilon C\lambda^2 + O(\lambda^3)$, that is,

$$\Lambda \frac{d\lambda}{d\Lambda} = 6C\lambda^2 + O(\lambda^3)$$