

Symmetry factors arise when there are fewer contractions that yield the same diagram.

$$x \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} y \quad \langle 0 | T(\phi(x)\phi(r) \int d^3z_1 \phi(z_1)^3 \int d^3z_2 \phi(z_2)^3) | 0 \rangle \times \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{3!^2}$$

choose whether z_1 or z_2 contracts with x : 2
 choose which $\phi(z_i)$ do contraction: 3^2
 remaining choice: only 2

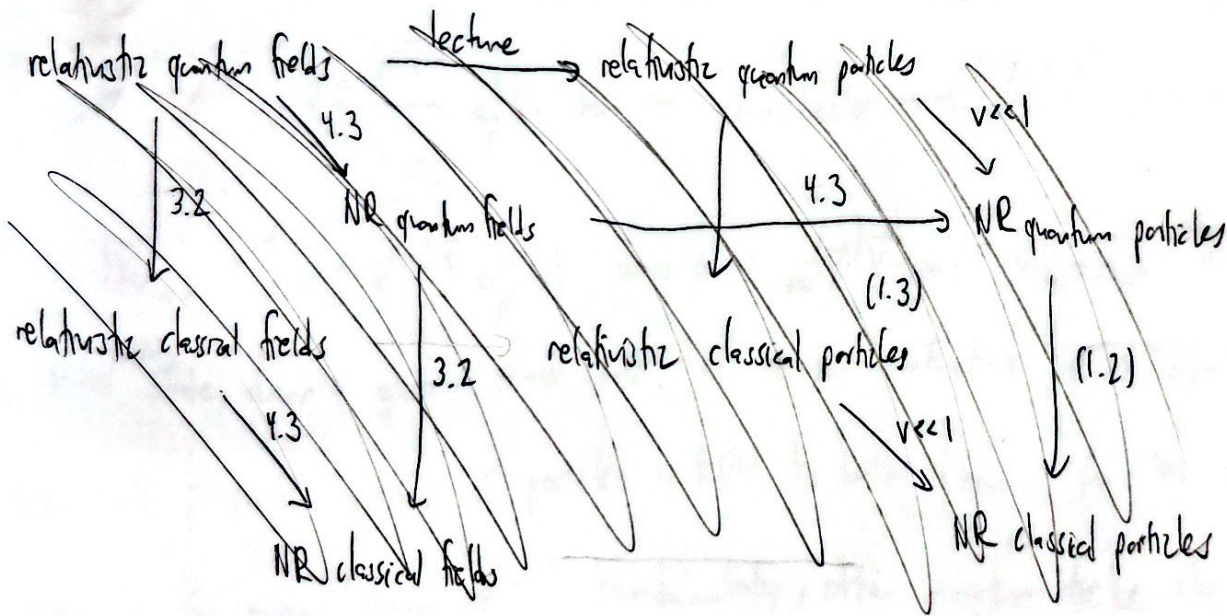
} Sym. factor $\frac{1}{2}$.

how does this differ from previous case? nicely 4 choices (choose which $\phi(z_1)$ to contract with which $\phi(z_2)$ but

$\phi(z_1)\phi(z_1)\phi(z_2)\phi(z_2)$ since $\phi(z_1)\phi(z_1)\phi(z_2)\phi(z_2)$

the two edges are symmetric.

Remarks on problem 3: we're completing the big picture!



don't write $\partial_i \chi \chi^\dagger \dots$

a lot of people write

$$\partial_\mu \phi = \partial_0 \phi + \partial_i \phi$$

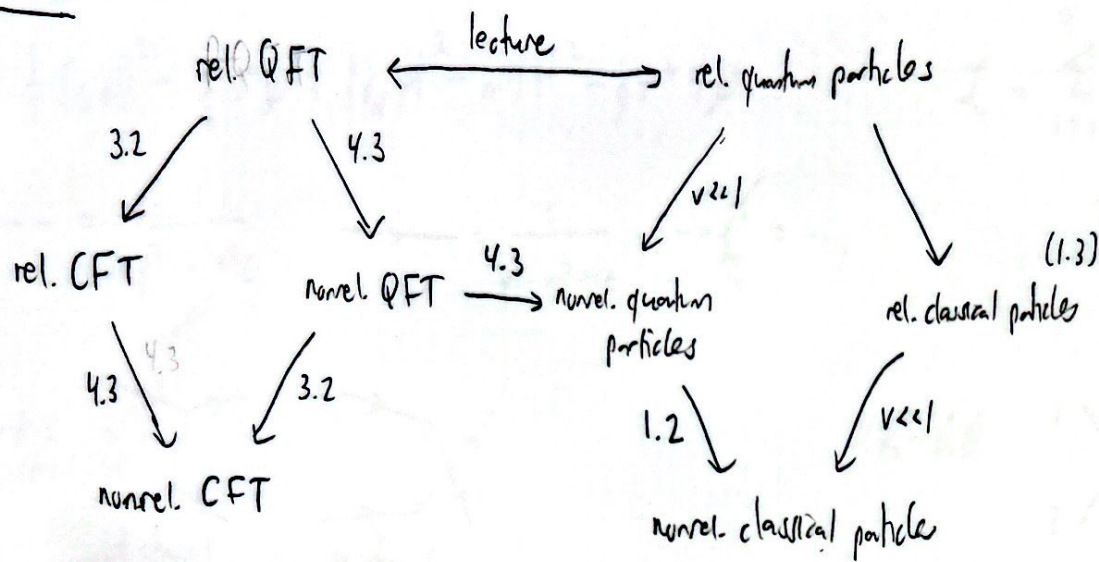
$$(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) = (\partial_0 \phi + \partial_i \phi)(\partial^0 \phi + \partial^i \phi)$$

correct is

$$(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) = \sum_{\mu=0,1,2,3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi = \partial_0 \phi \partial^0 \phi + \partial_i \phi \partial^i \phi.$$

In this problem, you get a NR QFT where χ annihilates NR particles \rightarrow recover single particle states $|\psi\rangle = \int d\vec{x} \psi(\vec{x}, t) |\vec{x}\rangle$
 with wave functions satisfying SE, $i\dot{\psi} = -\nabla^2 \psi / 2m$. also multiparticle states $\int d\vec{x} d\vec{y} \psi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \chi^\dagger(\vec{x}) \chi^\dagger(\vec{y}) |0\rangle$.

The big picture:



in EM, we start with relativistic photon and electron fields. electrons are massive and have conserved charge \rightarrow their # stays the same in low energy expts. photons are massless & produced in great quantity. to describe every day physics, reduce
 photon Q field \rightarrow classical EM field
 electron Q field \rightarrow NR classical electrons

A nagging Q: why no position-space wavefunctions in relativistic QFT? The issue is

$$|\vec{x}\rangle = \psi^\dagger(\vec{x})|0\rangle = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}}{\sqrt{2E_p}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger|0\rangle \text{ has rel. norm. factor} \rightarrow \langle\vec{y}|\vec{x}\rangle \text{ not a delta function! falls on scale } 1/m.$$

N-W fixed: $|\vec{x}\rangle_{NW} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} a_{\vec{p}}^\dagger|0\rangle$ does obey ${}_{NW}\langle\vec{y}|\vec{x}\rangle_{NW} = \delta(\vec{y}-\vec{x})$. but does not play well with Lorentz transformations.

boosting N-W state doesn't give a N-W state, and N-W wavefunctions spread superluminally (though falls on scale $1/m$).

Bottom line: we can't pinpoint locations of particles in QFT to better than $\sim 1/m$. We express locality in terms of fields.

Problem 4: what is the source "made of"? Fundamentally, other quantum fields, like $J(x) = \chi^\dagger(x)\chi(x)$. So why can we treat it as classical & localized? For single particles, $\langle\psi|J(x)|\psi\rangle = |\psi(x)|^2$, the norm of the wavefunction!

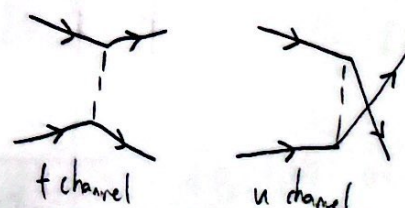
In this problem describes, e.g. two χ particles localized at $\vec{0}$ and \vec{Q} .

More Feynman diagrams.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \phi^2 + |\partial_\mu \psi|^2 - m^2 |\psi|^2 - g \psi^\dagger \psi \phi$$

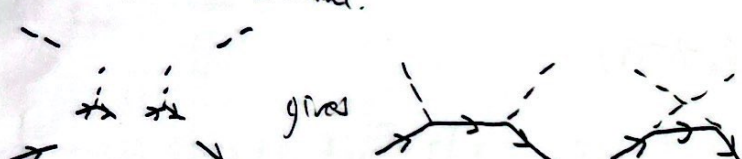
$$----- = \frac{i}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} \quad \longrightarrow = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \quad \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} = -ig$$

$\phi\phi \rightarrow \psi\psi$:



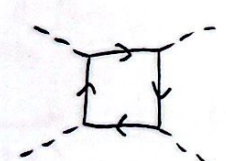
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$\phi\psi \rightarrow \phi\psi$:




ghosts

$\phi\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi$:



+ many more

$\phi \rightarrow \psi\psi^\dagger \psi\psi^\dagger$

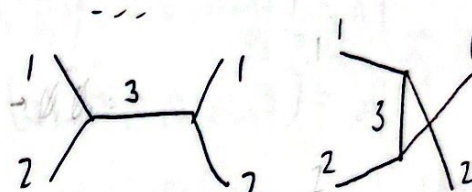


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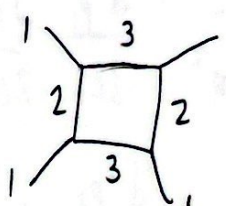
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_i^2 \phi_i^2 \right) - g \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3$$

$$\frac{1}{p^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon} \quad \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ 2 \end{array} = -ig$$

$\phi_1\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1\phi_2$:



$\phi_1\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_1\phi_1$:



+ more.

What about $\mathcal{L}_{int} \supset -g \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2$? on a diagram with no symmetry factors, we would have

$$-ig \int dx \underbrace{\phi_1(x) \phi_1(x)}_{2 \text{ choices}} \underbrace{\phi_2(x) \phi_2(x)}_{2 \text{ choices}} \rightarrow \text{vertex } \square$$

$$1 \times 2^2 = -4ig.$$

Phase space integrals. keep calm and do the integral. Example: $d\sigma/d\Omega$ in CM frame for $p_A, p_B \rightarrow p_1, p_2$ all massless.

$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2E_A \cdot 2E_B \cdot (v_A - v_B)} \prod_f \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_f} |M|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_A + p_B - \sum p_f)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2E_{cm}^2} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^3 p_1}{2E_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2} |M|^2 \delta(E_{cm} - E_1 - E_2) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{32\pi^2 E_{cm}^2} \frac{d^3 p_1}{|\vec{p}_1|^2} |M|^2 \delta(E_{cm} - E_1 - E_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{32\pi^2 E_{cm}^2} d|\vec{p}_1| d\Omega |M|^2 \delta(E_{cm} - 2|\vec{p}_1|)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64\pi^2 E_{cm}^2} d\Omega |M|^2. \quad \checkmark$$

$$p_A = (E_{cm}/2, 0, 0, E_{cm}/2)$$

$$p_B = (E_{cm}/2, 0, 0, -E_{cm}/2)$$

$$p_1 = (E_1, \vec{p}_1) \quad E_i = |\vec{p}_i|$$

$$p_2 = (E_2, \vec{p}_2)$$

$$d^3 p_1 = |\vec{p}_1|^2 d|\vec{p}_1| d\Omega$$

if the final particles are identical, factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ to avoid overcounting.