
Homework 3
Due date: 2019.04.15

Problem 1. Particle A, at rest, decays into particles B and C ($A \rightarrow B + C$). Do the following calculations in particle A's rest frame, and give your results in terms of the masses m_A , m_B and m_C .

- 1) Find the energy of the outgoing particles E_B and E_C . [2 points]
- 2) Find the magnitudes of the outgoing momenta $|\vec{p}_B|$ and $|\vec{p}_C|$. [2 points]

Problem 2. Consider the theory described by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 .$$

Compute the leading order (in λ) amplitude, i.e., $i\mathcal{M}_{fi}$, for the $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering (consider only the nontrivial case in which all the particles participate in the scattering).

Note: Please perform the computation with the same degree of details as those done in class. In particular, don't use Feynman rules directly. [4 points]

Problem 3. Consider the theory described by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - \frac{m_1^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{m_2^2}{2} \phi^2 - g \phi^4 - g' \sigma^2 \phi^2 - g'' \sigma^4 - \lambda \sigma \phi^2 - \lambda' \sigma^3 .$$

Compute the tree-level amplitude, i.e., $i\mathcal{M}_{fi}$, for the process

$$\phi(q_1) + \phi(q_2) \rightarrow \phi(q_3) + \phi(q_4) .$$

Please give your results in terms of the couplings and the Mandelstam variables, and consider only the nontrivial case in which all the particles participate in the scattering.

Note: Please perform the computation with the same degree of details as those done in class. In particular, don't use Feynman rules directly. [7 points]