

(4b) Talk about all these particle states in a more consistent way.

For every given momenta we have stacks of Hilbert space

- $\infty$  many possibilities for Bosons  $0 \rightarrow \infty$
- fixed  $\#$  depending on the Spin for fermions.

Ultimately interested in interactions between particles.

- Defined by some hamiltonian.

- Could specify the ~~that~~ hamiltonian by describing how it acts on all states in the hilbert space.

- Instead for our convenience introduce creation & annihilation operators.

↳ keeps track of states in a simple way.

vacuum state  
These are primary  
↓  
 $|0\rangle$

$$|p, \sigma\rangle \equiv a_{p, \sigma}^+ |0\rangle$$

↳ defines  $a^+$

$$|p_1, \sigma_1, p_2, \sigma_2\rangle = a_{p_1, \sigma_1}^+ a_{p_2, \sigma_2}^+ |0\rangle$$

⋮

$$a_{p, \sigma} |0\rangle = 0$$

$a$  - removes states.

⋮

Can encode boson/fermion statistics in  $a$  &  $a^+$ .

$$[a_{p_1, \sigma_1}^+, a_{p_2, \sigma_2}^+] = 0$$

Bosons

$$\{a_{p_1, \sigma_1}^+, a_{p_2, \sigma_2}^+\} = 0$$

Fermions

$$[a_{p_1, \sigma_1}, a_{p_2, \sigma_2}] = 0$$

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Normalization

$$\langle p', \sigma' | p, \sigma \rangle = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Use compressed} \\ \text{notation} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{pp'}$$

Normalization is our convenience.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p', \sigma' | p, \sigma \rangle &= \delta\delta \\ \langle 0 | a_{p\sigma} a_{p'\sigma'}^\dagger | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | a^\dagger a + [a, a^\dagger] | 0 \rangle \\ &= 0 + \langle 0 | [a, a^\dagger] | 0 \rangle = \delta\delta \end{aligned}$$

$$[a_{p\sigma}, a_{p'\sigma'}^\dagger] = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{pp'} \quad \text{Bosons}$$

$$\{a_{p\sigma}, a_{p'\sigma'}^\dagger\} = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{pp'} \quad \text{Fermions}$$

Note, these are operators that we have defined for our convenience. Makes it easier to talk about the state.

Usually you see it presented as,

- Start w/ fields, quantize, then find these commutation relations

But really the fields are secondary concepts, what comes first is the particles. "Not one loop <sup>thing</sup> going on here"

What would the free Hamiltonian be?

$$H = \sum_{p\sigma} E_p a_{p\sigma}^\dagger a_{p\sigma}$$

really an integral.

- Labeling states by 4-momenta, but the energy is constrained ( $E^2 = p^2 + m^2$ )

Can label by the 3-momentum

$$\langle \vec{p}', \sigma' | \vec{p}, \sigma \rangle = (2\pi)^3 2E_p \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{p}')$$

Note  $d^3p$  is not Lorentz invariant, but  $\frac{d^3p}{2E_p}$  is Lorentz invariant.

$$\left[ \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \right]$$

$$\int d^4p \delta(p^2 - m^2) = \int dE d^3p \delta(E^2 - (p^2 + m^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{can do } \int \frac{dE}{2E} &= \int \frac{d^3p}{2E} \delta(E^2 - (p^2 + m^2)) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3p}{2E} \end{aligned}$$

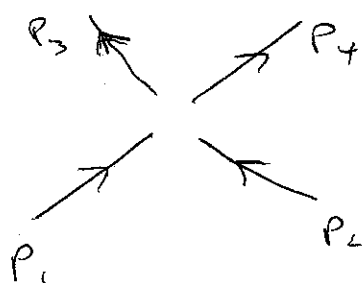
Make my life ~~much~~ easier by defining.

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

$$H = \sum_{p\sigma}^{Free} E_p a_{p\sigma}^\dagger a_{p\sigma}$$

$$= \int d^3p E_p a_{p\sigma}^\dagger a_{p\sigma}$$

Now lets imagine building interactions. Add interaction hamiltonian.



$$+ \int d^3p_1 d^3p_2 d^3p_3 d^3p_4 \delta(\vec{p}_1 \dots \vec{p}_4) \delta(E_1 \dots E_4)$$

$$\underbrace{a_{p_4\sigma_4}^\dagger a_{p_3\sigma_3}^\dagger a_{p_2\sigma_2} a_{p_1\sigma_1}}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4} V(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) + H.C.$$

↳ Acts on the initial state and gives the final state.

Interactions made out of strings of  $a$ 's and  $a^\dagger$ 's.

Also easy in this picture to talk about creation and destruction of particles (Not just scattering)

Very convient to use this to map between differt ~~phases~~ states

So far we havent said the word "field".

Now comes the challenge,

- these are interactions between momentum eigenstates.
- mom eigen states are like big plane waves.

A totally generic coefficient  $(\delta(\vec{p}_1 \dots \vec{p}_4) \delta(E_1 \dots E_4) V(p_1, \dots, p_4))$  is not going to correspond to point-like local interactions.

Would like to come up with some engine to allow us to build interaction Hamiltonians where we can just see explicitly that the interactions are local.

↳ this is where the utility of the field concept comes in.

The states that we defined act very nicely under the translation operator, (just pick up phase) but <sup>to</sup> get interactions local in space need  $x$  to make an appearance.

Build out of the other operators

$$\phi(x) \quad T: \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(\vec{x} + \vec{a})$$

Very nice way of doing this, Fourier transforms.

Define

$$\phi_+(\vec{x}) = \int d^3p \, a_{\vec{p}}^+ e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

$$\phi_-(x) = \phi_+^\dagger(x)$$

$$\phi_-(\vec{x}) = \int d^3p \, a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

Indeed  $\phi$ 's behave as above under translations.

Now can go back to the free Hamiltonian and write it very simply using  $\phi$ 's

$H^{\text{free}}$

non relativistic for the moment.

$$E_p = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$H^{\text{free}} = \int d^3x \, \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \phi_+)^{\dagger} (\vec{\nabla} \phi_+)}{2m}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Same as}} H^{\text{free}} = \sum_{\vec{p}} E_p a_{\vec{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{p}}$$

Now it's clear how you could write down interactions that take place locally.

$$H^{\text{free}} + \int d^3x \left[ \phi_+(x) \phi_+(x) \phi_-(x) \phi_-(x) \right] + \dots$$

It's totally clear now that this is local in space.

Taking this and expanding out gives something like we just talked about with 2 a's and 2 a's. All the rest comes along for the ride.

(Note this is done non-relativistically for the moment to stress that this has nothing to do w/ relativity. This is about making interactions local)

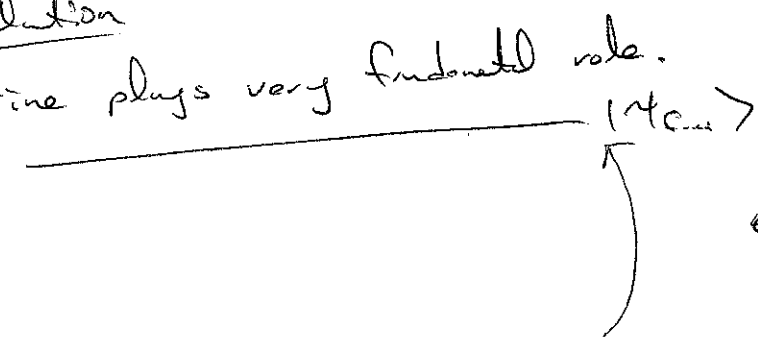
Why we use fields. Makes local interactions of particles manifest. Hardwired into the description of particles.

↑  
locality

Where does relativity come in? What is the difficulty?

Time evolution

QM - time plays very fundamental role.



Diff. obs. see diff. spec-like sheets

Have a hope of Lorentz invariance if we start at  $-\infty$  & go to  $+\infty$ .

Throw particles in from  $-\infty$  let them scatter & go back out to  $+\infty$ . S-matrix  $t=+\infty$

$$t=-\infty |p_1, \sigma_1, \dots, p_n, \sigma_n\rangle \longrightarrow S | \vec{p}_1, \sigma_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n, \sigma_n \rangle$$

↳ might be (at least a hope) Lorentz invariant.