

# Gauge theories in particle physics<sup>(3rd, Aitchison and Hey)</sup>

## Chapter 7, Quantum field theory III : Complex scalar fields, Dirac and maxwell fields; introduction of electromagnetic interactions

### Problems 7.1, $P_{200}$ .

Verify that the Lagrangian  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  of (7.1) is invariant (i.e.  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\hat{\phi}'_1, \hat{\phi}'_2)$ ) under the transformation (7.2) of the fields  $(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) \rightarrow (\hat{\phi}'_1, \hat{\phi}'_2)$ .

Solutions of *Problem 7.1*:

Equation (7.1) is a Lagrangian for two free fields  $\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2$  having the same mass  $M$ , as following:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \hat{\phi}_1 \partial^\mu \hat{\phi}_1 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \hat{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \hat{\phi}_2 \partial^\mu \hat{\phi}_2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \hat{\phi}_2^2$$

Because  $\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2$  are composed of create/destroy operators multiplying exponential function, like  $\hat{a}_k e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{a}_k^\dagger e^{ik \cdot x}$  (cf. equation (6.52) for instance). And according to the definition of  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{a}^\dagger$  ((5.61), (5.62)),  $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{m\omega}\hat{q} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{m\omega}}\hat{p})$ ,  $\hat{a}^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{m\omega}\hat{q} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{m\omega}}\hat{p})$ . At the same time, contravariant vector  $\partial^\mu = (\partial/\partial t, -\nabla)$  and covariant  $\partial_\mu = (\partial/\partial t, \nabla)$  could act on the  $\hat{q}, \hat{p}$ . So, these two kinds of “operators” are not “independent”. As a result,  $\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2$  could **NOT** move forward or backward among the expressions.

Although the following solution looks pretty simple, it's **wrong**:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{L}} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \partial^\mu (\hat{\phi}_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \hat{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \partial^\mu (\hat{\phi}_2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \hat{\phi}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) \hat{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) \hat{\phi}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) (\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \hat{\phi}_2^2) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

And the equation of (7.2) is :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}'_1 &= (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2 \\ \hat{\phi}'_2 &= (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2 \end{aligned}$$

So, do the replacing as  $(\hat{\phi}_1 \rightarrow \hat{\phi}'_1, \hat{\phi}_2 \rightarrow \hat{\phi}'_2)$  to (1) will obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{L}} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) (\hat{\phi}_1'^2 + \hat{\phi}_2'^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) \{[(\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]^2 + [(\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]^2\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) (\cos^2\alpha \hat{\phi}_1^2 - 2\cos\alpha\sin\alpha \hat{\phi}_1 \hat{\phi}_2 + \sin^2\alpha \hat{\phi}_2^2 + \sin^2\alpha \hat{\phi}_1^2 + 2\sin\alpha\cos\alpha \hat{\phi}_1 \hat{\phi}_2 + \cos^2\alpha \hat{\phi}_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) [(\cos^2\alpha + \sin^2\alpha) \hat{\phi}_1^2 + (\sin^2\alpha + \cos^2\alpha) \hat{\phi}_2^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - M^2) (\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \hat{\phi}_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

The **correct solution** might replace  $\hat{\phi}_1$  and  $\hat{\phi}_2$  with the expression of  $\hat{\phi}'_1$  and  $\hat{\phi}'_2$  (7.2) in the Lagrangian (7.1). Details like this :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathcal{L}} &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}'_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}'_1 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}'_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}'_2 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_2'^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu[(\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]\partial^\mu[(\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2] - \frac{1}{2}M^2[(\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu[(\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]\partial^\mu[(\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2] - \frac{1}{2}M^2[(\sin\alpha)\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\hat{\phi}_2]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[(\cos\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2][(\cos\alpha)\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 - (\sin\alpha)\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2] - \frac{1}{2}M^2(\cos^2\alpha\hat{\phi}_1^2 - 2\cos\alpha\sin\alpha\hat{\phi}_1\hat{\phi}_2 + \sin^2\alpha\hat{\phi}_2^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}[(\sin\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2][(\sin\alpha)\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos\alpha)\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2] - \frac{1}{2}M^2(\sin^2\alpha\hat{\phi}_1^2 + 2\sin\alpha\cos\alpha\hat{\phi}_1\hat{\phi}_2 + \cos^2\alpha\hat{\phi}_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[(\cos^2\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 - (\cos\alpha\sin\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2 - (\sin\alpha\cos\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + (\sin^2\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}[(\sin^2\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + (\sin\alpha\cos\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2 + (\cos\alpha\sin\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + (\cos^2\alpha)\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2] - \frac{1}{2}M^2(\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \hat{\phi}_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 + \partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2) - \frac{1}{2}M^2(\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \hat{\phi}_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_1\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_1 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\phi}_2\partial^\mu\hat{\phi}_2 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\hat{\phi}_2^2\end{aligned}\tag{proof is done}$$

**Problems 7.2,  $P_{200}$ .**

(a) Verify that, for  $\hat{N}_\phi^\mu$  given by (7.23), the corresponding  $\hat{N}_\phi$  of (7.14) reduces to the form (7.24); and that, with  $\hat{H}$  given by (7.21),  $[\hat{N}_\phi, \hat{H}] = 0$ .

Solutions of problem 7.2(a):

The equation (7.23) is,

$$\hat{N}_\phi^\mu = i(\hat{\phi}^\dagger \partial^\mu \hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi} \partial^\mu \hat{\phi}^\dagger) \quad (7.23)$$

The equation (7.14) reads,

$$\hat{N}_\phi = \int \hat{N}_\phi^0 d^3 \mathbf{x} \quad (7.14)$$

The equation (7.24) says,

$$\hat{N}_\phi = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k) \hat{a}(k) - \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k)] \quad (7.24)$$

From (7.23),

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{N}_\phi^0 &= i(\hat{\phi}^\dagger \partial^0 \hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi} \partial^0 \hat{\phi}^\dagger) \\ &= i(\hat{\phi}^\dagger \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\phi}^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

From equation (7.16),

$$\hat{\phi} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}]$$

Accordingly,

$$\hat{\phi}^\dagger = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}]$$

And  $\partial \hat{\phi} / \partial t$  is ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{-ik \cdot x}) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{ik \cdot x})] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [-ik_0 \hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + ik_0 \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \\ &= -ik_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} - \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\partial \hat{\phi}^\dagger / \partial t$  is ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}^\dagger}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{ik' \cdot x}) + \hat{b}(k') \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{-ik' \cdot x})] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [ik'_0 \hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} - ik'_0 \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \\ &= ik'_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi^3)\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} - \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the expressions of  $\phi, \phi^\dagger, \partial\hat{\phi}/\partial t$  and  $\partial\hat{\phi}^\dagger/\partial t$  into  $\hat{N}_\phi^0 = i(\hat{\phi}^\dagger \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\phi}^\dagger)$ , one gets,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{N}_\phi^0 &= i(\hat{\phi}^\dagger \partial^0 \hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi} \partial^0 \hat{\phi}^\dagger) \\
 &= i(\{ \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \} \{ -ik_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} - \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \} \\
 &\quad - \{ \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \} \{ ik'_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} - \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \} ) \\
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} - \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] \\
 &\quad + k'_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}] [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{ik' \cdot x} - \hat{b}(k') e^{-ik' \cdot x}] \\
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k) e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - \hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{i(k'+k) \cdot x} + \hat{b}(k') \hat{a}(k) e^{-i(k'+k) \cdot x} - \hat{b}(k') \hat{b}^\dagger(k) e^{i(k-k') \cdot x}] \\
 &\quad + k'_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(k) \hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - \hat{a}(k) \hat{b}(k') e^{-i(k'+k) \cdot x} + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{a}^\dagger(k') e^{i(k'+k) \cdot x} - \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k') e^{i(k-k') \cdot x}]
 \end{aligned}$$

(According to  $P_{161}$ ,  $k_0, k'_0$  is unrestricted, and  $k_0 = k'_0 = z$ . But  $k' \neq k$ , that's why we reached this step.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \{ [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}(k) \hat{a}^\dagger(k')] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - [\hat{b}(k') \hat{b}^\dagger(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(k-k') \cdot x} \} \\
 &\quad + k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \{ [\hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{a}^\dagger(k') - \hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{b}^\dagger(k)] e^{i(k'+k) \cdot x} + [\hat{b}(k') \hat{a}(k) - \hat{a}(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{-i(k'+k) \cdot x} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

(the second term after “+” = 0 due to commutator relations)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \{ [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}(k) \hat{a}^\dagger(k')] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - [\hat{b}(k') \hat{b}^\dagger(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(k-k') \cdot x} \} \\
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \{ [2\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k) - [\hat{a}^\dagger(k'), \hat{a}(k)]] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - [2\hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k') - [\hat{b}^\dagger(k), \hat{b}(k')]] e^{i(k-k') \cdot x} \} \\
 &= k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [2\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k)] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k'), \hat{a}(k)] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} \\
 &\quad - k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [2\hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(k-k') \cdot x} + k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k), \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x}
 \end{aligned}$$

(the second and fourth terms in above expression will cancel out, so only the first and third ones survived.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k)] e^{i(k'-k) \cdot x} - 2k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(k-k') \cdot x} \\
 &= 2k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k') \hat{a}(k)] e^{i(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{x}} - 2k_0 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k) \hat{b}(k')] e^{i(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{x}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

( $k_0 = k'_0$ , so  $e^{i(k'_0 - k_0)x_0} = e^{i(k_0 - k'_0)x_0} = 1$ . Only in 3 dimension form,  $\int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \delta(\mathbf{x})$ , Cf. (E.27))

Substituting this expression into equation (7.14),  $\hat{N}_\phi = \int \hat{N}_\phi^0 d^3\mathbf{x}$ . One gets,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{N}_\phi &= \int \hat{N}_\phi^0 d^3\mathbf{x} \\
 &= \int \{2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k)] e^{i(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\cdot\mathbf{x}} - 2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k')] e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}}\} d^3\mathbf{x} \\
 &= \{2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k)] \int e^{i(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\cdot\mathbf{x}} d^3\mathbf{x}\} \\
 &\quad - \{2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k')] \int e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}} d^3\mathbf{x}\} \\
 &= \{2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k)] \delta(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\} - \{2k_0 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k')] \delta(\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{k})\} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) - \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)]
 \end{aligned} \tag{E.26}$$

(This is just the (7.24), by considering  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}'$ , and by assuming  $2k_0 = 2\omega$ .)

Proof is almost robust yet there is one flaw need to be wiped off, that's the value of  $k_0, k'_0$ . According to  $P_{161}$ , authors emphasized that  $k_0$  is not  $(k^2 + m_C^2)^{1/2}$ . But at the last step, to cancel the terms of  $\sqrt{\omega}$ , one has to set  $k_0 = \omega$ . It's sounds not so plausible...

**Not really !** The point is in the page of  $P_{161}$ , it's interaction field where mass off-shell happens which means the mass is not conservative, so  $k_0 \neq \sqrt{(k^2 + m_C^2)}$ ; while in this exercise the field is free field which essentially come from (7.1) and no any interaction at all, so it's mass on-shell therefore  $k_0 = \sqrt{(k^2 + m_C^2)}$ .

Part 2 of *problem 7.2(a)*: it's to check that  $[\hat{N}_\phi, \hat{H}] = 0$ , with  $\hat{H}$  given by (7.21).

The equation (7.21) reads,

$$\hat{H} = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)]\omega \tag{7.21}$$

So,  $[\hat{N}_\phi, \hat{H}] = \hat{N}_\phi \hat{H} - \hat{H} \hat{N}_\phi$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{N}_\phi \hat{H} &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)] \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')] [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)] \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k) - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')\hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)]
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H} \hat{N}_\phi &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')] \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)] [\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')] \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} [\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k') + \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') - \hat{b}^\dagger(k)\hat{b}(k)\hat{b}^\dagger(k')\hat{b}(k')]
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

From the comparison of (2) and (3), one can see the terms in (3) “corresponds” to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of (2) are 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Taking the 1<sup>st</sup> terms in both (2) and (3) as a example to prove, the other “matched” terms are similar.

The first term of (2) is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k) \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')\{[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)] + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k')\}\hat{a}(k) \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k')\hat{a}(k) \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}(k') \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\{[\hat{a}^\dagger(k'), \hat{a}(k)] + \hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\}\hat{a}(k') \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)[\hat{a}^\dagger(k'), \hat{a}(k)]\hat{a}(k') + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k') \\
 &= \hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) - \hat{a}^\dagger(k)[\hat{a}(k), \hat{a}^\dagger(k')]\hat{a}(k') + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')
 \end{aligned}$$

Let integral acts on it,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k) - \hat{a}^\dagger(k)[\hat{a}(k), \hat{a}^\dagger(k')]\hat{a}(k') + \hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k')[\hat{a}(k'), \hat{a}^\dagger(k)]\hat{a}(k)\} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)[\hat{a}(k), \hat{a}^\dagger(k')]\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &\quad + \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k')[(2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k})]\hat{a}(k)\} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)[(2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')]\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &\quad + \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\} + \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \{\hat{a}^\dagger(k)\hat{a}(k)\hat{a}^\dagger(k')\hat{a}(k')\}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is exactly the first term in (3). And other “matched ” terms could be proved in the similar way. As a result,  $\hat{N}_\phi \hat{H} = \hat{H} \hat{N}_\phi$ . And finally,  $[\hat{N}_\phi, \hat{H}] = \hat{N}_\phi \hat{H} - \hat{H} \hat{N}_\phi = 0$ .

*proof of problem 7.2.(a) is done.*

**Problem 7.3** Show that  $[\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] = 0$  for  $(x_1 - x_2)^2 < 0$ .

[Hint: insert expression (7.16) for the  $\hat{\phi}$ 's and use the commutation relations (7.18) to express the commutator as the difference of two integrals; in the second integral,  $x_1 - x_2$  can be transformed to  $-(x_1 - x_2)$  by a Lorentz transformation - the time-ordering of space-like separated events is frame-depement ! ].

*Solution of Problem 7.3:*

$$[\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] = \hat{\phi}(x_1)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) - \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)\hat{\phi}(x_1)$$

And from equation (7.16),

$$\hat{\phi}(x_1) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-ik\cdot x_1} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{ik\cdot x_1}]$$

$$\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{ik'\cdot x_2} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-ik'\cdot x_2}]$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}(x_1)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-ik\cdot x_1} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{ik\cdot x_1}] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{ik'\cdot x_2} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-ik'\cdot x_2}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-ik\cdot x_1} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{ik\cdot x_1}] [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{ik'\cdot x_2} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-ik'\cdot x_2}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(-k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} + \hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-i(k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} \\ &\quad + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(k\cdot x_1 - k'\cdot x_2)}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)\hat{\phi}(x_1) &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{ik'\cdot x_2} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-ik'\cdot x_2}] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-ik\cdot x_1} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{ik\cdot x_1}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{ik'\cdot x_2} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-ik'\cdot x_2}] [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-ik\cdot x_1} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{ik\cdot x_1}] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{i(k'\cdot x_2 - k\cdot x_1)} + \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{i(k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)} \\ &\quad + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-i(k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{i(-k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)}] \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &[\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] \\ &= \hat{\phi}(x_1)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) - \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)\hat{\phi}(x_1) \\ &= \int \int [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(-k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} + \hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{-i(k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} + \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')e^{i(k\cdot x_1 - k'\cdot x_2)}] \\ &\quad - \int \int [\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{i(k'\cdot x_2 - k\cdot x_1)} + \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{i(k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})e^{-i(k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)} + \hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})e^{i(-k'\cdot x_2 + k\cdot x_1)}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') - \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})]e^{i(-k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} - \int \int [\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')\hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) - \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}')]e^{i(k\cdot x_1 - k'\cdot x_2)} \\ &= \int \int [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k}), \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')]e^{i(-k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} - \int \int [\hat{b}(\mathbf{k}'), \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})]e^{i(k\cdot x_1 - k'\cdot x_2)} \\ &= \int \int (2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')e^{i(-k\cdot x_1 + k'\cdot x_2)} - \int \int (2\pi)^3\delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')e^{i(k\cdot x_1 - k'\cdot x_2)} \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik\cdot (-x_1 + x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik\cdot (x_1 - x_2)} \end{aligned}$$

According to the hint, “ in the second integral,  $x_1 - x_2$  can be transformed to  $-(x_1 - x_2)$  by a Lorentz transformation - the time-ordering of space-like separated events is frame-depended ! ” As a result,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] &= \hat{\phi}(x_1)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) - \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)\hat{\phi}(x_1) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (x_1-x_2)} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3(-\mathbf{k})}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{i(-k) \cdot [-(x_1-x_2)]} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3(\mathbf{k}_c)}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{i(k_c) \cdot [-(x_1-x_2)]} \quad (\text{Change } -k \text{ to } k_c) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3(\mathbf{k}_c)}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{i(k_c) \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} \\
 &= 0 \quad (\text{Two terms are same. So, proof is done.})
 \end{aligned}$$

Mathematically, there is another way to prove that  $[\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] = 0$  at this stage.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{\phi}(x_1), \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)] &= \hat{\phi}(x_1)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2) - \hat{\phi}^\dagger(x_2)\hat{\phi}(x_1) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (-x_1+x_2)} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{ik \cdot (x_1-x_2)} \\
 &= \frac{\delta(x_1 - x_2)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} - \frac{\delta(x_2 - x_1)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \quad (\text{Cf. (E.27)}) \\
 &= \frac{\delta(x_1 - x_2)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} - \frac{\delta(x_1 - x_2)}{\sqrt{2\omega}}. \quad (\delta \text{ function is even function. Cf. (E.32)}) \\
 &= 0 \quad (\text{proof is done})
 \end{aligned}$$

Actually, in the process of proof, all of the  $k$  in the expression of  $ik \cdot (x_1 - x_2)$  are actually  $\mathbf{k}$  because the integral is  $\int d^3\mathbf{k}$ , not  $\int d^4\mathbf{k}$  (under this context, it's  $k$  of course because this  $k$  represents four-momentum).

Be attention what this problem wants to express : In QFT, “causality” requires that every particle has to have a corresponding anti-particle, with the same mass and opposite quantum numbers. Cf.  $P_{181}$

However, one has to be ware also, this conclusion rooted from the definition of complex field equation (7.15) and the followed expression of  $\hat{\phi}, \hat{\phi}^\dagger$ .



**Problem 7.4** Verify that varying  $\psi^\dagger$  in the action principle with Lagrangian (7.33) gives the Dirac equation.

Proof of *Problem 7.4*:

Equation (7.33) reads,  $\mathcal{L}_D = i\psi^\dagger \dot{\psi} + i\psi^\dagger \alpha \cdot \nabla \psi - m\psi^\dagger \beta \psi$ .

So(refer to equation (5.87) in  $P_{127}$  and the comments above it),

$$\frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial\psi} = -m\psi^\dagger \beta$$

$$\frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial(\nabla\psi)} = i\psi^\dagger \alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial\dot{\psi}} = i\psi^\dagger$$

From equation (5.89) in  $P_{128}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\phi} - \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\nabla\phi)} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\dot{\phi}} \right) = 0$$

So, in this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial\psi} - \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial(\nabla\psi)} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial(\mathcal{L}_D)}{\partial\dot{\psi}} \right) &= 0 \\ \implies -m\psi^\dagger \beta - \nabla \cdot (i\psi^\dagger \alpha) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (i\psi^\dagger) &= 0 \\ \implies -i \frac{\partial\psi^\dagger}{\partial t} = \psi^\dagger m\beta + i\nabla \cdot (\psi^\dagger \alpha) \\ \implies -i \frac{\partial\psi^\dagger}{\partial t} = \psi^\dagger (\beta m + i\alpha \cdot \overleftarrow{\nabla}). \end{aligned} \quad \text{(It's Hermitian conjugate is } i\partial\psi/\partial t = (-i\alpha \cdot \nabla + \beta m)\psi)$$

That's exactly Dirac equation. *Proof is done.*

**Problem 7.5** Verify equation (7.44) .

Proof of *Problem 7.5*: Equation (7.44) reads,  $\{\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t), \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\} = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\delta_{\alpha\beta}$

From equation (7.35),

$$\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}]$$

$$\hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}]$$

And  $\{\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t), \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\} = \hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t)\hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t) + \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t)\hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}] [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x}\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x}\hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}\hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u(k, \alpha)u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{i(-k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} + \hat{c}_\alpha(k)\hat{d}_\beta(k')u(k, \alpha)v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-i(k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')v(k, \alpha)u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{i(k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)\hat{d}_\beta(k')v(k, \alpha)v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{i(k\cdot x - k'\cdot y)}] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega'}} [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}] \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3\sqrt{2\omega}} [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}] [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y}\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{ik'\cdot y}\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u(k, \alpha)e^{-ik\cdot x} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')v^\dagger(k', \beta)e^{-ik'\cdot y}\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v(k, \alpha)e^{ik\cdot x}] \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u^\dagger(k', \beta)u(k, \alpha)e^{i(k'\cdot y - k\cdot x)} + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)u^\dagger(k', \beta)v(k, \alpha)e^{i(k'\cdot y + k\cdot x)} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\beta(k')\hat{c}_\alpha(k)v^\dagger(k', \beta)u(k, \alpha)e^{-i(k'\cdot y + k\cdot x)} + \hat{d}_\beta(k')\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v^\dagger(k', \beta)v(k, \alpha)e^{i(-k'\cdot y + k\cdot x)}] \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t), \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\} \\ &= \hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t)\hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t) + \hat{\psi}_\beta^\dagger(y, t)\hat{\psi}_\alpha(x, t) \\ &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')u(k, \alpha)u^\dagger(k', \beta) + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\hat{c}_\alpha(k)u^\dagger(k', \beta)u(k, \alpha)]e^{i(-k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} \\ &\quad + [\hat{c}_\alpha(k)\hat{d}_\beta(k')u(k, \alpha)v^\dagger(k', \beta) + \hat{d}_\beta(k')\hat{c}_\alpha(k)v^\dagger(k', \beta)u(k, \alpha)]e^{-i(k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)\hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')v(k, \alpha)u^\dagger(k', \beta) + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)u^\dagger(k', \beta)v(k, \alpha)]e^{i(k\cdot x + k'\cdot y)} \\ &\quad + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)\hat{d}_\beta(k')v(k, \alpha)v^\dagger(k', \beta) + \hat{d}_\beta(k')\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)v^\dagger(k', \beta)v(k, \alpha)]e^{i(-k'\cdot y + k\cdot x)} \end{aligned}$$

As spinors,  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $u \cdot v^\dagger = v^\dagger \cdot u = E_{uv}$ ;  $u \cdot u^\dagger = u^\dagger \cdot u = E_u$ ;  $v \cdot v^\dagger = v^\dagger \cdot v = E_v$ . So, above equation could be simplified as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k) \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') \hat{c}_\alpha(k)] E_u e^{i(-k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + [\hat{c}_\alpha(k) \hat{d}_\beta(k') + \hat{d}_\beta(k') \hat{c}_\alpha(k)] E_{uv} e^{-i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} \\
 &\quad + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k) \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)] E_{uv} e^{i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k) \hat{d}_\beta(k') + \hat{d}_\beta(k') \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)] E_v e^{i(-k' \cdot y + k \cdot x)} \\
 &= \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k) \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') \hat{c}_\alpha(k)] E_u e^{i(-k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k) \hat{d}_\beta(k') + \hat{d}_\beta(k') \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)] E_v e^{i(-k' \cdot y + k \cdot x)} \\
 &\quad + \int \int [\hat{c}_\alpha(k) \hat{d}_\beta(k') + \hat{d}_\beta(k') \hat{c}_\alpha(k)] E_{uv} e^{-i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + [\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k) \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') + \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k') \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k)] E_{uv} e^{i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} \\
 &= \int \int \{\hat{c}_\alpha(k), \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\} E_u e^{i(-k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + \{\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k), \hat{d}_\beta(k')\} E_v e^{i(-k' \cdot y + k \cdot x)} \\
 &\quad + \int \int \{\hat{c}_\alpha(k), \hat{d}_\beta(k')\} E_{uv} e^{-i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + \{\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k), \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\} E_{uv} e^{i(k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} \quad (\text{Discard this line due to (7.41).}) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega'}} \{\hat{c}_\alpha(k), \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(k')\} E_u e^{i(-k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + \{\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger(k), \hat{d}_\beta(k')\} E_v e^{i(-k' \cdot y + k \cdot x)} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega}} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2\omega'}} [(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \delta_{\alpha\beta} E_u e^{i(-k \cdot x + k' \cdot y)} + (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \delta_{\alpha\beta} E_v e^{i(-k' \cdot y + k \cdot x)}] \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\omega} 2 \times \delta_{\alpha\beta} \times E_u \times e^{ik \cdot (-x+y)} \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \times e^{ik \cdot (-x+y)} \quad (\omega = E_u = E_v) \\
 &= \delta(-\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad (\text{E.27}) \\
 &= \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad (\delta \text{ function is even function. Cf. (E.32)})
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof is done.*

**Problem 7.7** Verify equation (7.59).

Equation (7.59) reads,

$$(\not{k} - m)(\not{k} + m) = (k^2 - m^2)$$

where,  $\not{k} = \gamma^\mu k_\mu$ , and  $\gamma^\mu = (\gamma^0, \boldsymbol{\gamma})$ .

*Proof of problem 7.7:*

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\not{k} - m)(\not{k} + m) \\
&= (\gamma^\mu k_\mu - m)(\gamma^\mu k_\mu + m) \\
&= (\gamma^0 k_0 - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{k} - m)(\gamma^0 k_0 - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{k} + m) \\
&= [(\gamma^0 k_0 - m) - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{k}][(\gamma^0 k_0 + m) - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{k}] \\
&= \left( \begin{pmatrix} k^0 & 0 \\ 0 & -k^0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} k^0 & 0 \\ 0 & -k^0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} k^0 - m & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & -k^0 - m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k^0 + m & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & -k^0 + m \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} (k^0 - m)(k^0 + m) - (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 & -(k^0 - m)\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}(-k^0 + m) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}(k^0 + m) + (-k^0 - m)\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & -(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 + (-k^0 - m)(-k^0 + m) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} (k^0)^2 - m^2 - (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (k^0)^2 - m^2 - (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k^2 - m^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k^2 - m^2 \end{pmatrix} = (k^2 - m^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= k^2 - m^2
\end{aligned}$$

*proof is done*

**Problem 7.8** Verify the expression given in (7.61) for  $\sum_s u(k, s)\bar{u}(k, s)$ . [Hint: first, note that  $u$  is a four-component Dirac spinor arranged as a column, while  $\bar{u}$  is another four-component spinor but this time arranged as a row because of the transpose in the  $\dagger$  symbol. So, ' $u\bar{u}$ ' has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_1 & \bar{u}_2 & \bar{u}_3 & \bar{u}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1\bar{u}_1 & u_1\bar{u}_2 & \dots \\ u_2\bar{u}_1 & u_2\bar{u}_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

and is therefore a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. use the expression (4.105) for the  $u$ 's, and take

$$\phi^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \phi^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Verify that

$$\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, verify that the expression for  $\sum_s v(k, s)\bar{v}(k, s)$ .

*Solution of problem 7.8:*

$$\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, proof equation (7.61) which based on the expression (4.105) as following shown,

$$u(k, s) = (E + m)^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^s \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^s \end{pmatrix} \quad s = 1, 2$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} u(k, 1) &= (E + m)^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^1 \end{pmatrix} & \bar{u}(k, 1) &= (E + m)^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{1\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{1\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \\ u(k, 2) &= (E + m)^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^2 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^2 \end{pmatrix} & \bar{u}(k, 2) &= (E + m)^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{2\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{2\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} u(k, 1)\bar{u}(k, 1) &= (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{1\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{1\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} & -\phi^1 \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{1\dagger} \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m}) \phi^1 (\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m}) \phi^{1\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m})^2 \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{noticed } \phi_1 \text{ is a vector}) \\ u(k, 2)\bar{u}(k, 2) &= (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^2 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{2\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{2\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} & -\phi^2 \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^{2\dagger} \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m}) \phi^2 (\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m}) \phi^{2\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m} \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E + m})^2 \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{noticed } \phi_2 \text{ is a vector}) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the expression of  $u(k, 1)\bar{u}(k, 1)$  and  $u(k, 2)\bar{u}(k, 2)$  into  $\sum_s u(k, s)\bar{u}(k, s)$ , one gets,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_s u(k, s)\bar{u}(k, s) &= u(k, 1)\bar{u}(k, 1) + u(k, 2)\bar{u}(k, 2) \\
 &= (E + m) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger} & -\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m} (\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m} (\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m})^2 (\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E + m)(\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}(\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}(\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m})^2 (\phi^1 \phi^{1\dagger} + \phi^2 \phi^{2\dagger}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E + m & 0 & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 \\ 0 & E + m & 0 & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 & -(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E+m})^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} E + m & 0 & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 \\ 0 & E + m & 0 & -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 & -(E + m) & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} & 0 & -(E + m) \end{pmatrix} \quad ((\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = E^2 - m^2. \text{ Cf equation (4.47)}) \\
 &= E\gamma^0 - \mathbf{k} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ -\boldsymbol{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + m \\
 &= k^0 \gamma^0 - \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma} + m \\
 &= (\not{k} + m)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the case of  $v(k, s)$ , the procedure is very similar, so it's omitted here.

*Proof is done.*

**Problem 7.10** Verify that if  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - j_{em}A_\mu$ , where  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ , the Euler-Lagrangian equations for  $A_\mu$  yield the Maxwell form

$$\square A^\mu - \partial^\mu(\partial_\nu A^\nu) = j_{em}^\mu.$$

[Hint: it is helpful to use antisymmetry of  $F_{\mu\nu}$  to rewrite the ' $F \cdot F$ ' term as  $-\frac{1}{2}F_{\mu\nu}\partial^\mu A^\nu$ .]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - j_{em}A_\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) - j_{em}A_\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\nu A^\mu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu + \partial_\nu A_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu) - j_{em}A_\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\nu A^\mu) - j_{em}A_\mu \quad (\text{the two positive/negative terms are same})\end{aligned}$$

Substituting this Lagrangian into the Euler-Lagrange equation of motion for a field :

$$\partial_\nu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} = 0$$

One gets,

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\nu(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) - (-j_{em}) &= 0. \\ \Rightarrow -\partial_\nu \partial^\nu A^\mu + \partial_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu - (-j_{em}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \square A^\mu - \partial_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu &= j_{em} \\ \Rightarrow \square A^\mu - \partial^\mu(\partial_\nu A^\nu) &= j_{em}\end{aligned}$$

*Proof is done*

**Problem 7.11**

(a) Show that the Fourier transform of the free-field equation for  $A_\mu$  (i.e. the one in the previous question with  $j_\mu^{em}$  set to zero) is given by (7.87).

Solutions of problem 7.11 (a),

The equation (7.87) reads as,

$$(-k^2 g^{\nu\mu} + k^\nu k^\mu) \tilde{A}_\mu(k) \equiv M^{\nu\mu} \tilde{A}_\mu(k) = 0 \quad (7.87)$$

The free-field equation for  $A_\mu$  is :  $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = \square A^\nu - \partial^\nu(\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$ .

The Fourier transform of “free-field equation for  $A_\mu$ ” is ,  $\int[\square A^\nu - \partial^\nu(\partial_\mu A^\mu)]e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \int[\square A^\nu - \partial^\nu(\partial_\mu A^\mu)]e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \int[\partial_\mu(\partial^\mu A^\nu) - \partial_\mu(\partial^\nu A^\mu)]e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \int[\partial_\mu(\partial^\mu A^\nu)]e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x - \int[\partial_\mu(\partial^\nu A^\mu)]e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \partial_\mu \int(\partial^\mu A^\nu)e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x - \partial_\mu \int(\partial^\nu A^\mu)e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \partial_\mu \int e^{ik \cdot x} \delta^{(\mu)} A^\nu - \partial_\mu \int e^{ik \cdot x} \delta^{(\nu)} A^\mu = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & -\partial_\mu \int A^\nu \delta^{(\mu)} e^{ik \cdot x} + \partial_\mu \int A^\mu \delta^{(\nu)} e^{ik \cdot x} = 0 \quad (\text{Discard surface terms}) \\ \Rightarrow & -\partial_\mu \int A^\nu (ik^\mu) e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + \partial_\mu \int A^\mu (ik^\nu) e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & -(ik^\mu) \int \partial_\mu A^\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + (ik^\nu) \int \partial_\mu A^\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & -(ik^\mu) \int e^{ik \cdot x} \delta_{(\mu)} A^\nu + (ik^\nu) \int e^{ik \cdot x} \delta_{(\mu)} A^\mu = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (ik^\mu) \int A^\nu (ik_\mu) e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x - (ik^\nu) \int A^\mu (ik_\mu) e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \quad (\text{Discard surface terms}) \\ \Rightarrow & (-k^2) \int A^\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + k^\nu k_\mu \int A^\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (-k^2) \int g^{\nu\mu} A_\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + k^\nu k_\mu \int g^{\mu\nu} A_\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (-k^2) g^{\nu\mu} \int A_\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + k^\nu k_\mu g^{\mu\nu} \int A_\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (-k^2) g^{\nu\mu} \int A_\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x + k^\nu k^\mu \int A_\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = 0 \quad (k^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = g^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = k_\mu g^{\mu\nu}.) \\ \Rightarrow & (-k^2 g^{\nu\mu} + k^\nu k^\mu) \tilde{A}_\mu(k) = 0 \quad (\int A_\mu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = \int A_\nu e^{ik \cdot x} d^4x = \tilde{A}_\mu(k)) \end{aligned}$$

The last equation is just the required equation (7.87).

*Proof is done*

Comment 0 :  $g^{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$  “flips” *contravariant* to *invariant*, and vice versa; solely changing the signs of the spatial components, the time component unchanged.

Comment 1: From the proof, it’s easy to see that under this kind of equation  $(-k^2 g^{\nu\mu} + k^\nu k^\mu) \tilde{A}_\mu(k) = 0$ , “ $k^\nu k^\mu$ ” could swap their positions as “ $k^\mu k^\nu$ ”. The reason is these “ $k^\nu$ ” or “ $k^\mu$ ” are actually result from the terms of “ $\partial^\nu$ ” and “ $\partial^\mu$ ” in the Maxwell equation:  $\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = 0$ . And “ $\partial^\nu$ ” and “ $\partial^\mu$ ” could swap in the Maxwell equation, so “ $k^\nu$ ” and “ $k^\mu$ ” can do also.



(b) Verify equation (7.91).

*Solution of problem 7.11(b) :*

Equation (7.91) reads,

$$-k^2 A(k^2) g_\sigma^\nu + A(k^2) k^\nu k_\sigma = g_\sigma^\nu$$

And according to the textbook, this equation results from putting (7.89):  $(M^{-1})^{\nu\mu} = A(k^2) g^{\nu\mu} + B(k^2) k^\nu k^\mu$  and (7.87):  $(-k^2 g^{\nu\mu} + k^\nu k^\mu) \tilde{A}_\mu(k) \equiv M^{\nu\mu} \tilde{A}_\mu(k) = 0$  into (7.90):  $(M^{-1})^{\nu\mu} M_{\mu\sigma} = g_\sigma^\nu$ .

From (7.87):  $(-k^2 g^{\nu\mu} + k^\nu k^\mu) \tilde{A}_\mu(k) \equiv M^{\nu\mu} \tilde{A}_\mu(k) = 0$ ,  $M_{\mu\sigma} = (-k^2 g_{\mu\sigma} + k_\mu k_\sigma)$ .

So, substitute  $(M^{-1})^{\nu\mu}$  and  $M_{\mu\sigma}$  into equation (7.90) results,

$$\begin{aligned} (M^{-1})^{\nu\mu} M_{\mu\sigma} &= g_\sigma^\nu \\ \Rightarrow (A(k^2) g^{\nu\mu} + B(k^2) k^\nu k^\mu) (-k^2 g_{\mu\sigma} + k_\mu k_\sigma) &= g_\sigma^\nu \\ \Rightarrow A(k^2) g^{\nu\mu} (-k^2 g_{\mu\sigma}) + A(k^2) g^{\nu\mu} k_\mu k_\sigma + B(k^2) k^\nu k^\mu (-k^2 g_{\mu\sigma}) + B(k^2) k^\nu k^\mu k_\mu k_\sigma &= g_\sigma^\nu \\ \Rightarrow -k^2 A(k^2) g^{\nu\mu} g_{\mu\sigma} + A(k^2) k^\nu k_\sigma - B(k^2) k^2 k^\nu k_\sigma + B(k^2) k^2 k^\nu k_\sigma &= g_\sigma^\nu \\ \Rightarrow -k^2 A(k^2) g_\sigma^\nu + A(k^2) k^\nu k_\sigma &= g_\sigma^\nu \quad (\text{This equation doesn't exist, but this conclusion just needed, Cf } P_{190}) \end{aligned}$$