

Theoretical physics V

Sheet 14

SoSe 2024

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Exercise 34 *Energy conservation and time-translational invariance*

Let us consider the Lagrangian density associated to a real-valued bosonic field

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial^\nu \psi)(\partial_\nu \psi) - V(\psi^2), \quad (1)$$

where V is an arbitrary continuous function. Show that for such a Lagrangian density, the conservation of the energy implies the time translation symmetry of the system.

(2 points)

Exercise 35 *Quantized Dirac field*

Let us recall that the quantized Dirac field can be written in terms of fermionic creation and annihilation operators $a_{\mathbf{p},s}$ and $b_{\mathbf{p},s}$, such that for a periodic box-like space of volume Ω

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{p},s} \sqrt{\frac{mc^2}{\Omega E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p},s} u(\mathbf{p}, s) e^{i(\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{r} - E_{\mathbf{p}}t)/\hbar} + \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p},s}^\dagger v(\mathbf{p}, s) e^{-i(\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{r} - E_{\mathbf{p}}t)/\hbar} \right], \quad (2)$$

with $u^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s)u(\mathbf{p}, s') = v^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s)v(\mathbf{p}, s') = E_{\mathbf{p}}\delta_{ss'}/mc^2$. In other words, the operator $\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p},s}$ destroys a particle with wavefunction $u(\mathbf{p}, s)$, while $\hat{b}_{\mathbf{p},s}$ annihilates an antiparticle with wavefunction $v^\dagger(\mathbf{p}, s)$.

a) Using the following definitions,

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t)(-i\hbar\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla + \beta mc^2)\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}} = -i\hbar \int d^3\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t)\nabla\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{Q} = -e \int d^3\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, t)\gamma^0\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \quad (5)$$

determine the form of the Hamiltonian \hat{H} , the momentum operator $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ and the charge \hat{Q} in terms of operator $\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p},s}$ and $\hat{b}_{\mathbf{p},s}$.

(3 points)

b) Considering the two-particle state $|\Psi\rangle = \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p},s}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}',s'}^\dagger |0\rangle$, show that such a state is antisymmetric and determine the expectation values of \hat{H} , $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ and \hat{Q} .

(1 point)

c) For a two-anti-particle state $|\Psi\rangle = \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p},s}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}',s'}^\dagger |0\rangle$, perform the same calculations as in the two-particle state case.

(1 point)