

Symmetry in Particle Physics, Problem Sheet 8

1. Consider two *quantum* free scalar fields $\phi_i(x)$, $i = 1, 2$, given by

$$\phi_i(x) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}}} \left(a_i(\vec{p}) e^{-ip \cdot x} + a_i^\dagger(\vec{p}) e^{ip \cdot x} \right), \quad E_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2},$$

as well as the conserved current

$$J^\mu = (\partial^\mu \phi_1) \phi_2 - (\partial^\mu \phi_2) \phi_1.$$

- (a) Compute the conserved charge Q corresponding to the current J^μ in terms of creation and annihilation operators.

Hint. Creation and annihilation operators for different fields commute.

- (b) Consider the field

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1(x) + i\phi_2(x)) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}}} (a(\vec{p}) e^{-ip \cdot x} + b^\dagger(\vec{p}) e^{ip \cdot x}).$$

Show that the one-particle states created by $a^\dagger(\vec{p})$ and $b^\dagger(\vec{p})$ are eigenstates of the charge operator Q . What are the corresponding eigenvalues?

2. Consider the following Lagrangian for a classical real *classical* vector field A^μ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{c_1}{2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_2}{2} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2,$$

where c_1, c_2 are real parameters and $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$.

- (a) Compute the equations of motions for the field A^μ .
 (b) Show that $\square(\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$.
 (c) Consider the gauge transformation

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \partial^\mu \alpha.$$

What is the condition on α such that \mathcal{L} is gauge invariant?

- (d) Let us fix now $c_2 = 0$. Compute the Hamiltonian density \mathcal{H} and show that the kinetic energy is positive if and only if $c_1 < 0$.