

Exercise 1. Classical Klein-Gordon field

The Lagrangian of a classical real scalar field

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

results in equations of motion whose general solution can be written as

$$\phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_{\vec{p}}} (a_{\vec{p}} e^{-i p x} + a_{\vec{p}}^* e^{i p x})$$

- Starting from the energy-momentum tensor show that $\vec{P} = - \int d^3 \vec{x} (\vec{\nabla} \phi) \dot{\phi}$.
- Express \vec{P} in terms of the coefficients $a_{\vec{p}}$ and $a_{\vec{p}}^*$ and interpret the result.

Exercise 2. Representations of $J^{\mu\nu}$

The Lie algebra of the Lorentz group is given by

$$[J^{\mu\nu}, J^{\lambda\kappa}] = i(g^{\mu\kappa} J^{\nu\lambda} + g^{\nu\lambda} J^{\mu\kappa} - g^{\nu\kappa} J^{\mu\lambda} - g^{\mu\lambda} J^{\nu\kappa}) \quad (1)$$

- Show that the generators of the vector representation

$$(J_V^{\mu\nu})^\rho_\sigma \equiv i(g^{\mu\rho} g^\nu_\sigma - g^{\nu\rho} g^\mu_\sigma)$$

satisfy the Lie algebra, Eq.(1).

- Show that the operators

$$L^{\mu\nu} \equiv i(x^\mu \partial^\nu - x^\nu \partial^\mu)$$

satisfy the Lie algebra, Eq.(1).

Exercise 3. Weyl spinors and the Dirac equation

- Let $\psi_R(0)$ be a right-handed Weyl spinor for a particle of mass m at rest. Using the transformation properties of ψ_R under a Lorentz boost, show that

$$\psi_R(p) = \frac{E + m + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{\sqrt{2m(E + m)}} \psi_R(0) \quad (2)$$

where $\psi_R(p)$ is a right-handed Weyl spinor for a particle with momentum $p^\mu = (E, \vec{p})$.

- Deduce directly from Eq.(2) that the corresponding relation for a left-handed Weyl spinor is given by

$$\psi_L(p) = \frac{E + m - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{\sqrt{2m(E + m)}} \psi_L(0) \quad (3)$$

- Combining Eqs.(2) and (3) with $\psi_R(0) = \psi_L(0)$ derive the Dirac equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} -m & E - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \\ E + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} & -m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L(p) \\ \psi_R(p) \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (4)$$