

Exercise sheet 11
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Exercise 1. (40 points) : Scalar Quantum Electrodynamics

Consider the Lagrangian for the charged Klein-Gordon Field

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger)(\partial^\mu \phi) - \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \quad (1)$$

- Check that this Lagrangian is not invariant under U(1) gauge transformation of the form $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x)$;
- Replace the derivatives by the covariant one $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu$ and check whether now the Lagrangian is invariant under the local symmetry;
- Write down the interaction Lagrangian and identify the terms.

Exercise 2. (20 points) : The Hamiltonian of the electromagnetic field

Using the normal mode expansion of the photon field

$$A^\mu(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 \left(\frac{\hbar c^2}{2\omega_k L^3} \right)^{1/2} \left[a(\vec{k}) \epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{-ik \cdot x} + a^\dagger(\vec{k}) \epsilon^{\mu*}(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{ik \cdot x} \right]$$

and the commutator relations

$$\begin{aligned} [a(\vec{k}, \lambda), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', \lambda')] &= \xi_\lambda \delta_{\lambda, \lambda'} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'}, \quad \xi_0 = -1, \quad \xi_{i=1,2,3} = +1 \\ [a(\vec{k}, \lambda), a(\vec{k}', \lambda')] &= 0 \\ [a^\dagger(\vec{k}, \lambda), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', \lambda')] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

show that the Hamiltonian $H = \int d^3x N \left((\Pi^\nu(x) \dot{A}_\nu(x) - \mathcal{L}(x)) \right)$, $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ takes the following form

$$H = \sum_{\vec{k}} \hbar \omega_k \left(-a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 0) a(\vec{k}, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^3 a^\dagger(\vec{k}, i) a(\vec{k}, i) \right) \quad (2)$$

Exercise 3. (40 points) : Gauge transformation

Let $|\Psi_T\rangle$ be a state which contains only transverse photons. Show that replacing $|\Psi_T\rangle$ by $|\Psi'_T\rangle$

$$|\Psi'_T\rangle = \left\{ 1 + \alpha \left[a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 3) - a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 0) \right] \right\} |\Psi_T\rangle,$$

$\alpha = \text{constant}$

corresponds to a gauge transformation:

$$\langle \Psi'_T | A^\mu(x) | \Psi'_T \rangle = \langle \Psi_T | A^\mu(x) + \partial^\mu \Lambda | \Psi_T \rangle,$$

where Λ is given by

$$\Lambda(x) = \left(\frac{2\hbar c^2}{\omega_k^3 L^3} \right)^{1/2} \Re(i\alpha e^{-ik \cdot x}).$$