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Midsemester exam in FY3464 QUANTUM FIELD THEORY I

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12:15–14:00

Allowed help: Standard calculator
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Write your *student number* on every sheet of your solution.

This problem set consists of 2 pages.

Problem 1.

Consider the model defined by the Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \varphi\, \partial^\mu \varphi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \varphi^2 + \lambda \varphi \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}, \tag{1}$$

where φ is a real scalar field, $\boldsymbol{E} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{A}}$, and $\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times A$.

a) Find the canonically conjugate field Π_φ of φ.

b) Find the canonically conjugate field $\Pi_{\boldsymbol{A}}$ of $\boldsymbol{A}$.

c) Find the Hamiltonian density $\mathcal{H}$ of this model.

d) We use natural units. What is the mass dimension of the coupling parameter λ: (i) In 4 space-time dimensions? (ii) In d space-time dimensions?

e) Find the Euler Lagrange equation for φ.

f) Find the Euler Lagrange equation for $\boldsymbol{A}$.

g) The Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}$ is invariant under the transformation

$$\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \to \boldsymbol{A}'(\boldsymbol{x}, t) = \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) + \boldsymbol{\nabla}\Lambda(\boldsymbol{x}),$$

for all differentiable functions $\Lambda(\boldsymbol{x})$. Use the Nöther theorem to find the corresponding conserved Nöther current J_Λ.

Problem 2.
The field expansion of the free electromagnetic field in Coulomb gauge is

$$\boldsymbol{A}(x) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\boldsymbol{k}|V}} \left(a_{\boldsymbol{k},r}\, \hat{e}_{\boldsymbol{k},r}\, \mathrm{e}^{-ikx} + \text{hermitian conjugate} \right). \tag{2}$$

Then the matrix element $\langle \Omega |\, a_{\boldsymbol{q},s}\, \boldsymbol{A}(x)\, | \Omega \rangle$ equals

A. 0 ☐

B. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\boldsymbol{q}|V}}\, \hat{e}_{\boldsymbol{q},s}\, \mathrm{e}^{-iqx}$ ☐

C. $a_{\boldsymbol{q},s}$ ☐

D. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\boldsymbol{q}|V}}\, \hat{e}^*_{\boldsymbol{q},s}\, \mathrm{e}^{iqx}$ ☐

E. None of the alternatives above. ☐

Problem 3.
Let $\mathcal{T}$ be the time ordering operator, and $\varphi(x)$, $\varphi^\dagger(x)$ quantized complex Klein Gordon fields. Then we have (in natural units, i.e. when $\hbar = c = 1$)

A. $\mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi(x)\varphi^\dagger(y)\right\} = \mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi^\dagger(y)\varphi(x)\right\}$ ☐

B. $\mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi(x)\varphi^\dagger(y)\right\} = \mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi^\dagger(y)\varphi(x)\right\} + \mathrm{i}G_F(x-y)$ ☐

C. $\mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi(x)\varphi^\dagger(y)\right\} = \mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi^\dagger(y)\varphi(x)\right\} - \mathrm{i}G_F(x-y)$ ☐

D. $\mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi(x)\varphi^\dagger(y)\right\} = -\mathcal{T}\left\{\varphi^\dagger(y)\varphi(x)\right\} - \mathrm{i}G_F(x-y)$ ☐

E. None of the alternatives above. ☐

Here $G_F(x-y)$ is the Feynman propagator for a complex Klein Gordon field.

Problem 4.
The Dirac equation

$$\left[\mathrm{i}\left(\gamma^0\partial_0 + \boldsymbol{\gamma}\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}\right) - m\right]\psi(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = 0$$

is invariant under space inversion (parity transformation), $\boldsymbol{x} \to -\boldsymbol{x}$. I.e, if $\psi(x^0,\boldsymbol{x})$ solves the Dirac equation then so does $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x})$, where

A. $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = \mathrm{i}\gamma^2\, \psi^*(x^0,-\boldsymbol{x})$ ☐

B. $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = \gamma^1\, \gamma^3\, \psi^*(x^0,-\boldsymbol{x})$ ☐

C. $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = \psi(x^0,-\boldsymbol{x})$ ☐

D. $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = \gamma^0\, \psi(x^0,-\boldsymbol{x})$ ☐

E. $\psi_P(x^0,\boldsymbol{x}) = \psi^*(-x^0,-\boldsymbol{x})$ ☐