

[-1] The Lorentz algebra

a) The Poincaré transformation (= Lorentz trans. + translation):

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow (x' - y')^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu (x - y)^\nu$$

The distance in $\mathbb{R}^{1,3}$ is invariant under the Poincaré transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} (x - y)^2 &= (x' - y')^2 \\ &= (x' - y')^\mu (x' - y')_\mu \\ &= g_{\mu\nu} (x' - y')^\mu (x' - y')^\nu \\ &= g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho (x - y)^\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma (x - y)^\sigma \\ &= g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma (x - y)^\rho (x - y)^\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\rho\sigma} = g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma \quad \text{--- ①}$$

"Lorentz condition"

$$\xrightarrow{*g^{\alpha\rho}} g^{\alpha\rho} g_{\rho\sigma} = g^{\alpha\rho} g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\sigma$$

$$\delta^\alpha_\sigma = \Lambda^\alpha_\nu \Lambda^\nu_\sigma \Rightarrow \Lambda^\alpha_\nu \Lambda^\nu_\sigma = (\Lambda^\dagger)^\alpha_\nu \quad \text{i.e. } \Lambda^\top = \Lambda^{-1}$$

b) From (3), $\mathbf{1} = \Lambda^\top \Lambda \Rightarrow 1 = (\det \Lambda^\top)(\det \Lambda) = (\det \Lambda)^2$
 $\Rightarrow \det \Lambda = \pm 1$

From ①, $\rho = \sigma = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_0 \Lambda^\nu_0$
 $= (\Lambda^0_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1,2,3} (\Lambda^i_0)^2$

$$\Rightarrow (\Lambda^0_0)^2 \geq 1 \Rightarrow \Lambda^0_0 \geq 1 \text{ or } \Lambda^0_0 \leq -1$$

The full Lorentz group breaks up into 4 disconnected subsets:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_+^\uparrow & \xleftrightarrow{P} & L_-^\uparrow = P L_+^\uparrow \quad \text{"orthochronous"} \quad (L^0_0 \geq 1) \\ \updownarrow T & & \updownarrow T \\ L_+^\downarrow = T L_+^\uparrow & \xleftrightarrow{P} & L_-^\downarrow = P T L_+^\uparrow \quad \text{"nonorthochronous"} \quad (L^0_0 \leq -1) \\ \text{"proper"} \quad (\det L = +1) & & \text{"improper"} \quad (\det L = -1) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} P = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) & : \text{parity} \\ T = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1) & : \text{time reversal} \\ PT = \text{diag}(-1, -1, -1, -1) \end{cases}$$

Note that only L_+^\uparrow connects to the identity, while other three connect to the identity via the above discrete symmetry transformation.

c) The Lorentz transformation of the proper-orthochronous Lorentz group is generated by infinitesimal Lorentz transformations as

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \omega^{\mu}_{\nu} \quad (\omega^{\mu}_{\nu} \ll 1)$$

From ①,

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\rho\sigma} &= g_{\mu\nu} (\delta^{\mu}_{\rho} + \omega^{\mu}_{\rho}) (\delta^{\nu}_{\sigma} + \omega^{\nu}_{\sigma}) \\ &= g_{\rho\sigma} + g_{\mu\sigma} \omega^{\mu}_{\rho} + g_{\rho\nu} \omega^{\nu}_{\sigma} + O(\omega^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{\rho\sigma} = -\omega_{\sigma\rho} \quad (\text{anti-symmetric tensor})$$

The dimension of the full Poincaré algebra in 4 dim. is $10 = 6 + 4$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \omega^{\mu}_{\nu} \quad \alpha^{\mu} = \epsilon^{\mu} \end{array}$$

• Rotations around the 3-axis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & \\ & \sin\theta & \cos\theta & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\theta \ll 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & -\theta & \\ & \theta & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & -\theta & \\ & \theta & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega^{\mu}_{\nu} \Rightarrow \omega^i_2 = -\omega^2_i = -\theta$$

• Boost along the 1-axis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma\beta & & \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh\eta & \sinh\eta & & \\ \sinh\eta & \cosh\eta & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{12} = -\omega_{21} = \theta$$

$$\xrightarrow{\eta \ll 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \eta & & \\ \eta & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \begin{pmatrix} & \eta & & \\ \eta & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\star \eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \quad (\text{rapidity})$$

$$\therefore \omega^0_1 = \omega^1_0 = \eta$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{01} = -\omega_{10} = \eta$$

Using the anti-symmetric nature, eq. (5) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} &= \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \omega^{\mu}_{\nu} \\ &= \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\omega^{\mu}_{\nu} - \omega_{\nu}^{\mu}) \\ &= \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\omega_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\mu} \delta^{\beta}_{\nu} - \omega_{\alpha\beta} g^{\beta\mu} \delta^{\alpha}_{\nu}) \\ &= \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} - \frac{i}{4} \omega_{\alpha\beta} [2i (g^{\alpha\mu} \delta^{\beta}_{\nu} - g^{\beta\mu} \delta^{\alpha}_{\nu})] \\ &= (M^{\alpha\beta})^{\mu}_{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

Finite Lorentz transformations are

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{4} \omega_{\alpha\beta} M^{\alpha\beta}\right)^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

: a particular representation which acts on Lorentz 4-vectors.

The matrices $(M^{\alpha\beta})^{\mu}_{\nu}$ satisfy the Lorentz algebra

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, M^{\alpha\beta}] = 2i (g^{\mu\alpha} M^{\nu\beta} + g^{\nu\beta} M^{\mu\alpha} - g^{\mu\beta} M^{\nu\alpha} - g^{\nu\alpha} M^{\mu\beta})$$

1-2 Action principle

a) The action :

$$S[\varphi] = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\varphi(x), \partial_\mu \varphi(x))$$

The action principle :

$$0 = \delta S$$

$$= \int d^4x \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} \delta \varphi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \delta (\partial_\mu \varphi) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \partial_\mu (\delta \varphi)$$

$$= \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \delta \varphi \right) - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \right) \delta \varphi$$

↑ boundary term

$$= \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \right) \right\} \delta \varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \right) = 0 \quad : \text{Euler-Lagrange eq.}$$

b) The Lagrangian for the free scalar field :

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi(x) \partial^\mu \varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2} m^2 (\varphi(x))^2$$

This Lagrangian gives

$$-m^2 \varphi(x) - \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \varphi(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\partial_\mu \partial^\mu + m^2] \varphi(x) = 0 \quad : \text{Klein-Gordon eq.}$$

1-3 Momentum operator

a) The mode expansion for $\Phi(x)$ and $\Pi(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(x) &= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} (a(p) e^{-ipx} + a^\dagger(p) e^{ipx}) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} + a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi(x) = \dot{\Phi}(x) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{-i}{2} (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} - a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

The 4-momentum operator is defined as

$$P^\mu = (H, \vec{P}) = \int d^3x [\Pi(x) \partial^\mu \Phi(x) - g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}]$$

For $\mu=0$:

$$\begin{aligned}P^0 &= H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x [\Pi^2(x) + (\partial_i \Phi(x))^2 + m^2 \Phi^2(x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3p d^3p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left[\frac{-1}{4} (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} - a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) (a(p') e^{-iE_{p'} t} - a^\dagger(-p') e^{iE_{p'} t}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{-\vec{p}\cdot\vec{p}' + m^2}{4E_p E_{p'}} (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} + a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) (a(p') e^{-iE_{p'} t} + a^\dagger(-p') e^{iE_{p'} t}) \right] \\ &\quad \times \int d^3x e^{i(\vec{p}+\vec{p}')\cdot\vec{x}} \\ &= (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}+\vec{p}')\end{aligned}$$

$$(-\delta_{ij} E_p^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[-(a(p) e^{-iE_p t} - a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) (a(-p) e^{-iE_p t} - a^\dagger(p) e^{iE_p t}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} + a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) (a(-p) e^{-iE_p t} + a^\dagger(p) e^{iE_p t}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} [a(p) a^\dagger(p) + a^\dagger(-p) a(-p)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} [a(p) a^\dagger(p) + a^\dagger(p) a(p)]\end{aligned}$$

For $\mu = i = 1, 2, 3$:

$$\begin{aligned}P^i &= - \int d^3x \Pi(x) \partial_i \Phi(x) \\ &= - \int \frac{d^3p d^3p'}{(2\pi)^6} \left[\frac{-i}{2} (a(p) e^{-iE_p t} + a^\dagger(-p) e^{iE_p t}) \frac{i\vec{p}'}{2E_{p'}} (a(p') e^{-iE_{p'} t} + a^\dagger(-p') e^{iE_{p'} t}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \int d^3x e^{i(\vec{p}+\vec{p}')\cdot\vec{x}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \vec{p} [a(p) a^\dagger(p) - a^\dagger(-p) a(-p) + a(p) a(-p) e^{-2iE_p t} - a^\dagger(-p) a(p) e^{2iE_p t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \vec{p} [a(p) a^\dagger(p) + a^\dagger(p) a(p)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} p^\mu [a(p) a^\dagger(p) + a^\dagger(p) a(p)]$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \because \vec{p} a^\dagger(\vec{p}') a(-\vec{p}) \xrightarrow{\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}} -\vec{p} a^\dagger(\vec{p}') a(\vec{p}) \\ \vec{p} a(\vec{p}) a(-\vec{p}) \xrightarrow{\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}} -\vec{p} a(-\vec{p}) a(\vec{p}) \\ = -\vec{p} a(\vec{p}) a(-\vec{p}) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b) \quad & [aa^\dagger + a^\dagger a, a^\dagger] \\
& = aa^\dagger a^\dagger + a^\dagger a a^\dagger - \cancel{a^\dagger a a^\dagger} - a^\dagger a^\dagger a \\
& = \{a^\dagger a + (2\pi)^3 2E\delta\} a^\dagger - a^\dagger a^\dagger a \\
& = a^\dagger \{a^\dagger a + (2\pi)^3 2E\delta\} + (2\pi)^3 2E\delta a^\dagger - \cancel{a^\dagger a^\dagger a} \\
& = 2 \times (2\pi)^3 2E\delta a^\dagger
\end{aligned}$$

*: canonical commutation relation:
 $[a(p), a^\dagger(p')] = (2\pi)^3 2E_p \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}-\vec{p}')$

$$\Rightarrow [P^\mu, a^\dagger(p)] = p^\mu a^\dagger(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [aa^\dagger + a^\dagger a, a] \\
& = \cancel{aa^\dagger a} + a^\dagger a a - aa^\dagger a - \cancel{aa^\dagger a} \\
& = a^\dagger a a - a \{a^\dagger a + (2\pi)^3 2E\delta\} \\
& = a^\dagger a a - \{a^\dagger a + (2\pi)^3 2E\delta\} a - (2\pi)^3 2E\delta a \\
& = -2 \times (2\pi)^3 2E\delta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [P^\mu, a(p)] = -p^\mu a(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c) \quad P^\mu &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} p^\mu [a(p) a^\dagger(p) + a^\dagger(p) a(p)] \\
&= a^\dagger(p) a(p) + (2\pi)^3 2E_p \delta^{(3)}(0) \\
&= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} p^\mu [a^\dagger(p) a(p) + \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^3 2E_p \delta^{(3)}(0)]
\end{aligned}$$

For $\mu = 1, 2, 3$:

$$P^i = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} p^i a^\dagger(p) a(p)$$

*: The 2nd term vanishes due to the symmetric integration.

For $\mu = 0$

$$P^0 = H = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} E_p a^\dagger(p) a(p) + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3p E_p \delta^{(3)}(0)$$

$\rightarrow \infty$

*: The 2nd term is the sum over all modes of the zero-point energies.

11-4 The Feynman propagator

$$a) \langle 0 | \bar{\Phi}(x) \bar{\Phi}(y) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \{ a(p) e^{-ipx} + a^\dagger(p) e^{ipx} \} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} \{ a(p') e^{-ip'y} + a^\dagger(p') e^{ip'y} \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} e^{-i(p \cdot x - p' \cdot y)} a(p) a^\dagger(p') | 0 \rangle \quad (\because a(p') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | a^\dagger(p) = 0)$$

$$\star: \langle 0 | a(p) a^\dagger(p') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | [a(p), a^\dagger(p')] | 0 \rangle$$

$$= (2\pi)^3 2E_p \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \underbrace{\langle 0 | 0 \rangle}_{=1}$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} e^{-ip(x-y)}$$

The Feynman propagator of a scalar field is defined as

$$i\Delta_F(x-y) = \langle 0 | T(\bar{\Phi}(x) \bar{\Phi}(y)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | \bar{\Phi}(x) \bar{\Phi}(y) | 0 \rangle + \theta(y^0 - x^0) \langle 0 | \bar{\Phi}(y) \bar{\Phi}(x) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \star: \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3p e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ \xrightarrow{\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3p e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3p e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \end{array} \right) \begin{aligned} &= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} e^{-ip(x-y)} + \theta(y^0 - x^0) \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} e^{-ip(y-x)} \\ &= \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})} \left\{ \theta(x^0 - y^0) e^{-iE_p(x^0 - y^0)} + \theta(y^0 - x^0) e^{-iE_p(y^0 - x^0)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) I = \int dP^0 \frac{e^{-iP^0(x_0 - y_0)}}{(P^0)^2 - E_p^2 + i\epsilon} \quad (E_p = +\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2})$$

$$" (P^0)^2 - (E_p^2 - i\epsilon) = (P^0)^2 - \left\{ (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon)^2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} \right\} \quad (\epsilon' E_p = \epsilon)$$

$$= \int dP^0 \frac{e^{-iP^0(x_0 - y_0)}}{(P^0 + (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))(P^0 - (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{pole} \\ \text{at } E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon \end{array}$$

$$= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} dP^0 \frac{e^{-iP^0(x_0 - y_0)}}{(P^0 + (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))(P^0 - (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))}$$

$$+ \theta(y^0 - x^0) \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} dP^0 \frac{e^{-iP^0(x_0 - y_0)}}{(P^0 + (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))(P^0 - (E_p - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon))}$$

$$= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \left(-2\pi i \frac{e^{-iE_p(x_0 - y_0)}}{2E_p} \right) + \theta(y^0 - x^0) \left(2\pi i \frac{e^{-iE_p(y_0 - x_0)}}{-2E_p} \right) \quad (\because \text{Cauchy's theorem})$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{2iE_p} \left\{ \theta(x^0 - y^0) e^{-iE_p(x^0 - y^0)} + \theta(y^0 - x^0) e^{-iE_p(y^0 - x^0)} \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$i\Delta_F(x-y) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})} \times \frac{2iE_p}{2\pi} I = i \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-iP \cdot (x-y)}}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$