

QUANTIZATION OF A GAUGE THEORY :
 CASE OF QED (ABELIAN)

⇒ QUANTIZATION

QM: $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x]_- = i\hbar$

FIELD THEORY: FIELDS $\Phi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t)$

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CANONICALLY CONJUGATE 'MOMENTUM' FIELDS $\pi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\pi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t) \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial^0 \Phi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t))}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\Phi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t), \Phi_\beta(\vec{x}', t)]_- = 0 \\ [\pi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t), \pi_\beta(\vec{x}', t)]_- = 0 \\ [\Phi_\alpha(\vec{x}, t), \pi_\beta(\vec{x}', t)]_- = \delta_{\alpha\beta} i\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \end{array} \right.$$

→ EQUAL TIME COMMUTATION RELATIONS (ETCR)

⇒ QED

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi - \underbrace{e \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi A_\mu}_{J^\mu} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\mathcal{L}_{em}}$$

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- FIELD EQUATIONS FOR A^μ ($\Phi_\mu = A^\mu$)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_\mu} - \partial_\nu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu \Phi_\mu)} = 0$$

$$- J^\nu + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

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$$\underline{\underline{\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\square A^\nu - \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = J^\nu}}$$

- GAUGE INVARIANCE

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu - \partial^\mu \chi, \quad \Psi \rightarrow \exp(ie\chi) \Psi$$

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FREEDOM TO CONSTRAIN A^μ :

POSSIBLE CHOICES ARE

$$\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0 \quad : \quad \text{LORENTZ GAUGE (COVARIANT)}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{A} = 0 \quad \text{COULOMB GAUGE (NON-COVARIANT)}$$

$$n_\mu A^\mu = 0 \quad \text{AXIAL GAUGE WITH } n_\mu n^\mu = -1$$

$$\text{e.g. } n_\mu (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

e.g. FOR LORENTZ GAUGE:
FIELD EQUATIONS REDUCE TO

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \square A^\nu = J^\nu \\ \partial_\nu A^\nu = 0 \quad (\text{CONSTRAINT}) \end{array} \right.$$

(NOTE THAT THE EQS. ARE CONSISTENT
IF $\partial_\nu J^\nu = 0$: CURRENT CONSERVATION)

⇒ QUANTISE THEORY IN PRESENCE OF CONSTRAINT

$$A^\mu \rightarrow \pi^\mu \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{A}_\mu} = -F^{0\mu}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^0 = 0 \\ \pi^i = -F^{0i} = +E^i \quad (\text{ELECTRIC FIELDS}) \end{array} \right.$$

FOR A^i $i=1,2,3$ OK

FOR A^0 , WE CANNOT IMPOSE ETCR AS $\pi^0 = 0$

PROBLEM 1

→ PHOTON PROPAGATOR

- KLEIN - GORDON

$$(\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$

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$$(-k^2 + m^2) \phi = 0$$

SCALAR PROPAGATOR $\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2}$: 'INVERSE' OF OPERATOR
IN FIELD EQUATION
FREE

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- FREE FIELD EQUATION FOR A^ν

$$\square A^\nu - \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(-k^2 g^{\mu\nu} + k^\mu k^\nu)}_{\downarrow \text{ INVERSE}} A_\mu = 0$$

$$(-k^2 g^{\mu\nu} + k^\mu k^\nu) (A g_{\nu\lambda} + B k_\nu k_\lambda) = g_\lambda^\mu$$

$$-A k^2 g_\lambda^\mu + A k^\mu k_\lambda - \cancel{B k^2 k^\mu k_\lambda} + \cancel{B k^2 k^\mu k_\lambda} = g_\lambda^\mu$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -A k^2 = 1 \\ A = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY } A$$

↳ **PROBLEM 2** : OPERATOR IN FIELD EQ. FOR A^ν
HAS NO INVERSE

⇒ SOLUTION TO ABOVE PROBLEMS

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE \mathcal{L}

$$\mathcal{L}_{em} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{L}'_{em} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2}$$

GAUGE FIXING TERM

• EQUATIONS OF MOTION:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$$

$$\square A^\nu - \cancel{\partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu)} + \cancel{\partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu)} = 0$$

$$\square A^\nu = 0$$

i.e. FIELD EQ. FOLLOWING FROM \mathcal{L}'_{em}

CORRESPOND WITH CHOICE OF LORENTZ GAUGE

• CANONICAL MOMENTA

$$\pi^\mu = -F^{0\mu} - (\partial_\alpha A^\alpha) g^{0\mu}$$

$$\begin{cases} \pi^0 = -\partial_\alpha A^\alpha & \text{OK PROBLEM 1} \\ \pi^i = -F^{0i} \end{cases}$$

IF $\partial_\alpha A^\alpha$ IS
CONSIDERED AS
OPERATOR CONDITION

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TCR

$$\begin{cases} [A^\mu(\bar{x}, t), A^\nu(\bar{x}', t)]_- = 0 \\ [\pi^\mu(\bar{x}, t), \pi^\nu(\bar{x}', t)]_- = 0 \\ [A^\mu(\bar{x}, t), \pi^\nu(\bar{x}', t)]_- = i g^{\mu\nu} \delta^3(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \end{cases}$$

⇒ CAN GAUGE CONDITION $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ BE CONSIDERED AS OPERATOR CONDITION WHEN THEORY IS QUANTIZED?

i.e. FIELDS $A^\mu \rightarrow$ FIELD OPERATORS \hat{A}^μ

QUANTIZATION ⇒ NORMAL MODE EXPANSION FOR \hat{A}^μ

$$\hat{A}^\mu(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_{\vec{k}}}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 \left\{ a(\vec{k}, \lambda) \epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} + a^\dagger(\vec{k}, \lambda) \epsilon^{\mu*}(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{+i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \right\}$$

$\omega_{\vec{k}} = |\vec{k}|$

WITH POLARIZATION VECTORS $\epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda)$

e.g. if $\vec{k} = (|\vec{k}|, 0, 0, |\vec{k}|)$

↳ CONVENIENT CHOICE

- SCALAR POL. ← $\epsilon(\vec{k}, \lambda=0) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$
- TRANSVERSE POL. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon(\vec{k}, \lambda=1) = (0, 1, 0, 0) \\ \epsilon(\vec{k}, \lambda=2) = (0, 0, 1, 0) \end{array} \right.$
- LONG. POL. ← $\epsilon(\vec{k}, \lambda=3) = (0, 0, 0, 1)$

$$\epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda) \epsilon_\mu^*(\vec{k}, \lambda') = -\delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_0 = -1 \\ \delta_i = +1 \end{array} \right.$$

$a(\vec{k}, \lambda)$: ANNIHILATION OPERATOR FOR PHOTON WITH MOMENTUM \vec{k} & POLARIZATION λ

$a^\dagger(\vec{k}, \lambda)$: CREATION OPERATOR

$$\int d^3 \bar{x} e^{-i \bar{k} \cdot \bar{x}} A^\mu(\bar{x}, t)$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\bar{k}}}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 \left\{ a(\bar{k}, \lambda) \varepsilon^\mu(\bar{k}, \lambda) e^{-i\omega_{\bar{k}} t} + a^\dagger(\bar{k}, \lambda) \varepsilon^{\mu*}(\bar{k}, \lambda) e^{i\omega_{\bar{k}} t} \right\}$$

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$$\rightsquigarrow \int d^3 \bar{x} e^{-i \bar{k} \cdot \bar{x}} \left\{ A^\mu(\bar{x}, t) + \frac{i}{\omega_{\bar{k}}} \dot{A}^\mu(\bar{x}, t) \right\}$$

$$= 2 \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\bar{k}}}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 a(\bar{k}, \lambda) \varepsilon^\mu(\bar{k}, \lambda) e^{-i\omega_{\bar{k}} t}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \int d^3 \bar{x} e^{-i \bar{k} \cdot \bar{x}} \left\{ A^\mu(\bar{x}, t) - \frac{i}{\omega_{\bar{k}}} \dot{A}^\mu(\bar{x}, t) \right\}$$

$$= 2 \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\bar{k}}}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 a^\dagger(-\bar{k}, \lambda) \varepsilon^{\mu*}(-\bar{k}, \lambda) e^{i\omega_{\bar{k}} t}$$

$$\circ \circ \left\| \begin{aligned} a(\bar{k}, \lambda) &= -\sum_{\lambda'} e^{i\omega_{\bar{k}} t} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\bar{k}}}{2(2\pi)^3}} \int d^3 \bar{x} e^{-i \bar{k} \cdot \bar{x}} \varepsilon_{\mu}^*(\bar{k}, \lambda) \left\{ A^\mu + \frac{i}{\omega_{\bar{k}}} \dot{A}^\mu \right\} \\ a^\dagger(\bar{k}, \lambda) &= -\sum_{\lambda'} e^{-i\omega_{\bar{k}} t} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\bar{k}}}{2(2\pi)^3}} \int d^3 \bar{x} e^{+i \bar{k} \cdot \bar{x}} \varepsilon_{\mu}(\bar{k}, \lambda) \left\{ A^\mu - \frac{i}{\omega_{\bar{k}}} \dot{A}^\mu \right\} \end{aligned} \right.$$

ET COMMUTATION RELATIONS FOR FIELD OPERATORS \hat{A}^μ QED Q9

IMPLY COMMUTATION RELATIONS FOR CREATION & ANNIHILATION OPERATORS :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [a(\vec{k}, \lambda), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', \lambda')] \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{\lambda'} e^{i\omega_k t} e^{-i\omega_{k'} t} \frac{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_{k'}}}{2(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{E}_\mu^*(\vec{k}, \lambda) \mathcal{E}_\nu(\vec{k}', \lambda') \\
 & \quad \int d^3\vec{x} \int d^3\vec{x}' e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{+i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{x}'} \\
 & \quad \left[A^\mu(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{i}{\omega_k} \dot{A}^\mu(\vec{x}, t), A^\nu(\vec{x}', t) - \frac{i}{\omega_{k'}} \dot{A}^\nu(\vec{x}', t) \right] \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{\omega_{k'}} g^{\mu\nu} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') - \frac{1}{\omega_k} g^{\mu\nu} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{\lambda'} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_{k'})t} \frac{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_{k'}}}{2(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{E}_\mu^*(\vec{k}, \lambda) \mathcal{E}^\mu(\vec{k}', \lambda') \\
 & \quad \underbrace{\int d^3\vec{x} e^{-i(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')\cdot\vec{x}}}_{(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')} \left(-\frac{1}{\omega_{k'}} - \frac{1}{\omega_k} \right) \\
 &= - \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{\lambda'} \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_\mu^*(\vec{k}, \lambda) \mathcal{E}^\mu(\vec{k}', \lambda')}_{-\sum_{\lambda} \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}} \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda} \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$[a(\vec{k}, \lambda), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', \lambda')]_- = \sum_{\lambda} \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$$

AND ANALOGOUSLY

$$[a(\vec{k}, \lambda), a(\vec{k}', \lambda')]_- = 0$$

$$[a^\dagger(\vec{k}, \lambda), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', \lambda')]_- = 0$$

FOR $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$

$$[a(\vec{k}, i), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', j)]_- = \delta_{ij} \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$$

FOR $\lambda = 0$ ("SCALAR" PHOTON POLARIZATION)

$$[a(\vec{k}, 0), a^\dagger(\vec{k}', 0)]_- = - \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \uparrow$$

→ DEFINE : VACUUM IS STATE WITHOUT PHOTONS

$$a(\vec{k}, \lambda) |0\rangle = 0, \quad \lambda = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

→ CONSIDER STATE WITH 1 SCALAR PHOTON

$$|\gamma, \lambda=0\rangle = \int d^3\vec{k} f(\vec{k}) a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 0) |0\rangle$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \hookrightarrow \text{WAVE PACKET} \quad \int d^3\vec{k} |f(\vec{k})|^2 < \infty$$

$$\text{NORM } \langle \gamma, \lambda=0 | \gamma, \lambda=0 \rangle$$

$$\int d^3\vec{k} \int d^3\vec{k}' f^*(\vec{k}) f(\vec{k}') \langle 0 | a(\vec{k}, 0) a^\dagger(\vec{k}', 0) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= - \int d^3\vec{k} |f(\vec{k})|^2 \langle 0 | 0 \rangle < 0 \quad (\text{NEGATIVE NORM!})$$

~> HAMILTONIAN

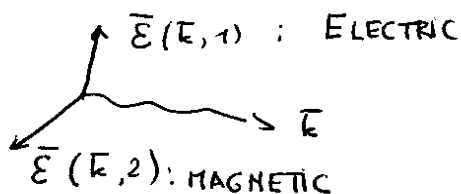
$$H = \int d^3\vec{k} \omega_k \left\{ -\alpha^\dagger(\vec{k}, 0) \alpha(\vec{k}, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha^\dagger(\vec{k}, i) \alpha(\vec{k}, i) \right\}$$

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STATES WITH $\lambda=0$
LEAD TO NEGATIVE ENERGY

PHYSICALLY : ONLY 2 INDEPENDENT COMPONENTS FOR
FREE MAXWELL FIELD

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{k}, 1), \mathcal{E}(\vec{k}, 2)$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{E}} = 0$$



WE WANT CONDITION TO GET RID OF $\lambda=0, 3$ STATES IN QUANTUM THEORY

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SHOULD NOT APPEAR IN
PHYSICAL STATES.

LORENTZ CONDITION AS OPERATOR RELATION IS TOO STRONG

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LEADS TO NEGATIVE NORM, ENERGY STATES

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WEAKER CONDITION, WE ONLY REQUIRE LORENTZ CONDITION
FOR PHYSICAL STATES OF THEORY

i.e. $\partial_\mu A^{\mu(+)} | \underline{\Psi} \rangle = 0$ | $\underline{\Psi} \rangle$ GROUND STATE
(PHYSICAL VACUUM)

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+ FREQUENCY PART (i.e. ANNIHILATING PART)

$$\partial_\mu A^{\mu(+)} |\Psi\rangle = 0$$

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$$\partial_\mu \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_k}} \sum_\lambda a(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{-ikx} \epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda) |\Psi\rangle = 0$$

$$\int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_k}} \sum_\lambda (-i) a(\vec{k}, \lambda) e^{-ikx} \underbrace{\vec{k}_\mu \epsilon^\mu(\vec{k}, \lambda)}_{\omega_k \epsilon^0(\vec{k}, \lambda) - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{k}, \lambda)} |\Psi\rangle = 0$$

$$\omega_k \epsilon^0(\vec{k}, \lambda) - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{k}, \lambda)$$

$$= \omega_k \delta_{\lambda 0} - |\vec{k}| \delta_{\lambda 3}$$

$$= \omega_k (\delta_{\lambda 0} - \delta_{\lambda 3})$$

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$$\circ \circ \quad \boxed{\left(a(\vec{k}, 0) - a(\vec{k}, 3) \right) |\Psi\rangle = 0} \quad \forall \vec{k}$$

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 SCALAR POL. LONGITUDINAL POL.

$$\underbrace{\langle \Psi | a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 3) a(\vec{k}, 3) | \Psi \rangle}_{\text{number of long. photons}} = \underbrace{\langle \Psi | a^\dagger(\vec{k}, 0) a(\vec{k}, 0) | \Psi \rangle}_{\text{number of scalar photons}}$$

VACUUM CONTAINS EQUAL ADMIXTURES OF L & S PHOTONS

- CHANGE IN NUMBER OF LONG, SCALAR PHOTONS IS EQUIVALENT TO GAUGE TF.
- THEIR COMBINED ENERGY IS ZERO

⇒ MORE GENERAL GAUGES

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2$$

$\xi = 1 \Rightarrow$ LORENTZ GAUGE

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FIELD EQUATIONS

$$\square A^\nu - \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) + \frac{1}{\xi} \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$$

$$\square A^\nu - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) \partial^\nu (\partial_\mu A^\mu) = 0$$

→ CANONICAL MOMENTA

$$\pi^\mu = -F^{0\mu} - g^{0\mu} \frac{1}{\xi} (\partial_\nu A^\nu)$$

→ PROPAGATOR

$$\left[-k^2 g^{\mu\nu} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) k^\mu k^\nu \right] A_\nu = 0$$

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PROPAGATOR: INVERSE $\sim A g_{\nu\lambda} + B k_\nu k_\lambda$

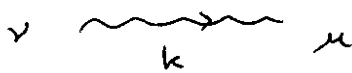
$$\left[-k^2 g^{\mu\nu} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) k^\mu k^\nu \right] (A g_{\nu\lambda} + B k_\nu k_\lambda) = g_\lambda^\mu$$

$$\left(-A k^2 \right) g_\lambda^\mu + \left[-k^2 B + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) A + B k^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) \right] k_\lambda^\mu = g_\lambda^\mu$$

$$\begin{cases} A = -1/k^2 \\ (1 - \frac{1}{\xi}) A - \frac{B k^2}{\xi} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$B = - \frac{(1 - \xi)}{k^2} A$$

PHOTON PROPAGATOR



$$i D^{\mu\nu}(k)$$

$$D^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{k^2} \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2} \right)$$

GAUGE-FIXING
TERM

SOME WELL KNOWN GAUGES :

$\xi = 1$: LORENTZ GAUGE / FEYNMAN GAUGE

$\xi = 0$: LANDAU GAUGE $(k_\mu D_L^{\mu\nu} = k_\nu D_L^{\mu\nu} = 0)$

PHYSICAL RESULTS ARE GAUGE INDEPENDENT

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