

Chapter 1

BASIC CONCEPTS

1.1 Introduction to QFT and the Lectures

[READING MATERIAL](#): [wiki: "quantum field theory"](#)

Why QFT

1. classical physics + QM are not enough to describe all phenomenology, especially microcosmic phenomenology.
 - in microcosmic, particles are very small and moves at very high speed (QM+RST)
 - describe a process with creative or annihilate of particles
2. field need quantization when space-time interval tending to zero
 - review: radiations in QM
3. wave-particle duality
 - in classical physics (wave or particle)
 - in QM (duality, more quanta)
 - unity of description in QFT

4. a updated language to describe updated nature
 - what are elementary particles and interactions
 - description of new phenomenology: dark matter, dark energy, ...
 - develop physics to an unified theory

Introduction to QFT

- history:
 - 1925: Born and Jordan, to calculate in quantum transition
 - 1926: Born, Heisenberg, and Jordan, a quantum theory for free EM field; Dirac, solve some problem
 - the early motivation to develop QFT in history: solve the problem of many particle interactions (more from experiment)
 - the second motivation: combine SRT and QM (more from theory)
- axiomatic system:
 - 3 in QM and 2 in SRT
 - compared with classical physics ...
- wave-particle duality:
 - before the broth of QFT, wave theory vs. particle theory
 - wave theory: Maxwell's EM theory and GRT – core: field
 - particle theory: QM – core: quanta
 - But, probability of wave function is essentially field!
- lacks of QM and SR
 - QM: negative energy, non-conservation of number of particle, negative probability problem in relativistic QM
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- description language and basic concepts:
 - updated field concept
 - vacuum
 - Lagrangian
 - symmetry
- some successful examples:
 - μ anomaly magnetic moment
$$a|_{th} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} = 0.00115965218178(77)$$
$$a|_{exp} = 0.00115965218073(28)$$
 - and Lamb shift
 - comprehension electric charge from renormalization
- development in future
 - SM and its triumph
 - physics beyond SM: neutrino mass, dark matter, dark energy, gravitation theory...
 - possible candidates: ED, SUSY, Superstring
- the relationship between particle physics and QFT

On the Course

- contents (see contents for details)
- references

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1.2 Lecture 2: Review of QM and SR

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- Hilbert space
- Hermitian operator
- statistic hypothesis
- The speed of light postulate
- principle of special relativity

Hypothesis : Hilbert space

description of a state

- review of the description of a state in classical physics:
 - a particle at the position of x at the time of t : $x(t)$
 - its momentum is $p(t)$ at the time t
 - a curve in the plane of $x - p$, which means a precise trajectory $\{x(t), p(t)\}$
 - characteristics:
 - * describe a particle by physical observables, like the position x , the momentum p
 - * a certain trajectory $\{x(t), p(t)\}$ - phase figure
- the description is invalid in micro-motion. review the diffraction of a electron
 - diffraction device
 - electron motion is a line in classical mechanics; a point at the screen
 - reduce the size of hole; diffraction pattern
 - control electron current; single electron; pattern at the screen
 - randomization of a single electron; probability of many electrons;

- the position is not a certain quantity
- review interference experiment
- A novel way to describe a state.
 - describe the state of a particle
 - $x(t) \rightarrow |x\rangle$ at the time of t
 - * $| \rangle$ labels a object (particle) state
 - * x in the $| \rangle$ is a value that refers to ...
 - * $\{ | x \rangle \}$ form a set of physical state
 - $p(t) \rightarrow |p\rangle$ at the time t
 - examples:
 - * spin state: label spin-up state (in z direction) $| + \rangle$ and spin-down state $| - \rangle$. The means are ...
 - * describe pages of a book as $| page = x \rangle$ with the mean of ...
 - * describe a classmate in our lesson
 - by name: $| name \rangle$
 - by ID: $| ID \rangle$
 - relationship: $| name \rangle \leftrightarrow | ID \rangle$
 - by column and row in the class $| column, row \rangle$
 - * find more examples [HOMEWORK](#)
 - new characteristics:
 - * physical quantity vs. physical value
 - * determinacy vs. probability
 - * how to understand probability in $| f(x, y) \rangle$?
 - in terms of the distribution function ...
 - * how to explain probability?
 - natural? or compromised?
 - Copenhagen School and Copenhagen explain

· more...

- Some reasons to choose the novel sign.
 - to describe the diffraction of electron
 - what's the definition of a particle in classical physics?
 - * with well defined mass, spin, energy, momentum, and so on)
 - * the characteristics: *described* by many physics quantities
 - * or, we can say, a particle is *a state* with a set of many certain physics quantities

Definition and Properties

hypothesis I: physical state corresponds to a vector in Hilbert space.

- Hilbert space: a complex vector space with well-defined inner product
- three kinds of operation:
 - addition
 - number product
 - inner product

- some properties:

$$\psi + \phi = \phi + \psi, \quad (\psi + \phi) + \chi = \psi + (\phi + \chi), \quad a(\psi + \phi) = a\psi + a\phi, \quad (1.1)$$

$$(a + b)\psi = a\psi + b\psi, \quad (\psi, \phi) = (\phi, \psi)^*, \quad (\psi, \phi + \chi) = (\psi, \phi) + (\psi, \chi), \quad (1.2)$$

$$(\psi, a\phi) = a(\psi, \phi), \quad (a\psi, \phi) = a^*(\psi, \phi), \quad (\psi, \psi) = |\psi|^2 \quad (1.3)$$

- some concepts: linearly independence; base vector; complete set; infinite dimension vs. finite dimension
- base vector and matrix representation
- what physical information can be obtained from a vector in Hilbert space?
- NOTE: left-vector and right-vector

Dirac notation

- origin: 1. left-vector \neq right-vector; 2. they locate in the same bracket; 3. right-vector $\psi \rightarrow$ left-vector ψ^\dagger
- left-vector \rightarrow bra $\langle \psi |$ and right-vector \rightarrow ket $|\phi\rangle$
- inner product in Dirac notation $\langle \psi | \cdot |\phi\rangle = \langle \psi | \phi \rangle$
- denote Hermitian eigenstates $\{\psi_i\}$ by corresponding eigenvalues $\{i\}$
- some composition Dirac notation: $|\alpha\rangle|\beta\rangle, |\alpha\rangle\langle\beta|, \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle$
- what is Dirac notation advantage??
- an example: expand a random state into Hermitian eigenstates

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |i\rangle = \sum_i \langle i | \Psi \rangle |i\rangle = \sum_i |i\rangle \langle i | \Psi \rangle$$

1. $\langle i | \Psi \rangle$ is coefficient; 2. $|i\rangle\langle i|$ is projection operator; 3. complete relation $\sum_i |i\rangle\langle i| = 1$.

- the physical means of $\langle i | \Psi \rangle, \langle \phi | \Psi \rangle, |i, t\rangle$ and $\langle i, t | \Psi \rangle$

Hypothesis 2: Hermitian Operator

- $|\alpha\rangle$ is a state, what do we know from the state?
- review classical observables
- in QM, we need an operator

What Is An Operator

- a general operator: $A\psi = \phi$ or A let $\psi \rightarrow \phi$
- eigenvalues (some special values): $A\psi_i = a_i\psi_i$ corresponding to special states (eigenstates)
- linear operator: $A(a\psi + b\phi) = aA\psi + bA\phi$

- unity operator: $A\psi = \psi$
- inverse operator: $A\psi = \phi, A^{-1}\phi = \psi$
- unitary operator: $AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A = 1$

What Is A Hermitian Operator

- Hermitian operator: $A = A^\dagger$
- three important properties of Hermitian operator:
 - real eigenvalues $a(\psi, \psi) = (\psi, A\psi) = (\psi, A^\dagger\psi) = (A\psi, \psi) = a^*(\psi, \psi)$
 - orthogonality of states with different eigenstates HOMEWORK
 - completeness of eigenstates. (proof ...)
- **hypothesis II: Hermitian operator is a candidate of physics quantity.**
- why??

Examples

- position state $|x\rangle$: position operator: \hat{X}

$$\hat{X}|x\rangle = x|x\rangle$$

- spin state $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$: spin operator: \hat{S}

$$\hat{S}|\pm\rangle = \pm\frac{\hbar}{2}|\pm\rangle$$

(the eigenvalues of spin are $\pm\hbar/2$)

- pages of a book $|page = x\rangle$: page operator: \hat{G}

$$\hat{G}|page = x\rangle = x|page = x\rangle$$

- a classmate in our lesson
 - $|name\rangle$: name operator

- $|ID\rangle$: ID operator
- $|name\rangle \leftrightarrow |ID\rangle$ (?)
- $|column, row\rangle$: column operator and row operator (?)

- momentum operator $\hat{p} \equiv -i\hbar\nabla$ and eigenstate in position space...

commutator: \hat{p} and \hat{x}

- $\hat{p}\hat{x}=?$
- $\hat{x}\hat{p}=?$
- commutator $[\hat{p}, \hat{x}] = \dots$
- what do we know from commutator? after the section Hypothesis III

experiment and statistical hypothesis

- what can we measure? in classical physics and in QM
- determinacy vs. probability: physical results in classical physics vs. ones in QM—diffraction
- measurement in QM
- how to describe measurement in QM?

hypothesis III: modular of vector in Hilbert corresponds to probability of measurement

- an example: expand a random state (vector) in a set of complete eigenstates $\{\psi_i\}$ (base vector)

$$\Psi = \sum_i c_i \psi_i$$

- inner product and physics mean:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\psi_i, \Phi) &= (\psi_i, \sum_j c_j \psi_j) = c_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad p_i = |c_i|^2 \\
 (\psi_1 + \psi_2, \Phi) &= (\psi_1 + \psi_2, \sum_j c_j \psi_j) = c_1 + c_2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad p_i = |c_1 + c_2|^2 \\
 (\chi, \Phi) &= (\sum_i c'_i \psi_i, \Phi) \quad \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

inner product (χ, ϕ) "represents" a probability of finding state χ from ϕ , or a probability of a system with initial state ψ and final state χ

matrix mechanism

- a set of complete Hermitian eigenstates \rightarrow a set of base vectors in linear space
 - right-vector, ket, corresponds to column vector and left-vector, bra, corresponds to row vector
 - operator corresponds to a $n \times n$ matrix
- a operator transform a state to another state: $A | \Psi \rangle \rightarrow A | i \rangle = \sum_j c_j^i | j \rangle$;
 coefficient c_j^i includes all information

$$c_j^i = \langle j | A | i \rangle \equiv A_{ji}$$

- a operator representation under itself eigenstates: diagonal matrix with eigenvalues diagonal matrix element

representation

- why we can choose different representation in math and in physics?

In math, a set of eigenstates of Hermitian operator is complete. In physics, a "measurement" result is always gotten when acting a Hermitian operator on random state.

- concept: representation transformation

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i \eta_i |a_i\rangle = \sum_j \zeta_j |b_j\rangle \quad (1.4)$$

$$\rightarrow |a_i\rangle = \sum_j F_{ij} |b_j\rangle \quad (1.5)$$

$$\rightarrow F_{ij} = \langle a_i | b_j \rangle \quad (1.6)$$

F_{ij} transforms $\{|b_j\rangle\}$ into $\{|a_i\rangle\}$

- how to transform $\{|a_i\rangle\}$ into $\{|b_i\rangle\}$? F_{ij}^\dagger
- unitarity of F_{ij} HOMWORK
- representation transformation and physical measurement
- inner product, eigenvalues, $\det(A)$ and $\text{tr}(A)$ are invariant under representation transformationHOMWORK

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi | \Phi \rangle &= \sum_{i,j} (\eta_i \langle a_i |)^\dagger \zeta_j |b_j\rangle = \sum_i \eta_i^* \zeta_i \\ &= \sum_{i,j} (\eta_i (\sum_k F_{ki} |a_i\rangle))^\dagger \zeta_j (\sum_l F_{lj} |b_l\rangle) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \eta_i^* \zeta_j \sum_{k,l} (F_{ki})^\dagger F_{lj} \delta_{i,j} = \sum_i \eta_i^* \zeta_i \sum_{k,l} F_{ik}^* F_{li} = \sum_i \eta_i^* \zeta_i \end{aligned}$$

ket and wave function

- what's the meaning of $|\alpha\rangle$?
- what's the meaning of $|x\rangle$?
- what's the meaning of $\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle$?
- what's the meaning of $\langle x | \alpha \rangle$?
- what's the meaning of $\phi_\alpha(x)$?
- now, we have $\phi_\alpha(x) = \langle x | \alpha \rangle$

on Schrodinger' Eq

- Schrodinger's Eq

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(x) = ((-i\hbar\nabla)^2 + V(x))\psi(x)$$

- $V(x)$ a function? or an operator?
- express it into Dirac sign...(exercise in class)
- time independent form:

$$\hat{H}\phi(x) = E\phi(x)$$

- time evolution relation: ...
- now, we know Schrodinger's EQ, i.e. energy eigenstate equation + evolution relation

on hypothesis

- three hypothesis=three questions
 - how to *describe* a physical system in QM? a state (vector) in Hilbert space
 - how to get *physical information* of a state? to act a Hermitian operator on the state
 - how to *explain* results? probability
- measurement:
 - act a Hermitian operator on a state = measurement?

two hypothesis in SR:

- M-M experiment: velocity of light: natural law
- relativity principle: from Galilean's relativity to SR relativity
- invariant interval of spacetime
- Lorentz transformation

1.3 Lecture 3: Notations and Lagrangian Formula

Natural Units

- interactional unit: CGS with 3 independent unit
- in particle physics, velocity(c) and action(\hbar) are taken unit, i.e. $c = \hbar = 1$.
- the left unit is chosen as energy. eV

$$[S](\hbar) = 1 = [E][T], [V](c) = 1 = [L]/[T], [E](GeV) = [M][c]^2 = [M]$$

so, time and energy have a converse unit; ...

- relation: $[V], [S], [E]$ in natural unit and $[T], [L], [M]$ in CGS

$$\begin{aligned} [T] &= [S][E]^{-1}; [L] = [V][T] = [V][S][E]^{-1}; [M] = [E][V]^{-2}; \\ [V] &= [L][T]^{-1}; [S] = [M][L]^2[T]^{-1}; [E] = [M][V]^2 = [M][L]^2[T]^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

- number transformation: (c) = 3×10^{10} , (\hbar) = 1.05×10^{-27} , (ϵ) = 1.6×10^{-3} in CGS)

$$1cm = (c)^{-1}(\hbar)^{-1}(\epsilon)GeV^{-1} \cdot c \cdot \hbar = 5.08 \times 10^{13}GeV^{-1}$$

$$1sec = (\hbar)^{-1}(\epsilon)GeV^{-1}\hbar = 1.5 \times 10^{24}GeV^{-1}$$

$$1g = (c)^2(\epsilon)^{-1}GeV \cdot c^2 = 0.56 \times 10^{24}GeV$$

or

$$1GeV^{-1}(\cdot c \cdot \hbar) = 0.198 \times 10^{-13}cm$$

$$1GeV^{-1}(\cdot \hbar) = 0.658 \times 10^{-24}sec$$

$$1GeV(\cdot c^2) = 1.78 \times 10^{-24}g$$

- physical formulas in natural unit:....
- electromagnetism formulas

$$F = \frac{QQ}{r^2}$$

in Gaussian system and

$$F = \frac{qq}{4\pi r^2}$$

in Lorentz-Heaviside system (chosen)

in LH system, electric charge

$$e = \sqrt{4\pi\hbar c\alpha}$$

with fine-structure constant $\alpha \simeq 137^{-1}$.

4D space-time

- review of 3-D Euclidean space:

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\vec{A} = (A_1, A_2, A_3)$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} A_i B_i = A_i B_i = \delta_{ij} A_i B_j = \delta^{ij} A_i B_j$$

$$\delta_{ij} = \delta^{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = j \\ 0 & \text{other} \end{cases} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$\vec{A}^2 \geq 0$$

- 4-D Minkowski space: invariant $ds^2 = c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$

$$x^\mu = (ct, \vec{x})$$

$$x_\mu = (ct, -\vec{x}) = g_{\mu\nu} x^\nu = g_\mu^\nu x_\nu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} \equiv (g^{\mu\nu})^{-1} = g^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) = g^{\nu\mu} = g_{\nu\mu}$$

$$g_\mu^\nu = g^{\nu\rho} g_{\mu\rho} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\rho} = \delta_\rho^\mu$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$: gauge tensor. what is the means of "gauge"? the role of $g_{\mu\nu}$: represent the

construct of space-time, rise subscript and down superscript

$$A^\mu = (A^0, \vec{A})$$

$$A_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} A^\nu = \dots$$

$$A_\mu B^\mu = g_{\mu\nu} A^\mu B^\nu = A^0 B^0 - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A^0 B^0 - A^i B^i$$

$$x^2 = x_\mu x^\mu = g_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu = c^2 t^2 - \vec{x}^2$$

- Lorentz invariant length

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dt^2 - d\vec{x}^2$$

- time-like region of space-time: $ds^2 > 0$;
space-like region of space-time: $ds^2 < 0$;
 $x^2 = 0$ defines trajectories for light-like particle, called light-like region.
- plot $t - x$ figure to show three regions.
- future light cone and past light cone.
- derivative

$$\partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\nabla \right)$$

$$\partial_\mu = \dots$$

$$\partial^2 = \dots$$

$$p^\mu = (E, \vec{p})$$

$$p^2 = \dots = m^2$$

$$\epsilon^{ijk} = \dots$$

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \dots$$

exercise

- $A \cdot A$

- $\partial_\mu A^2$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial(\partial_\mu A_\nu)} F^2$ with $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

principle of least action

- the action: $I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt L(q(t), \dot{q}(t))$
- Lagrange depends on positions $q(t)$, velocities $\dot{q}(t)$, and sometimes also explicitly on time for open systems.
- Lagrange only depends on the first derivation of the position. why?
- another principle to building action: Lagrange should be relativistic invariant
- equation of motion (action I depends on path connected $t = 0$ to $t = T$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \delta I = \int_0^t dt \frac{\delta I}{\delta q(t)} \delta q(t) \\
 &= \int_0^t dt \left\{ \frac{\partial I}{\partial q(t)} \delta q(t) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} \delta \dot{q}(t) \right\} \\
 &= \int_0^t dt \left\{ \frac{\partial I}{\partial q(t)} \delta q(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} \delta q(t) \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} \delta q(t) \right\} \\
 &= \int_0^t dt \left\{ \frac{\partial I}{\partial q(t)} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} \right\} \delta q(t) + \left[\frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} \delta q(t) \right]_{t=0}^{t=T} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial q(t)} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial I}{\partial \dot{q}(t)} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

due to $\delta q(0) = \delta q(T) = 0$. why?

Hamilton's function

- $L(q, \dot{q}) \Rightarrow H(p, q)$
- Legendre transformation

$$H(p, q) = p_i \dot{q}_i - L$$

or more precise

$$H(p, q) = p_i \dot{q}_i(p, q) - L(q, \dot{q}(p, q))$$

with conjugate momenta $p_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} L(q, \dot{q})$

- derive Hamilton equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 dH(p, q) &= \left\{ \dot{q}_i(p, q) + p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_j} L(q, \dot{q}(p, q)) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) \right\} dp_i \\
 &\quad + \left\{ p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} L(q, \dot{q}(p, q)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_j} L(q, \dot{q}(p, q)) \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) \right\} dq_i \\
 &= \left\{ \dot{q}_i(p, q) + \left[p_j - \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_j} L \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) \right\} dp_i \\
 &\quad + \left\{ - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} L(q, \dot{q}(p, q)) + \left[p_j - \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_j} L \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_j(p, q) \right\} dq_i \\
 &= \dot{q}_i(p, q) dp_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} L(q, \dot{q}(p, q)) dq_i \\
 &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = \dot{q}_i, \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = -\dot{p}_i \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Infinite degree of freedom system - field

- the action for many degree of freedom system:

$$L = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{q}_i^2 - V(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N)$$

V includes interaction energy between particles $v(q_i - q_j)$ and the energy due to an external potential $w(q_i)$

$$V = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} k_{ij} (q_i - q_j)^2 + \dots$$

- when the interval l ($l = q_{i+1} - q_i$) tending to zero, we obtain a infinite degree of freedom system: field

the subscript i in $q_i(t)$ means that $q_i(t)$ depends on position, so $q_i(t) \rightarrow \phi(t, \mathbf{x})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_i \dot{q}_i^2 &\rightarrow m_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi \right)^2 \\
 (q_{i+1} - q_i)^2 &\rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \phi \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \phi \right)^2 + \dots \\
 \sum_i &\rightarrow \int dx dy dz = \int d^3x
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$L = \int d^3x \left\{ \sigma \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi \right)^2 - \rho \nabla^2 \phi \right\} - \tau \phi^2 - \xi \phi^4 \dots$$

after re-defined parameters and ϕ (but why?), we have

$$S = \int dt d^3x \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{g}{3!} \phi^3 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 + \dots \right) = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$$

- Lorentz covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \int d^4x \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta \phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla \phi} \delta \nabla \phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \delta \dot{\phi} \right) \\ &= \int d^4x \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right) \delta \phi \end{aligned}$$

eom:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla \phi} = 0$$

, which means that $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$

- position x is not dynamical variable any longer. ϕ becomes dynamical variable in QFT.

an example: electromagnetic field

- Maxwell's equation

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} - \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} &= \vec{j} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- charge conservation is

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

- it is a set of equation of motion on electromagnetic field, which Lagrange does correspond to the equations?

- Clues: symmetries on \vec{B} and \vec{E} , and on time t and position x
- notation for 4-D vector, tensor, etc, to exhibit relativistic covariance

$$x^\mu \equiv (t, \vec{x})$$

$$j^\mu \equiv (\rho, \vec{j})$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} \equiv -F^{\nu\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E^1 & -E^2 & -E^3 \\ E^1 & 0 & -B^3 & B^2 \\ E^2 & B^3 & 0 & -B^1 \\ E^3 & -B^2 & B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for μ, ν taking 0, 1, 2, 3

- Maxwell's eq.

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} F^{0\nu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} F^{i\nu} = j^\nu$$

for $\nu = 0$,

$$\nabla \vec{E} = \rho$$

for $\nu = i$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} F^{0k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} F^{ik} = j^k \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E} + \nabla \times \vec{B} = \vec{j}$$

(using

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} F^{i1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} B^3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} B^2 = \epsilon^{ijk} \nabla_i B^j \text{ (when } k = 1)$$

so, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} F^{ik} = \nabla \times \vec{B}$.)

- where are other two Maxwell's eq.?
- define antisymmetric tensor

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\tilde{F}^{\nu\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -B^1 & -B^2 & -B^3 \\ B^1 & 0 & E^3 & -E^2 \\ B^2 & -E^3 & 0 & E^1 \\ B^3 & E^2 & -E^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

other two Maxwell's eq. are

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- current conservation becomes

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$$

up to now, it's only a simply fashion to express Maxwell's eq. by $F^{\mu\nu}$. The physics quantities are still electromagnetic field strength \vec{E} and \vec{B} . How to express them in QFT?

- define electromagnetic field in QFT: $A^\mu = (\phi, \vec{A})$
- $F^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$
- $\vec{E}, \vec{B} = \dots$
- eom: $\partial^2 A^\mu - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu A_\nu = j^\mu$
- the eom is gauge invariant under $A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \partial^\mu \phi$

The above clue: Maxwell' eq. $\rightarrow F^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$ eom on A^μ . But how to write EM field theory directly?

- Lagrangian equation on EM:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_i} \mathcal{L} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi_i} \mathcal{L} = 0$$

- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(A_\mu, \partial_\mu A_\nu)$
- Lorentz invariance

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \{ a \partial_\mu A^\nu \partial^\mu A_\nu + b \partial_\mu A^\nu \partial_\nu A^\mu + c (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 + d A^2 + e A_\mu j^\mu \}$$

- coincide with eom

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

- the last term is a total derivation

$$(\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 - \partial_\mu A^\nu \partial_\nu A^\mu = \partial_\mu \{ A_\nu (g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\rho A^\rho) - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \}$$

1.4 Lecture 4: Symmetries

why symmetry

- symmetry appears in physics
- symmetry provides a tool to describe the beauty of the nature
- symmetry corresponds conservation law
- so, symmetry is physics

examples

- snowflake: rotation and reflect
- Higgs potential: continuous rotation
- charge conjugation: $W^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_e$
- isospin: intro.,

classification

- space-time vs. internal
- continuous vs. discrete
- exact vs. approximate

conservations in physics

- space translation
- time translation
- space rotation
- parity

group theory

- a closed set with defined operating (addition or product)
- an example: parity(intro., define, time table)
- unity, invert element
- an example: group elements in snowflake (elements, product table, generator)
- Lie group: infinity elements (an example: rotation), generators, Abelian and non-abelian, Lie algebra

spacetime transformation and conservation

- assuming a space-time transformation $x'_\mu = x_\mu + \delta x_\mu$ or a inner transformation, the action is invariant.
- the action:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \delta S = \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}'(x') - \int_R d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \\
 &= \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}'(x') - \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}(x) + \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}(x) - \int_R d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \\
 &= \int_{R'} d^4x' \delta \mathcal{L} + \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}(x) - \int_R d^4x \mathcal{L}(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

using

$$d^4x' = J\left(\frac{x'}{x}\right)d^4x = \text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}\right)d^4x = \left(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu\right) d^4x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S &= \int_{R'} d^4x' \delta \mathcal{L} + \int_{R'} d^4x' \mathcal{L}(x) - \int_R d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \\
&= \int_{R'} d^4x' \delta \mathcal{L} + \int \left(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu \right) d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) - \int_R d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \\
&= \int_{R'} d^4x' \delta \mathcal{L} + \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu \\
&= \int_R d^4x (\partial_\mu \mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu + \delta_0 \mathcal{L}) + \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu \\
&= \int d^4x (\partial_\mu \mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta_0 \phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta_0 (\partial_\mu \phi)) + \int d^4x \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu \mathcal{L}(x) \\
&= \int d^4x \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta_0 \phi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \partial_\mu \delta_0 \phi \right) + \int d^4x \partial_\mu (\mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu) \\
&= \int d^4x \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta_0 \phi + \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \delta_0 \phi \right) - \left(\partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) \delta_0 \phi \right] + \int d^4x \partial_\mu (\mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu) \\
&= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \mathcal{L} \delta_0 \phi + \mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu \right) + e.o.f.
\end{aligned}$$

– δ_0 denote a change of function form

– $\delta \phi$ means a total change of ϕ under all transformations

$$\delta \phi = \partial_\mu \phi \delta x^\mu + \delta_0 \phi, \quad (\delta \phi \equiv iT^i \phi \delta \epsilon^i)$$

– independent variation $\delta \epsilon^i$ and δx . **WHY??**

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S &= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \mathcal{L} (\delta \phi - \partial_\nu \phi \delta x^\nu) + \mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu \right) \\
&= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left(i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} T^i \phi \delta \epsilon^i + \left(\mathcal{L} g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \partial_\nu \phi \right) \delta x^\nu \right) \\
&= \int d^4x \partial^\mu j_\mu \delta \alpha
\end{aligned}$$

with current $j_\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu \phi)} \delta \phi - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu \phi)} \partial_\nu \phi \delta x^\nu + \mathcal{L} \delta x_\mu$.

Here, we can obviously see independent variations, $\delta \epsilon^i$ and δx^ν .

- charge:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \partial_\mu j^\mu \\
 &= \partial_t j^0 - \nabla_j^i \\
 Q &\equiv \int d^3x j^0 \\
 \partial_t Q &= \partial_t \int d^3x j^0 = \int d^3x \nabla_j^i = \vec{j}
 \end{aligned}$$

some example on spacetime transformation

- time translation:

- transformation

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^0 &\rightarrow x^0 + \delta t \\
 \delta x^0 &\rightarrow \delta t \\
 \delta \phi &\rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- conservation current and charge:

$$\begin{aligned}
 j^\mu &= \mathcal{L} g^{\mu 0} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \phi)} \partial_0 \phi \\
 \int d^3x \Theta^{00} &= \int d^3x \left(\mathcal{L} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\dot{\phi})} \dot{\phi} \right) = - \int d^3x \mathcal{H} = -H
 \end{aligned}$$

- position translation:

- transformation

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^i &\rightarrow x^i + \delta x^i \\
 \delta x^\mu &\rightarrow (0, \delta x^i) \\
 \delta \phi &\rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- conservation current and charge:

$$\begin{aligned}
 j^\mu &= \mathcal{L} g^{\mu i} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \phi)} \nabla \phi \\
 \int d^3x \Theta^{0i} &= \int d^3x \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\dot{\phi})} \nabla \phi = \int d^3x p \nabla \phi
 \end{aligned}$$

- spacetime translation in 4-dim
- spacetime rotation

Noether' Theorem and conservation laws

- if the action is invariant under a continuous transformation, there is a conservation.
- Proof:
 - transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi &\rightarrow \phi' = e^{iT^\alpha \epsilon^\alpha} \phi \\
 \phi' &= (1 + iT^\alpha \epsilon^\alpha) \phi \\
 \delta\phi_i &= i(T^\alpha)_{ij} \epsilon^\alpha \phi_j \\
 \delta\partial_\mu \phi_i &= i(T^\alpha)_{ij} \partial_\mu (\epsilon^\alpha \phi_j) \\
 &= i(T^\alpha)_{ij} [(\partial_\mu \epsilon^\alpha) \phi_j + \epsilon^\alpha \partial_\mu (\phi_j)]
 \end{aligned}$$

the first term stand for the case of ϵ depending on spacetime, i.e. $\epsilon(x)$.

- change of the action:

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

- in a simple case: $\epsilon(x) = \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{L} &= i \left[\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\phi_i} (T^\alpha)_{ij} \phi_j + \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi_i} (T^\alpha)_{ij} \partial_\mu (\phi_j) \right] \epsilon^\alpha \\
 &= i \left[\partial_\mu \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi_i)} (T^\alpha)_{ij} \phi_j + \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi_i} (T^\alpha)_{ij} \partial_\mu (\phi_j) \right] \epsilon^\alpha \\
 &= i \partial_\mu \left[\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi_i)} (T^\alpha)_{ij} \phi_j \right] \epsilon^\alpha \\
 &= i \partial_\mu j^{\mu,\alpha} \epsilon^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

- the number of conservation charges = the number of generator elements of group
 - spacetime translation: 4

- space rotation: 3
- spacetime rotation: ?thinking?

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1.5 Lecture 6: Lorentz Symmetry

Lorentz group definition

- Einstein's SRT:

$$g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = g_{\mu\nu}dx'^\mu dx'^\nu, \quad (1.7)$$

- A general coordinate transformation $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu$

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu \quad (1.8)$$

- Lorentz transformation
- Transformation operator $T(\Lambda, a)$ induced on physical state corresponding to above transformation.
- $T(\Lambda, a)$ form a group:

$$T(\Lambda, a)T(1, 0) = T(1, 0)T(\Lambda, a) = T(\Lambda, a), \quad (1.9)$$

$$T(\bar{\Lambda}, \bar{a})T(\Lambda, a) = T(\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}a + \bar{a}), \text{ *exce.* } \quad (1.10)$$

$$T(\Lambda, a)T(\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1}a) = T(1, 0). \quad (1.11)$$

This whole group is called inhomogeneous Lorentz group or Poincare group.

properties and subgroup

- transformation in homogeneous Lorentz group

$$g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda^\mu_\rho \Lambda^\nu_\lambda = g_{\rho\lambda}. \quad (1.12)$$

- it gives

$$(\text{Det}\Lambda)^2 = 1, \quad (1.13)$$

$$(\Lambda_0^0)^2 = 1 + \Lambda_0^i \Lambda_0^i = 1 + \Lambda_i^0 \Lambda_i^0 \Rightarrow |\Lambda_0^0| \geq 1. \quad (1.14)$$

- $\text{Det}\Lambda$ and Λ_0^0 can be used to classify the group

- important subgroup of Poincare group:
 - homogeneous Lorentz group $T(\Lambda, 0)$ form homogeneous Lorentz group.
 - $\text{Det}\Lambda = +1$ subgroup $\text{Det}\Lambda = +1$ form a subgroup.
 - $\Lambda_0^0 \geq 1$ subgroup $\Lambda_0^0 \geq 1$ form a subgroup,

$$(\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda)_0^0 = \bar{\Lambda}_0^0\Lambda_0^0 + \bar{\Lambda}_1^0\Lambda_0^1 + \bar{\Lambda}_2^0\Lambda_0^2 + \bar{\Lambda}_3^0\Lambda_0^3 \quad (1.15)$$

$$= \bar{\Lambda}_0^0\Lambda_0^0 + (\bar{\Lambda}_0^1, \bar{\Lambda}_0^2, \bar{\Lambda}_0^3)(\Lambda_0^1, \Lambda_0^2, \Lambda_0^3) \quad (1.16)$$

$$\geq \bar{\Lambda}_0^0\Lambda_0^0 - \sqrt{(\bar{\Lambda}_0^0)^2 - 1}\sqrt{(\Lambda_0^0)^2 - 1} \geq 1 \quad (1.17)$$

- The subgroup of Lorentz transformation with $\text{Det}\Lambda = +1$ and $\Lambda_0^0 \geq 1$ is known as the proper orthochronous Lorentz group.
- Any Lorentz group transformation can be written as the product of an element of the proper orthochronous Lorentz group with one of the discrete transformations P or T or PT .

The Poincare Algebra

- unity element: $\Lambda_\nu^\mu = \delta_\nu^\mu$ and $a_\mu = 0$.
- the infinitesimal transformation:

$$\Lambda_\nu^\mu = \delta_\nu^\mu + \omega_\nu^\mu, \quad a_\mu = \epsilon_\mu. \quad (1.18)$$

- from formula $g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda_\rho^\mu\Lambda_\lambda^\nu = g_{\rho\lambda}$, ω must satisfy

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\omega_{\nu\mu}$$

- closing to identity $U(1, 0)$, $U(1 + \omega, \epsilon)$ must be equal to

$$U(1 + \omega, \epsilon) = 1 + \frac{i}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu} - i\epsilon_\mu P^\mu + \dots$$

- $J^{\mu\nu}$ and P_μ are Hermitian operators **Why?**, $J^{\mu\nu\dagger} = J^{\mu\nu}$, $P_\mu^\dagger = P_\mu$.
- $J^{\mu\nu}$ also antisymmetric

$$J^{\mu\nu} = -J^{\nu\mu}$$

- Under Lorentz transformation

$$U(\Lambda, a)U(1 + \omega, \epsilon)U^{-1}(\Lambda, a) = U(\Lambda(1 + \omega)\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda\epsilon - \Lambda\omega\Lambda^{-1}a) \quad (1.19)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(\Lambda, a)\left(\frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu} - \epsilon_{\mu}P^{\mu}\right)U^{-1}(\Lambda, a) = (\Lambda(1 + \omega)\Lambda^{-1})_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu} - (\Lambda\epsilon - \Lambda\omega\Lambda^{-1}a)_{\mu}P^{\mu} \quad (1.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(\lambda, a)J^{\rho\lambda}U^{-1}(\Lambda, a) = \Lambda_{\mu}^{\rho}\Lambda_{\nu}^{\lambda}(J^{\mu\nu} - a^{\mu}P^{\nu} + a^{\nu}P^{\mu}) \quad (1.21)$$

$$\& U(\lambda, a)P^{\mu}U^{-1}(\Lambda, a) = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}P^{\nu} \quad (1.22)$$

- if $U(\Lambda, a)$ also be infinitesimal transformation, i.e. $\Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} = \delta_{\nu}^{\mu} + \omega_{\nu}^{\mu}$ and $a_{\mu} = \epsilon_{\mu}$, above formula become

$$i\left[\frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu} - \epsilon_{\mu}P^{\mu}, J^{\rho\lambda}\right] = \omega_{\mu}^{\rho}J^{\mu\lambda} + \omega_{\nu}^{\lambda}J^{\rho\nu} - \epsilon^{\rho}P^{\lambda} + \epsilon^{\lambda}P^{\rho} \quad (1.23)$$

$$i\left[\frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu} - \epsilon_{\mu}P^{\mu}, P^{\lambda}\right] = \omega_{\mu}^{\lambda}P^{\mu} \quad (1.24)$$

and we find the commutation rules

$$i[J^{\mu\nu}, J^{\rho\lambda}] = \eta^{\nu\rho}J^{\mu\lambda} - \eta^{\mu\rho}J^{\nu\lambda} - \eta^{\lambda\mu}J^{\rho\nu} + \eta^{\lambda\nu}J^{\rho\mu} \quad (1.25)$$

$$i[P^{\mu}, J^{\rho\lambda}] = \eta^{\mu\rho}P^{\lambda} - \eta^{\mu\lambda}P^{\rho} \quad (1.26)$$

$$[P^{\mu}, P^{\nu}] = 0 \quad (1.27)$$

This is the Lie algebra of the Poincare group.

- In physics, the conserved operator play a special role. Definition of special operators:

- energy operator $H = P^0$

- momentum operator $\vec{P} = (P^1, P^2, P^3)$

- angular-momentum operator $\vec{J} = (J^{23}, J^{31}, J^{12})$

- Lorentz 'boost' vector operator $\vec{K} = (J^{01}, J^{02}, J^{03})$

- These operators have following commutation relation:

$$[J_i, J_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}J_k, \quad (1.28)$$

$$[J_i, K_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}K_k, \quad (1.29)$$

$$[K_i, K_j] = -i\epsilon_{ijk}J_k, \quad (1.30)$$

$$[J_i, P_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}P_k, \quad (1.31)$$

$$[K_i, P_j] = -iH\delta_{ij}, \quad (1.32)$$

$$[J_i, H] = [P_i, H] = [H, H] = 0, \quad (1.33)$$

$$[K_i, H] = -iP_i. \quad (1.34)$$

Lorentz group: $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$

- Lorentz boost does not form a group: $[K_i, K_j] = -i\epsilon_{ijk}J_k$
- define a new linear operator

$$N_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}(J_i + iK_i)$$

- commutation relations

$$[N_i, N_j^\dagger] = 0, \quad [N_i, N_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}N_k, \quad [N_i^\dagger, N_j^\dagger] = i\epsilon_{ijk}N_k^\dagger$$

- N_i : $SU(2)$; N_j^\dagger : another $SU(2)$
- Lorentz group: $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$
- review of angular momentum ($SU(2)$):

$$J^2 |lm\rangle = \dots, J_z |lm\rangle$$

l, m denote eigenvalues of operators J^2 and J_z

- similarly,
 - $N_i N_i$ eigenvalues $n(n+1)$
 - $N_j^\dagger N_j^\dagger$ eigenvalues $m(m+1)$

- Lorentz group representation (m, n)
 - $(0, 0)$
 - $(1/2, 0)$
 - $(0, 1/2)$
 - $(1/2, 0) \otimes (0, 1/2) = (1/2, 1/2)$
 - $(1/2, 0) \otimes (1/2, 0) = (1, 0) \oplus (0, 0)$

particle classification

- review of Noether theorem: the number of conservation quantities
- 6 rotation + 4 translation = 10 conservation quantities
- Lorentz boost is not a conservation quantities: **Why?** $([K_i, H] = -iP_i)$
- 1 energy H + 3 momentum \vec{P} + 3 angular momentum $\vec{J} = 7$, where are other 3?
- Pauli-Lubanski four-vector

$$W^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_\nu M_{\rho\sigma} = -\frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} S_{\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu$$

- Casimir operator: intro.
- Casimir operator of Lorentz group: $P_\mu P^\mu$ (with eigenvalue m^2) and $W_\mu W^\mu$ with eigenvalue $-m^2 s(s+1)$
- physical states (particle) are classified in terms of Lorentz group
 - $P^2 = m^2 > 0$: $s = 0, 1/2, 1, \dots$
 - $P^2 = m^2 = 0$: ($P \cdot W = 0$) $s = 0, 1/2, 1, \dots$
 - $P^2 = m^2 = 0$: spin is continuous (an infinite number of polarization states). Not found in nature
 - $P^2 = m^2 < 0$: tachyon

1.5.1 elementary particles and their interactions

- atom \rightarrow nuclear \rightarrow quarks
- elementary particles introduction
- four kinds of interactions
- electromagnetic interaction
 - between electronic charged particle, like $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \tau^\pm, u, d, c, s, t, b$
 - coupling: e
 - mediating by massless photon
- strong interaction
 - between quarks and gluons which have color charges
 - mediating by gluons
 - massless gluons with color charges can interact with themselves. (but photon don't interact with itself)
- weak interaction
 - between all particle of SM
 - mediating massive W^\pm and Z
- all matter is constructed by fermions, leptons and quarks. interaction is mediated by vector gauge bosons, γ, g, W^\pm, Z

1.5.2 particles and their fields

- photon: a massless vector gauge boson A_μ
- electron/positron: fermion field ψ in EM interaction; weak isospin (fermion field): $(\nu_e, e^-)^T$
- proton/neutron: isospin doublet $(p, n)^T$

- π meson: pseudo-scalar mesons, π^\pm form a isospin doublet
- ...

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