

Quantum Field Theory
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Quantization of Real Scalar Field – I

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In the last lecture we were discussing in Noether theorem. It basically states that whenever we have the continuous symmetry under is the theory this is variant you have corresponding concern quantity, and as an example that it is theory is in variant under a local symmetry. So, ϕ goes to $\phi + \delta\phi$ then you see that δL is equal to 0. And this implies $\partial_\mu j^\mu$ is equal to 0 where j^μ is a $\partial L / \partial \partial_\mu \phi$, $\delta\phi$ right; this is what we have seen in the last lecture. If you have in an addition to this if you consider more general symmetry transformation where the field ϕ of (x) goes to ϕ' of the x' .

And, the coordinate x goes to x' which is $x + \delta x$; then you have to be bit more careful what you need to consider in this case is the invariants of action. And the invariants of the action under such a transformation basically implies that this quantities is equal to 0; $\delta L + \partial_\mu L \delta x^\mu$. To see why the invariants of the action leads to the condition like this let us consider this one-dimensional case ok.

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A chalkboard with handwritten mathematical expressions. On the left, the integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is written. Below it, a downward arrow points to the transformed integral $\int_{a'}^{b'} f'(x') dx'$. On the right, the transformation rules are given: $x \rightarrow x + \delta x$ and $f(x) \rightarrow f'(x')$. An NPTEL logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

So, consider this integral in one-dimension from the interval a to b f of (x) $d x$; let us make a transformation x goes to x plus δx . And let us assume that under such transformation the function f of (x) goes to x prime of $(f$ prime) which is again f of (x) δx so on. So, under such a transformation this integral will transfer to f prime of $(x$ prime) $d x$ prime. And the interval now acutely the integrate limits are now from a prime to b prime; if this quantity is invariant under such transformation then this difference is equal to 0.

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A chalkboard with handwritten mathematical expressions. At the top left, dx' is written. Below it, the equation $\int_{a+\delta a}^{b+\delta b} f'(x') dx' - \int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$ is written. Below this, the same equation is written again with the limits $a+\delta a$ and $b+\delta b$ explicitly shown. An NPTEL logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

So, the invariants implies a prime to b prime f prime of (x prime) d x prime minus integration a to b f of (x) d x is equal to 0. Now, since we are considering infinity transformation here this a prime will differ from a by m infinity small amount. So, is the quantity b prime; so this integration is basically a plus delta a. And here again the integration limits goes from a plus delta a, to b plus delta b. Now, you can do even better in this integration this explains is just a dummy variable you can say this to x. So, what you get is a plus delta a, b plus delta b; f prime of (x) d x minus a to b f of (x) d x.

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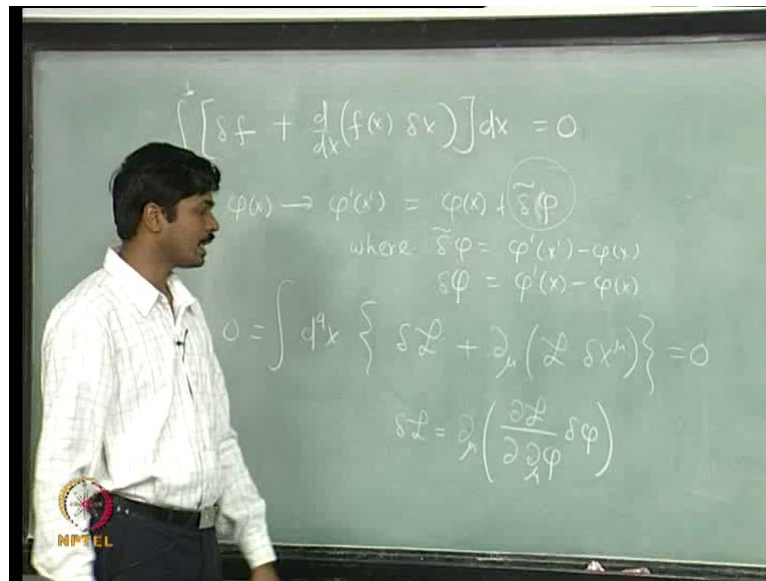
$$dx = 0 \quad f(b)\delta b - f(a)\delta a$$

$$= \int_{a+\delta a}^{b+\delta b} f(x) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_{a+\delta a}^{b+\delta b} \delta f dx$$

A vertical arrow points from the expression $f(b)\delta b - f(a)\delta a$ down to the correction term $\int_{a+\delta a}^{b+\delta b} \delta f dx$ in the equation below.

So, f prime of (x) is nothing but f of (x) plus delta L. So, you will substitute here then this is equal to a plus delta a, b plus delta b right. Now, what is this quantity, this difference here; you can see that this difference is nothing but f of (b) delta b minus f of (a) delta a.

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So, what you get is if you require this quantity to be invariant under such a transformation. Then you see that the integral of $\delta f + \frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \delta x)$ from a to b is equal to 0; if you consider quantity up to first order in variation this is quantity which is equal to 0. So, you can do similar analyses in 4-dimension. And when the invariants of the action under this symmetry transformation ϕ of (x) goes to ϕ of (x') which is equal to ϕ of (x) plus $\delta\phi$ where $\delta\phi$ is ϕ prime of (x') minus ϕ of (x) ; whereas, $\delta\phi$ is equal to ϕ prime of (x) minus ϕ of (x) is given by this $\int dx \delta L + \lambda \int dx (\delta x)^\mu = 0$.

δL is what we have derived in the last lecture. And what we saw is δL is equal to $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial L}{\partial L} \delta \mu \phi \delta \phi$. However, we want to express this quantity inside the square bracket, in terms of the quantity transformed quantity terms of the $\delta\phi$ and δx . So, let us express everything in terms of $\delta\tilde{\phi}$.

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$$\Rightarrow \delta\tilde{\phi} = \delta\phi + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\phi = \delta\tilde{\phi} - \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu$$

We have already derive the line delta phi is equal to delta pi minus Del phi over Del mu, delta x mu. So, we will substitute and delta plus; we will substitute first delta phi here delta phi is delta tilde phi minus Del x mu, delta x mu you will substitute here. And we will put it in this expression then we will get a conservation law.

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$$0 = \int d^4x \left\{ \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \left(\delta\phi - \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\nu} \delta x^\nu \right) \right) + \partial_\mu \left(\mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu \right) \right\}$$

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

$$J^\mu = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \delta\phi - \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \partial_\nu\phi \delta x^\nu + \mathcal{L} \delta x^\mu$$

$$= \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \delta\phi - T^\mu{}_\nu \delta x^\nu$$

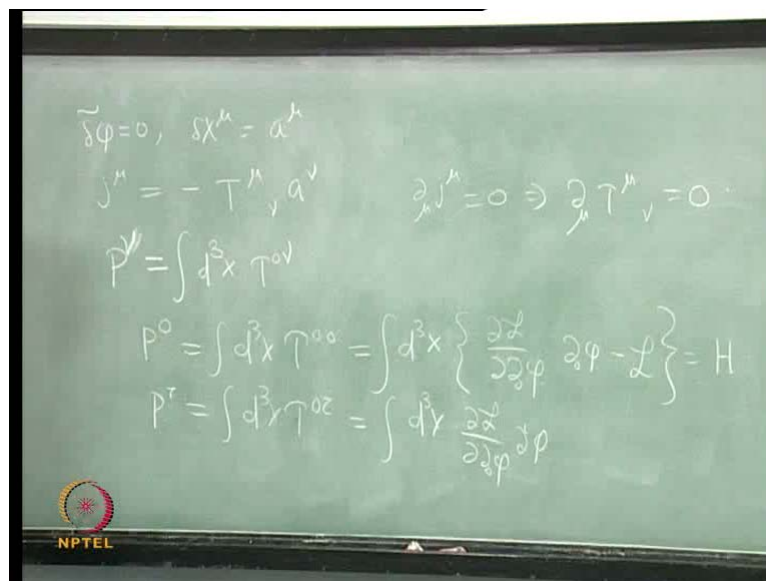
where $T^\mu{}_\nu = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\partial_\mu\phi} \partial_\nu\phi - \mathcal{L} \delta^\mu{}_\nu$

So, let us do that when you do that we get d for x del mu of del L over del, del mu phi, delta tilde phi minus del phi over del x mu, delta x mu plus del mu L delta x mu. Now, since this variations are arbitrary variation the integrants equal to 0. And hence what we

get is we get again the conservation law which is $\partial_\mu z^\mu = 0$; where the conserved quantity is z^μ given by $\partial L / \partial \partial_\mu \phi - \partial L / \partial \phi$ $\delta x^\mu + L \delta x^\mu$ this is the most general conserved current for the transformation under consideration.

We can rewrite this quantity as follows this can be rewritten as $\partial_\mu L \delta \phi - T_{\mu\nu} \delta x^\nu$ where the quantity $T_{\mu\nu}$ is defined to be $\partial L / \partial \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - L \delta_{\mu\nu}$; we will see what is the physical interpretation of this in a moment for that let us consider the transformation for this $\delta \phi = 0$. And δx^μ is simply some transformation a^μ . So, we will consider the symmetry transformation and translation invariants; if the theory is translation invariants.

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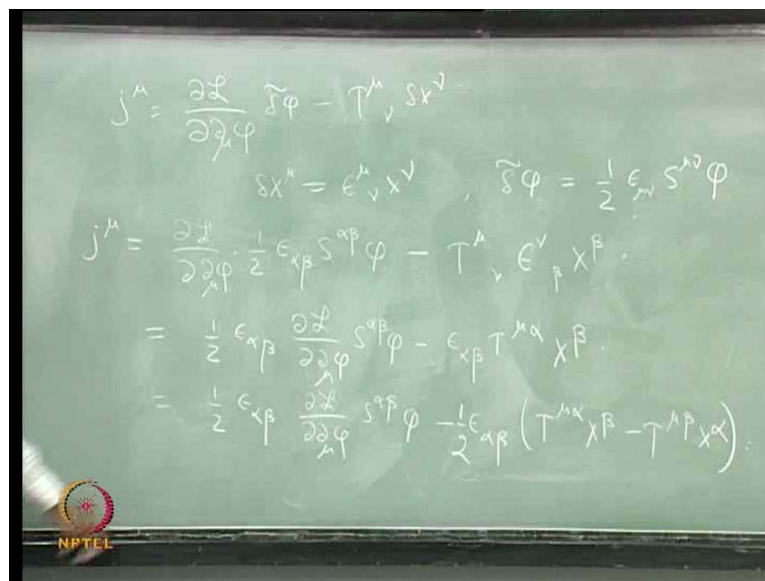


If you have translation invariants then we have $\delta \phi = 0$. And δx^μ it is some infinity parameter which I have called a^μ for this transformation our concerned current a^μ is equal to $-T_{\mu\nu} a^\nu$ or the conservation law is simply $\partial_\mu z^\mu = 0$; simply implies $\partial_\mu z^\mu = 0$ this is what we get. So, the conserved instead of getting single conserved star. Because you have free index μ we get set of 4 the conserved stars here. The conserved stars are $d^3x T^0_\mu$ this I will define to the d^μ .

Let us see P_0 the component of the conserve stars P_0 is basically $d^3x \times T_{00}$, what is T_{00} ? If you look at the expression for $T_{\mu\nu}$ then this is nothing but $d^3x \times \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} - L$ what is this quantity? This is the Hamiltonian density and this is integrated over the entire space. So, P_0 is the Hamiltonian H and P_i ; the P_i the components are basically $d^3x \times p_i$. So, this is nothing but $d^3x \times \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi} - L$ over $\text{Del } \phi$, $\text{Del } i \phi$. So, this is the momentum contained this is total momentum contained in the field configuration and this is the total energy.

So, this is the reasons this quantity $T_{\mu\nu}$ is known as the energy momentum denser. And what translation invariants imply is the conservation of the energy momentum denser. So, the conservation of energy momentum denser is actually is the consequence of translation invariance.

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$$j^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \delta \phi - T^\mu_\nu \delta x^\nu$$

$$\delta x^\mu = \epsilon^\mu_\nu x^\nu, \quad \delta \phi = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu_\nu S^{\mu\nu} \phi$$

$$j^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu_\nu S^{\nu\rho} \phi - T^\mu_\nu \epsilon^\nu_\rho x^\rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu_\nu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} S^{\nu\rho} \phi - \epsilon^\mu_\nu T^{\nu\rho} x^\rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu_\nu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} S^{\nu\rho} \phi - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu_\nu (T^{\nu\rho} x^\rho - T^{\rho\nu} x^\nu)$$

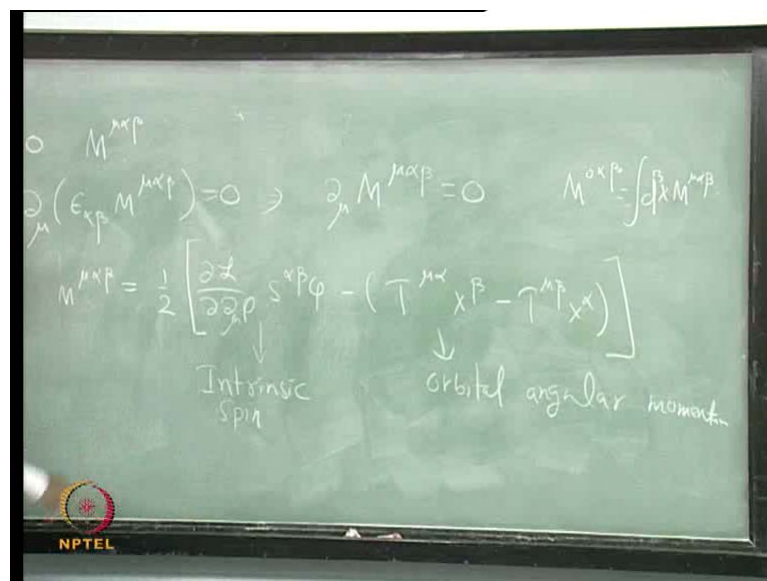
Now, we can consider Lorentz transformation in variants under transformation. So, let us again consider the conserve current a_μ which is $\delta L / \delta \phi - L \text{ del } \mu \phi$ minus $T_{\mu\nu} \delta x^\nu$; when you make the Lorentz transformation δx^μ basically become $\epsilon^\mu_\nu x^\nu$ correct. And the fields usually nontrivially under Lorentz transformation depending upon what is what kind of field we have considering we have some transformation. So, the field transformation $\delta \tilde{\phi}_I$ will write it is half $\epsilon^\mu_\nu S^{\mu\nu} \phi$; in general this ϕ will also carry some index. If it is the

vector it will carry some index mu, if it is spinner it is carry spinner indices, if it is a carries different index and so on.

And, accordingly we have some transformation law which I will, I am writing in a compact way like this. So, this is how the field transforms and this is the transformation of the coordinate; we will substitute this transformation here. And then what we get is $j_{\mu} = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\mu} L = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha\beta} - T_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu}$. I can raise this index nu here and L over the index mu in this place.

And, then this is the dummy variable I can since do that mu alpha when I do that what I get is $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\mu} L = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha\beta} - T^{\mu\alpha} x^{\beta} + T^{\mu\beta} x^{\alpha}$. The second term here I can rewrite this is $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\mu} L = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha\beta} - \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2} [T^{\mu\alpha} x^{\beta} - T^{\mu\beta} x^{\alpha}]$.

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Now, since epsilon alpha beta are obituary infinity quantities. So, what you get is actually a conserve quantity which I can denote this I can denote is $M_{\mu\alpha\beta}$. And $\partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} = 0$; implies $\partial_{\mu} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} M_{\mu\alpha\beta} = 0$ since epsilon alpha beta are obituary infinity quantities. So, this simply implies $\partial_{\mu} M_{\mu\alpha\beta} = 0$. So, what we get is actually a set of 6 conserve quantities which I denoted by $M_{0\alpha\beta} = \int d^3x M_{\mu\alpha\beta}$ these are the

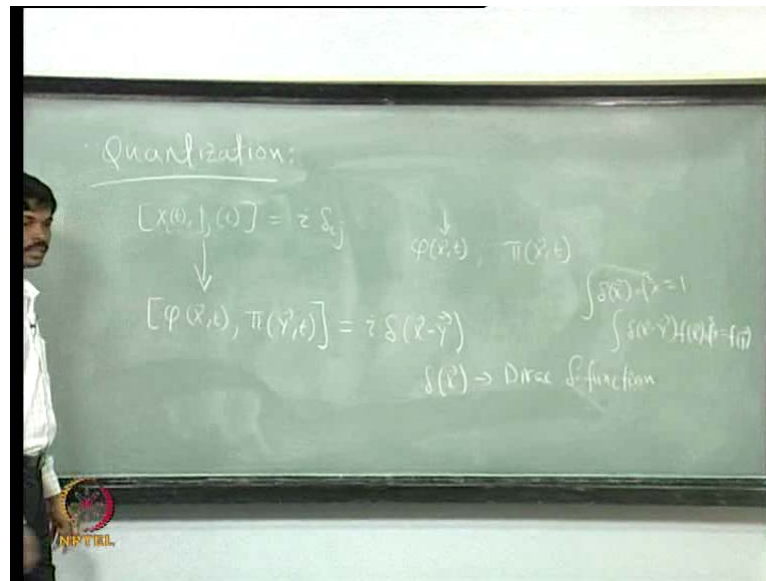
quantity which are conserve in a consequence of Lorentz invariants; what is $M^{\mu\alpha\beta}$?

$M^{\mu\alpha\beta}$ is given by $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\mu \pi S^{\alpha\beta} - T^{\mu\alpha} x^\beta - T^{\mu\beta} x^\alpha$. Now, what is the physical interpretation for this quantity? If you look at $M^{0\alpha\beta}$, look at the second term of $M^{0\alpha\beta}$, the second term basically $T^{0\alpha} x^\beta - T^{0\beta} x^\alpha$. If you consider i, z, i, z components of $M^{0\alpha\beta}$ then you get $T^{0i} x^g - T^{0g} x^i$ which is basically the i, z component of the orbital angular momentum. So, the second term here is the orbital angular momentum. And hence this first term here must be the intrinsic angular momentum of the field.

So, this is the intrinsic spin and this is the orbital angular momentum. So, as the consequence of the Lorentz invariants the sum of the angular momentum and the orbital angular momentum remains conserved. And you can see the spin actually spin of a field is determined by how is the field transform under Lorentz transformation. If the field does not transform under Lorentz transformation; if you consider a field scalar under Lorentz transformation then; obviously, the first term here it is 0. And hence it is no intrinsic field that is why this scalar quantity is the quantity which is scalar under Lorentz transformation has been 0.

And, whether you have spin 1 or spin half etcetera are determined by how the field transforms under Lorentz transformation; this is the term which basically defines what the spin of the field age. And the some of the spin orbital part is concerned. So, what do we have seen, what we have discussed so far is discuss classical field theory; we derived Lagrange equation. And then we consider theory which are invariant under continuous symmetry and there consequences.

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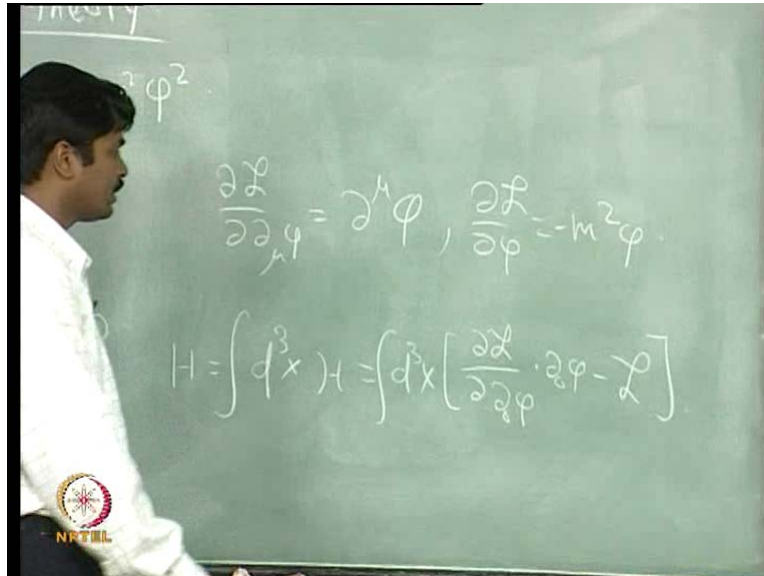
Now, we will discuss how to quantize a given classical theory. So, how we carry out quantization of a classical field; we will consider the usual non relativistic quantum mechanics you have x of (t) and x_i and $P(t)$ these are operator in the Heisenberg picture. And then all of us know the fundamental relation that the commutations of x_i and p_j is $i \delta_{ij}$; we will take this fundamental relation in non relativistic quantum mechanics. And then we will discuss the generalized quantum.

And, obvious guess to generalize is that this x the analysis of this x is field ϕ of (x, t) . And the conjugate momentum is the conjugate variable π of (x, t) only thing is that there are discrete level i and j . But here you have continuous parameter in this field ϕ of (x) a set of three continuous parameters. So, what we do is we start with the commutation relation which looks like ϕ of (x, t) , π of (y, t) since x and y are continuous variables. So, instead of Kronecker delta you have the Dirac delta which is given by $i \delta(x - y)$ where $\delta(x - y)$ is the Dirac delta function; 3-dimensional Dirac function which has the property that $\int \delta(x - y) d^3x = 1$ $\delta(x - y) f(x) = f(y)$ all of these are familiar with the Dirac delta function.

So, we will assume the field ϕ of (x, t) and π of (y, t) to be operator. And then we will start with this formal relation and then we will quantize here; what is the commutation relation between ϕ and the field ϕ of (x, t) and π of (y, t) . And the other commutation relation ϕ of (x, t) π of (y, t) commutator of (x, t) ϕ of (y, t) is

equal to 0 just as in quantum mechanics x_i term x_i , x_j is equal to 0; analytical calculation theory is 2ϕ commute and so on π of (x, t) ϕ of (y, t) is equal to 0.

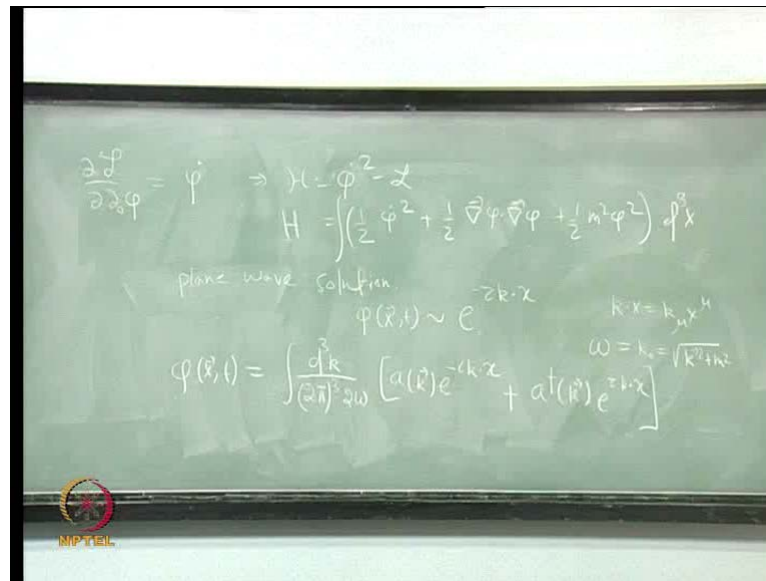
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So, let us start with this basic commutation relation and then see what you get. So, we will consider a very simple example; an example of a Klein Gordon field and quantize it. So, Lagrangian for a Klein Gordon field which is a real scalar field of the mass M it is given by half $\partial_\mu \phi$ minus half $m^2 \phi^2$; we will start the system and then we will quantized. So, let us look at the equation of motion; the Euler-Lagrangian equation minus $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi}$ minus $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} \partial_\mu \phi$ is equal to 0. The second term here $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi}$ basically $\partial_\mu \phi$.

And, $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi}$ is minus $m^2 \phi$ when I substitute this what I get is $\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi + m^2 \phi = 0$; what is the Hamiltonian of the system we have integration d^3x time the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} which is . So, the Hamiltonian $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_0 \phi} \partial_0 \phi - \mathcal{L}$.

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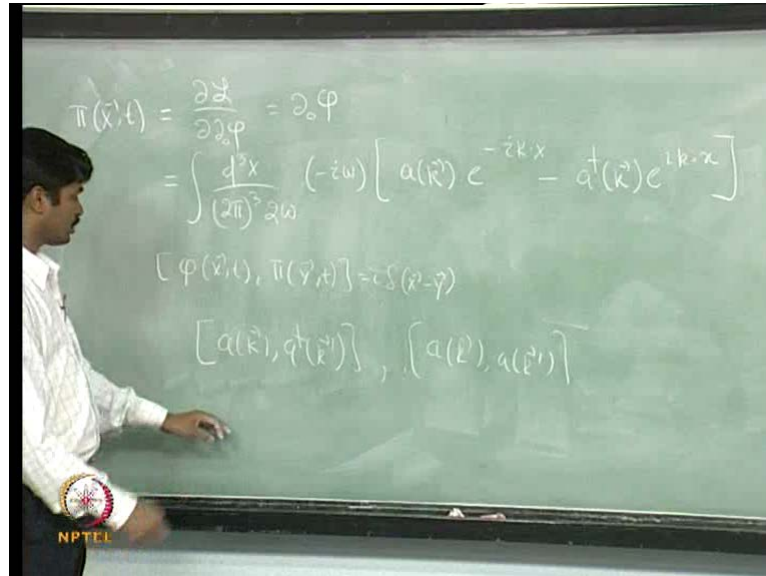
We can evaluate this it is very straight forward; you can see that Del L over Del, Del 0 phi is basically phi dot. So, the quantity inside the bracket is phi dot square the Hamiltonian density H is phi dot square minus L. And this will give us half phi dot square plus half phi plus half m square phi square. And the Hamiltonian of the system is just a H is integration this now for the space. Now, we have to take this first all this quantities inside the bracket to the operators the question given such a system how can you find the spectrum what are the Eigen value, Eigen state and so on the way usually we find is if we can write this Hamiltonian to be a sum of normal modes then we know how to find the spectrum first at the system.

So, we will do that to do that you know the equation of motion actually admits plain wave solution which are of this form pie of (x, t) goes like e to the power minus z k dot x were k dot x is k mu, x mu. And this becomes a solution of the equation motion provided omega which is defined to the k 0 is equal to square root k square plus m square; if k 0 is equal to this then satisfy the equation of motion. So, this is the plain wave solution of Klein Gordon equation a general solution most general solution will be super position of solutions like this.

So, more generally phi of (x, t) will be given by d cube k over 2 phi cube, 2 omega times a (k) e to the power minus i k dot x. Since, the field pie is real we have to also add the complex conjugate of this quantity here; a digger (k) e to the power i k dot x. Here, note

that this vector 2ω is just for convenient; we will see later that if you take this then the integration major Lagrangian invariant.

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So, if this is ϕ what is the conjugate momentum π of (x, t) is basically $\partial L / \partial (\partial_0 \phi)$ which is $\partial_0 \phi$. And from this expression we get this to be $d^3x / (2\pi)^3 2\omega$ times $-i\omega$ $a(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} - a^\dagger(k) e^{ik \cdot x}$; what we will do now is we will take the fundamental commutation relation which is $\phi(x, t) \pi(y, t) = i\delta(x - y)$.

And, then we will see if this is the commutation relation between ϕ and its conjugate momentum then what is the commutation relation between these operators $a(k)$ and their conjugate $a^\dagger(k)$. So, derive this commutation relation what you need to do is we can invert this relation and then we can write $a(k)$ and $a^\dagger(k)$ in terms of the fields $\phi(x, t)$ and $\pi(x, t)$. So, we will invert this relation and then we will derive commutation relation $a(k) a^\dagger(k')$ and what is commutation between $a(k), a(k')$ and so on all right. So, this is what we will do.

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$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{2\omega} \left[a(\vec{k}) e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}} + a^\dagger(\vec{k}') e^{i(\vec{k}' + \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}} \right]$$

$$(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x} = (\omega' - \omega)t - (\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$\int \frac{d^3x}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}} = \delta(\vec{k}' - \vec{k})$$

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{2\omega} \left[a(\vec{k}) e^{i(\omega' - \omega)t} \delta(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) + a^\dagger(\vec{k}') e^{i(\omega' + \omega)t} \delta(\vec{k}' + \vec{k}) \right]$$

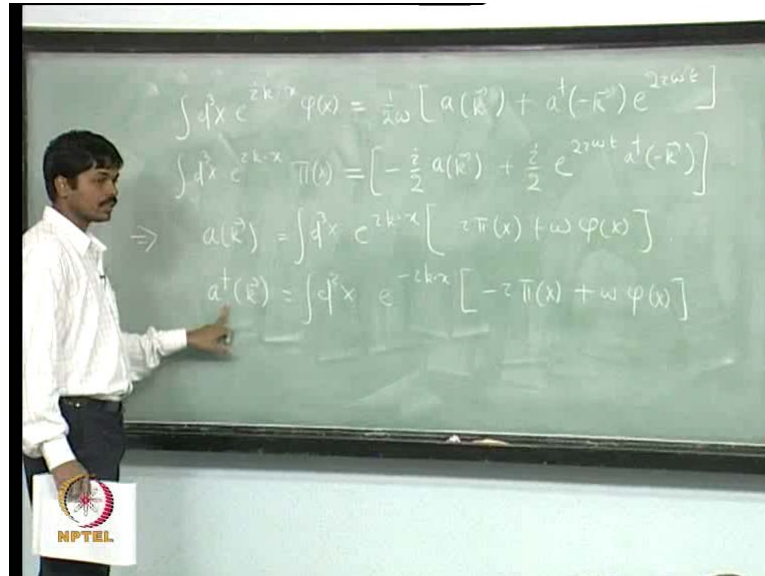
So, let us look at the expression for phi and from this relation; what we can do is we can consider integration d^3x , $e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}}$ times $\phi(\vec{x}, t)$. So, this is going to be integration d^3x when we use this solution here then integration d^3k over $2\pi^3$ times $a(\vec{k}) e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}}$. And here plus a digger $a^\dagger(\vec{k}') e^{i(\vec{k}' + \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}}$. Now, look at this here $\vec{k}' - \vec{k}$ plus 2 terms which is $\omega' - \omega$ times $t - (\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}$.

So, this will get 2 terms when I integration over d^3x you will get a delta function you will use this relation integration d^3x divided by $2\pi^3$. So, $e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}}$ this is the delta function $\delta(\vec{k}' - \vec{k})$. So, first term here and second term here we will give you another delta function; in addition there will be the factor $\omega' - \omega$ $e^{i(\omega' - \omega)t}$ here and to the power $i(\omega' + \omega)t$. So, when I use that use this relation here what I get is $d^3x e^{i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}}$ $\phi(\vec{x}, t)$ is equal to integration d^3k divided by 2ω .

And, the first term $a(\vec{k}) e^{i(\omega' - \omega)t} \delta(\vec{k}' - \vec{k})$ and the second term $a^\dagger(\vec{k}') e^{i(\omega' + \omega)t} \delta(\vec{k}' + \vec{k})$. Now, you carry out the k integration and when you carry out the k integration you see ω' is k' is equal to k ; then ω' is equal to

omega. So, this exponential factor will become 1 were as in the second term you will get e to the power to i omega t. So, when you carry out this integration.

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So, when you carry out this integration what you get is integration d cube x e to the power i a (k) prime dot x pi of (x) is equal to 1 over 2 omega a of (k prime) plus a digger of minus (k prime); because as you can see here you have delta of k prime plus k. So, when you carry out the integration over k here you have to substitute k prime by minus k which is what we have done here and then e to the power 2 i omega time k. Now, there is no reason to keep prime here. So, what I will do is I will denote a prime, I will delete it.

So, no prime all right; you do similar analyses and you can consider d cube x, e to the power i dot x phi of (x). And I will leave it has homework for you what you will get by doing such exercise is minus i by 2 a (k) plus i by 2 e to the power 2 i omega t a digger of minus (k). Now, it is very easy to write a and it is Hamiltonian conjugate a digger in terms of the field and phi of (x). So, this basically implies a of (k) to be integration d cube x e to the power of i k dot x times i pie x plus omega phi x. And a digger k is equal to d cube x e to the power minus i k dot x minus i plus omega phi of (x). So, what we will do in the next lecture; we will consider this two expression were a and for it is Hamiltonian conjugate. And then I will find what are the commutation relation using the fundamental commutation relation between phi and pi.