

Problem 7.1

a. A massive scalar field has:

$$S = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} \Phi_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 \right] \sqrt{-g}$$

w/ field equations: $\left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_{,\mu}} \right)_{,\mu} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} = 0$ (in Cartesian coordinates).

$$\boxed{\Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} - m^2 \Phi = 0} \quad (*)$$

The stress tensor is given by:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = - \left[g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L} + 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial g^{\mu\nu}} \right] \quad \left(\frac{\partial g^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial g^{\mu\nu}} = -g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\nu\beta} \right)$$

$$= - \left[g^{\mu\nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Phi_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 \right) - \Phi_{,\alpha} \Phi_{,\beta} g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\beta\nu} \right]$$

$$b. T^{\mu\nu}{}_{,\nu} = - \left[g^{\mu\nu} \left(\Phi_{,\alpha\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta} + m^2 \Phi \Phi_{,\nu} \right) - \left(\Phi_{,\alpha\nu} \Phi_{,\beta} + \Phi_{,\alpha} \Phi_{,\beta\nu} \right) g^{\alpha\mu} g^{\beta\nu} \right]$$

$$= - \left[\Phi_{,\alpha}{}^{,\mu} \Phi_{,\nu} + m^2 \Phi \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} - \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} \Phi_{,\nu} - \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} \Phi_{,\nu} \right]$$

cancel.

$$= - \left[m^2 \Phi \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} - \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} \Phi_{,\nu} \right]$$

or $T^{\mu\nu}{}_{,\nu} = \Phi_{,\nu}{}^{,\mu} \left[\Phi_{,\nu} - m^2 \Phi \right] = 0$
by field eqns (*)

c. $T^{00} = - \left[-\frac{1}{2} (-\dot{\Phi}^2 + \nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi + m^2 \Phi^2) - \dot{\Phi}^2 \right]$

$$\boxed{T^{00} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\Phi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2}$$

d. For a plane wave ansatz, $\Phi(t, \vec{x}) = A e^{i p_\mu x^\mu}$, the field equation gives:

$$\Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} = -p_\mu p^\mu \Phi + \Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} - m^2 \Phi = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{-p_\mu p^\mu - m^2 = 0}$$

or, in units $\hbar=c=1$: $-(p_0^2 + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}) = m^2$

$$\boxed{E^2 - p^2 = m^2} \leftarrow \text{energy-momentum relation for a massive particle.}$$

Problem 7.2

a. For $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta} - V(\Phi)$

the field equations: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_{,\mu}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} = 0$

read:

$$\Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi} = 0.$$

In $D=1+1$ Minkowski spacetime, $\delta V(\Phi) = -\frac{m^2}{4v^2} (\Phi^2 - v^2)^2$, this becomes:

$$\boxed{[-\ddot{\Phi} + \Phi''] - \frac{m^2}{v^2} (\Phi^2 - v^2)\Phi = 0}$$

for $\Phi(x,t)$ w/ $\dot{\Phi} \equiv \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}$, $\Phi' \equiv \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}$.

b. Consider a stationary limit:

$$\Phi'' - \frac{m^2}{v^2} (\Phi^2 - v^2)\Phi = 0$$

This has: $\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \Phi^2 = +\frac{m^2}{v^2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dx} (\Phi^4) - m^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (\Phi^2)$

Then integrating once gives:

$$\frac{1}{2} \Phi'^2 = +\frac{m^2}{4v^2} \Phi^4 - \frac{m^2}{2} \Phi^2 + \alpha$$

At spatial infinity, we have $\Phi' = 0$ & $\Phi = \pm v$, so there, this equation becomes:

$$\alpha = -\frac{m^2}{4v^2} v^4 + \frac{m^2}{2} v^2 = +\frac{1}{4} v^2 m^2$$

& we can write:

$$\frac{1}{2} \Phi'^2 = +\frac{m^2}{4v^2} (\Phi^2 - v^2)^2$$

$$\Phi' = \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} v (\Phi^2 - v^2)$$

take the + solution. Now we can solve the above - take

$$\Phi(x) = A \tanh(Bx), \quad \Phi' = \frac{AB}{\cosh^2(Bx)}$$

& we want:

$$\frac{AB}{\cosh^2(Bx)} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} v \left(\frac{A^2 \sinh^2(Bx) - v^2 \cosh^2(Bx)}{\cosh^2(Bx)} \right)$$

$$\left\{ A = v, \text{ so } \sinh^2(Bx) - \cosh^2(Bx) = -1 \right.$$

$$\frac{vB}{\cosh^2(Bx)} = -\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} v \frac{1}{\cosh^2(Bx)} \Rightarrow B = -\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Problem 7.2 (continued)

$$\text{So } \boxed{\phi(x) = v \tanh\left(-\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} x\right)}$$

c. We imagine boosting to a moving frame w/ speed u - then

$$\begin{pmatrix} t' \\ x' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma u \\ -\gamma u & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ we have $x - t' = -\gamma u x$ $x' = \gamma x$, or, combining,
 $x = -\gamma u t' + \gamma x'$, w/ $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$.

In the new frame, we require $\phi(x, t) = \phi(x', t')$

$$\phi(x) = v \tanh\left(-\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x' - ut'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}\right)\right)$$

So we expect: $\boxed{\phi(x, t) = v \tanh\left(-\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x - ut}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}\right)\right)}$

Problem 7.3

a. A single massive scalar field has Lagrange density:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \int \left(\frac{1}{2} \Phi_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 \right) dV \text{ in Cartesian coordinates}$$

leading to field equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_{,\mu}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} = 0$$

$$\Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} - m^2 \Phi = 0$$

or, in $D=1+1$

$$-\dot{\Phi}^2 + \Phi'^2 - m^2 \Phi = 0$$

To generate 2 scalar fields that do not interact:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \int \frac{1}{2} [u_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} u_{,\beta} + v_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} v_{,\beta} + m^2 u^2 + m^2 v^2] dV$$

↳ this will give $u_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} = m^2 u$ + $v_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} = m^2 v$
when varied w.r.t. u + v separately.

b. To repackage into a complex field $\Phi \equiv a + ib$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\beta}^* + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi \Phi^* \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (a_{,\alpha} + i b_{,\alpha}) g^{\alpha\beta} (a_{,\beta} - i b_{,\beta}) + \frac{1}{2} m^2 (a^2 + b^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} b_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} b_{,\alpha} g^{\alpha\beta} a_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} m^2 (a^2 + b^2) \end{aligned}$$

we just identify: $\Phi = u + iv$.

$$\Phi_{,\mu}{}^{,\mu} - m^2 \Phi = 0$$

$$\Phi = u, \quad \Phi^* = v \Rightarrow \Phi = a + ib = u \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)$$

$$\Phi^* = u - iv = v \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2}(u-v)$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2}(u+v) + i \frac{1}{2}(u-v)$$

Problem 7.4

For a generic scalar $\phi(x, y, z)$, spherical symmetry means that ϕ is constant on spheres, so depends on x, y, z only through the particular combination

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

so $\phi(x, y, z) = \phi(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}) = \phi(r)$.

The Laplacian, in spherical coordinates, applied to a function w/ no angular dependence is:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right)$$

$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \alpha$ for constant α .

Then

$$\phi' = \frac{\alpha}{r^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} + \beta}$$

Problem 7.6

$$F^M{}_{;M} = F^M{}_{;M} + \Gamma^M{}_{\sigma\mu} F^\sigma$$

we have the connection for spherical coordinates (see Problem 3.3)

$$\Gamma^r{}_{\theta\theta} = -r \quad \Gamma^r{}_{\phi\phi} = -r \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Gamma^{\theta}{}_{r\theta} = r \quad \Gamma^{\theta}{}_{\phi\phi} = -r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\Gamma^{\phi}{}_{r\phi} = r \sin^2 \theta \quad \Gamma^{\phi}{}_{\phi\theta} = r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

so $\Gamma^M{}_{\sigma\mu} = g^{\alpha M} \Gamma_{\alpha\sigma\mu} = g^{rr} \Gamma_{r\sigma r} + g^{\theta\theta} \Gamma_{\theta\sigma\theta} + g^{\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\phi\sigma\phi}$

$\Gamma^M{}_{\sigma\mu} F^\sigma = g^{\theta\theta} \Gamma_{\theta r \theta} F^r + g^{\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\phi r \phi} F^r + g^{\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\phi \theta \phi} F^\theta$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} (r F^r) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} (r \sin^2 \theta) F^r + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} (r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) F^\theta$$

$\boxed{F^M{}_{;M} = \frac{\partial F^r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial F^\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F^\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{r} F^r + \frac{1}{r} F^r + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} F^\theta}$ ←

our basis vectors are $\vec{e}_r = \hat{r}$, $\vec{e}_\theta = r \hat{\theta}$, $\vec{e}_\phi = r \sin \theta \hat{\phi}$

so $\vec{F} = F^M \vec{e}_M = F^r \vec{e}_r + F^\theta \vec{e}_\theta + F^\phi \vec{e}_\phi = F^r \hat{r} + F^\theta r \hat{\theta} + F^\phi r \sin \theta \hat{\phi}$

then $\nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} F^r \\ r F^\theta \\ r \sin \theta F^\phi \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{r^2} (2r F^r + r^2 \frac{\partial F^r}{\partial r}) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} (\cos \theta F^\theta r + \sin \theta r \frac{\partial F^\theta}{\partial \theta}) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} r \sin \theta \frac{\partial F^\phi}{\partial \phi}$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\partial F^r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial F^\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F^\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{2}{r} F^r + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} F^\theta}$$
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