

c) Quantization of the
vibrating string

before we quantize, we rescale the field ϕ :

def. $\tilde{\phi}(x,t) = \sqrt{\rho} \phi(x,t)$

then

$$\mathcal{L}(\partial_t \tilde{\phi}, \partial_x \tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_t \tilde{\phi})^2 - \frac{\rho}{2\rho} (\partial_x \tilde{\phi})^2 - V(\tilde{\phi})$$

$$c^2 = \frac{\rho}{\rho}$$

allow for additional potential

e.g. $V(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \tilde{\phi}^2$

and drop the tilde

$$\mathcal{L}(\partial_t \phi, \partial_x \phi, \phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_t \phi)^2 - \frac{c^2}{2} (\partial_x \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$$

$$c=1: \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_t \phi)^2 - (\partial_x \phi)^2] = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi)$$

using $\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$ i.e. $\partial_0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$, $\partial_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

and $g_{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

e.o.m.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_t \phi)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\partial_t \phi) = \partial_t^2 \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_x \phi)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-c^2 \partial_x \phi) = -c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = -m^2 \phi$$

then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_t \phi)} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_x \phi)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial_t^2 \phi - c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi + m^2 \phi = 0}$$

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and $\boxed{\pi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_t \phi)} = \partial_t \phi}$

- quantization

1) replace fields by field operators

$$\phi(x,t) \longrightarrow \hat{\phi}(x,t)$$

$$\pi(x,t) \longrightarrow \hat{\pi}(x,t)$$

2) impose commutation relations:

$$\{A, B\} \longrightarrow -i [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \quad \text{where } \hbar = 1$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} [\hat{\phi}(x,t), \hat{\phi}(y,t)] &= [\hat{\pi}(x,t), \hat{\pi}(y,t)] = 0 \\ [\hat{\phi}(x,t), \hat{\pi}(y,t)] &= i \delta(x-y) \end{aligned}}$$

↑
generalization of δ_{ij}

def. Hamiltonian operator

$$\hat{H}(t) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \left[\hat{\pi}(x,t) \dot{\hat{\phi}}(x,t) - \mathcal{L}(\hat{\phi}(x,t), \dot{\hat{\phi}}(x,t), \partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t), t) \right]$$

$= \hat{\mathcal{H}}(x,t)$

time evolution of $\hat{\phi}$ and $\hat{\pi}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{from } \dot{q}_k &= \{q_k, H\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\dot{\hat{\phi}} = -i [\hat{\phi}, \hat{H}]} \\ \dot{p}_k &= \{p_k, H\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\dot{\hat{\pi}} = -i [\hat{\pi}, \hat{H}]} \end{aligned}$$

now, apply to vibrating string

first, find classical solutions of e.o.m. eq. (10)

ansatz

$$\phi(x,t) = e^{\pm i(kx - \omega t)}$$

for both signs $\pm$

check

$$\partial_t \phi(x,t) = \mp i \omega \phi(x,t)$$

$$\partial_t^2 \phi(x,t) = -\omega^2 \phi(x,t)$$

$$\partial_x \phi(x,t) = \pm i k \phi(x,t)$$

$$\partial_x^2 \phi(x,t) = -k^2 \phi(x,t)$$

$$\text{eq. (10)} \Rightarrow (-\omega^2 + c^2 k^2 + m^2) \phi(x,t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\omega^2 + c^2 k^2 + m^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

thus

$$\omega = +\sqrt{c^2 k^2 + m^2}$$

(dispersion relation)

we can choose only + signs
and take

$$e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \text{ and } e^{-i(kx - \omega t)}$$

as basis for all solutions of eq. (10)

$k \hat{=}$ momentum

$\omega \hat{=}$ energy

Simplifying assumption:

$$\phi(0,t) = \phi(x_L,t)$$

(periodic boundary condition)

$\Rightarrow$ momentum k is quantized:

$$k = \frac{2\pi n}{x_L} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

then:

most general solution of eq. (10)

$$\phi(x,t) = \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}} \left(a_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} + \underbrace{a_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t}}_{\text{complex conjugate of first term to make } \phi(x,t) \text{ real}} \right)$$

$\uparrow$
 $k = \frac{2\pi n}{x_L}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(x,t) &= \partial_t \phi(x,t) \\ &= -i \sum_k \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2x_L}} \left(a_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - a_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \right) \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

plan for the following

- express a_k and a_k^+ by $\phi(x,t)$ and $\pi(x,t)$
- promote fields to operators

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi \rightarrow \hat{\phi} & \Leftrightarrow & a_k \rightarrow \hat{a}_k \\ \pi \rightarrow \hat{\pi} & & a_k^+ \rightarrow \hat{a}_k^+ \end{array}$$
- compute $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_l^+]$, $[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_l]$ and $[\hat{a}_k^+, \hat{a}_l^+]$

first, a small computation that will be needed:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i(k-l)x} &\stackrel{\text{if } k \neq l}{=} -\frac{i}{k-l} e^{i(k-l)x} \Big|_0^{x_L} \\ &= -\frac{i}{k-l} \left(e^{i(k-l)x_L} - 1 \right) = 0 \\ &= e^{\frac{2\pi i x_L}{x_L} (n-m)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i(k-l)x} \stackrel{(12)}{=} \int_0^{x_L} dx = x_L$$

$$\stackrel{\text{if } k=l}{=} \int_0^{x_L} dx e^0 = x_L$$

in order to express $a_k^{(\pm)}$ by ϕ and π we will need 4 short computations (S0) - (S3):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (S0) \quad & \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \phi(x,t) \quad \ell = \frac{2\pi m}{x_L}, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\
 &= \int_0^{x_L} dx \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}} \left(\underbrace{a_k e^{i(k-\ell)x} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_\ell)t}}_{\substack{\text{eq. (12)} \\ \rightarrow \delta_{k,\ell} x_L}} + \underbrace{a_k^+ e^{-i(k+\ell)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_\ell)t}}_{\substack{\text{eq. (11)} \\ \rightarrow \delta_{k,-\ell} x_L}} \right) \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{x_L}{2\omega_\ell}} (a_\ell + a_{-\ell}^+ e^{2i\omega_\ell t}) \quad \text{using } \omega_\ell = \omega_{-\ell}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \phi(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{x_L}{2\omega_\ell}} (a_\ell + a_{-\ell}^+ e^{2i\omega_\ell t})$$

$$(S1) \quad \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \pi(x,t) \quad \text{using eq. (11)}$$

$$= -i \int_0^{x_L} dx \sum_k \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2x_L}} \left(\underbrace{a_k e^{+i(k-\ell)x} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_\ell)t}}_{\substack{\text{eq. (12)} \\ \rightarrow \delta_{k,\ell} x_L}} + \underbrace{a_k^+ e^{-i(k+\ell)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_\ell)t}}_{\substack{\text{eq. (12)} \\ \rightarrow \delta_{k,-\ell} x_L}} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\omega_\ell x_L}{2}} (-i a_\ell + i a_{-\ell}^+ e^{2i\omega_\ell t})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \pi(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_\ell x_L}{2}} (-i a_\ell + i a_{-\ell}^+ e^{2i\omega_\ell t})$$

$$(S2) \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i\ell x - i\omega_e t} \phi(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{x_L}{2\omega_e}} (a_e e^{-2i\omega_e t} + a_e^+)$$

$$(S3) \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i\ell x - i\omega_e t} \pi(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_e x_L}{2}} (-i a_e e^{-2i\omega_e t} + i a_e^+)$$

then

$$\int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-i\ell x + i\omega_e t} (\underbrace{\omega_e \phi(x,t)}_{= \omega_e \cdot \text{eq. (S2)}} + i \underbrace{\pi(x,t)}_{= i \text{ eq. (S3)}})$$

$$= \omega_e \sqrt{\frac{x_L}{2\omega_e}} (a_e + a_e^+ e^{2i\omega_e t}) + i \sqrt{\frac{\omega_e x_L}{2}} (-i a_e + i a_e^+ e^{2i\omega_e t})$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\omega_e x_L}{2}} (a_e + a_e^+ e^{2i\omega_e t} + a_e - a_e^+ e^{2i\omega_e t})$$

$$= \sqrt{2\omega_e x_L} a_e$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_e x_L}} \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-i\ell x + i\omega_e t} (\omega_e \phi(x,t) + i \pi(x,t))}$$

and

$$\int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i\ell x - i\omega_e t} (\underbrace{\omega_e \phi(x,t)}_{= \omega_e \text{ eq. (S2)}} - i \underbrace{\pi(x,t)}_{= (-i) \text{ eq. (S3)}})$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\omega_e x_L}{2}} (a_e e^{-2i\omega_e t} + a_e^+ - a_e e^{-2i\omega_e t} + a_e^+)$$

$$= \sqrt{2\omega_e x_L} a_e^+$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a_e^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_e x_L}} \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{i\ell x - i\omega_e t} (\omega_e \phi(x,t) - i \pi(x,t))}$$

promote fields to operators

compute commutators

$$[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_e^+] = \frac{1}{2x_L \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_e}} \int_0^{x_L} dx \int_0^{x_L} dy e^{-ikx + iky + i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t}$$

$$\times [\omega_k \hat{\phi}(x,t) + i\hat{\pi}(x,t), \omega_e \hat{\phi}(y,t) - i\hat{\pi}(y,t)]$$

$$= \omega_k \omega_e \underbrace{[\hat{\phi}(x,t), \hat{\phi}(y,t)]}_{=0} - i\omega_k \underbrace{[\hat{\phi}(x,t), \hat{\pi}(y,t)]}_{=i\delta(x-y)}$$

$$+ i\omega_e \underbrace{[\hat{\pi}(x,t), \hat{\phi}(y,t)]}_{=-i\delta(y-x)} + \underbrace{[\hat{\pi}(x,t), \hat{\pi}(y,t)]}_{=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x_L \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_e}} \int_0^{x_L} dx \int_0^{x_L} dy e^{-ikx + iky + i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t}$$

$$\times (\omega_k \delta(x-y) + \omega_e \delta(x-y))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x_L \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_e}} \int_0^{x_L} dx e^{-i(k-e) + i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t} (\omega_k + \omega_e)$$

eq. (12) $\rightarrow \delta_{k,e} x_L$

$$= \frac{2\omega_k x_L}{2x_L \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_e}} \delta_{k,e} = \delta_{k,e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_e^+] = \delta_{k,e}}$$

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Similarly:

$$\boxed{[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_e] = [\hat{a}_k^+, \hat{a}_e^+] = 0}$$

$\hat{a}_e^+$ creation op.

$\hat{a}_e$ annihilation op.

Hamilton operator

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}(x,t) = \hat{\Pi}(x,t) \underbrace{\hat{\phi}(x,t)}_{=\hat{\Pi}(x,t)} - \mathcal{L} = \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 - \mathcal{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 + \frac{c^2}{2} (\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \hat{\phi}(x,t)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 + \frac{c^2}{2} (\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \hat{\phi}(x,t)^2 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\hat{H} = \int_0^{x_L} dx \hat{\mathcal{H}}(x,t)$$

Compute $\hat{H}$ in terms of $\hat{a}_k$ and $\hat{a}_k^+$:

$$\hat{\phi}(x,t) = \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}} (\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} + \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi}(x,t) &= -i \sum_k \underbrace{\frac{\omega_k}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}}}_{=\sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2x_L}}} (\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t}) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2x_L}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t) &= \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}} (ik \hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - ik \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t}) \\ &= i \sum_k \frac{k}{\sqrt{2\omega_k x_L}} (\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t}) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 &= -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l} \left[\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[\hat{a}_l e^{ilx - i\omega_l t} - \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-ilx + i\omega_l t} \right] \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx \hat{\Pi}(x,t)^2 &= -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l} \int_0^{x_L} dx \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l e^{i(k+l)x} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ e^{i(k-l)x} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l e^{-i(k+l)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-i(k-l)x} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \right] \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l e^{-i(k-l)x} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-i(k+l)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t}]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l} \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,-l} x_L e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,l} x_L e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,l} x_L e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,-l} x_L e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_k \omega_k \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{-k} e^{-2i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_{-k}^+ e^{2i\omega_k t} \right]$$

and

$$(\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t))^2 = -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \frac{k l}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \left[\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \right] \times \left[\hat{a}_l e^{ilx - i\omega_l t} - \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-ilx + i\omega_l t} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx (\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t))^2 = -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \frac{k l}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \int_0^{x_L} dx \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l e^{i(k+l)x} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ e^{i(k-l)x} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l e^{-i(k-l)x} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-i(k+l)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \frac{k l}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,-l} x_L e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,l} x_L e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \right]$$

...

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dots - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,l} x_L e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \\
& + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,-l} x_L e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \Big] \\
& = -\frac{x_L}{2} \sum_k \frac{k^2}{\omega_k} \left[-\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{-k} e^{-2i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_{-k}^+ e^{2i\omega_k t} \right] \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \frac{k^2}{\omega_k} \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{-k} e^{-2i\omega_k t} + \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_{-k}^+ e^{2i\omega_k t} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\phi}(x,t)^2 &= \frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \left[\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} + \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \right] \\
& \quad \times \left[\hat{a}_l e^{ilx - i\omega_l t} + \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-ilx + i\omega_l t} \right] \\
\Rightarrow \int_0^{x_L} dx \hat{\phi}(x,t)^2 &= \frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \int_0^{x_L} dx \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l e^{i(k+l)x - i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right. \\
& \quad + \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ e^{i(k-l)x - i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \\
& \quad + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l e^{-i(k-l)x + i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \\
& \quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ e^{-i(k+l)x + i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right] \\
&= \frac{x_L}{2} \sum_{k,l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_k \omega_l}} \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,-l} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right. \\
& \quad + \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,l} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \\
& \quad + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l \delta_{k,l} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_l)t} \\
& \quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_l^+ \delta_{k,-l} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_l)t} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} e^{-2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} e^{2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} \right]$$

now, compute $\hat{H}$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} e^{-2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} - \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} - \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} e^{2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{c^2}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\hbar^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \left[-11- + -11- + -11- + -11- \right]$$

$$+ \frac{m^2}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \left[-11- + -11- + -11- + -11- \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} e^{-2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} \left(-\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \underbrace{\frac{c^2 \hbar^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{m^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}}_{=\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \left(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \underbrace{\frac{c^2 \hbar^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{m^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}}_{=\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \underbrace{\frac{c^2 \hbar^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{m^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}}_{=\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} e^{2i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t} \left(-\omega_{\mathbf{k}} + \underbrace{\frac{c^2 \hbar^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{m^2}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}}_{=\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \right) \right]$$

used dispersion relation

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}}^2 = c^2 \mathbf{k}^2 + m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} (\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}})}$$

(without discussing "normal ordering")

use $\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} = \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + 1$ from eq. (13)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{2}}_{\text{remove term, see lecture...}} \quad (14)$$

Noether's theorem for translational invariance

$\Rightarrow$ total momentum operator $\hat{p}$

def. $\hat{p} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{x_L} dx \left[\hat{\dot{\phi}}(x,t) \partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t) + \partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t) \hat{\dot{\phi}}(x,t) \right]$

first part:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{x_L} dx \underbrace{\hat{\dot{\phi}}(x,t)}_{\downarrow \hat{b}} \underbrace{\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t)}_{\downarrow \hat{e}} &= \frac{1}{2x_L} \int_0^{x_L} dx \sum_{k,e} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{\omega_e}} \ell \\ &\quad \times \left[\hat{a}_k e^{ikx - i\omega_k t} + \hat{a}_k^+ e^{-ikx + i\omega_k t} \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[\hat{a}_e e^{ilx - i\omega_e t} - \hat{a}_e^+ e^{-ilx + i\omega_e t} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2x_L} \sum_{k,e} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{\omega_e}} \ell \int_0^{x_L} dx \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e e^{i(k+e)x} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_e)t} \right. \\ &\quad - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e^+ e^{i(k-e)x} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t} \\ &\quad + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_e e^{-i(k-e)x} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t} \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_e^+ e^{-i(k+e)x} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_e)t} \right] \\ &= \frac{x_L}{2x_L} \sum_{k,e} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{\omega_e}} \ell \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e \delta_{k,-e} e^{-i(\omega_k + \omega_e)t} \right. \\ &\quad - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e^+ \delta_{k,e} e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t} \\ &\quad + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_e \delta_{k,e} e^{i(\omega_k - \omega_e)t} \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_e^+ \delta_{k,-e} e^{i(\omega_k + \omega_e)t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \hbar \left[-\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{-k} e^{-2i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_{-k}^+ e^{2i\omega_k t} \right]$$

second part:

$$\int_0^x dx \underbrace{\partial_x \hat{\phi}(x,t)}_{\downarrow \hbar} \underbrace{\hat{\phi}(x,t)}_{\downarrow 2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \hbar \left[\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_{-k} e^{-2i\omega_k t} - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ - \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_{-k}^+ e^{2i\omega_k t} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_k \hbar (-2 \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ - 2 \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \hbar (\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ + \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k)$$

use $\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_k^+ = \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k + 1$ from eq. (13)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{p} = \sum_k \hbar \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_k \hbar}_{=0} \quad (15)$$

thus, we found eq. (14) and (15)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p} &= \sum_k \hbar \hat{n}_k \\ \hat{H} &= \sum_k \omega_k \hat{n}_k \\ \hat{n}_k &= \hat{a}_k^+ \hat{a}_k \end{aligned}$$

total momentum operator

total energy operator

number operator of scalars
with momentum $\hbar = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

next task: compute algebra of $\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_k^+, \hat{n}_k, \hat{p}$ & $\hat{H}$

Compute $[\hat{n}_k, \hat{n}_l]$:

$$\text{if } k=l: [\hat{n}_k, \hat{n}_k] = 0$$

$$\text{if } k \neq l: [\hat{n}_k, \hat{n}_l] = [\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_l^\dagger \hat{a}_l] = 0$$

$$\text{using } [\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_l] = [\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_l^\dagger] = [\hat{a}_k^\dagger, \hat{a}_l^\dagger] = 0$$

for $k \neq l$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[\hat{n}_k, \hat{n}_l] = 0}$$

compute $[\hat{p}, \hat{n}_k]$:

$$[\hat{p}, \hat{n}_k] = \sum_l l [\hat{n}_l, \hat{n}_k] = 0 \quad \text{using eq. (15)}$$

$= 0$

compute $[\hat{H}, \hat{n}_k]$:

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{n}_k] = \sum_l \omega_l [\hat{n}_l, \hat{n}_k] = 0 \quad \text{using eq. (14)}$$

$= 0$

compute $[\hat{H}, \hat{p}]$:

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{p}] = \sum_{k,l} \omega_k l [\hat{n}_k, \hat{n}_l] = 0$$

$= 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{n}_k, \hat{p} \text{ and } \hat{H} \text{ commute with each other}}$$

there are simult. eigenstates of $\hat{n}_k, \hat{p}$ and $\hat{H}$ specified by eigenvalues n_k of $\hat{n}_k$:

$$|\{n_k\}_{k=\frac{2\pi}{L} n, n \in \mathbb{Z}}\rangle = |\{n_k\}\rangle \Rightarrow \text{Fock space}$$

such that

$$\hat{n}_k |\{n_k\}\rangle = n_k |\{n_k\}\rangle$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}|\{n_e\}\rangle &= \sum_k \omega_k \hat{n}_k |\{n_e\}\rangle = \sum_k \omega_k n_k |\{n_e\}\rangle \\ &= E |\{n_e\}\rangle \quad \text{where } \boxed{E = \sum_k \omega_k n_k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}|\{n_e\}\rangle &= \sum_k k \hat{n}_k |\{n_e\}\rangle = \sum_k k n_k |\{n_e\}\rangle \\ &= p |\{n_e\}\rangle \quad \text{where } \boxed{p = \sum_k k n_k}\end{aligned}$$

ground state $|0\rangle$

$|0\rangle$ defined as state with lowest energy; we can identify $|0\rangle$ as follows:

compute

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \{n_e\} | \hat{H} | \{n_e\} \rangle &= E \underbrace{\langle \{n_e\} | \{n_e\} \rangle}_{=1 \text{ normalized state}} = E \\ &= \sum_k \omega_k \langle \{n_e\} | \hat{n}_k | \{n_e\} \rangle \\ &= \sum_k \omega_k \underbrace{\langle \{n_e\} | \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k | \{n_e\} \rangle}_{\geq 0} \\ &= \| \hat{a}_k | \{n_e\} \rangle \|^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ lowest energy is $E=0$ for a state $|\{n_e\}\rangle$

$$\text{with } E = \sum_k \omega_k n_k = 0 \Leftrightarrow n_k = 0 \text{ for all } k$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|0\rangle \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} |\{n_e=0\}\rangle} \quad \text{ground state}$$

What is $\hat{a}_k|0\rangle$?

to answer this question, we need $[\hat{H}, \hat{a}_k]$!

thus:

compute $[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k]$

$$\begin{aligned}[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k] &= \hat{a}_e^\dagger \hat{a}_e \hat{a}_k - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e^\dagger \hat{a}_e \\&= \hat{a}_e^\dagger (\hat{a}_e \hat{a}_k - \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e) - (\hat{a}_k \hat{a}_e^\dagger - \hat{a}_e^\dagger \hat{a}_k) \hat{a}_e \\&= \hat{a}_e^\dagger \underbrace{[\hat{a}_e, \hat{a}_k]}_{=0} - \underbrace{[\hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_e^\dagger]}_{=\delta_{k,e}} \hat{a}_e \\&= -\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_e = -\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_k\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k^\dagger] &= \hat{n}_e \hat{a}_k^\dagger - \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{n}_e = (\hat{a}_k \hat{n}_e^\dagger - \hat{n}_e^\dagger \hat{a}_k)^\dagger \\&\stackrel{\hat{n}_e^\dagger = \hat{n}_e}{=} [\hat{a}_k, \hat{n}_e]^\dagger = -[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k]^\dagger \\&= +\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_k^\dagger\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned}[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k] &= -\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_k \\[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k^\dagger] &= +\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_k^\dagger\end{aligned}} \quad (16)$$

then

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{a}_k] = \sum_e \omega_e \underbrace{[\hat{n}_e, \hat{a}_k]}_{\stackrel{(16)}{=} -\delta_{k,e} \hat{a}_k} = -\omega_k \hat{a}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H}(\hat{a}_k|0\rangle) = (\hat{a}_k \hat{H} - \omega_k \hat{a}_k)|0\rangle = (0 - \omega_k) \hat{a}_k|0\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_k |0\rangle$ has energy $(-\omega_k) < 0$ contradiction to def. of $|0\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{a}_k |0\rangle = 0}$ $\hat{a}_k$ annihilation operator
for all k and $|0\rangle$ is annihilated by all $\hat{a}_k$!

How to create general state $|\{n_k\}\rangle$

$$\hat{n}_k (\hat{a}_k |\{n_q\}\rangle) \stackrel{(16)}{=} (\hat{a}_k \hat{n}_k - \delta_{kk} \hat{a}_k) |\{n_q\}\rangle \\ = (n_k - \delta_{kk}) \hat{a}_k |\{n_q\}\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_k |\{n_q\}\rangle \sim |n_k - 1, \{n_q\}_{q \neq k}\rangle$ one particle removed with momentum k
and

$$\hat{n}_k (\hat{a}_k^\dagger |\{n_q\}\rangle) \stackrel{(16)}{=} (\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{n}_k + \delta_{kk} \hat{a}_k^\dagger) |\{n_q\}\rangle \\ = (n_k + \delta_{kk}) \hat{a}_k^\dagger |\{n_q\}\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_k^\dagger |\{n_q\}\rangle \sim |n_k + 1, \{n_q\}_{q \neq k}\rangle$ one particle created with momentum k

$\Rightarrow$ multi-particle state

$$|\{n_k\}\rangle = \prod_k \frac{(\hat{a}_k^\dagger)^{n_k}}{\sqrt{n_k!}} |0\rangle$$

$(\hat{a}_k^\dagger)^{n_k}$ creates n_k -particles with momentum k