

MATH425 Quantum Field Theory Solutions 8

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_H &= U^\dagger \alpha U \\
 i\hbar \frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial t} &= i\hbar \frac{\partial U^\dagger}{\partial t} \alpha U + i\hbar U^\dagger \alpha \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \\
 &= - \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \right)^\dagger \alpha U + U^\dagger \alpha \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \right) \\
 &= - (HU)^\dagger \alpha U + U^\dagger \alpha HU \\
 &= - U^\dagger H \alpha U + U^\dagger \alpha H U \quad (H^\dagger = H) \\
 &= U^\dagger \alpha U U^\dagger H U - U^\dagger H U U^\dagger \alpha U \\
 &= \alpha_H H_H - H_H \alpha_H = [\alpha_H, H_H].
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Two-particle states are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\rangle &= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) |0\rangle \\
 |\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\rangle &= |\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_1\rangle \quad \text{as} \quad [a(\mathbf{p}_1), a(\mathbf{p}_2)] = 0 \\
 \langle \mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2 | \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2 \rangle &= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) a(\mathbf{p}'_2) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \} | 0 \rangle \\
 &\quad + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | a(\mathbf{p}'_1) a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) | 0 \rangle \\
 &= (2\pi)^3 2p_2^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) a(\mathbf{p}'_1) + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \} | 0 \rangle \\
 &\quad + (2\pi)^3 2p_1^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \langle 0 | \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) a(\mathbf{p}'_1) + (2\pi)^3 2p_2^0 \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \} | 0 \rangle \\
 &= (2\pi)^6 (2p_1^0)(2p_2^0) \{ \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_2) + \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}'_2) \delta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}'_1) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int |\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{p})|^2 d^3\mathbf{p} &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{p} d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \psi^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}') e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}'} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{p} d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \psi^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}') e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \psi^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}') (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \\
 &= \int d^3\mathbf{x} \psi^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} |\psi(\mathbf{x})|^2 = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}') \\
\Rightarrow [N, a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] &= \left[\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} [a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} \{ a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') [a(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] + [a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}'), a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})] a(\mathbf{p}') \} \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2p'^0} a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') 2p'^0 (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}).
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) - a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})N &= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \\
\Rightarrow Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) &= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p})(N + 1) \\
\Rightarrow N|\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \mathbf{p}_n\rangle &= Na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1)(N + 1)a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1)a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_2)(N + 2) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \\
&= \dots = a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)(N + n)|0\rangle \\
&= na^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_1) \dots a^\dagger(\mathbf{p}_n)|0\rangle \quad (a(\mathbf{p})|0\rangle = 0) \\
&= n|\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \mathbf{p}_n\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$