

1. Consider the following Hamiltonian describing a complex scalar field  $\Phi(x)$

$$\mathcal{H} = \partial_t \Phi^* \partial_t \Phi + \nabla \Phi^* \cdot \nabla \Phi + V(\Phi^* \Phi),$$

where

$$V(\Phi^* \Phi) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^* \Phi - v^2)^2,$$

for real and positive parameters  $\lambda$  and  $v$ .

- (a) Expand  $\Phi$  around the minimum of the potential by writing

$$\Phi(x) = v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi(x) + i\chi(x)],$$

where  $\psi(x)$  and  $\chi(x)$  are both real fields. Write the Hamiltonian density as  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$  where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  contains terms that are quadratic or less in  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$  has cubic and quartic terms. What are  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$ ?

- (b) Expand  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  in terms of creation and annihilation operators and verify that  $H_0 = \int d^3x \mathcal{H}_0$  has the form appropriate to free particles with relativistic dispersion relations  $\varepsilon(p) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}$ . What is  $m$  (in terms of  $\lambda$  and  $v$ ) for each of the fields  $\psi$  and  $\chi$ ?
- (c) Calculate the scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{A}$  for the scattering

$$\chi(\mathbf{p}) + \chi(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow \chi(\mathbf{p}') + \chi(\mathbf{q}').$$

Notice that this might involve a term at both first and second order in perturbation theory in powers of  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$ . (BONUS) What is the leading form of this amplitude as the momenta of the particles involved all go to zero?