

**1.**

We start by writing  $\Delta(\mathbf{x})$  in terms of the Fourier transforms of the field:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\mathbf{x}) &= \int \frac{d^3k d^3q}{(2\pi)^6 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})(2\omega_{\vec{q}})} [a_{\vec{k}} e^{ikx} + a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger e^{-ikx}, a_{\vec{q}} + a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k d^3q}{(2\pi)^6 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})(2\omega_{\vec{q}})} (2\pi)^3 (2\omega_{\vec{q}}) \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{q}) (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}) \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})} (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}).\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

I'll proceed by using polar coordinates. Note that  $\omega_{\vec{k}} = |\vec{k}|$ . The integral then becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\mathbf{x}) &= \int \frac{r^2 dr d\phi d\cos\theta}{(2\pi)^3 2r} [e^{-irt} e^{irx \cos\theta} - c.c.] \\ &= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2} \int r dr \left[ e^{-irt} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta e^{irx \cos\theta} - c.c. \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2} \int r dr \left[ \frac{e^{-irt}}{irx} (e^{irx} - e^{-irx}) - c.c. \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2ix(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty dr [e^{ir(x-t)} - e^{-ir(x+t)} + e^{-ir(x-t)} - e^{ir(x+t)}].\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Rearranging the limits of integration gives us

$$\begin{aligned}& \int_0^\infty dr [e^{ir(x-t)} + e^{-ir(x-t)} - e^{-ir(x+t)} - e^{ir(x+t)}] \\ &= \int_0^\infty dre^{ir(x-t)} - \int_\infty^0 dre^{-ir(x-t)} - \int_0^\infty dre^{-ir(x+t)} + \int_\infty^0 dre^{ir(x+t)} \\ &= \int_0^\infty dre^{ir(x-t)} + \int_{-\infty}^0 dre^{ir(x-t)} - \int_0^\infty dre^{-ir(x+t)} - \int_{-\infty}^0 dre^{-ir(x+t)} \\ &= 2\pi[\delta(x-t) - \delta(x+t)]\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

This implies

$$\Delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\delta(x-t) - \delta(x+t)}{4\pi ix}.\tag{4}$$

As it stands, this formula doesn't look very Lorentz invariant. We can put it in a nicer form by noticing that

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(x^2 - t^2) &= \frac{1}{2|x|} [\delta(x - t) + \delta(x + t)] \\ &= \text{sgn}(t) \left[ \frac{\delta(x - t)}{2x} - \frac{\delta(x + t)}{2x} \right].\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

if we imagining that we are integrating over  $t$ . The second line is true because the delta function constrains the  $x$  in the second term to be negative whenever it is nonzero (since  $t$  is positive). With this in mind, we can see that

$$\boxed{\Delta(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn}(t) \frac{\delta(\mathbf{x}^2)}{2\pi i}}.\tag{6}$$

## 2.

The lowering operators will annihilate the vacuum on the right and lowering operators will do so on the left. This means we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle &= \int \frac{d^3k d^3q}{(2\pi)^6 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})(2\omega_{\vec{q}})} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{k}} e^{ikx} a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k d^3q}{(2\pi)^6 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})(2\omega_{\vec{q}})} e^{ikx} \langle 0 | [a_{\vec{k}}, a_{\vec{q}}^\dagger] | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 (2\omega_{\vec{k}})} e^{ikx}.\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Let's try to use the hint from the problem to evaluate this (we could also have used the hint in the last problem, if we were careful).

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^4k \theta(k^0) \delta(-\mathbf{k}^2) e^{ikx} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int dk^0 dk^1 \theta(k^0) e^{ikx} \int dk^2 dk^3 \delta(-\mathbf{k}^2)\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

Now we go to polar coordinates to find the integral over the delta function:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int dk^2 dk^3 \delta(-\mathbf{k}^2) &= 2\pi \int r dr \delta(k_0^2 - k_1^2 - r^2) \\
&= 2\pi \int r dr \frac{\delta(r - \sqrt{k_0^2 - k_1^2})}{2\sqrt{k_0^2 - k_1^2}} \theta(k_0^2 - k_1^2) \\
&= \pi \theta(k_0^2 - k_1^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Then our equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle &= \frac{\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int dk^0 dk^1 \theta(k^0) \theta(k_0^2 - k_1^2) e^{ikx} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{k^0 \geq |k^1|} dk^0 dk^1 e^{ikx}.
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

If we define coordinates  $k_{\pm} = k^0 \pm k^1$ , we see  $k^0 = (k_+ + k_-)/2$  and  $k^1 = (k_+ - k_-)/2$ , which implies the Jacobian of the transformation is  $1/4$ . Furthermore, the region we integrate over is just the whole quadrant with  $k_{\pm} \geq 0$ . Finally, we see  $k \cdot x = -k_+ x_- - k_- x_+$ , where  $x_{\pm} = (x^0 \pm x^1)/2$ . Then we have

$$\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle = \frac{\pi}{4(2\pi)^3} \int dk_+ e^{-ik_+ x_-} \theta(k_+) \int dk_- e^{-ik_- x_+} \theta(k_-). \tag{11}$$

This looks like a product of Fourier transforms of the step function. Looking this up gives us

$$\int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{-ikx} \theta(k) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(x) - \frac{1}{2\pi i x}. \tag{12}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(0) | 0 \rangle &= \frac{1}{16} \left[ \delta(x_-) - \frac{1}{i\pi x_-} \right] \left[ \delta(x_+) - \frac{1}{i\pi x_+} \right] \\
&= \frac{-1}{16} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi^2 x_+ x_-} + \frac{\delta(x_-)}{i\pi x_+} + \frac{\delta(x_+)}{i\pi x_-} - \delta(x_-) \delta(x_+) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

The middle two terms match the result from the last problem. The last term should be interpreted in the following manner: if we integrate over  $x_+$  and  $x_-$ , there is only a contribution if  $x_+ = x_- = 0$  is included in the integration range. We can therefore write it as

$$\delta(x_-) \delta(x_+) = \delta(x_0) \delta(x_1), \tag{14}$$

since  $x_+ = x_- = 0$  implies  $x_0 = x_1 = 0$  and (by construction) the Jacobian from changing variables in the measure is exactly compensated by factors from the delta functions. Finally,  $x_1$  is actually equivalent to  $|\vec{x}|$  here (we rotated to place  $\vec{x}$  along the  $x_1$  axis), so we should write

$$\delta(x_-)\delta(x_+) = \delta(x_0)\delta(|\vec{x}|). \quad (15)$$

While this doesn't look particularly Lorentz invariant, it actually is — it simply says that there is a contribution to an integral only if the point  $x_0 = \vec{x} = 0$  is included in the integration region, and this statement does not depend on our frame. Putting this all together, and remembering that as we've defined things  $x_+x_- = -\mathbf{x}^2/4$ , we find

$$\boxed{\langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x})\phi(0) | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi^2\mathbf{x}^2} + \text{sgn}(t)\frac{\delta(\mathbf{x}^2)}{4\pi i} + \frac{\delta(t)\delta(|\vec{x}|)}{16}.} \quad (16)$$

### 3.

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_0\phi &= [H, \phi] \\ &= \left[ \int d^3x (pp^\dagger + \partial_i\phi^\dagger\partial_i\phi + m^2\phi^d\phi), \phi(y) \right] \\ &= \int d^3x [p, \phi(y)]p^\dagger \\ &= -ip^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_0^2\phi &= -i\partial_0p^\dagger \\ &= [p^\dagger, H] \\ &= \int d^3x [p^\dagger(y), \partial_i\phi^\dagger]\partial_i\phi + m^2[p^\dagger(y), \phi^\dagger]\phi \\ &= (-i)(-\nabla^2)\phi + (-i)m^2\phi, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

so we have

$$\boxed{(\partial_0^2 - \nabla^2 + m^2)\phi = 0.} \quad (19)$$

## 4. (a)

Let's consider the properties of a near-identity infinitesimal rotation by writing  $R = 1 + i\delta R$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} R^T R &= 1 \\ (1 + i\delta R^T)(1 + i\delta R) &= 1 \\ \delta R^T + \delta R &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Then the generators of rotations (the matrices  $\delta R$ ) must be antisymmetric. This implies that they can be parameterized as

$$\delta R^{ab} = \epsilon^{abc} \beta^c, \tag{21}$$

which means we can write out the infinitesimal transformation of the fields as

$$\boxed{\delta\phi^a = \epsilon^{abc} \phi^b \beta^c.} \tag{22}$$

To deduce the conserved currents, we see how the action changes under the above transformation if we treat the parameters  $\beta$  as functions of spacetime:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= - \int d^4x \partial_\mu \delta\phi^a \partial^\mu \phi^a \\ &= - \int d^4x \epsilon^{abc} (\beta^c \partial_\mu \phi^b \partial^\mu \phi^a + \partial_\mu \beta^c \phi^b \partial^\mu \phi^a) \\ &= \int d^4x \beta^c \partial_\mu (\epsilon^{abc} \phi^b \partial^\mu \phi^a). \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Now, if the fields follow a classical path (that is, if they satisfy the equations of motion), the variation of the action must vanish even under the circumstances where the  $\beta$  are (infinitesimal) arbitrary functions of spacetime. This implies that on the equations of motion,

$$\partial_\mu (\epsilon^{abc} \phi^b \partial^\mu \phi^a) = 0. \tag{24}$$

That means our conserved currents are given by

$$\boxed{J^{a\mu} = \epsilon^{abc} \phi^b \partial^\mu \phi^c.} \tag{25}$$

The above argument is just Noether's theorem. See section 7.3 of Weinberg I for a good summary.

#### 4. (b)

We see that the  $Q$ s are given by

$$Q^a = \int d^3x \epsilon^{abc} \phi^b \dot{\phi}^c. \quad (26)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[Q^a, Q^b] &= \int d^3x d^3y \epsilon^{acd} \epsilon^{bkl} [\phi^c \dot{\phi}^d, \phi^k \dot{\phi}^l] \\
&= \int d^3x d^3y \epsilon^{acd} \epsilon^{bkl} (\phi^c [\dot{\phi}^d, \phi^k] \dot{\phi}^l + [\phi^c, \phi^k] \dot{\phi}^d \dot{\phi}^l + \phi^k \phi^c [\dot{\phi}^d, \dot{\phi}^l] + \phi^k [\phi^c, \dot{\phi}^l] \dot{\phi}^d) \\
&= \epsilon^{acd} \epsilon^{bkl} \int d^3x d^3y [-i\delta^3(x-y) \delta^{dk} \phi^c \dot{\phi}^l + i\delta^3(x-y) \delta^{cl} \phi^k \dot{\phi}^d] \\
&= -i\epsilon^{acd} \epsilon^{bdl} \int d^3x \phi^c \dot{\phi}^l + i\epsilon^{acd} \epsilon^{bkc} \int d^3x \phi^k \dot{\phi}^d \\
&= -i(\delta^{al} \delta^{cb} - \delta^{ab} \delta^{cl}) \int d^3x \phi^c \dot{\phi}^l + i(\delta^{db} \delta^{ak} - \delta^{dk} \delta^{ab}) \int d^3x \phi^k \dot{\phi}^d \\
&= i(\delta^{ak} \delta^{bd} - \delta^{ad} \delta^{bl}) \int d^3x \phi^k \dot{\phi}^d \\
&= i\epsilon^{cab} \epsilon^{ckd} \int d^3x \phi^k \dot{\phi}^d \\
&= \boxed{i\epsilon^{abc} Q^c}.
\end{aligned} \quad (27)$$