

**QUANTUM FIELD THEORY II**  
**PROBLEMS**

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*I: The optical theorem*

- (1) Consider the one-loop  $2 \rightarrow 2$   $M(p_1, p_2; k_1, k_2)$  amplitude in  $\phi^4$  theory, given by

$$iM(p_1, p_2; k_1, k_2) = -i\lambda [1 - i\lambda (V(s) + V(t) + V(u))], \quad (1)$$

with, in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme,

$$-iV(p^2) = \frac{\lambda}{32\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \ln \frac{m^2 - p^2 x(1-x)}{\mu^2}. \quad (2)$$

Determine explicitly the imaginary part of the amplitude and check that it satisfies the optical theorem.

- (2) Using canonical commutation relations, show that the momentum operator  $P^\mu = \int d^3x T^{0\mu}$ , where  $T^{\mu\nu}$  is the energy momentum tensor, generates translation of the fields upon commutation:

$$[P^\mu, \phi(x)] = -i\partial^\mu \phi(x). \quad (3)$$