

Homework 12 - Quantum fields in curved spacetime

Q12.1. Show that if

$$\varphi(\eta, \vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^3 \underline{k}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left[a_{\underline{k}} \varphi_k(\eta) + a_{-\underline{k}}^\dagger \varphi_k^*(\eta) \right] e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \quad (\text{Q12.1.1})$$

with φ_k normalised such that

$$\varphi_k \varphi_k^{*'} - \varphi_k' \varphi_k^* = i \quad (\text{Q12.1.2})$$

then the commutation relations

$$[\varphi(\eta, \vec{x}), \varphi(\eta, \vec{y})] = 0 \quad (\text{Q12.1.3})$$

$$[\varphi(\eta, \vec{x}), \varphi'(\eta, \vec{y})] = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad (\text{Q12.1.4})$$

$$[\varphi'(\eta, \vec{x}), \varphi'(\eta, \vec{y})] = 0 \quad (\text{Q12.1.5})$$

imply

$$\left[a_{\underline{k}}, a_{\underline{l}} \right] = 0 \quad , \quad \left[a_{\underline{k}}, a_{\underline{l}}^\dagger \right] = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad , \quad \left[a_{\underline{k}}^\dagger, a_{\underline{l}}^\dagger \right] = 0 \quad (\text{Q12.1.6})$$