

Algebraic Quantum Field Theory

Homework Sheet 5

Problem 1. Show that for $\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2 \in H_m$, where H_m is the mass hyperboloid, we have that $\tilde{p} := \tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2$ is a spacelike vector, if non-zero. (Recall that $\tilde{p} = (p^0, p)$ is spacelike if $(p^0)^2 < p^2$).

Problem 2. Show that the subspace of functions

$$D = \text{Span} \{ (p_1, p_2) \mapsto g_1(p_1)g_2(p_2) \mid g_1, g_2 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \text{ supp } g_1 \cap \text{supp } g_2 = \emptyset \} \quad (1)$$

is dense in $L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$.

Problem 3. Consider a regular, positive energy solution of the Klein Gordon equation:

$$g_t(x) := (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int d^d p e^{-i\mu_m(p)t + ipx} \hat{g}(p), \quad \hat{g} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad (2)$$

whose velocity support is given by

$$V(g) := \{ \nabla \mu_m(p) \mid p \in \text{supp } \hat{g} \}. \quad (3)$$

Let $\chi_+ \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be equal to one on $V(g)$ and vanish on a complement of a slightly larger set. Let $\chi_- := 1 - \chi_+$. Show that

$$|\chi_-(x/t)g_t(x)| \leq \frac{c}{|t|}. \quad (4)$$

Hint: set $\Omega(p) = (-\mu_m(p) + px/t)$ and note the relation

$$L e^{it\Omega(p)} = e^{it\Omega(p)}, \quad (5)$$

where $L = \frac{1}{it} \frac{\nabla \Omega(p) \cdot \nabla}{|\nabla \Omega(p)|^2}$

Problem 4. Consider an abstract Haag-Kastler net of von Neumann algebras. Let $B \in \mathcal{A}$, $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^{d+1})$. Show that

$$B(f) = \int dt dx f(t, x) B(t, x), \quad (6)$$

defined as a weak integral (i.e. in the sense of matrix elements) is an element of \mathcal{A} . Hint: Consider first $B \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O})$ for some open, bounded \mathcal{O} and $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d+1})$. Use the bicommutant theorem to show that $B(f) \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}_1)$ for some larger but still bounded open subset \mathcal{O}_1 .

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