

Quantum Field Theory Vector Spaces

Operators

Physical quantities like energy, charge, momentum, spin

$$H, Q, \mathbf{P}, \Sigma_3$$

Fields

Solutions to field equations that create and destroy particles

$$\phi, \psi, A^\mu$$

States

Physical particles, one or more (though vacuum state has none)

$$|\text{particles}\rangle \\ \text{like } |e^+\rangle \text{ or } |e^+ e^-\rangle$$

Operators ← A vector space and operators → Vectors

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Example

$$\Sigma_3 \psi_{\mathbf{p}=0}^{spin\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \left[c_r(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ipx} + d_r^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{ipx} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[c_r(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ipx} + d_r^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{ipx} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \psi_{\mathbf{p}=0}^{spin\uparrow}$$

Example

$$\text{QFT } \Sigma_3 \left| e_{\mathbf{p}_1=0}^-(r=1) \right\rangle = \left(\int_V \psi^\dagger \Sigma_3 \psi d^3x \right) \left| e_{\mathbf{p}_1=0}^-(r=1) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{r, \mathbf{p}} \frac{m}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \left(u_r^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \Sigma_3 u_r(\mathbf{p}) N_r(\mathbf{p}) + v_r^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \Sigma_3 v_r(\mathbf{p}) \bar{N}_r(\mathbf{p}) \right) \left| e_{\mathbf{p}_1=0}^-(r=1) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left| e_{\mathbf{p}_1=0}^-(r=1) \right\rangle$$