

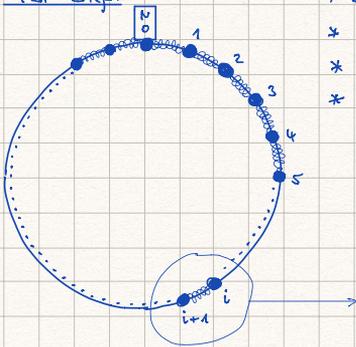
## Chapter 7: Quantum Field Theory

→ We look at theoretical elements that connect a system of a finite number of particles that could be described by regular  $N$ -particle non-relativistic quantum mechanics to quantum field theory in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit.

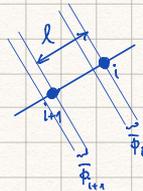
We consider only a non-relativistic theory of bosonic particles, which however contains all relevant elements that are also present in the context of a relativistic theory of bosonic particles.

### 7.1. One-dimensional "Classic" String

1st step:



- \* System of  $N$  mass points, connected by springs
- \* periodic boundary condition:  $\bar{\phi}_0 = \bar{\phi}_N$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} \bar{\phi}_0 = \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\phi}_N$
- \* otherwise free oscillations
- \* non-relativistic kinematics



longitudinal elongation

$m_i = m$  mass

$l$ : equilibrium distance

$k$ : spring constant

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\phi}_i \right)^2 = KE$$

$$\text{potential energy} = \frac{1}{2} k \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\bar{\phi}_{i+1} - \bar{\phi}_i)^2 = PE$$

2nd step: "continuum limit":  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $l \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_i(t) = \bar{\phi}(z_i, t) \rightarrow \bar{\phi}(z, t)$

when we have: total length  $L = Nl = \text{const}$   
 mass density  $\mu = \frac{m}{l} = \text{const}$   
 string tension  $T = kl = \text{const}$

$l \rightarrow dz \rightarrow 0$

Also useful: rescaling  $\phi(z, t) := \sqrt{T} \bar{\phi}(z, t)$

$$\rightarrow KE = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{l} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l \left( \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\phi}_i \right)^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \mu \int_0^L dz \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\phi}(z, t) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu}{T} \int_0^L dz \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(z, t) \right)^2$$

$$PE = \frac{kl}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l \left( \frac{\bar{\phi}_{i+1} - \bar{\phi}_i}{l} \right)^2 \rightarrow \frac{T}{2} \int_0^L dz \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \bar{\phi}(z, t) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L dz \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \phi(z, t) \right)^2$$

Phase velocity:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$

Lagrangian:  $L = KE - PE = \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\dot{\bar{\phi}}_i)^2 - \frac{k}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\bar{\phi}_{i+1} - \bar{\phi}_i)^2 = L(\bar{\phi}_i, \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i)$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^L dz \mathcal{L}(z, t) \quad \mathcal{L}: \text{Lagrange density}$$

no dependence on  $\phi$  in our case

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lagrangian density: } \mathcal{L}(z,t) &= \mathcal{L}\left(\phi, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\right) & \phi &= \phi(z,t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hamiltonian: } H &= KE + PE = \frac{w}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\dot{\phi}_i)^2 + \frac{k}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\bar{\phi}_{i+1} - \bar{\phi}_i)^2 \\ &\rightarrow \int dz \mathcal{H}(z,t) & \mathcal{H}: & \text{Hamilton density} \\ \mathcal{H}(z,t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Comments:

- \*  $\bar{\phi}_i$  could also describe a transversal elongation 
- \* String (1-dim:  $\phi = \phi(z,t)$ ) can be generalized to a membrane (2-dim:  $\phi = \phi(x,y,t)$ ) or a field (3-dim:  $\phi = \phi(t, \vec{x})$ )
- \*  $\phi$  describes a scalar excitation (i.e. one value at each space-time point). It could be generalized to a multidimensional excitation  $\rightarrow$  e.g. vector field  $\vec{\phi}(t, \vec{x}) = (\phi_x(t, \vec{x}), \phi_y(t, \vec{x}), \phi_z(t, \vec{x}))$

7.2. Equations of Motion and Normal modesDiscrete case: Action:  $S = \int dt L(\bar{\phi}_i; \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \int dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \bar{\phi}_i} \delta \bar{\phi}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i} \delta \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \int dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \bar{\phi}_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i} \right) \delta \bar{\phi}_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\bar{\phi}}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \bar{\phi}_i} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, N} \end{aligned}$$

Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\hookrightarrow m \ddot{\bar{\phi}}_i - k(\bar{\phi}_i - \bar{\phi}_{i+1}) - k(\bar{\phi}_i - \bar{\phi}_{i-1}) = 0$$

Continuum: Action:  $S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi(x), \partial_\mu \phi(x))$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x)}{\partial \phi(x)} \delta \phi(x) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x)}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi(x)} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi(x)) \right) & \text{for all } x \\ &= \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x)}{\partial \phi(x)} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x)}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi(x)} \right) \right) \delta \phi(x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi(x)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi(x)} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{String: } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$$\text{Field: } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vec{x}}\right)^2 \right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

} "classical"  
wave equations  
(because we started with  
a classical problem)

$\rightarrow$  But we could as well start with a multi-particle quantum mechanical problem!

↳ Normal modes of the string: (with periodic boundary conditions) → see photon quantization

$$\phi_n(z,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} e^{-i(\omega_n t - k_n z)}, \quad \omega_n = v|k_n|$$

$$k_n = \frac{2\pi n}{L}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

\* Orthogonality:  $\int_0^L dz \phi_n^*(z,t) \phi_m(z,t) = \delta_{nm}$  (also:  $\int_0^L dz \phi_n(z,t) \phi_m(z,t) = \delta_{n-m} e^{-2i\omega_n t}$ )

\* Completeness:  $\{\phi_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_0\}$  form a complete set of states  
→ A general excitation (which is real) can be written as

$$\phi(z,t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \left[ a_n(t) \phi_n(z,t) + a_n^*(t) \phi_n^*(z,t) \right], \quad c_n: \text{norm to be fixed}$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{c_n}{\sqrt{L}} \left[ a_n(t) e^{ik_n z} + a_n^*(t) e^{-ik_n z} \right], \quad a_n(t) := a_n(0) e^{-i\omega_n t}$$

$a_n$ : normal mode coefficient

↳  $\ddot{a}_n(t) = \omega_n^2 a_n(t)$  → We can consider each normal mode as an independent harmonic oscillator.

↳ We determine the norm  $c_n$ : We want the standard form for the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L dz \left( \frac{1}{v^2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ c_n^2 \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{v^2} + k_n^2 \right) a_n^*(t) a_n(t) + \frac{1}{2} c_n c_{-n} \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{v^2} + k_n^2 \right) (a_n(t) a_{-n}(t) + a_n^*(t) a_{-n}^*(t)) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n^2 \frac{2c_n^2}{v^2} a_n^*(t) a_n(t)$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n a_n^*(t) a_n(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_n = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2\omega_n}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_n, a_n^* \text{ dimensionless}$$

$$\text{↳ } H = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n a_n^*(t) a_n(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n a_n^*(0) a_n(0)$$

orange: value to explicit

→ If we consider the string as a classic string we can in analogy to the classical harmonic oscillator introduce for each normal mode canonical location and momentum variable:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} q_n(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_n}} (a_n(t) + a_n^*(t)) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \\ p_n(t) &= \frac{dq_n}{dt} = -\frac{i\omega_n}{\sqrt{2\omega_n}} (a_n(t) - a_n^*(t)) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_n}} (i p_n + \omega_n q_n) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \\ a_n^* &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_n}} (-i p_n + \omega_n q_n) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \end{aligned}$$

↳  $H = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} [p_n^2 + \omega_n^2 q_n^2]$  → Sum of independent harmonic oscillators with mass 1 and frequency  $\omega_n$

→ We check that  $q_n$  and  $p_n$  are indeed canonical by examining the Poisson bracket:

$$[u, v] := \sum_n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_n} \right)$$

$$\hookrightarrow [q_n, q_m] = [p_n, p_m] = 0, \quad [q_n, p_m] = \delta_{nm} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{dq_n}{dt} = [u, H] \Rightarrow \frac{dq_n}{dt} = [q_n, H] = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} = p_n \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{dp_n}{dt} = [p_n, H] = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} = -\omega_n^2 q_n \quad \checkmark$$

$$\hookrightarrow [a_n, a_m^*] = i \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{2\omega_n^2}} ([p_n, q_m] - [q_n, p_m]) = -i \delta_{nm}$$

### 7.3. Quantization of the String

→ Up to now we have dealt with wave modes "in a box" where (up to the point how the wave functions have to be interpreted physically) it didn't matter whether we consider quantum mechanics or a classic field theory.

From the classic point of view we can now quantize the string by promoting the canonical coordinates and momenta to operators and the Poisson brackets to commutators.

$$q_n, p_n, a_n, a_n^* \longrightarrow Q_n, P_n, a_n, a_n^* \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q_n = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_n}} (a_n + a_n^*) \\ P_n = -i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_n}{2}} (a_n - a_n^*) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{ \begin{array}{l} [Q_n, P_m] = i\hbar \delta_{nm} \\ [Q_n, Q_m] = [P_n, P_m] = 0 \end{array} \iff \begin{array}{l} [a_n, a_m^*] = \delta_{nm} \\ [a_n, a_m] = [a_n^*, a_m^*] = 0 \end{array} }$$

"Canonical"

commutation relations

↳  $a_n^+$ : Creation operator for a normal mode with momentum  $\hbar\omega_n$   
( $\hat{=}$  Particle ("phonon") with momentum  $\hbar\omega_n$ )

$a_n$ : Annihilation operator for a normal mode with momentum  $\hbar\omega_n$

↳ Quantized string allows to describe production/annihilation of classic normal modes according to quantum mechanical rules.

If we interpret the normal modes quantum mechanical as well ( $\rightarrow$  probability amplitudes) we arrive at quantum field theory (QFT).

↳ 2nd quantization

## Quantum field operators

→ The canonical coordinate and momentum operators  $Q_n$  and  $P_n$  are not suitable variables for an efficient formulation of the theory.

It is more suitable to use the concept of the quantum field operators

$$\phi(z,t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2\omega_k L}} \left[ a_k e^{-i(\omega_k t - k z)} + a_k^\dagger e^{+i(\omega_k t - k z)} \right]$$

Sum over modes

annihilator of phonon with wave  $k$

incoming phonon wave

creator of phonon with wave  $k$

outgoing phonon wave

### Comments:

- \* Field operator  $\phi(z,t)$  is the "2nd-quantized wave function"
- \* Field operators do in general not have to be Hermitian (but  $\phi(z,t)$  treated here is). Only observables constructed from field operators have to be Hermitian.
- \* We ignore the infrared problem (i.e. divergence) for the mode  $k=0$  ( $\omega_k=0$ )  
↳ Collider physics before.
- \* Field operators (must!) always satisfy the Euler-Lagrange equations, i.e. the classic equations of motion.

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi(z,t) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \phi(z,t) = 0$$

## Canonical Commutation Relations for Quantum Fields

$\phi(z,t)$ : canonical "coordinate" field operator

$$\Pi(z,t) := \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_t \phi)}{\partial (\partial_t \phi)} = \frac{1}{v^2} \partial_t \phi(z,t) = \frac{1}{v^2} \dot{\phi}(z,t) :$$

canonical "momentum" field operator

$$\hookrightarrow \Pi(z,t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{i\omega_k}{v\sqrt{2\omega_k L}} \left[ -a_k e^{-i(\omega_k t - k z)} + a_k^\dagger e^{+i(\omega_k t - k z)} \right]$$

→ From the canonical commutation relations we can derive the equal-time canonical commutation relations for the field operators

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(z,t), \pi(z',t)] &= i \delta(z-z') \\ [\phi(z,t), \phi(z',t)] &= [\pi(z,t), \pi(z',t)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

↪ One can either use the commutation relations for the creation and annihilation operators ( $a_n, a_n^\dagger$ ) OR the equal-time commutation rules for the field operators as the starting point of QFT.

Proof of relations:

$$\begin{aligned} [\pi(z,t), \phi(z',t)] &= -\frac{i}{2L} \sum_{n,m} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_m}} \left\{ [a_n, a_m] e^{-i(\omega_n + \omega_m)t + i(k_n z + k_m z')} \right. \\ &\quad - [a_n^\dagger, a_m^\dagger] e^{i(\omega_n + \omega_m)t - i(k_n z + k_m z')} + \frac{\delta_{nm}}{[a_n, a_n^\dagger]} e^{-i(\omega_n - \omega_n)t + i(k_n z - k_n z')} \\ &\quad \left. - [a_n^\dagger, a_m] e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_m)t - i(k_n z - k_m z')} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2L} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ e^{i k_n (z-z')} + e^{-i k_n (z-z')} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{i}{L} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i k_n (z-z')} \\ &= -i \delta(z-z') \end{aligned}$$

↪ completeness

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(z,t), \phi(z',t)] &= \frac{v^2}{2L} \sum_{n,m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_n \omega_m}} \left\{ [a_n, a_m^\dagger] e^{-i(\omega_n - \omega_m)t + i(k_n z - k_m z')} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [a_n^\dagger, a_m] e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_m)t - i(k_n z - k_m z')} \right\} \\ &= \frac{v^2}{2L} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\omega_n} \left[ e^{i k_n (z-z')} - e^{-i k_n (z-z')} \right] \quad k_n = -k_{-n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$[\pi(z,t), \pi(z',t)] = 0 \quad (\text{analogous computation})$$

## Physical Operators and Normal Ordering

→ We construct total energy and momentum operators from the corresponding classical quantities using the correspondence principle.

↪ We will find that the concept of normal ordering is required to avoid a divergence due to the harmonic oscillator zero-point energy / vacuum fluctuations.

## Energy ↔ Hamilton Operator

↳ Wir apply the correspondence principle directly:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t dz \mathcal{H}(\pi, \phi) &= \int_0^t dz \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{v^2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right) = \int_0^t dz \frac{1}{2} \left( v^2 \pi^2(z,t) + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \phi(z,t) \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} \omega_n (a_n^\dagger a_n + a_n a_n^\dagger) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n \left( a_n^\dagger a_n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n a_n^\dagger a_n + \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n \right) \end{aligned}$$

divergent zero-point energy

↳ The divergent zero-point energy is the same for all states.  
We can therefore in principle ignore it for (most) practical applications.

↳ "We can set the zero-energy point by hand."

↳ In QFT this is achieved by the normal ordering prescription

### Normal Ordering for Creation and Annihilation Operators

$$: (\text{arbitrary product of } a_n \text{'s and } a_n^\dagger \text{'s}) : = \underbrace{(\text{all } a_n^\dagger \text{'s})}_{\text{left}} (\text{all } a_n \text{'s})_{\text{right}}$$

$$\text{z.B.: } : a_n^\dagger a_n : = a_n^\dagger a_n \quad \text{All creators left } \otimes \text{ all annihilators right.}$$

$$: a_n a_n^\dagger : = a_n^\dagger a_n$$

All physical quantum field operators (i.e. used to describe physical processes, quantities) are constructed from normal ordered functions of quantum field operators.

### Hamilton Operator

$$H = \int_0^L dz : \mathcal{H}(\pi(z,t), \phi(z,t)) : = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_n a_n^\dagger a_n$$

$a_n^\dagger a_n$ : number operator

↳ We check that the Hamilton operator is the generator for time translations:

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi(z,t), H] &= \int_0^L dz' \left[ \phi(z,t), \frac{1}{2} v^2 \pi^2(z',t) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \phi(z',t) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{\text{time } t}{=} \frac{1}{2} v^2 \int_0^L dz' \left[ \phi(z,t), \pi^2(z',t) \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \pi(z',t) \left[ \phi(z,t), \pi(z',t) \right] + [\dots] \pi(z',t) \\ &= i v^2 \int_0^L dz' \pi(z',t) \delta(z-z') = i v^2 \pi(z,t) = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(z,t) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

We can ignore the normal-ordering here because  
:  $\mathcal{H}$  : =  $\mathcal{H}$  + number

$$\begin{aligned}
[\Pi(z,t), H] &= \int_0^L dz' \left[ \Pi(z,t), \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z'} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \int_0^L dz' \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z'} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \left[ \Pi(z,t), \phi(z',t) \right] \\
&= -i \int_0^L dz' \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z'} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z'} \delta(z-z') \\
&= i \int_0^L dz' \delta(z-z') \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z'^2} \right) \\
&= i \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \\
&= i \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Euler-Lagrange eqn.} \\ \checkmark \end{array} \right. \\
&= i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Pi(z,t) \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

↳ Heisenberg equations are satisfied.

### Total Momentum Operator

↳ We construct it from the E-p continuity equation (classical):

$$\frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{K}(z,t) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathcal{P}(z,t) \quad \leftarrow \text{works only for waves!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{v^2} \left[ \frac{1}{v^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{v^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Euler-Lagrange} \\ \checkmark \end{array} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \mathcal{P} &= - \int_0^L dz \frac{1}{v^2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= - \sum_{n,m} \frac{\omega_n k_m}{2L + \omega_n \omega_m} \int_0^L dz \left\{ a_n a_m e^{-i(\omega_n + \omega_m)t} e^{i(k_n + k_m)z} + a_n^+ a_m^+ e^{i(k_n + \omega_n)t - i(k_m + k_n)z} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - a_n^+ a_m e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_m)t} e^{-i(k_n - k_m)z} - a_n a_m^+ e^{-i(\omega_n - \omega_m)t + i(k_n - k_m)z} \right\} \\
&= - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \overset{\text{sums to zero}}{k_{-n} a_n a_{-n}} e^{-2i\omega_n t} + \overset{\text{sums to zero}}{k_{-n} a_n^+ a_n^+} e^{2i\omega_n t} - 2k_n a_n^+ a_n \right] \\
&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} k_n a_n^+ a_n \quad \checkmark \quad \text{o.k. !}
\end{aligned}$$

## Number Operator and Multi-Particle States

← analogous to  
photon quantization

→  $N_n = a_n^\dagger a_n$  Number operator that counts  
number of particles having momentum  $\hbar n$

- Properties:
- \*  $N_n$  Hermitian for all  $n$
  - \*  $[N_u, N_m] = 0$  for all  $u, m$
  - \*  $\{N_n\}$  build up a complete set of operators
    - ↳ Set of eigenstates to  $N_0, N_{\pm 1}, N_{\pm 2}, \dots$  build a basis of the entire Hilbert space of multi-photon states
    - ↳ Every element of the basis is unambiguously determined by the occupation numbers  $\{m_0, m_1, m_{-1}, m_2, m_{-2}, \dots\}$  for photon particles with momenta  $(\hbar k_0, \hbar k_1, \hbar k_{-1}, \hbar k_2, \hbar k_{-2}, \dots)$ .
      - ≙ Fock states

→ Multi-particle states (bosonic!)

$$|m_{n_1}, m_{n_2}, m_{n_3}, \dots\rangle := \frac{(a_{n_1}^\dagger)^{m_{n_1}}}{m_{n_1}!} \frac{(a_{n_2}^\dagger)^{m_{n_2}}}{m_{n_2}!} \frac{(a_{n_3}^\dagger)^{m_{n_3}}}{m_{n_3}!} \dots |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} |m_{n_1}, m_{n_2}, m_{n_3}, \dots\rangle = \left( \sum_i m_{n_i} \omega_{n_i} \right) |m_{n_1}, m_{n_2}, m_{n_3}, \dots\rangle$$

Fock states with Bose-Einstein statistics