

(9) The expansion for the quantized photon field is:

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$$A_\mu(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int \frac{d^3k}{\sqrt{2k^0}} \sum_\lambda \epsilon_\mu(\lambda, \vec{k}) \left[a(\lambda, \vec{k}) e^{-ikx} + a^\dagger(\lambda, \vec{k}) e^{ikx} \right]$$

Where: $[a(\lambda, \vec{k}), a^\dagger(\lambda', \vec{k}')] = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$

Define: $\alpha_\mu(\vec{k}) = \sum_\lambda \epsilon_\mu(\lambda, \vec{k}) a(\lambda, \vec{k})$ (λ sums over polarizations)

$$[\alpha_\mu(\vec{k}), \alpha_\nu^\dagger(\vec{k}')] = -g_{\mu\nu} \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$$

The polarization vectors are defined as:

$$\epsilon_\mu^L = (1, 0, 0, 1) \quad \epsilon_\mu^{(-)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, i, 0), \quad \epsilon_\mu^{(+)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, -i, 0)$$

And finally you get:

$$A_\mu(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int \frac{d^3k}{\sqrt{2k^0}} \left[\alpha_\mu(\vec{k}) e^{-ikx} + \alpha_\mu^\dagger(\vec{k}) e^{ikx} \right]$$

Wick's theorem for photons gives you:

$$A_\mu^\circ(x) A_\nu^\circ(y) = -g_{\mu\nu} D_F(x-y)$$

Show that:

$$\alpha_{\mu\nu}(k) = -i \int \frac{d^3x}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2k^0}} e^{ikx} \epsilon_\mu(\lambda, \vec{k}) \partial_\nu A^\mu(x)$$

(look in the scalar field case. It is similar)