

Solutions to exercice sheet 3

Fourier transforms

1. Prove that if an associative multiplication $\times$ on $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ satisfies

- $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}), \quad \varphi_0 \times \varphi = \varphi_0$ and $\varphi \times \varphi_1 = \varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi$,
- for any polynomially bounded and μ_L -measurable functions f, g ,

$$\varphi_f \times \varphi_g = \varphi_{fg} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_{f+g} = \varphi_f + \varphi_g,$$

- for any polynomially bounded and μ_L -measurable functions f, g ,

$$f(x) = \int_0^x g(t) \mu_L(dt) \quad \Rightarrow \quad D\varphi_f = \varphi_g,$$

- $\forall \varphi, \eta \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}), \quad D(\varphi \times \eta) = (D\varphi) \times \eta + \varphi \times (D\eta),$

then $\varphi_x \delta_0 = \varphi_0 = \delta_0 \times \varphi_x$ and $\varphi_x \times \text{P.v.}(\frac{1}{x}) = \varphi_1$, where $\delta_0 = D\varphi_\Theta$ and $\text{P.v.}(\frac{1}{x}) = D^2(x(\ln(|x|) - 1))$.

Denote the Heavyside function $1_{\mathbb{R}_+}(x)$ by $\Theta(x)$. One has

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0 &= \varphi_\Theta - \varphi_\Theta = D(\varphi_{0 \vee x}) - \varphi_\Theta = D(\varphi_x \times \varphi_\Theta) - \varphi_\Theta \\ &= D(\varphi_x) \times \varphi_\Theta + \varphi_x \times D(\varphi_\Theta) - \varphi_\Theta \\ &= \varphi_1 \times \varphi_\Theta + \varphi_x \times \delta_0 - \varphi_\Theta = \varphi_x \times \delta_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0 &= \varphi_\Theta - \varphi_\Theta = D(\varphi_{0 \vee x}) - \varphi_\Theta = D(\varphi_\Theta \times \varphi_x) - \varphi_\Theta \\ &= D(\varphi_\Theta) \times \varphi_x + \varphi_\Theta \times D(\varphi_x) - \varphi_\Theta \\ &= \delta_0 \times \varphi_x + \varphi_\Theta \times \varphi_1 - \varphi_\Theta = \delta_0 \times \varphi_x, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_x \times \text{p.v.}(\frac{1}{x}) &= \varphi_x \times D^2(\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) \\ &= D(\varphi_x \times D\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - D(\varphi_x) \times D\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)} \\ &= D^2(\varphi_x \times \varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - D((D\varphi_x) \times \varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - \varphi_1 \times D\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)} \\ &= D^2(\varphi_{x^2(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - D(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - \varphi_1 \times D\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)} \\ &= D(\varphi_{2x(\ln(|x|)-1)+x}) - \varphi_1 \times D(\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) - \varphi_1 \times D\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)} \\ &= D(2\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)} + \varphi_x) - 2D(\varphi_{x(\ln(|x|)-1)}) = D\varphi_x = \varphi_1. \end{aligned}$$

2. Prove the **Leibnitz integral rule**:

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ be open, and let (X, Σ, μ) be a measure space. Suppose $f : U \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ satisfies:

- For each $t \in U$, $f \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mu)$,
- there is a μ -null set $N \in \Sigma$, so that $\partial_t f(t, x)$ exists $\forall t \in U$ and $\forall x \in X \setminus N$,
- $\forall t \in U$, $\exists r > 0$, $\exists g_{t,r} \in \mathcal{L}^1(X, \mu)$, s.t. $|\partial_s f(s, x)| \leq g_{t,r} \quad \forall s \in]t - r, t + r[$ and $\forall x \in X \setminus N$.

Then $\frac{d}{dt} \int_X f(t, x) d\mu = \int_{X \setminus N} \partial_t f(t, x) d\mu$.

Use the Leibnitz integral rule to show, that $\partial^\alpha \widehat{f(x)}(p) = \widehat{(-ix)^\alpha f(x)}(p)$ and that $(ip)^\alpha \widehat{f(x)}(p) = \widehat{\partial^\alpha f(x)}$.

By the first property, $I(t) := \int_X f d\mu$ exists for all $t \in U$.

Let $t \in U$ be fixed and consider $h \in \mathbb{R}$ with $|h| < r$, with r given by the third property. Then by Rolle's theorem and for a μ -null set $N \in \Sigma$ given by the second property, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h} (I(t+h) - I(t)) &= \int_X \frac{1}{h} (f(t+h, x) - f(t, x)) d\mu \\ &= \int_{X \setminus N} \frac{1}{h} (f(t+h, x) - f(t, x)) d\mu = \int_{X \setminus N} (\partial_t f)(\tau, x) d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

for some $|\tau| < h$. By the third criterion, the integrand is bounded by the $\mathcal{L}^1$ -function $g_{r,t}$ on all of $X \setminus N$, so that one may apply dominated convergence to get

$$\frac{d}{dt} I(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{X \setminus N} \frac{1}{h} (f(t+h, x) - f(t, x)) d\mu = \int_{X \setminus N} \partial_t f(t, x) d\mu.$$

If $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and if $\delta \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}^N$, then for $k \cdot \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ and fixed values of $k \cdot (\bar{1} - \delta)$, one has that $\exp(-ik \cdot x) f(x)$ satisfies all the criterions for Leibnitz's integral rule (note that N may be even chosen to be the empty set and r as large as desired). Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^\delta \hat{f}(p) &= \frac{d}{d(\delta \cdot k)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ik \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \partial_k^\delta \exp(-ik \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (-ix)^\delta \exp(-ik \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx). \end{aligned}$$

By iteration on δ , one has the announced result for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$.

Applying integration by parts yields the second equality.

3. Prove that the Fourier transform is a continuous endomorphism on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$. (Hint: use continuity of the maps ∂^α and $(-ix)^\alpha$ previously proven.)

For $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(p)| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\exp(-ip \cdot x) f(x)| \mu_L(dx) \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1 + x \cdot x)^{-N} |(1 + x \cdot x)^N f(x)| \mu_L(dx) \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1 + x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx) \right) \|f\|_N. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|\hat{f}\|_\infty \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \|f\|_N$. By continuity of the maps ∂^α and x^β (see previous exercise sheet), one has for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq n}^N$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(1+p \cdot p)^n \partial^\alpha \hat{f}\|_\infty &= \|(1 - \nabla \cdot \nabla)^n ((-ix)^\alpha f(x))\|_\infty \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \|(1 - \nabla \cdot \nabla)^n ((-ix)^\alpha f(x))\|_N \\
&= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \left\| \left(\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \Delta^k \right) ((-ix)^\alpha f(x)) \right\|_N \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \|\Delta^k ((-ix)^\alpha f(x))\|_N \\
&= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left\| \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq k}^N} \frac{k!}{\beta!} \partial^{2\beta} \right) ((-ix)^\alpha f(x)) \right\|_N \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq n}^N} \binom{n}{|\beta|} \frac{|\beta|!}{\beta!} \|\partial^{2\beta} ((-ix)^\alpha f(x))\|_N \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq n+1}^N} \frac{n!}{\gamma!} \|(-ix)^\alpha f(x)\|_{N+2n} \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) (N+1)^n \binom{N+n}{n} \alpha! \|f(x)\|_{N+2n+|\alpha|}.
\end{aligned}$$

This shows, that for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and a fixed $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$, $(1+p \cdot p)^n \partial^\alpha \hat{f}$ remains bounded in $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, $\hat{f}(p) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

Taking the supremum over all $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$ yields

$$\|\hat{f}\|_n \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1+x \cdot x)^{-N} \mu_L(dx)\right) (N+1)^n \binom{N+n}{n} n! \|f(x)\|_{N+3n},$$

which shows continuity of $\mathcal{F}$ for τ_S .

4. Use a contour integral to prove that

$$\mathcal{F}(\exp(-\frac{x \cdot x}{2}))(p) = \exp(-\frac{p \cdot p}{2}).$$

Consider then for $\epsilon > 0$ the integrals

$$I_\epsilon(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} f(y) \exp(ik \cdot (x - y)) \exp(-\epsilon^2 \frac{k \cdot k}{2}) \mu_L(dk \times dy).$$

Use Fubini and dominated convergence, to prove that

$$\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{F}^* = \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)} = \mathcal{F}^* \circ \mathcal{F}.$$

The function $\exp(-\frac{z^2}{2})$ is certainly analytical over the whole complex plane (hence it is an entire function). Any integration $\oint_\gamma f(z) dz$ over a closed contour $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is

therefore going to be 0. In particular, this is true if $\gamma = \gamma_{h1} \cup \gamma_{v1} \cup \gamma_{h2} \cup \gamma_{v2}$ with $\gamma_{h1} := [-R, R]$, $\gamma_{h2} := ia + [-R, R]$, $\gamma_{v1} := [R, R + ia]$ and $\gamma_{v2} := [-R + ia, -R]$. It is however easy to see, that $\left| \oint_{\gamma_{vj}} \exp(-z^2/2) dz \right| \leq \exp(-R^2/2) |a| \exp(a^2/2)$ for $j = 1, 2$, so that for a fixed value of a $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\gamma_{vj}} \exp(-z^2/2) dz = 0$ for $j = 1, 2$ and consequently,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2}) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-\frac{(x+ia)^2}{2}) dx.$$

Now, consider the one-dimensional Fourier transform

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-ikx) \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2}) \mu_L(dx) &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-ikx) \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2}) dx \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2ikx)) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x+ik)^2 - \frac{k^2}{2}) dx \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \exp(-\frac{k^2}{2}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-R}^R \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2) dx. \end{aligned}$$

To conclude, it remains to show, that $I := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2) \mu_L(dx) = 1$. In order to do this, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2) \mu_L(dx) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}y^2) \mu_L(dy) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)) \mu_L(dx \times dy) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}r^2) r \mu_L(dr \times d\theta) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}r^2) r \mu_L(dr) = -\exp(-r^2/2) \Big|_0^\infty = 1. \end{aligned}$$

From this we derive the multi-dimensional case

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\exp(-\frac{x \cdot x}{2}))(p) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(-\frac{x \cdot x}{2}) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-ip_j x_j) \exp(-\frac{x_j^2}{2}) \mu_L(dx_j) = \exp(-\frac{p \cdot p}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

For $\epsilon > 0$, consider now the auxiliary integrals

$$I_\epsilon(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2N}} f(y) \exp(ik \cdot (x - y)) \exp(-\epsilon^2 \frac{k \cdot k}{2}) \mu_L(dk \times dy).$$

The integrand is certainly in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^{2N}, \mu_L)$ for all $\epsilon > 0$. We may apply Fubini's theorem to chose to integrate over y first and obtain

$$I_\epsilon(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \hat{f}(k) \exp(ik \cdot x) \exp(-\epsilon^2 \frac{k \cdot k}{2}) \mu_L(dk).$$

Since $\hat{f} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, we have that the integrand is in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mu_L)$ for all $\epsilon > 0$ again and is bounded by $|\hat{f}(k)|$. Applying the dominated convergence theorem, one gets

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} I_\epsilon(x) = \mathcal{F}^*(\hat{f})(x) = (\mathcal{F}^* \circ \mathcal{F})(f)(x).$$

If, on the other hand, one first integrates the defining integral of $I_\epsilon(x)$ over k , one gets

$$\begin{aligned} I_\epsilon(x) &:= \frac{1}{(2\pi\epsilon^2)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(y) \exp\left(-\frac{(x-y) \cdot (x-y)}{2\epsilon^2}\right) \mu_L(dy) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x - \epsilon u) \exp\left(-\frac{u \cdot u}{2}\right) \mu_L(du). \end{aligned}$$

These integrands are bounded by $\|f\|_\infty \exp(-|u|^2/2)$ and applying dominated convergence again, one obtains

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} I_\epsilon(x) = f(x) = (\mathcal{F}^* \circ \mathcal{F})(f)(x).$$

The equality $\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{F}^* = \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)}$ is obtained by the same argument after substitution of k by $-k$.

5. For a given $\epsilon > 0$ define the following functions

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^C &:= \frac{-1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)}, \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^F &:= \frac{-1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \pm i\epsilon - E_p)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $E_p = \sqrt{m^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2}$. Show that $\hat{\Delta}_\pm^C := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^C}$ and $\hat{\Delta}_\pm^F := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^F}$ exist in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^4)$.

Show then that $(\square + m^2)\Delta_\pm^C = -\delta_0^{(4)} = (\square - m^2)\Delta_\pm^F$.

By definition, for a given $\epsilon > 0$, one has for $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^C}(\check{f}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon,\pm}^C(p) \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left(\frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \check{f}(p) \frac{\mu_L(dp)}{2E_p} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} (\log(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p) - \log(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)) \frac{\partial \check{f}(p)}{\partial p_0} dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} (p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p) (\log(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p) - 1) \frac{\partial^2 \check{f}(p)}{(\partial p_0)^2} dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} (p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p) (\log(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p) - 1) \frac{\partial^2 \check{f}(p)}{(\partial p_0)^2} dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\log(z) = \ln(|z|) + \text{p.arg.}(z)$. In this form, the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ may be taken and

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C(\check{f}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} g_{\pm}^C(p) \frac{\partial^2 \check{f}(p)}{(\partial p_0)^2} dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p}$$

with $g_{\pm}^C(p) = (p_0 + E_p) \left(\ln(|p_0 + E_p|) - 1 \pm i \frac{\pi}{2} (\text{sgn}(p_0 + E_p) - 1) \right)$
 $-(p_0 - E_p) \left(\ln(|p_0 - E_p|) - 1 \pm i \frac{\pi}{2} (\text{sgn}(p_0 - E_p) - 1) \right).$

This function is piece-wise continuous, polynomially bounded and with jumps on the hyperbolic naps $p_0 = \pm E_p$. $\hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C$ are therefore tempered distributions, which by construction are weak* limits of the tempered distributions $\varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon, \pm}^C}$.

Since multiplication of tempered distributions by continuous and polynomially bounded functions are operations which are also weak*-continuous, one has for any $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (p_0^2 - E_p^2) \hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C(\check{f}) &= \hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C((p_0^2 - E_p^2)\check{f}) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\epsilon, \pm}^C}((p_0^2 - E_p^2)\check{f}) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} (p_0^2 - E_p^2) \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} (\mathbb{1}_{\{p \in \mathbb{R}^4 : p_0^2 - E_p^2 = 0\}} - 1) \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp). \end{aligned}$$

Since the set $\{p \in \mathbb{R}^4 : p_0^2 - E_p^2 = 0\}$ is Lebesgue negligible, one has, after a Fourier transform, that

$$\square \Delta_{\pm}^C = \delta_0^{(4)}.$$

Similarly,

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^F(\check{f}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} g_{\pm}^F(p) \frac{\partial^2 \check{f}(p)}{(\partial p_0)^2} dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p}$$

with $g_{\pm}^F(p) = (p_0 + E_p) \left(\ln(|p_0 + E_p|) - 1 \pm i \frac{\pi}{2} (\text{sgn}(p_0 + E_p) - 1) \right)$
 $-(p_0 - E_p) \left(\ln(|p_0 - E_p|) - 1 \mp i \frac{\pi}{2} (\text{sgn}(p_0 - E_p) - 1) \right).$

6. Consider the Schrödinger equation $i\partial_t \psi(t) = -\frac{1}{2m} \Delta \Psi(t)$ together with an $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$ solution $\Psi(t)$ to it, i.e.:

- $(1 + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) \widehat{\Psi(0)}(p) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$,
- $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \widehat{\Psi(t)}(p) = \exp(-i \frac{t(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2)}{2m}) \widehat{\Psi(0)}(p).$

Suppose $\text{supp}(\Psi(0)) \subset B(0, r)$. What may one conclude on $\text{supp}(\Psi(t))$?

(Hint: use Schwarz's Paley & Wiener theorem).

Since $(1 + p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) \widehat{\Psi(0)}(p) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$, then both $\widehat{\Psi(0)}(p) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$ and $(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2) \widehat{\Psi(0)}(p) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$.

Therefore, $\Psi(0) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, \mu_L)$ by inverse Fourier transform and $\varphi_{\Psi(0)}$ is a tempered distribution whose support lies in $B(0, r)$ if $\text{supp}(\Psi(0)) \subset B(0, r)$.

Schwartz's Paley & Wiener theorem hence applies and $\mathcal{L}(\Psi(0), q)(p)$ is an entire function $F(p + iy)$ for which there is some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $|F(p + iy)| \leq C_{n, \Psi}(1 + |p + iy|)^n e^{r|y|}$. Obviously, $F(p + i0) = \widehat{\Psi(0)}(p)$. Set then $F_t(p + iy) := \exp(\frac{-it}{2m}(p + iy) \cdot (p + iy))F(p + iy)$, which is clearly the only analytical extension of $F_t(p + i0) = \widehat{\Psi(t)}(p)$. Clearly, $F_t(p + iq)$ is entire and $|F_t(p + iq)| \leq C_{n, \Psi}(1 + |p + iy|)^n e^{(r + \frac{t}{m}|p|)|y|}$. Note that the exponential term is not of the type $e^{r'|y|}$: since $\Psi(0)$ is compact, $\widehat{\Psi(t)}(p)$ is entire and does not vanish outside any ball $B(0, r')$ for any $r' > 0$.

7. Consider the relativistic Fourier transform $\hat{f}(p) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \exp(-ip^t \eta x) f(x) \mu_L(dx)$. For a fixed $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$, let $C_f := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \forall x \in \text{supp}(f), y^t \eta x \leq 0\}$. Show that C_f is convex and that on $p + iy \in \mathbb{R} + iC_f$, $\mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)$ is well-defined, holomorphic and obeys the same estimates as in Paley & Wiener's theorem, but for the exponential term.

Let $y, y' \in C_f$. Then, for $t \in [0, 1]$ and $x \in \text{supp}(f)$, $(ty + (1 - t)y')^t \eta x = ty^t \eta x + (1 - t)y'^t \eta x \leq 0$, so that $ty + (1 - t)y' \in C_f$ again. Now by definition, for $p + iy \in \mathbb{R} + iC_f$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f, y)(p) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-i(p + iy) \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \end{aligned}$$

and $y \cdot x$ being negative for all $x \in \text{supp}(f)$, this yields an integrand which is again a Schwartz function. The Leibnitz integral criterion is therefore valid for both variables p and y and C_f being convex, differentiation with respect to y is well-defined. A direct computation gives for some $\delta \in \mathbb{N}_{=1}^N$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_p^\delta \mathcal{L}(f, y)(p) &= \partial_p^\delta \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \partial_p^\delta \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (-i\delta \cdot x) \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= -i \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \partial_y^\delta \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \\ &= -i \partial_y^\delta \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) = -i \partial_y^\delta \mathcal{L}(f, y)(p), \end{aligned}$$

which is just the Cauchy-Riemann equation for $\mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)$ and proves it being holomorphic.

Let z^α be some monomial expression for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$ and $z = p + iy \in \mathbb{R}^N + iC_f$. We

then have by partial integration:

$$\begin{aligned}
|z^\alpha \mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)| &= \left| \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} z^\alpha \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} ((i)^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x)) f(x) \mu_L(dx) \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \exp(-ip \cdot x) \exp(y \cdot x) (-i)^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha f(x) \mu_L(dx) \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{(1 + x \cdot x)^{N+|\alpha|}} \mu_L(dx) \|f\|_{N+|\alpha|}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us abbreviate this last number by $C_{f,|\alpha|}$ and observe, that for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 + |z|)^n &\leq (1 + \sum_{k=1}^N |z_k|)^n = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq n}^N} \frac{n!}{(n - |\alpha|)! \alpha!} |z^\alpha|, \\
\text{and} \quad \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{\leq n}^N} \frac{n!}{(n - |\alpha|)! \alpha!} &= (1 + N)^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$|\mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)| \leq C_{f,n} (1 + N)^n \frac{1}{(1 + |p + iy|)^n}.$$

8. Use the previous exercise to show, that for $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ with $\text{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}_\pm \times \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)$ is holomorphic in $p_0 + iy$ if $y \in \mathbb{R}_\mp^* \times \{(0, 0, 0)\}$.
 Show that if $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ with $\text{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}_\mp \times \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathcal{L}^*(f, y)(p) := \mathcal{L}(f, -y)(-p)$ is holomorphic in $p_0 + iy$ if $y \in \mathbb{R}_\mp^* \times \{(0, 0, 0)\}$.
 Use this to show, that $\Delta_\pm^C$ have causal supports.

Part I:

If $\text{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}_\pm \times \mathbb{R}^3$ and if $y \in \mathbb{R}_\mp \times \{(0, 0, 0)\}$, then $x \cdot y \leq 0$ for all $x \in \text{supp}(f)$ and $f(x) \exp(-i(p + iy) \cdot x)$ is a Schwartz function. By the previous exercise, $\mathcal{L}(f, y)(p)$ is well-defined and holomorphic for $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}_\mp^*$.

If $\text{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}_\mp \times \mathbb{R}^3$ and if $y \in \mathbb{R}_\mp \times \{(0, 0, 0)\}$, then $x \cdot y \geq 0$ for all $x \in \text{supp}(f)$ and $f(x) \exp(i(p + iy) \cdot x)$ is a Schwartz function. By the previous exercise, $\mathcal{L}^*(f, y)(p)$ is well-defined and holomorphic for $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}_\mp^*$.

The same holds for the relativistic Fourier transform once one replaces $x \cdot (p + iy)$ by $x^t \eta(p + iy)$. Applying $\Delta_\pm^C$ to such a function yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_\pm^C(f) &= \varphi_{\Delta_\pm^C}(\check{f}(p)) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left(\frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \check{f}(p) \frac{\mu_L(dp)}{2E_p}.
\end{aligned}$$

It has already been proven that this limit exists and defines a tempered distribution. For a given $\epsilon > 0$ this integral certainly is well-defined by the fast decrease of $\check{f}$.

Therefore,

$$\Delta_{\pm}^C(f) = \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C}(\check{f}(p)) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \check{f}(p) dp_0 \frac{d^3 p}{2E_p}.$$

Note that $\check{f}(p) = \mathcal{L}^*(f, 0)(p)$. The integral in p_0 can now be computed by a contour integral with $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{\mp}$: we chose a path $\gamma_r = [-r, r] \cup \gamma_{C_r}$, where γ_{C_r} is the anti-trigonometric oriented path along the lower semi-circle centered in 0 of radius r in the case of $x_0 < 0$ (in the case $x_0 > 0$, take for γ_{C_r} the trigonometric oriented path along the upper semi-circle centered in 0 of radius r). Along this path we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \oint_{\gamma_r} \left(\frac{1}{(z \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(z \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \mathcal{L}(f, -y)(-p) dz \\ &= \int_{-r}^r \left(\frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \check{f}(p) dp_0 \\ & - \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{1}{(re^{-i\theta} \mp i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{1}{(re^{-i\theta} \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \mathcal{L}^*(f, -r \sin(\theta))(r \cos(\theta)) i r e^{-i\theta} d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|\mathcal{L}^*(f, -r \sin(\theta))(r \cos(\theta))| \leq C_{2,f}(1+r)^{-2}$, the second integral goes to 0 if r tends to infinity. But note, that the contour integral is 0 since all the poles lie outside the path γ_r . Hence, $\Delta_{\pm}^C(f) = 0$ if $\text{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}_{\mp} \times \mathbb{R}^3$.

Part II:

Suppose now that the support of f is such that $x \in \text{supp}(f) \iff n^t \eta x < 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{R}^4$ with $n^t \eta n = 1$, $n_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{\pm}$. There is then a Lorentz transformation $\Lambda \in O(1, 3)$ so that $n' := \Lambda n = (\pm 1, 0, 0, 0)$ and the function $g(x') := f(\Lambda^{-1}x')$ is such that $\text{supp}(g) \subset \mathbb{R}_{\mp}^* \times \mathbb{R}^3$. Note also, that

$$\begin{aligned} \check{g}(p') &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \exp(ix'^t \eta p') g(x') \mu_L(dx') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \exp(ix'^t \eta p') f(\Lambda^{-1}x') \mu_L(dx') \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \exp(ix^t \eta p) f(x) \mu_L(dx) = \check{f}(p) = \check{f}(\Lambda^{-1}p'). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\pm}^C(f) &= \varphi_{\hat{\Delta}_{\pm}^C}(\check{f}(p)) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{(p_0 \mp i\epsilon + E_p)(p_0 \mp i\epsilon - E_p)} \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{p^t \eta p \mp 2i\epsilon p_0 - \epsilon^2 - m^2} \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{p^t \eta p - 2i\epsilon(\Lambda n)^t \eta p - \epsilon^2 - m^2} \check{f}(p) \mu_L(dp) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{(\Lambda^{-1}p')^t \eta (\Lambda^{-1}p') - 2i\epsilon(\Lambda n)^t \eta (\Lambda^{-1}p') - \epsilon^2 - m^2} \check{f}(\Lambda^{-1}p') |\Lambda^{-1}| \mu_L(dp') \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{p'^t \eta p' - 2i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p' - \epsilon^2 - m^2} \check{g}(p') \mu_L(dp'). \end{aligned}$$

The poles of this integrand for the variable p'_0 lie at

$$i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0 \pm \sqrt{-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2 + 2i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s},$$

where $e_0 := (1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $p'_s := p' - p'_0 e_0$. The imaginary part of these new poles are

$$\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0 \pm \sqrt{\frac{\left(-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2\right)^2 + (2i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2 + \epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 - \epsilon^2 - E_{p'}^2}{2}}.$$

For these numbers we have the estimations

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0| &> \sqrt{\frac{\left(-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2\right)^2 + (2\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2 + \epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 - \epsilon^2 - E_{p'}^2}{2}} \\ \iff (\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 &> \frac{\left(-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2\right)^2 + (2\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2 + \epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 - \epsilon^2 - E_{p'}^2}{2} \\ \iff (\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2 &> \sqrt{\left(-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2\right)^2 + (2\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2} \\ \iff (\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2)^2 &> \left(-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2\right)^2 + (2\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2 \\ \iff \epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 (\epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2) &> (\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2. \end{aligned}$$

This last inequality certainly holds: indeed, since $n^t \eta n = 1$ and since Λ^2 is again a Lorentz transformation, one has that $(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta (\Lambda^2 n) = 1$. Therefore, if we denote $\Lambda^2 n - (\Lambda^2 n)_0 e_0$ by $(\Lambda^2 n)_s$, $((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 = 1 + |(\Lambda^2 n)_s|^2$ and we get

$$((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 (\epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2) > ((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0)^2 E_{p'}^2 \geq |(\Lambda^2 n)_s|^2 |p'_s|^2 \geq ((\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s)^2.$$

Hence the imaginary parts of the poles

$$i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0 \pm \sqrt{-\epsilon^2((\Lambda^2 n) \eta e_0)^2 + \epsilon^2 + E_{p'}^2 + 2i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p'_s}$$

have the same sign as $\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta e_0$. This sign is the same as $\text{sgn}((\Lambda^2 n)_0) = \text{sgn}(n_0)$. In conclusion, the poles of

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{-1}{p'^t \eta p' - 2i\epsilon(\Lambda^2 n)^t \eta p' - \epsilon^2 - m^2} \check{g}(p') \mu_L(dp')$$

lie in the upper (lower) complex plane and we are in the same situation as in part I: after performing a contour integral in the lower (upper) complex plane in order to compute the integral over p_0 , we get $\Delta_{\pm}^C(f) = 0$.

Part III:

Having established that $\Delta_{\pm}^C(f) = 0$ for any test function f so that $x \in \text{supp}(f) \iff n^t \eta x < 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{R}^4$ with $n^t \eta n = 1$, $n_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{\pm}$, we can conclude that by definition of the support for distributions, $\text{supp}(\Delta_{\pm}^C) \subset LC_{\pm}$, where $LC_{\pm}$ are the future (past) light cones.

9. A solution to the Cauchy problem

$$(\square + m^2)\varphi = 0, \quad \varphi(0) = f \text{ and } (\partial_t \varphi)(0) = f_t, \quad f, f_t \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

is a function $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$, so that $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(t+\tau) - \varphi(t)}{\tau} = \varphi_t(t)$ and $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi_t(t+\tau) - \varphi_t(t)}{\tau} = \varphi_{tt}(t)$ exist in the weak*-topology and so that $\varphi_{tt}(t) - \Delta \varphi(t) + m^2 \varphi(t) = 0$.

Use Schwartz's Paley & Wiener theorem to show, that if both f and f_t have compact support, then $\varphi(t)$ has causal support.

What happens if one considers positive and negative energy frequencies separately?

(Hint: $\sqrt{a + ib} = \pm \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + a}{2}} + i \frac{b}{|b|} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - a}{2}} \right)$)

Let us find a function $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \varphi(t) \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$ which is a solution to $(\square + m^2)\varphi = 0$ and satisfies the initial conditions $\varphi(0) = f$ and $\varphi_t(0) = f_t$, where both $f(x)$ and $f_t(x)$ are compactly supported tempered distributions.

We know then by Schwartz's Paley & Wiener theorem, that $\hat{f}$ and $\hat{f}_t$ are (integration against) entire functions satisfying

$$|\hat{f}(p+iq)|, |\hat{f}_t(p+iq)| \leq C_N(1+|p+iq|)^N \exp(r|q|),$$

where $C_N > 0$ is some constant and $r > 0$ is the radius of some open ball $B(0, r)$ containing the supports of both f and f_t .

For each fixed t , the Fourier transform $\hat{\varphi}(t)$ satisfies the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + p \cdot p + m^2\right)\hat{\varphi}(t) &= 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\hat{\varphi}(t) = -(p \cdot p + m^2)\hat{\varphi}(t), \\ \hat{\varphi}(0) &= \varphi_{\hat{f}(p)}, \quad \partial_t \hat{\varphi}(0) = \varphi_{\hat{f}_t(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

For a fixed value for p , the general solution to this second order linear differential equation becomes

$$\hat{\varphi}(t) = \varphi_{\cos(E_p t)\hat{f}(p) + \frac{1}{E_p} \sin(E_p t)\hat{f}_t(p)},$$

where $E_p = \sqrt{p \cdot p + m^2}$. This last function is not entire in p because the square root is not holomorphic in $z = 0$. But, once the trigonometric functions are expanded in their series, it yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos(E_p t)\hat{f}(p) + \frac{1}{E_p} \sin(E_p t)\hat{f}_t(p) \\ &= \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{(E_p t)^{2n}}{(2n)!}\right) \hat{f}(p) + \frac{1}{E_p} \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{(E_p t)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}\right) \hat{f}_t(p) \\ &= \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{(m^2 + p \cdot p)^n t^{2n}}{(2n)!}\right) \hat{f}(p) + \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{(p \cdot p + m^2)^n t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}\right) \hat{f}_t(p), \end{aligned}$$

displaying explicitly the entirety of the solution in the variable p .

It remains to be shown that the module of this solution is exponentially bounded. In order to do so, we write $\hat{\varphi}(t) = \varphi_F$ with

$$\begin{aligned} F(p+iq) &= \frac{e^{iE_{p+iq}t}}{2E_{p+iq}} \left(E_{p+iq}\hat{f}(p+iq) - i\hat{f}_t(p+iq)\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{e^{-iE_{p+iq}t}}{2E_{p+iq}} \left(E_{p+iq}\hat{f}(p+iq) + i\hat{f}_t(p+iq)\right) \end{aligned}$$

where $E_{p+iq} = \sqrt{m^2 + p \cdot p - q \cdot q + 2ip \cdot q}$. Observe now, that $|e^{iE_{p+iq}t}| \leq e^{t|\text{Im}(E_{p+iq})|}$

and that

$$\begin{aligned}
|\operatorname{Im}(E_{p+iq})| &\leq |q| \iff |\operatorname{Im}(\sqrt{m^2 + p \cdot p - q \cdot q + 2ip \cdot q})| \leq |q| \\
\iff \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{(m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)^2 + 4(p \cdot q)^2} - (m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)}{2}} \right| &\leq |q| \\
\iff \frac{\sqrt{(m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)^2 + 4(p \cdot q)^2} - (m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)}{2} &\leq |q|^2 \\
\iff \sqrt{(m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)^2 + 4(p \cdot q)^2} &\leq m^2 + |p|^2 + |q|^2 \\
\iff (m^2 + |p|^2 - |q|^2)^2 + 4(p \cdot q)^2 &\leq (m^2 + |p|^2 + |q|^2)^2 \\
\iff -2(m^2 + |p|^2)|q|^2 + |q|^4 + 4(p \cdot q)^2 &\leq 2(m^2 + |p|^2)|q|^2 + |q|^4 \\
\iff (p \cdot q)^2 &\leq m^2|q|^2 + |q|^2|p|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which is always the case. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
|F(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{2}(|e^{iE_{p+iq}t}| + |e^{-iE_{p+iq}t}|) \left(|\hat{f}(p+iq)| + |E_{p+iq}\hat{f}_t(p+iq)| \right) \\
&\leq e^{|q|t} C_N (1 + |p+iq|)^N (1 + |E_{p+iq}|) e^{r|q|} \\
&\leq e^{|q|t} C_N (1 + |p+iq|)^N (1 + m + |p+iq|) e^{r|q|} \\
&\leq C_N (1 + m) (1 + |p+iq|)^{N+1} e^{|q|(r+t)},
\end{aligned}$$

which shows that at time t , the support of $\varphi(t)$ is a subset of $B(0, r+t)$. The solution is hence causal.

Note that the solution can be split into negative and positive energy parts:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{negative part: } & \frac{e^{iE_{p+iq}t}}{2E_{p+iq}} \left(E_{p+iq}\hat{f}(p+iq) - i\hat{f}_t(p+iq) \right), \\
\text{positive part: } & \frac{e^{-iE_{p+iq}t}}{2E_{p+iq}} \left(E_{p+iq}\hat{f}(p+iq) + i\hat{f}_t(p+iq) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

None of these are holomorphic, even for $t = 0$ (unless $f_t = 0$). Consequently, none of them can have compact support. Even in the case where $f_t = 0$, and f has compact support, the positive part with frequency will have non-compact support at any given time $t > 0$. It is therefore relativistically inconsistent to view $\varphi(t)$ as a wave function. This is one of the reasons one needs to consider them as fields and step away from wave-functions when aspiring to a relativistic theory of quantum physics.

10. Let $f, f_t \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and show, that the solution obtained in this case by the previous exercise reads

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((D_t \Delta_+^C) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_+^C * (d_k(t)f_t)),$$

where $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ is a Dirac sequence.

What happens when one substitutes Δ_+^C by Δ_-^C or $\Delta_\pm^F$?

(Hints: compute the Fourier transform of the convolution of a tempered distribution with a test function. Apply Paley & Wiener's theorem to the Dirac sequence and use a contour integral on p_0 .)

For a tempered distribution $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and test functions $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(\varphi * f)(g) &= (\varphi * f)(\hat{g}) = \varphi(P^t(f) * \hat{g}) = \varphi(\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{F}^*(P^t(f) * \hat{g})) \\ &= (2\pi)^{N/2} \varphi(\mathcal{F}(\hat{f}g)) = (2\pi)^{N/2} \mathcal{F}(\varphi)(\hat{f}g), \\ &\Rightarrow \widehat{\varphi * f} = (2\pi)^{N/2} \hat{f} \hat{\varphi}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}((D_t \Delta_+^C) * (d_k(t)f)) &= (2\pi)^2 \widehat{d_k f}(p_0, p) \mathcal{F}(D_t \Delta_+^C) = (2\pi)^2 \widehat{d_k f}(p_0, p) i p_0 \hat{\Delta}_+^C, \\ \mathcal{F}(\Delta_+^C * (d_k(t)f_t)) &= (2\pi)^2 \widehat{d_k f_t}(p_0, p) \hat{\Delta}_+^C.\end{aligned}$$

Note that the functions $d_k f$ and $d_k f_t$ have separated variables, so that

$$\widehat{d_k f}(p_0, p) = \hat{d}_k(p_0) \hat{f}(p) \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{d_k f_t}(p_0, p) = \hat{d}_k(p_0) \hat{f}_t(p).$$

By Paley & Wiener's theorem, one has for fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$, that $\hat{d}_k$ is an entire function satisfying

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists C_{k,n} \text{ s.t. } |\hat{d}_k(p_0 + i q_0)| \leq C_{k,n} (1 + |p_0 + i q_0|)^{-n} e^{\frac{1}{k} |q_0|},$$

since $\text{supp}(d_k) \subset B(0, \frac{1}{k})$. Using the definition of $\hat{\Delta}_+^C$ one gets for a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}((D_t \Delta_+^C) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_+^C * (d_k(t)f_t)) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_{F_\epsilon(p_0, p)} \quad \text{with} \\ F_\epsilon(p_0, p) &= \left(\frac{\hat{d}_k(p_0)}{(p_0 - \epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{\hat{d}_k(p_0)}{(p_0 - i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \frac{i}{2E_p} (p_0 \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p)).\end{aligned}$$

This is a bona fide Schwartz function if $\epsilon > 0$. Continuity of the Fourier transform for the weak*-topology implies

$$\begin{aligned}(D_t \Delta_+^C) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_+^C * (d_k(t)f_t) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_{\check{F}_\epsilon(t, x)} \quad \text{with} \\ \check{F}_\epsilon(t, x) &= \frac{i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left(\frac{\hat{d}_k(p_0)}{(p_0 - i\epsilon + E_p)} - \frac{\hat{d}_k(p_0)}{(p_0 - i\epsilon - E_p)} \right) \frac{e^{itp_0 - ix \cdot p}}{2E_p} (p_0 \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p)) dp_0 d^3 p.\end{aligned}$$

By Fubini's theorem, one may proceed with the integration over p_0 first. In this variable the integrand is holomorphic and we shall use a contour integral.

For a fixed $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and $t > 0$ chose a $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ large enough so that $\frac{1}{k} < t$. For such a k , $e^{\frac{1}{k} |q_0| - tq_0}$ will decay exponentially fast to 0, if $q_0 > 0$, i.e. if we chose a contour along p_0 and closing it anti-clockwise along the upper semi-circle in the complex plane. This contour integral will hence pick the poles $p_0 + i q_0 = \pm E_p + i\epsilon$.

For a fixed $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and $t < 0$ chose a $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ large enough so that $\frac{1}{k} < -t$. For such a k , $e^{\frac{1}{k} |q_0| - tq_0}$ will decay exponentially fast to 0, if $q_0 < 0$, i.e. if we chose a contour along p_0 and closing it clockwise along the lower semi-circle in the complex plane. This contour integral will hence pick no poles. Consequently,

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \check{F}_\epsilon(t, x) = \Theta(t) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\widehat{d}_k(-E_p) e^{-itE_p} (E_p \hat{f}(p) + i \hat{f}_t(p)) + \widehat{d}_k(E_p) e^{itE_p} (E_p \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p))) \frac{e^{-ix \cdot p} d^3 p}{2E_p}.$$

Taking the limit when k goes to ∞ and using the fact that for a Dirac sequence $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$, $\lim_k \hat{d}_k(p_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_k ((D_t \Delta_+^C) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_+^C * (d_k(t)f_t)) \\ &= \frac{\Theta(t)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(e^{itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) + e^{-itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) + i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) \right) \frac{e^{-ix \cdot p} d^3 p}{2E_p}, \end{aligned}$$

which for $t > 0$ is just the spatial Fourier transform of the solution found in the previous exercise.

If one uses Δ_-^C instead, one gets the poles in the lower complex half-plane, meaning that the contour integrals must be reversed and one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_k ((D_t \Delta_-^C) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_-^C * (d_k(t)f_t)) \\ &= \frac{-\Theta(-t)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(e^{itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) + e^{-itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) + i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) \right) \frac{e^{-ix \cdot p} d^3 p}{2E_p}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using $\Delta_{\pm}^F$, one has to close the contour anti-clockwise in the upper (clockwise in the lower) semi-circle for $t > 0$ and clockwise in the lower (anti-clockwise in the upper) semi-circle for $t < 0$. In doing so, one selects the positive energy part and propagates it in the future, whereas the negative energy part is propagated in the past:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_k ((D_t \Delta_{\pm}^F) * (d_k(t)f) + \Delta_{\pm}^F * (d_k(t)f_t)) \\ &= \frac{\Theta(\pm t)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) + i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) \frac{e^{-ix \cdot p} d^3 p}{2E_p} \\ & \quad - \frac{\Theta(\mp t)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{itE_p} \left(E_p \hat{f}(p) - i \hat{f}_t(p) \right) \frac{e^{-ix \cdot p} d^3 p}{2E_p}. \end{aligned}$$

As already noticed in the previous exercise, separating the positive and negative energy parts results in two non-causal solutions. This is consistent with the non-causal support of $\Delta_{\pm}^F$.

Remark: In physics, the computation in this exercise is usually denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Delta(x-y) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{y_0} f(y) d^3 y \\ &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\Delta(x-y) \partial_{y_0} f(y) - f(y) \partial_{y_0} \Delta(x-y)) d^3 y \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\Delta(x-y) \partial_{y_0} f(y) + f(y) \partial_{x_0} \Delta(x-y)) d^3 y, \end{aligned}$$

where Δ stands for $\Delta_{\pm}^C$ or $\Delta_{\pm}^F$. Setting aside the exact meaning of the variables in $\Delta(x-y)$, there is still the problem of integrating over $\mathbb{R}^3$: this should be an integral over $\mathbb{R}^4$, since Δ is a tempered distribution in $\mathbb{R}^4$. This problem may be dealt with

by inserting a Dirac sequence $(d_k(y_0))_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Delta(x-y) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{y_0} f(y) d^3 y \\
 &= \lim_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d_k(y_0) (\Delta(x-y) \partial_{y_0} f(y) + f(y) \partial_{x_0} \Delta(x-y)) d^4 y \\
 &= \lim_k (\Delta * (d_k \partial_t f + (D_t \Delta) * (d_k f))),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the mathematical rigorous expression.