Introduction to Particle Physics

1. Assuming that ϕ is a solution of Klein-Gordon wave equation $[\partial_0^2 - \nabla^2 + m^2]\phi = 0$, show that the charge

$$Q = i \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \left(\phi^* \partial_0 \phi - \phi \partial_0 \phi^* \right)$$

is conserved. (Hint: assume $\phi(x \to \infty) = 0$)

2. Let us now "2nd quantise" the fields $\phi \to \hat{\phi}, \, \phi^* \to \hat{\phi}^{\dagger}$, where

$$\hat{\phi} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} + \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} e^{ip \cdot x} \right]$$
$$\hat{\phi}^{\dagger} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} e^{ip \cdot x} + \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} \right]$$

where $p = (E_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{p}), E_{\mathbf{p}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}$. Using commutation relations

$$[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger}] = [\hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}, \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger}] = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$$

show that the charge in 1) becomes the operator

$$\hat{Q} = \int d^3 \mathbf{p} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger}) - \frac{1}{2} (\hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}} + \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger}) \right] = \int d^3 \mathbf{p} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}} - \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}} \right].$$

3. An eigenstate of momentum is $|\phi_{\mathbf{p}}\rangle \equiv \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger}|0\rangle$, where $|0\rangle$ is the vacuum state, normalised as $\langle 0|0\rangle = 1$. Show that the momentum states obey

$$\langle \phi_{\mathbf{q}} | \phi_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$$

4. The Hamilton operator for free complex Klein-Gordon field is

$$\hat{H} = \int d^{\mathbf{x}} \left[\partial_0 \hat{\phi} \partial_0 \hat{\phi}^{\dagger} + \nabla \hat{\phi}^{\dagger} \cdot \nabla \hat{\phi} + m^2 \hat{\phi}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi} \right].$$

Show that this can be written as

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3 \mathbf{p} E_{\mathbf{p}} \left[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}} + \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{p}} + \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{0}) \right].$$

5. Show that when the volume V of the system is finite,

$$\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{0}) \to \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3}$$

(Hint: consider definition of δ as an integral over **x**). How would you interpret the last part of \hat{H} in (4)?