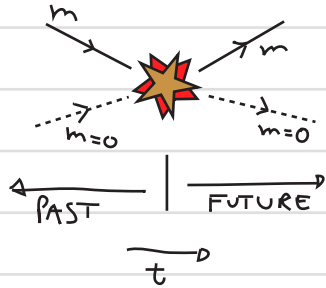


1

Read section 5.1 of M. Schwartz book on QFT (where he also gets expressions for cross-sections and decay widths following a different logic to Peskin's - which we followed)

2

Consider the following $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering:



where a massless particle scatters off a massive one (of mass m). Suppose you know the interaction behind it, and it gives you:

$$i\mathcal{M} = i\lambda \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

calculate the total cross section σ (the answer should be given in terms of λ and E_{cm})

3

The following Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \psi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \phi^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \psi^2 - \nu \phi \psi \psi \quad (M, m, \nu \in \mathbb{R})$$

Describes a system with two real fields, whose excitations are particles with masses m (for field ψ) and M (for ϕ). The model also allows ϕ -particle to decay into two ψ -particles, depending on the relation between M and m . Assuming:

$$|\mathcal{M}(\phi \rightarrow \psi\psi)| = \nu$$

(a) Obtain the lifetime of ϕ

(b) Notice what happens when $M \rightarrow 2m$ ($M > 2m$)