

Series 2

I. Propagators of the free real scalar field

1. Calculate the causal retarded Green's function via residues:

$$D_{ret}(x - y) = \int \frac{d\vec{x}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(\vec{x}-\vec{y})\vec{k}} \times \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i(x^0-y^0)k_0}}{(k_0 - \omega_k + i\epsilon)(k_0 + \omega_k + i\epsilon)}, \quad (1)$$

treating $t > 0$ and $t < 0$ separately. What do we see?

2. Calculate the causal advanced Green's function via residues:

$$D_{adv}(x - y) = \int \frac{d\vec{x}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(\vec{x}-\vec{y})\vec{k}} \times \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i(x^0-y^0)k_0}}{(k_0 - \omega_k - i\epsilon)(k_0 + \omega_k - i\epsilon)}, \quad (2)$$

treating $t > 0$ and $t < 0$ separately. What do we see?