

Quantum Mechanics 3 - Homework 5 Solution

Solution to question 1

Solution to item a

We expand $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$ for a small ϵ parameter.

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \epsilon & 0 & 0 & -\sinh \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sinh \epsilon & 0 & 0 & \cosh \epsilon \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\epsilon & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) = \delta^\mu{}_\nu + \epsilon^\mu{}_\nu + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad (1)$$

where we identified

$$\epsilon^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Now, we compute

$$\epsilon^{\mu\rho} = \epsilon^\mu{}_\nu \eta^{\nu\rho} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & +\epsilon \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

which is clearly an anti-symmetric matrix.

Solution to item b

For rotations around the z -axis by an angle θ , the matrix transformation is

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

Expanding the matrix for a small ϵ parameter yields

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \delta^\mu{}_\nu + \epsilon^\mu{}_\nu + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad (5)$$

where now

$$\epsilon^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

and therefore

$$\epsilon^{\mu\rho} = \epsilon^\mu{}_\nu \eta^{\nu\rho} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & -\epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

and we see that it is also an anti-symmetric matrix.

Solution to item c

We know that 4-vectors undergo Lorentz transformations according to

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \eta^{\nu\rho} x_\rho \equiv \Lambda^{\mu\rho} x_\rho, \quad (8)$$

and thus

$$x^\mu x_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} x'^\mu x'^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu\rho} x_\rho \Lambda^{\nu\sigma} x_\sigma = (\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu\rho} \Lambda^{\nu\sigma}) x_\rho x_\sigma. \quad (9)$$

Since Lorentz transformations preserve the norm of 4-vectors, Eq (9) implies that

$$\eta^{\rho\sigma} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu\rho} \Lambda^{\nu\sigma}. \quad (10)$$

We now consider infinitesimal Lorentz transformations,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{\rho\sigma} &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\mu\rho} \Lambda^{\nu\sigma} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu{}_\alpha \eta^{\alpha\rho} \Lambda^\nu{}_\beta \eta^{\beta\sigma} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\rho} \eta^{\beta\sigma} (\delta^\mu_\alpha + \epsilon^\mu{}_\alpha) (\delta^\nu_\beta + \epsilon^\nu{}_\beta) \\ &= \eta_{\mu\nu} (\eta^{\mu\rho} + \epsilon^\mu{}_\alpha \eta^{\alpha\rho}) (\eta^{\nu\sigma} + \epsilon^\nu{}_\beta \eta^{\beta\sigma}) = \eta_{\mu\nu} (\eta^{\mu\rho} + \epsilon^{\mu\rho}) (\eta^{\nu\sigma} + \epsilon^{\nu\sigma}) \\ &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu\rho} \eta^{\nu\sigma} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\nu\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu\rho} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu\rho} \epsilon^{\nu\sigma} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \\ &= \eta^{\rho\sigma} + \delta^\sigma_\mu \epsilon^{\mu\rho} + \delta^\rho_\nu \epsilon^{\nu\sigma} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) = \eta^{\rho\sigma} + \epsilon^{\sigma\rho} + \epsilon^{\rho\sigma} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

therefore, in order the LHS of Eq. (11) be equal to the RHS, $\epsilon^{\rho\sigma}$ must be an anti-symmetric matrix,

$$\boxed{\epsilon^{\sigma\rho} = -\epsilon^{\rho\sigma}}. \quad (12)$$

Solution to question 2

Solution to item a

First, we write the EM tensor in both covariant and contra-variant forms

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E^x & -E^y & -E^z \\ E^x & 0 & -B^z & B^y \\ E^y & B^z & 0 & -B^x \\ E^z & -B^y & B^x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies F_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\sigma}F^{\rho\sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E^x & E^y & E^z \\ -E^x & 0 & -B^z & B^y \\ -E^y & B^z & 0 & -B^x \\ -E^z & -B^y & B^x & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Thus, the Lagrangian of the free EM theory is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4}\sum_{\mu,\nu=0}^3 F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4}2(\vec{B}^2 - \vec{E}^2) = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2). \quad (14)$$

We now need to evaluate the energy-momentum tensor,

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial^\mu A^\lambda)}\partial_\nu A^\lambda - \eta_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L} = -F_{\mu\lambda}\partial_\nu A^\lambda - \eta_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}. \quad (15)$$

The 00 component is

$$\begin{aligned} T^{00} &= -F^{0\lambda}\partial^0 A_\lambda - \eta^{00}\mathcal{L} = -F^{0i}\partial^0 A_i - \mathcal{L} = E^i\partial^0 A_i + \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} \\ &= -E^i\partial^0 A^i + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{B}^2 - \vec{E}^2) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

and the Hamiltonian is

$$H = \int d^3x T^{00} = -\int d^3x E^i\partial^0 A^i + \frac{1}{2}\int d^3x (\vec{B}^2 - \vec{E}^2). \quad (17)$$

In order to write that Hamiltonian in terms of the \vec{E} and \vec{B} fields, we "complete" the first term to F^{0i} and then perform integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} -\int d^3x E^i\partial^0 A^i &= -\int d^3x E^i(\partial^0 A^i - \partial^i A^0) - \int d^3x E^i\partial^i A^0 = -\int d^3x E^i F^{0i} + \int d^3x A^0\partial^i E^i \\ &= \int d^3x E^i E^i - \int d^3x A^0\partial_i E^i = \int d^3x \vec{E}^2 - \int d^3x \phi(\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{E}) = \int d^3x \vec{E}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where the last equality is due to Maxwell equation in vacuum ($\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{E}=0$). Thus

$$\boxed{H = \frac{1}{2}\int d^3x (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2)}. \quad (19)$$

Solution to item b

The $0i$ component of $T^{\mu\nu}$ is

$$T^{0i} = -F^{0\lambda}\partial^i A_\lambda = -F^{0n}\partial^i A_n = E^n\partial^i A_n = -E^n(\partial^i A^n). \quad (20)$$

Very similarly to the calculations made in Eq. (18), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
-\int d^3x E^n \partial^i A^n &= -\int d^3x E^n (\partial^i A^n - \partial^n A^i) - \int d^3x E^n \partial^n A^i = -\int d^3x E^n F^{in} + \int d^3x A^i \partial^n E^n \\
&= \int d^3x E^n \epsilon^{ink} B^k - \int d^3x A^i \partial_n E^n = \int d^3x (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})^i - \int d^3x A^i (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \\
&= \int d^3x (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})^i,
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

and thus

$$\boxed{\vec{p} = \int d^3x (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}. \tag{22}$$

Solution to item c

The angular momentum tensor of the EM field is given by

$$J_{\mu\alpha\beta} = (T_{\mu\alpha}x_\beta - T_{\mu\beta}x_\alpha) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu A^\nu)} \frac{\partial (\delta^{(0)} A^\nu)}{\partial \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}} = (T_{\mu\alpha}x_\beta - T_{\mu\beta}x_\alpha) - F_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial (\delta^{(0)} A^\nu)}{\partial \epsilon^{\alpha\beta}}. \tag{23}$$

Since for a vector field $\delta^{(0)} A^\nu = \epsilon^{\nu\rho} A_\rho$, and $\epsilon^{\nu\rho}$ is anti-symmetric, we find that

$$J_{\mu\alpha\beta} = (T_{\mu\alpha}x_\beta - T_{\mu\beta}x_\alpha) - (F_{\mu\alpha}A_\beta - F_{\mu\beta}A_\alpha). \tag{24}$$

The Noether charges associated with the above tensor are

$$M^{jk} = \int d^3x [(T^{0j}x^k - T^{0k}x^j) - (F^{0j}A^k - F^{0k}A^j)], \tag{25}$$

and the components of the angular momentum are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
J^i &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} M^{jk} = \int d^3x (\epsilon^{ijk} T^{0j} x^k - \epsilon^{ijk} F^{0j} A^k) = \int d^3x (-\epsilon^{ijk} E^n (\partial^j A^n) x^k - \epsilon^{ijk} F^{0j} A^k) \\
&= \int d^3x [E^n (\epsilon^{ikj} x^k \partial^j) A^n + \epsilon^{ijk} E^j A^k],
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and so we conclude

$$\boxed{\vec{J} = \sum_{n=x,y,z} \int d^3x [E^n (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla}) A^n] + \int d^3x (\vec{E} \times \vec{A})}. \tag{27}$$

The first term in Eq. (27) is \vec{L} while the second one is \vec{S} . None of these terms are gauge invariant as they depend explicitly on \vec{A} .

Solution to item d

We inspect the i 'th component of $\int d^3x [\vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int d^3x [\vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})]^i &= \int d^3x [\vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}))]^i = \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} x^j \epsilon^{klm} E^l \epsilon^{mab} (\partial_a A^b) \\
&= \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{klm} \epsilon^{mab} x^j E^l (\partial_a A^b) = \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} (\delta^{ka} \delta^{lb} - \delta^{kb} \delta^{la}) x^j E^l (\partial_a A^b) \\
&= \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} (x^j E^l (\partial_k A^l) - x^j E^l (\partial_l A^k)) \\
&= \int d^3x E^l (\epsilon^{ijk} x^j \partial_k) A^l + \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} A^k \partial_l (x^j E^l) \\
&= \int d^3x E^l (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla})^i A^l + \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} A^k [(\partial_l x^j) E^l + (\partial_l E^l) x^j] \\
&\stackrel{(*)}{=} \int d^3x E^l (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla})^i A^l + \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} A^k \delta^{lj} E^l \\
&= \int d^3x E^l (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla})^i A^l + \int d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} E^j A^k \\
&= \int d^3x E^l (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla})^i A^l + \int d^3x (\vec{E} \times \vec{A})^i, \tag{28}
\end{aligned}$$

where equality (*) is due to Gauss law ($\partial_l E^l = 0$). Therefore, by combining Eq. (27)-(28) we see that

$$\boxed{\vec{J} = \int d^3x [\vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})]}. \tag{29}$$

This expression is manifestly gauge invariant.

Solution to question 3

The energy-momentum tensor for the scalar field is

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \partial^\nu \phi - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L} = \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}. \tag{30}$$

The $0i$ component is

$$T^{0i} = \partial^0 \phi \partial^i \phi = \pi \partial^i \phi, \tag{31}$$

and therefore the (quantized) momentum of the scalar field is

$$\hat{P}^i = \int d^3x \hat{\pi}(x) \partial^i \hat{\phi}(x) = - \int d^3x \hat{\pi}(x) \partial_i \hat{\phi}(x). \tag{32}$$

For the real scalar field we have

$$\hat{\phi}(x) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_p}} (\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+ip \cdot x}) \tag{33}$$

$$\hat{\pi}(x) = -i \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{E_p}{2}} (\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+ip \cdot x}), \tag{34}$$

and thus

$$\partial_i \hat{\phi}(x) = i \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^i}{\sqrt{2E_p}} \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+ip \cdot x} \right). \quad (35)$$

So we now need to compute

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}^i &= - \int d^3 x \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{E_p}{2}} \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} e^{-ip \cdot x} - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+ip \cdot x} \right) \int \frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p'^i}{\sqrt{2E_{p'}}} \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}'} e^{-ip' \cdot x} - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger e^{+ip' \cdot x} \right) \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^6} \sqrt{\frac{E_p}{E_{p'}}} p'^i \int d^3 x \left(+\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'} e^{-i(p+p') \cdot x} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger e^{+i(p+p') \cdot x} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger e^{-i(p-p') \cdot x} - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'} e^{+i(p-p') \cdot x} \right) \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{d^3 p d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{E_p}{E_{p'}}} p'^i \left[+\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'} e^{-i(E_p+E_{p'})t} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}+\vec{p}') + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger e^{+i(E_p+E_{p'})t} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}+\vec{p}') \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger e^{-i(E_p-E_{p'})t} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}-\vec{p}') - \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'} e^{+i(E_p-E_{p'})t} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}-\vec{p}') \right] \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 p p^i \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{-\vec{p}} e^{-2iE_p t} + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\vec{p}}^\dagger e^{+2iE_p t} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 p p^i \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 p p^i \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \right) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \int d^3 p p^i \hat{a}_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} + \frac{(2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(0)}{2} \int d^3 p p^i. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

The justification for equality (1) is because $p^i \hat{a}_{\vec{p}} \hat{a}_{-\vec{p}}$ is anti-symmetric under parity, while the integration is performed over the entire p -space. Equality (2) is due to $[\hat{a}_{\vec{p}}, \hat{a}_{\vec{p}'}^\dagger] = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}')$. Since $\int d^3 p p^i = 0$ we conclude (by restoring back \hbar and changing the integration variable to k)

$$\hat{P} = \int d^3 k \hbar \vec{k} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k}}. \quad (37)$$

This is the result we should have expected. $\hat{a}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k}}$ is the number density (in k -space) of particles with momentum $\hbar \vec{k}$, and we integrate over all the possible values of \vec{k} .

Solution to question 4

The quantized momentum of the EM field

$$\hat{P} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3 x \left(\hat{E} \times \hat{B} - \hat{B} \times \hat{E} \right). \quad (38)$$

The EM fields, in terms of creation and annihilation operators,

$$\hat{E}(\vec{r}, t) = i \int \frac{d^3 k}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_k}{2}} \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \left[e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k}, \lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda} - e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^* \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \right] \quad (39)$$

$$\hat{B}(\vec{r}, t) = i \int \frac{d^3 k}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_k}{2}} \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \hat{k} \times \left[e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k}, \lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda} - e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^* \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \right]. \quad (40)$$

We shall use index notation to calculate the cross product.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\hat{E} \times \hat{B} \right)^n &= \epsilon^{nml} \hat{E}^m \hat{B}^l = \epsilon^{nml} i^2 \int \int \frac{d^3 k}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \frac{d^3 k'}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_k}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_{k'}}{2}} \epsilon^{lab} \hat{k}'^a \\ &\times \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'=1,2} \left[e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \epsilon_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^m \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda} - e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_k t)} \epsilon_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^{m*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \right] \left[e^{i(\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_{k'} t)} \epsilon_{\vec{k}', \lambda'}^b \hat{a}_{\vec{k}', \lambda'} - e^{-i(\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_{k'} t)} \epsilon_{\vec{k}', \lambda'}^{b*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}', \lambda'}^\dagger \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

The last line can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
& + e^{i[(\vec{k}+\vec{k}')\cdot\vec{r}-(\omega_k+\omega_{k'})t]} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^b \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}',\lambda'} - e^{-i[(\vec{k}-\vec{k}')\cdot\vec{r}-(\omega_k-\omega_{k'})t]} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^b \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k}',\lambda'} \\
& - e^{i[(\vec{k}-\vec{k}')\cdot\vec{r}-(\omega_k-\omega_{k'})t]} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^{b*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^\dagger + e^{-i[(\vec{k}+\vec{k}')\cdot\vec{r}-(\omega_k+\omega_{k'})t]} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^{b*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k}',\lambda'}^\dagger. \quad (42)
\end{aligned}$$

By performing the d^3x integral (Eq. 38), we would get $\int e^{i(\vec{k}\pm\vec{k}')\cdot\vec{r}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}\pm\vec{k}')$, and then, by performing the d^3k' integral (Eq. 41), we have (note that $\omega_{-\vec{k}} = \omega_{\vec{k}} = \omega_k$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int d^3x \left(\hat{\vec{E}} \times \hat{\vec{B}} \right)^n &= \epsilon^{lmn} \epsilon^{lab} \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{2} \hat{k}^a \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'=1,2} \left(e^{-2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^b \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'} + \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^b \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^{b*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger + e^{2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^{b*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger \right). \quad (43)
\end{aligned}$$

We now use $\epsilon^{lmn} \epsilon^{lab} = \delta^{na} \delta^{mb} - \delta^{nb} \delta^{ma}$. Since $\hat{k}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m = \hat{k} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k},\lambda} = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int d^3x \left(\hat{\vec{E}} \times \hat{\vec{B}} \right)^n &= \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{2} \hat{k}^n \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'=1,2} \left(e^{-2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^m \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'} + \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^m \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^{m*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger + e^{2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^{m*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger \right). \quad (44)
\end{aligned}$$

Very similarly, we find,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int d^3x \left(\hat{\vec{B}} \times \hat{\vec{E}} \right)^n &= \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{2} \hat{k}^n \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'=1,2} \left(e^{-2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^l \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^l \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'} - \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{l*} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^l \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^l \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^{l*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger + e^{2i\omega_k t} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{l*} \epsilon_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^{l*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger \right). \quad (45)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, combining Eqs. (38), (44) and (45) results

$$\hat{P}^n = \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{2c} \hat{k}^n \sum_{\lambda,\lambda'=1,2} \left(\epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^{m*} \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^m \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'} + \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^{m*} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^\dagger \right). \quad (46)$$

Since $\epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda}^m \epsilon_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^{m*} = \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_{\vec{k},\lambda'}^* = \delta_{\lambda,\lambda'}$, we have

$$\hat{P}^n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{c} \hat{k}^n \left(\hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} + \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \right). \quad (47)$$

Finally, we use the commutation relation $[\hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}, \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger] = \delta^{(3)}(0)$,

$$\hat{P}^n = \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{c} \hat{k}^n \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} + \frac{1}{2} \delta^{(3)}(0) \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \int d^3k \frac{\hbar\omega_k}{c} \hat{k}^n. \quad (48)$$

I remind you that $\delta^{(3)}(0) = V/(2\pi)^3$, where V is the volume of the space. This is not very important because the second term in Eq. (48) vanishes; the integrand is an antisymmetric function of k^n . Therefore, recalling that $\omega_k/c = k$ and $k\hat{k} = \vec{k}$, we conclude

$$\boxed{\hat{\vec{P}} = \sum_{\lambda=1,2} \int d^3k \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda} \hbar\vec{k}}. \quad (49)$$

This is precisely the result we should have expected. $\hbar\vec{k}$ is the momentum of a single photon with wavenumber \vec{k} , regardless its polarization. $\hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\vec{k},\lambda}$ is the number density operator of photons with wavenumber \vec{k} and polarization λ . We integrate over all wavenumbers, and sum over all polarizations to obtain the total momentum operator.