

Application of the S-matrix formalism to $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and photon propagator

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1 e^+e^- scattering

Expansion of the S-matrix element between the initial state $|i\rangle$ and the final state $|f\rangle$. From the Dyson equation we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f|S|i\rangle &= \langle f|\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S^{(n)}|i\rangle \\ &= \langle f|\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^n}{n!} \int d^4x_1 \dots d^4x_n T\{\mathcal{H}_I(x_1) \dots \mathcal{H}_I(x_n)\}|i\rangle \\ &= \delta_{i,f} + \langle f|S^{(1)}|i\rangle + \langle f|S^{(2)}|i\rangle + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where, \mathcal{H}_I is the QED Hamiltonian density

$$\mathcal{H}_I(x) = -\mathcal{L}_I(x) = -eN\{\bar{\Psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\Psi(x)A_\mu(x)\} \quad (2)$$

where N is the normal ordering of the operators and $A_\mu(x) = (\Phi, \vec{A})$ is the gauge potential.

We define the Coulomb gauge (*transverse gauge*) defined by:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (3)$$

From the Gauss' law we have $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$ and $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi - \frac{\partial\vec{A}}{\partial t}$. Thus, \vec{E} must satisfy Poisson's equation:

$$\nabla^2\Phi = -\rho \quad (4)$$

eq. (4) can be solved using the Green function of ∇^2 , leading to

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) = \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\vec{x}', t)}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \quad (5)$$

In the process that we are considering the charge density generating the potential felt by the electron is:

$$e \bar{\Psi} \gamma^0 \Psi = e \Psi^\dagger \Psi \quad (6)$$

hence, we obtain for $A^0(\vec{x}, t) = \Phi(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{e}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{\bar{\Psi}(\vec{x}', t) \gamma^0 \Psi(\vec{x}', t)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \quad (7)$$

The first contribution to the S matrix expansion are $S^{(1)}$ and $S^{(2)}$

$$S^{(1)} = ie \int d^4x N [\bar{\Psi}(x) \mathcal{A}(x) \Psi(x)] \quad (8)$$

$$S^{(2)} = -\frac{e^2}{2} \int d^4x d^4x' T [\bar{\Psi}(x) \mathcal{A}(x) \Psi(x) \bar{\Psi}(x') \mathcal{A}(x') \Psi(x')] \quad (9)$$

We want to evaluate the matrix element between the initial state $|i\rangle$ and the final state $|f\rangle$, where

$$|i\rangle = c_p^\dagger d_k^\dagger |0\rangle = |e^-(p) e^+(k)\rangle \quad (10)$$

$$|f\rangle = c_{p'}^\dagger d_{k'}^\dagger |0\rangle = |e^-(p') e^+(k')\rangle \quad (11)$$

Consider first the matrix element of $S^{(1)}$. The only non-vanishing contributions come from terms containing: $c_{p'}^\dagger$, c_p or $d_{k'}^\dagger$, d_k .

We are interested in the scattering terms.

The only part of $S^{(1)}$ yielding a non-vanishing contribution to the matrix element is the time component of $A^{\mu 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} ie \int d^4x N \{ \bar{\Psi}(x) \mathcal{A}(x) \Psi(x) \} = \\ ie^2 \int d^4x N \left[\Psi^\dagger(\vec{x}, t) \left(\int d^3x' \frac{\Psi^\dagger(\vec{x}', t) \Psi(\vec{x}, t)}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \right) \Psi(\vec{x}, t) \right] \\ = ie^2 \int d^4x N \left[\bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^0 \left(\int \frac{d^3x'}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \bar{\psi}(x') \gamma^0 \psi(x') \right) \psi(x) \right] \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

Note that this contribution to $S^{(1)}$ is order e^2 .

The field ψ is written as

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{p,r} \frac{1}{N_p} (c_p u_r(p) e^{-ipx} + d_p^\dagger v_r(p) e^{ipx}) \quad (13)$$

¹Note that since A^i is quantized, $\langle 0|A^i|0\rangle = 0$ indeed, A^i can either annihilate or create a photon leading to an initial and final state with a different number of photons.

where the N_p factors denote the normalization of the spinors. $N_p = (2VE_p)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The matrix element $\langle f | S^{(1)} | i \rangle$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | S^{(1)} | i \rangle &= \frac{ie^2}{N_{p_1} N_{p_2} N_{p_3} N_{p_4}} \int d^4x \int \frac{d^3x'}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \\ \langle f | \sum_{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4} & (c_{p_1}^\dagger \bar{u}_{p_1} e^{ip_1x} + d_{p_1} \bar{v}_{p_1} e^{-ip_1x}) \gamma^0 (c_{p_2}^\dagger \bar{u}_{p_2} e^{ip_2x'} + d_{p_2} \bar{v}_{p_2} e^{-ip_2x'}) \gamma^0 \\ & (c_{p_3} u_{p_3} e^{-ip_3x'} + d_{p_3}^\dagger v_{p_3} e^{ip_3x'}) (c_{p_4} u_{p_4} e^{-ip_4x} + d_{p_4}^\dagger v_{p_4} e^{ip_4x}) | i \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

We are considering the scattering channel, which means that there is an electron e^- in position x and a positron e^+ in position x' , hence we have to consider for $\bar{\psi}(x)$ the operator c^\dagger , for $\psi(x)$ the operator c , for $\bar{\psi}(x')$ the operator d and for $\psi(x')$, d^\dagger .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | S^{(1)} | i \rangle &= \\ \frac{ie^2}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} & \int d^4d^3x' \frac{e^{i(p'-p)x} e^{i(k'-k)x'}}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma^0 u_p) (\bar{v}_k \gamma^0 v_{k'}) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The time integration in eq. (15) can be carried out right away, since

$$\int dx^0 e^{i(E_{p'} - E_p + E_{k'} - E_k)x^0} = 2\pi \delta(E_{p'} - E_p + E_{k'} - E_k) \quad (16)$$

The integration over d^3x , d^3x' can be carried out using the new variables ξ, λ

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\xi} = \frac{\vec{x} + \vec{x}'}{2} \\ \vec{\lambda} = \vec{x} - \vec{x}' \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{x} = \vec{\xi} + \frac{\vec{\lambda}}{2} \\ \vec{x}' = \vec{\xi} - \frac{\vec{\lambda}}{2} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

the Jacobian of the transformation in eq. (17) is equal to 1 thus, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x d^3x' \frac{e^{-i(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) \cdot \vec{x}} e^{-i(\vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}'}}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} &= \int d^3\xi e^{-i(\vec{p}' - \vec{p} + \vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{\xi}} \int d^3\lambda \frac{e^{-i(\vec{p}' - \vec{p} + \vec{k}' - \vec{k}) \cdot \frac{\vec{\lambda}}{2}}}{4\pi|\vec{\lambda}|} \\ &= (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}' + \vec{k}' - \vec{p} - \vec{k}) \int d^3\lambda \frac{e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\lambda}}}{4\pi|\vec{\lambda}|} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where, $\vec{q} = \vec{p}' - \vec{p} = \vec{k}' - \vec{k}$.

Using, (the proof of eq. (19) is given in the appendix C)

$$\int \frac{d^3\lambda}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\lambda}}}{|\vec{\lambda}|} = \frac{1}{q^2} \quad (19)$$

we can write,

$$\langle f | S^{(1)} | i \rangle = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p' - p + k' - k) \frac{1}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} M_{if}^{(1)} \quad (20)$$

where we have defined the element $M_{if}^{(1)}$,

$$M_{if}^{(1)} = ie^2 \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma^0 u_p) (\bar{v}_{k'} \gamma^0 v_k) \quad (21)$$

Now consider the second term $S^{(2)}$. There are two different contributions to the matrix element between the states $|i\rangle$ and $|f\rangle$. We call these two contributions $S_A^{(2)}$, $S_B^{(2)}$ (in appendix B we write more explicitly how to write $S_A^{(2)}$, $S_B^{(2)}$).

$$\langle f | S^{(2)} | i \rangle = \langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle + \langle f | S_B^{(2)} | i \rangle \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle = & -\frac{e^2}{2} \int d^4x d^4x' T [A^\mu(x) A^\nu(x')] \frac{1}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} \\ & \{ -e^{i(p'-p)x} e^{i(k'-k)x'} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma_\mu u_p) (\bar{v}_{k'} \gamma_\nu v_{k'}) \\ & - e^{i(p'-p)x'} e^{i(k'-k)x} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma_\nu u_p) (\bar{v}_{k'} \gamma_\mu v_{k'}) \} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | S_B^{(2)} | i \rangle = & \frac{e^2}{2} \int d^4x d^4x' T [A^\mu(x) A^\nu(x')] \frac{1}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} \\ & \{ e^{i(p'+k')x} e^{-i(p+k)x'} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma_\mu v_{k'}) (\bar{v}_k \gamma_\nu u_p) + \\ & e^{i(p'+k')x'} e^{-i(p+k)x} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma_\nu v_{k'}) (\bar{v}_k \gamma_\mu u_p) \} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

The matrix element $\langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle$ describes electron-positron scattering, while $\langle f | S_B^{(2)} | i \rangle$ is associated with the process in which the initial state e^+e^- annihilates at x' and the final state e^+e^- pair is created in x .

We will discuss e^+e^- scattering only.

Using,

$$T[A(x)B(x')] = N[A(x)B(x')] + \langle 0 | T[A(x)B(x')] | 0 \rangle \quad (25)$$

and defining,

$$iD_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x') = \langle 0 | T[A(x)B(x')] | 0 \rangle \quad (26)$$

we can rewrite $\langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle$ as,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle = & e^2 \int d^4x d^4x' \frac{1}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} iD_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x') \\ & e^{i(p'-p)x} e^{i(k'-k)x'} (\bar{u}_{p'} \gamma_\mu u_p) (\bar{v}_{k'} \gamma_\nu v_{k'}) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

integration over $\xi = (x+x')/2$ leads to

$$\langle f | S_A^{(2)} | i \rangle = (2\pi)^4 \delta(p'-p+k'-k) \frac{1}{N_p N_{p'} N_k N_{k'}} M_{if}^{2A} \quad (28)$$

with $q = p - p' = k' - k$ and M_{if}^{2A} ,

$$M_{ij}^{2A} = ie^2 \int d^4\lambda D_F^{\mu\nu}(\lambda) e^{iq\lambda} (\bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_\mu u_p) (\bar{v}_k\gamma_\nu v_{k'}) \quad (29)$$

The photon propagator $D_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x')$ can be obtained using the field expansion for $A^\mu(x)$.

$$A^\mu(x) = \sum_{\vec{k}, r=1}^2 \frac{1}{(2V\omega_k)^{1/2}} \epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) \left(a_r(\vec{k}) e^{-ikx} + a_r^\dagger(\vec{k}) e^{ikx} \right) \quad (30)$$

leading to

$$\begin{aligned} iD_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x') &= \langle 0| A^\mu(x) A^\nu(x') |0\rangle \theta(t-t') \\ &+ \langle 0| A^\nu(x') A^\mu(x) |0\rangle \theta(t'-t) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \theta(t-t') \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{2V\omega_k} e^{-ik(x-x')} \sum_{r=1}^2 \epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) \epsilon_r^\nu(\vec{k}) \\ &+ \theta(t'-t) \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{2V\omega_k} e^{-ik(x'-x)} \sum_{r=1}^2 \epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) \epsilon_r^\nu(\vec{k}) \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

The polarization vectors in the transverse gauge have no time component. They can be written as

$$\epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) = (0, \hat{\epsilon}_r(\vec{k})), \quad r = 1, 2 \quad (33)$$

with the unit vector $\hat{\epsilon}_r(\vec{k})$ satisfying,

$$\hat{\epsilon}_r(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{r'}(\vec{k}) = \delta_{r,r'} \quad (34)$$

$$\hat{\epsilon}_r(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^2 \epsilon_r^i(\vec{k}) \epsilon_r^j(\vec{k}) = \delta^{ij} - \hat{k}^i \hat{k}^j \quad (36)$$

Introducing time-like unit vector $\eta^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ (in the frame in which the electromagnetic field has been quantized) we can construct a set of four independent orthogonal vectors, $\epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k})$, $\epsilon_3^\mu(\vec{k})$, η^μ where,

$$\epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) = (0, \hat{\epsilon}_r(\vec{k})), \quad r = 1, 2 \quad (37)$$

$$\epsilon_3^\mu(\vec{k}) = \frac{k^\mu - (k\eta)\eta^\mu}{[(k\eta)^2 - k^2]^{1/2}} \quad (38)$$

$$\eta^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0) \quad (39)$$

This set of vectors satisfy,

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} - \sum_{r=1}^2 \epsilon_r^\mu(\vec{k}) \epsilon_r^\nu(\vec{k}) - \epsilon_3^\mu(\vec{k}) \epsilon_3^\nu(\vec{k}) = g^{\mu\nu} \quad (40)$$

To write the photon propagator in a more compact function we use

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(t-t') \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{e^{-ik(x-x')}}{2V\omega_k} &= \theta(t-t') \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{-ik(x-x')}}{2\omega_k} \\ &= \theta(t-t') \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{-i\omega_k(t-t')}}{2\omega_k} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

when $t > t'$ we have

$$\frac{e^{-i\omega_k(t-t')}}{2\omega_k} = i \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ik_0(t-t')}}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \quad (42)$$

with $\epsilon = 0^+$, while at $t' > t$,

$$\frac{e^{-i\omega_k(t'-t)}}{2\omega_k} = i \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-ik_0(t'-t)}}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \quad (43)$$

Collecting all things together we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}iD_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x') &= i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-ik(x-x')}}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g^{\mu\nu} - \epsilon_3^\mu(\vec{k})\epsilon_3^\nu(\vec{k}) + \eta^\mu\eta^\nu \right] \\ &= i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-ik(x-x')}}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{\vec{k}^2} + (k^\mu\eta^\nu + k^\nu\eta^\mu) \frac{k_0}{\vec{k}^2} - \eta^\mu\eta^\nu \left(\frac{k_0^2}{\vec{k}^2} - 1 \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Substituting the expression of $iD_F^{\mu\nu}(x-x')$ into eq. (29) we find (an integration over λ gives a $\delta^4(k-q)$) and $\frac{k_0^2}{\vec{k}^2} - 1 = \frac{q^2}{\vec{q}^2}$,

$$M_{if}^{2A} = \frac{ie^2}{q^2 + i\epsilon} \left(-g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{\vec{q}^2} + (q^\mu\eta^\nu + q^\nu\eta^\mu) \frac{q^0}{\vec{q}^2} - \eta^\mu\eta^\nu \frac{q^2}{\vec{q}^2} \right) (\bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_\mu u_p) (\bar{v}_k\gamma_\nu v_k) \quad (45)$$

Note first that the last contribution in the $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit is

$$-ie^2 \frac{1}{\vec{q}^2} (\bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_0 u_p) (\bar{v}_k\gamma_0 v_k) \quad (46)$$

and cancels exactly $M_{if}^{(1)}$ defined in eq. (21). Moreover, the contributions containing q^μ vanish since,

$$q^\mu \bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_\mu u_p = (p' - p)^\mu \bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_\mu u_p = \bar{u}_{p'}(\not{p} - \not{p}')u_p = (m - m)\bar{u}_{p'}u(p) = 0 \quad (47)$$

In conclusion we can write,

$$M_{if}^{2A} = ie^2 D_F^{\mu\nu}(p-p') (\bar{u}_{p'}\gamma_\mu u_p) (\bar{v}_k\gamma_\nu v_k) \quad (48)$$

where the photon propagator $iD_F^{\mu\nu}(q)$ in the momentum space is,

$$iD_F^{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i\epsilon} \quad (49)$$

A Time-orderd product

Show that

$$T[A(x)B(x')] = N[A(x)B(x')] + \langle 0|T[A(x)B(x')]|0\rangle \quad (50)$$

Using the definition of normal product and time order product we obtain

$$T[A(x)B(x')] = \theta(t)A(x)B(x') \pm \theta(-t)B(x')A(x) \quad (51)$$

where the $+/-$ sign corresponds to boson/fermions and using

$$N(AB) = AB - \langle 0|AB|0\rangle \quad (52)$$

and $N(AB) = \pm N(BA)$ we find,

$$T[AB] = \theta(t)[N(AB) + \langle 0|AB|0\rangle] \pm \theta(-t)[N(BA) + \langle 0|BA|0\rangle] \quad (53)$$

$$= [\theta(t) + \theta(-t)]N(AB) + \langle 0|\theta(t)AB + \theta(-t)BA|0\rangle \quad (54)$$

$$= N(AB) + \langle 0|T(AB)|0\rangle \quad (55)$$

B Contribution to scattering and annihilation channel

We show which contributions correspond to e^+e^- scattering and e^+e^- annihilation.

$$S^{(2)} = -\frac{e^2}{2} \int d^4x d^4x' N[\bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu A_\mu(x)\psi(x)\bar{\psi}(x')\gamma^\mu A_\mu(x')\psi(x')] \quad (56)$$

Taking,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &\sim \sum_p (c_p u e^{-ipx} + d_p^\dagger v e^{ipx}) \\ \bar{\psi} &\sim \sum_{p'} (c_{p'}^\dagger \bar{u} e^{ip'x} + d_{p'} \bar{v} e^{-ip'x}) \end{aligned}$$

The terms contributing to e^+e^- channel are

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p,p',k,k'} &\left[c_{p'}^\dagger c_p \bar{u}_{p'} \gamma^\mu u_p e^{i(p'-p)x} - d_p^\dagger d_{p'} \bar{v}_{p'} \gamma^\mu v_p e^{-i(p'-p)x} \right] \\ &\left[c_{k'}^\dagger c_k \bar{u}_{k'} \gamma^\nu u_k e^{i(k'-k)x'} - d_k^\dagger d_{k'} \bar{v}_{k'} \gamma^\nu v_k e^{-i(k'-k)x'} \right] \quad (57) \end{aligned}$$

In eq. (57) we can either take the combination $c_{p'}^\dagger c_p d_{k'}^\dagger d_k$ or $d_p^\dagger d_{p'} c_k^\dagger c_{k'}$. The terms contributing to e^+e^- annihilation are

$$\sum_{p,p',k,k'} \left[c_p^\dagger d_p^\dagger \bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu v_p e^{i(p'+p)x} + d_{p'} d_p \bar{v}_{p'} \gamma^\mu u_p e^{-i(p+p')x} \right] \cdot \left[c_k^\dagger d_k^\dagger \bar{u}_k \gamma^\mu v_k e^{i(k'+k)x} + d_{k'} d_k \bar{v}_{k'} \gamma^\mu u_k e^{-i(k+k')x} \right] \quad (58)$$

In eq. (58) we can take either $c_p^\dagger d_p^\dagger c_k^\dagger d_k^\dagger$ or $d_{p'} d_p c_{k'}^\dagger d_k^\dagger$.

Note that scattering channel and annihilation channel have different sign, since the scattering channel has an overall minus sign.

C Yukawa integral and Green function of ∇^2

Let us consider this *Yukawa* integral and Green function of ∇^2

$$\int d^3x \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{x} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \quad (59)$$

Let $q = |\vec{q}|$, $x = |\vec{x}|$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{x} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin(\theta) \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{x} e^{iqx \cos(\theta)} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{q} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{x} \sin(qx) = \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dy e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \sin(y) = \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dy I(\tilde{\mu}) \end{aligned}$$

where, $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{\mu}{q}$ and $y = qx$.

$$\begin{aligned} I(\tilde{\mu}) &= \int_0^\infty dy e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \sin(y) = -\frac{1}{\tilde{\mu}} \left(e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \sin(y) \Big|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty dy e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \cos(y) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\tilde{\mu}} \left(e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \cos(y) + \int_0^\infty dy e^{-\tilde{\mu}y} \sin(y) \right) = -\frac{1}{\tilde{\mu}} [-1 + I(\tilde{\mu})] \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that,

$$I(\tilde{\mu}) = \frac{1}{1 + \tilde{\mu}^2} \quad (60)$$

and finally,

$$\int d^3x \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{x} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} = \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \mu^2} \quad (61)$$

taking the limit $\mu \rightarrow 0$, we find

$$\int d^3x \frac{e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}}{x} = \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \quad (62)$$

The latter integral can be also evaluated by the Green function of the Laplacian operator.

$$\nabla_x^2 \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = -\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \quad (63)$$

Let $G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$ be the Green function of ∇^2 .

$$G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \hat{G}(q) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \quad (64)$$

acting with ∇_x^2 on $G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$,

$$\nabla_x^2 G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \hat{G}(q) (-|\vec{q}|^2) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \quad (65)$$

Taking eq. (63) and eq.(65) together, we find

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}}{|\vec{q}|^2} \quad (66)$$

which leads to,

$$\int d^3x \frac{e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}}}{4\pi|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} = \int d^3x \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i(\vec{p}+\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}}}{|\vec{p}|^2} = \frac{1}{|\vec{q}|^2} \quad (67)$$