

Consider for some field $A(x)$

$$\langle 0 | T \{ A(x_1) A(x_2) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \theta(x_1^0 - x_2^0) \langle 0 | A(x_1) A(x_2) | 0 \rangle + \theta(x_2^0 - x_1^0) \langle 0 | A(x_2) A(x_1) | 0 \rangle$$

Focus on one of these terms and insert a complete set of states

$$\langle 0 | A(x_1) \sum |m\rangle \langle n| A(x_2) | 0 \rangle.$$

Pick one state $|p\rangle$ and zoom in on it

$$\int \langle 0 | A(x_1) |p\rangle \langle p | A(x_2) | 0 \rangle d^3 p \theta(x_1^0 - x_2^0)$$

Recall that

$$A(x) = e^{-iP \cdot x} A(0) e^{+iP \cdot x}$$

so that

$$\int d^3 p \langle 0 | A(x_1) |p\rangle \langle p | A(x_2) | 0 \rangle = \int d^3 p |\langle 0 | A(0) |p\rangle|^2 e^{-ip \cdot (x_2 - x_1)}$$

So

$$\langle 0 | T \{ A(x_1) A(x_2) \} | 0 \rangle = \theta(x_1^0 - x_2^0) \int d^3 p |\langle 0 | A(0) |p\rangle|^2 e^{-ip \cdot (x_2 - x_1)} + \text{o.t.}$$

where o.t. means "other terms."

Now

$$\theta(t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{\omega + i\epsilon}$$

So

$$\langle 0 | T \{ A(x_1) A(x_2) \} | 0 \rangle = - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{-i\omega(x_1^0 - x_2^0)}}{\omega + i\epsilon} \times \int d^3 p | \langle 0 | A(0) | p \rangle |^2 e^{-i p(x_2 - x_1)} + O.T.$$

We now take this into momentum space

$$G(q_1, q_2) = \int d^4 x_1 d^4 x_2 e^{-i q_1 x_1 - i q_2 x_2} \langle 0 | T \{ A(x_1) A(x_2) \} | 0 \rangle = - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{-i\omega(x_1^0 - x_2^0)}}{\omega + i\epsilon} \int d^3 p | \langle 0 | A(0) | p \rangle |^2 e^{-i p(x_2 - x_1) - i q_1 x_1 - i q_2 x_2} + O.T.$$

$$= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{e^{-i x_1^0 (\omega + p^0 - q_1^0) + i x_2^0 (\omega + p^0 + q_2^0)}}{\omega + i\epsilon} \int d^3 p | \langle 0 | A(0) | p \rangle |^2 (2\pi)^6 \delta^3(-p + q_1) \delta^3(p + q_2)$$

$$= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon} \int d^3 p | \langle 0 | A(0) | p \rangle |^2 (2\pi)^6 \delta^3(-p + q_1) \delta^3(p + q_2) (2\pi)^2 \delta(\omega + p^0 - q_1^0) \delta(\omega + p^0 + q_2^0)$$

$$= - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{-\sqrt{\vec{q}_2^2 + m^2} + i\epsilon + q_2^0} | \langle 0 | A(0) | \vec{q}_2 \rangle |^2 (2\pi)^8 \delta^3(q_2 + q_1) \delta(q_2^0 + q_1^0)$$

$$= i (2\pi)^7 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2) | \langle 0 | A(0) | \vec{q}_2 \rangle |^2 \frac{1}{-\sqrt{\vec{q}_2^2 + m^2} + q_2^0 + i\epsilon}$$

Set $q = q_1 = -q_2$. Then

$$G(q_1, q_2) = \frac{i(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2) |\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle | \vec{q} \rangle|^2}{-\sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2} + q^0 + i\epsilon}$$

$$= \frac{i(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2) |\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle | \vec{q} \rangle|^2 (-q^0 - \sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2} + i\epsilon)}{(\sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2} - i\epsilon)^2 - q^{0^2}}$$

Near the pole G looks like

$$G(q_1, q_2) \Big|_{q^2 \approx -m^2} = \frac{i(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2) |\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle | \vec{q} \rangle|^2 (-2\sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2})}{q^2 + m^2 - i\epsilon}$$

So the Fourier transform has a pole at $q^2 = q_1^2 = (-q_2)^2 = -m^2$

$$G(q_1, q_2) = \int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 e^{-iq_1 \cdot x_1 - i'q_2 \cdot x_2} \langle 0 | T(A(x_1) A(x_2)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2) |\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle | \vec{q} \rangle|^2 (-2\sqrt{\vec{q}^2 + m^2})}{q^2 + m^2 - i\epsilon}$$

(near $q^2 = -m^2$)

if there exists a one-particle state $|q\rangle$ such that $\langle 0 | A | 0 \rangle | \vec{q} \rangle \neq 0$.