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a) $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2$ let $|\psi(t)\rangle = C_0(t) |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 + C_1(t) |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2$
 Plug in $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$ to get

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} C_0 |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 + i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} C_1 |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2 = \left\{ 2\hbar\omega_0 C_0(t) - U C_1(t) \right\} |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 + \left\{ 2\hbar\omega_0 C_1(t) - U C_0(t) \right\} |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} C_0(t) = -i2\omega_0 C_0(t) + i\frac{U}{\hbar} C_1(t) \quad \& \quad \frac{d}{dt} C_1(t) = -i2\omega_0 C_1(t) + i\frac{U}{\hbar} C_0(t)$$

Let $C_0(t) = b_0(t) e^{-i2\omega_0 t}$ $C_1(t) = b_1(t) e^{-i2\omega_0 t}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{db_0(t)}{dt} = i\frac{U}{\hbar} b_1(t) \quad \& \quad \frac{db_1(t)}{dt} = i\frac{U}{\hbar} b_0(t) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 b_0}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}\right)^2 b_0(t) \\ \frac{d^2 b_1}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}\right)^2 b_1(t) \end{cases}$$

Since $C_0(t=0) = 1$ & $C_1(t=0) = 0 \Rightarrow b_0(t=0) = 1$ & $b_1(t=0) = 0$

\Rightarrow Solution is $b_0(t) = \cos\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right)$ $b_1(t) = i \sin\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right)$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i2\omega_0 t} \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right) |1\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 + i \sin\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right) |0\rangle_1 \otimes |1\rangle_2 \right\}$$

b) $\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_0 (\hat{n}_1 + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar\omega_0 (\hat{n}_2 + \frac{1}{2}) - U (\hat{s}_+ + \hat{s}_-)$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{n}_1(t) = [\hat{n}_1(t), \hat{H}(t)] = U [\hat{s}_+(t) - \hat{s}_-(t)]$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{n}_2(t) = [\hat{n}_2(t), \hat{H}(t)] = -U [\hat{s}_+(t) - \hat{s}_-(t)] = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{n}_1(t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{s}_+(t) = -U [\hat{n}_2(t) - \hat{n}_1(t)] \Rightarrow i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \hat{s}_-(t) = U [\hat{n}_2(t) - \hat{n}_1(t)]$$

c) Let $\Delta\hat{n}(t) = \hat{n}_2(t) - \hat{n}_1(t)$ $\Delta\hat{s}(t) = \hat{s}_+(t) - \hat{s}_-(t)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \Delta\hat{n}(t) = -\left(\frac{2U}{\hbar}\right)^2 \Delta\hat{n}(t)$$

These look exactly like the coupled quantum well problem. So,

$$\hat{n}_1(t) = \hat{n}_1 \cos^2\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right) + \hat{n}_2 \sin^2\left(\frac{U}{\hbar}t\right) - \frac{i}{2} (\hat{s}_+ - \hat{s}_-) \sin\left(\frac{2U}{\hbar}t\right)$$

Since $\hat{n}_1(t) + \hat{n}_2(t) = \hat{n}_1 + \hat{n}_2 \Rightarrow \hat{n}_2(t) = \hat{n}_1 + \hat{n}_2 - \hat{n}_1(t)$

$$\hat{n}_2(t) = \hat{n}_1 \sin^2\left(\frac{U t}{\hbar}\right) + \hat{n}_2 \cos^2\left(\frac{U t}{\hbar}\right) + \frac{i}{2} (\hat{s}_+ - \hat{s}_-) \sin\left(\frac{2U t}{\hbar}\right).$$

d) Again use the principle of photon number conservation

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j(t) |n-j\rangle_1 \otimes |j\rangle_2 \quad \text{and plug into Schrödinger}$$

equation

$$\sum_{j=0}^n i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} c_j(t) |n-j\rangle_1 \otimes |j\rangle_2 = \sum_{j=0}^n (n+1)\hbar\omega_0 c_j(t) |n-j\rangle_1 \otimes |j\rangle_2 - U \sum_{j=1}^n c_j(t) \sqrt{n-j+1} \sqrt{j} |n-j+1\rangle_1 \otimes |j-1\rangle_2 - U \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j(t) \sqrt{n-j} \sqrt{j+1} |n-j-1\rangle_1 \otimes |j+1\rangle_2$$

\Rightarrow

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} c_0(t) = (n+1)\hbar\omega_0 c_0(t) - U c_1(t) \sqrt{n}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} c_n(t) = (n+1)\hbar\omega_0 c_n(t) - U c_{n-1}(t) \sqrt{n}$$

† for $0 < k < n$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} c_k(t) = (n+1)\hbar\omega_0 c_k(t) - U c_{k+1}(t) \sqrt{n-k} \sqrt{k+1} - U c_{k-1}(t) \sqrt{n-k+1} \sqrt{k}$$

e) In Schrödinger picture $\langle \hat{n}_1 \rangle(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n (n-j) |c_j(t)|^2$
 $\langle \hat{n}_2 \rangle(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n j |c_j(t)|^2$. Very difficult to solve for the $c_j(t)$ coefficients. In Heisenberg picture:

$$\langle \hat{n}_1 \rangle(t) = \langle \psi(t=0) | \hat{n}_1(t) | \psi(t=0) \rangle = \sum_2 \langle 0 | \otimes \langle n | \hat{n}_1(t) | n \rangle_1 \otimes | 0 \rangle_2 = n \cos^2\left(\frac{U t}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$\langle \hat{n}_2 \rangle(t) = \sum_2 \langle 0 | \otimes \langle n | \hat{n}_2(t) | n \rangle_1 \otimes | 0 \rangle_2 = n \sin^2\left(\frac{U t}{\hbar}\right).$$

a) Detectors B and C have equal probability of detecting a photon. Detector A will never detect any photon. See the detailed sol. below.

$$b) \quad i\hbar \frac{d\hat{a}_1}{dt} = \hbar\omega_0 \hat{a}_1 - U\hat{a}_2 \quad i\hbar \frac{d\hat{a}_2}{dt} = \hbar\omega_0 \hat{a}_2 - U\hat{a}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \begin{bmatrix} \hbar\omega_0 & -U \\ -U & \hbar\omega_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{eigenvalues are } \begin{cases} \lambda_+ = \hbar\omega_0 + U \\ \lambda_- = \hbar\omega_0 - U \end{cases}$$

$$c) \quad \text{Let } \hat{d}_- = \frac{\hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \hat{d}_+ = \frac{\hat{a}_1 - \hat{a}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow i\hbar \frac{d\hat{d}_-(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[i\hbar \frac{d\hat{a}_1}{dt} + i\hbar \frac{d\hat{a}_2}{dt} \right] = \hbar\omega_0 \left(\frac{\hat{a}_1(t) + \hat{a}_2(t)}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - U \left(\frac{\hat{a}_1(t) + \hat{a}_2(t)}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= (\hbar\omega_0 - U) \left(\frac{\hat{a}_1(t) + \hat{a}_2(t)}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = (\hbar\omega_0 - U) \hat{d}_-(t)$$

and similarly $i\hbar \frac{d\hat{d}_+(t)}{dt} = (\hbar\omega_0 + U) \hat{d}_+(t)$.

$$\text{Also } [\hat{d}_-, \hat{d}_-^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^\dagger] + [\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_2^\dagger] \right\} = 1.$$

$$+ [\hat{d}_+, \hat{d}_+^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^\dagger] + [\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_2^\dagger] \right\} = 1$$

$$\text{and } [\hat{d}_-, \hat{d}_+^\dagger] = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^\dagger] - [\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_2^\dagger] \right\} = 0$$

$$\text{and } [\hat{d}_+, \hat{d}_-^\dagger] = 0.$$

$$d) \quad \hat{a}_1 = \frac{\hat{d}_- + \hat{d}_+}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \hat{a}_2 = \frac{\hat{d}_- - \hat{d}_+}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$e) \quad \hat{H} = \hbar\omega_0 (\hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_2 + 1) - U (\hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2)$$

$$\text{using (d): } \hat{H} = (\hbar\omega_0 - U) \left(\hat{d}_-^\dagger \hat{d}_- + \frac{1}{2} \right) + (\hbar\omega_0 + U) \left(\hat{d}_+^\dagger \hat{d}_+ + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

It agrees with Alice's proposal $\&$ $\hbar\omega_- = \lambda_- = \hbar\omega_0 - U$
 $\hbar\omega_+ = \lambda_+ = \hbar\omega_0 + U.$

$$f) \quad \text{we know that } \hat{d}_- |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2) |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_1 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = -\hat{a}_2 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also,

$$\hat{d}_+ |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_1 - \hat{a}_2) |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_1 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = \hat{a}_2 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The only state for which (1) + (2) can be both true is the state $|0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$ since $\hat{a}_1 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = \hat{a}_2 |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0$.

g) Since $[\hat{d}_-, \hat{d}_+] = 1$ and $\hat{d}_- |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the state } \frac{(\hat{d}_-^+)^n}{n!} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = |n\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ \text{ is an}$$

eigenstate of the Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = (\hbar\omega_0 - U) (\hat{d}_-^+ \hat{d}_- + \frac{1}{2}) + (\hbar\omega_0 + U) (\hat{d}_+^+ \hat{d}_+ + \frac{1}{2})$ with eigenvalue $n(\hbar\omega_0 - U) + \underbrace{\hbar\omega_0}_{\text{vacuum part}}$.

This just follows from the commutation relations and the form of the Hamiltonian.

Also, $|0\rangle_- \otimes |q\rangle_+ = \frac{(\hat{d}_+^+)^q}{q!} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$ is an eigenstate of the

Hamiltonian with eigenvalue $q(\hbar\omega_0 + U) + \hbar\omega_0$.

And the state $|n\rangle_- \otimes |q\rangle_+ = \frac{(\hat{d}_-^+)^n}{n!} \frac{(\hat{d}_+^+)^q}{q!} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$ is, therefore,

also the eigenstate of the Hamiltonian with eigenvalue

$$n(\hbar\omega_0 - U) + q(\hbar\omega_0 + U) + \hbar\omega_0.$$

b) $|n\rangle_- \otimes |q\rangle_+ = \frac{(\hat{d}_-^+)^n}{n!} \frac{(\hat{d}_+^+)^q}{q!} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$

Substitute $\hat{d}_-^+ = \frac{\hat{a}_1^+ + \hat{a}_2^+}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\hat{d}_+^+ = \frac{\hat{a}_1^+ - \hat{a}_2^+}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow |n\rangle_- \otimes |q\rangle_+ = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/2}} \cdot \frac{(\hat{a}_1^+ + \hat{a}_2^+)^n}{n!} \frac{(\hat{a}_1^+ - \hat{a}_2^+)^q}{q!} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$$

$$|n\rangle_- \otimes |q\rangle_+ = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/2}} \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{p=0}^q \frac{(\hat{a}_1^+)^{n-m+q-p}}{m!} \frac{(\hat{a}_2^+)^{m+p}}{p!} (-1)^p \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} \frac{q!}{p!(q-p)!} |0\rangle_- |0\rangle_+$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/2}} \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{p=0}^q \frac{[(n-m+q-p)! n!]}{m! (n-m)!} \frac{[(m+p)! q!]}{p! (q-p)!} (-1)^p |n-m+q-p\rangle_- \otimes |m+p\rangle_+$$

$$(i) |n\rangle_1 \otimes |q\rangle_2 = \frac{(\hat{a}_1^+)^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{(\hat{a}_2^+)^q}{q!} |0\rangle_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/2}} \cdot (\hat{d}_- + \hat{d}_+)^n (\hat{d}_- - \hat{d}_+)^q |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/2}} \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{p=0}^q \frac{[(n-m+q-p)! n!]}{m! (n-m)!} \frac{[(m+p)! q!]}{p! (q-p)!} (-1)^p |n-m+q-p\rangle_- \otimes |m+p\rangle_+$$

(j) Not really. $|n\rangle_1 \otimes |q\rangle_2$ is a linear superposition of the "actual" photon states $|m\rangle_- \otimes |p\rangle_+$

(k) Yes. $|m\rangle_- \otimes |p\rangle_+$ represents n photons in mode "-" and q photons in mode "+". These are honest-to-god photons that can be detected with a photodetector.

$$(l) |\psi(t=0)\rangle = \hat{a}_1^+ |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ = \frac{\hat{d}_-^+ + \hat{d}_+^+}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+$$

$$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|1\rangle_- \otimes |0\rangle_+ + |0\rangle_- \otimes |1\rangle_+]$$

So $|\psi(t=0)\rangle$ is a linear superposition of one photon in mode "-" and zero in "+", and 0 in mode "-" and one in mode "+".

So photodetectors B and C have equal probability of detecting a single photon, and as soon as either one of the detector B or C

detects a photon, the quantum state collapses to $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle_+$.
The photon is destroyed in the process of detection.

6.3

a) From the equation

$$\frac{dv_j(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau} v_j(t) + \frac{F_j(t)}{m}$$

we know that for t_1, t_2 large

$$\langle v_j(t_1) v_j(t_2) \rangle = \frac{A}{m^2} \frac{\tau}{2} e^{-\frac{|t_1-t_2|}{\tau}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle v_j^2(t) \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m} = \frac{A}{m^2} \frac{\tau}{2} \Rightarrow A = \frac{2 m k_B T}{\tau}$$

b)
$$I(t) = \frac{q}{L} \sum_{j=1}^N v_j(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle I(t_1) I(t_2) \rangle = \frac{q^2}{L^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N \langle v_j(t_1) v_k(t_2) \rangle$$

Since $\langle F_j(t_1) F_k(t_2) \rangle \propto \delta_{jk}$. $\Rightarrow \langle v_j(t_1) v_k(t_2) \rangle$ is also $\propto \delta_{jk}$.

$$\Rightarrow \langle I(t_1) I(t_2) \rangle = \frac{q^2}{L^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \langle v_j(t_1) v_j(t_2) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{q^2 N}{L^2} \frac{k_B T}{m} e^{-\frac{|t_1-t_2|}{\tau}} = \frac{q^2 A n}{L} \frac{k_B T}{m} e^{-\frac{|t_1-t_2|}{\tau}}$$

c)
$$S_{II}(\omega) = \frac{A}{L} \frac{n q^2 \tau}{m} \cdot 2 k_B T \cdot \frac{(\frac{1}{\tau})^2}{[\omega^2 + (\frac{1}{\tau})^2]}$$

d)
$$\frac{dv_j(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau} v_j(t) + \frac{F_j(t)}{m} \Rightarrow v_j(\omega) = \frac{F_j(\omega)/m}{-i(\omega + \frac{i}{\tau})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle v_j^*(\omega') v_k(\omega) \rangle = \frac{\langle F_j^*(\omega') F_k(\omega) \rangle}{i(\omega' - \frac{i}{\tau}) - i(\omega + \frac{i}{\tau})} \frac{1}{m^2} = \frac{\delta_{jk} \frac{2 k_B T}{m \tau} 2\pi \delta(\omega' - \omega)}{\omega^2 + (\frac{1}{\tau})^2}$$

$$\text{Also } I(\omega) = \frac{q}{L} \sum_{j=1}^N v_j(\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle I^*(\omega') I(\omega) \rangle &= \frac{q^2}{L^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N \delta_{jk} \frac{\frac{2k_B T}{m\tau}}{\omega^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} 2\pi \delta(\omega' - \omega) \\ &= \frac{q^2 N}{L^2} \frac{\frac{2k_B T}{m\tau}}{\omega^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} 2\pi \delta(\omega' - \omega). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{II}(\omega) &= \int \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \langle I^*(\omega') I(\omega) \rangle = \frac{q^2 N}{L^2} \frac{\frac{2k_B T}{m\tau}}{\omega^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \\ &= \frac{q^2 A n}{L} \frac{\frac{2k_B T}{m\tau}}{\omega^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} = \frac{A n q^2 c}{L m} 2k_B T \cdot \frac{(\frac{1}{\tau})^2}{\omega^2 + (\frac{1}{\tau})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$e) S_{II}(\omega) = \frac{2k_B T}{R} \cdot \frac{(\frac{1}{\tau})^2}{\omega^2 + (\frac{1}{\tau})^2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ S_{II}(\omega) \text{ for } \omega \ll \frac{1}{\tau} \right\} = \frac{2k_B T}{R} = \text{thermal noise.}$$

$$S_{II}(\omega=0) = \frac{2k_B T}{R}.$$

6.4

We have $[\hat{E}_a(\vec{r}, t), \hat{H}_b(\vec{r}', t)] = -i\hbar c^2 \sum_c \epsilon_{abc} \partial_c \delta^3(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')$

$$\hat{H}(t) = \int d^3\vec{r} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot \vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow [\hat{E}_a(\vec{r}, t), \hat{H}(t)] = \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 [\vec{\hat{E}}_a(\vec{r}, t), \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}', t) \cdot \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}', t)]$$

Integrate by parts: $= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \int d^3\vec{r}' 2 \left\{ +i\hbar c^2 \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \hat{H}_b(\vec{r}', t) \partial'_c (\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \right\}$

$$= -\mu_0 i\hbar c^2 \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_c \hat{H}_b(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$= +i\hbar \mu_0 c^2 \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_b \hat{H}_c(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$= +\frac{i\hbar}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_b \hat{H}_c(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial \vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = [\vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t), \hat{H}(t)]$$

Look at it component at a time: $i\hbar \frac{\partial \hat{E}_a(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{i\hbar}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_b \hat{H}_c(\vec{r}, t)$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \hat{E}_a(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{bc} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_b \hat{H}_c(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\text{or } \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Similarly, the equation for $\vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}, t)$ will be:

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\hat{H}}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \vec{\hat{E}}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Heisenberg equations for fields are just Maxwell's equations!

$$b) i) \sum_{j=1,2} \hat{\xi}_j(\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_a \hat{\xi}_j(\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_b = \delta_{ab} - \frac{k_a k_b}{k^2}$$

Note that at any point in k -space, the 3 vectors $\hat{\xi}_1(\vec{k})$, $\hat{\xi}_2(\vec{k})$ and \hat{k} are mutually orthogonal and therefore any vector can be expanded in terms of these unit vectors. (just like we use \hat{x} , \hat{y} and \hat{z} — in our notation \hat{e}_a , \hat{e}_b , and \hat{e}_c — to expand vectors). So in particular \hat{e}_a can be written as,

$$\hat{e}_a = \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k})] \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) + (\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{k}) \hat{k}$$

and

$$\hat{e}_b = \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k})] \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) + (\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{k}) \hat{k}$$

Take the dot product of the two equations above:

$$\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{e}_b = \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{j'=1}^2 [\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k})] [\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{\xi}_{j'}(\vec{k})] \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{\xi}_{j'}(\vec{k}) + (\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{k}) (\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{k})$$

$$\delta_{ab} = \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{e}_a \cdot \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k})] [\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k})] + \frac{k_a k_b}{k^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_a] [\hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_b] = \delta_{ab} - \frac{k_a k_b}{k^2}$$

ii) This is pretty easy. Suppose $\hat{k} \times \hat{\xi}_1(\vec{k}) = \hat{\xi}_2(\vec{k}) \Rightarrow \hat{k} \times \hat{\xi}_2(\vec{k}) = -\hat{\xi}_1(\vec{k})$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{k} \times \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_a] [\hat{k} \times \hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_b] = \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_a] [\hat{\xi}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_b] = \delta_{ab} - \frac{k_a k_b}{k^2}$$

$$\text{iii) } \sum_{j=1}^2 \hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_s [\hat{k} \times \hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k})] \cdot \hat{e}_b$$

$$\text{consider } [\hat{k} \times \hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k})] \cdot \hat{e}_b = [\hat{e}_b \times \hat{k}] \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) = \sum_{dpr} [\hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_d] \epsilon_{dpr} [\hat{e}_b \cdot \hat{e}_p] [\hat{k} \cdot \hat{e}_r]$$

$$= \sum_{dr} [\hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_d] \epsilon_{dbr} \frac{k_r}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_s] [\hat{k} \times \hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k})] \cdot \hat{e}_b = \sum_{dr} \sum_{j=1}^2 [\hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_s] [\hat{\epsilon}_j(\vec{k}) \cdot \hat{e}_d] \epsilon_{dbr} \frac{k_r}{k}$$

$$= \sum_{dr} \left[\delta_{sd} - \frac{k_s k_d}{k^2} \right] \epsilon_{dbr} \frac{k_r}{k} = \sum_{dr} \delta_{qpd} \epsilon_{dbr} \frac{k_r}{k} = \sum_r \epsilon_{qbr} \frac{k_r}{k}$$