Chapter 10

10.1

The commutator in question can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{split} [\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}] &= \int \mathrm{d}^{3}y \left[\varphi(x), T^{0\alpha}\right] \\ &= \int \mathrm{d}^{3}y \left[\varphi(x), \delta^{\alpha}_{0}\mathcal{H} + \delta^{\alpha}_{k}P^{k}\right] \\ [\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}] &= \delta^{\alpha}_{0}[\varphi(x), H] + \delta^{\alpha}_{k}\int \mathrm{d}^{3}y \left[\varphi(x), \pi(y)\partial^{k}_{(y)}\varphi(y)\right] \end{split}$$

Using the Heisenberg equations of motion, the first term becomes

$$\begin{split} [\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}] &= \delta_{0}^{\alpha} \left(i \dot{\varphi}(x) \right) + \delta_{k}^{\alpha} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} y \left([\varphi(x), \pi(y)] \partial_{(y)}^{k} \varphi(y) + \pi(y) \left[\varphi(x), \partial_{(y)}^{k} \varphi(y) \right] \right) \\ [\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}] &= \delta_{0}^{\alpha} \left(i \dot{\varphi}(x) \right) + \delta_{k}^{\alpha} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} y \left(i \delta^{(3)}(x-y) \partial_{(y)}^{k} \varphi(y) \right) \\ &+ \delta_{k}^{\alpha} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} y \left(\pi(y) \left[\varphi(x), \partial_{(y)}^{k} \right] \varphi(y) + \pi(y) \partial_{(y)}^{k} [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] \right) \end{split}$$

The commutator $[\varphi(x), \partial_{(y)}^k]$ vanishes because the derivatives are only with respect to y, and the commutator $[\varphi(x), \varphi(y)]$ vanishes by definition of the field commutation relations. This leaves

$$\begin{split} \left[\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}\right] &= \delta^{\alpha}_{0} \left(i\partial^{0}\varphi(x)\right) + \delta^{\alpha}_{k} \left(i\partial^{k}\varphi(x)\right) \\ \hline \left[\varphi(x), P^{\alpha}\right] &= i\partial^{\alpha}\varphi(x) \end{split}$$

10.2

For the general Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\varphi_a, \partial_\mu \varphi_a, x^\mu)$$

under an active symmetry transformation $\varphi_a \rightarrow \varphi_a + \delta \varphi_a$, the variation in the Lagrangian is given by

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{L} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi_a} \delta \varphi_a + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi_a)} \delta (\partial_\mu \varphi_a) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi_a} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi_a)} \right) \right) \delta \varphi_a + \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi_a)} \delta \varphi_a \right) \\ \delta \mathcal{L} &= \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi_a)} \delta \varphi_a \right) \end{split}$$

if the Lagrangian satisfies the Euler-Lagrange equations of motion. The variation in the Lagrangian can equal a four-divergence without affecting the equations of motion

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \partial_{\mu} W^{\mu}$$

Equating these, we have the conservation law $\partial_\mu J^\mu=0$ where

$$J^{\mu} = \sum_{a} \Pi^{\mu}_{a} \delta \varphi_{a} - W^{\mu}$$

10.3

For the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \varphi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \varphi^2$$

the stress-energy tensor is given by

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_{\mu}\varphi)} \partial^{\nu}\varphi - g^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}$$
$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\partial^{\mu}\varphi)(\partial^{\nu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}[(\partial_{\mu}\varphi)^{2} - m^{2}\varphi^{2}]$$

The T^{00} component is given by

$$T^{00} = \dot{\varphi}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\varphi^2$$
$$T^{00} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\varphi^2 = \mathcal{H}$$

which is exactly the Hamiltonian found in Exercise 6.1. Calculating the four-divergence of $T^{\mu\nu}$, we find

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} &= \partial^{2}\varphi\partial^{\nu}\varphi + \partial^{\mu}\varphi(\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu} \left[\partial_{\mu}(\partial_{\lambda}\varphi)(\partial^{\lambda}\varphi) - 2m^{2}\varphi(\partial_{\mu}\varphi)\right] \\ &= \partial^{2}\varphi\partial^{\nu}\varphi + \partial^{\mu}\varphi(\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}\partial^{\nu}(\partial_{\lambda}\varphi)(\partial^{\lambda}\varphi) + m^{2}\varphi(\partial^{\nu}\varphi) \\ &= (\partial^{2} + m^{2})\varphi(\partial^{\nu}\varphi) + \partial^{\mu}\varphi(\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial^{\nu}\partial_{\lambda}\varphi)(\partial^{\lambda}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\lambda}\varphi)(\partial^{\nu}\partial^{\lambda}\varphi) \\ &= \partial^{\mu}\varphi(\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\varphi) - \partial^{\lambda}\varphi(\partial_{\lambda}\partial^{\nu}\varphi) \\ \hline \partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{split}$$

For the Noether charges, we have

$$P^{0} = \int d^{3}x T^{00}$$
$$= \int d^{3}x \mathcal{H}$$
$$P^{0} = H$$
$$P^{i} = \int d^{3}x T^{0i}$$
$$= \int d^{3}x \dot{\varphi} \partial^{i} \varphi$$
$$P^{i} = \int d^{3}x \pi \partial^{i} \varphi$$

For the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

the conjugate momentum density is given by

$$\begin{split} \Pi^{\sigma\rho} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_{\sigma} A_{\rho})} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_{\sigma} A_{\rho})} \left[-\frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}) (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu}) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\delta^{\sigma}_{\mu} \delta^{\rho}_{\nu} - \partial^{\sigma}_{\nu} \partial^{\rho}_{\mu}) F^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (F^{\sigma\rho} - F^{\rho\sigma}) \\ \boxed{\Pi^{\sigma\rho} &= -F^{\sigma\rho}} \end{split}$$

With this, the stress-energy tensor can be written as

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \Pi^{\mu\sigma} \partial^{\nu} A_{\sigma} - g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$$
$$T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\sigma} \partial^{\nu} A_{\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

The quantity $X^{\lambda\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\lambda}A^{\nu}$ is anti-symmetric in its first two indices since $F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$. Adding the four-divergence of this term to the stress-energy tensor, the conservation law is unchanged and the new tensor will have the form

$$\begin{split} \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} &= T^{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\lambda} X^{\lambda\mu\nu} \\ &= -F^{\mu\lambda} \partial^{\nu} A_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} + (\partial_{\lambda} F^{\mu\lambda}) A^{\nu} + F^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_{\lambda} A^{\nu}) \\ &= F^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_{\lambda} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A_{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ \\ \hline \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} &= F^{\mu\lambda} F_{\lambda}^{\ \nu} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \end{split}$$

The \tilde{T}^{00} element is given by

$$\tilde{T}^{00} = F^{0\lambda}F_{\lambda0} + \frac{1}{4}F_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta}$$
$$= \mathbf{E}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2)$$
$$\tilde{T}^{00} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2)$$

and the \tilde{T}^{0i} elements are given by

$$\tilde{T}^{0i} = F^{0\lambda} F_{\lambda i}
\tilde{T}^{01} = E^2 B^3 - E^3 B^2
\tilde{T}^{02} = E^3 B^1 - E^1 B^3
\tilde{T}^{03} = E^1 B^2 - E^2 B^1
\overline{\tilde{T}^{0i}} = (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})^i$$