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Triviality of the light-front vacuum and zero modes

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We use algebraic methods to reconcile the triviality of the vacuum in different light-front field theories with the inequivalence of vacua in different canonical theories. We show how the inequivalence arises by extending the vacuum functional from the light-front Fock algebra to the algebra of local observables. This extension leads to an identification of a sub-algebra of the light-front Fock algebra where it is possible to realize Poincaré invariance and define local observables. While zero modes play no role in the structure of this sub algebra, they may be needed to treat local operator products, which are in this algebra.

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