

Quantum Field Theory II

An advanced course in QFT

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These notes are consequence of my self study; and are mostly inspired from Dr. Francois lectures on **QFT II**. These notes covers path integral formalism, and can be effectively regarded as a book on Advanced Quantum Field Theory II. There is also a supplementary book titled **Problems & Solutions on QFT II** written by me for the present book which contains tutorials, exercises and their solution which should be read in parallel with these notes. These notes are effectively broken up into 8 modules.

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Lec 1.1 Path Integral for a non-relativistic particle, Euclidean Time

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- 1) Path and Functional Integrals in QFT.
- 2) Perturbation Theory. & Renormalization.
- 3) Non-abelian gauge Theories.

1.2 Path Integrals in Q.M.

★ non-relativistic massive particle in a potential (no charge)
mass m , position $q(t)$, t time. 1-dimension.

Classical Theory is given by $\mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2(t) - V(q(t))$

$V(q)$ "smooth function" ; $\dot{q}(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$ velocity.

Equation of Motion: $m \ddot{q} + V'(q) = 0$

Action = $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q})$

Quantum Mechanics (Dirac notation)

states: $|\Psi\rangle$ $\Psi(q) = \langle q | \Psi \rangle$

position state $|q\rangle$; $\hat{Q}|q\rangle = q|q\rangle$
↑ operator. (Position Operator)

$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} \cdot |\Psi(t)\rangle$; $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\hat{Q})$

$\hat{p}$ Momentum operator.

$t = t_1$ (initial time) ; $|\Psi_1\rangle$ initial state.

t , $|\Psi(t)\rangle = U(t, t_1) |\Psi_1\rangle$

U evolution operator; unitary

$$\Rightarrow U(t, t_1) = U(t - t_1) = \exp\left(\frac{t - t_1}{i\hbar} \hat{H}\right)$$

position state basis.

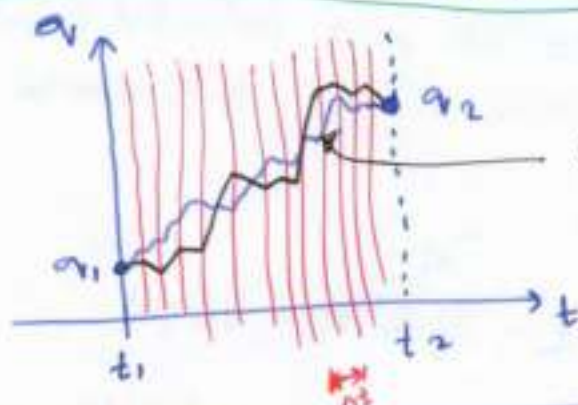
$|q_2\rangle$ state at time t_2 . 132

~~$\langle q_2 | U(t_2 - t_1) | q_1 \rangle$~~

~~(matrix element)~~ $\langle q_2 | U(t_2 - t_1) | q_1 \rangle = K(q_2, t_2; q_1, t_1)$
 (matrix element) Path Integral.

Path Integral (Feynman)

$$K(q_2, t_2; q_1, t_1) = \int_{q(t_1)=q_1}^{q(t_2)=q_2} \mathcal{D}[q(t)] \cdot e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]}$$



$S[q]$ action of the trajectory.

Quantum amplitude as sum of histories; amplitude associated with each trajectories.

Definition: we time cut off.
~~discretize the time~~

~~discrete~~
~~discretize time t : $t \rightarrow t_i = i \cdot \Delta t$~~
 ~~$q(t) \rightarrow q_i$~~

Discretize time t : $t \rightarrow t_i = i \cdot \Delta t$, $i = 0, \dots, N$
 $q(t) \rightarrow q_i = q(t_i)$ $N = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{\Delta t}$

now the integral becomes finite dimensional integral.

$$S[q] \rightarrow S[q_{\text{linear piecewise}}]$$

$$\mathcal{D}[q] \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} (dq_i) \cdot \left(\frac{2i\pi\hbar\Delta t}{m} \right)^{N/2}$$

(measure depends on discretization)

Continuum limit $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ well defined. (93)

DA & $\langle i | \frac{1}{\hbar} S(t) \rangle$ as single object are singular; not properly well defined.

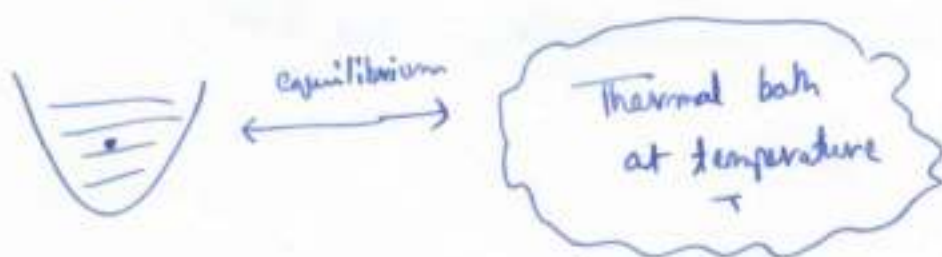
Mixed States Quantum system in a mixed state is described by density matrix $\rho \geq 0$ $\rho = \rho^\dagger$; ρ is an operator

(all its eigenvalues ≥ 0) & $\text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$

We can so diagonalize and write.

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |i\rangle \langle i| \quad ; \langle i | j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad ; p_i \geq 0 \quad ; \sum_i p_i = 1$$

$p_i \Rightarrow$ "probability to be in the pure state $|i\rangle$ "



Interested in Stationary State.

Gibbs state ; $\rho = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-\beta H)$; $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$; $H \Rightarrow$ Hamiltonian.

$$p_i = \frac{1}{Z} \cdot \exp(-\beta E_i) \quad ; \quad Z \Rightarrow \text{Partition Function}$$

$\nwarrow$ Energy

$$Z = \text{Tr}[\exp(-\beta H)]$$

Observable A operator $A = A^\dagger$

$$\langle A \rangle_\rho = \text{Tr}[A \cdot \rho]$$

Z of course depends on T
so: Z_T

$$\text{In particular, } \langle A \rangle_T = \frac{1}{Z_T} \text{Tr}[A \cdot \exp(-\beta H)]$$

$\nwarrow$ Temperature

$\swarrow$ mathematically quite similar to evolution operator

$$U(t) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} H t\right)$$

Formally,

$$\exp(-\beta H) = U(-i\tau)$$

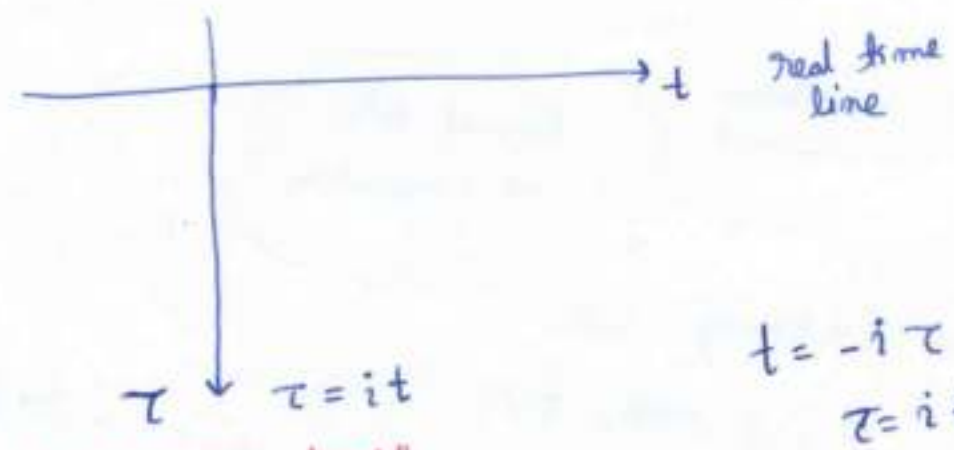
$\swarrow$ imaginary time

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T} = \frac{\tau}{\hbar} \quad ; \tau \geq 0$$

The evolution operator U at imaginary time $-i\tau$
 $T = \hbar\beta$ is mathematically equal to un-normalized
density matrix of the system at finite temperature.

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T} = \frac{T}{\hbar} \quad ; \quad T \geq 0$$

Temperature of the
Quantum System



$$t = -i\tau \quad \text{or} \quad \tau = it$$

"Imaginary time"
 $\hookrightarrow \tau$ is a real positive parameter.
 $\hookrightarrow$ We will call it Euclidean Time.

$U(t)$ is defined for t -complex.

$$H|i\rangle = E_i|i\rangle \quad U(t) = \sum_i e^{\frac{t}{i\hbar} E_i} |i\rangle\langle i|$$

$$E_0 < E_1 < E_2 < \dots$$



$$\text{Im } t > 0 \quad ; \quad |e^{\frac{t}{i\hbar} E_i}| \rightarrow \infty \text{ with } t$$

$$\text{Im } t < 0 \quad ; \quad |e^{\frac{t}{i\hbar} E_i}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ with } t$$

$\uparrow$ larger & larger... problem expected in defining here.



Bounded Operators

An operator A is bounded if for any $|\psi\rangle$ state

$$\frac{\langle \psi | A A^\dagger | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \leq \|A\|^2$$

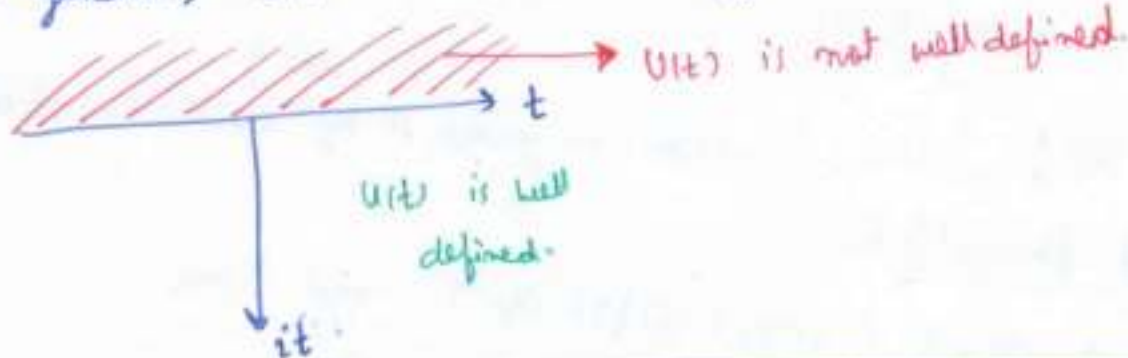
$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \sup |\text{eigenvalues } A A^\dagger| \\ &= |\text{diam}(\text{spectrum of } A)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

~~if $\dim(H) = \infty$, not all operators are bounded.~~

if $\dim(H) = \infty$, not all operators are bounded.
(Bounded operators form a sub-algebra of algebra of all possible operators acting on the Hilbert space)

Bounded operators are important to do Quantum Physics.

In general, $U(t)$ is bounded iff $\text{Im } t \leq 0$



$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2$$

$c=1$

we will use this in this book.

$\eta_{\mu\nu} = (-, +, +, +)$
(East coast Signature)

$(+, -, -, -)$
(West Coast Signature)

so, starting with Minkowski
Spacetime $\mathbb{M}^{1,3}$ (Minkowski)

$$t \rightarrow -i\tau \quad \Rightarrow \quad ds^2 = d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2$$

(ordinary Euclidean metric on $\mathbb{R}^{1+3}$)

$$X = (t, x_1, \dots, x_d) \text{ in } \mathbb{M}^{1,d}$$

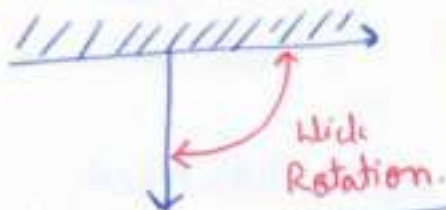
$$X = (\tau, x_1, \dots, x_d) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$$

τ = another space coordinate

Poincare Group $\rightarrow$ Euclidean Group.

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The trick of going from ~~real~~ t to Euclidean τ is performed by Wick's Rotation.



$$\exp(-\beta H) = U(-i\tau) \equiv U_E(\tau)$$

" Euclidean Evolution Operator.

$$U^{-1} = U^\dagger \quad \text{for } t \text{ real.}$$

H is bounded from below.

$$\text{while } U_E = U_E^\dagger \text{ for } \tau \text{ real}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Unitarity.

Is there a path Integral Representation for

$$U_E(\tau) = \exp\left(-\frac{\tau}{\hbar} H\right) ?$$

Answer: Yes!

(we can guess it by ^{doing} Wick's Rotation)

Formal Derivation

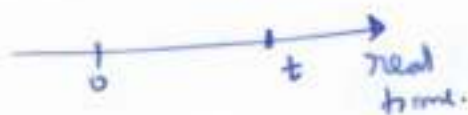
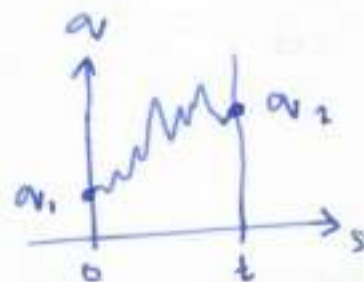
$$K(a_2, t; a_1, 0) = \langle a_2 | U(t) | a_1 \rangle \quad \text{real time}$$

$$= \int D[a] \cdot \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[a]\right)$$

$$a(t_1) = a_1$$

$$a(t_2) = a_2$$

$$\text{where; } S[a] = \int_0^t ds \left[\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{da(s)}{ds} \right)^2 - V(a(s)) \right]$$



Wick Rotation // $t = -i\tau$; $s = -i\epsilon$; $\epsilon \in [0, \tau]$
 $0 < s < t$

$$iS[a] = i \int_0^t ds \left[\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{da}{ds} \right)^2 - V(a) \right]$$

$$iS[q] = i(-i) \int_0^{\tau} d\sigma \cdot \left[\frac{m}{2} \left(i \frac{dq}{d\sigma} \right)^2 - V(q) \right]$$

Now a history of $q(\sigma)$

$$iS[q] = - \int_0^{\tau} d\sigma \left[\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{d\sigma} \right)^2 + V(q) \right]$$

$$\langle q_2 | U_E(\tau) | q_1 \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}_E[q] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_E[q]\right)$$

← Positive measure probability on path (histories)

must be real number because $U_E(\tau)$ is self adjoint.

Path integral over trajectories

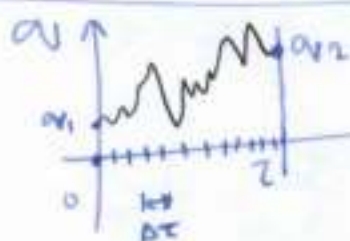
$q(\sigma) ; 0 \leq \sigma \leq \tau$ in

Euclidean time

with $q(0) = q_1 ; q(\tau) = q_2$

where Euclidean Action is defined by

$$S_E[q] = \int_0^{\tau} d\sigma \cdot \left[\frac{m}{2} (\dot{q})^2 + V(q) \right]$$



Euclidean time (real axis)

Path integral in Euclidean time.

$$\mathcal{D}_E(q) = \prod dq_i \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar\Delta\tau}{m} \right)^{-1/2}$$

Discretize Euclidean time by $G_i = \Delta\tau \cdot i$
 $i = 0, \dots, N = \frac{\tau}{\Delta\tau}$

$$G_i = \Delta\tau \cdot i$$

$$i = 0, \dots, N = \frac{\tau}{\Delta\tau}$$

& take the limit $\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0$

Defines Probability Space.

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Path with largest probability?

q such that $S \in [q]$ is minimal.

i.e. saddle point of this integral.

so, it is solution of $m \frac{d^2 q}{ds^2} - V'(q) = 0$

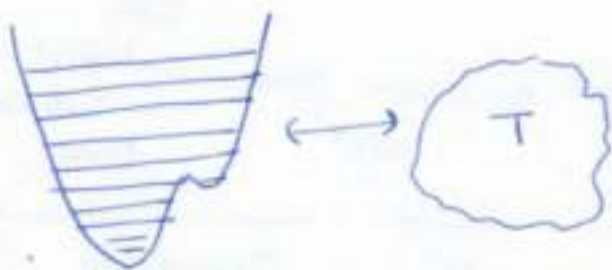
... Euclidean trajectory.

Can think of it as analytic continuation of $m\ddot{q} + V'(q) = 0$ at real time

$$\hookrightarrow -m \frac{d^2 q}{ds^2} + V'(q) = 0$$

Analytic continuation by Wick of Classical Trajectory gives Euclidean Trajectory.

Classical Trajectory $\xrightarrow{\text{Wick}}$ Euclidean Trajectory.



$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} U_E(\tau)$$

$$\frac{\tau}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

$$Z = \text{Tr}[U_E(\tau)] \quad \text{: Partition Function.}$$

$$Z = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{k_B T} E_i\right)$$

$\vdash |i\rangle = E_i |i\rangle$
Gibbs State.

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} dq \langle q | U_E(\tau) | q \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = \delta(\alpha - \alpha) ; \int d\alpha \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 1$$

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$$\Rightarrow Z = \int \mathcal{D}_E[\alpha] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_E[\alpha]\right]$$

where $\alpha(\epsilon) : 0 < \epsilon < \tau$

$$\text{and } \alpha(0) = \alpha(\tau)$$

So; we are considering Path Integral over periodic trajectories in Euclidean time with period τ .

The period is related to T ,

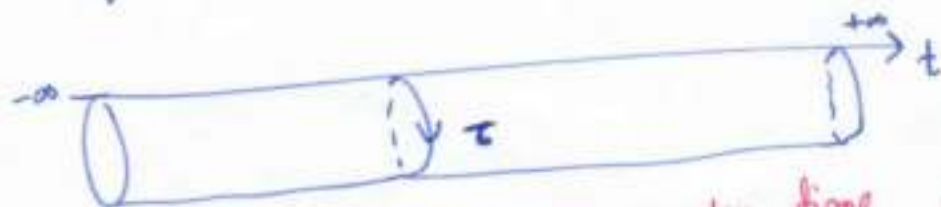
$$\text{Period} = \tau = \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

So; in general; if we consider complex real time



At finite temperature,

convenient to view as cylinder.



"At finite temperature, complex time is a cylinder"

Euclidean time is periodic with period $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$

$$t = -i\tau$$

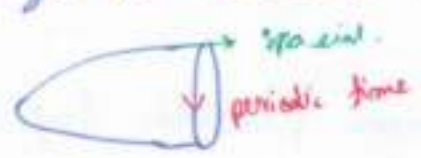
KMS states (generalization of GNS matrix for ∞ dimensional Hilbert Space $\mathcal{H}$)

If you have quantum system, that can be formulated in some

way as living on periodic Euclidean Spacetime, then it has temperature associated to it.

ex) consider QFT in a black-hole classical background.

→ go to Euclidean Spacetime.



period $\propto$ mass

Euclidean Schwarzschild.

so; Black hole has quantum temperature inversely proportional to mass.

Lecture 1.2 Operators and Correlation functions in the path integral formalism, Thermal expectation values, Free Scalar Fields

- 1) Operators & Correlations by Path Integrals.
- 2) Free Field (Introduction)



$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x), \quad U(t) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} H\right)$$

Schrodinger Picture $|\Psi(t)\rangle \Rightarrow$ state at time t . ; $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle_S = H |\Psi(t)\rangle_S$

Observables correspond to operators Q, P , etc.

Heisenberg Picture Time independent representation of ~~operator~~^{the} state vectors)

If state $|\Psi_S\rangle$ at time t in Schrodinger picture.

$$|\Psi; t\rangle_H = U^{-1}(t) |\Psi\rangle_S \quad ; \quad |\Psi(t); t\rangle_H = |\Psi_0\rangle$$

where $|\Psi(t=0)\rangle_S = |\Psi_0\rangle$

Observable changes because basis changes. "states do not evolve"

If an observable is given operator A in Schrodinger picture; then it is represented at time t by $A(t) = U^{-1}(t) A U(t)$

(These two representations are physically equivalent)

Operators do evolve : $\langle A \rangle_{\Psi \text{ state at time } t} = \langle \Psi(t) | A | \Psi(t) \rangle_S$

Schrodinger picture.

$$= \langle \Psi; t | A(t) | \Psi; t \rangle_H = \langle \Psi_0 | A(t) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Heisenberg picture.

So, Schrodinger eqⁿ is replaced by equation for operation.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(t) = [A(t), H]$$

since $[H, U(t)] = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$H(t) = H$$

in Schrodinger picture.

~~operator~~
doesn't change with time.

H does not evolve with time.

$\Rightarrow$ Conservation of energy.

~~* (operator, state)~~

$$K(q_F, t; q_I, 0) = \langle q_F | U(t) | q_I \rangle = \int D[q] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]\right)$$

$q(0) = q_I$
 $q(t) = q_F$

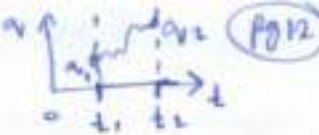
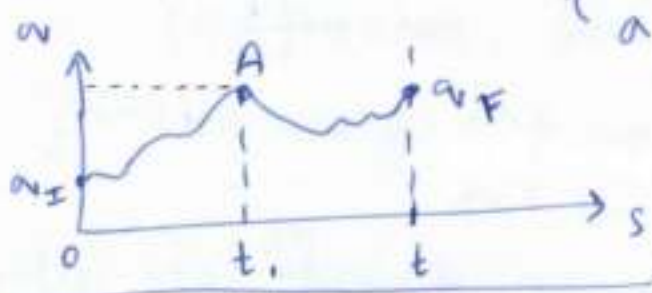


Fig 12

now; check t_1 between 0 & t ; $0 < t_1 < t$.

consider an observable $A = a(q)$ at time t_1 .

$\uparrow$ a is some function of q



$$\int D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]} a(q(t_1))$$

$q(0) = q_I$
 $q(t) = q_F$

$$|q, t\rangle_n = U(-t) |q\rangle_s$$

$$|q\rangle_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int dp e^{ipq/\hbar}$$

$$|q, t\rangle = U(-t) |q\rangle_s = \int D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]} |q\rangle_s$$

$$= \int dq_1 \int_{IR} D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S} \times \int_{IR} D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S}$$

$q(0) = q_I$
 $q(t_1) = q_1$
 $q(t_1) = q_1$
 $q(t) = q_F$

$$K(q_1, t_1, q_I, 0) \times a(q_1) \times K(q_F, t, q_1, t_1)$$

$$= \int dq_1 \int_{IR} D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S} \cdot a(q_1) \int_{IR} D[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S}$$

Amazing....
split S into
slow modes &
fast modes.....

$$= \int_{IR} \langle q_F | U(t-t_1) | q_1 \rangle a(q_1) \langle q_1 | U(t_1) | q_I \rangle dq_1$$

$a(q)$ represented in its diagonal basis

$$= \langle q_F | U(t-t_1) \left(\int_{IR} |q_1\rangle \langle q_1| a(q_1) \right) U(t_1) | q_I \rangle$$

$\rightarrow$ This is $a(Q)$

Similar to what we did in Renormalization

$$= \langle q_F | U(t) U^{-1}(t_1) A U(t_1) | q_I \rangle$$

$U(q_F, t)$ $A(t_1)$ $|q_I; 0\rangle$

$S[\phi] = S[\phi_c] + S[\phi_q]$
.. Then you get product...

$$\Rightarrow {}_H \langle q_F; t | A(t) | q_I; 0 \rangle_H$$

matrix element
of an operator A
in Heisenberg representation. (10/13)

Inserting the classical quantity $A(q(t))$ is
equivalent to inserting the operator $A(Q)(t)$ in the
Heisenberg picture.

Inserting the classical
quantity $A(q(t))$

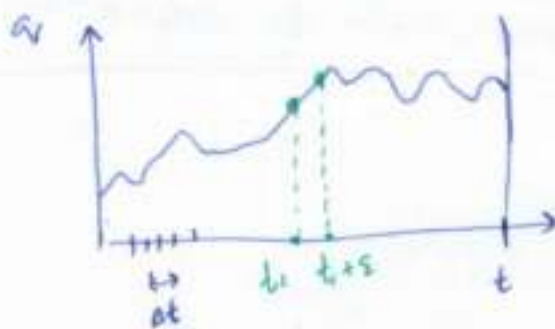


Insert the operator
 $A(Q)(t)$ in the Heisenberg
picture

note: $K(q_F, t, q_I, 0) = \int_S {}_H \langle q_F, t | U(t) | q_I, 0 \rangle_H = \int_H {}_H \langle q_F, t | q_I, 0 \rangle_H$

$${}_H \langle q_F; t | A(t) | q_I; 0 \rangle_H = \int \mathcal{D}[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]} \cdot A(q(t))$$

momentum $p = m \cdot v = m \cdot \frac{dq}{dt}$ ← problematic in path integral
to define velocity
usually $\dot{q} \propto \pm \infty$



$$v(t)_\epsilon = \frac{q(t_i + \epsilon) - q(t_i)}{\epsilon}$$

regularized
by ϵ .

and then compute $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int \mathcal{D}[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]} v(t)_\epsilon$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int \mathcal{D}[q] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[q]} v(t)_\epsilon = {}_H \langle q_F; t | \frac{1}{m} P(t) | q_I, 0 \rangle_H$$

don't mess with order of limit. ... This limit exists.

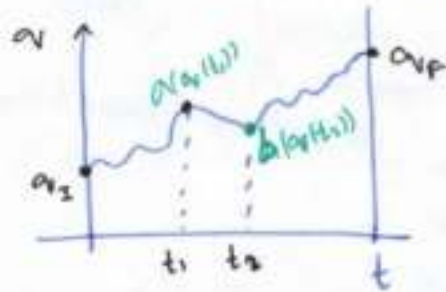
Heisenberg
picture

$$[Q, H] = P$$

~~$$Q(t) = Q(0) + \frac{1}{m} P(0) t$$~~

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} [Q(t + \epsilon) - Q(t)] = \frac{1}{m} P(t) + O(\epsilon)$$

$\downarrow$
 $U^{-1}(\epsilon) Q(t) U(\epsilon)$



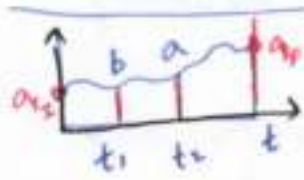
$$A(t_1) = a(Q)(t_1)$$

$$B(t_2) = b(Q)(t_2)$$

Heisenberg Picture.

$$\langle a_F; t | B(t_2) A(t_1) | a_I; 0 \rangle \quad ; 0 < t_1 < t_2 < t$$

2 operators at
2 $\neq$ times



$$\langle a_F; t | A(t_1) B(t_2) | a_I; 0 \rangle \quad ; 0 < t_2 < t_1 < t$$

since, $[Q, H] \neq 0$

so: $[A(t_1), B(t_2)] \neq 0$ if $t_1 \neq t_2$

Time Ordered Products of A & B:

$$T[A(t_1), B(t_2)] = \begin{cases} B(t_2) A(t_1) & t_1 < t_2 \\ A(t_1) B(t_2) & t_1 > t_2 \end{cases}$$

Path Integral build automatically time ordered products of operators in Heisenberg representation by definition.

~~Go back to "Euclidean Time"~~



Go back to "Euclidean Time" : Correlation Functions

$$U_E(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{z}{\hbar} H\right) \quad \text{well defined when } \text{Re } z \geq 0$$

& H is bounded from below : i.e. there is a ground state $|0\rangle$

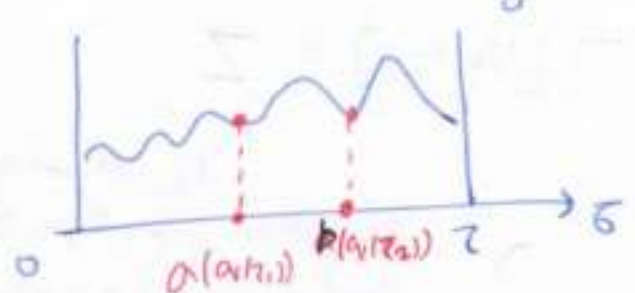
$U_E(z)$ is bounded operator provided H is bounded from below if $\text{Re } z \geq 0$

$$\int D_E[q] \exp\left(-\frac{S_E[q]}{\hbar}\right) = \langle q_F | U_E(\tau) | q_I \rangle$$

$$q(0) = q_I$$

$$q(\tau) = q_F$$

$$S_E[q] = \int_0^\tau d\sigma \left[\frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2 + V(q) \right]$$



$$\int D_E[q] \exp\left(-\frac{S_E[q]}{\hbar}\right) A(q(\tau_1)) B(q(\tau_2))$$

$$q(0) = q_I$$

$$q(\tau) = q_F$$

$$= \langle q_F | U_E(\tau - \tau_2) B(0) U_E(\tau_2 - \tau_1) A(0) U_E(\tau_1) | q_I \rangle$$

if $0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \tau$

we will use same kind of notations

$$= \langle q_F, \tau | B(\tau_2) A(\tau_1) | q_I, 0 \rangle$$

Some kind of Resenber picture in Imaginary time... be careful.

If summing over periodic trajectories in Euclidean time such that $q(\tau) = q(0)$

Then we get Trace of the operators ~~B(τ₂)A(τ₁)~~

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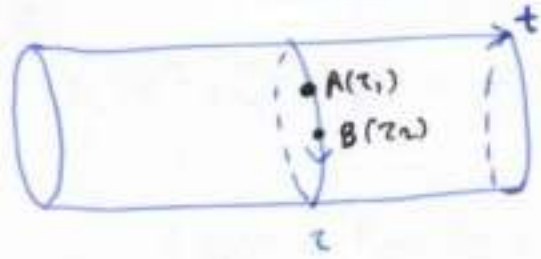
$$\int_{\text{periodic}} D_E[q] e^{-\frac{S_E[q]}{\hbar}} \cdot A(q(\tau_1)) B(q(\tau_2))$$

$$= \text{Tr} [U_E(\tau - \tau_2) \cdot B \cdot U_E(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \cdot A \cdot U_E(\tau_1)]$$

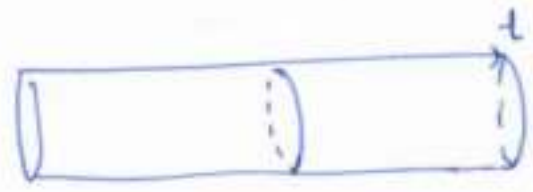
$$= \text{Tr} [U_E(\tau_1) U(\tau - \tau_2) B U_E(\tau_2 - \tau_1) A]$$

(use cyclicity of trace)

$$= \text{Tr} [U_E(\tau - (\tau_2 - \tau_1)) \cdot B \cdot U_E(\tau_2 - \tau_1) A]$$



$$= \text{Tr} [U_E(z - (z_2 - z_1)) B \cdot U_E(z_2 - z_1) \cdot A]$$



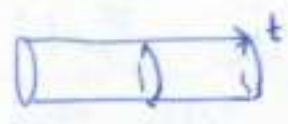
$$= \text{Tr} [U_E(z)] \equiv Z$$

↑ by definition
partition function of
system at temperature T

with $\frac{z}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{k_B T}$



$$= \frac{\text{Tr} [U_E(z - (z_2 - z_1)) B U_E(z_2 - z_1) A]}{\text{Tr} [U_E(z)]}$$



by definition
 $\equiv \langle B(z_2) A(z_1) \rangle$
notation for this object.
Gibbs state at temperature T

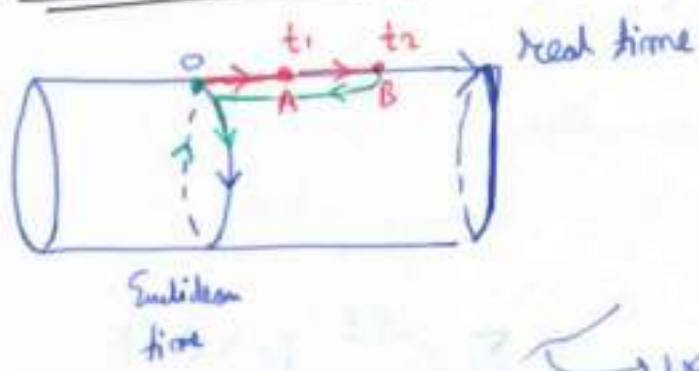
Gibbs state characterized by the Boltzmann factor

$$\frac{z}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{k_B T} = \beta$$

$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} U_E(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \text{Tr}(\rho_T) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}(U_E(z)) \\ \Rightarrow Z &= \text{Tr}(U_E(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Euclidean + Real Time



~~going backwards means instead~~

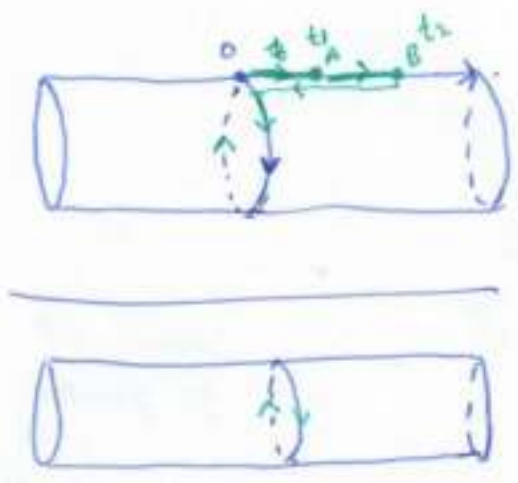
we will compute this.

↔ : Using backward in time means instead of having path integral with phase factor $e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\varphi]}$, you take

$e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\varphi]}$ (like taking complex conjugate)

we are taking convolution, giving path integrals is well defined object.

we want to evaluate.



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(lets call it ξ for now to same space.

So:

$$\xi = \text{Tr} [P_T (B(t_2)A(t_1))]$$

↖ evolution operator at imaginary time

↗ Products of ~~operator~~ operator at real time

an object which is essential in study of quantum statistical mechanics.

we obtain

$$\xi = \langle B(t_2)A(t_1) \rangle_{\text{Gibbs State}}$$

} ⇒ 2 time correlation function of a quantum system in a Gibbs state. (which is a stationary state)



$$H = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} E_i |i\rangle\langle i|$$

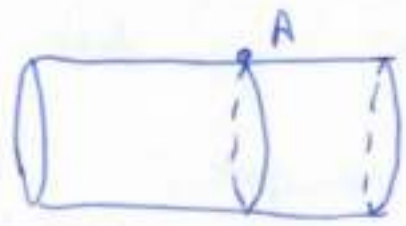
we know then

$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-\beta H)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} |i\rangle\langle i|$$

$$E_0 < E_1 < E_2 < \dots$$

E_0 energy of ground state $|0\rangle$



evaluate operator A at time 0.

$$\text{Tr}(\rho_T A) = \frac{\sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} \langle i|A|i\rangle}{\sum_i e^{-\beta E_i}}$$

limit where period (Euclidean) $\nearrow \infty$

$$\beta \nearrow \infty ; T \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{so; } \text{Tr}(\rho_T A) \xrightarrow{\beta \nearrow \infty} \langle 0|A|0\rangle$$

project out to ground state



Ground state matrix element of A

ⓐ expectation value of ~~A~~ in the ground state.

~~ground state is equiv.~~

$\beta \rightarrow \infty \iff$ Projection on the ground state

In QFT $|0\rangle =$ vacuum state (state of no particle)

2] Free Scalar Field (Klein-Gordon field by Path Integral quantization) pg 19

We will be working in $M^{1,D}$

$d = 1 + D$
 ↗ dimensions of space.
 ↖ dimensions of space-time

a vector is just $x = (t, \vec{x})$

will be using east-west metric with $c=1$: $ds^2 = -dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2$

The Classical Free Scalar Field is given by the action:

$$S[\phi] = \int dt \int d^D \vec{x} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right)^2}_{\text{kinetic}} - \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vec{x}^2} \right)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right\}}_{\text{potential}} \right]$$

Lagrangian

$\phi(x)$: real variable
 Lagrangian Density.

Euler Lagrange Equation $\Rightarrow$ gives Klein Gordon equation

$\rightarrow$ gives plane waves with energy $E = \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2}$

How to quantize using Path Integral? Recipe is there.

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\phi]\right)$$

Integrate over $\phi(x)$

The measure will be formally

$$\mathcal{D}[\phi] = \prod_{x \in M^{1,D}} d\phi(x) \cdot \mathbb{C}$$

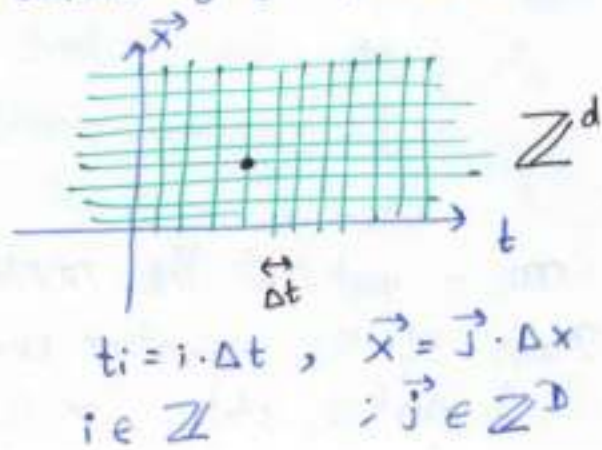
$\uparrow$ some normalization factor.

We can do it more carefully by discretizing time & discretizing space.



~~Discretize~~
 $\Rightarrow$ Discretize

$M^{1,D}$



so; Minkowski spacetime is replaced by
square lattice $\mathbb{Z}^d$.

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for simplicity; we can take $\Delta t = \Delta x$

Poincaré symmetry $\xrightarrow{\text{broken to}}$ Lattice Symmetry

$$\phi(x) \longrightarrow \phi_{\vec{x}} = \phi(x_{\vec{x}})$$

$$\vec{x} = (i, \vec{j}) \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

$S[\phi] \longrightarrow S_{\text{discrete}}[\phi] : \text{replace } \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
by finite differences.

usually we call m
(the parameter) as mass
because it is mass of
the particle,
but it does
not play the
same role of
the mass in
path
integral
of harmonic oscillators

$$\int dt \int dx^{\vec{x}} = \Delta t \Delta x^{\vec{x}} \sum_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$$

$(\Delta x)^{D-1}$ is a parameter
which you can view as mass
of elementary d.o.f of fields
on lattice ... but can
~~never observe~~
never observe
it.

Then, the measure is defined formally & becomes

$$D[\phi] = \prod_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} d\phi_{\vec{x}} \cdot \left[\frac{2\pi i \hbar \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^{D-1}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

here; the parameter m is not the mass ~~of~~ of
the field now; but $(\Delta x)^{D-1}$ is mass of the
field at given point in spacetime
continuum limit $\Delta t, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$

m is ~~not~~ not the mass of the field; but m is
mass of the quantum excitation of the field which is
1 particle state; m is the physical mass.

Lec 2.1|| ~~Functional Integrals~~ Propagator of the free scalar
field, Correlation functions

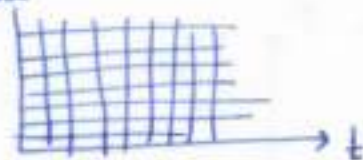
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Free field (Scalar) : $\phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}$, $x = (t, \vec{x})$; $ds^2 = -dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2$

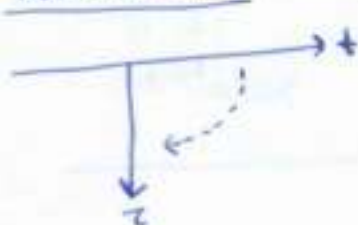
$$S = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} (-\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right] \quad m_{\mu\nu} = (-1, +1, +1, +1) \text{ space}$$

$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\phi]\right)$ functional integral.

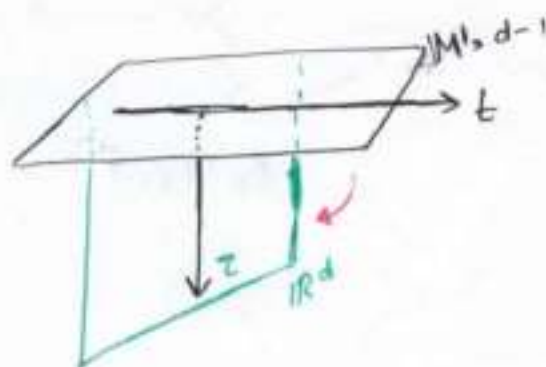
$$\mathcal{D}[\phi] = \prod_x d\phi(x) \cdot \mathbb{1}$$



"Euclidean Time"



$$t = -i\tau$$



$$x_E = (\tau, \vec{x})$$

$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2 = (dx_E)^2$$

$$\phi = \{\phi(x_E)\}$$

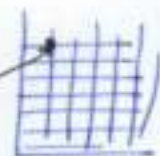
$$S_E[\phi] = \int d^d x_E \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi) + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Euclidean functional Integral

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_E[\phi]\right)$$



Discretized
Euclidean
spacetime

$$\phi_i$$

$$\phi(\vec{x}_i)$$

Then

$$\mathcal{D}[\phi] = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left[d\phi_i \cdot \left[\frac{2\pi\hbar}{\epsilon^{d-2}} \right]^{-1/2} \right]$$

Discretized euclidean Action $S_E[\phi]$

$$x_E = (x^0, x^1, \dots, x^{d-1})$$

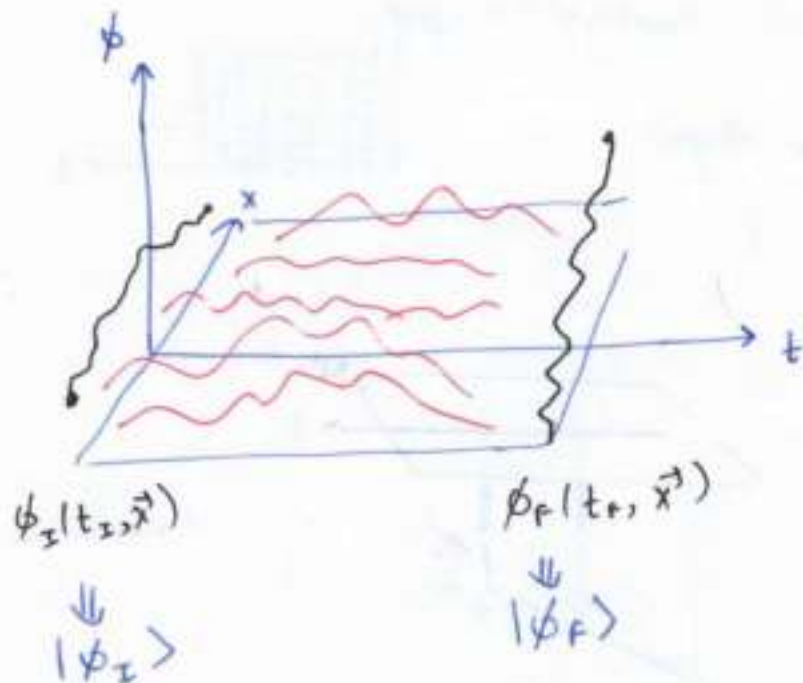
; e^μ unit vector in direction

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$S_E^{\text{discrete}}[\phi] = \sum_{\vec{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \epsilon^d \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{d-1} \left[\frac{\phi_{\vec{i}+\vec{e}_n} - \phi_{\vec{i}}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} (\phi_{\vec{i}})^2 \right]$$

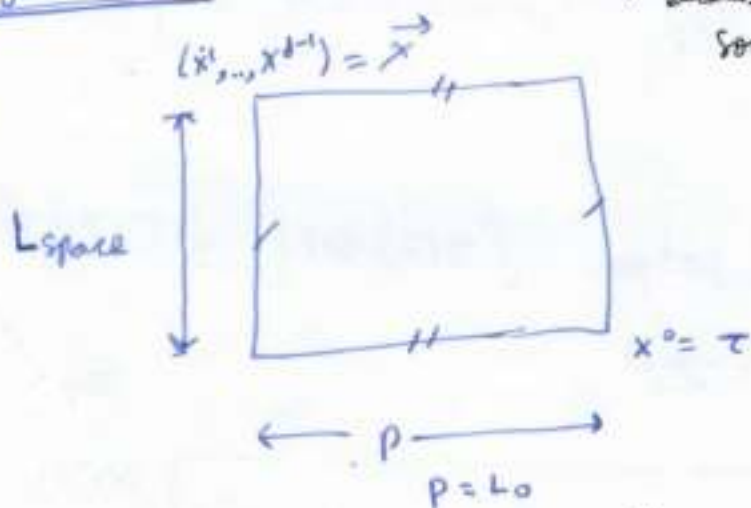
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Having something
at finite
temperature
is not
 Lorentz
invariant
... it is
relative

Periodic Boundary condition. (simplest case) ~~$\phi(x^0 + L_0 \cdot m, \vec{x})$~~ $\Rightarrow$ because we get something at finite temperature.

Euclidean



$$\phi(x^0 + L_0 \cdot m, \vec{x} + L \cdot \vec{m}) = \phi(x^0, \vec{x})$$

Space is a Torus L_S .

Euclidean Time is periodic L_0 , QFT at finite temperature.

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi_E] \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi_E] \right) \quad \text{(Gaussian Integral)}$$

= Partition function of the Quantum Field on a torus at finite Temperature.

now if $L_0 \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{Temp} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{project on } |0\rangle$.

~~$$S[\phi] = \sum_{ij} \phi_i K_{ij} \phi_j$$~~

now; $\chi_E = \chi$ (drop E)

$$S[\phi] = \sum_{ij} \phi_i K_{ij} \phi_j \xrightarrow[\text{(continuous limit)}]{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{Torus}} d^d x \phi(x) (-\Delta + m^2) \phi(x)$$

$\Delta = \sum_{\mu=0}^{d-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)^2$ Laplace-Beltrami operator in d-dimensions

$$\int \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi = \int \phi \cdot (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi)$$

Periodic Boundary condition

integrate by parts
(boundary terms ~~drop~~ vanishes because we are here having periodic boundary condition)

$$Z = \mathcal{N} \left(\det \left[\frac{K}{2\pi} \right] \right)^{-1/2}$$

normalization factor

discrete case
K is matrix

$$\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\det [-\Delta + m^2] \right)^{-1/2}$$

Differential operator

$$Z = \left(\det [-\Delta + m^2] \right)^{-1/2}$$

Correlation functions

$\phi(x) \longleftrightarrow \Phi(t, \vec{x})$
Random field variable in path integral $\longleftrightarrow$ field operator in canonical quantization in Heisenberg picture.

Functional Integral Methods

2 point function: (Euclidean spacetime)

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle := \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \cdot \exp(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi]) \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2)}{\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi])}$$

Cumulant of a Gaussian Random Variable.

$$= (K^{-1})_{ij} = \langle \phi_i \cdot \phi_j \rangle$$

$$\langle (\phi(x_1) - \langle \phi(x_1) \rangle) (\phi(x_2) - \langle \phi(x_2) \rangle) \rangle = \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle_{\text{connected}}$$

$\rightarrow$ Cumulant.

~~Since gaussian here~~

Since gaussian $\neq$ Then $\phi(x) \rightarrow -\phi(x) \Rightarrow \langle \phi(x) \rangle = 0$

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle = \left(\frac{1}{-\Delta + m^2} \right)_{x_1, x_2} = G(x_1, x_2)$$

$G(x_1, x_2)$: Kernel of the operator $(-\Delta + m^2)$ is $\left(\frac{1}{-\Delta + m^2} \right)_{x_1, x_2}$.

lets call, $G_{ij} \equiv (K^{-1})_{ij}$ $\because K \cdot G = \mathbb{1}$
 $\Rightarrow \sum_j K_{ij} G_{jk} = \delta_{ik}$

$K \cdot G = \mathbb{1}$

$\hookrightarrow$ going to continuum limit.

$(-\Delta_{x_1} + m^2)$
 $\rightarrow$ because applying to left index of $G(x_1, x_2)$

as here G_{jk}

matrix element of $\mathbb{1}$ in continuous limit δ (B25)
 $(-\Delta x_i + m^2) \cdot G(x_1, x_2) = \delta(x_1 - x_2)$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$

ie: $(-\Delta x_i + m^2) G(x_1, x_2) = \delta(x_1 - x_2)$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$ or Torus.

Δx_i is symmetric operator $\Rightarrow$ so, $G(x_1, x_2)$ will be symmetric

so; we can solve this ... Symmetric Green's Function.

$G(x_1, x_2) = G(x_2, x_1)$ $\therefore$ Symmetric

$G(x_1, x_2) = G(x_1 - x_2)$ $\therefore$ Translational invariance.

$\Rightarrow$ because of these symmetry; we will just use $G(x)$ $\therefore G(x) = G(-x)$ because it's even function.
 The simplest way is to take the Fourier Transform.

$$\hat{G}(k) = \int d^d x e^{-ik \cdot x} G(x)$$

In Fourier space the equation becomes

$$(k^2 + m^2) \hat{G}(k) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{G}(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

k is a vector in $\mathbb{R}^d$
 which is reciprocal space of
 Euclidean space

$$G(x) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{ik \cdot x} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

Euclidean 2 point
 function (Propagator)

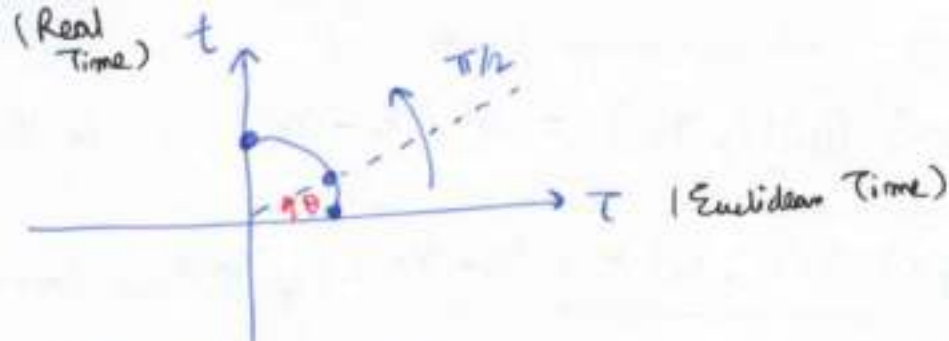
Euclidean

$\longrightarrow$ Real time.
 make
 inverse Wick
 rotation.

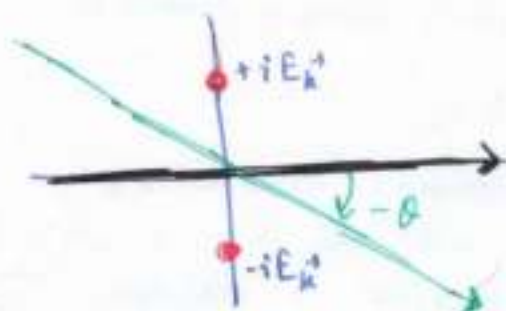
$$k_E = (k_0, \vec{k})$$

$$x_E = (\tau, \vec{x}) \longrightarrow x = (t, \vec{x}) \quad \text{with } t = -i\tau$$

$$G(x_E) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk_0}{(2\pi)} \cdot \int \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{ik_0 \tau + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{k_0^2 + \vec{k}^2 + m^2}$$



Complex Time



Contour k_0 plane

now we see that if we want to make Wick's rotation.

$$G(k_E) \xrightarrow{\text{Wick Rotation}}$$

we want to keep $k_0 \cdot \tau$ a pure phase.

Rotate the contour $\int dk_0$
(allowed to do this because

$\frac{1}{k_0^2 + k^2 + m^2}$ analytic in k_0 as long as we don't hit singularity)
but it has pole at

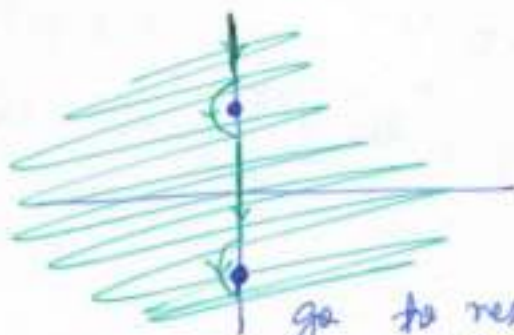
$$k_0 = \pm i\sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$\equiv \pm iE_k$$

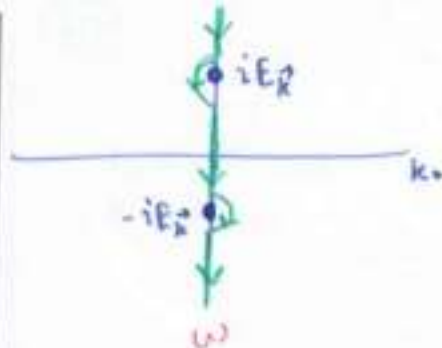
when we rotate by $\theta = \pi/2$



$\Rightarrow$



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Then $k_0 = -i\omega$ we define this new.

$$\Rightarrow G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^{d-1}\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \cdot \frac{e^{i(\omega t + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})}}{\omega^2 - \vec{k}^2 - m^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^{d-1}\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \cdot e^{i(\omega t + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})} \frac{i}{\omega^2 - \vec{k}^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Feynman
prescription
for the
integral

Functional
Integral.

$$= G_{\text{Feynman}}(t, \vec{x})$$

we expect this to be equal to
matrix element of vacuum to vacuum $\langle 0 | 10 \rangle$
of time ordered product ~~$T[\Phi(t, \vec{x}) \Phi(0, 0)]$~~
 $T[\Phi(t, \vec{x}) \Phi(0, 0)]$.

$$i.e. \quad G(x) = \langle 0 | T[\Phi(t, \vec{x}) \Phi(0, 0)] | 0 \rangle$$

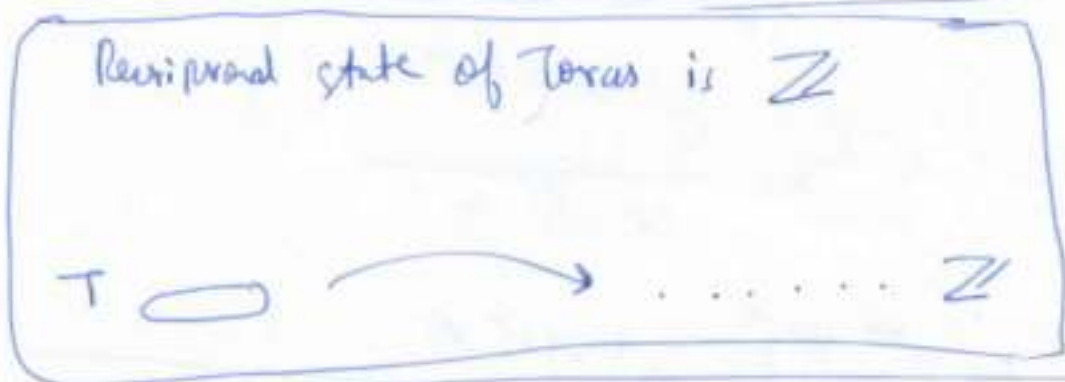
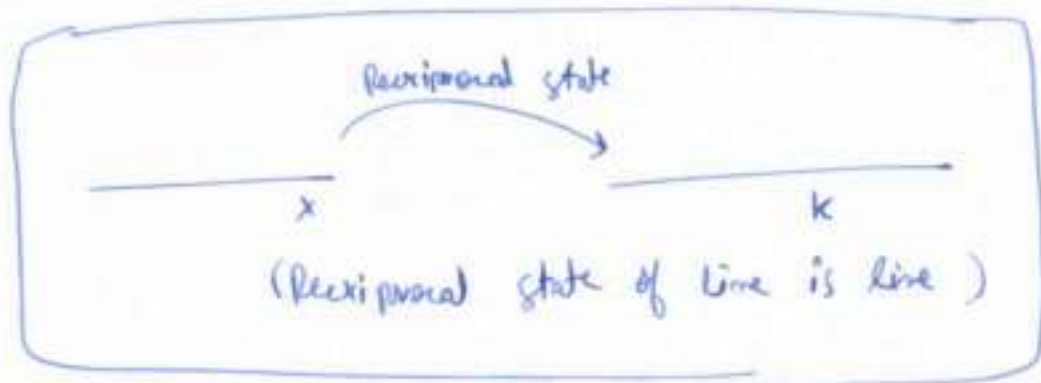
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Functional Integral

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Canonical Quantization.

doing some ~~other~~ calculation with periodic Euclidean Boundary Condition

→ we get $\langle T(\phi, \phi) \rangle_\beta$ in thermal state β .



Properties of $G_E(x)$

$G_E(x)$ is also rotational invariant
so; actually $G_E(x) = G_E(|x|)$

so; large distance property
 $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ Then

$$G_E(x) \approx \exp(-m|x|)$$

(decays exponentially)
at large distances

$m > 0$

so; short distance property

$|x| \rightarrow 0$ Then
ie; $|x| < \frac{1}{m}$ Then only $|k| > m$ counts

so; $G(x)$ behaves like

$$G(x) \approx \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{ik \cdot x} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2}$$

(neglect mass term)

$G(x)$ has dimension of (momentum) $^{d-2}$

so: = (distance) $^{2-d}$

$$\text{so: } \boxed{G(x) \approx \mathbb{C} \cdot |x|^{2-d}}$$

so: $G(x)$ is singular at $x=0$ as long as $d \geq 2$

so: short distance singularity $\triangle$

in $d=4$: $G(x) \propto \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{|x|^2}$ quadratically divergent

in $d=3$: $G(x) \propto \frac{1}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{|x|}$ Coulomb potential

in $d=2$: $G(x) \propto -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log(m \cdot |x|)$ logarithmic singularity

larger d $\Rightarrow$ stronger is the divergence.

$\therefore$ in ~~spatial~~ $d=1$; i.e. time only. (we don't have fields that depend on spatial dimensions)

$d=1$, means non-relativistic Quantum Mechanics
(no divergence in $d=1$)

Position is not an observable in QFT; we cannot construct an operator which says my field is located at a given point.

$\triangle$ [larger d stronger the divergence] $\Rightarrow$ problem of U.V. singularity.

(actually an important feature QFT; related to Renormalization)

In Euclidean Space Time

$\phi(x)$ in functional integral is a random field. is very wild at short distance.

Lecture 3.1) Wick's Theorem, Quantization of ϕ^4 theory, Feynman diagrams

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1) Free scalar field: continued... (Euclidean)
 • Wick's Theorem • QFT $\leftrightarrow$ Statistical Mechanics.

$$S_E[\phi] = \int d^d x \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right)$$

We have to compute functional integral of the form

$$\int D[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_E[\phi]\right) (\dots)$$

periodic b.c.

or

 $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle &= \left(\frac{\hbar}{-\Delta + m^2} \right)_{x_1, x_2} \\ &= \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{ik \cdot x} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \quad ; \quad x = x_1 - x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Propagator $\overset{\circ}{x}_1 \text{---} \overset{\circ}{x}_2 = G(x_1, x_2)$

$$\hat{G}(k_1, k_2) = \langle \hat{\phi}(k_1) \hat{\phi}(k_2) \rangle$$

$$= (2\pi)^d \delta(k_1 + k_2) \cdot \frac{1}{k_1^2 + m^2}$$

Propagator in momentum space.



$$= \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

$\therefore \delta(k_1 + k_2)$
for conservation of momentum

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_N) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{if } N \text{ is odd.}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{pairing into } M \text{ different pairs}} \langle \phi_{\epsilon_1} \phi_{\epsilon_2} \rangle \dots \langle \phi_{\epsilon_{2M-1}} \phi_{\epsilon_{2M}} \rangle \quad \text{if } N = 2M \text{ (even)}$$

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_N) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } N \text{ is odd.} \\ \sum_{\substack{\text{pairing into} \\ M \text{ different pairs}}} \langle \phi_{c_1} \phi_{c_2} \rangle \dots \langle \phi_{c_{2M-1}} \phi_{c_{2M}} \rangle & \text{if } N = 2M \text{ (even)} \end{cases}$$

→ Correlation between independently distributed (i.i.d.) Gaussian variables.

Generating Functional

notation

$$\vec{j} \cdot \phi = \int d^d x \, \vec{j}(x) \cdot \phi(x)$$

Source term
(classical function;
does not fluctuate)

$$Z[\vec{j}] = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\hbar} (S[\phi] - \vec{j} \cdot \phi) \right]$$

→ functional of a classical function.

Since $S[\phi]$ can be written as quadratic form

$$S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} [\phi \cdot (-\Delta + m^2) \cdot \phi]$$

$$= \left(\text{shorthand for } \int d^d x \, \frac{1}{2} \phi (-\Delta + m^2) \phi \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z[\vec{j}] = \left(\text{"det"}[-\Delta + m^2] \right)^{-1/2} \cdot \exp \left(+ \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{j} \cdot (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \cdot \vec{j} \right)$$

→ because of linear term $\vec{j} \cdot \phi$.

Short hand notation:

$$\vec{j} \cdot (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \cdot \vec{j} = \int d^d y_1 d^d y_2 \, \vec{j}(y_1) \cdot \vec{j}(y_2) G(y_1, y_2)$$

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_N) \rangle = \frac{\hbar^N \frac{\delta}{\delta g(x_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{\delta g(x_N)} Z[\vec{g}]}{Z[0]} \Big|_{\vec{g}=0}$$

$$= \hbar^N \frac{\delta}{\delta g(x_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{\delta g(x_N)} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \vec{g} \cdot G \cdot \vec{g}\right) \Big|_{\vec{g}=0}$$

(we get Wick's Theorem)

ex

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_4) \rangle = \begin{array}{c} 1 \text{---} 2 \\ 3 \text{---} 4 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \\ | \quad | \\ 3 \quad 4 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 3 \\ \diagdown \diagup \\ 2 \quad 4 \end{array} \quad 3 \text{ terms}$$

ex

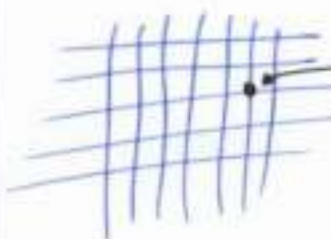
$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_6) \rangle = 15 \text{ terms}$$

ex

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_{2M}) \rangle = \frac{N!}{2^M M!} \text{ terms}$$

Free field: Euclidean d-dim

Lattice discretization $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$



$$x_i = \vec{i} \cdot \epsilon \quad \vec{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

$$\phi(x_i) = \phi_i$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow$
 ϵ distance

$\vec{e}_\mu$ unit vector in direction μ

$$S[\phi] \rightarrow \sum_{\vec{i} \text{ Lattice}} \frac{\epsilon^{d-2}}{2} \sum_{\mu} (\phi_{\vec{i} + \vec{e}_\mu} - \phi_{\vec{i}})^2 + \sum_{\vec{i}} \frac{m}{2} \epsilon^d \phi_{\vec{i}}^2$$

$$S[\phi] \rightarrow \sum_{\vec{i} \text{ Lattice}} \frac{\epsilon^{d-2}}{2} \sum_{\mu} (\phi_{\vec{i}+\vec{e}_{\mu}} - \phi_{\vec{i}})^2 + \sum_{\vec{i}} \frac{m}{2} \epsilon^d \phi_{\vec{i}}^2 \quad (19.25)$$

so:

$$Z = \int \prod_{\vec{i}} d\phi_{\vec{i}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi; \vec{i}]\right) \Rightarrow \text{Thinking of QFT as some extended statistical Mechanical system}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{configuration } \{\phi_{\vec{i}}\}} \exp\left(-\beta E[\{\phi_{\vec{i}}\}]\right) = \text{Partition Function}$$

Boltzmann factor $\beta \sim \frac{1}{k_B T}$
Energy of a configuration $\{\phi_{\vec{i}}\}$

QFT	Statistical Mechanics
Space-time x dim = 1 + (d-1)	Space (lattice) dim = d
Euclidean Time	1 dimension.
Field $\phi(\vec{x})$	local order parameter (local spin) $\phi(\vec{x}, \tau)$
Action	Energy
$\hbar$ (reduced Planck's constant)	Temperature

$$S_E = \int dt \left[\frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2 + V(q) \right]$$

$$= H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(q)$$

Hamilton Jacobi: Action $S_{H.J.} = \int dt [p \cdot \dot{q} - H(p, q)]$

$\hookrightarrow$ we get $\dot{p} = -V'(q) ; \dot{q} = p/m$

Quantum fluctuations
(because $\hbar$)

Thermal fluctuation
(because T)

Tem Q

$$\frac{\text{Period}}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{k_B T_Q}$$

$T_Q \Rightarrow$ Temperature of
Quantum
system.

$$T_Q \propto \frac{1}{\text{Size in direction of Euclidean time}}$$

do not identify T_Q
with T_S (temperature of
Statistical System)

2) Interacting ϕ^4 QFT (Euclidean)

Free field : particle $\xrightarrow{m}$
(describes particle of mass m moving freely without interacting)

ϕ^4
contact interaction.  $\Rightarrow$ described by ϕ^4 .

$$S_E[\phi] = S_0[\phi] + \int d^4x \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4(x)$$

$g > 0$; coupling constant

$g > 0 \Rightarrow$ repulsive interaction (stability)

($g < 0 \Rightarrow$ attractive interaction) $\Rightarrow$ i.e. two particles at some point gain energy ... ~~stable~~ stable

& since particles are bosons; you will have
condensation of particles.
... can create lot of particles

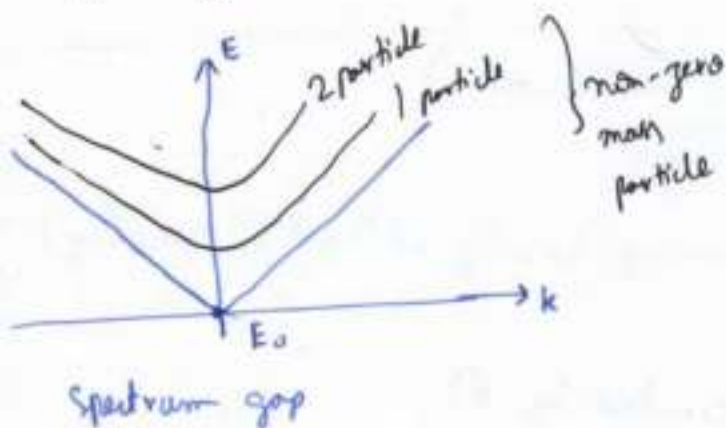
$$S_0[\phi] = \int \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2$$

Correlation Functions in perturbation theory.

$$\langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n) \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi]\right) \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n)}{\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi]\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \dots \rangle_0 \quad (\text{replace } S \text{ by } S_0)$$

expectation value
for free theory



for massless particles
spectrum starts
from zero.



We will take the measure in interaction ~~perturbation~~ theory $\mathcal{D}[\phi]$
to be the measure as defined for free theory $\mathcal{D}_0[\phi]$

Expand in a series of g^k .

$$\int \mathcal{D}_0[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_0[\phi]\right) \cdot \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{g}{4!} \int d^4x \phi^4(x)\right)}_{\downarrow} \cdot \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n)$$

$$= \dots \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{-g}{4!}\right)^k \int d^4x_1 \dots d^4x_k \phi^4(x_1) \dots \phi^4(x_k) \right] \dots$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \sum_k g^k \dots = \sum_k g^k \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \dots$$

⚠ Dangerous
warning ... this is dangerous!

$$\int D[\phi] \sum_k g^k \dots \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_k g^k \int D[\phi] \dots$$

∞ Radius of convergence

0 Radius of convergence.



... so have to use resummation methods

ex Stirling's Formula.

So by nicely doing this exchange of summation & integration we get.

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{-g}{\hbar^4} \right)^k \int D_0[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_0[\phi]\right) \int d^d x_1 \dots d^d x_k \phi^4(x_1) \dots \phi^4(x_k) \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n)$$

$$Z_0 = \left[\int d^d x_1 \dots d^d x_k \langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n) \phi^4(x_1) \dots \phi^4(x_k) \rangle_0 \right]$$

→ free field expectation value.

$$\langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n) \rangle_{g \neq 0} \underset{\text{(interacting theory)}}{=} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{-g}{\hbar^4} \right)^k \int d^d x_1 \dots d^d x_k \langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_n) \phi^4(x_1) \dots \phi^4(x_k) \rangle_0}{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{-g}{\hbar^4} \right)^k \int d^d x_1 \dots d^d x_k \langle \phi^4(x_1) \dots \phi^4(x_k) \rangle_0}$$

Diagrammatic representation in terms of Feynman Diagrams & Amplitudes.

$$\langle \underbrace{\phi \dots \phi}_N \underbrace{\phi^4 \dots \phi^4}_K \rangle_0 = \sum_{\text{pairing}} \underbrace{\langle \phi \phi \rangle_0 \dots \langle \phi \phi \rangle_0}_{\frac{N}{2} + 2K \text{ propagators.}} \quad \text{well defined object}$$

$\int d^d x_1 \dots d^d x_k \langle \dots \rangle_0 \leftarrow$ do diverge at short distances.
(u.v. singularities)

Denominator $\leftarrow$ vacuum diagrams

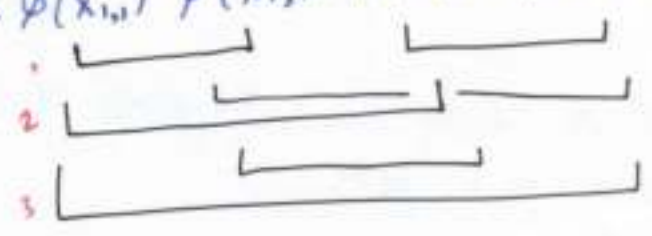
$$N=0, k=0 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$k=1 \Rightarrow \frac{-g}{\hbar 4!} \int d^d x_1 \langle \phi^4(x_1) \rangle_0$$

X

$$x_1 = x_{1,1} = x_{1,2} = x_{1,3} = x_{1,4}$$

$$\langle \phi(x_{1,1}) \phi(x_{1,2}) \phi(x_{1,3}) \phi(x_{1,4}) \rangle$$



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... Wick's contraction.

So we get

$$\langle \phi \phi \rangle = \hbar \circ \text{---} \circ$$

So, we get

$$\frac{-g}{\hbar 4!} \int d^d x_1 \langle \phi^4(x_1) \rangle_0 = \frac{-g}{\hbar 4!} \hbar^2 \times 3 \int d^d x_1 [\phi_0(0)]^2$$

$$= \frac{-g}{4!} \times 3 \times \hbar \int d^d x_1 \text{ (diagram of a loop with a cross) }$$

As we see, This object is already singular, if because $\phi(0) = \infty$ if $d \geq 2$

So, we have U.V. singularity (already at the simplest vacuum diagram)

$$= \left[\frac{-g}{8} \right] \times \hbar \int d^d x_1 \text{ (diagram of a loop with a cross) }$$

$\left[\frac{1}{8} \right] \Rightarrow$ comes from symmetries of the diagram

$$= -g \times \frac{1}{8} \times \hbar \int d^d x_1 \text{ (diagram of a loop with a cross) }$$

“Combinatorics coming out of the Wick's Theorem”



Wicks Theorem



Same diagrams upto relabelling of the legs of the vertex

$$\frac{3}{4!} = \frac{1}{8}$$

we normalized g by $4!$ because

$4!$ = no. of possible relabellings of the vertex.

$$\frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{4!} = \frac{\# \text{ of ways of relabelling the graph}}{\# \text{ of possible ways of relabelling the vertex}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\# \text{ of relabellings that do not change diagram (labelled graph)}}$$

~~(1,2) → (2,1), (3,4) → (4,3), (1,2) → (3,4)~~

here $(1 \rightarrow 2), (3 \rightarrow 4), [(1,2) \rightarrow (3,4)]$

$\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry (the group)

$$8 \text{ elements} = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

$$G_0(x) \approx |x|^{2-d} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} = G_0(0) \quad \text{diverge when } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$N=0, k=2 : \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-g}{\hbar^2} \right)^2 \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 \langle \phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \rangle$$

get three different kind of interaction by wicks theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1: } \text{Two separate loops} \quad + \quad \text{Diagram 2: } \text{Two loops sharing a vertex} \quad + \quad \text{Diagram 3: } \text{Two loops sharing an edge} \\
 & (h(0))^4 \quad \quad \quad (h(0))^2 (h(x_1, x_2))^2 \quad \quad \quad (h_0(x_1, x_2))^4 \\
 & = (h(0))^4 \quad \quad \quad = (h(0))^2 (h(x_1 - x_2))^2 \quad \quad \quad (h_0(x_1 - x_2))^4 \\
 & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 \quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{16} \quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4!} \quad \quad \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4!}} \right\} \text{Symmetry factor.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Downarrow$ strong divergence (contain ultraviolet singularity)
 $\Downarrow$ divergence (contains ultraviolet singularity)
 $\Downarrow$ no divergence. $\rightarrow$ can have contribution to divergence from $h(x_1 - x_2)$ if x_1 is close to x_2 . (may contain ultraviolet singularity)

Numerator
 $N=2; k=0$

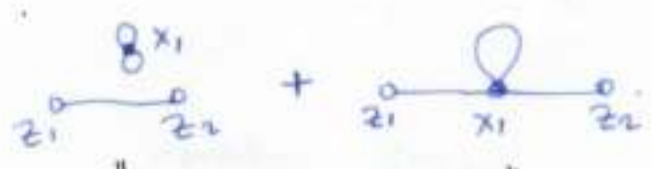


$N=2; k=1$

$$\left(\frac{-g}{4!} \right)^2 \int dx_1 \langle \phi(z_1) \phi(z_2) \phi^3(x_1) \rangle_0$$



so, we get diagrams of the form



$$\int (h_0(z_1 - z_2) h_0(0))^2 dx_1 \quad \quad \quad \int dx_1 h_0(z_1 - x_1) h_0(x_1 - z_2) h_0(0)$$

$$\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

so,
$$-g \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(\text{Diagram 1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Diagram 2} \right) \right]$$

$$N=2, k=2$$

$$\frac{1}{2!(4!)^2} \int_{x_1} \int_{x_2} \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \rangle_0 =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{diagram 1} + \frac{1}{4} \text{diagram 2} + \frac{1}{6} \text{diagram 3} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{16} \text{diagram 4} + \frac{1}{128} \text{diagram 5} + \frac{1}{16} \text{diagram 6} \\ & + \frac{1}{48} \text{diagram 7} \end{aligned}$$

The diagrams represent Feynman diagrams for the four-point function $\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \rangle_0$ at order $\hbar^2$. The diagrams are:

- Diagram 1: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box.
- Diagram 2: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the left internal line.
- Diagram 3: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the right internal line.
- Diagram 4: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the top internal line.
- Diagram 5: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the bottom internal line.
- Diagram 6: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the left internal line.
- Diagram 7: A tree-level diagram with two external lines (1 and 2) and two internal lines forming a box, with a loop on the right internal line.

Lecture 3.2] Cancellation of vacuum diagrams, structure of perturbation theory, generating functionals

- Shrawit Adhikari 19/5/2020.

$\langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g^k \cdot \sum_{\text{Diagrams with } k \text{ internal vertices}} C_G \cdot I_G(z_1, \dots, z_N)$

$\underbrace{\langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle}_{N \text{ external } \phi(z_i)}$

$\underbrace{\sum_{\text{Diagrams with } k \text{ internal vertices}}}_{N \text{ external vertices } z_i}$

C_G $\leftarrow$ G Feynman graph

$I_G(z_1, \dots, z_N)$

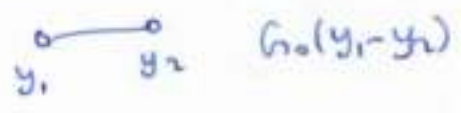
Combinatorial factor (symmetry)
 $\therefore$ comes from wicks contraction

Amplitude (integral) for diagram G .

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Position Space Propagator



Integrate: $I_G = \int \prod_{a=1}^N d^d x_a \cdot \prod_{\text{lines}} G(y_a - y_b)$

Internal vertices

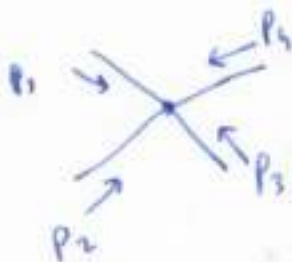
It's better to compute Feynman Diagrams in momentum representation.

Impulsion/momentum

(taking fourier transforms of everything...)



$$\hat{G}_0(p_1, p_2) = (2\pi)^d \delta(p_1 + p_2) \cdot \frac{1}{p_1^2 + m^2}$$



$$: (2\pi)^d \delta(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4)$$

(conservation of momenta $\Leftarrow$ translation invariance)



connected

$$\Rightarrow \hat{I}_G(p_1, \dots, p_n) = (2\pi)^d \delta(p_1 + \dots + p_n) \times$$

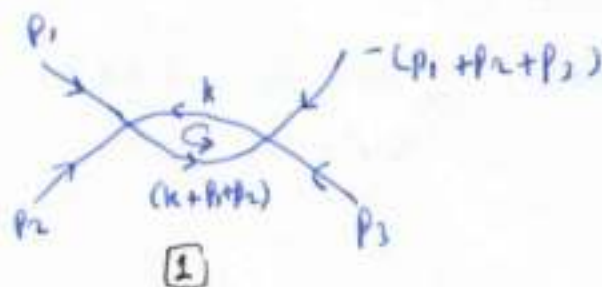
$$\times \int \prod_{\text{Internal momenta}} d^d k \cdot \prod_{\text{lines}} \frac{1}{(\text{momenta})^2 + m^2}$$

eg



[1]

or



[1]

How many independent internal momenta?

ex



[3]

Theorem: (Euler) : Euler's Relation.

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of independent momenta = # of independent loops of diagram G

= 1st Betti Number

Let G be a general diagram with V vertices.

$V = V_{\text{internal}} + V_{\text{external}}$ vertices; $V = V_{\text{ext}} + V_{\text{int}}$;

$L = \#$ of lines, $B = \#$ of loops.
(B for Betti)

for connected graph G : $B = L - V + 1$

Euler
Relation.

because
 $C = 1$
(no. of connected
component)

$$B = L - V + C$$

$C \Rightarrow \#$ of connected component.

for ϕ^4 diagram



1 line has 2 ends

(Hahaha.... 😊)

(can think of it as consequence of Euler's formula)

for line so: $B = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \& L = 1 \therefore \text{so}; B = L - V + 1 \\ &= 0 = 1 - V + 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{V = 2} \end{aligned}$$



Internal vertex has 4 "legs"



External vertex has 1 leg

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so}; 2L &= 4V_{\text{int}} + V_{\text{ext}} \\ &= 4K + N \end{aligned}$$

so; $B = 2K + \frac{N}{2} - K - N + 1$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{B = K - \frac{N}{2} + 1}$

$\boxed{B = K - \frac{N}{2} + 1}$

$\hbar$ factors in perturbation Theorem.

$\times : \left(\frac{-g}{\hbar} \right)$

$\text{---} : \hbar \Rightarrow \left(\text{because } \frac{S}{\hbar} \right)$

Diagram G

$(-g)^k \cdot (\text{symmetric factor}) \cdot \hbar^{L-k}$

remember $B = L - (K+N) + 1$

so; G with B loops $\Rightarrow \hbar^{B+N-1}$

Perturbation theory is an expansion in $\hbar$; i.e; $\hbar^k \dots$

$\hookrightarrow$ so, it is semi classical expansion.

$B=0$ graph ; i.e; tree level graphs

$\hookrightarrow$ we get theory of $\hbar=0$; we get classical physics.

$B=1$ graph; 1 loop diagram

$\hookrightarrow$ leading order quantum correction.

$\int D\phi \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar}(S_0 + gS_{int})\right) = \left(\sum_k g^k \hbar^k\right) \hbar^0$

$\downarrow$
 $S[\phi] = S_0 + g\phi^4 + g^2\phi^6 + \dots \infty$ loop

replace by more general action.

Then; we get $\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi]\right)$

Propagators for all times:
 $\uparrow$
 Correlation function



Generating Functional for the $\langle \dots \rangle$

$$Z[\vec{j}] = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} (S[\phi] - \vec{j} \cdot \phi)\right)$$

$\vec{j} = \{j(x), n \in \mathbb{N}^d\}$ classical field source (so we don't treat it as Random variable, but as a parameter of the theory)

$$\phi = \{\phi(x)\}$$

$$\vec{j} \cdot \phi = \int d^d x j(x) \phi(x)$$

Correlation functions $\leftarrow \langle 0 | T[\dots] | 0 \rangle$

$$\langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_N) \rangle = \hbar^N \frac{\delta}{\delta j(x_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{\delta j(x_N)} Z[\vec{j}] / Z[0] \Big|_{\vec{j}=0}$$

~~Z[0]~~ $Z[\vec{j}] \Rightarrow$ generating functional of correlation functions.

Connected Correlation Function

$$\langle \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_N) \rangle_{\text{connected}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g^k \sum_{\substack{n \text{ with} \\ k \text{ vertices} \\ \& N \text{ external} \\ \text{legs: connected}}} C_n I_n(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

define;

$$W[\vec{j}] = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N!} \int d z_1 \dots d z_N j(z_1) j(z_2) \dots j(z_N) \langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle_{\text{connected}}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ Generating Function of connected correlation functions

Theorem

$$W[g] = \hbar \log(Z[g])$$

→ connected vacuum diagrams.

$$W[g] = \left[0 + 8 + \ominus + \infty + \dots \right] \\ + \left[\text{diagrams with external lines} \right] \\ + \left[\text{diagrams with internal lines} \right] + \dots$$

$$\text{red line} = g$$

∴

$$Z[g] = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\hbar} W[g]\right)$$

$$= 1 + W + \frac{1}{2} W^2 + \frac{1}{6} W^3 + \dots$$

$$Z[g] = \left[\bullet \right] + \left[\text{connected diagrams} \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left[\text{disconnected diagrams} \right] + \dots$$

sum of two connected components

Combinatorics symmetric factor are OK.

* $W[g]$ is just functional way to manipulate combinatorics of diagram.

⇒ This concept of using functions to represent combinatorial relation between objects is also an ~~invention~~ invention of Euler Leonard. ... The method of generating functions.

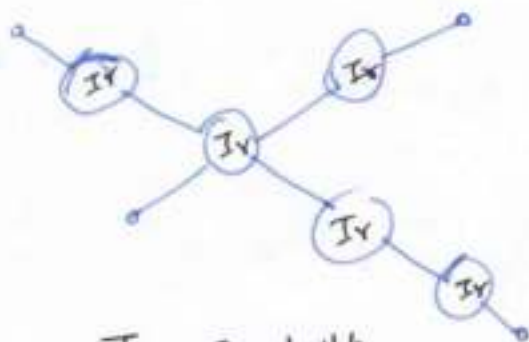
Irreducible Functions

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can be always decomposed as tree with irreducible vertices.

unique

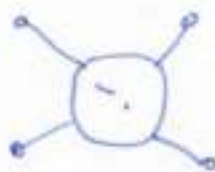


Tree Irreducible vertices



: 1-particle/line irreducible sub-diagrams

~~Purely definition~~



still connected

If you cut some internal line; it is still connected. (by cutting single line)

Purely geometric definition which comes from graph

Theory : Irreducible diagrams.

~~Generating functions for irreducible parts of diagrams.~~

Stat Mech. Lagrangian :

Z partition function ; $\hbar = \text{Temp}$

$W = - \text{Free Energy}$

$\Gamma = \text{Gibbs Potential.}$

$$\langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle_{\text{connex}} = \frac{\delta}{\delta g} \dots \frac{\delta}{\delta g} W[g] \Big|_{g=0}$$

$\Rightarrow$ no need to divide by $W[0]$ because we want vacuum diagrams

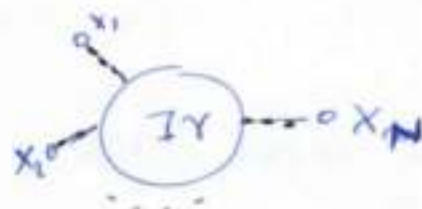
Generating functions for irreducible parts of diagrams. pg 99



we don't want to include external lines;
otherwise it will not be irreducible.

let Γ be an irreducible part.

$$I_\Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$



also associate some
position to external
legs.

$$I_\Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \int dx \prod_{\text{Internal vertices}} G_a(x_{\text{int}} - x_{\text{int}}) \prod_{\text{external lines}} \delta(x_{\text{ext}} - x_{\text{int}})$$

$\downarrow$
 ordinary propagator

we don't want to
include external lines
because they are not
part of diagram.

So, we enforce ~~so, we enforce~~ α & β are same
point by introducing
 δ function.

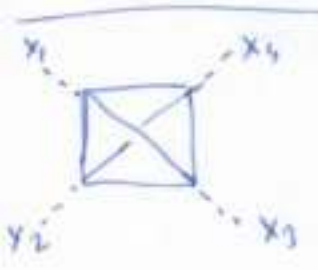
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$$x_1 \text{---} \text{loop} \text{---} x_2 : \int dx G_0(0) \delta(x_1 - x) \delta(x_2 - x)$$

$$= \delta(x_1 - x_2) G_0(0)$$



$$: \delta(x_1 - x_2) \delta(x_3 - x_4) [G_0(x_1 - x_3)]^2$$



$$: G_0(x_1 - x_2) G_0(x_1 - x_3) \dots G_1(x_1 - x_4)$$

(have no delta function ~~constraint~~ constraint at last)

Momentum representation

$$\text{---} \bullet \text{---} = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \quad (\text{Internal lines})$$

$$\text{---} \circ \text{---} = 1 \quad (\text{External legs : Amputated legs})$$

because does not carry any momentum.

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$\frac{(p^2 + m^2)}{1} \Rightarrow \text{once amputated}$$

$$\frac{1}{(p^2 + m^2)} \Rightarrow \text{propagator}$$

External legs carry no momenta.

But Amputate single propagator.
(remove left & right extremities)

But,

$$\text{---} \text{---} \xrightarrow{\text{Amputate}} \text{---} \text{---} = \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = (p^2 + m^2)$$

amputating single propagator
(remove left and right extremities)
so; have to amputate twice.

$$= \frac{(p^2 + m^2)^2}{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\frac{(p^2 + m^2)^2}{1} \Rightarrow \text{twice amputated}$$

$$\frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \Rightarrow \text{propagator}$$

$$\Gamma[\phi] = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N!} \int d^2z_1 \dots d^2z_N \phi(z_1) \dots \phi(z_N) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g^k \sum_{\text{Irreducible diagrams}} I_N(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

Source term for amputated functions

Irreducible diagrams
N amputated legs
K internal vertices

$\Gamma[\phi] \Rightarrow$ generating function...

source term
(not using the notation $J \dots$
... will see later why so)

Theorem ~~$\Gamma[\phi] \neq$~~ $\Gamma[\phi] = J; \phi - W[J]$

Legendre Transform of $W[J]$

$\Gamma[\phi]$ is Legendre transform of $W[J]$.

we have seen that one point function $\langle \phi \rangle$ is functional derivative of $W[J]$: $\langle \phi \rangle_J = \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J}$

functional of J

Expectation value of ϕ is an external source classical field J .

(ϕ is quantum field)

This is from where we start.

$$\Gamma[\phi] \Rightarrow \text{Effective Action of QFT (classical quantity)}$$

lets define $\phi_j = \langle \phi \rangle_j$

This is a classical field; which is ~~functional~~ functional of a classical field : given by the expectation value of quantum field

quantum field is around this classical configuration

$$\phi \Rightarrow \text{Background field (classical field)}$$

classical quantum fluctuations of

lets assume we can ~~change~~ ~~var~~ invariant variables (pg 52)

$$\phi_j = \langle \phi \rangle_j \longleftrightarrow j_\phi \quad \text{Invariant variables.}$$

(its possible in perturbation theorem)

$$\phi = \sqrt{\text{varphi}}$$

$$\phi = \sqrt{\text{phi}}$$

& lets say we have control on ϕ , not on j .

... and then do minimization problem.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma[\phi] = j_\phi \cdot \phi - W[j_\phi]} \quad \text{here } j_\phi \text{ as a function of } \phi$$

$\phi \Rightarrow$ background field viewed by the quantum theory.

(not ϕ as function of j)

$$W[j_\phi] = j_\phi \cdot \phi - \Gamma[\phi]$$

now: $\phi_j = \frac{\delta W[j]}{\delta j}$ ii: ϕ is considered as function of j so: ϕ_j .



$$j_\phi = \frac{\delta \Gamma[\phi]}{\delta \phi}$$

② Minimum of $\Gamma[\phi] = \phi_0$

is solution of

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi}[\phi_0] = 0 \Rightarrow j_{\phi_0} = 0$$

Properties

① so: if W is the Legendre transform of Γ

$$(L.T.) \circ (L.T.) = Id$$

$\downarrow$
Legendre transform.

$\uparrow$
Identity

ii: Legendre Transformation is involution

recall $\phi_{j=0} = \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{vacuum}}$
i.e; $j=0$

so: Find the minimum of $\Gamma[\phi]$; you get information on vacuum of the theory $j=0$.

Find the minimum of $\Gamma[\phi] \Rightarrow \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{vacuum}}$.

Lecture 9.1
Effective Action at one loop, Mass Renormalization
in ϕ^4 Theory

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① Effective Action ② Renormalization.

1 particle irreducible
- vertex diagrams
(building blocks of
perturbation theory)

$$Z[j] = \int D\phi \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\phi] + \frac{i}{\hbar} j \cdot \phi)$$

$$W[j] = \frac{i}{\hbar} \log Z[j] \quad \text{connected.}$$

$$\Gamma[\varphi] = j \cdot \varphi - W[j];$$

$$\varphi = \langle \phi \rangle_j = \frac{\delta W[j]}{\delta j} \quad \text{Background field.}$$

1 loop calculation (first order in $\hbar$)
(Remember: Perturbation theory can be viewed as expansion in $\hbar$)

Now to estimate when $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ ($\hbar$ is small);
dominates ϕ_c ; $\phi_c \equiv \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi} - j = 0$ $\rightarrow \phi_c$ is solution of this.

~~Saddle point: $S[\phi_c] - j \cdot \phi$ is minimum~~
Saddle point: $S[\phi_c] - j \cdot \phi$ is minimum

ϕ_c is a "functional" of j .

$$j \cdot \phi = \int d^4x j(x) \phi(x)$$

So; any general ϕ can be written as

$$\phi = \phi_c + \sqrt{\hbar} \tilde{\phi}$$

expand the action. $S[\phi]$

$$S[\phi] = S[\phi_c] + \frac{\hbar}{2} \tilde{\phi} \cdot S''[\phi_c] \cdot \tilde{\phi} + O(\hbar^{3/2})$$

$$\tilde{\phi} \cdot S''[\phi_c] \cdot \tilde{\phi} \equiv \int d^4x_1 \int d^4x_2 \tilde{\phi}(x_1) \tilde{\phi}(x_2) \frac{\delta^2 S[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x_1) \delta \phi(x_2)}$$

Version for $S[\phi]$

$$S[\phi] - j \cdot \phi = S[\phi_c] - j \cdot \phi_c + \frac{\hbar}{2} \tilde{\phi} \cdot S''[\phi_c] \cdot \tilde{\phi} + O(\hbar^2) \quad (\text{p. 55})$$

$$Z[j] = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi_c]\right) \cdot \int D[\tilde{\phi}] \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\phi} \cdot S''[\phi_c] \cdot \tilde{\phi}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S[\phi_c]\right)$$

$(1 + O(\hbar^2)) \dots$
 → a gaussian integral.

$$W[j] = -S[\phi_c] - \frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log(S''[\phi_c])) + j \cdot \phi_c$$

$$= -S[\phi_c] - \frac{\hbar}{2} \log(\text{"Det"}(S''[\phi_c])) + j \cdot \phi_c$$

$$W[j] = -S[\phi_c] - \frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log(S''[\phi_c])) + j \cdot \phi_c$$

$$\Rightarrow W[j] = \underbrace{-S[\phi_c] + j \cdot \phi_c}_{\text{leading term}} - \underbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log(S''[\phi_c]))}_{\text{quantum correction}}$$

leading term
 "Classical contribution"

take the definition $\phi = \frac{\delta W[j]}{\delta j}$ ϕ_c depends on j .

$$= \phi_c + \frac{\delta \phi_c}{\delta j} \left[\left(-\frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi} + j \right) + O(\hbar) \right] \quad \downarrow \quad \phi = \phi_c$$

by definition
 zero... definition
 of ϕ_c

from
 functional
 derivative of
 $\frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log(S'' \dots))$

$$\phi = \phi_c + \frac{\delta \phi_c}{\delta j} \left[\left(-\frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi} + j \right) + O(\hbar) \right]$$

$$\phi = \phi_c + o(\hbar)$$

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quantum correction

so, classically: Background field is equal to saddle point ϕ_c

$$\phi = \phi_c + \frac{\delta \phi_c}{\delta j} \left[\left(-\frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi} + j \right) + o(\hbar) \right] \phi = \phi_c$$

$$\phi = \phi_c + o(\hbar)$$

Background field
Classical field (saddle point)

now, if we take the definition of $\Gamma[\phi]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma[\phi] &= j \cdot \phi - W[j] \\ &= j \cdot \phi - j \cdot \phi_c + S[\phi_c] + \frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log S''[\phi_c]) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma[\phi] &= j \cdot \phi - W[j] \\ &= j \cdot \phi - j \cdot \phi_c + S[\phi_c] + \frac{\hbar}{2} \text{Tr}(\log S''[\phi_c]) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

at classical order $j \cdot \phi - j \cdot \phi_c$ vanishes.

$S[\phi_c]$ can be replaced by $S[\phi]$ plus some quantum correction $\hbar$.

$$\begin{aligned} S[\phi_c] &= S[\phi] + o(\hbar) \\ S[\phi_c] &= S[\phi] + o(\hbar) \end{aligned}$$

we can show

$$j \cdot \phi - j \cdot \phi_c + S[\phi_c] = S[\phi] \quad (\text{no correction here})$$

$$\Gamma[\phi] = S[\phi] + \hbar \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\log [S''[\phi]]) + o(\hbar^2)$$

Valid for any QFT involving scalar fields. (Bosonic)

... can be extended to spin 2 & 2.

ϕ^4 theory $S[\phi] = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi (-\Delta + m^2) \phi + \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4 \right)$

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periodic boundary
state.

$$0 = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} - \theta(x) = (-\Delta_x + m^2) \phi(x) + \frac{g}{6} \phi^3(x) - \theta(x) = 0$$

$$\boxed{(-\Delta_x + m^2) \phi_c(x) + \frac{g}{6} \phi_c^3(x) - \theta(x) = 0}$$

solution to
this ϕ_c .

Non-linear P.D.E. (time independent non-linear
Schrodinger equation with
a source)

What is Hessian

$$\frac{\delta^2 S[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x_1) \delta \phi(x_2)} = S''[\phi]_{x_1, x_2}$$

$$= \left(-\Delta + m^2 + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2 \right)_{x_1, x_2}$$

in fact:

$$S''[\phi] = -\Delta + m^2 + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2 \text{ for } \phi^4 \text{ theory.}$$

and its a differential operator.

$S''[\phi]$ is a linear differential operator.

Integral
Kernel of
the operator.

$$S''[\phi]_{x_1, x_2}$$

Ψ on $\mathbb{R}^d$: we can define.

$$(S''[\phi] \cdot \Psi)(x) = \left(-\Delta_x + m^2 + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2(x) \right) \cdot \Psi(x)$$

$S''[\phi]$ is a linear differential operator acting on some
function ; & $S''[\phi]$ depends non-linearly on ϕ .
but ϕ now is parameter ; ψ test function.

$$S''[\phi]_{x_1, x_2} = \left(-\Delta_{x_1} + m^2 + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2(x_1) \right) \cdot \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

$\Rightarrow S''[\phi]_{x_1, x_2}$ is distribution.

$\hookrightarrow$ applied on
integral Kernel of
Identity operator

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In perturbation theory,

$$\text{Tr} [\log (-\Delta + m^2 + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2)] = \text{Tr} [\log [(-\Delta + m^2) (1 + \frac{g}{2} (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2)]]$$

$$= \log (\det [(-\Delta + m^2) (1 + \frac{g}{2} (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2)])$$

→ quantum contribution for
effective action for free field.

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$= \log [\det(-\Delta + m^2) \det(1 + \frac{g}{2} (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2)]$$

$$= \log(\det(-\Delta + m^2)) + \log(\det(1 + \frac{g}{2} (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2))$$

$$= \text{Tr} [\log(-\Delta + m^2)] + \text{Tr} [\log(1 + \frac{g}{2} (-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2)]$$

contribution of free field.

→ let's concentrate on this ~~free~~ term... expand in g

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \cdot \frac{g^k}{2^k} \cdot \text{Tr} [(-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} (\phi^2)^k]$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \cdot \frac{g^k}{2^k} \cdot \text{Tr} [(-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} (\phi^2)^k]$$

→ we ~~interchanged~~ interchanged summation & Trace... should not do... it's tricky.

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \cdot \frac{g^k}{2^k} \text{Tr} [(-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \phi^2]^k$$

Will write it explicitly in terms of integral kernel.

note: $(-\Delta + m^2)^{-1} x y = G_0(x-y) = x \xrightarrow{\quad} y$ Propagator of free theory.

$$(\varphi^2)_{xy} = \varphi^2(x) \delta(x-y) = \dots$$

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writing it neatly.

$$i.e., (\varphi^2)_{xy} = \varphi^2(x) \delta(x-y) = \dots$$



vertex with 2 φ attached

$\varphi(x) \rightarrow$ value of background field at field x .

Want to compute the $\hbar$ correction term as a functional of φ background field.

$$\text{Tr}[(\Delta + m^2)^{-1} \varphi^2(x)]^k = \int \dots \int G_0(x_1, y_1) \cdot (\varphi^2)_{y_1, x_2} \cdot G_0(x_2, y_2) \cdot (\varphi^2)_{y_2, x_3} \dots$$

$$\dots G_0(x_k, y_k) (\varphi^2)_{y_k, x_{k+1}}$$

$dx_1, dy_1, \dots, dx_k, dy_k$

but $x_{k+1} = x_1$
because we are taking the trace.

here... we have lot of delta function... we can simplify it further.

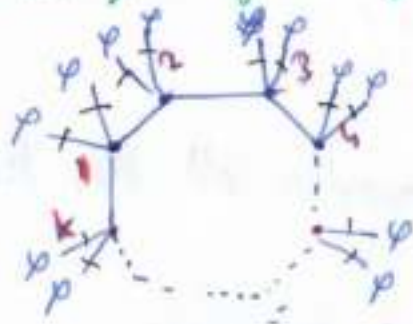
$$= \int \dots \int [G_0(x_1, y_1) (\varphi^2)_{y_1, x_2} G_0(x_2, y_2) (\varphi^2)_{y_2, x_3} \dots G_0(x_k, y_k) (\varphi^2)_{y_k, x_{k+1}} dx_1, dy_1, \dots, dx_k, dy_k]$$

$$= \int dx_1, \dots, dx_k [G_0(x_1, x_2) \varphi^2(x_2) \dots G_0(x_k, x_1) \varphi^2(x_1)]$$

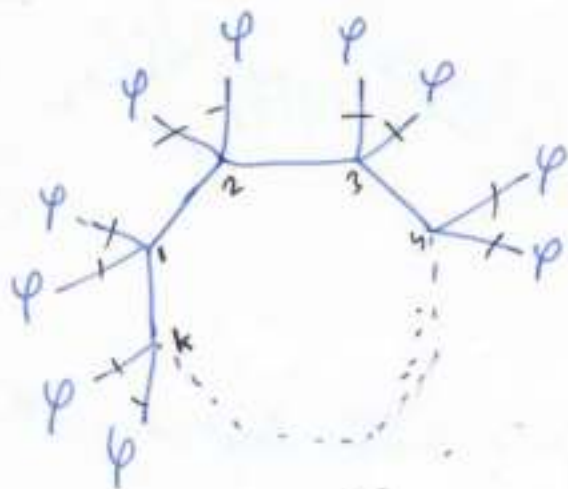
$$= \int dx_1, \dots, dx_k [G_0(x_1, x_2) \varphi^2(x_2) G_0(x_2, x_3) \varphi^2(x_3) \dots G_0(x_k, x_1) \varphi^2(x_1)]$$

$\rightarrow$ Its a feynman integral ; its an integral associated to a diagram

→ Integral of a Feynman diagram



$$x \text{---} y \text{---} \varphi(y) = \varphi(x) = \int dy \varphi(y) \delta(y-x)$$



One loop diagram with $2k$ truncated legs.

Diagrammatic Representation

$$x \text{---} y = \bullet \text{---} \bullet = \delta(x-y) \quad \text{truncated line}$$

$$x \text{---} y = G_0(x-y) \quad \text{ordinary propagator}$$

$$x \text{---} y \text{---} \varphi(y) = \varphi(x) = \int dy \varphi(y) \delta(y-x)$$

Final Representation

$$- \bigcirc + \left[\frac{g}{2} \varphi + \frac{g^2}{2} \varphi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{2} \right)^2 \varphi^2 \bigcirc + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{g}{2} \right)^3 \varphi^3 \bigcirc + \dots \infty \right]$$

↙ (notation for now)
a loop with no external legs... the free field contribution.

~~Indeed~~ Indeed generates all one loop diagrams.

For free field we get connected diagrams with no external legs $\bigcirc$

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* we can show at order $\hbar^2$, it generates all the two loop diagrams.

* at order $\hbar$, generates all the one loop diagrams.

Sum over one loop 1 particle Irreducible diagram.

$$\bigcirc + \left[\frac{g}{2} \varphi + \hbar \varphi - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{2} \right)^2 \varphi^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{g}{2} \right)^3 \varphi^3 + \dots \right]$$

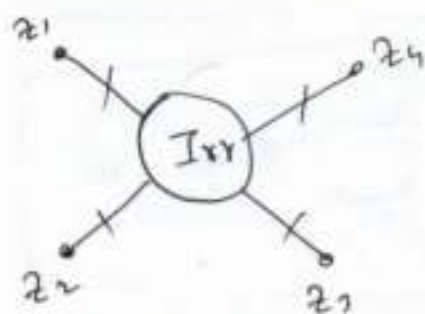
$\Gamma[\varphi]$ is generating functional.

* If you want to compute what are Irreducible diagrams with two points z_1, z_2

$$z_1 \text{ --- } \bigcirc \text{ --- } z_2 = \frac{\delta \Gamma[\varphi]_{\text{1 loop}}}{\delta \varphi(z_1) \delta \varphi(z_2)} \Big|_{\varphi=0} \quad \text{2 point function}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} g \text{ --- } \bigcirc \text{ ---}$$

because it is a generating functional.



$$= \frac{\delta^4 \Gamma[\varphi]_{\text{4 loop}}}{\delta \varphi \delta \varphi \delta \varphi \delta \varphi} \Big|_{\varphi=0} \quad \text{4 point function.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \frac{g^2 \hbar}{g} \left[\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} \right]$$

$$\Gamma[\varphi] = \sum_N \frac{1}{N!} \varphi^N$$



2 point Irreducible function

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(z_1, z_2) = (-\Delta + m^2)_{z_1, z_2} + \frac{\hbar g}{2} \text{diagram} + O(\hbar^2)$$

actually function of difference between two points because of translational invariance.

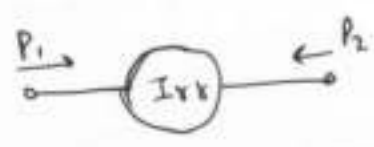
lets do fourier transform

$$\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p_1, p_2) = (2\pi)^d \delta(p_1 + p_2) \hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p_1)$$

conservation of momentum.

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(z_1, z_2) = \text{diagram with Irr circle}$$

fourier transform



$$\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p_1, p_2) = (2\pi)^d \delta(p_1 + p_2) \hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p_1)$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p) = p^2 + m^2 + \frac{g\hbar}{2} G_0(0) \quad ; \quad G_0(0) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2}$$

gives terms at order $\hbar$... at $\hbar^2$.

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{classical}} + \Gamma_{\text{1 loop}} + \Gamma_{\text{2 loop}} + \dots$$

This is just the classical action S

Free Theory

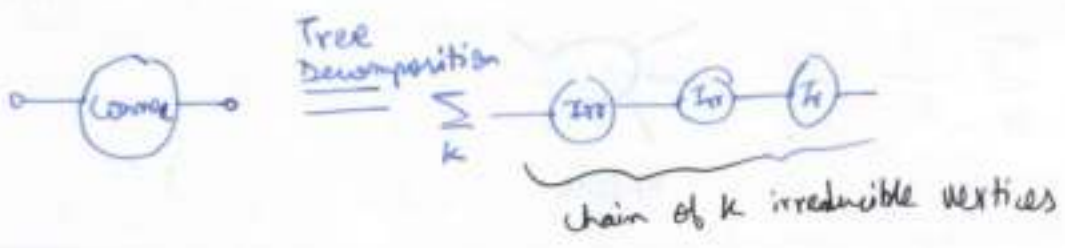
$$\hat{\Gamma}_0^{(2)}(p) = p^2 + m^2; \quad G_0^{(2)}(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\hat{G}^{(2)}(p) = \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p)}$$

connected two point function

Irreducible 2 point function.

General Relation ... true for general theory.



chain of k irreducible vertices

... geometric series ...

$$= \text{connected} = \sum_k \text{chain of } k \text{ irreducible vertices}$$

$$= \text{connected} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \text{Ir}}

in p-space$$

$$\text{Ir}(p) \equiv \sum(p) \quad (\text{same function of } p)$$

$$\hat{G}^{(2)}(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \sum(p))} = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2 - \sum(p)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p)}$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p) = p^2 + m^2 - \sum(p) \quad \neq \text{the point function in momentum space}$$

This explains that the relation

$$\hat{G}^{(2)}(p) = \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(p)}$$

is a general expression.

The diagram  has a Feynman amplitude given by the integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tadpole diagram} \rightarrow \text{Amplitude of tadpole diagram} \quad I_0 = T &= \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \\ &= G_0(x=0) \end{aligned}$$

U.V. divergent
if $d \geq 2$
at $|k| \rightarrow \infty$
(Feature of QFT)

We have seen

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(x) &\approx |x|^{2-d} \quad (\text{in position space}) \\ &\approx |k|^{d-2} \end{aligned}$$

How to deal with this problem

Modify theory to deal with short distance behavior.

Regularization Procedure

1st way) Lattice in $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$

2nd way) Sharp momentum cutoff $|k| < \Lambda$
 $\rightarrow |\Lambda| \gg m$ (so as not to change behavior of theory at physical distance)
 physical scale.

3rd way) Pauli-Villars (improving cutoff in smooth way)

4th way) $d \neq 4$ dimensional regularization;
 but complex $\epsilon = 4 - d$ $\Leftarrow$ gauge theory.

5th way) The ultimate regulator ℓ_{Planck} or M_{Planck} .

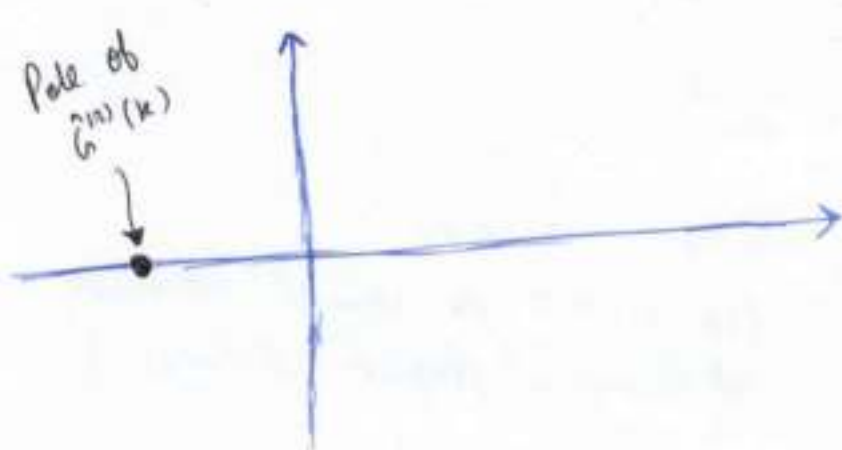
* 1st part plays the role of lattice mesh a.
 2nd part plays the role of ~~lattice~~

$$T(m, \Lambda) = \int_{\substack{|k| < \Lambda \\ (\text{Ball})}} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \quad d=4$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \Lambda^2 - \frac{m^2}{(4\pi)^2} \log \Lambda^2 + \text{finite terms when } \Lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

↑
leading quadratic divergence
↑
sub-leading logarithmic divergence

$$\hat{G}^{(2)}(x) = \int \frac{d^4 x}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot e^{ik \cdot x} \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(k)} \quad \text{using } \hat{G}^{(2)}(k) = \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}^{(2)}(k)}$$



$$|k|^2 = \vec{k}^2 - E^2 = \vec{k}^2 - E^2$$

$$k_E = (\pm iE, \vec{k})$$

$\hat{G}^{(2)}$ is two point function... propagator of the theory.

Euclidean.

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(k) = k^2 + m^2 + \hbar \cdot \frac{g}{2} \cdot T$$

↑ This is divergent.

($\Gamma^{(2)}(k)$ behaves as this)

lets call $M^2 = m^2 + \hbar \cdot \frac{g}{2} T$

so: $\Gamma^{(2)}(k) = 0$ when $k^2 = -M^2$

Theory has a 1 particle state with physical mass M . (196s)

↪ If free theory: 1 particle state has mass m
then in Interacting theory: 1 particle state has mass M
where $M^2 = m^2 + g^2 \hbar \cdot \frac{1}{2} T$
 $M \neq m$ quantum corrections.



↪ Can think of that: the incoming particle interacts with particles created out of vacuum fluctuations (physical language)
• The interaction is repulsive...



all particles interact when you sit in vacuum

so mass increase
physical mass (M) > naive mass
(which you expect from free theory)
 m
what you should expect from interacting theory.

... mass is renormalized by additive corrections... by quantum effect.

m_0 is finite; 1st order quantum δ correction
gives $M_{\text{phys}} = \infty = O(\Lambda^2)$

∴ we want a theory with ~~large~~ finite physical mass.
ie; we want M_{phys} finite.

Now can we start from free theory, to get a physical theory with finite mass.

Massless ϕ^4 theory. 1st order ~~is~~ in g ($\hbar$)

will have $M_{\text{physical}} = 0$

- (will have properties of conformal invariance)
(scale invariance)

- simple; coupling constants are renormalized

 quantum feature of
QFT.

(Renormalization of mass is also there in QFT... but
this is something which we can have in classical
theory also)

→  Renormalization of coupling constants
is really the new added feature of QFT.

Lec 4.2: Renormalization of massless ϕ^4 theory at one loop, beta function

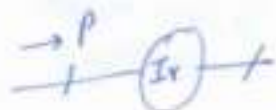
— Shoib Akhtar
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We saw, $M_{\text{physical}} \neq m$ parameter in the action of the functional integral.
(classical mass)

Physical mass of particle is defined as pole of two point function expressed in momentum space.

Pole in 2 point function.

Irreducible 2pt $\Gamma(p) = 0 \Rightarrow p^2 = -E^2 + \vec{h}^2 = -M^2_{\text{phys}}$



$\int D\phi \exp(-\frac{1}{\hbar} S_R[\phi])$ In Euclidean space.
 $\nwarrow$ Renormalized action.

$$S_R[\phi] = \int d^4x \left(\frac{A}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{B}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{C}{4!} \phi^4 \right)$$

U.V. regulator: $|k| < \Lambda$

$\phi \rightarrow$ renormalized field (operators) Φ (can also use ϕ as Φ operator symbol)
 $\hookrightarrow$ physical observables
 operator out of which we construct physical observables

~~$$\langle \phi(1) \phi(2) \dots \phi(2m) \rangle_R = \langle \Omega | T(\phi(1) \dots \phi(2m)) | \Omega \rangle$$~~

So:

~~$\langle \phi(1) \phi(2) \dots \phi(2m) \rangle_R$~~

$\uparrow$ physical vacuum.

$$\langle \phi(1) \dots \phi(2m) \rangle_R = \langle \Omega | T(\Phi(1) \dots \Phi(2m)) | \Omega \rangle$$

$\nwarrow$ correlation function expressed with Renormalized action.

$$- = \frac{1}{Ap^2 + B} \quad \therefore X = C$$

Massless || Classical $\int \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 + \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4 \right] d^4x$

If you have classical solution of E.O.M. $\phi_{cl}(x)$

Then $\phi_\lambda(x) = \lambda \cdot \phi_a(x)$ is also a classical solution $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ or $\mathbb{R}$.

In quantum theory: massless means $M_{\text{physical}} = 0$
ie; two point function of the theory vanishes
at $p^2 = 0$

ie, $\Gamma^{(2)}(p) = 0$ at $p^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow B + \frac{1}{2} \underline{2} + \dots = 0$$

$$\text{ie; } B + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{C}{A} \cdot T\left(\frac{B}{A}, 1\right) = 0$$

condition we get

$$B + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{C}{A} T\left(\frac{B}{A}, 1\right) = 0$$

so; B cannot be set to zero
 → You should not start with classical action in functional integral which is matter.

~~We can start from that stage, when $A=1$.~~

We can start from the stage when

$A=1$; $B = -\frac{\Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} g_R$ $g_R \Rightarrow$ renormalized coupling

$C = g_R$ → 1 loop - counter term
(+ correction term)

with this choice; we see

$M_{phys}^2 = 0 + O(g_R^2)$

it contains logarithmic divergence ... but its 2 loop order.

∴ classically $B=0$.

with this notation

$\Gamma^{(2)}(p) = p^2 + O(g_R^2)$
↑ 2 loops.

It's there to cancel the contribution of 1 loop diagram to the mass

propagator of massless classical propagator.

... works only because the diagram $P \rightarrow \bigcirc$ is independent of incoming momentum P .

... its just integral over internal momenta.
 Incoming momenta comes in & flows out without coupling to internal momenta.

↔ This is not true in general.

for instance in QED



here; internal momenta gets mixed with P

⇒ $\log \Lambda$
 in fact there is logarithmic divergence

The logarithm diverges in QED $\log \Lambda \cdot \phi$ implies

that $A \neq 1$


 $\Rightarrow \log \Lambda \cdot \phi \quad \text{in QED} \quad A \neq 1$

since $B \propto \hbar$

we can write.

$$S_0[\phi] = S_{\text{classical}}[\phi] + \hbar S_{(1)}[\phi] + \dots$$

↑ Classical part of the action
↑ Counter-term

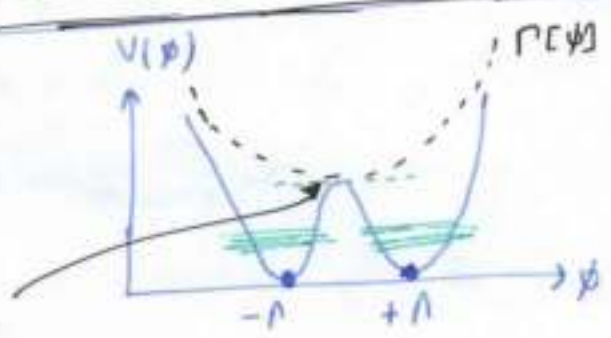
$A = 1$, $E = g_R$ is classical

$B = \frac{-\Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} g_R \hbar$ is counter-term.

potential $g_R (\phi^4 - \Lambda^2 \phi^2)$

$$V(\phi) = g_R \cdot (\phi^4 - \Lambda^2 \phi^2)$$

effective $\Rightarrow$ flat potential
massless



Classically we are in symmetry broken phase.

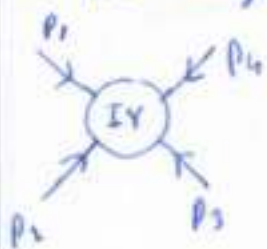
→ Because of quantum correction (there are quantum fluctuations) so; we adjust the terms so that we have effective ~~potential~~ potential of the theory $\Gamma[\phi]$

★ $\Gamma[\phi]$ is flat at its minima... $\Rightarrow$ so; we ~~adjust the~~ counter term so that although classical theory looks massive with two vacuum
(second derivative is zero; so the theory is massless)
→ The quantum theory has only one vacuum

and $\Gamma(\phi)$ is flat $\Rightarrow$ so the theory is massless.

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Is this enough? No! Consider 4pt. function.

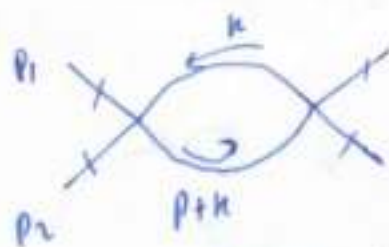


$$= \Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, \dots, p_4)$$

$$= \text{diagram with four external lines and a bubble} - \frac{1}{2} \left[\text{diagram with two bubbles} + \text{diagram with two bubbles} + \text{diagram with two bubbles} \right]$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 = 0$$

These diagrams contain some UV singularities.
s, t, u channel...



$$= B(p^2)$$

B for Bubble
hahaha...

$$B(p^2) = \int_{|k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(k+p)^2 + m^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \log(\Lambda^2) + \text{finite terms}$$

has logarithmic divergence.

$$\left(\text{the integral behaves like ; } \int_{|k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{|k|^2} \dots \right)$$

so we get.

$$\Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, \dots, p_4) = C - \frac{1}{2} C^2 \cdot \frac{1}{A^2} \left[B\left(\frac{(p_1 + p_2)^2}{A}; \frac{B}{A}, \Lambda\right) + \dots \right]$$

what we must choose is indeed

$$\boxed{A=1} \quad \boxed{B = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \Lambda^2} \quad \boxed{C = g_R + \dots}$$

Massless Theory;

We can treat $m = 0$ in ~~the~~ because correction induced by mass counter term will be seen only at 2 loop order in 4 pt. function.

$$\frac{B}{A} \rightarrow 0 + o(g_R)$$

↪ 2 loop order in ~~the~~ 4 pt. function)

So; $B(p^2, m^2=0, \Lambda) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{p^2}\right) + C$

↪ important to make argument of log dimensionless



constant: depends on form of regulator ϕ

Feynman rule

$$C \cdot \int dk \frac{1}{Ak^2 + B} = \frac{C}{A} \int dk \frac{1}{k^2 + B/A}$$

(no rescaling of field ϕ)

comes from vertex



How do we "define" a renormalized coupling constant in a massless (or massive) theory

or scattering



cross section will give access to the strength of coupling constants.
 (This is how coupling constant of QCD is measured in scattering experiment)

since we are dealing with massless particles, we cannot measure interaction at rest.

At which energy you perform your experiment?

Coupling constant depends on energy

It (may) depend on the energy/momentum scale at which you are discussing physics.

In this calculation, I choose to define the coupling constant g_R as the value of 4-pt. irr. function at some reference point in momentum space.

μ : renormalization scale.

We choose symmetry point where.

$$(\bar{p}_1 + \bar{p}_2)^2 = (\bar{p}_2 + \bar{p}_3)^2 = (\bar{p}_1 + \bar{p}_3)^2 = \mu^2$$

(specific point for Euclidean momentum)

Definitely does not correspond to experiment because we are dealing with momenta with positive norm $\Rightarrow$ so energy is imaginary... but... Maths are OK

by definition, we call

$$g_R := \Gamma^{(4)}(\bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \bar{p}_3, \bar{p}_4, \text{massless}, \Lambda)$$

Renormalized Coupling Constant.

P has ultraviolet cut off... choose the reference point... use bar : (e.g. $\bar{p}_1$)
because of the three diagrams.

$$g_R = C - \frac{3}{2} C^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \dots \infty$$

choice of renormalization scale

$C \neq g_R$ (C is different from g_R ; which is a coupling constant at measured or defined at scale μ)

with this we are done;

$\hookrightarrow$ because we want a quantum theory that makes sense at scale μ .

4 point function well defined and well behaved at $\{p_i\}$ of order μ .

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In order to do this; it is enough to adjust the coupling constants.

ie; Renormalize the coupling constant

$$C = g_R + g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

with this we end with four point function of the renormalized theory.

$$\Gamma^{(4)}(p_i) = g_R - \frac{3}{2} g_R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \times \left[\log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{(p_1+p_2)^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{(p_1+p_3)^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{(p_1+p_4)^2}\right) \right] + \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{higher order terms} \\ \text{in } g_R; \\ \text{it contains } \log \Lambda \\ \text{divergences} \end{array} \right]$$

with this choice

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0 + g_R \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \Lambda^2\right)$$

$$C = g_R + g_R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

with this choice, 2 pt & 4 pt functions are well defined in the limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

we can check; Poincare, locality, unitarity are recovered.

→ This renormalization procedure is correct.

g_R : renormalized coupling constant.

→ n -point functions are also finite at 2-loop.

$m_R = 0$ (renormalized mass)

→ This is the mass which we measure & can relate it to physical mass.

(for the moment $m_R = 0$; because physical mass is zero)

The parameters B & C are called Bare parameters

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Renormalized

v/s

"Bare"

~~Renormalized~~ $S_R[\phi] \Rightarrow$ Renormalized Action
 $S_R[\phi] = \int d^4x \left(\frac{A}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{B}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{C}{4!} \phi^4 \right)$

Bare field $\phi_B = \sqrt{A} \phi_R$

(we define bare field Bare field ϕ_B)

$$\boxed{\phi_B = \sqrt{A} \phi_R}$$

In terms of bare fields we can rewrite S as

$$S_R[\phi] = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi_B)^2 + \frac{m_B^2}{2} \phi_B^2 + \frac{g_B}{4!} \phi_B^4 \right]$$

Bare mass: $m_B^2 = B/A$

Bare coupling: $g_B = \frac{C}{A^2}$

we will call this
Bare Action expressed
in terms of bare fields

$$S_B[\phi_B] = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi_B)^2 + \frac{m_B^2}{2} \phi_B^2 + \frac{g_B}{4!} \phi_B^4 \right]$$

if $A \neq 1$ (if A is different from 1); then Field renormalization is required.

6 pt function

$$\text{Sun diagram} = \text{Triangle diagram}$$

U.V. finite and it is of order $O(g^3_R)$

Renormalization of g_R will deal with U.V. singularities of diagram like these



only at 2 loops

This will be giving ~~new~~ U.V. singularity to the whole diagram; which will be cancelled by replacing coupling constant with $g_R + \text{counterterm}$



for higher point function: one loop diagrams are U.V. finite and renormalization will be part of the game of ~~extracting~~ subtracting the U.V. divergence at two loops ... only at two loops!



This is divergent due to the sub-diagram

U.V. singularities can also appear because of subdiagrams like

Let's discuss physical significance of this Renormalization scale

Significance of Renormalization Scale $\mu \Rightarrow$ leads to the ~~concept~~ concept of Renormalization group.

The 2 pt function is OK
we saw; the 4 pt. fun. $\Gamma^{(4)}[\{p\}]$ depends on μ

$$\Gamma^{(4)}[\{p\}] = g_R - \frac{1}{2} g_R^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[\log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{s}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{t}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{u}\right) \right]$$

where: ~~$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$~~ $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$
 $t = \dots$
 $u = \dots$ } The Mandelstam variables

it seems that it depends on μ and g_R

g_R is defined with renormalized math.

$\Rightarrow$ so; for the same quantum theory (defined by its correlation functions) different $\mu \xrightarrow{\text{leads to}}$ different g_R

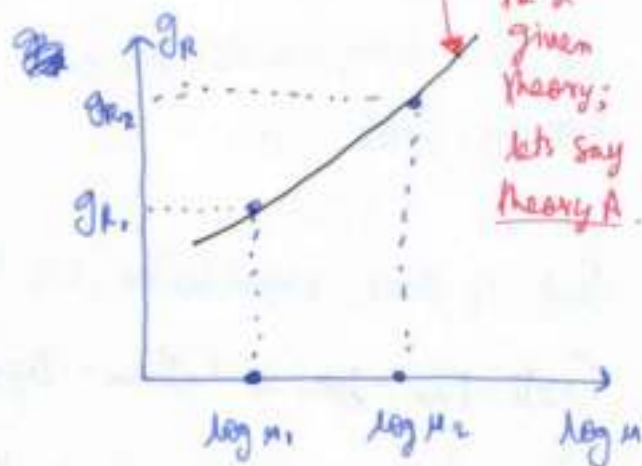
Same Quantum Theory

different μ

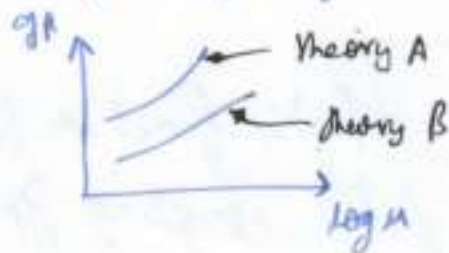
leads to

different g_R

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lets consider another system...
you getting different curves



} These two ~~curves~~ curves don't match... so its like these theories are different

.. i.e; considering different theory with different physical property.

or you can have ϕ 's theory.

Theory A: can be strongly interacting theory

.. like different universes

Theory B: can be weakly interacting theory.

If you start from a reference scale μ_0 and g_{R0}
for some theory at scale μ : g_R will depend on μ
ie: $g_R = g_R(\mu)$ (There is relation between g_R & μ)

for instance we can write; it has to satisfy.

$$g_R(\mu) = g_R^2(\mu) \cdot \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{(16\pi)^2} \cdot \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2}\right) = g_{R0} + (\text{higher order terms})$$

valid at 1 loop order.

$$\Gamma^{(n)}[\{p\}; g_R(\mu), \mu] = \Gamma^{(n)}[\{p\}; g_{R_0}, \mu_0]$$

→ using this for any $\{p\}$.

$g_R(\mu)$ corresponds to an effective coupling constant at energy scale μ .

Out of these expression, we may define

Gell-Mann-Low or Callan-Zymanzik Beta function

→ contains how $g_R(\mu)$ depends on μ .

we start from a point & make small variation.

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} g_R(\mu) \equiv \beta_g(g_R(\mu))$$

$\mu_0, g_R(\mu_0) = g_{R_0}$
fixed

Beta function for the coupling g_R .

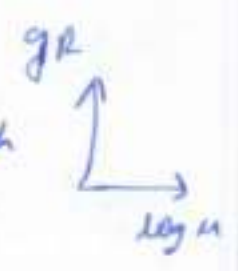
↓
This is logarithmic derivative of g_R w.r.t.

μ
ie; $\frac{dg_R(\mu)}{d(\log \mu)} = \mu \frac{dg_R}{d\mu}$

⇒ This equation is flow equation.

why we want log...

... we draw the graph



Beta function ~~was~~ concept was introduced in QED by Gellman & Low ; and was made of system & formulated in renormalization by Callan-Zymanzik later on.

in our case we get

$$\beta_g(g_R) = -\frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot g_R^2$$

+ (2 loops order) } ⇒ flow equation

Change of scale $\mu \rightarrow \mu' = S\mu$: scale transformation

multiplicative (semi)-group

(Semi because some time you cannot go down)

~~eg.~~ $\Rightarrow \beta_g$ cannot depend explicitly on μ
it can only ~~depend~~ depend on g_R .

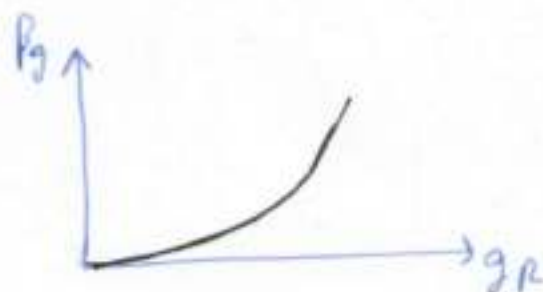
~~the coeff~~ $\beta_g(g_R) = + \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} g_R^2$

minus sign; because

you have $+(g_R)^2 \log \mu^2$

$\uparrow$ This is related to the coefficient of $\log \Lambda$

there $\Rightarrow$ so its related to the fact that interaction is repulsive between particles in ϕ^4 theory.



If you ~~inc~~ increase the energy / momentum E ;

then $g_{\text{eff}}(E)$: effective coupling constant

$g_{\text{eff}}(E)$ must obey the differential

equation $E \frac{\partial}{\partial E} g_{\text{eff}}(E) = \beta(g_{\text{eff}}(E))$

Since $\beta(g_{\text{eff}}(E))$ is positive

$\Rightarrow E \uparrow \Rightarrow g_{\text{eff}}(E) \uparrow$

So: ~~if increase E then g_{eff} becomes smaller~~

~~this is neg~~
negative

Since $\beta(g_{\text{eff}}(E)) \geq 0$

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$$E \uparrow \Rightarrow g_{\text{eff}}(E) \uparrow$$

low distance

$$E \downarrow \Rightarrow g_{\text{eff}}(E) \rightarrow 0 \text{ : Screening}$$

when you have a theory where interaction becomes weaker when you go to larger distances; means you have phenomenon of screening.

lec 4.3) Renormalization of massive ϕ^4 theory at one loop, Wilsonian Renormalization.

① Renormalization at 1-loop.

② Perturbative v/s Wilsonian Renormalization.

① for massless ϕ^4

g_R : Renormalized coupling.

μ : Renormalization scale.

$g_B = C$ "Bare Coupling"

Λ : u.v. momentum cut-off.

$$g_B = C = g_R + g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

(in continuum limit set $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$; keeping g_R fixed)

β -function (for g): how g_R changes ~~for~~ with scale for a given theory.

$$\beta(g_R) = \mu \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} g_R \right|_{\text{Physics is fixed}}$$

→ can be done ~~by~~ by -
is one way:

Λ and g_B fixed $\Leftrightarrow S_R[\phi]$ is fixed
 Λ fixed.

(The functional integral is what it is)

we have to take the continuum limit.

$$\beta(g_R) = \lim_{\substack{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty \\ g_R \text{ fixed}}} \left[\mu \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} g_R \right]_{\substack{g_R \text{ fixed} \\ \Lambda \text{ fixed}}}$$

If we make variation in μ : $d\mu$: it induces variation in g_R : dg_R
 $d\mu \rightarrow dg_R$

$$\text{is: } 0 = dg_R \left(1 + 2g_R \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right) - 2 \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \cdot g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

$$\mu \cdot \frac{dg_R}{d\mu} = 3 \cdot g_R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} + O(g_R^3)$$

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contains $\log \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}$

$$\mu \cdot \frac{dg_R}{d\mu} = 3 g_R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} + O(g_R^3)$$

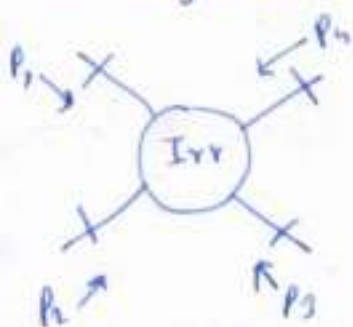
this is Beta function.

1 loop contribution

contribution of 2 loop

- ②. $g_R(\mu)$ find it by solving the differential equation.
... Effective coupling at scale μ .

We may consider say



$$= \Gamma^{(4)}(\{p_i\}; g_R; \mu)$$

We may ask: how does this scale with energy?

$$p_i = (iE, \vec{k})$$

(Euclidean spacetime)

i.e.; rescaling all the momenta

$$p_i \rightarrow \lambda p_i$$

λ is scaling factor.

($\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$) (pure number)

define S as $\lambda = \frac{1}{S}$

$\therefore S \Rightarrow$ is scaling factor is position space.

$\lambda \nearrow \infty \Leftrightarrow S \searrow 0$ small distances.

now: $\Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i/s\}, g_R; \mu)$

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we know:

$$\Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i\}, g_R; \mu) = g_R + \frac{2}{3} g_R^2 \sum_{\text{channels}} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right)^2$$

So by dimensional analysis

$$\Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i/s\}, g_R; \mu) = \Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i\}, g_R, \mu \cdot s)$$

Classical statement

Quantum statement

now this is change in μ
changing μ amounts to change in g_R

$$= \Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i\}, g_R(s), \mu)$$

So;

renormalization theory tells us

$$\Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i/s\}, g_R; \mu) = \Gamma^{(n)}(\{p_i\}, g_R(s), \mu)$$

when you work out, you find $s \cdot \frac{d}{ds} g_R(s) = -\beta(g_R(s))$

$g_R(s)$ is just the effecting (or running) coupling at energies ~~set~~ scaled by a factor s or distances scaled by factor s .

$$\Gamma^{(n)}(\cdot, g_R, \mu) = \Gamma^{(n)}(\cdot, g_R(\mu'), \mu')$$

choosing $\mu' = \mu s$ & we ask value of $g_R(\mu')$.

we get it by $s \cdot \frac{d}{ds} g_R(s) = -\beta(g_R(s))$

③ The fact that $\beta(g) \neq 0$: scale invariance is anomalous broken by quantum effect.
Scale Anomaly.

Classical ϕ^4 theory in $d=4$ is scale invariant
 which means $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi_s(x) = S \phi(Sx)$ (scale transformation)

then $S[\phi_s] = S[\phi]$ (symmetry)

(Rescaling around origin)

$\Downarrow$ (Noether's Theorem)
 current

There is a current J^μ_{scale} associated to scale invariance.

$$J^\mu_{\text{scale}} = T^\mu_\nu x^\nu + \phi \partial^\mu \phi$$

current associated to scale anomaly; when you dilate around the origin
 i.e. ~~$x \rightarrow Sx$~~ i.e. $x \rightarrow Sx$

we can check:

classically $\partial_\mu J^\mu_{\text{scale}} = 0$

compute J^μ_{scale} in quantum theory.

recall: $T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\nu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \delta_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi) + \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4$$

$$J^\mu_{\text{scale}} = T^\mu_\nu x^\nu + \phi \partial^\mu \phi$$

$\Downarrow$
 comes from dilation
 of space

$\Downarrow$
 comes from dilation
 of field.

locally
scaling

locally scaling
 is some kind of
 translation

$\hookrightarrow$ so; intuitively
 it's clear that

J^μ_{scale} must involve
 T^μ_ν

At 1 loop in quantum theory: short distance singularity



$$\partial_\mu J^\mu_{\text{scale}} = g^2 \cdot \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{\phi^4}{4!}$$

$\rightarrow$ also proportional
 to interaction.

$\hookrightarrow$ one loop correction of order g^2 .

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu_{\text{scale}} = g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{\phi^4}{4!} \neq 0$$

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~~anomaly~~
anomaly

→ one loop contribution.

(symmetries broken by anomaly)

$$= \beta(g_R) \cdot \frac{\phi^4}{4!} \quad \left(\sim_{\text{related to}} T^\mu_{\mu} \right)$$

here scale invariance symmetry is broken by quantum effects.

so, $\beta(g_R)$ can be viewed as anomaly

β function = scale anomaly.

T^μ_{μ} is dimensionless. (trace is dimensionless)

because

$g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}$

↑ dimension

↑ dimension

as a whole dimensionless.
~~dimensionless~~

for more : CFT & String Theory.

⑥ Massive Theory : $M_{\text{phys}} \neq 0$.

means that in Renormalized action

$$S_R[\phi] = \int d^4x \left(\frac{A}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{B}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{C}{4!} \phi^4 \right)$$

for massless theory we should

$$A=1, \quad B = -\Lambda^2 - g_R \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C = g_R + g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

~~for massless~~

for massive theory ; we ~~expect~~ expect

B has an additional contribution.

$$+ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = T = \frac{3}{2} \Lambda^2 + m^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \log \Lambda$$

Some factors.

There is logarithmic divergence proportional to mass; which you have to adjust in order to have a theory which is U.V. finite for massive theory.

So we finally find (after calculation)

$$B = \left(-\Lambda^2 \cdot g_R \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) + m_R^2 + \left(m_R^2 \cdot g_R \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right)$$

These are one loop counter-terms

$$B = \left(-\Lambda^2 \cdot g_R \cdot \frac{\hbar}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) + m_R^2 + \left(m_R^2 \cdot g_R \cdot \frac{\hbar}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right)$$

$$C = g_R + g_R^2 \cdot \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{2} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

$A=1$

This is new counter-term which we have to adjust for theory to be massive & U.V. finite.

we find now

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(p) = p^2 + M_{\text{phys}}^2 + O(g_R^2)$$

$\leftarrow$ 2 loop effects.

$$M_{\text{phys}}^2 = m_R^2 \left[1 + g_R \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{2} \log \left(\frac{m_R^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right]$$

$m_R \rightarrow$ renormalized mass
 $g_R \rightarrow$ " coupling.

we see;
 change in μ must be absorbed in change in g_R and m_R in order to keep the same physics.

so there is an effective renormalized for particles $\Rightarrow$ but M_{phys} is fixed.

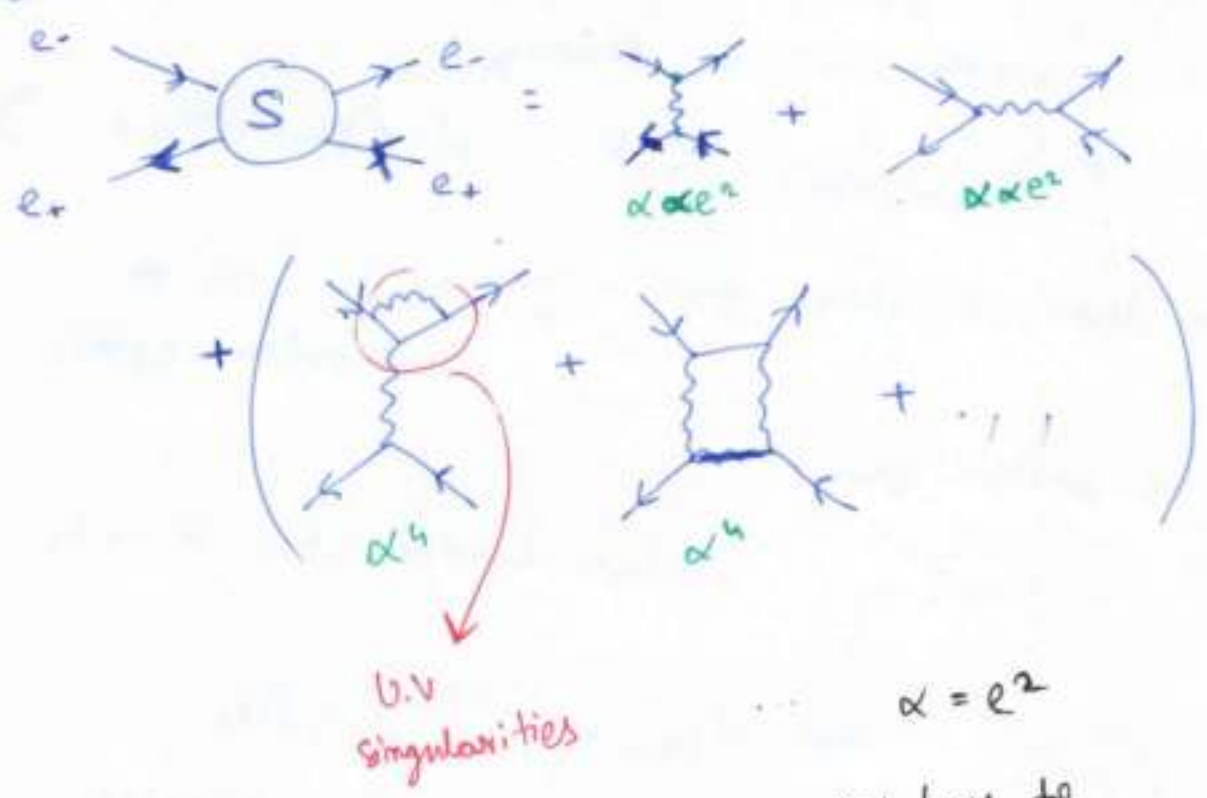
change in $\mu \longleftrightarrow$ change in g_R & m_R

physical mass M_{phys} can be observed.

* Physical Observables like M_{phys} corresponds to quantity which we can measure.

* Renormalized parameters m_R, g_R corresponds to coordinates in the space of theory.

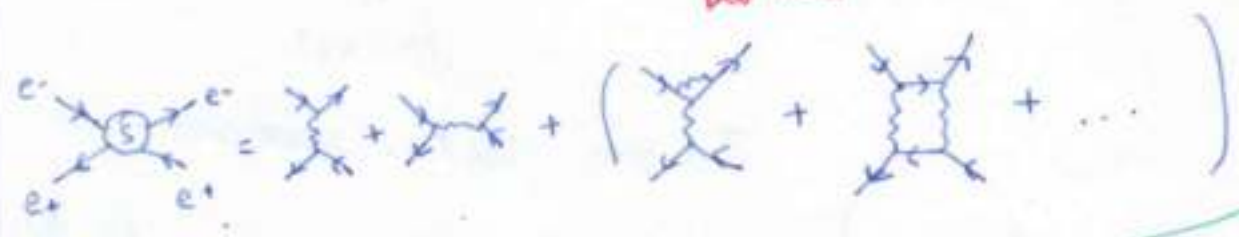
example



$\alpha = e^2$
... so; have to renormalize ~~electro~~ electron charge e .

$\alpha_R =$

Feynman diagrams are very important.
But keep in mind ... they are tools!



→ sometimes people avoid it in QFT
... there are also other tools.

Why do Renormalization Works?

What if $d \neq 4$?

Short distance singularity in QFT are proportional to local operators. (consequence of QFT being "LOCAL" theories)

locality $\Rightarrow$ causality, Lorentz Invariance.

no Faster than Light (FTL) effects (physical)

When you compute $\langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle_{\text{interaction}}$ in correlation function in interacting theory; you reduce it to computation of $\langle \phi \dots \phi \phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \dots \rangle_0$ with $\phi^4(x_i)$ insertion in free theory.

$$\langle \phi \dots \phi \rangle_{\text{interaction}} = \langle \phi \dots \phi \phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \dots \rangle_0$$

famous divergences comes from $\vec{p} \rightarrow \bigcirc$ in $\vec{p}$ momentum space.

which in position space



which happens when $x_1 \rightarrow x_2$



$x_1 \rightarrow x_2$

$$\propto (|x_1 - x_2|^{-2})^2 d^4 x_1 d^4 x_2$$

when $x_1 \rightarrow x_2$ this diverges logarithmically.

$$y = x_1 - x_2$$

$$\approx \int \frac{d^4 y}{|y|^4} \times \int d^4 x_1 \quad \text{with} \quad \phi^4(x_1)$$

This gives $\log \Lambda$ divergence.

$$\Lambda \sim \frac{1}{(\text{minimal distance})}$$

; so when we come to this graph we see; divergence is proportional to ϕ^4 operator.

So; we are interested in

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$$\phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \underset{x_1 \rightarrow x_2}{=} \quad$$



this feynman diagram tells that part of products of these two operators diverges like $|x_1 - x_2|^{-4} \phi^4(x_1)$



ϕ^4

ϕ^4



+



+



$\Downarrow$
 $\Uparrow$

$\downarrow$

$\Downarrow$

diverge like $(|x_1 - x_2|^{-2})^4$

diverge like three propagator $(|x_1 - x_2|^{-2})^3$

diverge like two propagator $(|x_1 - x_2|^{-2})^2$

$\Uparrow \Rightarrow$ something that does not depend on what's going on.

get ~~so~~ second derivative by solving it a little further.

$$\phi^4(x_1) \phi^4(x_2) \underset{x_1 \rightarrow x_2}{=} |x_1 - x_2|^{-8} \mathbb{1}(x_1) + |x_1 - x_2|^{-6} \phi^2(x_1) + |x_1 - x_2|^{-4} (\partial \phi)^2 + |x_1 - x_2|^{-4} \phi^4(x_1)$$

..... Operator Product Expansion. (Wilson)

(a very important feature of QFT; at short distance you can expand products of operators in terms of sum of local operators)

we see diverging coefficients like $|x_1 - x_2|^{-8}$ which gives rise to UV singularity are proportional to local operators, are $\mathbb{1}(x)$ or $\phi^2(x)$, etc.

This is why all the U.V. singular terms reorganize themselves into local operators... & by renormalization you can control them.

If here on RMs we had non-local operator or some wild object: theory would not be renormalized.

↳ Diverging coefficients can be computed by dimensional analysis of local operators.

$D=4$: $\phi^4 \times \phi^4 = |y|^{-4} \phi^4$ Renormalizable.

$D<4$: $\phi^4 \times \phi^4 = |y|^{-2(D-2)} \phi^4$ Super Renormalizable.

$D \neq$ space time dimensions

$D>4$: $\phi^4 \times \phi^4 =$ ~~badly divergent~~ ~~badly~~ ~~divergent~~ : Non-renormalizable

QFT Renormalization. (Gell-Mann, Low, Callen - Zymanzik)

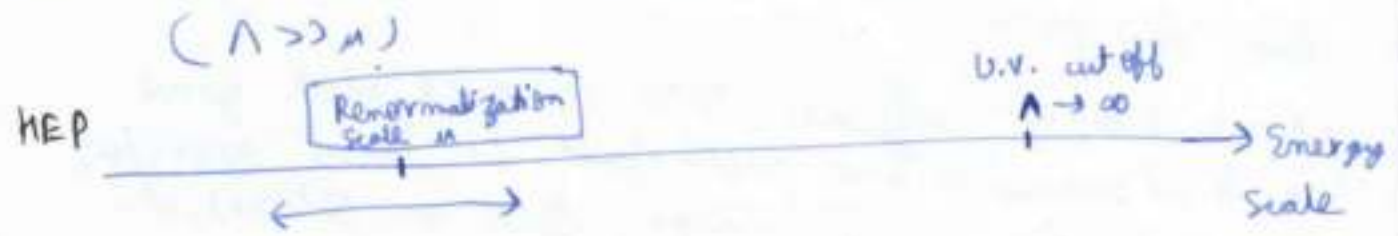
BPHZ: "Theorem" due to those mathematical physicist; which tells renormalization works at all order.

Wilson-Renormalization Group.

Renormalization scale μ (This is the scale at which we are doing experiments & measuring things)
(we want to understand physics in this domain)

we introduce U.V. cut off Λ

HEP $\Rightarrow$ High Energy physics.



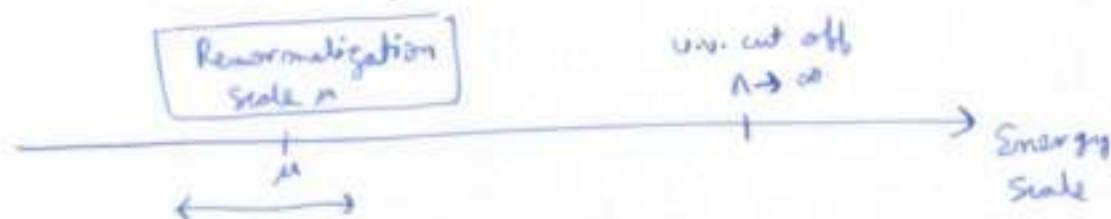
$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] e^{-S[\phi]}$ for ϕ^4 theory is very similar to partition function of a model of statistical mechanics

$$\sum_{\sigma_i} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{T} \mathcal{H}[\sigma_i]\right)$$

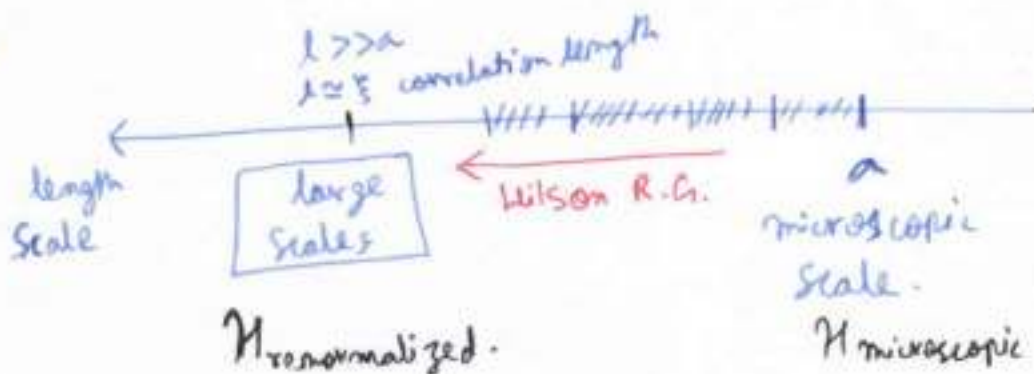
for ϕ^4 : $\sum_{\sigma_i} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{T} \mathcal{H}[\sigma_i]\right)$

it is Landau - Ginzburg - Wilson Hamiltonian which describes physics of near critical point of Ising model.

HEP



Stat. Physics



integrate out short distance physics by steps

Wilson R.G. (Renormalization Group)

having $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ means zero renormalized mass (1992)

Wilsonian like calculation of renormalization in ϕ^4 at 1 loop; and ~~we~~ show the connection.

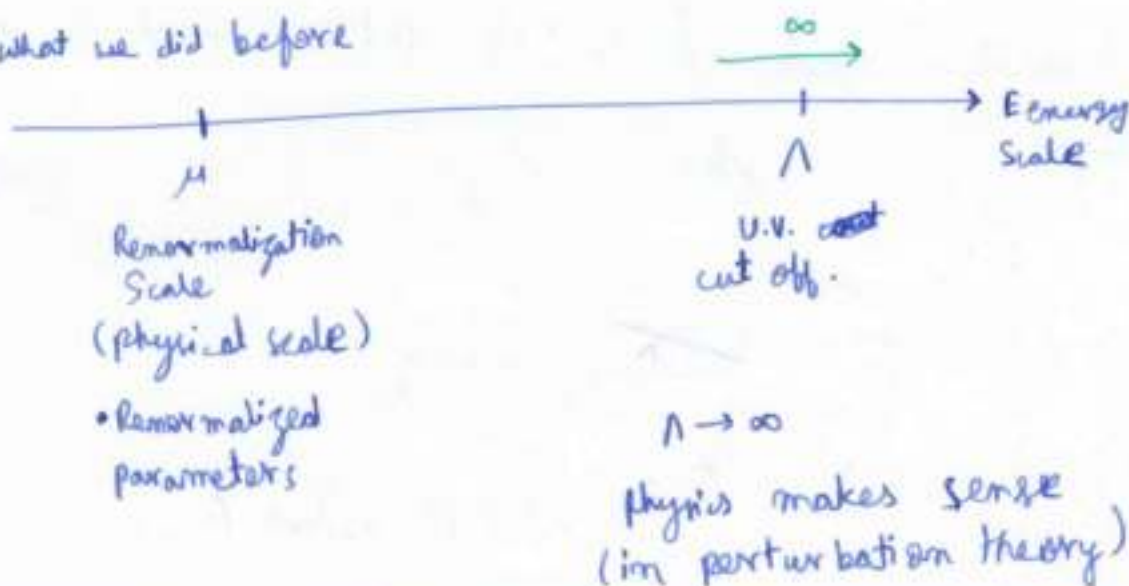
he will do calculation in local potential approximation. (relies on the definition of Effective Action $\Gamma[\phi]$ at one loop. will be used.

Lecture 5.1 Wilson Renormalization

- Should be 28/5/2020.

- ① Renormalization of ϕ^4 as viewed from Wilsonism.
- ② Non-perturbative issues about renormalizability of ϕ^4

This is what we did before



Start with a theory with sharp U.V. cut off Λ at this energy scale, take a QFT with an action $A[\phi]$ (not renormalized Action)

$A[\phi]$ is action with sharp U.V. cut off Λ

$A[\phi]$ is same as $S[\phi]$ & $\mathcal{H}[\phi]$ in stat-mech lecture.

$$A[\phi] = S[\phi] = \mathcal{H}[\phi]$$

$\uparrow$ previous lecture $\uparrow$ stat-mech lecture.

so: The theory is defined by

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp(-A[\phi]) \quad \text{set } \hbar = 1.$$

$$A[\phi] = \int d^D x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right]$$

$V(\phi)$: general potential as an interaction term.

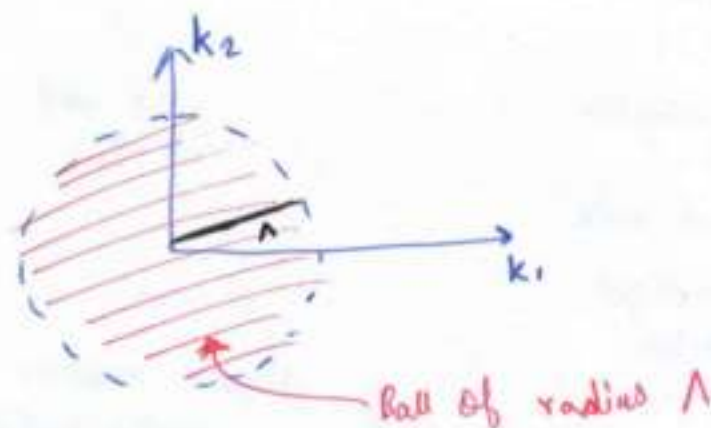
we can take $V(\phi)$ as

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$$V(\phi) = t_0 + \frac{t_2}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{t_4}{4!} \phi^4 + \frac{t_6}{6!} \phi^6 + \dots \infty$$



In momentum space $\hat{\phi}(k)$ if $|k| < \Lambda$ and 0 otherwise



From the path integral; the theory is defined by effective action.

$$\Gamma[\phi] = A[\phi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\log(-\Delta_x + V''(\phi))]$$

(Classical Action)

Effective action at one loop

(setting $\hbar=1$)

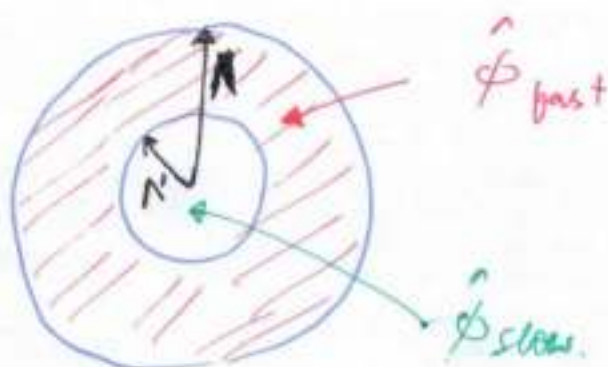
(we insist that we neglect other terms)

* Note] All the physics of the Quantum System is contained in Effective Action... because out of it you can reconstruct correlation functions of the theory...
...so contains the Quantum physics.

Wilsonian Framework

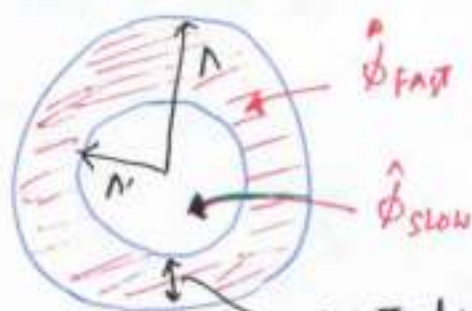
separate ϕ into ϕ_{fast} & ϕ_{slow} .

$$\phi = \phi_{\text{fast}} + \phi_{\text{slow}}$$



ϕ_{fast} comes from momentum shell k between Λ and $\Lambda' (\text{some scaling factor})$

ie; Momentum shell $\Lambda' = \frac{\Lambda}{S}$; $\Lambda' < |k| < \Lambda$



scaling factor $S > 1$

$$S = 1 + \epsilon$$

Infinitely small shell of width $\epsilon \cdot \Lambda$.

Renormalization Procedure

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp(-A[\phi])$$

decompose Z as

step 1

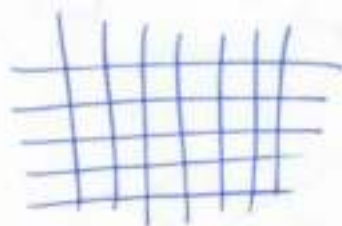
$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi_{\text{slow}}] \cdot \int \mathcal{D}[\phi_{\text{fast}}] \cdot \exp(-A[\phi_{\text{fast}} + \phi_{\text{slow}}])$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}[\phi_{\text{slow}}] \cdot \exp(-A_{\text{effective}}[\phi_{\text{slow}}])$$

- Integration over the fast mode

"Block-spin transformation"
in stat-mech if you are on lattice.

$$A[\phi] \longrightarrow A_{\text{effective}}[\phi_{\text{slow}}]$$



on lattice

$$D[\phi] = \prod_{\text{sites}} d\phi(x) \quad \times$$

$$= \prod_{\text{Fourier modes}} d\hat{\phi}(k) \quad \times$$

some normalization factor.

$$\phi(x) \longrightarrow \hat{\phi}(k) \text{ linear}$$

... so there is some Jacobian.

$$A \longrightarrow A_{\text{effective}}$$

$$\hat{\phi}(k)$$

$$|k| < \Lambda$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{\text{slow}} = \hat{\phi}_{\text{effective}}(k)$$

$$|k| < \frac{\Lambda}{(1+\epsilon)} = \Lambda(1-\epsilon)$$

So... they don't live in same space of function

Step 2: Rescale (to compare A to $A_{\text{effective}}$)

- position x i.e. momenta k

$$x \rightarrow x'$$

$$k \rightarrow k'$$

$$\text{so that } |k'| < \Lambda$$

~~$$\text{so that } |k'| < \Lambda$$~~

- Field $\phi_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \phi'$

i.e.

$$\phi_{\text{eff}}(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x')$$

when you make decimation procedure, you average fields

rescale by some factor

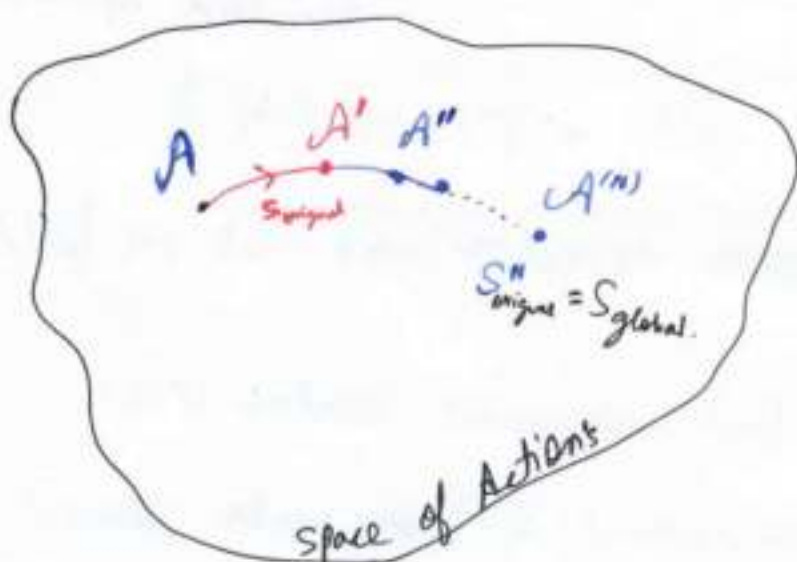
Part of renormalizing field has choices .. but there is one convenient choice. (1997)

Rescale so that

$$A_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = A'[\phi'] \quad \text{its an identity.}$$

and we will call ϕ' to be "Renormalized field variable"
& A' "renormalized action"

and of course $\mathcal{D}[\phi] = \mathcal{D}'[\phi']$ (trivial)



$\nearrow_s$: performing Renormalization group action.

Step 1) Iterate.

rescaling by a factor S'' gives $A^{(N)}[\phi^{(N)}]$

if $S_{\text{original}} = [1 + \epsilon]$

if you take N large ; $N = \frac{S}{\epsilon}$

Then $S_{\text{original}}^N = (1 + \epsilon)^{S/\epsilon} = \exp(S) = S_{\text{global}}$.

Renormalization group can be viewed as some kind of finite difference approximation scheme for performing a direct path integral calculation. (pg 98)

• Local Potential (effective) approximation.

- $V(\phi)$ is the local potential.
no higher derivative terms.

~~highly non-local~~

$$- \text{Tr}[\text{Log}(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x)))] = \int d^d x \langle x | \text{Log}(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x))) | x \rangle$$

→ after taking log it
becomes highly non-local.

... non-local operator.

$$[-\Delta + V''(\phi)] \psi(x) = -\Delta_x \psi(x) + V''(\phi(x)) \cdot \psi(x)$$

→ an ~~operator~~ operator which acts on fields.

$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi(x_1) \\ \psi(x_2) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$ an infinite component vector $\psi(x)$.
(an element of linear vector space)
x labels the components of the vector ψ .

Taking trace means, taking sum over diagonal elements.

bracket Notation of Dirac. $\psi(x) = \langle x | \psi \rangle$

$|x\rangle$ basis

$$\text{Tr}(O) = \sum_x \langle x | O | x \rangle$$

sum over $\sum_x$ x means integral $\int dx$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(O) = \int dx \langle x | O | x \rangle$$

Approximation ; justified in 1 loop calculation

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$$\langle x_0 | \log(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x))) | x_0 \rangle \simeq \langle x_0 | \log(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x_0))) | x_0 \rangle$$

function
(this depends
on x)

constant function

The difference between these comes
in higher loop orders...

... its very well justified in loop
calculation.

now; $V''(\phi(x))$ is a number

→ it plays the role of mass.

now; $(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x)))$ is a differential operator
which is invariant by ~~translation~~ translation because
 $V''(\phi(x))$ is just a number
so; its eigen vectors are plane waves.

$[-\Delta + V''(\phi(x_0))]$ eigenvectors are plane waves
 $\exp(-i k \cdot x) = \psi_k(x)$

and the eigenvalue is $k^2 + V''(\phi(x_0))$

from this we can check very easily that;

$$\langle x_0 | \log(-\Delta + V''(\phi(x))) | x_0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \log(k^2 + V''(\phi(x_0)))$$

$|k| < \Lambda$

Renormalization procedure at step 1

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$A[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma[\phi]$ if you integrate over all the modes ~~$0 < |k| < \Lambda$~~ $0 < |k| < \Lambda$

now: if we integrate over momentum shell $\Lambda(1-\epsilon) < |k| < \Lambda$

$$A[\phi] \rightarrow A_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}]$$

$$= A[\phi_{\text{eff}}] + \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \int_{\Lambda(1-\epsilon) < |k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(\frac{k^2 + V''(\phi(x))}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore A_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = A[\phi_{\text{eff}}] + \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \int_{\Lambda(1-\epsilon) < |k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(\frac{k^2 + V''(\phi(x))}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

explicit formula for A_{eff} .

The approximation is quite justified when you integrate over thin shell.

Integrate over $\hat{\phi}_{\text{fast}}(k)$; & keep $\hat{\phi}_{\text{slow}}(k)$ fixed.



Another derivation

$$\Gamma[\phi] = A[\phi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\log (-\Delta + V''(\phi))]$$

Trace is estimated with cut off Λ

by performing step 1; we get $A_{\text{eff}}[\phi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\log (-\Delta + V''_{\text{eff}}(\phi))]$

~~$$\Gamma[\varphi] = \mathcal{A}[\varphi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\log [-\Delta + V''(\varphi)] \right)$$~~

$$\Gamma[\varphi] = \mathcal{A}[\varphi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\Lambda} \left(\log [-\Delta + V''(\varphi)] \right)$$

|| we want this to be equal because the final result is same.

$$\Gamma[\varphi] = \mathcal{A}_{\text{eff}}[\varphi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\Lambda'} \left(\log [-\Delta + V''_{\text{eff}}(\varphi)] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = \mathcal{A}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] + \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \int_{\Lambda(1-\epsilon) < |k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(\frac{k^2 + V''(\phi(x))}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

Since integrating over momentum shell; we can just take k to be Λ (if ϵ is small)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(\frac{k^2 + V''(\phi(x))}{\Lambda^2} \right) \quad \text{[crossed out]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \cdot \frac{\Lambda^d \cdot \epsilon}{(2\pi)^d} \cdot \text{Vol}(\text{unit sphere dim. } d-1) \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{V''(\phi)}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$



momentum shell.
 $\Lambda \cdot \epsilon$ depth of skin

so; volume of shell

$$= \Lambda \epsilon \times (\text{area of sphere})$$

$$= \Lambda \cdot \epsilon \times (\Lambda^{d-1} \text{vol}(\text{unit sphere}))$$

$$= \Lambda^d \cdot \epsilon \cdot \text{Vol}(\text{unit sphere})$$

~~$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \Lambda^d \epsilon \cdot \text{Volume} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \text{unit sphere of} \\ \text{dimension } d-1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \times \log(1 + \Lambda^2 V''(\phi(x)))$$~~

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \Lambda^d \epsilon \cdot \text{Volume} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \text{unit sphere of} \\ \text{dimension } d-1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \times \log(1 + \Lambda^2 V''(\phi(x)))$$

because of this ϵ we see
that difference between A & A_{eff} is
of the order ϵ .

So; we get

$$A_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = \int d^d x \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi_{\text{eff}})^2 + V(\phi_{\text{eff}}) \right] + \epsilon \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Lambda^d}{(2\pi)^d} \cdot \left(\frac{2 \pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \right) \log(1 + \Lambda^2 V''(\phi_{\text{eff}})) \right\}$$

i.e;

$$A_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = \int d^d x \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi_{\text{eff}})^2 + V(\phi_{\text{eff}}) \right] + \epsilon \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Lambda^d}{(2\pi)^d} \cdot \left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \right) \cdot \log(1 + \Lambda^2 V''(\phi_{\text{eff}}(x))) \right\}$$

(non linear)

So; we see that,

... but local in x .

in this scheme; going from
renormalization amounts to change the potential.

$$V[\phi] \rightarrow V_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = V(\phi_{\text{eff}}) + \epsilon \cdot \frac{\log(1 + \Lambda^2 V''(\phi_{\text{eff}}))}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \cdot \Gamma(d/2)} \quad (*)$$

original effective
potential

contribution of order
 ϵ .

Only the local potential is renormalized.

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$$V[\phi] \rightarrow V_{\text{eff}}[\phi_{\text{eff}}] = V[\phi_{\text{eff}}] + \epsilon \cdot \Lambda^d \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \Gamma(d/2)} \log(1 + \Lambda^{-2} \cdot V''(\phi_{\text{eff}}))$$

The result of step 1: is only to renormalize the local potential.

Step 2 $x \rightarrow x' = \frac{x}{1+\epsilon}$; $k \rightarrow k' = k(1+\epsilon)$

so that Λ becomes Λ again.

the measure changes; the $\partial \phi$ derivative changes.

i.e., $\phi_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \phi_{\text{eff}}(x) \cdot (1+\epsilon)^{\Delta\phi}$

$\Delta\phi$ is called scaling dimension of field.

easy to check $\Delta\phi = \frac{d-2}{2}$ so that

Scaling dimension of ϕ $\int d^d x \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi_{\text{eff}})^2$ does not change.

i.e., $\int d^d x (\partial \phi_{\text{eff}})^2 = \int d^d x' (\partial \phi')^2$

$$\int d^d x V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{eff}}) = \int d^d x' \cdot \overset{d^d x \cdot S^{-d}}{V_{\text{ren.}}(\phi')} \quad \leftarrow \quad \underline{V_{\text{ren.}}(\phi') = S^d \cdot V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{eff}})}$$

Final Result: in terms of Renormalized quantities,

after, $N = \frac{\log S}{\epsilon}$ iteration ; Rescaling by a global factor S

i.e. doing renormalization by global factor S .

$$V(\phi) \xrightarrow{s} V_s(\phi_s)$$

Initial potential Renormalized potential

equation (*) gives us differential equation for our local potential.

These are classical terms

$$s \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial s} V_s(\phi) = d \cdot V_s(\phi) - \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right) \cdot \phi \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} V_s(\phi) + A \log(1 + \dots)$$

comes from rescaling of x in step 2.

comes from rescaling of ϕ .

Set $\Lambda = 1$

A is some constant.

classical scaling

one loop contribution.

$$s \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial s} V_s(\phi) = d \cdot V_s(\phi) - \left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right) \phi \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} V_s(\phi) + A \log \left(1 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} V_s(\phi) \right)$$

dimension of $V_s(\phi)$

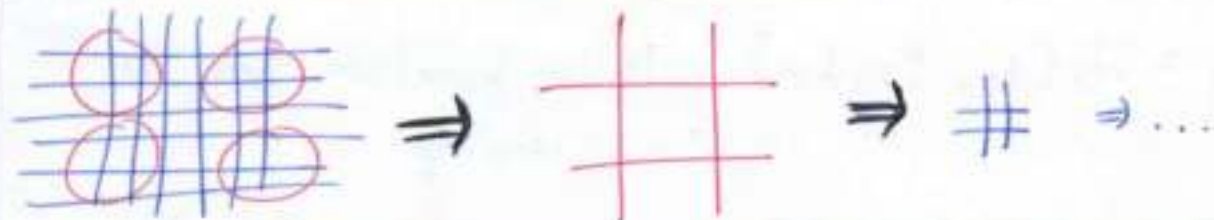
$$A = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \cdot \Gamma(d/2)}$$

~~non-linear partial differential equation~~

Renormalization group flow equation in space of potentials $V(\phi)$

(Non-linear P.D.E. (w.r.t. ϕ) in the space of potentials)

This flow is richer than what we did in previous lectures & stat-mech course.



$$\begin{aligned} k &\rightarrow \frac{k}{\Lambda} = q \\ x &\rightarrow x\Lambda = y \\ \phi &\rightarrow \phi \cdot \Lambda^{\frac{d-2}{2}} = \psi \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(can work in dimensionless quantities)} \\ \Rightarrow \text{These all are dimensionless.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ express in units where $\Lambda = 1$.

example.

$$V(\phi) = \frac{t}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4 + \frac{h}{6!} \phi^6$$

$$V''(\phi) = t + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{h}{4!} \phi^4$$

$$\log(1 + V''(\phi)) = \log\left(1 + t + \frac{g}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{h}{4!} \phi^4\right)$$

$$= \log(1+t) + \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{1+t}\right) \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{h}{1+t}\right) \phi^4\right)$$

$$= \log(1+t) + \left[\frac{g}{2(1+t)} \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{h}{1+t}\right) \phi^4 \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{g}{2(1+t)} \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{h}{1+t}\right) \phi^4 \right]^2$$

$\hookrightarrow$ first order.

$$+ \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{g}{2(1+t)} \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{h}{1+t}\right) \phi^4 \right]^3 + \dots$$

Truncating at order ϕ^6 ;

we get set of non-linear ~~flow~~ flow equations for the coupling.

$$V_s(\phi) = \frac{t_s}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{g_s}{4!} \phi^4 + \frac{h_s}{6!} \phi^6$$

; t_s, g_s, h_s
renormalized
couplings.

$$s \cdot \frac{d}{ds} t_s = W_t[t_s, g_s, h_s] \quad \text{Wilson function for the coupling.}$$

$$s \cdot \frac{d}{ds} g_s = W_g[t_s, g_s, h_s] \quad W_t, W_g, W_h.$$

$$s \cdot \frac{d}{ds} h_s = W_h[t_s, g_s, h_s] \quad \text{These functions are just polynomials.}$$

This W , Wilson Renormalization Group (R.G.) function is just " $-\beta$ " function in perturbation theory.

Im $d=4$

$$W_t = 2t + 1Ag + \dots$$
$$W_g = -3Ag^2 + \dots$$

In perturbation theory in 4 dimensions we found

$$\beta_g(g) = + \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} g^2$$

(Related by minus sign)

Action $A[\phi]$ is like bare action with which you start in beginning.

$A[\phi]$ depends on bare parameters t, g, h .

↓ R.G.
 $A_s[\phi_s]$ can be expressed in terms of renormalized parameters t_s, g_s, h_s .



in $D=4$:

$$\mu^2 t_s = m_R^2$$

$$g_s = g_R$$

$\uparrow$ dimensionless

~~to dimensionless~~

$$\Lambda^2 t = m_B^2$$

$$g = g_B$$

The parameters are always dimensionless because they are always ~~or~~ expressed in terms of units of scale along each step

ex in $D=4$



$$\mu^2 t_s = m_R^2$$

$$g_s = g_R$$

$\uparrow$
renormalized
parameter

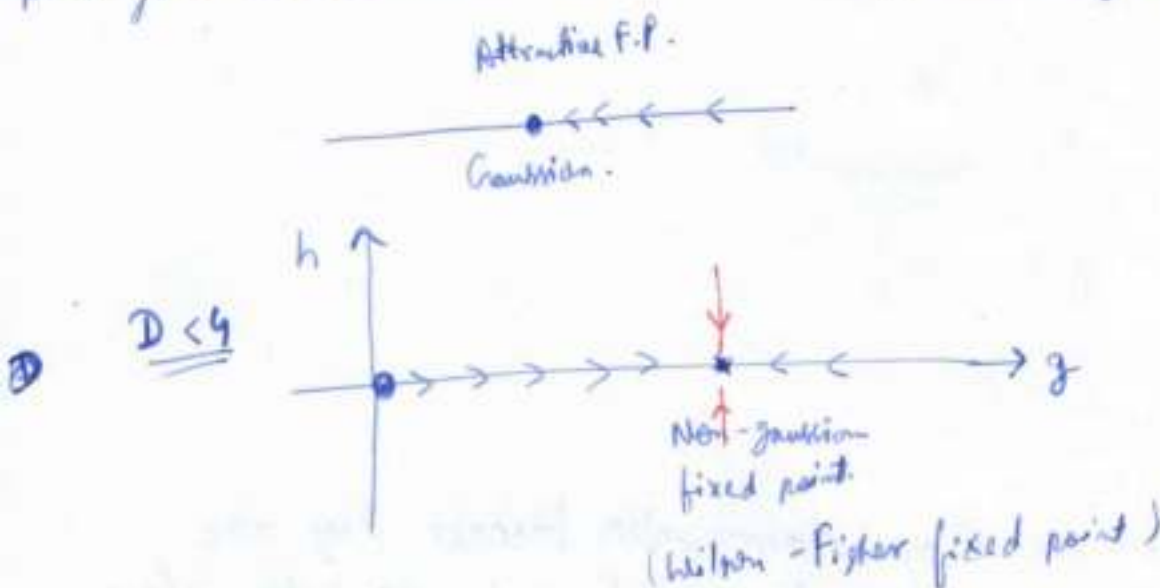
$$\Lambda^2 t = m_B^2$$

$$g = g_B$$

$\uparrow$
bare parameters.

Lecture 5.2 Renormalization Group Flow, Grassmann Variables & Berezin Calculus

The concept of relevance or irrelevance is relative to the fixed point you consider
(perturbatively relevant or irrelevant)

The Problem with ϕ^4 Asymptotic "slavery"

as a function of length scale, if we perform ~~renormalization~~ by rescaling by factor of S .

length scale - rescaling by S

running coupling $g(s)$

$$S \cdot \frac{d}{ds} g(s) = -A g^2(s)$$

(result of one loop calculation)

we can very easily solve this

$$A = \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} > 0$$

Initial $S=1$, $g = g_0 > 0$.

$$g(s) = \frac{g_0}{1 + A \cdot g_0 \cdot \log s}$$

Infrared Region: $IR \rightarrow \infty$ $g(s) \rightarrow 0$
 $x \rightarrow sx$

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U.V. $s \rightarrow 0$ $g(s) \rightarrow \infty$ at a finite rescaling factor
because there is a pole there.

i.e. when $s = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\Lambda g_0}\right)$

$\hookrightarrow$ at this point
 $g\left(s = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\Lambda g_0}\right)\right) = \infty$

This is problem

because if start with given g_R at given scale μ .

and you ask what is g_B at scale Λ

$\therefore$ There is then, maximal energy scale where you can't trust the theory any more.

g_R, μ

$\downarrow ?$

g_B, Λ

$\leftarrow$ Arbitrary

$$\Lambda_c = \mu \exp\left(\frac{-1}{\Lambda g_R}\right)$$

I cannot trust my calculation.

$\iff$ Perturbation theory is not really consistent.

(occurs of course because $\Lambda > 0$)

This problem occurs for QED; ϕ^4 .

$\Rightarrow$ The problem was raised by Landau. 1966

occurs for ϕ^4 , QED, Higgs sector in Standard model
 $d=4$



Not a problem for Yang-Mills theories, Gauge theory (3) (Pg 110)

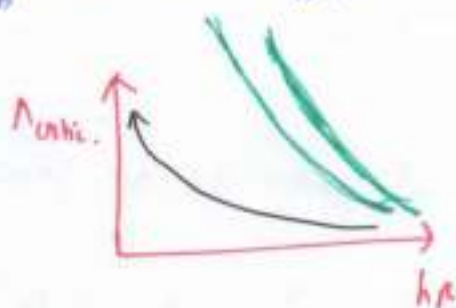
Not really problematic for $d \in D$; because the energy scale at which we have problem is very large.

$$E_{\text{problem}} \approx \exp(1.137) \gg \gg \text{ (Planck energy scale) } \\ \text{much much larger}$$

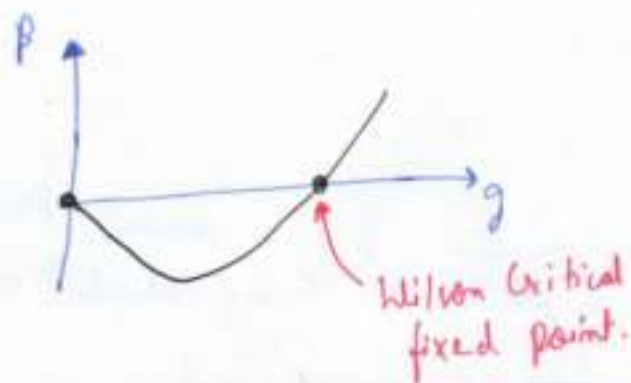


$$\phi^6 : h_R = 0$$

$$\text{Problem } h_R = \infty \text{ at } \Lambda_{\text{crit.}} \approx (h_R)^{-2}$$



$$D=3 : \phi^4 : s \frac{dg}{ds} = g - 16g^2$$



Fermionic Path Integrals (Berezin Calculus)

- Dirac particles; spin $\frac{1}{2} \leftrightarrow$ Fermi-Dirac statistics.
- Non-Abelian gauge theory $\leftarrow$ Faddeev-Popov Ghost fields.

$$\text{Bosonic } [\Phi(x), \Phi(y)] = 0$$

$$\text{Fermions } \{\psi(x), \psi(y)\} = 0$$

$$\text{if } (x-y)^2 > 0 \text{ spacelike.}$$

$$\text{if } (x-y)^2 > 0 \text{ spacelike.}$$

For
Causality.

ordinary numbers don't anti-commute.

(Pg 110)
 $\{A, B\} = AB + BA$

how can we realize $\int \mathcal{D}[\psi] \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\psi]\right)$
↑ anticommutes instead of commuting.

Computational Rules. with "stochastic" process variables.

What is Algebra behind fermions?

Grassmann Algebras / (Exterior Algebras)
over the complex field $\mathbb{C}$.

(we can define Grassmannian algebra over real field $\mathbb{R}$;
but since most fermions are charged, so it's
better to consider over complex field $\mathbb{C}$)

Γ_N associative algebra over $\mathbb{C}$

N is integer > 0
(related to dimension
of algebra;
& is related to
no. of
generators)

means it is a vector space.

we have ★ multiplication by some complex number.

★ Addition. +

★ Products. •

(we cannot represent Γ_N as algebra of matrices)

Γ_N has $2N$ generators. $\theta_i, \bar{\theta}_i \quad i=1, \dots, N$
Algebraic objects.

They are going to be anti-commuting generators

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i \theta_j + \theta_j \theta_i &= 0 & \& \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j + \bar{\theta}_j \theta_i &= 0 \\ \bar{\theta}_i \bar{\theta}_j + \bar{\theta}_j \bar{\theta}_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

These generators are nilpotent: $\bar{\theta}_i^2 = 0$
 & $\theta_i^2 = 0$.

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$$\theta_i^2 = 0 = \bar{\theta}_i^2 \text{ nil potent.}$$

General Element g of the algebra G_N is of the form.

$$g = \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{H=0}^N \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \\ \text{I}}} \sum_{\substack{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \\ \text{J}}} C_{IJ} \theta_{i_1} \theta_{i_2} \dots \theta_{i_k} \bar{\theta}_{j_1} \bar{\theta}_{j_2} \dots \bar{\theta}_{j_k}$$

C_{IJ} is a complex number.

obviously,
 $1 \in G_N$

The number of linear combinations we can build out of this will give us the dimension of the algebra.

~~we can check that~~
 we can check that

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(G_N) = 2^{2N}$$

if $N=1$

$$g = a + b\theta + c\bar{\theta} + d\theta\bar{\theta}$$

↑ generic element in G_1 .

$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ complex coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 \cdot g_2 &= (a_1 + b_1\theta + c_1\bar{\theta} + d_1\theta\bar{\theta}) \cdot (a_2 + b_2\theta + c_2\bar{\theta} + d_2\theta\bar{\theta}) \\ &= a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)\theta + (a_1c_2 + c_1a_2)\bar{\theta} + (a_1d_2 + d_1a_2 + b_1c_2 - c_1b_2)\theta\bar{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)\theta + (a_1c_2 + c_1a_2)\bar{\theta} + (a_1d_2 + d_1a_2 + b_1c_2 - c_1b_2)\theta\bar{\theta}$$

more complicated examples...
in general $g_1 g_2 \neq g_2 g_1$; but can have commuting numbers.

Conjugation operation (analogue of complex conjugate).

CN is non-commuting algebra;
actually mixture of commuting & non-commuting numbers.

if K and H fixed, then we can check that when you
($K+H$) multiply two numbers

($K+H$) is called
gradation of the
number.
or gradation
degree

$d_1 \backslash d_2$	even	odd
even	commute	commute
odd	commute	anti-commute

These d_1, d_2
are gradation
of grassman
numbers
being
multiplied.

* operation (conjugation operation)

c complex, $c^* = \bar{c}$ (ordinary complex conjugation)
for complex numbers.

θ_i , $\theta_i^* = \bar{\theta}_i$
 $\bar{\theta}_i$, $\bar{\theta}_i^* = \theta_i$ } very much like
conjugation of
complex numbers.

$$(g_1 g_2)^* = g_2^* \cdot g_1^*$$

"good basis for my
algebra"

with this rules; example $N=1$ continued...

$$\hat{g} = \bar{a} + \bar{c} \theta + \bar{b} \bar{\theta} + \bar{d} \theta \bar{\theta}$$

View $g \in G_N$ as "functions" of the anti-commuting generator $\theta_i, \bar{\theta}_i$.
 "non-commutative space".

Can we define Derivation w.r.t. θ_i or $\bar{\theta}_i$?
 & notion of Integration w.r.t. θ_i or $\bar{\theta}_i$?

Derivation
 w.r.t. θ_i & $\bar{\theta}_i$.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (\theta_1 \dots \theta_i \dots \theta_n \bar{\theta}_1 \dots \bar{\theta}_n) = (-1)^{i-1} \theta_1 \dots \theta_{i-1} \theta_{i+1} \dots \theta_n \bar{\theta}_1 \dots \bar{\theta}_n$$

** some number ...*
↑ θ_i removed.

first move θ_i to left using anti-commutation relation...
 ... & then remove it by using the fact

that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (\theta_i) = 1$ & $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (\theta_j) = 0$.

if there is no θ_i in $\theta_1 \dots \theta_n \bar{\theta}_1 \dots \bar{\theta}_n$
 then $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} (\text{---}) = 0$

$\frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \theta_i} = \delta_{ij}$

$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_j}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i} = \delta_{ij}$

$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_j}{\partial \theta_i} = 0$

$\frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i} = 0$

$\frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \theta_i} = \delta_{ij} = \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_j}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i}$

$\frac{\partial \bar{\theta}_j}{\partial \theta_i} = 0 = \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i}$

with this we can check ... Derivatives anti-commute.
 → definition

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}}$ first bring to left .. & then remove it.
 property.

Example

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (a + b\theta + c\bar{\theta} + d\theta\bar{\theta}) = b + d\bar{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}} (\text{—————}) = c - d\theta$$

Berezin Integration.

define $\int d\theta_i$ such that $\int d\theta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} = 0$

define $\int d\bar{\theta}_i$

s.t.

$$\int d\bar{\theta}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i} = 0$$

usually we get boundary terms;
but here we are in space of
non-commutative functions with no
boundary; so zero.

"Space of anti-commuting numbers have no boundary"

Since Derivatives anti-commute;
we can take as a definition

$$\int d\theta_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}$$

Integral operation is
Same as derivative.

$$\int d\bar{\theta}_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}_i}$$

Anti-commutation.

The operation of integration here is algebraically same as the
operation of differentiation here.

Integration = Derivation.

Lecture 6.1 / Fermionic Path Integrals① Functional Integral Quantization of (Dirac) Fermions.

Grassmann (Exterior) Algebra : introduced by Berezin.

 $\mathbb{C}N$ algebra over $\mathbb{C}$, has $\dim(\mathbb{C}N) = 2^N$ $2N \Rightarrow$ no. of generator of $\mathbb{C}N$. $\theta_i, \bar{\theta}_i ; i=1, 2, \dots, N$ anticommuting numbers.
(algebraic objects)Basis $\{1, \theta_i, \bar{\theta}_i, \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j, \bar{\theta}_i \theta_j, \dots\}$ +, $\times$, conjugation.Derivation : $\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \theta_j} = \delta_{ij} = \frac{\delta \bar{\theta}_i}{\delta \bar{\theta}_j} ; \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \bar{\theta}} = 0 = \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial \theta}$
anti-commutesIntegration : $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} = \int d\theta_i$

$\rightarrow$ ~~the~~ same as derivation; because integrating means; integrating over one of those variable ~~the~~ and that disappears from result of integration.

... and derivation also does that.

... & since the elements of algebra can contain only one θ_i ; integrating over one θ_i or removing θ_i is same thing. $\int d\theta_i$ integration also anti-commutes"Gaussian Integral"

$$A = A^\dagger$$

 $N \times N$ matrix
(self adjoint)

$$A = \{A_{ij} ; i, j=1, \dots, N\} \quad \therefore A_{ij} = \bar{A}_{ji}$$

$$\exp(-\bar{\theta}_i A_{ij} \theta_j) = \exp(-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta) = e$$

$$e \in G_N \quad \therefore g = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\theta \theta \dots \theta}_k \cdot \underbrace{\bar{\theta} \dots \bar{\theta}}_k \cdot \underbrace{A A \dots A}_k$$

This definition is independent of A being hermitian polynomial.

$N=1$ then

$$\exp(-\bar{\theta} A \theta) = 1 + A \theta \bar{\theta}$$

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^N d\bar{\theta}_i \cdot d\theta_i \exp(-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta) = \det[A]$$

Gaussian Integral. $\Rightarrow$ determinant.

$$\underline{N=1} \quad \int d\bar{\theta} d\theta \exp(-\bar{\theta} A \theta) = A$$

$$\underline{N=2} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \exp(-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta) = \dots + \dots + () \theta_1 \theta_2 \bar{\theta}_1 \bar{\theta}_2$$

$$= \dots + \dots + (A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21}) \theta_1 \theta_2 \bar{\theta}_1 \bar{\theta}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \dots = A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21} = \det[A]$$

Gaussian integral for $N=2$

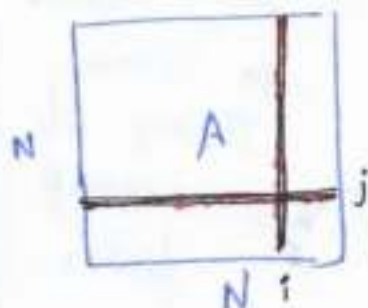
The analogue for commuting numbers;
 $z_i, \bar{z}_i$ complex numbers

$$\int \prod_i d\bar{z}_i dz_i \exp(-\bar{z}_i A_{ij} z_j) = [\det A]^{-1}$$

"Correlators" ; ~~are~~ correlants of this distribution...

$$\langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \rangle := \frac{\int \prod_k d\bar{\theta}_k d\theta_k \exp(-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta) \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j}{\int \prod_k d\bar{\theta}_k d\theta_k \exp(-\bar{\theta} \cdot A \cdot \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\det [\text{Minor}_{ij}(A)]}{\det [A]} = (A^{-1})_{ij}$$



$$\Rightarrow \langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \rangle = \frac{\det [\text{Minor}_{ij}(A)]}{\det [A]} = (A^{-1})_{ij}$$

$$\langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \rangle = (A^{-1})_{ij} \Rightarrow \langle \bar{\theta}_i \theta_j \rangle = -(A^{-1})_{ji}$$

~~$\langle \bar{\theta}_i \theta_j \rangle$~~

$$\begin{array}{c} \circ \longrightarrow \bullet \\ i \qquad j \end{array} = \langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \rangle$$

line flows from θ to $\bar{\theta}$

Two-point function.

$$\langle \bar{\theta}_i \theta_j \rangle = -(A^{-1})_{ji} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \longleftarrow \circ \\ i \qquad j \end{array}$$

4 point function

2θ 's & $2\bar{\theta}$'s ; otherwise it is ~~zero~~ zero.

$$\langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \theta_k \bar{\theta}_l \rangle = (A^{-1})_{ij} \cdot (A^{-1})_{kl} - (A^{-1})_{il} (A^{-1})_{kj}$$

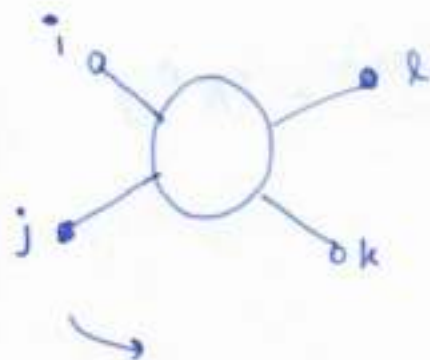
contribution from
 $\underbrace{\theta_i \bar{\theta}_j}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\theta_k \bar{\theta}_l}_{\text{}}$

$\leftarrow$ comes from
 $\underbrace{\theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \theta_k \bar{\theta}_l}_{\text{}}$

Looks like
Wicks
theorem.
minus 1
comes from
anti-commutation

$$\langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \theta_k \bar{\theta}_l \rangle = (A^{-1})_{ij} (A^{-1})_{kl} - (A^{-1})_{il} (A^{-1})_{kj}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{cc} i & j \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ k & l \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{cc} i & l \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ j & k \end{array} \right)$$



$$= \langle \theta_i \bar{\theta}_j \theta_k \bar{\theta}_l \rangle$$

$$= \begin{array}{cc} i & j \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ k & l \end{array} - \begin{array}{cc} i & l \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ j & k \end{array}$$

Wicks Theorem
in Dirac
Theory of
Fermion
fields.

Minus one is associated to
signature of permutation

~~forget about arrow rules.~~

Relation with Quantum Mechanics (non-relativistic Fermions)
 θ & $\bar{\theta}$ are associated to creation & annihilation operator.

$$\theta, \bar{\theta} \longleftrightarrow a, a^\dagger \text{ operators}$$

using formalism of, Fermionic Coherent states representation.

Dirac Field 4-dimensions.

$$\psi = (\psi^a) \quad a=1, \dots, 4 \stackrel{!}{=} 2^{[d/2]} \quad : \text{Dirac indices}$$

$$\gamma^\mu : 4 \times 4 \text{ matrices (Dirac)} \quad ; \quad \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = -2\eta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{East coast metric}$$

~~Dirac~~

Dirac "Action"

$$S[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int_{M^{1,3}} dx \{ (\bar{\Psi}(x)) (i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi(x) \}$$

$$\not{\partial} = \gamma^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$$

Classical "E.O.M."

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \bar{\Psi}(x)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi(x) = 0}$$

Dirac Equation.

2nd Quantization

Fermi-Dirac statistics $\Rightarrow$ unitary QFT.

(positive normed states)

Functional Integral

$\Psi(x)$, $\bar{\Psi}(x)$ need to anti-commute.

Big Grassmann Algebra

whose generators are $\Psi = \{ \Psi^a \}$. field of anti-commuting numbers associated at each point in space.

$$\Theta = \{ \Theta_i \} \longrightarrow \Psi = \{ \Psi^a(x) ; x \in M^{1,3} ; a = 1, \dots, 4 \text{ Dirac indices} \}$$

infinite no. of generators
labelled by position in space x
& Dirac indices a .

$$\bar{\Theta} = \{ \bar{\Theta}_i \} \longrightarrow \bar{\Psi} = \{ \bar{\Psi}^a(x) ; x \in M^{1,3}, a = 1, \dots, 4 \}$$

not
exactly
the Dirac
adjoint.

Dirac Action:

$$\int d^4x [\bar{\Psi}(x) (i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi(x)] = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi}^a(x) [i \gamma_{ab}^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} - m \delta_{ab}] \Psi^b(x)$$
$$= S[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi]$$

Fermionic Path Integral

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] \exp(i S_{\text{Dirac}}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi])$$

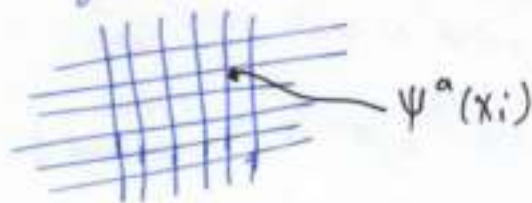
The measure $\mathcal{D}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi]$ means

$$\mathcal{D}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \prod_x \prod_a d\bar{\Psi}^a(x) d\Psi^a(x)$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{G}_{\text{Dirac}}) = \infty$$

(i.e. 2^{∞})

If you discretize spacetime, you have $\Psi^a(x_i)$ at each site



Better now,

but there is phenomenon called "Fermion Doubling" in naive discretization.

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] \exp(i S_{\text{Dirac}}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi]) \propto \text{Det}[i \not{\partial} - m]$$

Correlation Function

Feynmann Propagator for Dirac field

$$\langle \Psi(x) \bar{\Psi}(y) \rangle = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot \left(\frac{i}{-\not{p} - m - i\epsilon} \right) \cdot e^{ip \cdot (x-y)} = G_F(x-y)$$

4x4 matrix in Dirac indices

$$= \langle 0 | T[\Psi(x) \bar{\Psi}(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

Time ordered product for fermions

$$G_F(x-y) = \langle 0 | T[\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] | 0 \rangle =$$


$$T[\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] = \begin{cases} \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) & \text{if } x \text{ is later than } y \\ -\bar{\psi}(y) \psi(x) & \text{if } y \text{ is later than } x \end{cases}$$



Finally from this we get; Correct Wick's Theorem for Dirac Field.
With correct "-1" sign.

Last Remark (notational problem) (not real problem... it's a feature)

Graßmann "variable" $\psi(x)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{associated to field operator in canonical formalism}}$ $\bar{\psi}(x)$ Field operator

Graßmann Conjugate

$\psi^*(x)$

$\longrightarrow$

$\psi^\dagger(x)$ Hermitian conjugate of the field operator.

$$\psi^\dagger = \bar{\psi} \gamma_0$$

so: $\bar{\psi}(x) \longrightarrow \psi^\dagger(x)$

$$\boxed{\psi^* = \bar{\psi} \gamma_0}$$

If one uses ψ^* instead of $\bar{\psi}$; then Dirac action is not explicitly Lorentz Invariant.

Non-Abelian Gauge Theories

Non-Abelian Symmetries in QFT

* Group theory * Representation Theory of groups.

$SU(2) = G$ group (simplest Lie group which is Pg 125 not $U(1)$ group)

In QED : 1 type of charge (say electric charge)
 $\longleftrightarrow$ so 1 type of conserved current.

$\longleftrightarrow$  current-current interaction mediated by photon, which is ~~neutral~~ ~~vector~~ vector particle of spin 1.

What happens when you have several types of charge?
 $\hookrightarrow$ here interaction is not just mediated by neutral vector particle; but ~~also~~ also through charged vector particles which are Gauge Bosons.

have Global Symmetry; ~~and~~ ^{continuous} $SU(2)$ group

$\therefore$ then fields (namely particles of the theory) belongs to some irreducible ~~rep~~ representation of group G .
(unitary or anti-unitary)

~~A group Sym~~ A group of symmetry is a group that acts on Hilbert space of your theory; but commutes with Hamiltonian $\Rightarrow$ so does not change the dynamics.

" continuous, global symmetry : group G
then fields (particles) belongs to some irreducible representation of group G (unitary or ~~anti-unitary~~)

since $SU(2)$ is continuous; in fact anti-unitary is not allowed -

* when G is continuous; then only unitary representations are associated.

Notes

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Dirac index "a" is the index of irreducible representation of Lorentz group of spin $1/2$.

Scalar field ϕ ; spin 0.

note:

$R \equiv$ Fundamental Representation F

$\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(F) = 2$ $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$ 2 different scalar fields
complex
(complex field because they carry charge)
(because they belong to fundamental representation of $SU(2)$; which is group of unitary transformation)

Global Transformation:

$g \in SU(2)$ 2×2 complex matrix with $g \cdot g^\dagger = 1$
(unitary matrix)

$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \phi_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Action of group $\phi(x) \xrightarrow{g} g \cdot \phi(x)$

(its a transformation which mixes ϕ_1 & ϕ_2 ; so it changes the state of particle)

Conjugate ϕ , $\bar{\phi} = (\bar{\phi}_1, \bar{\phi}_2)$

$-$ = complex conjugate.

$$\bar{\phi} \xrightarrow{g} \bar{\phi} \cdot g^\dagger \quad (\text{by definition})$$

- Since $SU(2)$ has 3 generators, $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(SU(2)) = 3$ (pg 126)
we expect there are three conserved currents.

$$J_{\mu}^{1,2,3}, \quad \partial_{\mu} J^{\mu}_{1,2,3} = 0 \quad \text{independently.}$$

- $SU(2)$ invariant action (renormalizable)
which corresponds to renormalizable theory

$$S_F[\phi] = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial^{\mu} \phi) + \frac{m^2}{2} \bar{\phi} \cdot \phi + \frac{g}{8} (\bar{\phi} \cdot \phi)^2 \right]$$



This is only action which is renormalizable in 4-dimensions (contain upto ϕ^4 term) which is invariant under global action of the group $SU(2)$.

because $\bar{\phi} \cdot \phi$ is invariant...

global transformation: so g is independent of x
 $\Rightarrow (\partial_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial^{\mu} \phi)$ is also invariant.

* Non-abelian version of photons $\Rightarrow$ gauge bosons.

Lecture 7.1/ Non-Abelian Gauge Theory, Coupling non-Abelian gauge fields to matter.

Non-Abelian gauge Theories

∴ $G = SU(2)$ example.

2x2 complex matrix g : $g g^\dagger = 1$

$$\det g = 1$$

3 dimensional (real) group.

The group has Lie Algebra ~~$\mathfrak{g}$~~

~~$\mathfrak{g}$~~

$$\mathfrak{g} = su(2) \quad ; \quad g = \exp(i\alpha)$$

where α is traceless, anti-hermitian matrix.

This means, $g = 1 + i\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 + \dots$

t_a : basis of $\mathfrak{g}$.

$$\alpha = \alpha^a t_a \quad ; \quad \alpha^a \text{ real numbers.}$$

$$g = 1 + i\alpha$$

$$h = 1 + i\beta$$

$$; \quad g h g^{-1} h^{-1} = 1 - [\alpha, \beta]_{\text{Lie}} + \dots$$

We know properties of Lie brackets,
by writing Lie brackets of generators.

$$[t_a, t_b]_{\text{Lie}} = i f_{ab}^c t_c$$

↖ structure constant.

For $su(2)$,
we have well known basis

$t_a = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_a$; where σ_a , $a=1, 2, 3$ are the three pauli matrixes

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or σ_1 σ_2 σ_3

In this basis ; the structure constant is

$$f^c_{ab} = \epsilon^{abc}$$

and hence the lie bracket becomes ordinary commutator

$$[\alpha, \beta]_{\text{lie}} = [\ , \]_{\text{commutator}}.$$

★ QFT with a global $SU(2)$ symmetry

3 currents (three kind of charge, labelled by three generators)

$$J_\mu^a ; a=1, 2, 3$$

ex Spin 0 $\Rightarrow$ Field in the fundamental representation.

I have a vector field $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^1 \\ \phi^2 \end{pmatrix} = \phi^i$; $i=1, 2$

(has two components)

ϕ^i is complex field.

group indices of the fundamental representation.

2 complex field = 4 real fields.

ex Spin 1/2 field in the fundamental representation

$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^1 \\ \psi^2 \end{pmatrix}$ each field ψ^i ; $i=1, 2$; carries Dirac indices α

ψ Dirac field.

$$\text{ie: } \psi = (\psi_\alpha^i)$$

$i \Rightarrow$ group indices of the fundamental representation
 $\alpha \Rightarrow$ Dirac indices

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$$S[\phi] = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \cdot \partial_\mu \phi + \frac{m^2}{2} \bar{\phi} \phi + \frac{g}{8} (\bar{\phi} \cdot \phi)^2 \right]$$

$$\bar{\phi} = (\bar{\phi}^1, \bar{\phi}^2)$$

global ~~gauge~~ invariance ; $\phi \rightarrow g \phi$, $\bar{\phi} \rightarrow \bar{\phi} g^\dagger$

$$S[\Psi] = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi} (i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi ; \quad \bar{\Psi} = (\bar{\Psi}^1, \bar{\Psi}^2)$$

Each of the two Dirac field obey their own Dirac equation... don't mix here.

$$= \int d^4x [\bar{\Psi}^1 (i \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - m \delta_{11}) \Psi^1 + \bar{\Psi}^2 (i \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - m \delta_{22}) \Psi^2]$$

global invariance ; $\Psi \rightarrow g \Psi$; $\bar{\Psi} \rightarrow \bar{\Psi} g^\dagger$

By applying Noether's theorem ; we have same currents.

$$J_\mu^a = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\phi} \cdot t_a \cdot \partial_\mu \phi - \partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \cdot t_a \cdot \phi) \quad \text{for scalar field.}$$

$$J_\mu^a = \bar{\Psi} \cdot \gamma^\mu t_a \Psi \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{for Dirac field.} \\ \text{belongs to Lie Algebra.} \end{array} \right\}$$

3 currents in each case.

∴ we can check that they are conserved as a consequence of equation of motion.

These were two simple examples of matter field

Now, let's introduce Gauge Fields.

(The analogue of photon for this symmetry $\mathfrak{g}$ in QED)

~~is to find~~ i.e. to introduce current-current interaction (J-J interaction)

For $SU(2)$ we expect we

have 3 vector potentials (real)

$$A_\mu^a ; a=1, 2, 3.$$

(since we have three currents)

↳ QED like

U(1) charge (have one charge)

$J^\mu \rightarrow A_\mu$ vector potential.

(have one current)

3 real vector potential A_μ^a

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belong to multiplet $A_\mu(x) = A_\mu^a(x) t_a \in su(2)$

for each x & each μ ; $A_\mu(x)$ is an element of Lie algebra

$A_\mu(x)$ 2×2 ~~matrix~~ hermitian matrix (because of t_a , i.e. τ_a)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^3 & A_\mu^1 - i A_\mu^2 \\ A_\mu^1 + i A_\mu^2 & -A_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we can write $A = A_\mu dx^\mu$ one form with value in $SU(2)$

Covariant derivative

Field strength $F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F, B$

Yang-Mills Action (generalization of Maxwell action for QED)

The Lie algebra of $SU(2)$, i.e. $su(2)$; is the adjoint representation of $SU(2)$.

If you have $g \in SU(2)$; and $R(g)$ in adjoint representation.

$g \in SU(2)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{action of } g}$ $R(g)$ in the adjoint representation.
group G ~~represent~~ representation.

$$R(g) \cdot \alpha = g \cdot \alpha \cdot g^{-1}$$

where α is 2×2 matrix

if $\alpha \in \mathfrak{su}(2)$ ~~then~~ i.e; if α is an element of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ (Lie Algebra) $\mathcal{G}$ (Page 13)

$$R(\alpha) \cdot \beta = i [\alpha, \beta]_{\text{Lie}} \quad ; \quad \beta \in \mathcal{G} \quad (\beta \text{ also belongs to Lie Algebra})$$

we want to promote global symmetry G



local gauge symmetry.

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow g(x) \cdot \phi(x) \quad (\text{local gauge transformation})$$

we need to construct covariant derivative ; i.e; derivative which are invariant under local gauge transformation.

have 3 different type of gauge transformation (because have 3 generators)

Infinitesimal gauge transformation.

$$g(x) = 1 + i \alpha(x) \quad ; \quad \alpha(x) = \alpha^a(x) t_a \quad a=1,2,3.$$

Then, the fields $\phi(x)$ transforms as.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &\rightarrow \phi(x) + i \alpha(x) \phi(x) \\ &= \phi(x) + i \alpha^a(x) t_a \phi(x) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Infinitesimal gauge transformation})$$

★ Covariant Derivative: D_μ such that;

$D_\mu \phi$ transforms under gauge transformation as ϕ .

$$\text{i.e; } D_\mu \phi \rightarrow g(x) D_\mu \phi$$

or writing the infinitesimal version.

$$D_\mu \phi \rightarrow D_\mu \phi + i \alpha(x) D_\mu \phi$$

Ordinary derivatives don't transform like this; since here $\psi(x)$ depends on x .

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$$D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi - i A_\mu^a t_a \phi$$

Generator of Lie Algebra.
(for $SU(2)$)

$$= \partial_\mu \phi(x) - \frac{i}{2} A_\mu^a(x) \sigma_a \phi(x)$$

i.e. $D_\mu \phi(x) = \partial_\mu \phi(x) - \frac{i}{2} A_\mu^a(x) \sigma_a \cdot \phi(x)$

COVARIANT DERIVATIVE. (definition)

$$D_\mu \phi(x) = \partial_\mu \phi(x) - i A_\mu^a(x) t_a \phi(x) \Rightarrow \text{Covariant derivative acting in Fundamental Representation.}$$

Now gauge transformation acts on the gauge field.

we want that, under ~~gauge~~ global gauge transformation,

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow g(x) A_\mu(x) g(x)^{-1} + \dots \text{ because } A_\mu \text{ belongs to adjoint representation of the group.}$$

but we know $A_\mu(x)$ gauge potential is not invariant;

it transforms in non-covariant way

: because you change the gauge; you change the gauge potential.

~~$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow g(x) A_\mu(x) g(x)^{-1} + i g(x) \partial_\mu [g(x)^{-1}]$$~~

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow g(x) A_\mu(x) g(x)^{-1} + i g(x) \partial_\mu [g(x)^{-1}]$$

This is just A_μ for Maxwell theory.

effect of gauge transformation on A_μ .

... but here they don't commute; so it is not trivial. (since group of symmetry is non-abelian $\Rightarrow g$ not commutes with A .)

Number of currents = dimension of group.

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(not ~~on~~ dimension of representation we act on)

for $SU(3) \rightarrow 8$ currents.

short hand notation.

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow g \cdot (A_\mu + i \partial_\mu) \cdot g^{-1}$$

Infinitesimal transformation; where $g = 1 + i \alpha(x)$

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu(x) + D_\mu \alpha(x)$$

where: $D_\mu \alpha(x) = \partial_\mu \alpha(x) - i [A_\mu, \alpha]$

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu(x) + D_\mu \alpha(x)$$

$$D_\mu \alpha(x) = \partial_\mu \alpha(x) - i [A_\mu, \alpha]_{\text{commutator}}$$

$\rightarrow$ Covariant Derivative acting in Adjoint Representation.

$$D_\mu \phi_{\text{fundamental}} = \partial_\mu \phi_{\text{fundamental}} - i A_\mu \cdot \phi_{\text{fundamental}}$$

(A_μ acting on fundamental representation element; so just multiplies)

$$D_\mu \alpha_{\text{Adj.}} = \partial_\mu \alpha_{\text{Adj.}} - i [A_\mu, \alpha_{\text{Adj.}}]$$

A_μ acting on an element of Lie Algebra .. so have commutation.

Effectively same definition; just had to take into account how element of Lie Algebra act on representations.

In fact, mathematically it's the same definition.

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Summary $D_\mu \phi_{\text{fund.}} = \partial_\mu \phi_{\text{fund.}} - i A_\mu \cdot \phi_{\text{fund.}}$

$$D_\mu \chi_{\text{Adj}} = \partial_\mu \chi_{\text{Adj}} - i [A_\mu, \chi_{\text{Adj}}]$$

With this definition covariant derivative is covariant
 D_μ is covariant.

Once we have D_μ ; we can build analogue of
of Field Strength (like "E-M" tensor)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = i[D_\mu, D_\nu] = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i[A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

↓
This is absent in
Maxwell theory; but here we
have this not trivial term;
because $SU(2)$ is non-
Abelian.

Remember; A_μ is element
of Lie Algebra

$\Rightarrow [A_\mu, A_\nu]$ belongs to
Lie Algebra

$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}$ is an element of Lie Algebra.
(it is 2×2 matrix)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}^a t_a$$

decomposing into components.

$F_{\mu\nu}^a$ is Real field strength. $a=1,2,3$.

$F_{\mu\nu}$ is an element of Lie Algebra.

In terms of component, we have.

→ next page.

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + f_{bc}^a A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

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we see the field strength is non linear in gauge potential. structure constant.

If you want to interpret $F_{\mu\nu}^a$ as usual Electric & Magnetic field :

i.e.:

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a \leftarrow \vec{E}^a, \vec{B}^a \quad (a=1, 2, 3)$$

(we have 3 ~~types~~ different Electric & Magnetic fields)

$$A_\mu^a \leftarrow (V^a, \vec{A}_\mu^a)$$

$a=1, 2, 3$

now:

$$\vec{E}' = \partial_t \vec{A}' - \vec{\nabla} V' + V^2 \vec{A}^3 - V^3 \vec{A}^2$$

→ have this extra non-linear terms involving potential & vector potential of the two other components

$$\vec{B}' = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}' + \vec{A}^2 \times \vec{A}^3$$

so; we have non-linear terms (which are absent in Maxwell theory)

Since Covariant derivative is covariant

Field strength is also covariant
(so it transforms covariantly)

$F_{\mu\nu}$ transforms covariantly

so: if you do gauge transformation.

($F_{\mu\nu}$ belongs to adjoint representation)

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) \longrightarrow g(x) \cdot F_{\mu\nu}(x) \cdot g^{-1}(x)$$

local gauge transformation.

For infinitesimal gauge transformation.

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) \longrightarrow F_{\mu\nu}(x) - i [F_{\mu\nu}(x), \alpha(x)]$$

of course ; $F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu}$. Note... 

Now, we can build, YANG-MILLS ACTION for gauge field (analogue of Maxwell Action for U(1) gauge field)

$$S_{YM}[A_\mu] = -\frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} [F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}]$$

(Gauge field action)
looks like
maxwell...

g is analogue of charge

$g_{YM} \Rightarrow$ coupling constant of Yang Mill Theory... charge of particles.

$F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$ is 2×2 matrix $\Rightarrow$ ~~so natural~~ $\mathfrak{g}$ so natural choice is to take trace 

$\frac{1}{g_{YM}^2}$ is analogue of $\frac{1}{e^2}$ in QED.

$\text{Tr} = \text{Trace}$ in Lie Algebra. (for $SU(N)$ only one trace ... its fine)

$$S_{YM}[A_\mu] = -\frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} [F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}]$$

$\text{Tr}(t_a t_b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$ properties from Pauli matrices.
(group theory)

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{YM}}[A_\mu] = -\frac{1}{4g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu}_a$$

Yang-Mills action
in terms of components.

It is invariant under local gauge transformation.

$$S_{\text{YM}}[A_\mu] \rightarrow S_{\text{YM}}[g A'_\mu g^{-1}] = -\frac{1}{2g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(g F_{\mu\nu} g^{-1} g F^{\mu\nu} g^{-1})$$

 ~~A'_μ~~ This is A'_μ $= -\frac{1}{2g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(g F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} g^{-1})$

So, we have classical theory which is gauge invariant.

use cyclic permutation property of Trace

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = g(A_\mu + i\partial_\mu)g^{-1}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g F_{\mu\nu} g^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

$$= S_{\text{YM}}[A_\mu]$$

Physics is gauge invariant.

Since $F_{\mu\nu}$ contains non-linear terms $\Rightarrow$ This is much complicated than Maxwell theory.

Lagrangian Density (Classical)

Classical Theory of Non-Abelian gauge field.

comes from the fact that you had structure constant.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4g_{\text{YM}}^2} \left[(\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{abc} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) A_b^\mu A_c^\nu + (A_\mu^a A_\nu^b A_a^\mu A_b^\nu - A_\mu^a A_\nu^b A_b^\mu A_a^\nu) \right]$$

comes from the fact that you have two structure constant.

$$f_{bc}^a = f_{abc}$$

$$f_{ab}^e f_{cd}^e = \delta_{ac} \delta_{bd} - \delta_{ad} \delta_{bc}$$

} for $SU(2)$

will be more complicated for $SU(3)$, or say another gauge group

Coupling to Matter (Dirac Field case)

Dirac Field
- Fundamental Representation.

$$S_{\text{Dirac}}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi} (i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi$$

remember Ψ is a two vector

If we want this action to be invariant under local gauge transformation.

$$\Psi(x) \longrightarrow g(x) \Psi(x)$$

$SU(2)$

Fundamental Representation

so; have to replace ∂ by $\mathcal{D}$

$$\text{ie; } \partial \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

Ψ carries group indices i and dirac indices μ .

Since $\mathcal{D}$ transforms covariantly as an element of adjoint representation; it absorbs $g, \dots g^{-1}$.

$$S_{\text{Dirac}}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi} (i \not{\mathcal{D}} - m) \Psi$$

Invariant under local gauge transformation.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi}_i^\alpha(x) \left\{ i Y_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \left[\delta_{ij} \partial_\mu - i A_\mu^a(x) \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_a)_{ij} \right] - m \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \right\} \Psi_j^\beta(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\Psi}_i^\alpha(x) \left[i Y_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \left[\delta_{ij} \partial_\mu - i A_\mu^a(x) \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_a)_{ij} \right] - m \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \right] \Psi_j^\beta(x)$$

g_{YM} is charge of elementary particle

$\therefore$ if we redefine $A \rightarrow g_{YM} \tilde{A}$

Then;

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = (\partial \tilde{A})^2 + g_{YM} (\partial \tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{A} \cdot \tilde{A}) + g_{YM}^2 \tilde{A} \tilde{A} \tilde{A} \tilde{A}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\Psi} (i \not{\partial} - m) \Psi + g_{YM} \tilde{A} \bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

$g_{YM} \Rightarrow$ charge of the Dirac Field.
but it is also charge of gauge vector boson.


Fermions


Gauge Field



Gauge fields carry charges; so they interact.

Conserved current for Dirac fields coupled to gauge field in SU(2) theory

~~$J_a^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu t_a \psi$~~

$$J_a^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu t_a \psi + \frac{1}{g^2} \epsilon_{abc} F_{\mu\nu}^b A_\nu^c$$

→ This term was absent in ~~the~~ absent in maxwell theory; because Maxwell theory is abelian and so the structure constant is zero there.
Here it is non-zero; $\sim \epsilon_{abc}$.

→ is conserved by ^{cancellation of} currents ~~carried~~ by fermions & with ~~the gauge bosons~~ currents carried by gauge bosons; Fermions & bosons can exchange charges (because there are 3 different type of charges)

$$\partial_\mu J_a^\mu = 0 \quad ; a=1,2,3.$$

Lecture 8.1) Currents, Quantization of non-abelian gauge theory

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SU(2) non-abelian Gauge Theory.

Gauge Theory

→ Theory of vector particles.

- Currents
- Quantization and Gauge Fixing.

Gauge Field (Potential) : $A_\mu = \{A_\mu^a(x); a=1, 2, 3\}$

"a" is associated to three generators of SU(2)

 $A_\mu \in \mathfrak{su}(2)$; i.e. A_μ lives in Lie Algebra, which is adjoint representation of SU(2)If we take generators $t_a = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_a$ 2x2 Pauli Matrices.Then $A_\mu = A_\mu^a t_a = \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^3 & A_\mu^1 - iA_\mu^2 \\ A_\mu^1 + iA_\mu^2 & -A_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix}$ 2x2 Hermitian Matrix

The effect of gauge transformation:

if $g \in \text{SU}(2)$ i.e. 2x2 unitary matrix

$$A_\mu \longrightarrow g \cdot (A_\mu + i \partial_\mu) g^{-1} \equiv A_\mu^{(g)}$$

Infinitesimal : $g = 1 + i\alpha + \dots$

$$A_\mu \longrightarrow A_\mu + \mathcal{D}_\mu \alpha$$

where : $\mathcal{D}_\mu \alpha = \partial_\mu \alpha - i [A_\mu, \alpha]$ covariant derivative
 (acting on adjoint representation)

Field Strength

$$F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}^a t_a = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i[A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

Covariant object. $\therefore F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g \cdot F_{\mu\nu} \cdot g^{-1}$

Y.M. Action (Gauge Invariant)

No matter field.

$$S_{Y.M.}[A_\mu] = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}[F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}]$$

Field associated to non-abelian gauge group.

- Gauge particles (particles which come out of gauge fields) carry charges (different from U(1) maxwell theory)

~~the current~~ $J_a^\mu = \epsilon_{abc} F_{\mu\nu}^b A_\mu^c$

$\therefore J^\mu = J_a^\mu t_a = [F_{\mu\nu}, A_\nu]$

- Equations (classical) for field strength. for $\vec{E}^a, \vec{B}^a, a=1,2,3$

Two pairs of equation $\mathcal{D}_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0$ Equation of Motion

$\mathcal{D}_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$ Bianchi Identity.

where $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma}$
in $d=4$

(usual consistency equation)
 $\hookrightarrow$ comes from the fact that $F_{\mu\nu}$ is obtained from vector potential A_μ

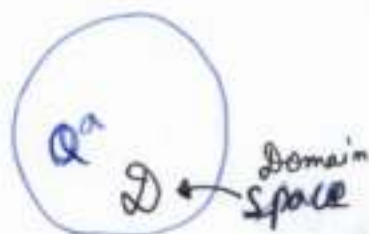
non-linear P.D.E.
(classical solutions are not just plane waves)

$J^\mu \propto \mathcal{D}_\nu F^{\mu\nu}$ using equation of motion

From this point of view; it is very easy that $\mathcal{D}_\mu J^\mu = 0$
 $\therefore$ hence conserved current.

★ J^μ is not gauge covariant!
 (not real problem; because you have some freedom in defining current J^μ)

Charge



$$g(x) = \begin{cases} g & \text{outside of } D \\ \text{non-constant} & \text{inside of } D \end{cases}$$

↖ a constant

with this; Charge Q transforms as

$$Q \rightarrow g \cdot Q \cdot g^{-1}$$

where g is ~~not~~ the one which happens outside

⇒ so whatever happens inside; it does not affect the definition of charge

So; Total Charge rotates (because you have non-abelian symmetry)

⇒ so, charge is defined in global way.

Quantize by Path Integral

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propagator of gauge field is obtained by "Linearized Yang Mills Action"

↪ i.e. keeping only linear terms in  $F_{\mu\nu}$

$$S_{YM}^{\text{linear}} = \frac{-1}{4g_{YM}^2} \int_{M^{1,3}} d^4x (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (\partial^\mu A^\nu_a - \partial^\nu A^\mu_a)$$

Same as Maxwell; instead of 1 photon; we have here  
are three types of photons.

$$S_{\text{Y.M.}}^{\text{linear}} = \frac{-1}{4 g_{\text{Y.M.}}^2} \int_{\text{M}^{1,3}} d^4x (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (\partial^\mu A^\nu_a - \partial^\nu A^\mu_a)$$

we can write:

$$S_{\text{Y.M.}}^{\text{linear}} = \int d^4x A_\mu^a K_{ab}^{\mu\nu} A_\nu^b$$

Kernel operator.  
(second order linear differential operator)

The propagator; carry indices  $\begin{smallmatrix} a \\ \mu \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} b \\ \nu \end{smallmatrix}$

is;

$$\begin{array}{c} a \\ \mu \end{array} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} b \\ \nu \end{array} \approx \langle 0 | A_\mu^a \cdot A_\nu^b | 0 \rangle_{\text{linearized}} = (K^{-1})_{\mu\nu}^{ab}$$

because of gauge invariance;  $K$  has zero modes.

At, linear order; gauge transformation is

$$A_\mu^a(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu^a(x) + \partial_\mu \alpha^a(x)$$

(action does not change)

$\hookrightarrow$  so zero modes.

Momentum Space

$$K_{ab}^{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} (k^\mu k^\nu - k^2 h^{\mu\nu})$$

$$\Rightarrow k_\mu K_{ab}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

so, (This is zero mode)

so; you cannot insert  $k$

$\hookrightarrow$  zero modes are just total derivatives of fields that are linear in  $k$ ...

For U(1), gauge fix.

Then compute.

Gauge fixing amounts in general to change the propagator.  
is; to project out the propagator; to project out  
the zero modes.

SU(2) : Gauge Fixing, ~~then correct~~

↓ then

Construct correct Path Integral

↓ then

Compute.

Gauge Fixing; choosing representative of field in gauge  
potential.  $A_\mu$ .

ex Axial gauge, Landau gauge, Lorentz gauge, Coulomb gauge.

lets write  $A_\mu = (A_0, \vec{A})$

\* Coulomb Gauge :  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

\* Axial Gauge :  $A_0 = 0$

$a = 1, 2, 3.$

\* Lorentz Gauge :  $\partial_\mu A^\mu_a = 0$   
-Landau Gauge

ii: Lorentz - Landau gauge :  $\partial_\mu A^\mu_a = 0$ .

Principle we want to define functional integral of the form

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp(i S_{YM} [A])$$

Principle of  
Functional Integral

$$A = \{ A^\mu_a(x) ; x \in M, \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, a = 1, 2, 3 \}$$

↑  
4-dimensions

↑  
SU(2)

gauge potential configuration.

(regularity condition ...)

$$D[A] = \prod_x \prod_\mu \prod_a dA_\mu^a(x) \quad (\text{local measure})$$

There is consistent definitions of Gauge Field on a Lattice.  
 invented by K. Wilson  $\approx 1974$  (makes discretization which is perfectly well defined)

let us denote  $A = \{A\}$  space of gauge potential configurations.

Big Gauge Group  $\mathcal{G} = \{g\}$  space of all local gauge transformation

where  $g = \{g(x) \in SU(2) ; x \in M\}$  a local gauge transformation;  
 it is  $2 \times 2$  unitary matrix.

~~$$g(x) = \{g(x)_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2 ; g_{ij} = \bar{g}_{ji} = \delta_{ik} ; \det(g) = 1\}$$~~

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Gauge Transformation  $A \rightarrow g A g^{-1} + i g \cdot \partial \cdot g^{-1} \equiv A_g$

$$\mathcal{G} = \bigotimes_{x \in M} G_x$$

$G = SU(2)$   
 gauge group

(collection of gauge group; associated to each point of space-time... just have direct product)

need to define measure on big gauge group  $\mathcal{G}$ .  
 will be product of measure on each little group.

measure  $\mathcal{G} : D[g] = \prod_{x \in M} d_{\text{Har}}(g(x))$

Taking Haar measure on  $SU(2)$

$d_{\text{Haar}}(g)$  : The Haar Measure on  $SU(2)$   
(which is invariant measure)

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left (and right) invariant measure.

this 
$$d_{\text{Haar}}(g \cdot g_0) = d_{\text{Haar}}(g) = d_{\text{Haar}}(g_0 \cdot g)$$

for  $g_0$  fixed.

→ invariant under action of groups onto itself.

an element of  $SU(2)$  can always be written in the form

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} & -\sin\theta \cdot e^{-i\chi} \\ \sin\theta \cdot e^{i\chi} & \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta, \phi, \chi \rightarrow 3 \text{ coordinates.}$$

~~Haar~~ Haar Measure is just the measure

$$d_{\text{Haar}}(g) = \sin(2\theta) \cdot d\theta \cdot d\phi \cdot d\chi.$$

$SU(2)$  more of  $SO(3)$  ;  $SU(2) \stackrel{\text{locally}}{\approx} SO(3)$  locally same group.

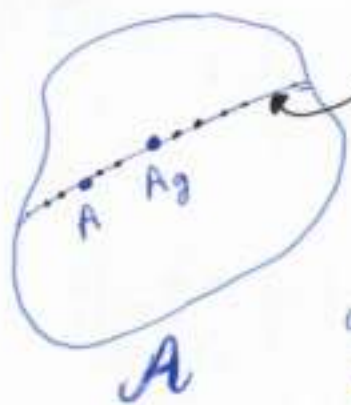
we want local measure  $D[A]$  to satisfy locality for Quantum Theory.

we can check ;  $D[A] = \prod_x \prod_\mu \prod_a dA_\mu^a(x)$  is invariant

under local gauge transformation.

(local rotation & local translation  $\approx$  gauge transformation)

ie;  $D[A] = \prod_x \prod_\mu \prod_a dA_\mu^a(x)$  is invariant under  $G$



orbit of  $g$   
(all points on  
this orbit  
i.e. all gauge  
configuration on a  
given orbit are gauge equivalent to  $A$ , so they  
are physically equivalent)

Big gauge group  $G$   
acts on  $A$ .

$G$  acts on  $A$

- × Physically equivalent  $A$ 's
- ×  $S_{YM}$  is constant

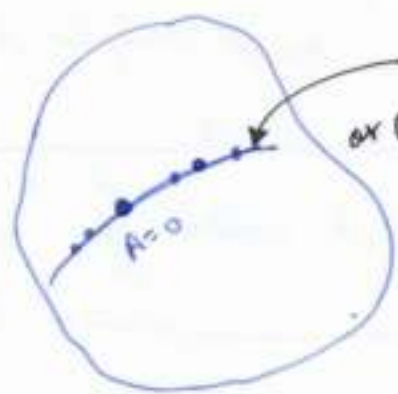


We have different orbits associated to  
physically inequivalent configuration.

Space of physically inequivalent configurations  $\mathcal{C} = A/G$   
i.e.  $\mathcal{C} = A/G$  : its a quotient space  
= space of orbits.

In perturbation theory;

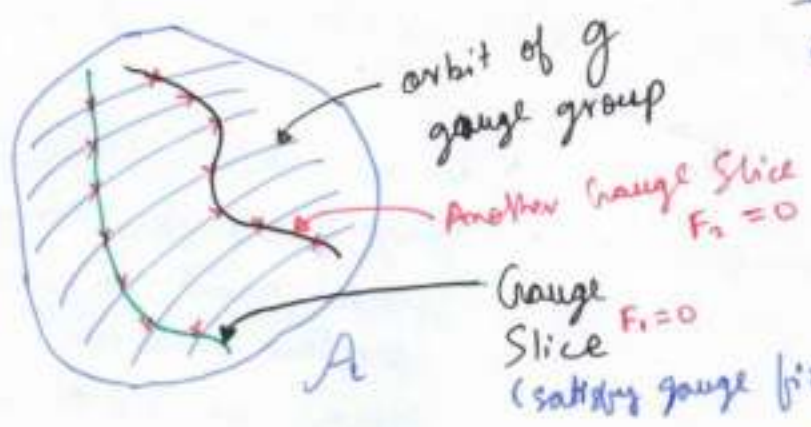
we start with classical vacuum  $A=0$  (minimize the action)



orbit of pure gauge  
or classical configuration  
which leads  
to vacuum  
configuration  
 $\vec{E} = \vec{B} = 0$ .  
i.e.  $F_{\mu\nu} = 0$ .

$\updownarrow$   
pure gauge configuration.  
 $A = \partial\alpha$   
(are physically equivalent)

# Gauge fixing



In each orbit choose a representative

→ This is gauge fixing procedure.

~~lets~~ lets hope; that in each gauge orbit, there is only one gauge configuration which satisfies  $\partial^\mu A_\mu = 0$ ; then we pick it.

(or assume in each gauge orbit; there is only one which satisfies axial gauge)

We will replace the Big Integral, by an integral over the gauge slice.

\* We can take another gauge slice.

\* For the calculation ~~to~~ to make sense; the calculation ~~result~~ of integrating over different gauge slice should give same result..

(otherwise; result will be 'inconsistent')

"Gauge fix; in a gauge invariant way"

## Gauge fixing procedure

define Gauge fixing Functional  $F[A] = 0$

→ its a sketchy notation

\* it is data of set of gauge fixing condition for each component of field)

~~F[A] = F(A\_\mu^a(x), \partial\_\nu A\_\mu^a(x), \dots; x)~~

$$F[A] = \{ F(A_\mu^a(x), \partial_\nu A_\mu^a(x), \dots; x) : x \in M, a=1,2,3 \}$$

may depend on  
higher derivative

we may choose different  
gauge fixing condition at  
different point in  
spacetime. So can  
depend on  $x \in M$  in  
general.

~~F[A]~~

$$F \text{ application } A \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} = \prod_{x \in M} \mathfrak{g}_x$$

Big Lie  
Algebra  
ie; Lie Algebra  
of the big gauge  
group  $G$ .

$\mathfrak{g}_x$ : Lie algebra of  
group  $G$  at point  $x$   
ie;  $\mathfrak{g}_x$

ie;  $\mathfrak{g}_x \in \mathfrak{g}_x$ .

Assume that:

① if you take  $F[A]=0$ ; and  $A \rightarrow A_g$  where  $g$  is infinitesimal  
gauge transformation  $g = 1 + i\alpha$  (infinitesimal gauge transformation)

; we expect  $F[A_g] \neq 0$  (ie;  $\star$  gauge slice is  
transverse to gauge  
orbits)

②  $F[A]=0$ ; for any  $g \in G$  ~~ie;  $F[A_g] \neq 0$~~

$F[A_g] \neq 0$  ie; one gauge fixed

configuration in each orbit. (we expect; gauge slice does not  
come back, things like that...)

We don't expect to have  $\Rightarrow$  this  
because then we would be  
doing some over counting.

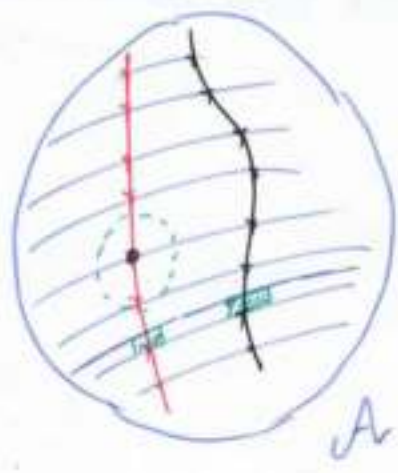


In general, the conditions ① & ② are not true  
especially for Landau ~~gauge~~ Lorentz gauge.

This phenomenon is called Gribov - Copies Problem

So, ~~the~~ conditions ① & ② are highly non-trivial.

related to  
Topology ...  
(not completely  
solved problem ...  
... open problem)



⊙ a study in vicinity ...  
ie; small fluctuation around  
classical vacuum (classical  
solution)

$\hookrightarrow$  one can show that  
Gribov - Copies are at  
finite distance; not  
infinitesimal distances.

(so its not a problem in  
perturbation theory)

$\hookrightarrow$  so we will ignore this  
problem

★ Gribov - Copies problem, is not a problem in  
perturbation theory.

~~Now~~  $D[A_g] = D[A]$  measure is gauge invariant. (pg 152)

If you integrate ~~naively~~ naively on a gauge slice by taking measure induced on ~~the~~ gauge slice; on other slice it will be different; there will be some Jacobian.

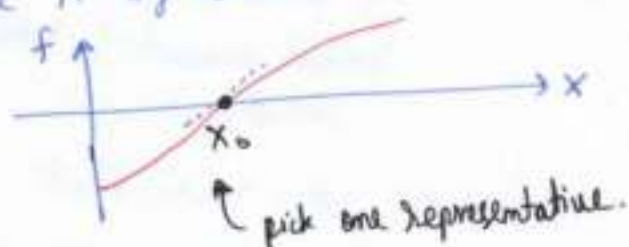
but we want  $D[A_g] = D[A]$

How to write this as a measure  $D[A: F[A]=0]$

(here; this problem is different for U(1) & non-abelian gauge theories: that's where it becomes interesting) ↑ gauge fixing.

★ Feynmann, De Witt; Faddeev, Popov.  
from West from East

1 dimensional example (configuration space  $A$  will be one dimensional)  
replace  $A$  by ~~real~~ real variable  $x$ , which lives on the line  $\rightarrow x$



Some function  $f(x_0) = 0$   
"gauge fixing".

Now, I want to pick point where  $f(x_0) = 0$ .  
"Picking a point means delta function"

$$\int dx \delta(x - x_0) = 1 = \int dx \delta(f(x)) \cdot |f'(x)|$$

$\uparrow$  derivative of  $f$ .

$$1 = \int dx \delta(f(x)) \cdot |f'(x)|$$

Gauge fixing

Jacobian of change of variable  $x \rightarrow f(x)$   
take absolute value; if the function was negative, we still would want to pick it with weight 1

$$g(x_0) = \int dx g(x) \cdot \delta(x-x_0) = \int dx \delta(f(x)) g(x) |f'(x)|$$

in  $n$  dimensions:  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$n$  conditions:  $F = (f^1, \dots, f^n)$

$$f^{(m)} = f(x^1, \dots, x^n)$$

given  $x_0$ :  $F(x) = 0|_{x_0}$  ;  $f^1 = f^2 = \dots = f^n = 0$

$\rightarrow n$  gauge fixing condition; one for each component.

we want to write

$$\int d^n x \delta^{(n)}(x-x_0) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1 = \int d^n(x) \cdot \delta^{(n)}(F(x)) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right) \right|$$

$$\delta^{(n)}(F(x)) = \delta(f^1) \delta(f^2) \dots \delta(f^n)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right)_{ab} = \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^b}$$

Jacobian matrix of change of variable.

## Lec 8.2] Gauge Fixing, Ghosts

Gauge Fixing (continued): Fadeev-Popov "Ghosts".

SU(2) Yang Mills  $A = \{A_\mu^a(x) : a=1,2,3\}$ 

$$\int \mathcal{D}[A] \exp(i S_{YM}[A])$$

both the measure  $\mathcal{D}[A]$  and  $S_{YM}[A]$  are Gauge Invariant.

$$A \rightarrow A_g = g(A + i\partial)g^{-1}$$

orbits of  $g$  (gauge group)Gauge  
condition $A = \{A\}$  : space of all gauge configuration

$$\mathcal{G} = \{g\} : g = \{g(x), g \in SU(2)\}$$

\* one gauge transformation  
performed independently at each point  
of spacetimeGauge Fixing Condition:  $F[A] = \{F^a[A, x] ; x \in M, a=1,2,3\}$ enforce  $F[A] = 0$ 

↑ local functional.

Example:

Lorentz Landau :  $F^a[A, x] = \partial_\mu A_\mu^a(x) = 0$

Feynmann Gauge (variant of Lorentz-gauge) :  $F^a[A, x] = \partial_\mu A_\mu^a(x) - \epsilon_a(x) = 0$

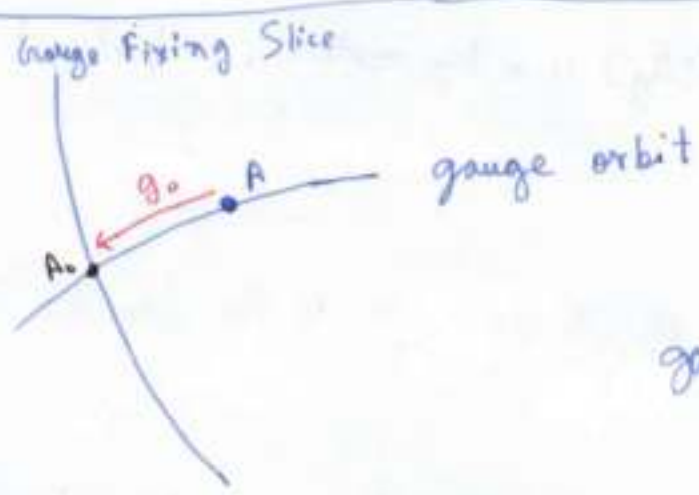
same function.

Background Gauge (variant of Feynmann gauge)  
 choose a background gauge field  $\bar{A}_\mu(x)$ : fixed gauge potential.

$$F^\mu[A, x] = \bar{D}_\mu A^\mu(x) = 0$$

where  $\bar{D}_\mu$ : covariant derivative in  $\bar{A}$

$$\text{i.e. } \bar{D}_\mu^\# = \partial_\mu^\# - i[\bar{A}_\mu, \#]$$



$\exists$  unique  $A_0$  s.t.  
 on each gauge orbit  $F[A_0] = 0$

for any  $A$ , there is a (unique) gauge transformation  $g_0$  which sends  $A$  to  $A_0$

$$\text{i.e. } A g_0 = A_0$$

$$\text{such that } F[A g_0] = 0$$

These  $g_0$ 's depend on  $A$  and on  $F$ .

lets denote  $g_0 = g_F[A]$  (which means that it depends on gauge configuration & choice of gauge fixing)

$$1 = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{D}_{\text{max}}[g] \cdot \delta[g, g_F[A]]$$

↑ Integrated over gauge group

Dirac delta function

since  $g_F[A]$  is determined by  $F[A g_0] = 0$

then we can rewrite it as

$$1 = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \delta[g, g_F[A]] = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \cdot \delta[F[A_g]] \cdot |\det(F'[A_g])| \quad (\text{eq 156})$$

$$1 = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \cdot \delta[g, g_F[A]] = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \cdot \delta[F[A_g]] \cdot |\det(F'[A_g])|$$

~~$F[A_g]$  is an infinite set of gauge conditions~~

What is  $F'[A_g]$   $F'[A_g]$  is a big matrix; in fact it will be kernel of an operator.

What is the operator.

i.e. we are making variation ~~of~~ w.r.t.  $g$  of the function  $F[A_g]$

What is variation of  $g$ ?

We have seen:  $g \rightarrow g' = g + \delta g = g(1 + i\alpha)$  ;  $\alpha \Rightarrow$  infinitesimal generator of the Lie algebra

so;  $\alpha(x) = \alpha^b(x) t_b$  ;  $t_b = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_b$  ;  $b=1,2,3$ .  
 $\uparrow$   
 basis of the Lie algebra

$F'[A_g]_a^b$  will depend on  $x$  and  $y$ .  
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 3x3 matrix.  $F[A, x] = 0$  gauge condition taken at point  $x$ .  
 variation at point  $y$

$\rightarrow$  differential expression

$$F'[A_g]_a^b(x, y) = \frac{F^a[A_{g(1+i\alpha)}; x] - F^a[A_g; x]}{\delta \alpha^b(y)}$$

\* gauge transformation at point  $y$ .

\* And see the effect at gauge fixing term at point  $x$

We can also write it as

$$F'[A_g]_b^a(x, y) = \left. \frac{\partial F^a[A_g(1+\alpha); x]}{\partial \alpha^b(x)} \right|_{\alpha=0}$$

$\det(F'[A_g])$  means take determinant of  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $a, b$   
& of kernel operator  $x, y$

$\Psi = \{ \Psi^a(x) : x \in M, a=1, 2, 3 \}$  functions in Lie Algebra

$F'[A_g]$  is an operator which sends  $\Psi \rightarrow \tilde{\Psi}$

~~$$\Psi \rightarrow \tilde{\Psi} = F'[A_g] \Psi$$~~

$$\Psi \rightarrow \tilde{\Psi} = F[A_g] \Psi$$

Its a ~~linear~~ linear operator.

$$\tilde{\Psi}^a(x) = \int dy F'[A_g]_b^a(x, y) \cdot \Psi^b(y)$$

Its a convolution in space; and acts as ordinary matrix in Lie Algebra.

with this definition we; that  $F'[A_g]$  is a linear operator acting on space of functions of Lie Algebra and gives an element of space of functions of Lie Algebra.

$$Z = \int D_{\text{matter}}[g] \cdot \delta F[A_g] |\det[F'[A_g]]| \times \int D[A] \cdot \exp(i S_{\text{v.m.}}[A])$$

(Here I have actually inserted  $\int D_{\text{matter}}[g]$  &  $\int D[A]$ )

What we should do is following.

$$Z = \int D[A] \left( \int D_{\text{matter}}[g] \cdot \delta F[A_g] |\det[F'[A_g]]| \right) \int D[A] \exp(i S_{\text{v.m.}}[A])$$

Insert the identity inside

.... now exchange the integral :  $\int D[g]$  &  $\int D[A]$

$$Z = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \int_A D[A] \cdot \delta[F[A]] \cdot |\det[F'[A]]| \cdot \exp(i S_{v.m.}[A])$$

we know;  $D[A]$  &  $S_{v.m.}[A]$  are gauge invariant.

so; we can make change of variable inside  $\int D[A] \dots$

$$A \rightarrow A_g \quad \text{because } A_g \text{ is just dummy variable}$$

using gauge invariance  $D[A] = D[A_g]$  ; and  $S_{v.m.}[A] = S_{v.m.}[A_g]$

$$Z = \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \int_A D[A_g] \cdot \delta[F[A_g]] |\det[F'[A_g]]| \cdot \exp(i S_{v.m.}[A_g])$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g] \times \int_A D[\tilde{A}] \cdot \delta[F[\tilde{A}]] \times |\det[F'[\tilde{A}]]| \times \exp(i S_{v.m.}[\tilde{A}])$$

$\tilde{A} = A_g$  (redefine ; and integrate ... dummy variable)

This factors out  
 $\int_{\mathcal{G}} D[g]$  and is just volume of gauge group.

(so its an infinite factor)

its like

(finite number) $^{\infty}$

because you have  $SO(2)$  at each  $x \in M$ .

It is independent of action ...  
 ... you have no dynamics.

This is just normalization factor.

$$|\det[F'[\tilde{A}]]| = \text{Faddeev Popov determinant.}$$

$$F'[A]_{\alpha}^{\beta}(x, y) = \left. \frac{\partial F^{\alpha}[A_{1+\alpha}; x]}{\partial \alpha^{\beta}(y)} \right|_{\alpha=0}$$

now:  $F$ : Feynmann Gauge (working in Feynmann gauge) Pg 159

what is  $(A_{1+i\alpha})_\mu^a(x) = ?$

we know:

$$(A_{1+i\alpha})_\mu^a(x) = A_\mu^a(x) + \mathcal{D}_\mu \alpha^a(x) \quad \text{for } SU(2)$$

$$= A_\mu^a(x) + \partial_\mu \alpha^a(x) + \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b(x) \alpha^c(x)$$

so; the gauge condition.

$$F[A_{1+i\alpha}; x]^a = \partial_\mu A_\mu^a(x) + \underbrace{\partial_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu \alpha_a(x)}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{ this does not} \\ \text{vary if you} \\ \text{make variations} \\ \text{in } \alpha.}} + \epsilon^a(x)$$

so:

$$F'[A]_b^a(x, y) = \left. \frac{\partial F^a[A_{1+i\alpha}; x]}{\partial \alpha^b(y)} \right|_{\alpha=0}$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu \alpha^a(x) + \partial_\mu [\epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b(x) \alpha^c(x)]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$F'[A]_b^a(x, y) = \delta_b^a \cdot \Delta + \epsilon_{acb} \partial_\mu A_\mu^c + \epsilon_{acb} A_\mu^c \partial_\mu$$

$F'[A]_b^a(x, y)$  is a differential operator.

contains ordinary laplacian  $\Delta$  times identity matrix and other like terms.

$\rightarrow$  differential operator & depends on  $A$

$$F'[A] \cdot \Psi^a(x) = \Delta_x \Psi^a(x) + \epsilon_{acb} (\partial_\mu A_\mu^c(x)) \cdot \Psi^b(x) + \epsilon_{acb} \cdot A_\mu^c(x) (\partial_\mu \Psi^b(x))$$

depends on  $y$  if you write.

$$\Delta_x \delta(x-y)$$

$$\partial_\mu A_\mu^c(x) \cdot \delta(x-y)$$

$$\partial_\mu \delta(x-y)$$

similar to

$$\Delta_x \rightarrow \text{Kernel } \Delta_x \delta(x-y)$$

$F'[A]$  will introduce new contribution to action.

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~~to compensate naive~~ (fixing on gauge induce new contribution to action: This is needed in order to compensate naive contribution of gauge fixing so that the integral is indeed gauge invariant)

If you don't take  $|\det F'[A]|$  into account; you will have result which depends on gauge fixing condition.

How to compute the Faddeev-Popov Determinant?

first remark:  $|\det[F']| = \det[F']$  <sup>or</sup>  $-\det[F'] = \det[-F']$

valid only if  $\det(F') \geq 0$

its an strong assumption.

It is related to the fact that you are working in vicinity of classical vacuum: This  $\det(F')$  basically measures slope of gauge slice with respect to orbit.

"The sign problem is related to the Gribov problem"

we can forget about these; because this problem is irrelevant around  $A=0$  which is the classical vacuum.

now; if  $A=0$ : Then  ~~$F'$~~   $F'$  upto a constant  
is  $-\Delta$  ie:  $F' \approx -\Delta$   
(minus laplacian)

$F' > 0$  ~~is the case~~

ie:  $F'$  is a positive operator

(because  $-\Delta > 0$ , i.e.: minus laplacian is positive operator because eigen values are  $k^2$ ; which is positive)

Introduce additional anti-commuting fields } The trick (pg 161)  
to write  $\det[F']$  is due to  
Feynman & Pope

i.e; write his determinant as a path integral over these fields  $\bar{c}$   
and  $c$  : i.e; over grassmannian anti-commuting fields.

$$\det[F'] = \int D[\bar{c}, c] \cdot \exp(i \bar{c} \cdot F' \cdot c)$$

we need to have that  $c$  is collection of three anti-commuting  
Gauge field.

$$c = \{c^a(x) : x \in M, a=1,2,3\}$$

$$\bar{c} = \{\bar{c}_a(x) : x \in M, a=1,2,3\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  They don't have Lorentz  
or Dirac indices.

$\Rightarrow$  so They are scalar.

Grassmann  
(anti-commuting  
variables)

fields on  
spacetime

Quantum numbers  
belonging to Lie Algebra  
(as gauge potential  $A_\mu^a$ )

$\rightarrow$  Scalar; in the sense they are spin 0 field.

They obey Fermi-Dirac Statistics (because they are Grassmann)

They violate spin-statistics theorem.

$$\det[iF'] = (i)^{\#} \det[F'] \quad \text{some number.}$$

It turns out that the fields  $c$  &  $\bar{c}$  violate unitarity.

It " " " gauge invariance implies that when  
you take product of physical state.  $|\text{physical}\rangle$  with no  
ghost  
it is positive

i.e; ~~Gauge Invariance~~  $\rightarrow$  ~~posit~~

$$\text{i.e; Gauge Invariance} \Rightarrow \langle \text{physical} | \text{physical} \rangle \geq 0$$

We can write an action for the ghost which involves gauge field,  $c$  &  $\bar{c}$ . (pg 152)

$$S_{\text{ghost}}[A, c, \bar{c}]$$

$$S_{\text{ghost}}[A, c, \bar{c}] = \int d^4x \left[ \bar{c}_a(x) \cdot \delta^a_b (1 - \Delta) \cdot c^b(x) + \epsilon_{abc} (\partial^\mu \bar{c}_a(x)) A_\mu^b(x) c^c(x) \right]$$

"Action term for the ghost"

This term says that ghosts are coupled to gauge potential; so they interact with gauge potential.

obtained by doing a partial integration by parts; so that derivatives act on  $(\bar{c}_a(x))$  rather than  $A_\mu^b(x) c^c(x)$

Once we do that; we get following form. for path integral.

$$\int \mathcal{D}[A] \mathcal{D}[\bar{c}, c] \cdot \delta[F[A]] \cdot \exp[i(S_{\text{YM}}[A] + S_{\text{ghost}}[A, c, \bar{c}])]$$

lets work with Feynmann Gauge.

we will have  $F_\epsilon[A]$

i.e;  $\delta[F[A]]$  will be  $F_\epsilon = \partial_\mu A^\mu - \epsilon$

if we work correctly  $\delta[F_\epsilon[A]]$  is independent of  $\epsilon$ .

So; Instead of choosing one choice of gauge; we can average over different one (Its a trick)

i.e; instead of integrating over slice;

we make an average over  $F_\epsilon$



so; average over  $\epsilon$  with gaussian weight.

An average of the form

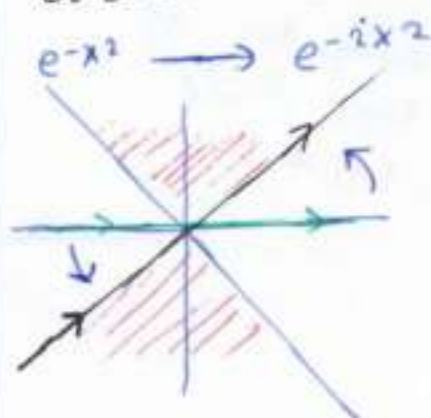
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$$\int \mathcal{D}[\epsilon] \cdot \exp \left[ \frac{-1}{2\xi} \int d^4x \epsilon^a(x) \epsilon_a(x) \right] \cdot \delta[F_\epsilon[A]]$$

$\xi$  : some parameter.

\* A choice of gauge fixing procedure

$\delta[F_\epsilon[A]]$  is replaced by  $\int \mathcal{D}[\epsilon] \exp \left( \frac{-1}{2\xi} \int d^4x \epsilon^a(x) \epsilon_a(x) \right) \cdot \delta[F_\epsilon[A]]$   
(gaussian average of delta function)



$\epsilon(x)$  is a real variable.

It's a trick to get simple perturbation theory.

End result of this particular choice of gauge fixing condition is that; now you can forget about  $\epsilon$ ; i.e. integrate over  $\epsilon$ .  $\int \mathcal{D}[\epsilon]$

Final Result for Path Integral

$$\int \mathcal{D}[A] \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{c}, c] \cdot \exp \left[ i \left( S_{\text{YM}}[A] + S_{\text{ghost}}[A, \bar{c}, c] + S_\xi[A] \right) \right]$$

where

$$S_\xi[A] = \frac{-1}{2\xi} \int d^4x \partial_\mu A_\alpha^\mu(x) \cdot \partial_\nu A_\alpha^\nu(x)$$

$$S_{\text{YM}}[A] = \frac{-1}{4g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \cdot F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) F_{\mu\nu}^a(x)$$

where  $F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

replaced  $\epsilon$  by  $\partial_\mu A^\mu$

$\therefore$  comes from Gauge fixing of Feynman.

# Feynman Diagrammatic Rules & Perturbative expansion.

Note 1)

$$S_{\text{linear}} = (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu)^2$$

now this has no zero modes : thanks to Feynmann term.

so; The propagator of gauge field now exists as in QED



$$= \text{Propagator of Gauge field. (exists)}$$

we have seen  gauge field vertices

but now, we have ghosts (have ghost propagator)

Remember ghost is a fermion ; so it carries an arrow like Dirac fermion . The ghost carry quantum numbers of gauge field ; so it is charged , it carries indices a, b.

so, the propagator of ghost is



ghosts : are spin 0 massless - charged

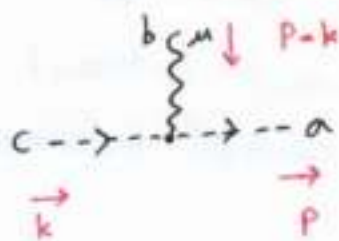
Since ghosts have charge ; they interact with gauge field.

$$a \text{ ---> } \text{---> } b = \delta_{ab} \cdot \frac{-i}{p^2 - i \epsilon_+}$$

(lets use dashed line for ghost ; becuase they are ghost ; & are not really there)

Since ghost interact; there is a vertex for ghost.

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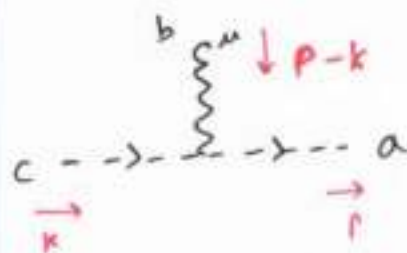


Since gauge field don't have spin;  
so ghosts interact with gauge  
field through ~~no~~ momentum  
(ie; interaction has to  
involve coupling of spin  
~~no~~ momentum of the ghost)

In fact you have momentum  
spin; comes in with  $\vec{k}$   
& goes out with  $\vec{p}$

Then interaction is of the form  $-g \cdot \epsilon_{abc} P^\mu$

so; The interaction vertex. (for having  $\bar{c}$ ,  $c$ , and  $A$  interaction)



$$= (-g \cdot \epsilon_{abc} P^\mu)$$

$p$  is momentum of the  
ghost

$U(1)$ : Abelian group; there are ghosts but they are not  
coupled to gauge field  $A$ .

ie;  $\det [F']$  is independent of  $A$ .

↳ which means we can factor out  $|\det [F']|$

so; it cancels out by denominator.

$$\text{ie; } \frac{\int \mathcal{D}e \dots}{\int \mathcal{D}e}$$

ie; in path integral there is internal loop of ghosts which  
interacts with nobody; and they don't interact with themselves  
either (because ghosts could only interact with gauge field)

i.e; They are like; neutral dirac fermions with pg 106  
zero. They cannot interact with gauge potential  
because they are neutral; and they cannot interact  
with anybody. It turns out that they cannot interact  
with matter either.

### lec 8.3 Yang-Mills perturbative expansion, Renormalization of Yang-Mills theory

SU(3) Gauge Theory :  $A = \{ A_\mu^a : a=1,2,3 \}$   $\rightarrow$   $a$  = group indices in adjoint representation.

Dirac Field :  $\Psi = \{ \Psi_\alpha^i : i=1,2 ; \alpha=1,2,3,4 \}$

$\bar{\Psi}$

$\uparrow$   
group indices in  
fundamental representation

$\leftarrow$  Dirac indices.

If we quantize the Gauge Theory in Feynman gauge ;  
we have to add ghost fields (which are used to represent gauge fixing condition)

$$C = \{ C^a : a=1,2,3 \}$$

$$\bar{C} = \{ \bar{C}_a : a=1,2,3 \}$$

Ghost field  
Grassmannian but  
Spin 0.

with this Feynman gauge.  $\partial_\mu A_\mu^a = \epsilon_a$  ; average over  $\epsilon_a$ .

$$S_{YM} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu}_a$$

$$S_{\text{gauge fixing}} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} \int d^4x (\partial_\mu A_\mu^a)^2$$

$$S_{\text{ghost}} = \int d^4x [ \bar{C}_a \delta^a_b (-\Delta) C^b + \epsilon_{abc} \partial^\mu \bar{C}_a A_\mu^b \cdot C^c ]$$

$$= \int d^4x \bar{C} \cdot \partial_\mu D^\mu \cdot C$$

$$S_{\text{Dirac}} = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi} (i \not{D} - m) \Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{Dirac}} = \int d^4x \bar{\Psi}_i^\alpha [ (i \gamma^\mu)_\alpha^\beta \delta_j^i [ \partial_\mu - i \frac{(g_a)^i_j}{2} \cdot \delta_\alpha^\beta \cdot A_\mu^a(x) ] - m \delta_\alpha^\beta \delta_j^i ] \Psi_j^\beta$$

~~$$\int \mathcal{D}A \int \mathcal{D}[c, \bar{c}] \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp[i(S_{\text{YM}}[A] + \underbrace{S_{\text{fixing}}[A]}_{\text{g.f. fixing}} + \underbrace{S[A, c, \bar{c}]}_{\text{ghost}} + S[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A])] ]$$~~

$g$  is coupling constant;  $g =$  charge of gauge bosons & fermions  
 it is also coupling. (similar to  $e$  in QED)

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A \int \mathcal{D}[c, \bar{c}] \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp[i(S_{\text{YM}}[A] + \underbrace{S_{\text{fixing}}[A]}_{\text{fixing}} + \underbrace{S[A, c, \bar{c}]}_{\text{ghosts}} + \underbrace{S[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A]}_{\text{Dirac}})]$$

$$\langle \Omega | T(\text{operators}) | \Omega \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\text{fields}] \cdot \exp(i \text{Action}) \cdot (\text{operators})}{Z}$$

ie:  $\langle \Omega | T(\text{operators}) | \Omega \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}[\text{fields}] \exp(i \text{Action}) \cdot (\text{operators})}{Z}$

Perturbation theory (expansion in coupling constants;  $g^2$ )

$A_\mu^a \rightarrow g A_\mu^a$  (linearized term of order 1)  
 (redefinition of  $A_\mu$ )

$\uparrow \downarrow$   
 $\hbar$

gauge transformation will now depend on  $g$ .

Gauge Field Propagator

$$\mu \xrightarrow{k} \nu = \eta_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(k) \simeq \langle A_\mu^a(x) A_\nu^b(x) \rangle_0 = \delta^{ab} \cdot \frac{-i}{k^2 - i\epsilon_+} \cdot \left( \eta_{\mu\nu} + (\xi - 1) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right)$$

$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, +1, +1, +1)$   
 (spacetime minkowski metric)

$\xi$  is a free (gauge) parameter (fixing)

where  $k^2 = -E^2 + \vec{k}^2$   
 (-, +, +, +)

Ghost Propagator

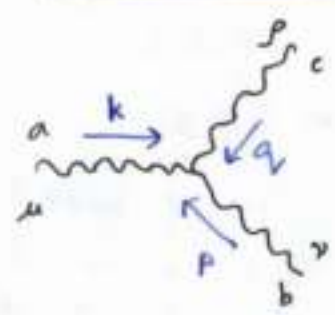
$$a \xrightarrow{k} b = \langle c^a(x) \bar{c}^b(x) \rangle_0 = \delta^{ab} \cdot \frac{-i}{k^2 - i\epsilon_+}$$

Dirac Field Propagator

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{i} \beta = \langle \psi_\alpha^i(x) \bar{\psi}_\beta^j(x) \rangle_0 = \delta^{ij} \cdot (\text{Dirac Propagator})$$

as in QED.

# Interaction Vertices



$a, b, c = 1, 2, 3$  gauge indices  
 $\mu, \nu, \rho = 1, 2, 3, 4$  Lorentz indices  
 $k, p, q$  : 4-momenta  
 $\therefore$  and of course we have  
 delta function for conservation  
 of momentum  
 $k + p + q = 0$

Three gauge fields

$\therefore$  comes from

$$\frac{g^3}{g^2} \partial A \cdot A \cdot A \text{ in Yang Mill's Action}$$

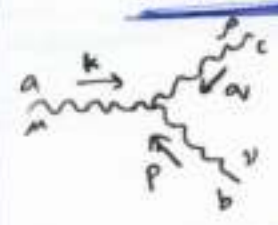
by rescaling

This we had initially

so; it is proportional to  $g$

ie; an interaction term proportional to charge of the particle

ie; 3 vertex interaction (3 Gauge boson interaction)



$$= g \epsilon_{abc} (h^{\mu\nu} (k-p)^\rho + h^{\nu\rho} (p-q)^\mu + h^{\rho\mu} (q-k)^\nu)$$

$\leftarrow SU(2)$

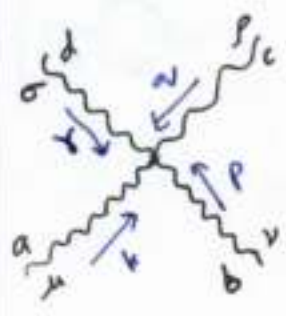
polarization - momentum coupling

4 vertex interaction  
(4 Gauge boson interaction)

A.A.A.A coming from this

$$\frac{g^4}{g^2} A.A.A.A$$

so; it is of order  $g^2$ .



$$= g^2 (-i) \left[ \epsilon_{abe} \epsilon_{cde} (h^{\mu\rho} h^{\nu\sigma} - h^{\mu\sigma} h^{\nu\rho}) + \epsilon_{ace} \epsilon_{bde} (h^{\mu\rho} h^{\nu\sigma} - h^{\mu\sigma} h^{\nu\rho}) + \epsilon_{ade} \epsilon_{bce} (h^{\mu\rho} h^{\nu\sigma} - h^{\mu\sigma} h^{\nu\rho}) \right]$$

Warning: might be small typo

$a, b, c, d = 1, 2, 3$   
 $\mu, \nu, \rho, \sigma = 1, 2, 3, 4$   
 $k, p, q, r, s$  : 4-momenta  
 ~~$k + p + q + r = 0$~~

$$\epsilon_{ace} \epsilon_{bde} = \delta_{ab} \delta_{cd} - \delta_{ac} \delta_{bd}$$

for  $SU(2)$

look Peskin Schroeder book

## Ghost - Gauge boson interaction

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$$= g \cdot (-1) \cdot i \cdot p_\mu \cdot \epsilon^{abc}$$

comes because of

$$\bar{\epsilon} A c$$

$$i.e. g \bar{\epsilon} A c$$

c is of order 2

$\bar{\epsilon}$  " " " 1

A " " " g

$$k + p + q = 0$$

So; This term is of order 2

## Dirac Interaction Vertex

comes from the  $\bar{\psi} A \psi$  term  
Dirac - gauge boson interaction

$$= g \cdot (\gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (\sigma^a)_{ij}$$

Charges: here we mean SU(2) charges

Irreducible (vertex) functions: 1-loop diagrams

$$\text{2 point function for Gauge field.} = \text{wavy line} + g^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{loop with 2 wavy lines} + \frac{1}{2} \text{loop with 2 fermion lines} - \text{loop with 2 fermion lines and wavy line} - \text{loop with 2 fermion lines} \right]$$

minus sign comes from closed loop (of fermions)  
 $\therefore$  Wick's Theorem for fermions

• • }  $\Rightarrow$  divergence contribution on pg 162.



# U.V. divergences and Renormalization

(pg 172)

Non-abelian gauge theory has short distance singularity; which simply comes from the fact that the diagram of ghost & gauge field propagator behaves like..

$$\text{wavy line}, \text{---}\text{---}\text{---} \sim \frac{1}{k^4}$$

$$\text{straight line} \sim \frac{1}{k}$$

if you consider that if you have some momenta; less than  $\Lambda$   
ie:  $|k| < \Lambda$

~~then you have  $\Lambda^2 + p^2 \log \Lambda$~~

~~then you have divergence like,~~

~~$$g_{ab} [ \Lambda^2 g_{\mu\nu} + \log \Lambda ]$$~~

~~$$g_{ab} [ \Lambda^2 g_{\mu\nu} + \log \Lambda ]$$~~

Then you have divergence like

$$g_{ab} [ \# \Lambda^2 g_{\mu\nu} + \# \log \Lambda \cdot p_\mu p_\nu + \# \log \Lambda \cdot p^2 \cdot g_{\mu\nu} ]$$

for  we have  $\log \Lambda$  terms

 has  $\Lambda$  terms; with some  $\log \Lambda \cdot p^\mu$  terms.

ie:

$$\text{ghost loop} = \# \Lambda + \# \log \Lambda \cdot p^\mu$$

terms that are dangerous

term that are less dangerous

 is very dangerous; and we don't like it at all. (9/14)

because  would ~~mean~~ mean that (i.e. taking  into account) taking ~~out~~ into account quantum correction terms ~~to~~ in action which will be linear in  $A_\mu$ . Which is clearly not gauge invariant.

In QED  is trivially zero;  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d^4k \frac{k^{\text{odd}}}{k^2 + m^2} = 0$



There are also zero in gauge theory for the same above ~~reason~~ reason.

 contains ~~# P log P~~  $\# P \log P$

 contains ~~# P log P~~  $\# \Lambda + \# P \cdot \log \Lambda$

$\log \Lambda$  divergences as in  $\phi^4$  theory of QED: because  $[g]$  dimension = 0 dangerous  $\Lambda$  or  $\Lambda^2$  divergences

If you think of original action  $\frac{1}{4g^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu}_a$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + i \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

we see that for this to be dimensionally consistent

$$[A] = [\partial_\mu] = (\text{length})^{-1} = (\text{mass})^1$$

$$\text{and so; } [F] = (\text{length})^{-2} = (\text{mass})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow [g] \text{ dimension} = (\text{length})^0 = (\text{mass})^0$$

$$\int_{|k|<\Lambda} d^4k \cdot \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2} = \log \Lambda$$

dimension of ghost field Pg 174  
 $[C] = (\text{length})^{-1} = (\text{mass})^1$

Y.M. theory in  $d=4$  have scale invariance classically.

~~$$A_\mu^a(x) \rightarrow \lambda \cdot A_\mu^a(x)$$~~

$$A_\mu^a(x) \rightarrow \lambda \cdot A_\mu^a(\lambda x) \equiv A_\mu^a$$

$\lambda \rightarrow$  global factor

then  $S_{YM}[A_\lambda] = S_{YM}[A]$

so; if  $A$  is solution of classical equation of motion; then  $A_\lambda$  is also.

$\star$  also have Conformal Invariance

$\star$  Are Gauge Theories Renormalizable? (This problem puzzled physicists ~~for~~ for around 10 years)

• you need to have no  $\Lambda^2$  and  $\Lambda$  divergences.

• " " " " relations between  $\log \Lambda$  divergences.

~~$\Rightarrow$  gauge invariance~~  ~~useful~~

$\Rightarrow$  gauge invariance; we want  $P_\mu (\text{loop})^{\mu\nu}$  to be zero; i.e;  $P_\mu (\text{loop})^{\mu\nu} = 0$  otherwise, unphysical polarization states propagates as in QED.

If the coefficient of  $\log \Lambda$  ...

$$A_1 \log \Lambda \cdot (\partial A \cdot \partial A) + A_2 \log \Lambda \cdot (\partial A \cdot A \cdot A) + A_3 \log \Lambda \cdot (A \cdot A \cdot A \cdot A)$$

coefficient of  $\log \Lambda$ ;  $A_1$  &  $A_2$  &  $A_3$  are not related

in a fixed way; then it means that

$\Rightarrow$  counterterms which you introduce are not gauge invariant.

Renormalize the theory in a gauge invariant way.

possible at 1 loop: 't Hooft 1972 / ~~(just now)~~

~~proof~~ Gross-Wilczek  $\rightarrow$  Politzer.

$\rightarrow$  using a trick called dimension regularization

- proof that this is possible to do at all orders by Lee - Zinn Justin around 1973 or 1974
- Algebraic formalism BRS T formalism  $\Leftarrow$  CFT & String Theory.

Thanks to gauge invariance of the bare theory (the original theory); you can renormalize the theory  
 no  $\Lambda^2$  and  $\Lambda$  divergences.  
 &  $\log \Lambda$  divergences are consistent.

The theory is Renormalizable & has one ~~couple~~ coupling constant  $\alpha_{YM} = g^2$   
 you can define  $\beta$  function for  $\alpha_{YM}$ . in the same way we did for  $\phi^4$ .

The result for Y.M. theory.

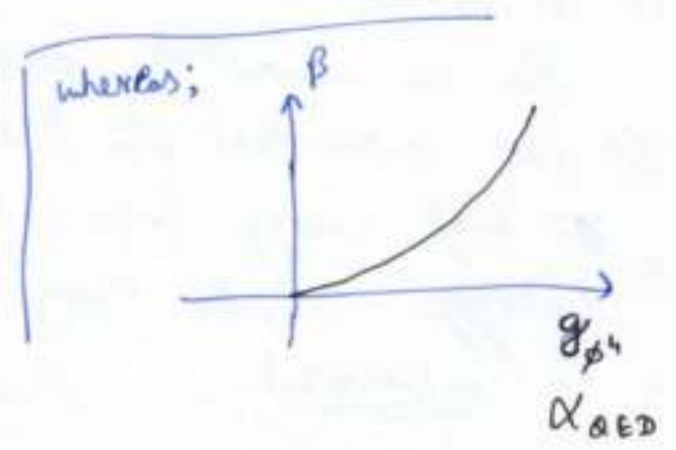
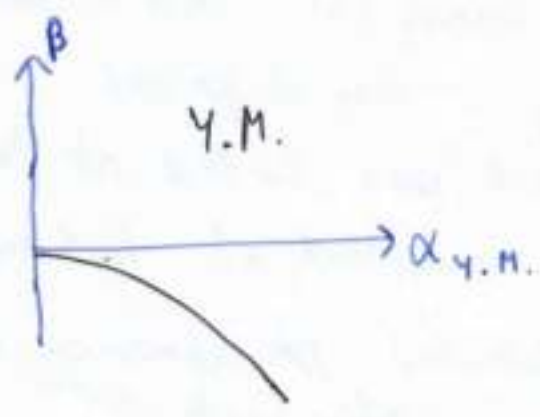
$$\beta(\alpha_{YM}) = \alpha_{YM}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \left( -\frac{11}{3} C_2(G) \right)$$

^ constant which depends on group.

$f^{acd} f^{bcd} = C_2(G) \delta^{ab}$

Casimir Representation.

for  $SO(N)$ ; this is equal to  $N$ :  ~~$C_2(G)$~~   $C_2(G) = N$



★ This ~~now~~ means that Y.M. ~~theories~~ theories are Pg 126  
Asymptotically free in the U.V. regime.

The running coupling constant:  $g_{\text{eff}}(E)$

$g_{\text{eff}}(E) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\frac{1}{\log(E)}$  when energy  $E \rightarrow \infty$

which means that the theory is weakly coupled at high energy. (which is very nice: it explained experiment; i.e., inside hadrons the quarks may be considered as free particles interacting weakly: The gas of free quarks.

So; it was justification for Parton Model)

- Also; it says that at low energy; the theory is strongly coupled ... which is just a justification of the fact that gauge theories leads to very complicated strongly interacting physics at low energies.

The theory which is strongly interacting at high energy is problematic; because you assume that the theory was weakly interacting at high energy in order to define renormalizability.

If the theory is strongly interacting at high energy; it is problem with the formalism.

For an asymptotic free theory; it is not a problem.

It just states that the theory is very different at high energy from what you started at low energy. So, the theory is consistent at high energy.

→ confinement.

A celebrated phenomenon of confinement.

You cannot observe gauge bosons, because they are confined; or you ~~can~~ cannot observe direct fermions or chiral fermions (because they are confined).  $\Rightarrow$  Its just a non-trivial reflection of the fact that the theory is strongly interacting.

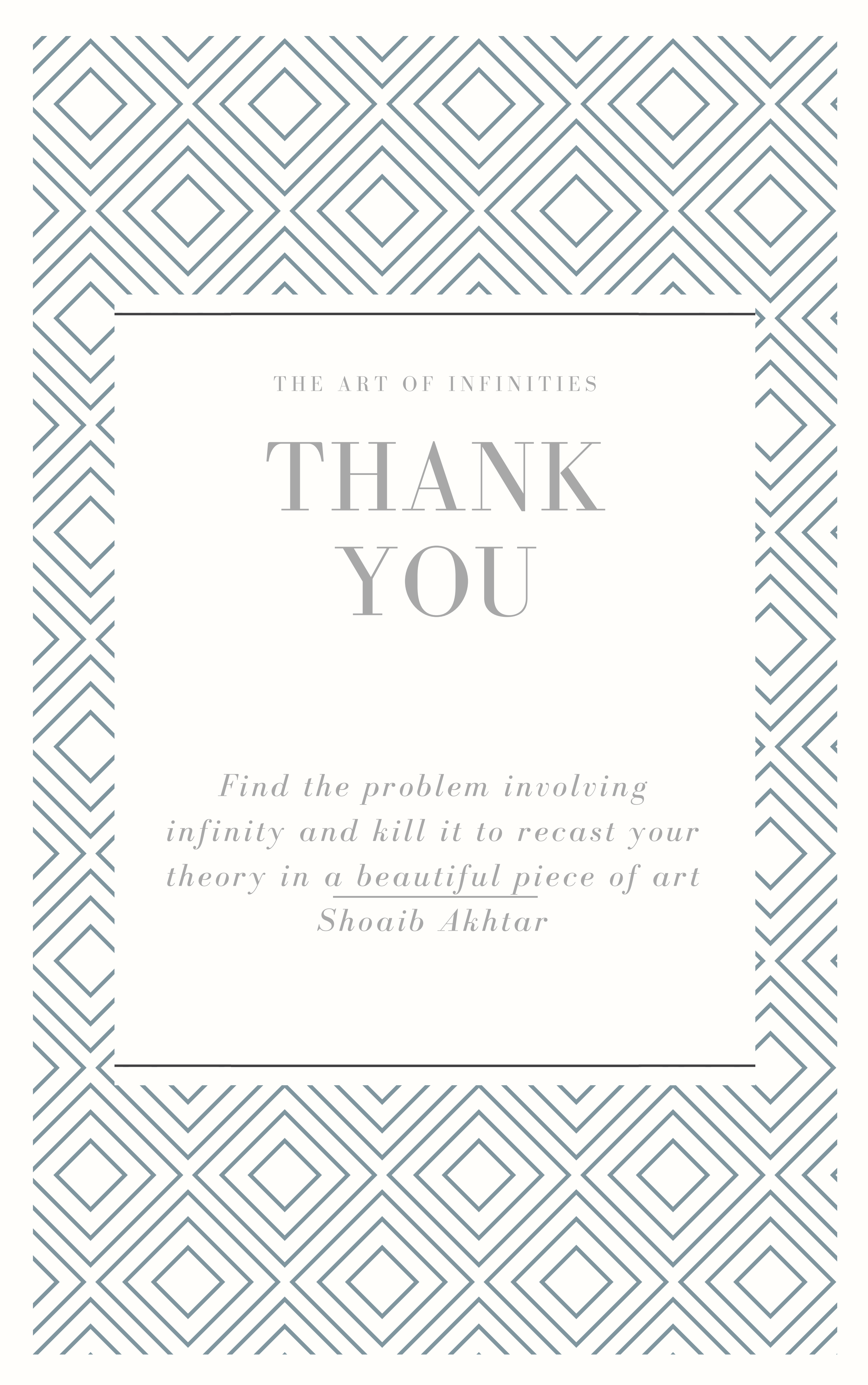
$\hookrightarrow$  You need to use new tools. Perturbation theory is not enough to understand the physics of gauge theories at low energies.

Theory is weakly coupled at high energy.

It is nice.

- Parton Model
- Strongly interacting theory at low energies.
- Confinement.





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THE ART OF INFINITIES

# THANK YOU

*Find the problem involving  
infinity and kill it to recast your  
theory in a beautiful piece of art  
Shoaib Akhtar*

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