

Title: Explorations in Particle Theory-13

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Abstract:

# Anomalies & Strong CP Problem

We want  $\partial_\mu \langle J_5^\mu \dots \rangle = ?$

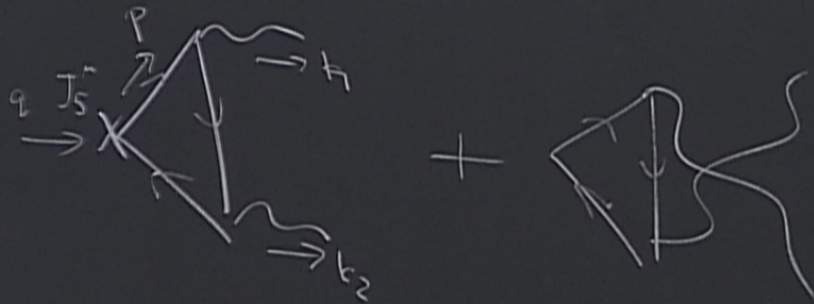
any gauge  
coupled to  $\psi$

$$g_A \langle A^\mu(k_1) A^\nu(k_2) | J_5^\lambda(q) | 0 \rangle \equiv g^2 g_A \underbrace{\Delta^{\lambda\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2)}_{\text{3-point function}}$$

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i a \gamma_5} \psi$$

$$J_5^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi$$

gauge charge



$$\Delta^{\lambda\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2)$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) = (-i) i^3 \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ \text{Tr} \left( \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_1} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_2} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{\not{p}} \right) + \text{Tr} \left( \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_2} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_1} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{\not{p}} \right) \right]$$

Q: Is  $\Delta^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2)$  well-defined? Should not depend on choice of  $p$

$p \rightarrow p + a$ , is  $\Delta$  the same?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp [f(p+a) - f(p)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp a \frac{df}{dp} = a [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)]$$

$$\frac{1}{p-k_1} \delta^m \frac{1}{p} + \text{Tr} \left( \delta^{\lambda} \delta^{\sigma} \frac{1}{p-k_1} \delta^m \frac{1}{p-k_2} \delta^{\nu} \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

$\uparrow$  linear divergent.  
 depend on choice of  $p$ .

$f(\infty) - f(-\infty)$

$\leftarrow$  convergent or log divergent,  $f \rightarrow 0$  for  $p \rightarrow \pm\infty$  ✓

$\leftarrow$  linear + divergent, ✗

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← convergent OR

← linear + divergent

Write  $\Delta^{\mu\nu}(a, k_1, k_2)$

4d Minkowski:

$$\int d^4 p (f(a+p) - f(p)) = \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} i a^\mu \frac{1}{P} f(P) (2\pi^2 P^3)$$

↙ surface area of lower dim integral

$$\text{Tr}(\gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \frac{1}{\not{x}-\not{q}} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{\not{p}-\not{k}_1} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{\not{p}}) \quad \frac{1}{\not{x}} = \frac{\not{x}}{x^2}$$

$$= \text{Tr}(\gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \cancel{p} \gamma^\nu \cancel{p} \gamma^\mu \cancel{p})$$

$$= \frac{4i}{p^4} p_\sigma \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\mu\lambda}$$

$$\Delta^{\sigma\lambda\nu}(a, k_1, k_2) - \Delta^{\lambda\nu}(k_1, k_2) = \frac{-4i}{8\pi^2} \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} a^\omega \frac{p_\omega p_\sigma}{p^2} \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\mu\lambda} + \begin{pmatrix} \mu \leftrightarrow \nu \\ k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \not{p} \gamma^\nu \not{p} \gamma^\mu \not{p})$$

$$\int d^4 p \alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) P^2 g_{\alpha\beta} d^4 p$$

$$= \frac{4i}{P^4} P_\sigma \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\mu\lambda}$$

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$$= -\frac{i}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\mu\lambda} a_\sigma + (\Leftrightarrow)$$

Choose the "right"  $\beta$ .

Impose vector current conservation.

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

→ fermion number conservation

→ EM exact vector gauge symmetry

$$k_\mu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = k_\nu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = 0$$



$$\left( \frac{1}{\rho} \delta^{\nu} \frac{1}{\rho - k} \delta^{\mu} \frac{1}{\rho} \right) + \text{Tr} \left( \delta^{\lambda} \delta^{\sigma} \frac{1}{\rho - k} \delta^{\mu} \frac{1}{\rho - k} \delta^{\nu} \frac{1}{\rho} \right)$$

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 not depend on choice of  $P$

$= a [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)]$

$\leftarrow$  convergent OR log divergent,  $f \rightarrow 0$  for  $P$

$\leftarrow$  linear + divergent,  $\times$

$\swarrow$  surface area of lower dim integral

$$= i a^n \int_{\Sigma} f(P) (2\pi^2 P^3)$$

$$-i) i^3 \int \frac{d^4 P}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ \text{Tr} \left( \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \frac{1}{P-\not{q}} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{P-\not{k}} \frac{1}{\not{P}} \right) + \text{Tr} \left( \gamma^\lambda \gamma^5 \frac{1}{P-\not{q}} \frac{1}{\not{P}} \frac{1}{P-\not{k}} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{\not{P}} \right) \right]$$

$k_1 = P - (P - k_1)$   
 $\uparrow$  linear divergent

$t_2$ ) well-defined? Should not depend on choice of  $P$ .

+ a, is  $\Delta$  the same?

$$[f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp a \frac{df}{dp} = a [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)]$$

← convergent OR log divergent,  $f \rightarrow 0$  for

$t_1, t_2$ ) linear + divergent, ~~X~~

$$\int d^4 P (f(\not{q}P) - f(\not{k}P)) = \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} i a^4 \frac{P_\mu}{P} f(P) (2\pi^2 P^3)$$

← surface area of lower dim. integrals

$$k_{\mu} \Delta^{\mu\nu} = i \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^5 \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{q}} \gamma^{\nu} \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_1}}_{\text{}} - \underbrace{\gamma^{\lambda} \gamma^5 \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{k}_2} \gamma^{\nu} \frac{1}{\not{p}}}_{\substack{P \rightarrow P - k_1}} \right]$$

$$= 0 + (\text{shift from } p \rightarrow p - k_1)$$

$$k_{\mu} \Delta^{\lambda\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) = \frac{i}{8\pi^2} \epsilon^{\lambda\nu\tau\sigma} k_{1\tau} k_{2\sigma}$$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

so that properly defined

$$k_{\mu} \Delta(a, k_1, k_2) = 0$$

when  $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\left[ \frac{1}{p} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow p - k_1$$

$$k_1, k_2) = 0$$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$g_{\lambda} \Delta^{\lambda \mu \nu} (k_1, k_2) = \frac{i}{4\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu \nu \lambda \sigma} k_{1\lambda} k_{2\sigma}$$

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$\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}$$

$$= k_{\nu} - k_{\mu} \neq 0$$

$$\partial_{\mu} J_5^{\mu} = \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \epsilon^{\mu \nu \lambda \sigma} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\sigma})$$

Axial current is NOT conserved.

Choose the "right"  $\beta$ .

Impose vector current conservation.

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0 \leftarrow \text{holds in any correlation fn.}$$

→ fermion number conservation

→ EM exact vector gauge symmetry



$$k_\mu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = k_\nu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$k_\mu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = i \int$$

$$= 0$$

$$k_\mu \Delta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma^5) \psi) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta}$$

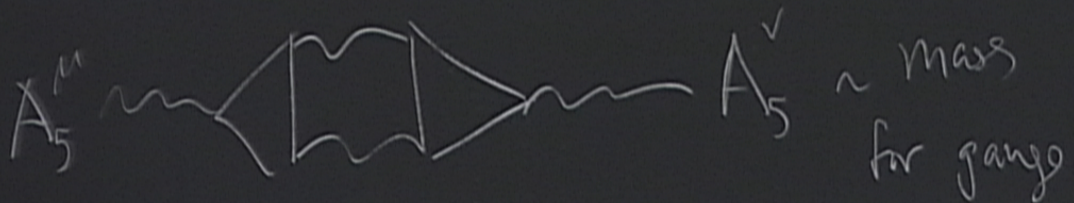
^ chiral anomaly.

Implications:

$U(1)_A$  is global: annoying

$U(1)_A$  is gauge: catastrophe.

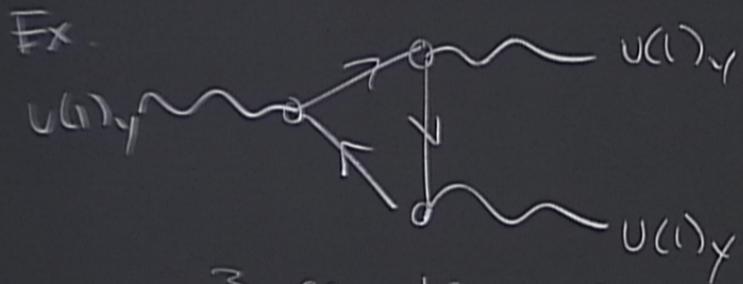
↳ inconsistent



Ex  
SM has two chiral gauge theories

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

Compute the anomaly for SM gauge int.  
→ 1-loop result b/c exact.



SM

3 generations of fermions

$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

Q	$(3, 2, \frac{1}{6})$
$u^c$	$(\bar{3}, 1, -\frac{2}{3})$
$d^c$	$(\bar{3}, 1, \frac{1}{3})$
L	$(1, 2, -\frac{1}{2})$
$\bar{E}^c$	$(1, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{anomaly} &= F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 \times 3 \times 2 \right. \\
 &+ \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \times 3 \times 1 \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \times 3 \times 1 \\
 &+ \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \times 1 \times 2 \\
 &\left. + (1)^3 \times 1 \times 1 \right] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

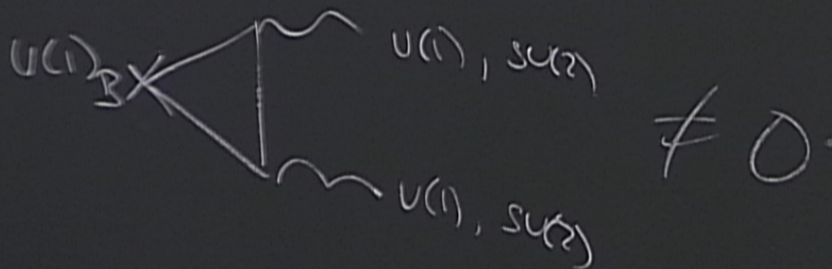


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→ calculate all of them

What do global anomalies mean?

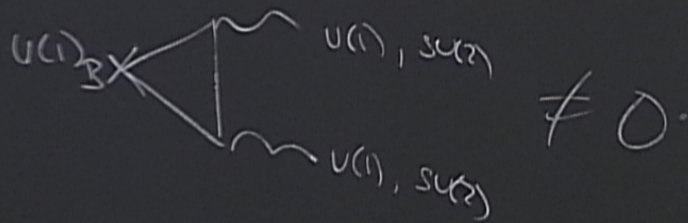
$U(1)_B$  of charge  $+\frac{1}{3}$



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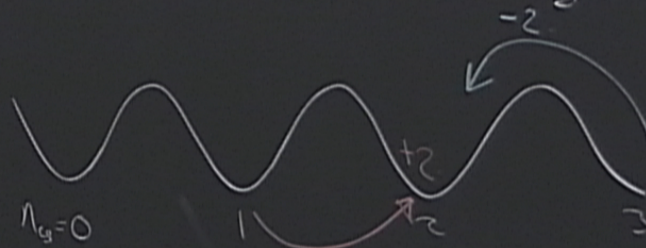
$U(1)_B$  q charge  $+\frac{1}{3}$



$$\Delta n = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) \quad \tilde{F} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon F$$

$$\int \partial_\mu J_5^\mu d^4x = 2 \Delta n$$

↳ change in axial charge = change in winding number!

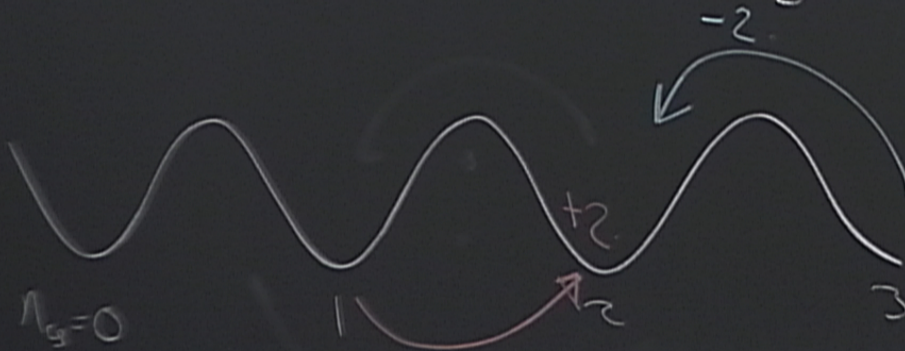


$$\Delta n = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) \quad \leftarrow \tilde{F} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon F$$

$$\int \partial_\mu J_5^\mu d^4x = 2 \underline{\Delta n} \quad e^{-E/T}$$

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$$E \sim L^4 T$$

$$\sim \alpha^7 \frac{m_w}{T}$$

$$S \geq \frac{8\pi^2/\Lambda^4}{g_{EW}^2}$$

rate  $e^{-S} \sim e^{-120}$  (LLL)

What about  $g_s$ ?

$$g_s \rightarrow \infty \text{ at } \Lambda_{QCD}$$

$$S \rightarrow 0$$

Rapid instantons in low-energy QCD.

## The Strong CP Problem

$$\mathcal{L} = q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu q - M_{ij} q_{iL} q_{jR}^c$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(G^{mn} G_{mn}) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$- \frac{g^2 \theta}{16\pi^2} \text{Tr}(G_{mn} \tilde{G}^{mn})$$

↑  $\theta$ -term.

Generally,  $M$  is complex

$$|M| e^{i\phi} q_L q_R^c$$

$$q_L \rightarrow e^{-i\phi} q_L$$

$$\Theta \rightarrow \Theta - \phi$$

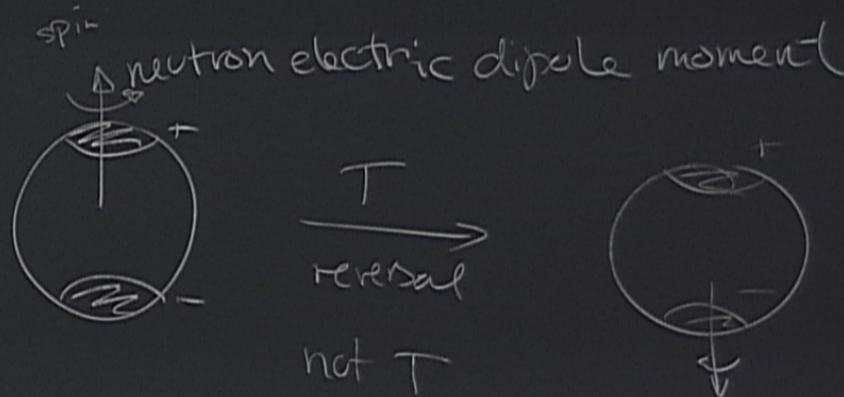
$$\Theta_{\text{eff}} = \Theta - \arg \det M$$

$\Theta_{eff}$  violates  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{charge con.} \\ \text{parity} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \underbrace{G_{\mu\nu} G_{\rho\sigma}}_{\text{invariant under CP}} \underbrace{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}}_{\text{odd under P, even under C}} \right\}$  breaks CP

CPT is conserved.

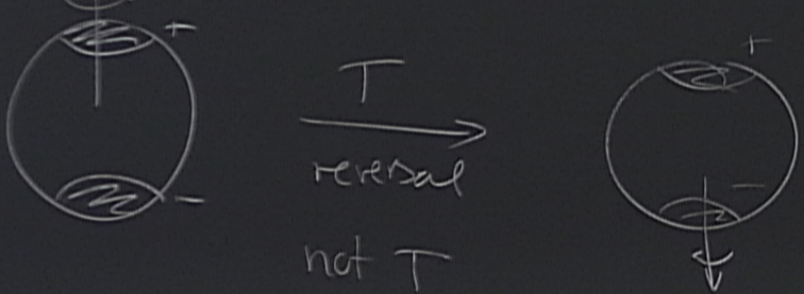
T is violated.



$|d_n|^{th\text{em}} = 3.2 \times 10^{-16} \Theta_{eff} \text{ e-cm.}$   
 $|d_n|^{obs} \leq 10^{-26} \text{ e-cm.}$

⊙

neutron electric dipole moment



not T invariant

$$|d_n|_{\text{th}} = 3.2 \times 10^{-16} \Theta_{\text{eff}} \text{ e-cm.}$$

$$|d_n|_{\text{obs}} \leq 10^{-26} \text{ e-cm.}$$

$$\Theta_{\text{eff}} \leq 10^{-10}$$

⊙ - arg det M.

Strong CP problem