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# Renormalization of Y.M. theories

$$A = \int d^4x \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) + \text{gauge fixing}$$

$$\dim[A_\mu] = 1 \text{ (in momentum)} \quad A = A_\mu dx^\mu \quad [A] = 0$$

$$[F_{\mu\nu}] = 2; \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i[A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$[\dot{g}] = 0 \text{ in } d=4 \Rightarrow \text{renormalizability?}$$

$$[x] = -1$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{p^2} + \text{ghost} \quad \sim \frac{1}{p^2 + \log \Lambda} \quad \sim \frac{1}{p^2} + \text{ghost} \quad \sim \frac{1}{p^2 + \log \Lambda}$$

$$g^2 \log \Lambda \rightarrow \text{renorm of } A \quad \leftarrow \text{relation}$$

$$\text{diagram} + \text{diagram} + \dots \Rightarrow g^2 \log \Lambda$$

consistency . . .

$$\star \text{ instead of cut-off } \Lambda \rightarrow d = 4 - \epsilon \text{ dim. regularisation}$$

$$\log \Lambda \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \text{ poles} \quad \leftarrow \text{counterterms . . .}$$

\* 't Hooft Veltmann

Background Gauge Fixing

$$\text{diagram} \quad b_\mu(\cdot) = 0$$



$[x] = -1$

$\sim \frac{1}{p^2}$

$A^2 + \log \Lambda$

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ghost

$P_{\mu, \nu}$

$g^2$

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Background Gauge Fixing

$k_\mu$

$h_\mu(\cdot) = 0$

$\Gamma(\underline{A})$

background field

$A = \underline{A} + \tilde{A}$

$F_{\mu\nu} = \underline{F}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$

$(\underline{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + 2(\partial_\mu A_\nu)^2)$

$(\partial_\mu c - i[A_\mu, c])$

$(\partial_\mu \tilde{A}_\nu)^2$

$(\tilde{c} \underline{D}^\mu (\underline{D}_\mu c - i[A_\mu, c]))$

$\partial^\mu A_\mu = \tilde{F}$

Landau-Feynman  $\rightarrow$  given  $\underline{A}_\mu$

$A_\mu = A_\mu^a t_a$

$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \underline{D}_\mu \tilde{A}_\nu - \underline{D}_\nu \tilde{A}_\mu - i[\tilde{A}_\mu, \tilde{A}_\nu]$

$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \underline{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \underline{A}_\mu - i[\underline{A}_\mu, \underline{A}_\nu]$

expand it to order 2 in  $\tilde{A}$ , integrate over  $\tilde{A} \rightarrow$  1 loop term for the effective action

background

$A_\mu = \underline{A}_\mu + \tilde{A}_\mu$  "quantum part"

gauge condition on  $\tilde{A}_\mu$

$\underline{D}^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu = 0 = \partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu - i[\underline{A}^\mu, \tilde{A}_\mu]$

$\uparrow$  covariant derivative in the  $\underline{A}_\mu$

Ans. Rep of  $SU(2)$

$$S^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \text{tr} [\tilde{A} (-\underline{D}^2 + 2\underline{F}) \tilde{A}] + \int d^4x \text{tr} [\tilde{c} \underline{D}^\mu \underline{D}_\mu c]$$

$[x] = -1$   
 $\sim \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{A^2 + \log \Lambda} + \frac{1}{A^2} + \frac{1}{A^2 + \log \Lambda}$   
 ghost  $\sim \frac{1}{p^2}$   
 $P_{\mu}^{\mu} g$   
 $g^2$   
 \* 't Hooft Veltmann  
Background Gauge Fixing  
 $k_p$   
 $h_{\mu}^{\mu}(\cdot) = 0$

$S[A, \tilde{A}] = \int \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{tr} \left( (\underline{F}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{A}))^2 + 2(\underline{D}^{\mu} \tilde{A}_{\mu})^2 \right)$   
 integrate  $\text{tr}(\tilde{c} \underline{D}^{\mu} (\underline{D}_{\mu} c - 1[\tilde{A}_{\mu}, c]))$   
 $\underline{D}_{\mu} \cdot = \partial_{\mu} \cdot - 1[A_{\mu}, \cdot]$   
 $\Rightarrow S^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \text{tr} [\tilde{A}(-\underline{D}^2 + 2\underline{F}) \tilde{A}] + \int d^4x \text{tr} [\tilde{c} \underline{D}^{\mu} \underline{D}_{\mu} c]$







$$a \leftarrow \text{SU}(2) \text{ index}$$

contains the UV sing.  $\rightarrow$  1 loop contribution

Heat Kernel Method  $\Rightarrow$  Heat Kernel Expansion

$\Rightarrow$  UV divergences of the determinants

$\langle x | e^{-tA} | y \rangle$  Heat Kernel  
of an operator

$$\text{Tr}(\text{Log } \Delta) = -\frac{d}{ds} \text{Tr}(\Delta^{-s}) \Big|_{s=0} \quad \text{Tr}(\Delta^{-s}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dt \, t^{s-1} \text{Tr}(e^{-t\Delta}), \quad \int d^d x \langle x | e^{-t\Delta} | x \rangle$$

$\log(\Lambda) \int d^4x \text{Tr}(\underline{F}_{\mu\nu} \underline{F}^{\mu\nu})$

$$\Gamma[A] = \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2g^2} + c \log \Lambda \right) + \dots$$

$g_R^2$  is the renormalised coupling constant

### Final result for gauge theories



$$\Gamma[A] = \text{tr}(A \mp A) = \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} F^{\mu\nu} [\tilde{A}_\mu, \tilde{A}_\nu] \right)$$

$A = A_a \leftarrow \text{SU}(2) \text{ index}$   
 $A_\mu \leftarrow \text{vector index spin 1 field}$

$$\Gamma[A] = S[A] + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \log(-D + 2F) - \text{tr} \log(D) \quad \leftarrow \text{ghosts}$$

contains the UV sing.  $\rightarrow$  1 loop contribution

Method to study these determinants

Heat Kernel Method  $\Rightarrow$  Heat Kernel Expansion  $\Rightarrow$

UV divergences of these determinants

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$$\text{tr}(\Delta^{-s}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dt t^{s-1} \text{Tr}(e^{-t\Delta})$$

UV div  $\downarrow$

$$\log(\Delta) = \int d^4x \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

$\frac{1}{s}$

$$\Gamma[A] = \int d^4x \text{Tr}(F^2) \left( \frac{1}{2g^2} + \dots \right)$$

$g^2$  is the renormalized coupling constant

$$\frac{1}{s} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(F^2) = \frac{1}{s} \int d^4x F^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \text{pole at } s=0$$

Final result for gauge theories

$$g_R^2 = g_0^2 + \mathcal{O}(g_0^4 (\log \Lambda \text{ or } \frac{1}{s}))$$

Beta function definition

$$\beta(g^2) = g^4 \left( \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left( -\frac{11}{3} N \right) \right)$$

SU(2)

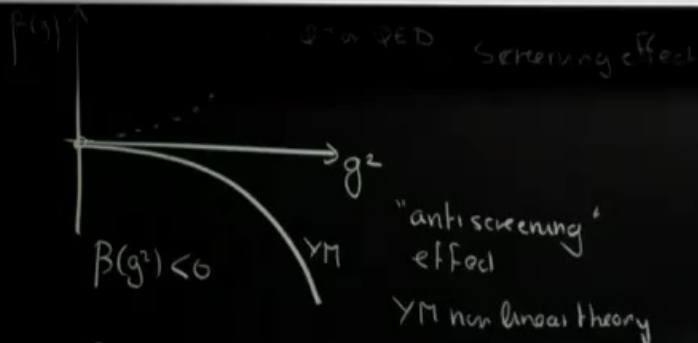
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$$\frac{1}{2g_R^2}$$

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$SU(2)$



$$\underline{D}^2 = \underline{D}^\mu \underline{D}_\mu$$

$$E \cdot \text{tr}(\tilde{A} \underline{F} \tilde{A}) = \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} \underline{F}^{\mu\nu} [\tilde{A}_\mu, \tilde{A}_\nu] \right)$$

$A = A_\mu \leftarrow \text{vector index spin } 1 \text{ field}$

$\underline{F} \leftarrow \text{Adj. Rep. of } SU(2); \text{ spin } 4 \text{ rep. of } O(4)/O(1,3)$

Effective  $\alpha = g^2$  varies with the energy  $b_2 > 0$

$$E \frac{d}{dE} \alpha_{\text{eff}}(E) = \beta(\alpha_{\text{eff}}(E)) = -b_2 \alpha_{\text{eff}}(E)^2 + \dots$$

$E \uparrow$  smaller  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(E)$

$$\alpha_{\text{eff}}(E) = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{1 + b_2 \alpha_{\text{eff}} \log(E/E_0)}$$

Asymptotic freedom in YM  $\Rightarrow$  UV "safety"

$E \searrow \alpha_{\text{eff}}(E)$  becomes large  $\Rightarrow$  non-perturbative  
Confinement of quarks, etc

this is