

Title: Gauge Invariance and Finite Counterterms in Chiral Gauge Theories

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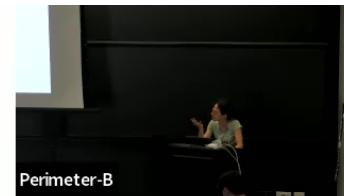
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Abstract: Any consistent regularization scheme induces an apparent violation of gauge invariance in non-anomalous chiral gauge theories. This violation shows up in perturbative calculations, and can be removed by including appropriate finite counterterms. In this talk I will discuss the derivation of such counterterms for a renormalizable chiral gauge theory. I will use the background field method, which ensures background gauge invariance in the quantized theory. As a concrete application, I will show the finite counterterm at one loop in the Standard Model, within dimensional regularization and the Breitenlohner-Maison-'t Hooft-Veltman prescription for gamma₅.

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Problem: for chiral gauge theories there is no consistent regularization procedure preserving gauge invariance, even when the field content is anomaly-free, i.e. when:

$$D^{abc} = \text{tr}(T_L^a \{ T_L^b, T_L^c \}) - \text{tr}(T_R^a \{ T_R^b, T_R^c \}) = 0 . \quad [\text{Georgi-Glashow (1972)}]$$



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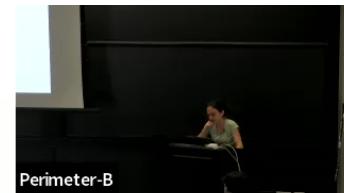
Two possible strategies:

- enforce gauge invariance by hand, process by process
 - Easier, but
 - need to identify the correct Ward Identities case by case
 - possible ambiguities when comparing different processes
- enforce gauge invariance of the effective action $\Gamma[\phi]$ (generator of all 1PI graphs)
 -all amplitudes handled at once!

Here: we pursue this for a **(strictly) renormalizable theory with arbitrary gauge group and chiral fermion representations.**

Remarks:

- we wanted to consider directly the SMEFT, but we realized that this “simpler”, prerequisite case had only been partially treated in the literature (only fermions of a single chirality, not directly applicable to the SM)
- Scalars and higher dimensional operators are left for the future.



The theory

Very simple setup:

- Compact gauge group \mathcal{G} , gauge fields A_μ^a ($a = 1 \dots \dim \mathcal{G}$), structure constants f_{abc} ,
- Massless chiral fermions f_L, f_R transforming under reps of \mathcal{G} generated by T_L, T_R .

Classical action:
$$S[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X] = \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermions}}) \quad X = L, R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4 G_{ab}} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{b\mu\nu}, \quad \frac{1}{G_{ab}} = \sum_G \frac{\delta_G^{ab}}{g_G^2}$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermions}} = \bar{f}_L i\gamma^\mu D_\mu f_L + \bar{f}_R i\gamma^\mu D_\mu f_R$$

Invariant under the infinitesimal gauge transformations

$$\delta_\alpha A_{a\mu} = \partial_\mu \alpha_a + f_{abc} \alpha_b A_{c\mu} \quad \delta_\alpha f_X = -i \alpha_a T_X^a f_X$$



Ward Identities and Wess-Zumino condition

Ward identity expresses the gauge invariance of a functional $F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X]$

$$\delta_\alpha F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X] = \int d^4x \left[\alpha_a(x) L_a(x) F \right]$$

infinitesimal gauge parameter differential operator:

$$L_a(x) = -\partial_\mu \frac{\delta}{\delta A_{a\mu}(x)} + f_{abc} A_{b\mu}(x) \frac{\delta}{\delta A_{c\mu}(x)}$$

$$+ \sum_{X=L,R} -i \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta}}{\delta f_X(x)} T_X^a f_X(x) + i \bar{f}_X(x) T_X^a \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{f}_X(x)}.$$

$F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X]$ gauge invariant $\longleftrightarrow \delta_\alpha F = 0 \longleftrightarrow L_a(x)F = 0$ Ward identity for F

Wess-Zumino consistency conditions

$$[L_a(y), L_b(x)] F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X] = -\delta^{(4)}(x-y) f_{abc} L_c(x) F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X].$$

- follow from the algebra of \mathcal{G} and hold for any $F[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X]$.
- Reduce to $0=0$ if F is gauge invariant, non-trivial constraint otherwise.



CP and P

- CP is a symmetry of our theory.
- P is not, unless the theory is vector-like ($T_L^a = T_R^a$).
Still, we can define a generalized, “spurious” P symmetry.

Introduce both P and CP as spurious transformations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x^\mu \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} x_\mu, & x^\mu \xrightarrow{\text{P}} x_P^\mu = x_\mu, \\ \partial_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} \partial^\mu, & \partial_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \partial^\mu, \\ A_{a\mu}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} -A_a^\mu(x_P), & A_{a\mu}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{P}} A_a^\mu(x_P), \\ f_{L,R}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} C f_{L,R}^*(x_P), & f_{L,R}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \gamma^0 f_{R,L}(x_P), \\ T_{L(R)}^a \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} T_{L(R)}^{aT}, & T_{L(R)}^a \xrightarrow{\text{P}} T_{R(L)}^a. \end{array}$$

→ P and CP are formally symmetries of $S[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X]$.

By choosing a regularization preserving these symmetries, we can use them to restrict the structure of the WI-restoring counterterms.



Goal and plan

Our goal is to remove the unphysical gauge-violating contributions induced by regularization by adding appropriate local counterterms to the classical action $S[\phi]$.

In particular, we want to:

- characterize these counterterms at 1 loop for a wide class of regularization schemes, using functional methods
- derive explicit expressions in Dimensional Regularization (DimReg)

Starting from $S[\phi]$, we need to:

I. Regularize $S[\phi] \rightarrow S^{\text{reg}}[\phi]$

II. Quantize $S^{\text{reg}}[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma^{\text{reg}}[\phi]$

III. Renormalize $\Gamma^{\text{reg}}[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma[\phi]$

IV. Restore gauge invariance $\Gamma[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma[\phi] + S_{\text{ct}}[\phi] \quad | \quad L_a(\Gamma[\phi] + S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]) = 0$



Regularize: $S[\phi] \rightarrow S^{\text{reg}}[\phi]$

We choose a regularization satisfying these **Properties**:

- invariance under **vectorial gauge** transformations
- invariance under 4-dimensional **Lorentz**
- invariance under generalized **PCP**
- **quantum action principle** (q.a.p.)

Quantize: $S^{\text{reg}}[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma^{\text{reg}}[\phi]$

* at intermediate steps!



Problem: when quantizing a non-abelian theory, gauge invariance is lost* to BRST.

→ $\Gamma[\phi]$ obeys non-linear Slavnov-Taylor identities instead of linear Ward Identities.

→ finding the counterterm is more complicated.

[Martin-Sanchez Ruiz (2000), Sanchez Ruiz (2003), Stöckinger et al (2020)]

The solution is the **Background Field Method**:

1. split fields in classical background + quantum fluctuation:

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \tilde{\phi}, \quad S^{\text{reg}}[\phi] \rightarrow S^{\text{reg}}[\phi + \tilde{\phi}]$$

2. integrate over quantum fluctuations:

$$e^{i\Gamma^{\text{reg}}[\phi]} = \int_{\text{1PI}} \mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi} e^{iS_{\text{full}}^{\text{reg}}[\phi + \tilde{\phi}]} \quad S_{\text{full}}^{\text{reg}} \equiv S^{\text{reg}} + S_{\text{g.f.}}^{\text{reg}} + S_{\text{ghost}}^{\text{reg}}$$

3. choose a smart gauge fixing: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{g.f.}}[\phi + \tilde{\phi}] = -\frac{1}{2\xi} f_a f_a \quad f_a = \partial_\mu \tilde{A}_a^\mu - f_{abc} A_{b\mu} \tilde{A}_c^\mu$

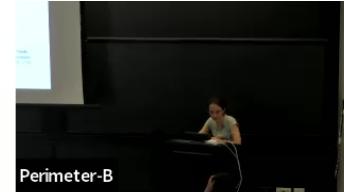
⇒ $S[\phi + \tilde{\phi}]$ is invariant under gauge transformations of the bckg fields,

$\Gamma[\phi]$ satisfies the linear Ward Identity (up to our regularization effects!)



Renormalize: $\Gamma^{\text{reg}}[\phi] \rightarrow \Gamma[\phi]$

We assume the existence of a **consistent subtraction procedure** allowing to evaluate the renormalized $\Gamma[\phi]$ from the bare, regularized one, and is such that $\Gamma[\phi]$ is finite order by order in perturbation theory.



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Restore gauge invariance

Let's prove that we can always add a finite counterterm $S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]$ to $\Gamma[\phi]$ such that the result is gauge invariant, i.e. $L_a(\Gamma[\phi] + S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]) = 0$.

Say $\Gamma[\phi]$ satisfies the WI up to loop order $n - 1$: $L_a(x)\Gamma[\phi]\Big|_{(k)} = 0 \quad k \leq n - 1,$

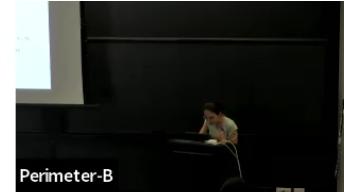
At order n , in general $L_a(x)\Gamma[\phi]\Big|_{(n)} \neq 0,$

but the q.a.p. implies

$$L_a(x)\Gamma[\phi]\Big|_{(n)} = (\Delta_a \cdot \Gamma)(x) = \Delta_a(x)\Big|_{(n)} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^{n+1})$$

gen. functional of the 1PI Green
functions with an insertion of $\Delta_a(x)|_{(n)}$

$\mathcal{O}(\hbar^n)$ local polynomial in the fields:
Dimension 4, CP odd, P even, invariant
under 4d Lorentz, vanishes for TL = TR



$\Delta_a(x)|_{(n)}$ must satisfy the **WZ condition**:

$$L_a(y)\Delta_b(x)|_{(n)} - L_b(x)\Delta_a(y)|_{(n)} = -\delta^{(4)}(x-y)f_{abc}\Delta_c(x)|_{(n)}.$$

For non-anomalous theories, the solution is

$$\Delta_a(x)|_{(n)} = -L_a(x)S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(n)},$$

$$S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(n)} = \int d^4y \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}(y)|_{(n)}$$

Integrated $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^n)$ local polynomial in $\phi, \partial\phi$
invariant under 4d Lorentz, P, CP, vanishes for TL=TR

Adding this counterterm to the effective action, the result is gauge invariant:

$$\Gamma_{\text{inv}}[\phi]|_{(n)} = \Gamma[\phi]|_{(n)} + S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(n)}$$

$$L_a(x)\Gamma_{\text{inv}}[\phi]|_{(n)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^{n+1}).$$



The explicit form of $\Delta_a(x)|_{(n)}$ and $S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(n)}$ is regularization dependent.
However, we can deduce several of their features solely from the **Properties***.

One loop analysis for well behaved* regularization schemes



A basis for $\Delta_a(x)|_{(1)}$ and $S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(1)}$

The one-loop gauge variation of $\Gamma[\phi]$ is a finite polynomial of dimension 4 in the fields.

We can write it as:

$$\Delta_a(x)|_{(1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{14} C_{aA}^k I_A^k(x)$$

		CP	P
I_a^0	$\square \partial^\mu A_{a\mu}$	—	+
I_{ab}^1	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} (\partial_\alpha A_{a\mu})(\partial_\beta A_{b\nu})$	—	—
I_{ab}^2	$A_{a\mu}(\partial^\mu \partial^\nu - \square g^{\mu\nu}) A_{b\nu}$	+	+
I_{ab}^3	$A_{a\mu} \square A_b^\mu$	+	+
I_{ab}^4	$(\partial_\nu A_{a\mu})(\partial^\nu A_b^\mu)$	+	+
I_{ab}^5	$(\partial_\nu A_{a\mu})(\partial^\mu A_b^\nu)$	+	+
I_{ab}^6	$(\partial^\mu A_{a\mu})(\partial^\nu A_{b\nu})$	+	+
I_{abd}^7	$(\partial_\mu A_a^\mu) A_{b\nu} A_d^\nu$	—	+
I_{abd}^8	$(\partial_\mu A_a^\nu) A_{b\mu} A_d^\nu$	—	+
I_{abd}^9	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} (\partial_\beta A_{a\mu}) A_{b\nu} A_{d\alpha}$	+	—
I_{abde}^{10}	$A_{a\mu} A_b^\mu A_{d\nu} A_e^\nu$	+	+
I_{abde}^{11}	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_{a\mu} A_{b\nu} A_{d\rho} A_{e\sigma}$	—	—
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Coefficients with definite symmetry properties

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & f_{pde} C_{c(eb)}^1 + f_{cde} C_{p(eb)}^1 + C_{pb(cd)}^9 + C_{cb(pd)}^9 = 0 \\
 & (2f_{pde} C_{ceb}^1 + 2C_{pb(cd)}^9) \Big|_{\text{symm. in bd}} = -f_{pce} C_{e(db)}^1 \\
 & (4C_{c[pbdf]}^{11} + 4C_{p[cbdf]}^{11} + f_{pde} C_{ce[bf]}^9 + f_{cde} C_{pe[bf]}^9) \Big|_{\text{antisymm. in bdf}} = 0 \\
 & (2f_{pfe} C_{cb[ed]}^9 - f_{cfe} C_{pe[bd]}^9 - f_{cde} C_{pe[fb]}^9 - 2f_{cfe} C_{pb[ed]}^9) \Big|_{\text{antisymm. in df}} \\
 & \quad + 12C_{p[cbdf]}^{11} + f_{pbe} C_{ce(fd)}^9 = -f_{pce} C_{eb(fd)}^9 \\
 & (4f_{phb} C_{c[badf]}^{11} - 4f_{chb} C_{p[badf]}^{11}) \Big|_{\text{antisymm. in adfh}} = -f_{pce} C_{e[afdh]}^{11}
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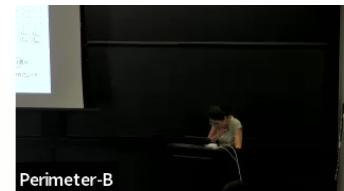
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\mathcal{I}_{ghl}^4	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_{g\mu} A_{h\nu} (\partial_\rho A_{l\sigma})$	$\xi_{[gh]l}^4$	+	-
\mathcal{I}_{ghlm}^5	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_{g\mu} A_{h\nu} A_{l\rho} A_{m\sigma}$	$\xi_{[ghlm]}^5$	-	-
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Analogously:

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Take the gauge variation:

$$L_a(x) S_{\text{ct}}[\phi]|_{(1)} = -(\xi_{ba}^2 + \xi_{ab}^2 + \xi_{ba}^3 + \xi_{ab}^3) I_a^0(x) + 2\xi_{[ab]c}^4 I_{bc}^1(x) + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{14} \hat{C}_{aA}^k(\xi) I_A^k(x)$$

automatically satisfy $\text{WZ}[\hat{C}_{aA}^k] = 0$



Solving the key equations

$$\Delta_a(x) \Big|_{(1)} + L_a(x) S_{\text{ct}}[\phi] \Big|_{(1)} = \mathcal{A}_a(x)$$



[M]

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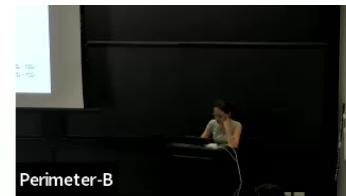
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$$[M] \quad \sum_{k=0}^{14} \left[C_{aA}^k + \hat{C}_{aA}^k(\xi) \right] I_A^k(x) = \mathcal{A}_a(x) \quad & \quad WZ[C_{aA}^k] = 0$$

We need to solve these two sets of equations:

1. Determine the most general form of the C_{aA}^k satisfying **Wess Zumino**
2. Find the counterterm coefficients ξ_B^j such that [M] is fulfilled.

Solving the key equations



At 1 loop, these tensors are linear combinations of single traces of generators:

$$C_{a_1 \dots a_n}^k = \sum c_{X_1 \dots X_n}^k T_{X_1 \dots X_n}^{a_1 \dots a_n} \quad T_{X_1 \dots X_n}^{a_1 \dots a_n} = \text{tr}(T_{X_1}^{a_1} \dots T_{X_n}^{a_n})$$

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Several constraints restrict their form significantly:

- definite properties under P, CP
 - definite symmetry transformations under exchange of indices
 - C^k and $\hat{C}^k(\xi)$ must be 0 for vectorlike theories ($T_L^a = T_R^a$)

Example: $C_{a(bc)}^1$ three indices in $\text{AD}_{\mathcal{G}}$ $\Rightarrow T_{XYZ}^{abc}$ $X, Y, Z = L, R$
 CP even and P odd $\Rightarrow T_{LLL}^{abc} - T_{RRR}^{abc}, T_{RLL}^{abc} - T_{LRR}^{abc}$
 symmetric in bc $\Rightarrow C_{a(bc)}^1 = c_{LLL}^1(T_{LLL}^{abc} + T_{LLL}^{acb} - T_{RRR}^{abc} - T_{RRR}^{acb}) + c_{RLL}^1(T_{RLL}^{abc} + T_{RLL}^{acb} - T_{LRR}^{abc} - T_{LRR}^{acb})$



Perimeter-B

Solving the key equations

[M] consists of **three independent sets** of equations:

- fermionic
- bosonic, P-even
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- # of independent WZ conditions	-49	-
# of really independent parameters	12	13

- In this sector we can **always** (even in an anomalous theory!) choose the counterterms in such a way to remove the “spurious” anomaly induced by the regularization
- the residual freedom amounts to the possibility of adding a gauge invariant term to \mathcal{L}_{ct}

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}} \supset \chi_{LL}^2 \left(\mathcal{I}_{ab}^2 - \mathcal{I}_{ab}^3 - 2f_{ceb}\mathcal{I}_{eca}^1 + \frac{1}{2}f_{dga}f_{eb}\mathcal{I}_{egcd}^6 \right) (T_{LL}^{ab} + T_{RR}^{ab}) = -\frac{\chi_{LL}^2}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{b\mu\nu} (T_{LL}^{ab} + T_{RR}^{ab}).$$



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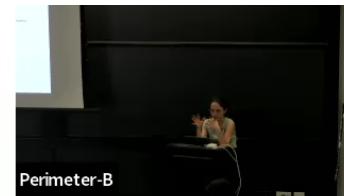
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# of independent parameters (before WZ)	27	3
- # of independent WZ parameters	-13	-
# of really independent parameters	4	3

- We don't have enough freedom to cancel $\Delta_a(x)|_{(1)}$ completely.

We remain with:

$$\Delta_a(x)|_{(1)} + S_{ct}[\phi]|_{(1)} = -c_{LLL}^1 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \left(A_\nu^b \partial_\rho A_\sigma^e - \frac{i}{4} A_\nu^b A_\rho^c A_\sigma^d (if^{cde}) \right) D^{abe} \equiv \mathcal{A}_a$$

- No more freedom in choosing the counterterms $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_a = 0 \leftrightarrow D^{abc} = 0$



Perimeter-B

We found a general map **gauge variation of effective action → counterterm**,
valid for any regularization respecting the properties.

Let's pick the most used one: **Dimensional Regularization**
= extend Lorentz indices analytically from $d = 4$ to $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ complex dimensions.



Chirality in Dimensional Regularization

“The γ_5 problem”

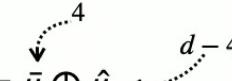
Properties of γ_5 in $d = 4$:

- i) $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma_5\} = 0$
- ii) $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_5) = 4i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$
- iii) cyclicity of the trace

No definition of γ_5 in $d \neq 4$ obeys all of them.

Several treatments have been proposed to deal with this.

Only the Breitenlohner-Maison't Hooft-Veltman (**BMHV**) prescription has been proven to be consistent at all orders:

- split indices as: $\mu = \bar{\mu} \oplus \hat{\mu}$ 
- γ_5 is an intrinsically 4d object: $\gamma_5 = \frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} \gamma^{\bar{\mu}} \gamma^{\bar{\nu}} \gamma^{\bar{\alpha}} \gamma^{\bar{\beta}}$
- $\gamma_\mu = \gamma_{\bar{\mu}} + \gamma_{\hat{\mu}}$ $\begin{cases} \{\gamma_{\bar{\mu}}, \gamma_5\} = 0 \\ [\gamma_{\hat{\mu}}, \gamma_5] = 0 \end{cases}$



Classical action in Dim Reg

$$S^{(d)}[A, f_X, \bar{f}_X] = \int d^d x (\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(d)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermions}}^{(d)}) = ?$$

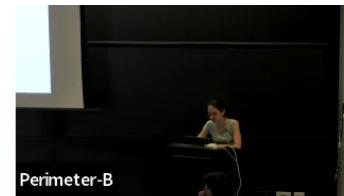
The bosonic part can be continued to d dimensions without violating any symmetry of the unregularized action:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(d)}, \quad L_a S_{\text{YM}}^{(d)} = 0.$$

Fermionic Lagrangian less trivial:

- Kinetic term *must* be continued to d dimensions (else: propagator not regularized)
- More freedom in the interaction term: **scheme-dependent** choice

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermions}}^{(d)} &= i \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu f - A_\mu^a \left(\bar{f} P_R \gamma^\mu P_L T_L^a f + (L \rightarrow R) \right) \\ &\quad P_R \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu P_L \dots \end{aligned}$$



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- The (reg.) classical action is not invariant unless the theory is vector-like: $T_L^a = T_R^a$
- Evanescent: irrelevant at the tree level, but not beyond!



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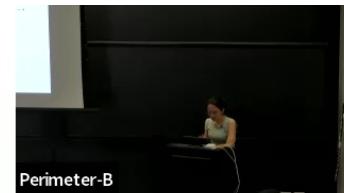
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But to find for the WI restoring counterterm we want $L_a \Gamma[\phi]$ renormalized effective action
 → need to specify a subtraction scheme to evaluate $\Gamma[\phi]$ from $\Gamma^{(d)}[\phi]$!



Perimeter-B

Defining a renormalization scheme

Two types of contributions to the regularized effective action at 1 loop:

$$\Gamma^{(d)}|_{(1)} = \overbrace{\bar{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \bar{\Gamma}^{\text{div}}|_{(1)}}^{\text{non-evanescent}} + \overbrace{\widehat{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \widehat{\Gamma}^{\text{div}}|_{(1)}}^{\text{evanescent}},$$

Minimal subtraction: renormalized action defined by subtracting all divergent terms (evanescent and non evanescent) and taking the limit $d \rightarrow 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma|_{(1)} &\equiv \lim_{d \rightarrow 4} \left\{ \bar{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} + \widehat{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} \right\} = \bar{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta_a|_{(1)} &= L_a \Gamma|_{(1)} = L_a \bar{\Gamma}^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the quantity we want!

We can find it directly by computing $L_a \Gamma^{(d)}[\phi]$, keeping only the finite piece:

$$L_a \Gamma^{(d)}|_{(1)} = \boxed{\bar{\Delta}_a^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)}} + \widehat{\Delta}_a^{\text{fin}}|_{(1)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \widehat{\Delta}_a^{\text{div}}|_{(1)}$$



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A few comments on this result:

- computed with the path integral (heat kernel method)
- diagrammatic cross-checks in Feynman gauge

- It can be put in the form

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the C_{aA}^k satisfy $\text{WZ}[C_{aA}^k] = 0$

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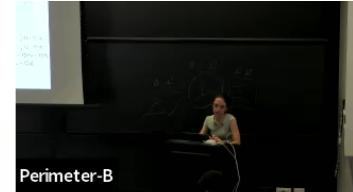
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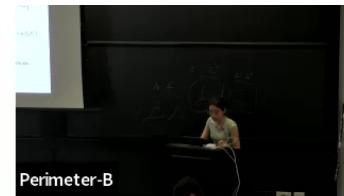
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In the Standard Model

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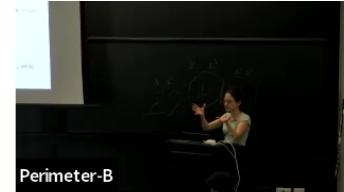
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In the Standard Model

As an application we can derive the WI-restoring counterterm for the SM, using DimReg and the BMHV scheme for γ_5 .

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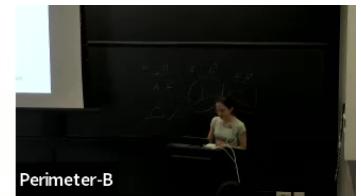
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- \mathcal{L}_{ct} has to be invariant under the “vector” groups $SU(3)_c$ and $U(1)_{\text{em}}$
→ does not contain gluons, photons only via $F_{\mu\nu}$ and D_μ
- No counterterms with $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ are needed; peculiarity of the EW gauge group.



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Conclusion and outlook

Any consistent regularization scheme induces an apparent violation of gauge invariance in chiral gauge theories.

These theories require a **two-step renormalization procedure**, to be reiterated order by order:

1. remove infinities by adding a set of local, divergent counterterms
2. remove finite, gauge-violating contributions by adding a set of local, finite counterterms

Our main result is an **analytic expression of the finite one-loop counterterms for renormalizable chiral gauge theories including fermions**:

- general result for a wide class of regularization schemes
- explicit calculation for using DimReg, MS & BHMV for γ_5
- application to the SM

Main differences with respect to previous approaches:

- use of the Background Field Method
- inclusion of charged fermions of both chiralities
- no need for additional sterile fermions

Possible extensions to theories with scalars, and to the **SMEFT**.

Output could be implemented in the **automated** one-loop computations in the SMEFT.