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QED Renormalization

Superficial divergence

$D = \text{power of } p = \text{numerator} - \text{denominator}$

$$= 4 \times L - 2 P_\gamma - 1 P_e$$

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 loop photon propagator fermion propagator

relationship



$$1 \cdot V = N_\gamma + 2 P_\gamma$$

external photon

$$2V = N_e + 2 P_e$$

external fermion

internal

$$V - I + P_e + P_\gamma$$

$$D = 4 - \frac{3}{2}$$

↑

internal thing

$$V - I + L = 1$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$R_e + R_r$$

$$D=4$$



don't care

$$D=3$$

$$D = 4 - \frac{3}{2} N_e - N_r$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$



internal thing

$$V - I + L = 1$$

↑

$$P_e + P_r$$

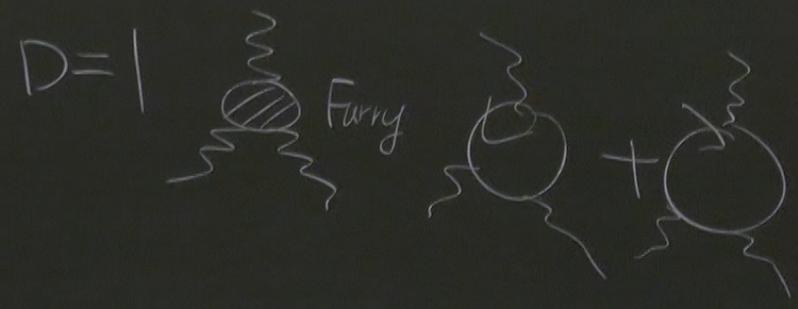
$$D = 4 - \frac{3}{2} N_e - N_r$$

↑ ↑

D=4  don't care

D=3  don't care

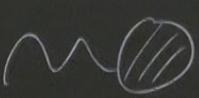
D=2  photon propagator



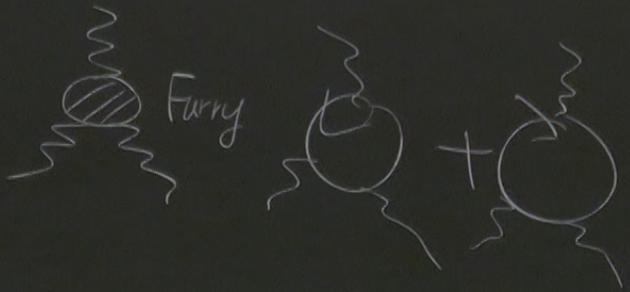
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N_s
↑

D=4  don't care

D=3  don't care

D=2  photon propagator

D=1  Furry

fermion propagator


QED

Maxwell theory
photon propagator

$$\mathcal{L}_{KG} \propto \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi$$

propagator $\frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}$

$$i\partial_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu$$

momentum space

$$KG \text{ operator } \underline{-p^2 + m^2}$$

inverse

Maxwell propagator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu A_\nu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

up to total derivative $+\frac{1}{2}$

Maxwell propagator should be inverse of the Maxwell operator.

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\nu A^\mu)$$

upto total derivative $+\frac{1}{2} A_\nu (\partial^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) A_\mu$

$$\parallel$$

$$\partial^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu$$

$$\Downarrow i \partial_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu$$

$$D = -p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu$$

• invert!

and be inverse of the Maxwell operator,

$$\parallel$$

$$\partial^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu$$

$$\Downarrow i\partial_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu$$

$$-p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu$$

• invert!

$$(-p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu) \phi_\nu$$

$$= -p^2 p^\mu + p^\mu p^2 = 0$$

$$\partial^\mu (\partial^\nu A^\mu - \partial^\mu A^\nu)$$

$$- \partial_\mu A^\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu$$

$$(\partial^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) A_\mu$$

gauge symmetry.

gauge condition $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$

can be chosen

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{new}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2$$

↑ gauge choice

gauge fixed

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2\xi} \partial_\mu A^\mu \partial_\nu A^\nu$$

$$\text{IBP } \frac{1}{2\xi} A_\mu \partial^\mu \partial^\nu A_\nu$$

operator

$$-p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right)$$

invertible

$$\frac{-i}{p^2 \text{ie}} (\eta^{\mu\nu} - (1 - \frac{1}{\xi}) p^\mu p^\nu)$$

invertible

$$\frac{-i}{p^2 + i\epsilon} \left(\eta^{\mu\nu} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2} \right) \quad \text{--- photon propagator}$$

$\xi = 1$ Feynman gauge

$$\frac{-i \eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$$

1st step introduce regulator
dimension regularization
toy model

$$V(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \rightarrow \infty$$



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cutoff

$$V(x) = \int_{-L}^L \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

dim rez

$$V(x_1) = V(x_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \stackrel{\text{no force}}{=} 0 \leftarrow \text{wrong}$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (V(x_1) - V(x_2)) = \ln \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2}$$

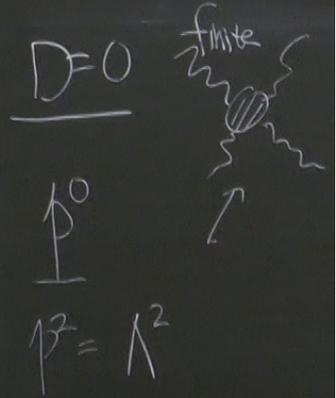
dim rez integrate in correct dimension

$$\int dy = \int dy^d = \Omega_d \int y^{d-1} dy$$

$$V(x) = \Omega_d \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{y}{L}\right)^{d-1} \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\frac{y}{y^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Omega_d} \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2}$$



cutoff

$$V(x) = \int_{-L}^L \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (V(x_1) - V(x_2)) = \frac{1}{11} \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2}$$

dim rez integrate in correct dimension

$$\int dy \rightarrow \int dy^d = \Omega_d \int y^{d-1} dy \quad (d \rightarrow 1)$$

$$V(x) = \Omega_d \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{y}{L}\right)^{d-1} \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$d = 1 - \epsilon$$

$$\text{Mathematical} \ll \left(\frac{L}{X}\right) \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)}{\pi^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}$$

$$\int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l^2 - \Delta)^n}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (V(x_1) - V(x_2)) = \ln \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \cancel{(-\log \pi)} + \underbrace{\log \frac{L^2}{x^2}} + O(\epsilon)$$

$$\Delta P_V = \delta P_V - \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{P^2}$$

$$= -\frac{i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{P^2} + \frac{-i\eta_{\mu\rho}}{P^2} \Delta P_V (\pi(P^2) + \pi'(P^2) + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{-i}{P^2(1-\pi(P^2))} \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{P^2} \right) + \frac{-i}{P^2} \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{P^2}$$

$P^2 \rightarrow 0$ pole is not shifted
the residue stay

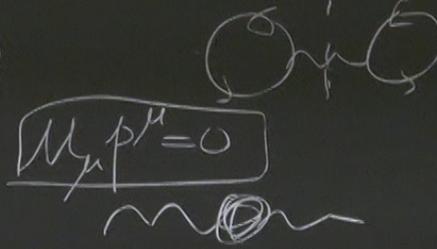
$$\pi(P^2) = 0 \text{ when } P^2 \rightarrow 0$$

to the coupling constant

$$g_R = g_0 + \alpha_2 g_0^2$$

physics

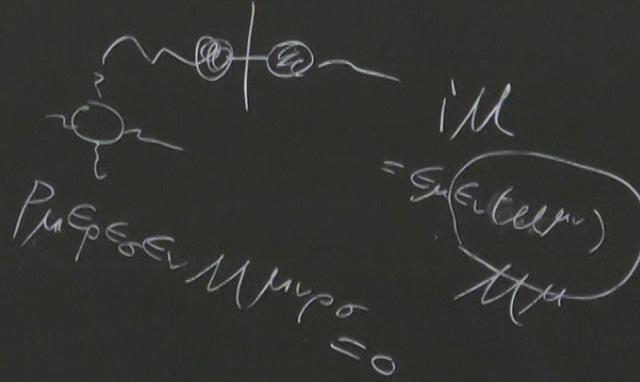
$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \Pi(p^2) \frac{(p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - p^\mu p^\nu)}{p^2}$$



$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_V = \delta \mathcal{L}_V - \dots$$

$$= -\frac{i\eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} + \frac{-i\eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2}$$

$$-\frac{i\eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} + \frac{-i\eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} i\Pi(p^2) \frac{p^\sigma}{p^2} -\frac{i\eta^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} + \dots$$



$$= \frac{-i}{p^2(1-\Pi(p^2))}$$

$$p^2 = m_{\text{phy}}^2$$

$$\Pi(p^2) = \dots$$