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Lecture Eleven

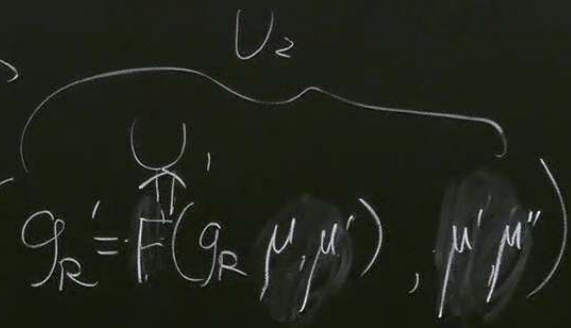
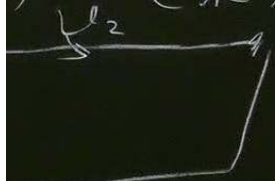
$$F(x, \mu, g_R) = g_R + g_R^2 \alpha \ln \frac{\mu}{x}$$

renormalization group  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{invariant } \langle x|x \rangle = \text{const} \\ U_1 U_2 = U_3 \leftarrow \text{same group} \end{array} \right.$   
 in the same theory  $\downarrow \downarrow$  doing experiment at different energy/scale  
 $(g_R, \mu) \xrightarrow{U_1} (g'_R, \mu') \xrightarrow{U_2} (g''_R, \mu'')$

$\langle x|x \rangle = \text{const}$   
 same group

ment at different energy

$(g'', \mu'')$  scale



$$F(g_R, \mu, \mu'') = g'' = F(g_R = F(g_R, \mu, \mu'), \mu', \mu'')$$

$U_3$  check

goal of today compute  $\beta(e)$

$$\beta(e) = \frac{\partial e}{\partial \log \mu}$$

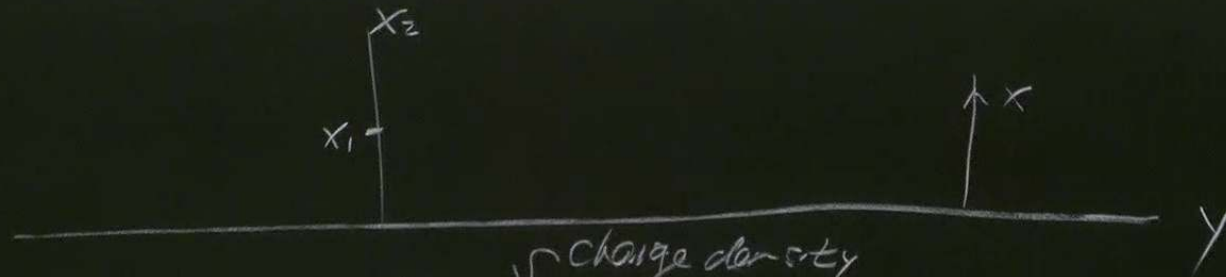
blame the coupling const

$$e_R = e_R(e)$$

$$\beta(e_R) = 0$$

technique. dimensional regularization

EM



$$V(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda dy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \lambda/n \left| y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \right| \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty}$$

observation of the integral  $V(x_1) = V(x_2)$

test charge will not physics

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

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

$y \rightarrow y + c$  symmetry is broken.

other idea

$$\int dy = \int$$

$V_{max}$

other idea

$$\int dy = \int dy^d = \int \Omega_d y^{d-1} dy \quad \Omega_d = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)}$$

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

$d=1-\epsilon$   $\downarrow$  regulator  $\uparrow$  forced to introduce a scale

$$= \left(\frac{l}{x}\right)^\epsilon \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\epsilon}{2})}{\pi^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}}$$

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

$V(x) = \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \text{finite \#s} + \ln \frac{l^2}{x^2}$   
 $V_{ren}(x) = \ln \frac{l^2}{x^2}$

$l^2 \approx$  renormalization scale

$$\frac{\sqrt{l^2 + x^2}}{\sqrt{l^2 + x^2}}$$

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

try is broken

goal of today compute  $\beta_{QED}$ .

$$\beta(e) = \frac{\partial e}{\partial \log \mu}$$

blame the coupling const  
 $e_B = e_B(e)$

$$\beta(e_B) = 0$$

photon propagator (QFT II propaganda)

Scalar case  $\mathcal{L}_G = \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi$   
 $-\partial^2 + m^2 \xrightarrow{\text{inverse}} \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}$  propagator

Catch

photon case

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

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

$-p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu$  matrix invert it  $\rightarrow$  photon propagator

$(-p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu) P_\mu = 0$  zero mode

Catch: we haven't fixed the gauge

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

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

propagator

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

can be inverted:

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

$\xi=1$  Feynman gauge