

# Renormalizing a Scalar-Fermion Yukawa Model

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This is a calculation I had to do from a second course in quantum field theory [PHYC90057](#). It beautifully demonstrates a lot of the machinery used in perturbative quantum field theory<sup>1</sup> and as far I know is nowhere on the internet. The exposition is verbose throughout, with the hope that other graduate students find it helpful.

## 1 Introduction

Consider the bare lagrangian describing a two-component massless spinor  $\psi$  and two complex scalar fields  $\phi$  and  $S$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi + \psi^\dagger i \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + S^* S + \lambda_1 S \phi^2 + i \lambda_2 \psi^T \sigma^2 \psi \phi + \lambda_1 S^* (\phi^*)^2 - i \lambda_2 \psi^\dagger \sigma^2 \psi^* \phi^* - m^2 |\phi|^2,$$

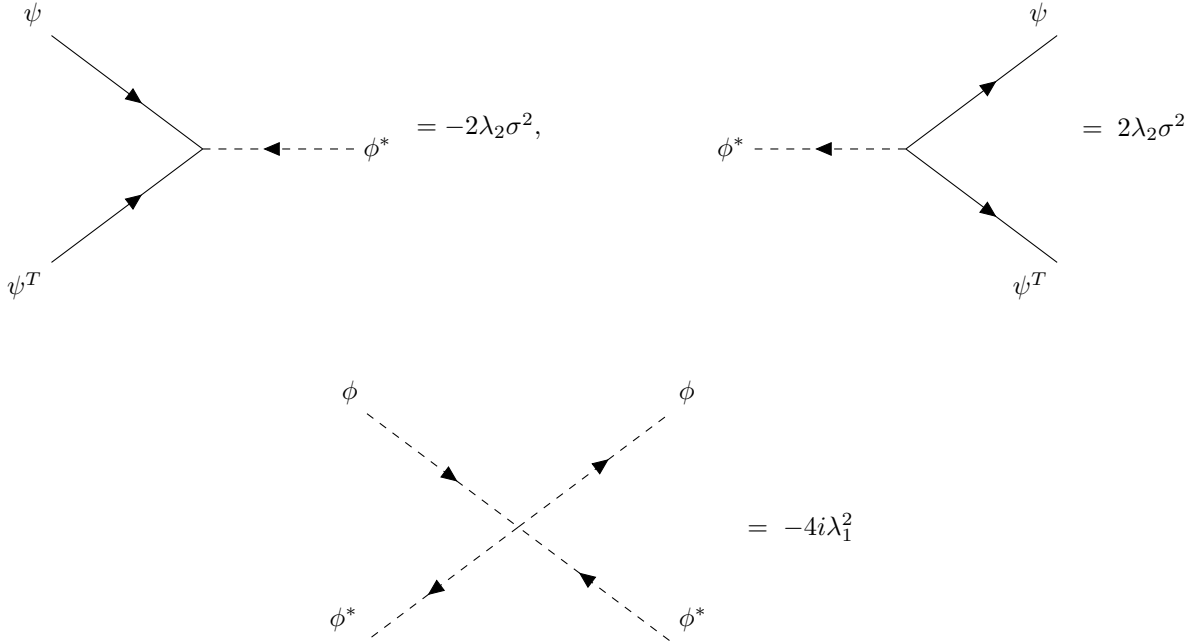
where  $(\bar{\sigma})^\mu := (I, -\sigma^i)$  where  $\sigma^i$  are the Pauli matrices and  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real parameters. For two-component spinors the  $\sigma^\mu$  matrices are analogues of the  $\gamma^\mu$ . We begin deriving the equations of motion for  $S$  and  $S^*$  where

$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S^*} = S + \lambda_1 (\phi^*)^2 \text{ and } 0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S} = S^* + \lambda_1 \phi^2,$$

therefore our on-shell solutions are given by  $S = -\lambda_1 (\phi^*)^2$  and  $S^* = -\lambda_1 \phi^2$ . We can integrate out  $S$  by substituting the on-shell expression for  $S$  into  $\mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial \phi|^2 + \psi^\dagger (i \bar{\sigma} \cdot \partial) \psi + i \lambda_2 \psi^T \sigma^2 \psi \phi - i \lambda_2 \psi^\dagger \sigma^2 \psi^* \phi^* - m^2 |\phi|^2 - \lambda_1^2 |\phi|^4.$$

The result is now an effective Lagrangian for the dynamical fields  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  with a quartic self-interaction for  $\phi$ . The associated vertices for resulting theory are



where the Feynman rule for the quartic self-interaction has a symmetry factor  $4 = 2!2!$  from the connected 4-point scalar function. At first order there are 4 possible contractions of  $|i\rangle$  and  $\langle f|$

$$\langle p, \tilde{p} | T \phi \phi^* \phi \phi^* | k, \tilde{k} \rangle = \langle p, \tilde{p} | \phi \phi^* \phi \phi^* | k, \tilde{k} \rangle + \langle p, \tilde{p} | \phi \phi^* \phi \phi^* | k, \tilde{k} \rangle + \langle p, \tilde{p} | \phi \phi^* \phi \phi^* | k, \tilde{k} \rangle + \langle p, \tilde{p} | \phi \phi^* \phi \phi^* | k, \tilde{k} \rangle.$$

<sup>1</sup>whilst also suppressing superficial complexities like spinor indices. The indices can be done away with as long as the orientations of the Feynman diagrams given are adhered to. This is why our complex scalar field has a directed propagator.

## 2 The One-Loop Correction of the Two-Point Function for $\phi$

The momentum-space representation for the fermion propagator is given by

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \xrightarrow{k} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \xrightarrow{k} \text{---} \end{array} = \frac{ik_\mu \sigma^\mu}{k^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \xleftarrow{k} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \xrightarrow{k} \text{---} \end{array} = \frac{ik_\mu \bar{\sigma}^\mu}{k^2}.$$

Before computing the 1-loop correction we recall some theory and definitions. A 1-particle irreducible (1PI) diagram is any diagram that cannot be split in two by removing a single line. The circle with 1PI in the center represents the sum over 1PI two-point diagrams, algebraically we denote it by the expression  $-i\Pi_\phi(p^2)$  called the 1PI *amplitude* of  $\phi$  where  $\Pi(p^2)$  is the *self energy of the scalar field*  $\phi$ . The 2-point Greens function in momentum space denoted  $D_F(p)$  is given by summing over all connected two point diagrams. However a connected two point Feynman diagram can be decomposed recursively into a bare propagator plus a bare propagator concatenated with a 1PI diagram connected to an arbitrary connected two point diagram. Algebraically this recursion looks like

$$D_F(p) = D_0(p) + D_0(p)[-i\Pi(p^2)]D_F(p),$$

where  $D_0(p)$  is the *bare propagator*. This recursion gives a geometric series which can be re-summed to yield the expression for the propagator given by

$$D_F(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - (m^2 + \Pi_r(p^2)) + i\varepsilon},$$

where  $\Pi_r(p^2)$  is the *renormalized self-energy* of the scalar field  $\phi$ .<sup>2</sup>It follows from the recursion above that  $D_F(p)$  can be expressed as

$$\text{---} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \text{---} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{---} + \text{---} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \dots$$

Using our interaction vertices from the previous page, we can form the diagrams given the expansion of the 1PI amplitude of  $\phi$  to order  $O(\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2)$ .

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Applying the standard Feynman rules to the above diagrams respectively gives

$$\begin{aligned} -i\Pi_\phi &= -4i\lambda_1^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \\ &= 4\lambda_1^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}, \\ -i\Pi_\psi(p^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(-2\lambda_2)(2\lambda_2) \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\sigma^2 i(p-k) \cdot \bar{\sigma}^T}{(p-k)^2} \sigma^2 \frac{i(k \cdot \bar{\sigma})}{k^2} \right) \\ &= 2\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(p-k)_\mu k_\nu}{(p-k)^2 k^2} \text{Tr} (\sigma^2 (\bar{\sigma}^T)^\mu \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\nu). \end{aligned}$$

<sup>2</sup>It is worth pointing out that from the pole in the denominator (when compared with the pole in the formula of  $D_F(p)$  given by the Källen-Lehmann spectral representation) relates physical mass squared of  $\phi$  to the bare mass by  $m_{\text{phys}}^2 = m^2 + \Pi_r(m^2)$ .

Now using the fact that  $(\bar{\sigma}^T)^\mu = (I, -\sigma^i)$  we have the identity  $\sigma^2(\bar{\sigma}^T)^\mu\sigma^2 = \sigma^\mu$  hence

$$\text{Tr}(\sigma^2(\bar{\sigma}^T)^\mu\sigma^2\bar{\sigma}^\nu) = \text{Tr}(\sigma^\mu\sigma^\nu) = 2g^{\mu\nu},$$

where the last equality is a well known identity. Let  $(k-p) \cdot k := (k-p)_\mu k_\nu g^{\mu\nu}$  then using the identity above gives

$$-i\Pi_\psi(p^2) = -4\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(k-p) \cdot k}{(p-k)^2 k^2}.$$

Adding the contribution of each diagrams gives the 1PI amplitude of  $\phi$ , with  $-i\Pi(p^2) = -i\Pi_\phi - i\Pi_\psi(p^2)$  to be

$$-i\Pi(p^2) = 4\lambda_1^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} - 4\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(k-p) \cdot k}{(p-k)^2 k^2}.$$

Note that from the above equation we can see that as the loop 4-momentum  $k$  gets larger there is a quadratic divergence

$$-i\Pi(p^2) \rightarrow 4(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2) \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2},$$

which displays an ultraviolet fixed point when the couplings are equal i.e., for  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ . To obtain the 1-loop correction we now use the following three standard techniques in sequence, they are: Feynman parameters, Wick rotation and dimensional regularization. Recall the general idea of Feynman parameters is to use the identity

$$\frac{1}{A_1 A_2} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{(A_1 + (A_2 - A_1)x)^2}.$$

The general idea of using Feynman parameters is to take a product of  $n$ -factors and combine them into a single quadratic expression raised to the  $n$ -th power. After completing the square and changing variables you can do the integral over the momentum variable, but have auxiliary Feynman parameters to integrate. Therefore for denominator in the integrand of  $-i\Pi_\psi(p^2)$  we can use Feynman parameters and complete the square to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k^2(p-k)^2} &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{(k^2 + ((p-k)^2 - k^2)x)^2} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{(k^2 + p^2x - 2pkx)^2} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{((k-px)^2 - p^2x(x-1))^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Delta := p^2x(x-1)$  and  $\ell := k-px$  then  $d^4\ell = d^4k$  hen the numerator becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (k-p) \cdot k &= (\ell + p(x-1)) \cdot (\ell + px) \\ &= \ell^2 + \Delta + O(\ell). \end{aligned}$$

Since odd integrals vanish we are just left with the expression

$$\begin{aligned} -i\Pi_\psi(p^2) &= -4\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \int_0^1 dx \frac{(k-p) \cdot k}{((k-px)^2 - p^2x(x-1))^2} \\ &= -4\lambda_2^2 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ \frac{\ell^2}{(\ell^2 - \Delta)^2} + \frac{\Delta}{(\ell^2 - \Delta)^2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where the odd integrals vanish and so we are left with a quadratic divergence and logarithmic divergence respectively. Currently the loop integrals are written with contractions using a Lorentz signature. However if they were in Euclidean space we could do them in spherical polar coordinates in a relatively straight-forward way. To progress further, we must perform a *Wick rotation* to transform the Lorentz invariance into rotational invariance. We define Euclidean 4-momentum variables  $\ell_E^0 := -i\ell^0$  and  $\ell_E^i = \ell^i$  which implies  $\ell^2 = -\ell_E^2$  and  $d^4\ell = id^4\ell_E$ . Note that all we have

essentially done is analytically continue one of the variables into the complex plane. Substituting, our expression becomes

$$-i\Pi_\psi(p^2) = -4i\lambda_2^2 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^4\ell_E}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ \frac{-\ell_E^2}{(\ell_E^2 + \Delta)^2} + \frac{\Delta}{(\ell_E^2 + \Delta)^2} \right].$$

Unfortunately, this integral is still UV divergent. Introducing a cut-off we could still obtain some approximate answer however it would violate the Ward identity and introduce a mass that is proportional to the cut-off. To study the behaviour of this integral in a way which respects the Ward identity we use *dimensional regularisation*. The idea is to work not in dimension 4 but dimension  $d$  and interpret  $d = 4$  as a divergence. We will see that the leading order terms for the divergent integral at  $d = 4$  can be extracted when we work in dimension  $d = 4 - \epsilon$  carefully sending  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Determining the  $d$ -dimensional closed form of these loop integrals is a standard exercise in QFT and therefore we quote the results. The first loop integral can be evaluated using the identity

$$\int \frac{d^d\ell_E}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\ell_E^2}{(\ell_E^2 + \Delta)^n} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \frac{d}{2} \frac{\Gamma(n - \frac{d}{2} - 1)}{\Gamma(n)} \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} \right)^{n - \frac{d}{2} - 1},$$

and similarly the second loop integral is evaluated by using the identity

$$\int \frac{d^d\ell_E}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(\ell_E^2 + \Delta)^2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(2)} \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} \right)^{2 - \frac{d}{2}}.$$

There is a subtlety when working in an arbitrary integer dimension, namely our couplings are no longer dimensionless. It follows from dimensional analysis on our Lagrangian that  $\lambda_2 \mapsto \mu^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \lambda_2$  where  $\mu$  is an arbitrary parameter of mass dimension one. Therefore for  $d \neq 4$  our 1PI amplitude has the form

$$-i\Pi_\psi(p^2) = -4i\lambda_2^2 \mu^{4-d} \int_0^1 dx \left[ \frac{-1}{(4\pi)^d} \frac{d}{2} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^{1 - \frac{d}{2}}} + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^{2 - \frac{d}{2}}} \right].$$

Substituting  $d = 4 - \epsilon$ , and applying some basic complex analysis we obtain the expansion for each term separately:

- $\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{2}) = \Gamma(-1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \approx -\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \gamma_E - 1$ ;
- $\Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2}) = \Gamma(\frac{\epsilon}{2}) \approx \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma_E$ ;
- $\mu^{4-d} = \mu^\epsilon = (\mu^2)^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \approx 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2)$ ;
- $(4\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} = (4\pi)^{-2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}} \approx \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} (1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(4\pi))$ ;
- $\Delta^{\frac{d}{2}-1} = \Delta^{1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}} \approx \Delta(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(\Delta))$ ;
- $\Delta^{\frac{d}{2}-2} = \Delta^{-\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \approx 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(\Delta)$ .

Let  $\tilde{\mu}^2 := 4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2$ , expanding both expressions up to order  $O(\epsilon)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^{1 - \frac{d}{2}}} &= \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left( -\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \gamma_E - 1 \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(\Delta) \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2) \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log(4\pi) \right) \\ &= \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left[ -\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \gamma_E - 1 + \log(\Delta) - \log(\mu^2) - \log(4\pi) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right) + 1 \right], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^{2 - \frac{d}{2}}} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(\Delta)\right) \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - \gamma_E\right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(4\pi)\right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2)\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - \gamma_E - \log(\Delta)\right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(4\pi) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2)\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(4\pi) + \log(\mu^2) - \gamma_E - \log(\Delta)\right) \\
&= \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Combining everything together up to order  $\varepsilon$  yields our 1-loop contribution from the second Feynman diagram:

$$\begin{aligned}
-i\Pi_\psi(p^2) &= -4i\lambda_2^2 \int_0^1 dx \left[ -\frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left(-2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right) + 1\right) + \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right)\right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3i\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{1}{3} + O(\varepsilon) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Recall, we also had to evaluate

$$-i\Pi_\phi^2 = 4\lambda_1^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}. \quad (1)$$

Wick rotating: set  $k_E^0 := -ik^0$  and  $k^2 = -k_E^2$  yields

$$-i\Pi_\phi^2 = -4i\lambda_1^2 \int \frac{d^4 k_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k_E^2 + m^2}.$$

Applying dimensional regularization, and using the identity

$$\int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(k_E^2 + m^2)} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \left( \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{2})}{(m^2)^{1 - \frac{d}{2}}} \right).$$

Similar to before we expand each term out to first order

$$\begin{aligned}
-i\Pi_\phi &= -\frac{4i\lambda_1^2 \mu^{4-d}}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \left( \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{2})}{(m^2)^{1 - \frac{d}{2}}} \right) \\
&= -4i\lambda_1^2 \left( m^2 \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(m^2)\right) \right) \left( -\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \gamma_E + 1 \right) \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(4\pi)\right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2)\right) \\
&= -\frac{i\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(m^2)\right) \left( -\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \gamma_E - 1 \right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(4\pi)\right) \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \log(\mu^2)\right) \\
&= -\frac{i\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ -\frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(m^2) + \gamma_E - 1 - \log(4\pi) - \log(\mu^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{i\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2}\right) + 1 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the one-loop correction to the two point function for  $\phi$  is given by

$$i\Pi(p^2) = \frac{i\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2}\right) + 1 \right] - \frac{3i\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \right] + O(\varepsilon).$$

### 3 A Renormalized Perturbation Theory for $\mathcal{L}$ in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ Scheme

In this section we give a full account of how to construct a renormalized perturbation theory for  $\mathcal{L}$ . In particular we construct our PT theory in the *modified minimal subtraction* scheme  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ . Recall that in the MS scheme the finite parts of the counterterms are chosen to be zero and in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme the universal constants that appear in the regularization (which are  $\log(4\pi) + \gamma_E$ ) are subtracted off<sup>3</sup>.

From now we denote the bare fields and masses by  $\psi_0, \phi_0$  and  $m_0$  respectively. Recall the bare Lagrangian after integrating out  $S$  is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = |\partial\phi_0|^2 + \psi_0^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi_0 + i\lambda_{2,0}\psi_0^T\sigma^2\psi_0\phi_0 - i\lambda_{2,0}\psi_0^\dagger\sigma^2\psi_0^*\phi_0^* - m_0^2|\phi_0|^2 - \lambda_{1,0}^2|\phi_0|^4.$$

We denote the renormalized fields and bare masses by  $\psi, \phi$  and  $m$  respectively. We introduce the following wavefunction renormalizations

$$\psi_0 := Z_\psi^{\frac{1}{2}}\psi \text{ and } \phi_0 := Z_\phi^{\frac{1}{2}}\phi$$

Our renormalized the infinities appearing in our bare theory we will introduce a renormalized Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 - \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}$  where  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}$  is the counterterm lagrangian which will be carefully deduced and which will cancel with the divergences. Substituting the definition of the bare quantities into our bare Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &= |\partial\phi_0|^2 + \psi_0^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi_0 + i\lambda_{2,0}\psi_0^T\sigma^2\psi_0\phi_0 - i\lambda_{2,0}\psi_0^\dagger\sigma^2\psi_0^*\phi_0^* - m_0^2|\phi_0|^2 - \lambda_{1,0}^2|\phi_0|^4 \\ &= Z_\phi|\partial\phi|^2 + Z_\psi\psi^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi + [i\lambda_{2,0}Z_\phi^{\frac{1}{2}}Z_\psi\psi^T\sigma^2\psi\phi + \text{h.c.}] - m_0^2Z_\phi|\phi|^2 - \lambda_{1,0}^2Z_\phi^2|\phi|^4. \end{aligned}$$

To deduce the additional counterterms, first observe that  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}}$ , this decomposition therefore suggests the relations

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\phi &= 1 + \delta_\phi, \quad Z_\psi = 1 + \delta_\psi, \\ \lambda_{1,0}^2Z_\phi^2 &= \lambda_1^2 + \delta_1, \quad \lambda_{2,0}Z_\phi^{\frac{1}{2}}Z_\psi = \lambda_2 + \delta \quad \text{and} \quad m_0^2Z_\phi = m^2 + \delta_m. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}} = \mathcal{L}_0 - \mathcal{L}$  we can rearrange to deduce the respective definitions of the counterterms:

$$\delta_\phi := Z_\phi - 1, \quad \delta_\psi := Z_\psi - 1,$$

$$\delta_1 := \lambda_1^2 - \lambda_{1,0}^2Z_\phi^2 = \lambda_1^2 - \lambda_{1,0}^2Z_1, \quad \delta_2 := \lambda_{2,0}Z_\phi^{\frac{1}{2}}Z_\psi - \lambda_2\delta = \lambda_{2,0}Z_2 - \lambda_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_m := m_0^2Z_\phi - m^2,$$

with  $Z_1 := Z_\phi^2$  and  $Z_2 := Z_\phi^{\frac{1}{2}}Z_\psi$ . The above relations can then be substituted into the bare Lagrangian which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &= (1 + \delta_\phi)|\partial\phi|^2 + (1 + \delta_\psi)\psi^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi + [i(\lambda_2 + \delta_2)\psi^\dagger\sigma^2\psi\phi + \text{h.c.}] - (m^2 + \delta_m)|\phi|^2 - (\lambda_1^2 + \delta_1)|\phi|^4 \\ &= \mathcal{L} + \delta_\phi|\partial\phi|^2 + \delta_\psi\psi^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi + [i\delta_2\psi^\dagger\sigma^2\psi\phi + \text{h.c.}] - \delta_m|\phi|^2 - \delta_1|\phi|^4. \end{aligned}$$

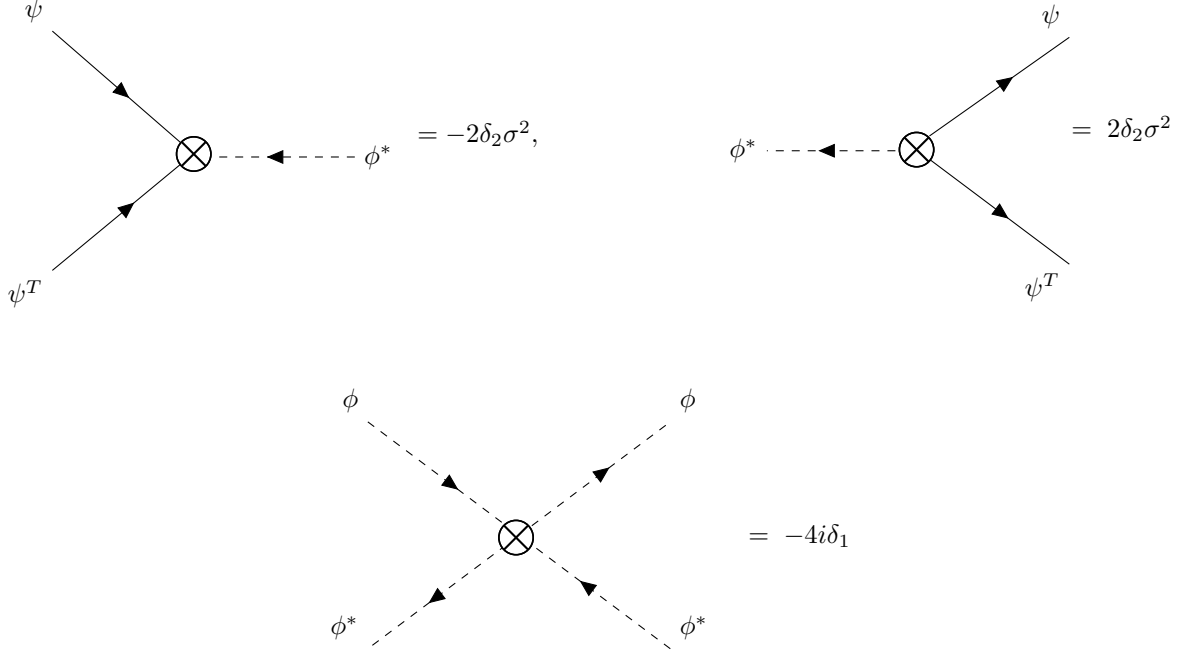
Therefore the counterterm Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}} = \delta_\phi|\partial\phi|^2 + \delta_\psi\psi^\dagger(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \partial)\psi + [i\delta_2\psi^\dagger\sigma^2\psi\phi + \text{h.c.}] - \delta_m|\phi|^2 - \delta_1|\phi|^4.$$

From the counterterm Lagrangian the Feynman diagram and rules for the counterterm insertions can be read off as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} & = i(p^2\delta_\phi - \delta_m), & \text{and} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} = i\delta_\psi\sigma \cdot p. \end{array}$$

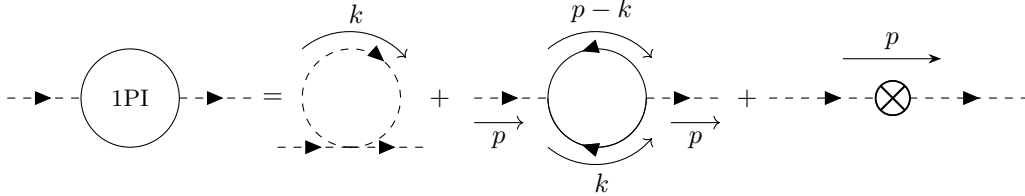
<sup>3</sup>The advantage of using the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme is that it makes it easier to deduce the counterterms, additionally the 1-loop expressions also have a simpler form. The disadvantage is that it is not strictly true that the renormalized mass is the physical mass. An on-shell subtraction scheme can be used alternatively, however this scheme has the opposite advantages and disadvantages of the former.



We need to compute the radiative corrections to each of the amputated vertices adding the counterterm insertion.

The three-point function  $\delta_2$  is zero as it's clear that neither  $\psi\psi^T \mapsto \phi^*$  or  $\phi^* \mapsto \psi\psi^T$  don't have radiative corrections at one-loop. This is because loop cannot be formed in such a way with the diagrams that keeps the orientations of the edges consistent.

Next we derive counterterms for the scalar 2-point function. In the previous section we computed the bosonic self energy however now we must now also take into account the Feynman diagram associated to the  $\delta_\phi$  and  $\delta_m$  counterterm insertions. Therefore



$$\begin{aligned}
 -i\Pi(p^2) &= -i\Pi_\phi - i\Pi_\psi(p^2) + i(p^2\delta_\phi - \delta_m) \\
 &= \frac{i\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2}\right) + 1 \right] - \frac{3i\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \right] + i(p^2\delta_\phi - \delta_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

since our counterterms should cancel these loop corrections, we set the respective counterterms equal to

$$-i\delta_m = i\Pi_\phi \quad \text{and} \quad -i\delta_\phi = i \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \Pi_\psi}{\partial p^2}.$$

Hence

$$\delta_m = \Pi_\phi = \frac{\lambda_1^2 m^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log\left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2}\right) + 1 \right],$$

applying the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme the counterterm  $\delta_m$  is redefined using the above equation but with finite parts dropped and with universal constants included

$$\delta_m := \frac{\lambda_1^2 m^2}{2\pi^2 \varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}).$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_\phi &= \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^2} \left( \frac{-3\lambda_2^2 i}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(\tilde{\mu}^2) + \frac{1}{3} - \log(\Delta) \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{-3\lambda_2^2 i}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(x-1) \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(\tilde{\mu}^2) - 1 - \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^2} (p^2 \log(p^2 x(x-1))) \right] \\ &= \frac{-3\lambda_2^2 i}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(x-1) \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(\tilde{\mu}^2) - \frac{2}{3} - \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow 0} \log(\Delta) \right].\end{aligned}$$

As  $p^2 \rightarrow 0$ , the term  $\log(\Delta) \rightarrow -\infty$  and so there is an IR divergence. To regulate this we now introduce a fictitious fermion mass term  $M_\psi$  such that  $M_\psi^2 \ll \mu^2$ . The  $\Delta$  above can then be replaced with the IR regulated  $\Delta$  given by

$$\Delta := \Delta_{\text{IR}} = p^2 x(x-1) + M_\psi^2.$$

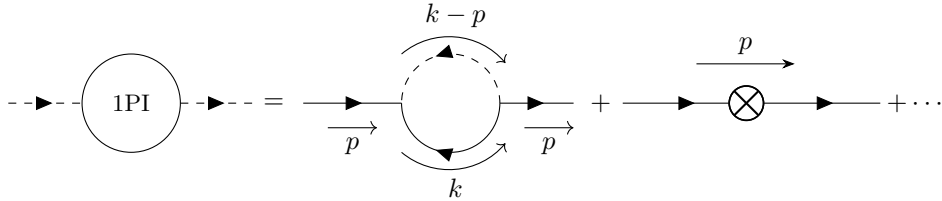
Now we can take  $p^2 \rightarrow 0$  to obtain a finite expression that isolates the ultraviolet pole and keeps the IR regulator

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_\phi^{\text{reg}} &= \frac{-3\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(x-1) \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(\tilde{\mu}^2) - \frac{2}{3} - \log(M_\psi^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log(\tilde{\mu}^2) - \frac{2}{3} - \log(M_\psi^2) \right], \text{ as } \int_0^1 x(x-1)dx = \frac{1}{6}.\end{aligned}$$

Applying the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme the corresponding counterterm  $\delta_\phi$  above is redefined dropping the finite part and adding in the universal constants

$$\delta_\phi := \frac{\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2 \varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}).$$

Next to determine is the  $\delta_\psi$  counterterm. The fermion self energy at 1-loop is given by which mathematically



corresponds to  $-i\Sigma(p) = -i\Sigma_1(p) + i\delta_\psi \sigma \cdot p$ . In order to determine  $\delta_\psi$ , we must compute the contribution to the 1-loop amplitude given by  $-i\Sigma_1(p)$ . Using the Feynman rules and noting that the sign coming from the fermion interchange in  $\psi^\dagger \sigma^2 \psi^* \psi^T \sigma^2 \psi$ , yields

$$-i\Sigma_1(p) = 4\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(i)^2 k_\mu \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^2}{k^2 [(k-p)^2 - m^2]} \quad (2)$$

$$= -4\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k_\mu \sigma^\mu}{k^2 [(k-p)^2 - m^2]} \quad \text{since } \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^2 = \sigma^\mu. \quad (3)$$

Using Feynman parameters where  $A = k^2$  and  $B = (k-p)^2 - m^2$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}A + (B-A)x &= k^2 + ((k-p)^2 - k^2 - m^2)x \\ &= k^2 + xp^2 - 2xkp - m^2 x \\ &= (k-xp)^2 - x^2 p^2 + xp^2 - m^2 x.\end{aligned}$$



Let  $\Delta := x^2 p(1-x) + m^2 x$ , and let  $\ell = k - xp$  then  $d^4 \ell = d^4 k$ , substituting this into our expression gives

$$\begin{aligned} -i\Sigma_1(p) &= -4\lambda_2^2 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(\ell + xp)_\mu \sigma^\mu}{(\ell^2 - \Delta)^2} \\ &= -4\lambda_2^2 (\sigma \cdot p) \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{x}{(\ell^2 - \Delta)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the integral with  $\ell$  to the odd power is odd and hence vanishes. Performing a Wick rotation: set  $\ell_E^0 := -i\ell^0$  and set  $\ell_E^i := \ell^i$  then  $d^4 \ell = id^4 \ell_E$  and  $\ell_E^2 = -\ell^2$ , so

$$-i\Sigma_1(p) = -4i\lambda_2^2 (\sigma \cdot p) \int_0^1 dx x \int \frac{d^4 \ell_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(\ell_E^2 + \Delta)^2}.$$

Applying dimensional regularization, where  $d = 4 - \varepsilon$  and using the standard identities, expanding to order  $\varepsilon$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} -i\Sigma_1(p) &= \frac{-i\lambda_2^2 (\sigma \cdot p)}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\Delta} \right) + O(\varepsilon) \right] \\ &= \frac{-i\lambda_2^2 (\sigma \cdot p)}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\Delta} \right) + O(\varepsilon) \right], \end{aligned}$$

hence our counterterm for  $\psi$  should be equal to

$$\delta_\psi = \frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\Delta} \right) + O(\varepsilon) \right].$$

Again, applying the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme the corresponding counterterm  $\delta_\psi$  above is redefined dropping the finite part and adding in the universal constants

$$\delta_\psi := \frac{\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2 \varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}).$$

Next we compute the  $\delta_1$  counterterm by considering a 1-loop correction to the 4-point scalar interaction. Setting the external momenta to zero, we have at 1-loop that:

$$i\Gamma_{1\text{-loop}}^{(4)} = i\Lambda_s + i\Lambda_t + i\Lambda_u + i\Lambda_\psi + 4i\delta_1.$$

Computing the  $i\Lambda_\psi$  contribution using Feynman rules (and taking into account the sign from fermion interchange) yields

$$\begin{aligned} i\Lambda_\psi &= (-1)(-2\lambda_2)^2 (2\lambda_2)^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} i^4 \text{Tr}(\sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\mu]^T \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\rho]^T \sigma^\lambda) \frac{k_\mu (-k_\nu) k_\rho (-k_\lambda)}{k^8} \\ &= -16\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr}(\sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\mu]^T \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\rho]^T \sigma^\lambda) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu k_\rho k_\lambda}{k^8}. \end{aligned}$$

The expression using the trace simplifies using the fact that  $\sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\mu]^T \sigma^2 = \sigma^\mu$  together with an identity for the trace

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\mu]^T \sigma^2 \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^2 [\bar{\sigma}^\rho]^T \sigma^\lambda) &= \text{Tr}(\sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^\rho \bar{\sigma}^\lambda) \\ &= 2[g^{\mu\nu} g^{\lambda\rho} + g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\lambda} - g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\rho} - i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the fact that  $k_\mu g^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = k \cdot k = k^2$ , we simplify

$$\begin{aligned} i\Lambda_\psi &= -32\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (g^{\mu\nu} g^{\lambda\rho} + g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\lambda} - g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\rho} - i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu k_\rho k_\lambda}{k^8} \\ &= -32\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^4}, \end{aligned}$$

Next we introduce a mass regulator  $M$ , such that  $M^2 \ll \mu^2$  to regulate the IR divergence

$$\begin{aligned} i\Lambda_\psi &= -32\lambda_2^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k^2 - M^2)^2} \\ &= -32\lambda_2^2 i \int \frac{d^4 k_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k_E^2 + M^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where we Wick rotated, setting  $k_E^0 := -ik^0$ ,  $k_E^i := k^i$  so  $id^4 k_E = d^4 k$  and  $k^2 = -k_E^2$ . Next we perform a dimensional regularization on the integral. Using our standard  $d$ -dimensional integral identities, setting  $d = 4 - \varepsilon$  and then expanding to first order gives

$$\begin{aligned} i\Lambda_\psi &= -32i\lambda_2^4 (\mu^2)^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k_E}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(k^2 + M^2)^2} \\ &= -\frac{2i\lambda_2^4}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{M^2} \right) + O(\varepsilon) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, to compute the  $i\Lambda_s$  we apply the Feynman rules to the s-channel diagram to get our loop expression. Performing the calculation just as we did above and expanding to first order we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} i\Lambda_s &= (-4i\lambda_1)^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(i^2)}{(k^2 - m^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{i\lambda_1^4}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2} \right) + O(\varepsilon) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Feynman rules to the t and u-channel diagrams, gives

$$i\Lambda_t = i\Lambda_s \quad \text{and} \quad i\Lambda_u = \frac{1}{2}i\Lambda_s.$$

Putting everything together we compute the 1-loop amplitude for the 4-point function

$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma_{1\text{-loop}}^{(4)} &= i\Lambda_s + i\Lambda_t + i\Lambda_u + i\Lambda_\psi + 4i\delta_1 \\ &= \frac{5}{2}i\Lambda_s + i\Lambda_\psi + 4i\delta_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, our counterterm must be of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{5}{2}\Lambda_s + \Lambda_\psi \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{5\lambda_1^4}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{m^2} \right) \right) - \frac{2\lambda_2^4}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{M^2} \right) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since we are in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme the counterterm is then redefined, dropping finite terms, and adding universal constants

$$\delta_1 := -\frac{1}{4\pi^2\varepsilon} (5\lambda_1^4 - 4\lambda_2^4) + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}).$$

## 4 One-Loop $\beta$ -Functions for $\mathcal{L}$ and RG Flow

To compute the  $\beta$  functions for the parameters in our theory we use the Callman-Symanzik equation,

$$\beta(\lambda) = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( -\delta_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \sum_i \delta_{Z_i} \right) = -2B - \lambda \sum_i A_i$$

where  $\delta_\lambda = B_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\delta_{Z_i} = -A_i \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$ . Recall the counterterms we deduced for  $\mathcal{L}$  in the previous section:

$$\delta_\psi = \frac{\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2\varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}), \quad \delta_m = \frac{\lambda_1^2 m^2}{2\pi^2\varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}), \quad \delta_\phi = \frac{\lambda_2^2}{4\pi^2\varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}),$$

$$\delta_1 = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2\varepsilon} (5\lambda_1^4 - 4\lambda_2^4) + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_2 = 0.$$

The beta function for  $\lambda_1^2$  is then found by using the formula above where  $B = \frac{-1}{8\pi^2} (5\lambda_1^4 - 4\lambda_2^4)$ , and we sum over four external legs in the self interaction vertex each contributing  $A_\phi = -\frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2}$  that is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{\lambda_1^2}(\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2) &= -2 \left( \frac{-1}{8\pi^2} (5\lambda_1^4 - 4\lambda_2^4) \right) - \lambda_1^2 \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (5\lambda_1^4 - 4\lambda_2^4) + 4\lambda_1^2 \left( \frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\lambda_1^4 + 4\lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2 - 4(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)). \end{aligned}$$

To compute the beta function for  $\lambda_2$  we again use the same formula however this time  $B = 0$  as  $\delta_2 = 0$ ,

$$\beta_{\lambda_2}(\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2) = -2B - \lambda_2^2 \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i = -\lambda_2^2 \left[ 2 \left( -\frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \right) - \frac{\lambda_2^2}{8\pi^2} \right] = \frac{3\lambda_2^3}{8\pi^2}.$$

Having obtained  $\beta_{\lambda_2}$  for the linear coupling, we now use the chain rule to translate it into the flow of its square

$$\beta_{\lambda_2^2} = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\lambda_2^2(\mu)) = 2\lambda_2 \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\lambda_2(\mu)) = 2\lambda_2 \beta_{\lambda_2} = \frac{3\lambda_2^4}{4\pi^2}.$$

Next we analyse the renormalization group flow of the beta functions, in particular we consider whether the condition  $\lambda_1^2 = \lambda_2^2$  is stable under renormalization group flow. Let

$$\Delta(\mu) := \lambda_1^2(\mu) - \lambda_2^2(\mu),$$

then if  $\Delta = 0$  stays zero for all scales, the condition is said to be preserved. Let  $t = \log(\mu)$  the RG equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Delta}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} (\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2) \\ &= \beta_{\lambda_1^2}(\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2) - \beta_{\lambda_2^2}(\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\lambda_1^4 + 4\lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2 + 4(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)) - \frac{3\lambda_2^4}{4\pi^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} ((\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)(\lambda_1^2 + 3\lambda_2^2) + 4(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2) [5\lambda_1^2 + 7\lambda_2^2] \\ &= \frac{(5\lambda_1^2 + 7\lambda_2^2)}{4\pi} \Delta. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{5\lambda_1^2 + 7\lambda_2^2}{4\pi} > 0$ , by the above  $\frac{d\Delta}{dt} = 0$  if  $\Delta = 0$  for all  $t$ , and hence all scales  $\mu$ . Therefore the condition  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  is preserved under renormalization group evolution. Moreover in the IR  $|\Delta|$  decreases, and in the UV  $|\Delta|$  increases.