

### Problem 1:

Use the one-loop expression for the electron self energy

$$\Sigma^{\text{1Loop}} = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} C_F \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} \not{p} - 2m_R \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{p^2} \right) - \gamma_E \right] - \frac{1}{2} \not{p} + m_R - \int_0^1 dx [\not{p}(1-x) - 2m_R] \log \left[ -x(1-x) + x \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \right] \right\}, \quad (1)$$

(CF=1)

to renormalise QED in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme  $\left[ \zeta_{\psi} = \zeta_{m_e} = \zeta_A = \zeta_1 = -\delta_E + \log(4\pi) \equiv C \right]$

a) Find the regularised self energy  $\Sigma_R$ .   $+ O(\alpha^2) = \Sigma^{\text{1loop}} + \Sigma^{\text{1s}} + O(\alpha^2)$

b) Find the relation between  $m_R$  and the mass of the electron,  $m_e$ , at one-loop precision. Define the mass of the electron as the pole of the renormalised propagator

$$S_F(p^2, g_R(\mu), m_R(\mu), \mu) = \frac{i}{\not{p} - \underbrace{m_R(\mu) - \Sigma_R(p^2, g_R(\mu), m_R(\mu), \mu)}_{-m_e(\mu)}} \quad (2)$$

By using the expression of  $\Sigma_R$  at one loop order, determine the leading  $g_R^2$  shift between these two masses

$$m_e = m_R - \underbrace{\alpha_R^{\text{em}}}_{\left( \frac{g_R^2}{4\pi} \right)} \delta m = \underbrace{-\Sigma_R}_{\propto_R} = \underbrace{-\frac{4\pi \Sigma_R}{g_R^2}}_{\propto_R^2} \quad (3)$$

c) Determine the residue of this pole. Is it the same as in on-shell renormalisation?

d) Compute the variation of  $m_e$  with the scale  $\mu$  at one loop order. Interpret the result.

Note:

$$\int_0^1 dx \log(R^2 x - (1-x)x) = 2R^2 \log(R) - (R^2 - 1) \log(R^2 - 1) - 2 \quad (4)$$

$$\int_0^1 dx (1-x) \log(R^2 x - (1-x)x) = \frac{1}{2} (2R^4 \log(R) - R^2 - (R^4 - 1) \log(R^2 - 1) - 2) \quad (5)$$

a)

$$\Sigma_R = \Sigma^{\text{1loop}} + \Sigma^{\text{1s}} + O(\alpha^2)$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \bullet \Sigma^{\text{1loop}} &= -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} \not{p} - 2m_R \right) \left[ \cancel{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} + \log \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{p^2} \right) - \gamma_E \right] - \frac{1}{2} \not{p} + m_R - \int_0^1 dx [\not{p}(1-x) - 2m_R] \log \left( -x(1-x) + x \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \right) \right\} \\ \bullet \Sigma^{\text{1s}} &= -\left( \cancel{\delta_\psi^{(1)}} \not{p} - (\delta_m^{(1)} + \delta_\psi^{(1)}) m_R \right) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + C \right) \not{p} - \left[ \frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + C \right) + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + C \right) \right] m_R = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \cancel{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} + C \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \not{p} - 2m_R \right\} \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_R &= -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} \not{p} - 2m_R \right) \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{p^2} \right)}_{\left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \log(4\pi) \right)} - \gamma_E \right] - \frac{1}{2} \not{p} + m_R - \int_0^1 dx [\not{p}(1-x) - 2m_R] \underbrace{\log \left( -x(1-x) + x \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \right)}_{\equiv \log(l)} \right\} = \\ &= -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} \not{p} - 2m_R \right) \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{p^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \not{p} + m_R - \int_0^1 dx \not{p}(1-x) \log(l) + \int_0^1 dx 2m_R \log(l) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \bullet \text{From (4):} \quad & -\int_0^1 dx \not{p}(1-x) \log(l) = -\frac{\not{p}}{2} \left\{ 2 \frac{m_R^4}{p^4} \log \left( \frac{m_R}{p} \right) - \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - \left( \frac{m_R^4}{p^4} - 1 \right) \log \left( \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - 1 \right) - 2 \right\} \\ \bullet \text{From (5):} \quad & \int_0^1 dx 2m_R \log(l) = 2m_R \left\{ 2 \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \log \left( \frac{m_R}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - 1 \right) \log \left( \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - 1 \right) - 2 \right\} \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \Sigma_R = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{p}{2} \left( \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{p^2}\right) - 1 - 2 \frac{m_R^4}{p^4} \log\left(\frac{m_R}{p}\right) + \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} + \left(\frac{m_R^4}{p^4} - 1\right) \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - p^2}{p^2} - 1\right) + 2 \right) - \right. \right. \\
\left. \left. - 2m_R \left( \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{p^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} - 2 \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \log\left(\frac{m_R}{p}\right) + \left(\frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - 1\right) \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - p^2}{p^2} - 1\right) + 2 \right) \right\} = \right. \\
= -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{p}{2} \left( \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - p^2}\right) + 1 + \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} + \frac{m_R^4}{p^4} \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - p^2}{p^2} / \frac{m_R^2}{p^2}\right) - \right. \right. \\
\left. \left. - 2m_R \left( \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - p^2}\right) + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - p^2}{p^2} / \frac{m_R^2}{p^2}\right) \right) \right\} = \right. \\
\left. = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - p^2}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [p - 6m_R] + \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} p + \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - p^2}{m_R^2}\right) \left[ p \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} - 4m_R \right] \frac{m_R^2}{p^2} \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$p = m_e + \alpha \dots = m_e + \alpha \delta + \alpha \dots$$

$$m_e - m_R = -\alpha_R \delta_m = \Sigma_R \rightarrow \delta_m = -\frac{\Sigma_R}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \dots \right\}, \text{ so let's expand } \Sigma_R \text{ to order } \alpha, \text{ which means } \delta_m \text{ to 0th order:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \Sigma_R \right]_{p^2 = m_R^2} &= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - m_e^2}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [p - 6m_R] + \frac{m_R^2}{m_e^2} p + \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 - m_e^2}{m_R^2}\right) \left[ p \frac{m_R^2}{m_e^2} - 4m_R \right] \frac{m_R^2}{m_e^2} \right\} = \\
&= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\cancel{p^2} - 2\Sigma_R}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [p - 6m_R] + \frac{m_R^2}{(m_R + \cancel{\Sigma_R})^2} p + \log\left(\frac{\cancel{p^2} - 2\Sigma_R}{m_R^2}\right) \left[ p \frac{m_R^2}{(m_R + \cancel{\Sigma_R})^2} - 4m_R \right] \frac{m_R^2}{(m_R + \cancel{\Sigma_R})^2} \right\} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \Sigma_R = 0 \\ \text{Expand order 0} \end{array} \right) \\
&= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\cancel{p^2} - 2\Sigma_R}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [p - 6m_R] + p + \log\left(\frac{\cancel{p^2} - 2\Sigma_R}{m_R^2}\right) [p - 4m_R] \right\} = \\
&= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [2p - 6m_R] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_m = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) [p - 4m_R] + [2p - 6m_R] \right\}$$

c)

$$(\Sigma_R = A p + B m_R)$$

$$\frac{i}{p - m_e} = \frac{i}{p - m_R + \alpha \delta_m} = \frac{i}{p - m_R - \Sigma_R} = \frac{i}{p - m_R + (A p + B m_R)} = \frac{i}{(A+1)p + (B-1)m_R}$$

Where from  $\Sigma_R$ , we got that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bullet A &= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2}\right) + 2 \right\} \\
\bullet B &= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ -4 \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) - 6 \right\}
\end{aligned}
\quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{ which are both of order } \alpha$$

so, in order to have a pole for  $p$  again, we divide by  $A+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{i}{p - m_e} &= \frac{1}{A+1} \frac{i}{p + \frac{B-1}{A+1} m_R} \stackrel{\text{Same Taylor exp } O(\alpha^2)}{=} \frac{i}{A+1} \left( \frac{1}{p - m_R} - \frac{(A+B)m_R}{(p - m_R)^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Same Taylor exp } O(\alpha^2)}{=} \frac{1}{A+1} \frac{i}{p - (1-A-B)m_R} = \frac{1}{A+1} \frac{i}{p - m_e} \\
&\quad \left( \underbrace{m_R + \Sigma_R}_{m_e} + \underbrace{(p - m_R) A}_{\Sigma_R} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{When we do the limit } p \rightarrow m_e: \\ (A+1)p + (B-1)m_R = 0 \\ (A+1) \frac{m_e^2}{p^2} - (B-1) \frac{m_R^2}{m_R^2} = 0 \\ (1+2A)(m_R^2 + 2\Sigma_R m_R) - (1-2B)m_R^2 = 0 \\ \text{Which for order } O(\alpha^2): \\ 2A m_R^2 + 2\Sigma_R m_R + 2B m_R^2 = 0 \\ (A+B)m_R + \Sigma_R = 0 \\ (-A-B)m_R = \Sigma_R \end{array} \right)$$

And the Residue will be:

$$\boxed{Res_{\overline{MS}} = \lim_{p \rightarrow m_e} (p - m_e) \frac{i}{p - m_e} = \frac{i}{A+1} \lim_{p \rightarrow m_e} \frac{p - m_e}{p - m_e} = \frac{i}{A+1}}$$

On-shell renormalization:

$$\boxed{Res_{on-shell} = \lim_{p \rightarrow m_e} (p - m_e) \frac{i}{p - m_R - \Sigma_R} = i \lim_{p \rightarrow m_e} \frac{p - m_e}{p - m_e} = i}$$

It is not the same unless  $A=0$

d)

$$\frac{dm_e}{d\mu} = \frac{d(m_R - \alpha \delta_m)}{d\mu} = \frac{dm_R}{d\mu} - \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} \delta_m - \alpha \frac{d\delta_m^{(0)}}{d\mu}$$

Because we already have an alpha and we are at one loop computation:  
 $\delta_m^{(0)} = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} m_R$

And remembering:  $\beta = \frac{dg_r(\mu)}{d \log \mu}$   $\delta_m = \frac{-d \log(m_R)}{d \log \mu}$

$$\bullet \frac{dm_R}{d\mu} = \frac{m_R}{\mu} \frac{d \log(m_R)}{d \log(\mu)} = -\frac{m_R}{\mu} \delta_m$$

$$\bullet \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} = \frac{g_r}{2\pi} \frac{dg_r}{d\mu} = \frac{g_r}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dg_r}{d \log \mu} = \frac{g_r}{2\pi} \frac{\beta}{\mu} \quad \left( \frac{d(\log(\mu^2) - 2 \log(m_R))}{d \log \mu} = \frac{2}{\mu} - 2 \frac{\delta_m}{\mu} \right)$$

$$\bullet \frac{d\delta_m^{(0)}}{d\mu} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} \frac{dm_R}{d\mu} + \frac{d \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right)}{d \log \mu} m_R =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} \left( -\frac{m_R}{\mu} \delta_m \right) + \left( \frac{2}{\mu} - 2 \frac{\delta_m}{\mu} \right) m_R$$

$$\frac{dm_e}{d\mu} = -\frac{m_R}{\mu} \delta_m + \frac{g_r \beta}{2\pi \mu} \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} m_R + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} \left( -\frac{m_R}{\mu} \delta_m \right) + \frac{2m_R}{\mu} - 2 \frac{\delta_m m_R}{\mu}$$

$$= \frac{m_R}{\mu} (2 - 3\delta_m) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2}\right) 3 - 4 \right\} \frac{m_R}{\mu} \left( \frac{g_r \beta}{2\pi} - \alpha \delta_m \right)$$

I can't make it work, but it should give 0, because  $m_e$  is physical and should not depend on  $\mu$ :

$$\frac{dm_e}{d\mu} = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\frac{dm_R}{d\mu} = \frac{d\alpha \delta_m}{d\mu}} = \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} \delta_m + \alpha \frac{d\delta_m}{d\mu}$$

so the  $m_R$  changes with  $\mu$  in function as  $\Sigma$  changes with it.