

Homework 5

Consider the theory with Lagrangian density:

$$\bullet \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \quad \begin{cases} A_\mu & \text{Abelian gauge} \\ \phi & \text{Complex scalar} \end{cases}$$

If we now substitute  $D_\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu + ie A_\mu) \phi$ , we get:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_0 = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{free } A_\mu} + \underbrace{(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi)}_{\text{free } \phi} - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \\ \mathcal{L}_i = \underbrace{-ie A^\mu [\phi^\dagger (\partial_\mu \phi) - (\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger) \phi]}_{\text{interaction}} + \underbrace{e^2 A_\mu A^\mu \phi^\dagger \phi}_{\text{interaction}} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_i}$$

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Let's first introduce the renormalized fields, mass and charge:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet A_{r\mu} &= \frac{A_\mu}{\sqrt{Z_A}} \longleftrightarrow \text{the previous propagator } \frac{-i Z_A g^{\mu\nu}}{q^2} \text{ becomes } \frac{-i g^{\mu\nu}}{q^2} \checkmark \\ \bullet \phi_r &= \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{Z_\phi}} \longleftrightarrow \text{the previous propagator } \frac{i Z_\phi}{p^2 - m^2} \text{ becomes } \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} \checkmark \\ \bullet e &= \frac{e_0}{Z_e} \\ \bullet m &= \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{Z_m}} \end{aligned}$$

Which makes our Lagrangian:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{Z_A}{4} F_{r\mu\nu} F_r^{\mu\nu} + Z_\phi [(D_\mu \phi_r)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi_r) - Z_m m^2 \phi_r^\dagger \phi_r] \\ \mathcal{L}_i = -i Z_e \sqrt{Z_A} Z_\phi e A_r^\mu [\phi_r^\dagger (\partial_\mu \phi_r) - (\partial_\mu \phi_r^\dagger) \phi_r] + Z_e^2 Z_A Z_\phi e^2 A_r^\mu A_{r\mu} \phi_r^\dagger \phi_r \end{cases}$$

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Which, if we write the renormalized fields without suffix  $\phi, A_\mu \rightarrow \phi, A_\mu$ , and we split it into the physical Lagrangian and their counterterm:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_i + \mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{i.c.t.}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (\partial_\mu \phi)^* (\partial^\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^* \phi \\ \mathcal{L}_i &= -ie A^\mu [\phi^* (\partial_\mu \phi) - (\partial_\mu \phi^*) \phi] + e^2 A_\mu A^\mu \phi^* \phi \end{aligned} \right\} \text{physical } \mathcal{L}'$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{c.t.}} &= -\frac{\delta_1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \delta_2 (\partial_\mu \phi)^* (\partial^\mu \phi) - \delta_3 m^2 \phi^* \phi \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{i.c.t.}} &= -\delta_4 ie A^\mu [\phi^* (\partial_\mu \phi) - (\partial_\mu \phi^*) \phi] + \delta_5 e^2 A_\mu A^\mu \phi^* \phi \end{aligned} \right\} \text{counterterms } \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}$$

where:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= z_A - 1 \equiv \delta_A \\ \delta_2 &= z_\phi - 1 \equiv \delta_\phi \\ \delta_3 &= z_\phi z_m - 1 \equiv \delta_m \\ \delta_4 &= z_e \sqrt{z_A} z_\phi - 1 \equiv \delta_\gamma \\ \delta_5 &= z_e^2 z_A z_\phi - 1 \equiv \delta_X \end{aligned} \right\} \left( \begin{array}{l} 4 \text{ "d.o.f."} \\ z_A = \frac{A_{\mu 0}^2}{A_{\mu r}^2}, \quad z_\phi = \frac{\phi_0^2}{\phi_r^2} \\ z_e = \frac{e_0}{e}, \quad z_m = \frac{m_0^2}{m^2} \end{array} \right)$$

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Physical part

$$\phi \xrightarrow{p} = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}$$

$$A^\mu \text{ wavy } q^\nu = \frac{-i g^{\mu\nu}}{q^2}$$

$$\text{Vertex } = -ie(p_\mu^1 + p_\mu^2)$$

$$\text{Box } = 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu}$$

Counterterm part

$$\text{Self-energy } = i(\delta_\phi p^2 - \delta_m m^2)$$

$$\text{Wavefunction renorm } = -i\delta_A(g^{\mu\nu} q^2 - q^\mu q^\nu)$$

$$\text{Vertex renorm } = -i\delta_\gamma(p_\mu^1 + p_\mu^2)$$

$$\text{Box renorm } = 2i\delta_X(p_\mu^1 + p_\mu^2)$$

But from gauge invariance we see that the covariant derivatives must remain the same, for the new parameters/fields, so:

$$e_0 A_{\mu} = e A_{\mu} \quad ; \quad z e \cancel{e} \sqrt{z} A_{\mu} = \cancel{e} A_{\mu} \rightarrow \boxed{ze\sqrt{z} = 1}$$

Which looking back makes every thing much easier, because:

$$\begin{cases} \delta_A = z_A^{-1} = \underline{\delta_A} \\ \delta_\phi = z_\phi^{-1} = \underline{\delta_\phi} \\ \delta_m = z_\phi z_m^{-1} = \underline{\delta_m} \\ \delta_4 = \cancel{ze\sqrt{z}} z_\phi^{-1} = z_\phi^{-1} = \delta_A = \underline{\delta_\phi} \\ \delta_5 = \cancel{ze^2 \cancel{z}} z_\phi^{-1} = z_\phi^{-1} = \delta_A = \underline{\delta_\phi} \end{cases}$$

so the Lagrangian ends with 3 "dof":  $\delta_A, \delta_\phi, \delta_m$  or  $z_A, z_\phi, z_m$ .

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The relevant diagrams will be:

(At higher order this propagators would be multiplied by  $z_i = 1 + \delta_i^0$  but  $\delta_i \propto e^2$ )



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$$\textcircled{1} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \Big|_{d=4}$$

$$\textcircled{2} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} (-ie(p+k)^\mu) \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2} \frac{i}{(k+p)^2 - m^2} (-ie(p+k)^\nu) \Big|_{d=4}$$

$$\textcircled{3} = -i \delta_A (g^{\mu\nu} q^2 - q^\mu q^\nu)$$

$$\boxed{i\Pi_2^{\mu\nu}(q) = \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}}$$

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Let's start computing them then:

$(d=4-\epsilon)$   
 $(\Gamma(-1) \text{ divergence})$

$$\textcircled{1} = -2e^2 g^{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} \right)_{d=4} = \frac{i2e^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \left( \frac{1}{m^2} \right)^{1-d/2} \Gamma(1-d/2) \Big|_{d=4} \approx \frac{i2e^2 g^{\mu\nu} m^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$$\textcircled{2} = e^2 \left( \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{(p+k)^\mu (p+k)^\nu}{(k^2 - m^2)((p+k)^2 - m^2)} \right)_{d=4} = \left( \frac{ie^2 p^\mu p^\nu}{24\pi^2} - \frac{ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} p^2}{6\pi^2} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

So then the full one-loop contribution will be (on-shell):

$$\Pi_z^{\mu\nu}(p^2=m^2) = \underbrace{\left( \frac{2e^2 g^{\mu\nu} m^2}{16\pi^2} - \frac{e^2 g^{\mu\nu} m^2}{6\pi^2} + \frac{e^2 p^\mu p^\nu}{24\pi^2} \right)}_{\textcircled{1}} \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \underbrace{\delta_A (g^{\mu\nu} m^2 - p^\mu p^\nu)}_{\textcircled{2}} =$$

$$- \frac{e^2 g^{\mu\nu} m^2}{24\pi^2}$$

$$= -\frac{e^2}{24\pi^2 \epsilon} (g^{\mu\nu} m^2 - p^\mu p^\nu) - \delta_A (g^{\mu\nu} m^2 - p^\mu p^\nu) =$$

$$= -\left( \frac{e^2}{24\pi^2 \epsilon} + \delta_A \right) (g^{\mu\nu} m^2 - p^\mu p^\nu)$$

$$\Pi(p^2)$$

Which with the renormalization condition  $\Pi_z^{\mu\nu}(p^2=m^2)=0$ , gives:  $\delta_A = -\frac{e^2}{24\pi^2 \epsilon}$

Lastly, we are asked to check the Wards identity:

$$q_\mu \Pi_z^{\mu\nu}(q) = \Pi(q^2) q_\mu (g^{\mu\nu} m^2 - q^\mu q^\nu) = \Pi(q^2) (q^\nu m^2 - \cancel{q^\nu q^\nu}^{m^2}) =$$

$$= \Pi(q^2) (q^\nu m^2 - q^\nu m^2) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$