

SHORT HW 4: Leptonic Electroweak Theory

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Note that this short assignment is due in class on Thursday. You have only *two days* to do it. This should be quick, I recommend doing it right after class on Tuesday.

1 Rules of the theory

You may find previous homework assignments useful. In this problem you will motivate the rules of the unbroken leptonic electroweak theory for a single generation¹. Your symmetries are as follows:

1. Spacetime symmetry: translations in spacetime and Lorentz.
2. U(1) hypercharge, gauged.
3. SU(2) weak, gauged.

Your particle content is:

1. Hypercharge gauge boson, B_μ , required by the gauged hypercharge symmetry. It is spin-1 with no other charges.
2. Electroweak gauge boson, W_μ^A , required by the gauged weak symmetry. It is spin-1 with triplet (adjoint) SU(2) weak charge, $A = 1, 2, 3$.
3. A lepton doublet, $L^{a\alpha}$. This is a spin-1/2 fermion that has hypercharge $Y = -1/2$ and is in the doublet (fundamental) representation of SU(2) weak. The two components have special names, $L^1 = \nu_L$ and $L^2 = e_L$.
4. A left-handed positron, \bar{E}^α that has hypercharge $Y = +1$ and carries no SU(2) weak charge. You can think of \bar{E} as the anti-particle to $(\bar{E})^\dagger = e_R$, a right-handed electron.
5. A Higgs doublet, H^a , that has hypercharge $Y = +1/2$ and is in the doublet (fundamental) representation of SU(2) weak. For now we can refer to the components as H^1 and H^2 .

Write out all of the allowed three-particle Feynman rules for this theory in terms of B_μ , W_μ^A , $L^{a\alpha}$, \bar{E}^α , and H^a .

Extra credit: write out the allowed three-particle Feynman rules in terms of B_μ , W_μ^\pm , W^3 , ν_L , e_L , e_R , and $H^{1,2}$.

Extra credit: What combination of quantum numbers (charges) in this theory seems to give the correct electric charge ‘in real life?’

¹The words ‘unbroken’ and the reference to ‘single generation’ are hints that we’re going to make things more complicated in the near future.