

must be gauge independent in lowest order, could have any sign at  $g=0$ . We have calculated  $Z_1$  and  $Z_3$  for the above Lagrangian, and we find that<sup>12</sup>

$$\beta_V = -(g^3/16\pi^2)\frac{11}{3}C_2(G) + O(g^5), \quad (8)$$

where  $C_2(G)$  is the quadratic Casimir operator of the adjoint representation of the group  $G$ :  $\sum_{b,c} C_{abc} \times C_{abc} = C_2(G) \delta_{ad}$  [e.g.,  $C_2(\text{SU}(N)) = N$ ]. The solution of (3) is then  $\bar{g}^2(t) = g^2/(1 - 2\beta_V g^{-1}t)$ , and  $\bar{g} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  as long as the physical coupling constant  $g$  is in the domain of attraction of the origin.<sup>13</sup>