

Final Project - Radiation of Gluon Jets

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For this project I ignore the masses of quarks and electron whereas I assume that gluons do have a small non-zero mass μ and in the end of calculation it will be taken to zero.

The diagram cotributing to $e^-e^+ \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ is at the end of this report (to save time I did it by hand). This is the only one contributing since we do take into consideration only the one particle irreducible diagrams (in contrast to the diagrams that a gluon-quark loop appears at each of the final state external legs). For this diagram the matrix element is given below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\mathcal{M}_{g,loop} &= Q_f \bar{u}(p') \left[\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} (-ig\gamma_\rho T^\alpha) \frac{i}{\not{k}' + i\epsilon} (-ie\gamma_\nu) \frac{i}{\not{k} + i\epsilon} (-ig\gamma_\sigma T^\beta) \frac{-ig^{\rho\sigma}\delta^{\alpha\beta}}{(p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon} \right] v(p) \times \\
 &\times \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{q^2} \bar{v}(q_2) (-ie\gamma_\mu) u(q_1) = \\
 &= -ig^2 Q_f \text{tr}(T^\alpha T^\alpha) \bar{u}(p') \left[\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \gamma_\rho \frac{1}{\not{k}' + i\epsilon} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{\not{k} + i\epsilon} \gamma^\rho \frac{1}{(p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon} \right] v(p) \times \\
 &\times \bar{v}(q_2) \left[(-ie)^2 \gamma_\nu \frac{-i}{q^2} \right] u(q_1) = \\
 &= -ig^2 \bar{u}(p') \left[\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\gamma_\rho \not{k}' \gamma^\nu \not{k} \gamma^\rho}{(k'^2 + i\epsilon)(k^2 + i\epsilon)((p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon)} \right] v(p) \times i\mathcal{M}_{lep\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$i\mathcal{M}_{lep\nu} = \bar{v}(q_2) \left[(-ie)^2 Q_f \gamma_\nu \frac{-i}{q^2} \right] u(q_1)$$

and the one loop correction to the quark-gluon vertex is given by the other part, i.e.:

$$\bar{u}(p') \delta\Gamma^\nu v(p) = -ig^2 \bar{u}(p') \left[\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\gamma_\rho \not{k}' \gamma^\nu \not{k} \gamma^\rho}{(k'^2 + i\epsilon)(k^2 + i\epsilon)((p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon)} \right] v(p)$$

with $\Gamma^\nu = \gamma^\nu + \delta\Gamma^\nu$

In order to work out the loop momentum integral the method of Feynman parameters has to be introduced which simply combines the three propagators

into a single quadratic polynomial in k , (for our case) raised in the third power. Working only the denominator part we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(k'^2 + i\epsilon)(k^2 + i\epsilon)((p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon)} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2!}{[y((p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon) + x(k^2 + i\epsilon) + z(k'^2 + i\epsilon)]^3} \end{aligned}$$

Having in mind that $k' = k + q$ and that $x + y + z = 1$ we have that

$$\int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2!}{[y(p-k)^2 - y\mu^2 + xk^2 + z(q-k)^2 + i\epsilon]^3}$$

and having in mind that quarks are considered to be massless i.e. $p^2 = p'^2 = 0$, I obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[k^2 - 2k \cdot (yp - zq) - y\mu^2 + zq^2 + i\epsilon]^3} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[(k - (yp - zq))^2 - (yp - zq)^2 - y\mu^2 + zq^2 + i\epsilon]^3} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[l^2 + zq^2(1-z) + 2yzp \cdot q - y\mu^2 + i\epsilon]^3} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[l^2 + zq^2(1-z) + yz(p+q)^2 - yzq^2 - y\mu^2 + i\epsilon]^3} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[l^2 + zq^2(1-z) + yzp'^2 - yzq^2 - y\mu^2 + i\epsilon]^3} = \\ & = \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{2}{[l^2 + zxq^2 - y\mu^2 + i\epsilon]^3} \end{aligned}$$

thus the denominator can be written as $D = l^2 - \Delta + i\epsilon$ with $\Delta = -zxq^2 + y\mu^2$. Now the numerator:

$$\begin{aligned} N^\nu &= \bar{u}(p') \left[\gamma_\rho \not{k}' \gamma^\nu \not{k} \gamma^\rho \right] v(p) = \\ &= (-2) \bar{u}(p') \left[\not{k} \gamma^\nu \not{k}' \right] v(p) = (-2) \bar{u}(p') \left[\not{k} \gamma^\nu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \right] v(p) \end{aligned}$$

but $k = l - zq - yp$, leading to:

$$N^\nu = (-2) \bar{u}(p') \left[(\not{l} - z\not{q} + y\not{p}) \gamma^\nu (\not{q} + \not{l} - z\not{q} + y\not{p}) \right] v(p)$$

once again the fact that quarks are massless implies that: $\bar{u}(p') \not{p}' = 0$ and $\not{p} u(p) = 0$. Now the goal is to bring it into a form similar to the Gordon Identity, so:

$$\begin{aligned}
N^\nu &= (-2)\bar{u}(p') \left[(l\gamma^\nu \not{l} + (y\not{p} - z\not{q})\gamma^\nu((1-z)\not{q} + y\not{p})) \right] v(p) = \\
&= (-2)\bar{u}(p') \left[\frac{-l^2}{2}\gamma^\nu + y\not{p}\gamma_\nu(1-z)\not{q} - z\not{q}\gamma^\nu(1-z)\not{q} \right] v(p) = \\
&= (-2)\bar{u}(p') \left[\frac{-l^2}{2}\gamma^\nu - y(\not{p}' - \not{p})\gamma_\nu(1-z)\not{q} - z\not{q}\gamma^\nu(1-z)\not{q} \right] v(p) = \\
&= (-2)\bar{u}(p') \left[\frac{-l^2}{2}\gamma^\nu - (y+z)(1-z)\not{q}\gamma^\nu\not{q} \right] v(p) = \\
&= (2)\bar{u}(p') \left[\frac{l^2}{2}\gamma^\nu - (y+z)(1-z)q^2\gamma^\nu \right] v(p)
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used properties of the gamma matrices such as $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}$ and that $\not{q}\not{q} = q^2$.

The Gordon identity enables us to write the vertex in terms of the form factors $F_1(q^2)$ and $F_2(q^2)$ but as it can be seen here, $\delta\Gamma^\nu$ is only dependent in γ^ν concluding that I already have in hand the form factor $\delta F_1(q^2)$. Concretely:

$$\bar{u}(p')\delta\Gamma^\nu v(p) = (-4ig^2)\bar{u}(p') \left[\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \int dxdydz\delta(x+y+z-1) \frac{\frac{l^2}{2} - (y+z)(1-z)q^2}{D^3} \gamma^\nu \right] v(p)$$

Now in order to perform the momentum integral we are going to do a Wick rotation. This consists of a counter-clockwise rotation in the l^0 plane such that we avoid the poles that appear. The Euclidian variables are defined as: $l^0 = il_E^0$ and $\vec{l}_E = \vec{l}$. After the rotation, the k integral will be performed in the four dimensional spherical coordinates. I will avoid restating the formulas of the integrals but I will mention the ones that apply in our case:

$$\int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[l^2 - \Delta]^n} = \frac{i(-1)^n}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{n-2}}$$

and

$$\int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{l^2}{[l^2 - \Delta]^n} = \frac{i(-1)^{n-1}}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{n-3}}$$

It can be seen that the second integral for this case ($n = 3$) is divergent. In order to address this issue, the Pauli-Villars regularization will be employed. This consists in introducing a fictitious, heavy, particle whose contribution is subtracted from that of the gluon. This results in a substitution in the gluon propagator:

$$\frac{1}{(p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(p-k)^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{(p-k)^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Thus:

$$\int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\frac{l^2}{[l^2 - \Delta]^3} - \frac{l^2}{[l^2 - \Delta_\Lambda]^3} \right) = \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{\Delta_\Lambda}{\Delta}\right)$$

where $\Delta_\Lambda = -zxq^2 + y\Lambda^2$, and for $\Lambda \gg$ we have

$$\approx \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{y\Lambda^2}{\Delta}\right)$$

As indicated by the exercise, the renormalisation will be realised by subtraction at $q^2 = 0$ where the following substitution will be made:
 $\delta F_1(q^2) \rightarrow \delta F_1(q^2) - \delta F_1(0)$ such that the condition $F_1(q^2) = 1$ is fulfilled. For the integral that is divergent the subtraction yields the following term:

$$\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \left[\log\left(\frac{y\Lambda^2}{\Delta}\right) - \log\left(\frac{y\Lambda^2}{y\mu^2}\right) \right] = \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{y\mu^2}{\Delta}\right)$$

and the non divergent integral is:

$$\int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[l^2 - \Delta]^3} = \frac{-i}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{2\Delta}$$

To sum up:

$$\begin{aligned} i\mathcal{M}_{g.loop} &= \frac{2g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \bar{u}(p') \left[\int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \left(\log\left(\frac{y\mu^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{(1-x)(1-z)q^2}{\Delta} \right) \gamma^\nu \right] v(p) i\mathcal{M}_{\nu lep} = \\ &= \frac{\alpha_g}{(2\pi)} \bar{u}(p') \left[\int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \left(\log\left(\frac{y\mu^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{(1-x)(1-z)q^2}{\Delta} \right) \gamma^\nu \right] v(p) i\mathcal{M}_{\nu lep} \end{aligned}$$

leading to the form factor that includes the zero order corrections:

$$F_1(q^2) = \left[Q_f + \frac{\alpha_g Q_f}{(2\pi)} \int dx dy dz \delta(x+y+z-1) \left(\log\left(\frac{y\mu^2}{\Delta}\right) + \frac{(1-x)(1-z)q^2}{\Delta} \right) \right]$$

satisfying $F_1(q^2) = 0$. Therefore the cross section for the production of $q\bar{q}$ can be written as:

$$\sigma(e^- e^+ \rightarrow q\bar{q}) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} \cdot 3 |F_1(q^2)|^2$$

with $F_1(q^2)$ containing the first order quark gluon corrections.