

$$V_{CKM} = U_u^\dagger U_d = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Not every CKM matrix element is independent.

Constraints: unitary, global phase invariance of the quark fields

2 generation case

unitary $\rightarrow V = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_c e^{i\alpha} & \sin \theta_c e^{i\beta} \\ -\sin \theta_c e^{i(\alpha+\gamma)} & \cos \theta_c e^{i(\beta+\gamma)} \end{pmatrix}$

Terms in the Lagrangian are invariant under $U(1)$ global transformation of any quark field, $q_L^i \mapsto e^{i\alpha^i} q_L^i$

● 4 fields \Rightarrow can perform 3 such transforms to eliminate α, β , and γ .

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_c & \sin \theta_c \\ -\sin \theta_c & \cos \theta_c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } \theta_c \text{ is the Cabibbo angle } \approx 0.22$$

Then weak charged current is

$$J^{\mu,+} = \cos \theta_c \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L + \sin \theta_c \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu s_L - \sin \theta_c \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu d_L + \cos \theta_c \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu s_L$$

3 generation case

9 independent parameters $\xrightarrow{\text{unitary}}$ 3 angles and 6 phases

\downarrow 6 quark fields, eliminate 5 phases

3 angles and 1 phase

(4 free parameters in total)

● $\lambda \equiv V_{us} \approx \sin \theta_c \approx 0.22 \ll 1$

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(1-i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1+\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{not exact}$$

The fact that V_{CKM} has a phase means that the Yukawa matrices λ^i cannot be real. Therefore the Standard Model Lagrangian violates CP.

5.4 Neutrino oscillations and mass

We now know that mass eigenstates & weak eigenstates for neutrinos are not equivalent. The analogous mixing matrix is U_{PMNS} . If neutrinos are Dirac fermions (like quarks), there are 3 angles and 1 phase (CP violation in general).

If neutrinos are Majorana fermions, 3 angles + 3 phases
be no longer independent anti-particle field (CP violation in general)

Dirac fermions: $N^i = \bar{\nu}_R^i = (\bar{\nu}_{eR}, \bar{\nu}_{\mu R}, \bar{\nu}_{\tau R})$

Must modify $\mathcal{L}_{\text{lep}, \phi} = -\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{ij}^U \bar{L}^i \phi R^j + \lambda_{ij}^D \bar{L}^i \phi^c N^j + \text{h.c.})$

Exactly like for quarks, Neutrinos get mass because

$$- \sum_i M_{ij}^i (\bar{\nu}_R^i \nu_L^i + \bar{\nu}_L^i \nu_R^i)$$

Majorana fermions:

Neutrinos are electrically neutral, could be its own antiparticle

$$d^S(p) = b^S(p)$$

Take the C-parity = 1 (w.l.o.g.)

$$\nu_R(x) = \nu_L^c(x) = C \bar{\nu}_L^T(x) \quad \leftarrow \begin{matrix} C \bar{\nu}^T = \\ \text{(Here } \nu^c(x) = \gamma^0 C (C^{-1} \nu(x)) = \nu(x)) \end{matrix}$$

\Rightarrow RH neutrino field not independent, it's charge conj. of LH field.

$$\text{Mass term: } -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i M_{ij}^i (\bar{\nu}_L^{ic} \nu_L^i + \bar{\nu}_L^i \nu_L^{ic})$$

To arise from a Higgs VEV, we need a term

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\phi M} = -\frac{Y_{ij}}{M} (L^{iT} \phi^c) C (\phi^{cT} L^j) + \text{h.c.}$$

This dim 5 op. is non-renormalisable. This is OK as long as we think of SM as effective field theory at energy scale \ll scale of "new physics"

Summary of EIV theory

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}, \phi}$ - masses for W^\pm , Z and Higgs. W^\pm , Z - H interactions and H-H interactions

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lept}, \phi}$ - lepton masses, lepton - H interactions

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lept}}^{\text{EW}}$ - lepton - W^\pm , Z , γ int (PMNS matrix: ν oscillations/mixing and probably CP)

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}, \phi}$ - quark masses, quarks - H int.

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}}^{\text{EW}}$ - quark int. with W^\pm , Z , γ

(CKM matrix: quark flavour mixing & CP violation)

6. Weak Decays6.1. Effective Lagrangian

We'll consider some processes where energies, momenta $\ll M_W, M_Z$, so we can use an effective field theory (Fermi weak Lagrangian)

The weak interaction part of the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}_W = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} (J^\mu W_\mu^+ + J^{\mu\dagger} W_\mu^-) \leftarrow \text{charged current} \\ + \frac{g}{2\cos\theta_W} J_n^\mu Z_\mu \leftarrow \text{neutral current}$$

and the S-matrix is

$$S = T \exp[i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_W(x)]$$

For small g , can Taylor expand, and assuming no W^\pm , Z in initial/final states.

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = \langle f | T \left\{ 1 - \frac{g^2}{8} \int d^4x d^4x' \left[J^{\mu\dagger}(x) D_{\mu\nu}^W(x-x') J^\nu(x') \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta_W} J_n^{\mu\dagger}(x) D_{\mu\nu}^Z(x-x') J_n^\nu(x') \right] + O(g^4) \right\} | i \rangle$$

where we've used Wick's theorem and $D_{\mu\nu}^W(x-x') = \langle T W_\mu^-(x) W_\nu^+(x') \rangle$

(Feynman propagator) & same for Z