
Notes on Quantum Field Theory

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Chapter 1

Real Klein-Gordon Field Theory

In this note, we use the $(+, -, -, -)$ metric, where the inner product of two 4-momentum and 4-coordinate is

$$k \cdot x = \omega t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}. \quad (1.1)$$

In this chapter, we consider the real Klein-Gordon field. The free field Lagrangian density:

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \simeq -\frac{1}{2} \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi. \quad (1.2)$$

The action for free field with source is

$$S_0[\phi, J] = \int d^d x \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + J \cdot \phi \right). \quad (1.3)$$

The space-time Fourier transformation is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}(k) &= \int d^d x e^{ik \cdot x} \phi(x), \\ \phi(x) &= \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-ik \cdot x} \tilde{\phi}(k). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

The Lagrangian in momentum space is

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_0[\phi_k, J] = \tilde{\phi}(k)(k^2 - m^2)\tilde{\phi}(-k) + \tilde{J}(k) \cdot \tilde{\phi}(-k) + \tilde{\phi}(k) \cdot \tilde{J}(-k).$$

1.1 Quantization of Free Field

1.1.1 Path Integral Formalism

In the path integral formula,

$$Z_0[J] = \int D[\phi] \exp(iS_0[\phi, J]). \quad (1.5)$$

The partition function for free field:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{Z_0[J]}{Z_0[0]} &= \exp \left(-\frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\tilde{J}(k) \tilde{J}(-k)}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \exp \left(-\frac{i}{2} \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 J(x_1) \Delta_0(x_1 - x_2) J(x_2) \right).\end{aligned}$$

where the propagator is¹

$$\Delta_0(x_1 - x_2) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{-ik \cdot x}}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}. \quad (1.6)$$

Remark 1. Gaussian Integral for Real Scalar Field

The real Gaussian integral formula is

$$\int d\mathbf{v} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \cdot A \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{b}^T \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^N}{\det A}} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^T \cdot A^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b} \right), \quad (1.7)$$

where \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b} are two N -dimensional vector, and A is an $N \times N$ matrix. For the field integral, we absorbed the $(2\pi)^{N/2}$ term into the measure, and express the path integral for the Gaussian field as:

$$\begin{aligned}Z[J] &= \int D[\phi] \exp \left(\frac{i}{2} \int d^d x \phi \hat{A} \phi + i \int d^d x J \phi \right) \\ &= Z[0] \exp \left[-\frac{i}{2} \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 J(x_1) A^{-1}(x_1 - x_2) J(x_2) \right].\end{aligned}$$

We make use of (1.7) by making the identification

$$A = \bigoplus_{|k|} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k^2 - m^2 \\ k^2 - m^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \bigoplus_{|k|} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{J}(k) \\ \tilde{J}(-k) \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the propagator in the momentum space:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}.$$

Note that $\Delta_0(x_1 - x_2)$ is related to the correlation function:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle 0 | T \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) | 0 \rangle &= \frac{\delta}{i\delta J(x_1)} \frac{\delta}{i\delta J(x_2)} Z_0[J] \\ &= i\Delta(x_1 - x_2).\end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

For interaction theory, the partition function is

$$Z[J] = \exp \left(i \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \left[\frac{\delta}{i\delta J(x)} \right] \right) Z_0[J]. \quad (1.9)$$

¹The extra $i\epsilon$ term is use to bring the singularities infinitesimally below the real axis. This infinitesimal value can be absorbed into the mass term, by regarding the mass term m^2 as $m^2 - i\epsilon$.

The expectation values for a generic operator of the form $O(\phi)$ can be evaluated by the true partition function

$$\langle O(\phi) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z[0]} O \left[\frac{\delta}{i\delta J(x)} \right] Z[J] \Big|_{J=0}. \quad (1.10)$$

Remark 2. Connected Diagrams

The expression (1.10) can be expanded order by order using the Feynman diagram. Since the unconnected diagram can be absorbed into $Z[0]$, we only need to calculate the connected diagram.

The procedure of perturbative expansion with only connected diagrams can be formally represented by introducing the quantity

$$Z[J] = \exp(iW[J]). \quad (1.11)$$

The perturbative expansion of $W[J]$ contain only the connected diagrams. Eq. (1.10) can then be rephrased as

$$\langle O(\phi) \rangle = O \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta J(x)} \right] W[J] \Big|_{J=0}. \quad (1.12)$$

For example, the two-point connected correlation (propagator) is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{T} \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle_c &= \frac{1}{i} \frac{\delta^2 W[J]}{\delta J(x_1) \delta J(x_2)} \Big|_{J=0} \\ &= - \frac{\delta^2}{\delta J(x_1) \delta J(x_2)} \ln Z[J] \Big|_{J=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z[0]} \frac{\delta^2 Z[J]}{i\delta J(x_1) i\delta J(x_2)} \Big|_{J=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

1.1.2 Canonical Quantization

The classical equation of motion for the real Klein-Gordon field is

$$(-\partial_t^2 + \nabla^2 - m^2)\phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0. \quad (1.14)$$

The solution to Eq. (1.14) is proportional to the plane wave:

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) \propto e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t + i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} + e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t - i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}}, \quad (1.15)$$

where the energy is $\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{k}^2 + m^2$ and \vec{k} is the momentum as the conserved quantity. The general solution to the EOM is

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) \propto \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \left(a_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} + a_{\mathbf{k}}^* e^{i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}t - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \right). \quad (1.16)$$

The canonical quantization promote the coefficient a_k/a_k^* to the particle annihilation/creation operator a_k/a_k^\dagger , with the commutation relation

$$[a_k, a_p^\dagger] = (2\pi)^d \delta^d(\vec{k} - \vec{p}). \quad (1.17)$$

The single-particle state with momentum \vec{k} is created by a_k^\dagger operators acting on the vacuum:

$$a_k^\dagger |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} |\vec{k}\rangle, \quad (1.18)$$

where $|\vec{k}\rangle$ is a state with a single particle of momentum \vec{k} .

Remark 3. Lorentz Invariance of Single-particle State

The factor of $\sqrt{2\omega_k}$ in Eq. (1.18) is just a convention, but it will make some calculations easier. To compute the normalization of one-particle states, we start with

$$\langle 0|0\rangle = 1, \quad (1.19)$$

which leads to

$$\langle \vec{p}|\vec{k}\rangle = 2\sqrt{\omega_p\omega_k} \langle 0|a_p a_k^\dagger|0\rangle = 2\omega_p(2\pi)^d \delta^d(\vec{p} - \vec{k}). \quad (1.20)$$

The identity operator for one-particle states is

$$1 = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{2\omega_p} |\vec{p}\rangle \langle \vec{p}|, \quad (1.21)$$

which we can check with

$$|\vec{k}\rangle = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{2\omega_p} |\vec{p}\rangle \langle \vec{p}|\vec{k}\rangle = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{2\omega_p} 2\omega_p(2\pi)^d \delta^d(\vec{p} - \vec{k}) |\vec{p}\rangle = |\vec{k}\rangle.$$

The identity operator Eq. (1.21) is Lorentz invariant since it can be expressed as

$$1 = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} 2\pi \delta(\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 - m^2). \quad (1.22)$$

By requiring $\langle \vec{k}|\phi|0\rangle = 1$, the normalization Eq. (1.18) determines the normalization for the quantized field operator:

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} \left(a_k e^{-ik \cdot x} + a_k^\dagger e^{ik \cdot x} \right). \quad (1.23)$$

1.1.3 Scattering Amplitude

Consider the scattering process in the interaction picture,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f|e^{-iHt}|i\rangle &= \langle f|T \exp\left(-i \int dt V_{\text{int}}(t)\right)|i\rangle \\ &= \langle f|T \exp\left(i \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(t)\right)|i\rangle.\end{aligned}\tag{1.24}$$

The S-matrix is defined as

$$S = \mathcal{T} \exp\left(i \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(t)\right) = 1 + i\mathcal{T}.\tag{1.25}$$

Because of the additional momentum conservation,

$$\mathcal{T} = (2\pi)^d \delta^d\left(\sum p\right) \mathcal{M}.\tag{1.26}$$

1.2 ϕ^3 Theory in $(d = 6 - \epsilon)$ Space-time

Now consider the interaction theory with additional Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}[\phi] = \frac{g}{3!}\phi^3.\tag{1.27}$$

Note that the field ϕ has the mass dimension $[\frac{d-2}{2}]$. When $d = 6$, the coupling constant g is dimensionless. For interaction theory, the renormalized Lagrangian has the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= Z_\phi \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - Z_m \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + Z_g \frac{g}{3!} \phi^3 \\ &= \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}},\end{aligned}\tag{1.28}$$

where the counter terms are:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}[\phi] &= \frac{A}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{B}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \frac{C}{3!} g \phi^3 \\ &\simeq -\frac{A}{2} \phi \partial^2 \phi - \frac{B}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \frac{C}{3!} g \phi^3,\end{aligned}\tag{1.29}$$

where

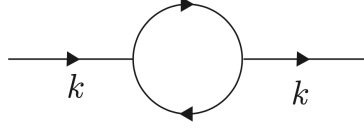
$$A = Z_\phi - 1, B = Z_m - 1, C = Z_g - 1.$$

The counter term for the the free field gives additional correction

$$\begin{aligned}i\tilde{\Delta}^{(\text{ct})}(k) &= i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k)(Ak^2 - Bm^2)i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) \\ &= \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \times \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ k \qquad k \end{array}.\end{aligned}\tag{1.30}$$

1.2.1 Self Energy Correction

To second order, we consider the one-loop correction to the propagator with the diagram:



This correspond to

$$i\tilde{\Delta}^{(2)}(k) = i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) [i\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2)] i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k), \quad (1.31)$$

where the self energy term to the second order $i\Pi^{(2)}(k)$ is defined as:

$$i\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) \equiv \frac{g^2}{2} \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \tilde{\Delta}_0(q) \tilde{\Delta}_0(k-q) + (Ak^2 - Bm^2). \quad (1.32)$$

Remark 4. Symmetry Factor

The coefficient $g^2/2$ comes from the symmetry factor in the diagram. We can also check the coefficient explicitly, by considering the expansion to the second order (we denote $\delta/\delta J(x_i)$ as δ_i):

$$\delta_1 \delta_2 \frac{1}{2!4!} \left[\frac{ig}{3!} \int d^d y \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta J(y)} \right)^3 \right]^2 \left[-\frac{i}{2} \int d^d y_1 d^d y_2 J(y_1) \Delta(y_1 - y_2) J(y_2) \right]^4.$$

The expansion gives the coefficient

$$\left(\frac{ig}{6} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2! \times 4! \times 2^4}.$$

Now consider the combinatorial factor, which comes from the exchange of $\phi(x_i)$ in the propagator, the exchange of $\phi(x_i)$ in the vertex, the exchange of propagator in the diagram, and the change of vertices in the diagram:

$$(2!)^4 \times (3!)^2 \times (4 \times 3) \times 2.$$

Those two factors produce a $-g^2/2$ coefficient. Note that in the self energy expression (1.31), we put a i factor in front of each propagator, which absorbs the minus sign.

Once we obtain the self energy, the one-loop corrected propagator has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} i\tilde{\Delta}(k) &= i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) + i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} i\Sigma(k^2) \right] i\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) \\ &= \frac{i}{\tilde{\Delta}_0^{-1}(k) - \Sigma(k^2)} \\ &= \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 - \Sigma(k^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.33)$$

Now we are going to evaluate the divergent integral in the self energy expression, using the Feynman parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{q^2 - m^2} \frac{1}{(k - q)^2 - m^2} \\ &= \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[q^2 - m^2 + x((q - k)^2 - q^2)]^2} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{[(q - kx)^2 - D]^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $D = m^2 - k^2 x(1 - x)$. Then we can shift $q \rightarrow q + kx$ leaving an integral that only depends on q^2 . In this way,

$$\Sigma(k^2) = \int_0^1 I(x) dx.$$

To evaluate the self-energy, it suffices to obtain the integral

$$I(x) = \frac{g^2}{2i} \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{[q^2 - D]^2}.$$

Remark 5. Feynman Parameters

We use Feynman's formula to combine denominators,

$$\frac{1}{A_1 \dots A_n} = \int dF_n (x_1 A_1 + \dots + x_n A_n)^{-n}, \quad (1.34)$$

where the integration measure over the Feynman parameters x_i is

$$\int dF_n = (n - 1)! \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots dx_n \delta(x_1 + \dots + x_n - 1). \quad (1.35)$$

This measure is normalized so that $\int dF_n = 1$. The simplest case is

$$\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{[A + (B - A)x]^2} = \int_0^1 \frac{\delta(x + y - 1)}{[xA + yB]^2} dx dy. \quad (1.36)$$

Other useful identities are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{AB^n} &= \int_0^1 dx dy \frac{\delta(x + y - 1) n y^{n-1}}{[xA + yB]^{n+1}}, \\ \frac{1}{ABC} &= \int_0^1 dx dy dz \frac{2\delta(x + y + z - 1)}{[xA + yB + zC]^3}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.37)$$

By making the Wick rotation $q^0 \rightarrow iq_E^0$, the integral becomes:²

$$I(x) = \frac{g}{2} \int \frac{d^d q_E}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(q_E^2 + D)^2} = \frac{g\Omega_d}{2(2\pi)^d} \int dq \frac{q^{d-1}}{(q^2 + D)^2}.$$

² The d -dimensional solid angle is

$$\Omega_d = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}, \quad (1.38)$$

Dimensional Regularization

We set the dimension to $d = 6 - \epsilon$, and rewrite the Lagrangian as

$$\mathcal{L} = Z_\phi \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - Z_m \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + Z_g \frac{g \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2}}{3!} \phi^3. \quad (1.40)$$

Note that the coupling constant should be changed to $g \rightarrow g \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2}$ where μ is of mass dimension [1] in order to get the correct dimensionality. We then expand the expression to zeroth order of ϵ . A useful identity is:

$$\int dk \frac{k^a}{(k^2 + D)^b} = D^{\frac{a+1}{2}-b} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{a+1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(b - \frac{a+1}{2}\right)}{2\Gamma(b)}. \quad (1.41)$$

Actually, we can compute the integral and series expansion in **Mathematica** all together:

```
omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=g^2*\[Mu]^(6-d)/2*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
int=cof*Integrate[q^(d-1)/(q^2+D)^2,{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={g^2->\[Alpha]*(4*Pi)^3,EulerGamma->Subscript[\[Gamma],E]};
ans=Series[int/.{d->6-\[Epsilon]},{\[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify
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The result is (where $\alpha \equiv g^2/(4\pi)^3$)

$$I(x) = \frac{\alpha D}{2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{D e^{\gamma_E}}{4\pi \tilde{\mu}^2} \right) - \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} + 1 \right) \right] + O(\epsilon).$$

Now insert $D = m^2 - k^2 x(1 - x)$. Note that

$$\int_0^1 dx D = m^2 - \frac{k^2}{6}.$$

This simplifies the result to

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{k^2}{2} - m^2 \right) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D(x) \ln \left(\frac{D(x)}{\mu^2} \right), \quad (1.42)$$

where we have replace $\tilde{\mu}$ with

$$\mu \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{e^{\gamma_E}}} \tilde{\mu}. \quad (1.43)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function, satisfying

$$\Gamma(1+x) = x\Gamma(x), \quad \Gamma(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma_E + O(\epsilon). \quad (1.39)$$

In particular, $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$.

Renormalization

The counter terms also contribute to the perturbative correction,

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = & \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D \ln \left(\frac{D}{m^2} \right) + \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{6} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] + A \right\} k^2 \\ & - \left\{ \alpha \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] + B \right\} m^2 + O(\alpha^2).\end{aligned}$$

Consider the on-shell condition for the subtraction:

$$\Sigma(m^2) = \Sigma'(m^2) = 0. \quad (1.44)$$

Set $D_0 \equiv D(x)|_{k^2=m^2} = m^2(1-x+x^2)$, the self energy has the form:

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D(x) \ln \left(\frac{D(x)}{D_0(x)} \right) + C_k k^2 + C_m m^2. \quad (1.45)$$

The condition $\Pi(m^2) = 0$ requires

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D(x) \ln \left(\frac{D(x)}{D_0(x)} \right) + C_k(k^2 - m^2).$$

The condition $\Pi'(m^2) = 0$ requires

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{d\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2)}{dk^2} \right|_{k^2=m^2} &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left[\frac{D(x)}{dk^2} \ln \left(\frac{D(x)}{D_0(x)} \right) + D_0(x) \right] \Big|_{q^2=m^2} + C_k \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx (x^2 - x) + C_k \\ &= C_k - \frac{\alpha}{12} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

In this way, we obtained the renormalized self-energy:

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D(x) \ln \left(\frac{D(x)}{D_0(x)} \right) + \frac{\alpha}{12}(k^2 - m^2). \quad (1.46)$$

On the other hand, we can choose the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ subtraction scheme, i.e.,

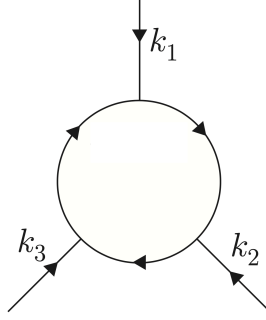
$$A = -\frac{\alpha}{6\epsilon}, \quad B = -\frac{\alpha}{\epsilon}. \quad (1.47)$$

The self energy under $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme will depend on the mass scale μ we choose:

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^1 dx D \ln \left(\frac{D}{m^2} \right) + \alpha \left[\ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \left(\frac{k^2}{6} - m^2 \right). \quad (1.48)$$

1.2.2 Vertex Correction

Now consider the simplest one-loop correction to the vertex function from the diagram:



The vertex function corresponding to such correction, together with the counter term, can be expressed as:

$$iV_3^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = (ig)^3 i^3 \int \frac{d^a q}{(2\pi)^d} \tilde{\Delta}(q - k_1) \tilde{\Delta}(q + k_2) \tilde{\Delta}(q) + iCg, \quad (1.49)$$

Using the Feynman parameter, the integrant is

$$\tilde{\Delta}(q - k_1) \tilde{\Delta}(q + k_2) \tilde{\Delta}(q) = \int dF_3 \frac{1}{(q^2 - D)^3}$$

where we have shift the value of q , and D can be evaluate by the following code:

```
A1=(1-k1)^2-m^2;
A2=(1+k2)^2-m^2;
A3=(1)^2-m^2;
{c,b,a}=CoefficientList[x1*A1+x2*A2+(1-x1-x2)*A3,{1}];
-c+b^2/(4*a)//Expand
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The result is

$$D = m^2 - k_1^2 x_1 (1 - x_1) - k_2^2 x_2 (1 - x_2) - 2k_1 k_2 x_1 x_2.$$

The same procedure gives:

$$V_3^{(3)}/g = \int dF_3 I(x_1, x_2, x_3) + C, \quad (1.50)$$

where

$$I(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{g^2 \Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int dq \frac{q^{d-1}}{(q^2 + D)^3}.$$

The same regularization procedure in Mathematica:

```
omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=g^2*[Mu]^(6-d)*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
int=cof*Integrate[q^(d-1)/(q^2+D)^3,{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={g^2->\[Alpha]*(4*Pi)^3,EulerGamma->Subscript[\[Gamma],E]};
ans=Series[int/.{d->6-\[Epsilon]},{\[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify
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The result is

$$\begin{aligned} V_3^{(3)}/g &= \frac{\alpha}{\epsilon} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int dF_3 \ln \left(\frac{4\pi \tilde{\mu}^2 e^{-\gamma_E}}{D} \right) + C + O(\epsilon) \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\epsilon} + \alpha \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int dF_3 \ln \left(\frac{D}{m} \right) + C. \end{aligned} \quad (1.51)$$

The on-shell subtraction requires

$$V_3(0, 0, 0) = g, \quad (1.52)$$

which gives

$$C = -\frac{\alpha}{\epsilon} - \alpha \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right). \quad (1.53)$$

So the vertex function to the third order is

$$V_3(k_1, k_2, k_3) = g \left\{ 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int dF_3 \ln \left[\frac{D(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{m} \right] \right\}. \quad (1.54)$$

The $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, on the other hand, sets

$$C = -\frac{\alpha}{\epsilon}. \quad (1.55)$$

1.2.3 Renormalization Group

We first summarize the normalization factor obtained on the one-loop level (with $\overline{\text{MS}}$ subtraction scheme):

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\phi &= 1 - \frac{\alpha}{6\epsilon} + O(\alpha^2), \\ Z_m &= 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\epsilon} + O(\alpha^2), \\ Z_g &= 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\epsilon} + O(\alpha^2). \end{aligned} \quad (1.56)$$

For the renormalized Lagrangian in $(6 - \epsilon)$ -dimension

$$\mathcal{L} = Z_\phi \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - Z_m \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + Z_g \frac{g \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2}}{3!} \phi^3, \quad (1.57)$$

the factors relate the original field and bare coefficients

$$\phi_0 = Z_\phi^{1/2} \phi, \quad m_0 = Z_m^{1/2} Z_\phi^{-1/2} m, \quad g_0 = Z_g Z_\phi^{-3/2} \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2} g. \quad (1.58)$$

The renormalization group requires that the bare parameter is independent of the mass scale μ we choose, that is:

$$\frac{d\phi_0}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{dm_0}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{dg_0}{d \ln \mu} = 0. \quad (1.59)$$

Beta Function

Star with g_0 , it is more convenient to use

$$\alpha_0 \equiv \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} = Z_g^2 Z_\phi^{-3} \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \alpha. \quad (1.60)$$

Take logarithm on both side:

$$\ln \alpha_0 = \ln(Z_g^2 Z_\phi^{-3}) + \ln \alpha + \epsilon \ln \tilde{\mu}. \quad (1.61)$$

The RG equation is

$$\frac{d \ln \alpha_0}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{d \ln(Z_g^2 Z_\phi^{-3})}{d \alpha} \frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} + \epsilon = 0. \quad (1.62)$$

To the first order of α :

$$\frac{d \ln(Z_g^2 Z_\phi^{-3})}{d \alpha} = \frac{d}{d \alpha} \left(-\frac{2\alpha}{\epsilon} + \frac{\alpha}{2\epsilon} \right) = -\frac{3}{2\epsilon}, \quad (1.63)$$

which leads to

$$\frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha}{2\epsilon} + O(\alpha^2) \right) + \epsilon \alpha = 0. \quad (1.64)$$

The beta function is defined as

$$\beta(\alpha) = \frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} = \beta_1 \alpha + \beta_2 \alpha^2 + O(\alpha^3). \quad (1.65)$$

Insert such definition into the original expression, and keep track of the order of α , we get

$$(\beta_1 + \epsilon) \alpha + \left(\beta_2 - \frac{3\beta_1}{2\epsilon} \right) \alpha^2 + O(\alpha^3) = 0. \quad (1.66)$$

The beta function is

$$\beta(\alpha) = -\epsilon \alpha - \frac{3}{2} \alpha^2 + O(\alpha^3). \quad (1.67)$$

Anomalous Dimension

Consider the RG equation with bare mass:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln m_0}{d \ln \mu} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(\ln Z_m - \ln Z_\phi)}{d \alpha} \frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{1}{m} \frac{d m}{d \ln \mu} \\ &= \frac{5\alpha}{12} + \frac{1}{m} \frac{d m}{d \ln \mu} + O(\alpha^2) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.68)$$

We get the anomalous dimension of the mass:

$$\gamma_m(\alpha) \equiv \frac{1}{m} \frac{d m}{d \ln \mu} = -\frac{5\alpha}{12} + O(\alpha^2). \quad (1.69)$$

Also, for the bare field

$$\frac{d \ln \phi_0}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \ln Z_\phi}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{d \ln \phi}{d \ln \mu} = 0. \quad (1.70)$$

We can define the anomalous dimension of the field as

$$\gamma_\phi \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \ln Z_\phi}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d \ln Z_\phi}{d \alpha} \frac{d \alpha}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{\alpha}{12} + O(\alpha^2). \quad (1.71)$$

Callan-Symanzik Equation

Consider the bare propagator:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_0(k) = Z_\phi \tilde{\Delta}(k) \quad (1.72)$$

The RG condition for the bare propagator gives:

$$\frac{d \ln \tilde{\Delta}_0(k)}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{d \ln Z_\phi}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{1}{\tilde{\Delta}(k)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu} + \frac{d\alpha}{d \ln \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{dm}{d \ln \mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \right) \tilde{\Delta}(k) = 0.$$

The Callan-Symanzik equation is

$$\left(2\gamma_\phi + \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu} + \beta(\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + \gamma_m(\alpha) m \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \right) \tilde{\Delta}(k) = 0. \quad (1.73)$$

1.3 ϕ^4 Theory in $(d = 4 - \epsilon)$ Space-time

In this section, we consider the real Klein-Gordon field with ϕ^4 interaction in $(4 - \epsilon)$ -dimension space-time:

$$\mathcal{L} = Z_\phi \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - Z_m \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 - Z_g \frac{g \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon}{4!} \phi^4. \quad (1.74)$$

Note that the field ϕ has mass dimension $[\frac{d-2}{2}] = [1]$, so the original coupling constant g is dimensionless.

As the ϕ^3 theory, we can rewrite the Lagrangian as:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}. \quad (1.75)$$

In the following we investigate the loop correction to the mass and the coupling constant.

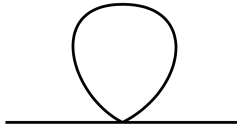
1.3.1 One-loop Correction

Self-energy

Following the same procedure, the one-loop self-energy correction is

$$i\Sigma(k^2) = -\frac{g\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon}{2} \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{q^2 - m^2} + i(Ak^2 - Bm^2). \quad (1.76)$$

The first term comes from the diagram



and the second term comes from the counter terms. After the Wick rotation,

$$\Sigma(k^2) = -\frac{g\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon}{2} \frac{\Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{q^{d-1} dq}{q^2 + m^2} + (Ak^2 - Bm^2). \quad (1.77)$$

The dimensional regulation is carried out using the following code:

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omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=g*[Mu]^(4-d)/2*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
int=cof*Integrate[q^(d-1)/(q^2+m^2),{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={EulerGamma->Subscript[Gamma,E]};
ans=Series[int/.{d->4-[Epsilon]},{[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify

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The result is

$$\Sigma(k^2) = \frac{gm^2}{32\pi^2} \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} + 1 + \log \left(\frac{4\pi\tilde{\mu}^2 e^{-\gamma_E}}{m^2} \right) \right] + (Ak^2 - Bm^2) + O(\epsilon). \quad (1.78)$$

Using the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalization scheme, we set

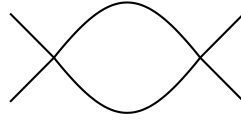
$$A = 0, \quad B = \frac{g}{16\pi^2\epsilon}. \quad (1.79)$$

The result is

$$\Sigma(k^2) = \frac{gm^2}{16\pi^2} \log \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) + \frac{gm^2}{32\pi^2} + O(\epsilon). \quad (1.80)$$

Vertex Correction

Now consider the vertex correction. To the lowest order the diagram is



Together with the counter term, the vertex function is

$$iV_4^{(2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = \frac{g^2}{2} [iF(s) + iF(t) + iF(u)] - iCg, \quad (1.81)$$

where

$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^2, \quad t = (k_1 + k_3)^2, \quad u = (k_1 + k_4)^2, \quad (1.82)$$

and

$$iF(k^2) = \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \tilde{\Delta}_0(q) \tilde{\Delta}_0(q+k) \quad (1.83)$$

$$= \frac{i\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{q^{d-1} dq}{[q^2 + m^2 + x(1-x)k^2]^2}. \quad (1.84)$$

Then we carry out the calculation (set $D(k^2, x) = m^2 + x(1-x)k^2$)

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omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=g^2*[Mu]^(4-d)/2*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
int=cof*Integrate[q^(d-1)/(q^2+D)^2,{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={EulerGamma->Subscript[Gamma,E]};
ans=Series[int/.{d->4-[Epsilon]},{[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify

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The result is:

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \ln \left(\frac{4\pi\tilde{\mu}^2 e^{-\gamma_E}}{D} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \ln \left(\frac{D(s, x)}{m^2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (1.85)$$

The $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme absorbs the $\frac{1}{8\pi^2\epsilon}$ term, i.e.,

$$C = \frac{3g}{16\pi^2}. \quad (1.86)$$

The result is:

$$V_4(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = -g + \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \ln \left(\frac{\mu^6}{D(s, x)D(t, x)D(u, x)} \right). \quad (1.87)$$

To summarize, the normalization is:

$$Z_\phi = 1, \quad (1.88)$$

$$Z_m = 1 + \frac{g}{16\pi^2\epsilon}, \quad (1.89)$$

$$Z_g = 1 + \frac{3g}{16\pi^2\epsilon}. \quad (1.90)$$

1.3.2 Renormalization Group

Now consider the RG equation for the one-loop correction. The bare parameters are:

$$g_0 = Z_g g \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon, \quad m_0 = Z_m^{1/2} m, \quad (1.91)$$

The RG conditions are:

$$\frac{dg_0}{d \ln \mu} = \left(\frac{3}{16\pi^2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{g} \right) \frac{dg}{d \ln \mu} + \epsilon = 0, \quad (1.92)$$

$$\frac{dm_0}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon} \frac{dg}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{1}{m} \frac{dm}{d \ln \mu} = 0. \quad (1.93)$$

Consider the series expansion of beta function:

$$\beta(g) = \frac{dg}{d \ln \mu} = \beta_1 g + \beta_2 g^2 + O(g^3). \quad (1.94)$$

The beta function is

$$\beta(g) = -\epsilon g + \frac{3g^2}{16\pi^2} + O(g^3). \quad (1.95)$$

The anomalous dimension of mass is

$$\gamma_m = \frac{1}{m} \frac{dm}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{g}{32\pi^2} + O(g^2) \quad (1.96)$$

Chapter 2

Quantum Electrodynamics

The Lagrangian for quantum electrodynamics is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} &= \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - e A_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Maxwell}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}},\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

where

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = (dA)_{\mu\nu}.\tag{2.2}$$

The Lagrangian is invariant under the gauge transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &\rightarrow e^{-ie\alpha(x)} \psi(x), \\ A^\mu(x) &\rightarrow A^\mu(x) + \partial^\mu \alpha(x).\end{aligned}\tag{2.3}$$

It is convenient to rewrite Lagrangian as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \bar{\psi} (i\not{D} - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu},\tag{2.4}$$

where we have define the covariant derivative as:

$$\not{D} = \gamma^\mu D_\mu = \gamma^\mu [\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu(x)] = \not{D} + ie\not{A}.\tag{2.5}$$

2.1 Free Field Theory

2.1.1 Dirac Field

The free Dirac field is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi\tag{2.6}$$

Consider the partition function with source

$$\begin{aligned}Z_{\text{Dirac}}[J] &= \int D[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp \left[i \int d^d x (\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} + \bar{\eta} \psi + \bar{\psi} \eta) \right] \\ &= Z_{\text{Dirac}}[0] \exp \left[-i \int d^d x_1 d^d x_2 \bar{\eta}(x_1) \cdot D_F(x_1 - x_2) \cdot \eta(x_2) \right].\end{aligned}\tag{2.7}$$

where

$$D_F(x_1 - x_2) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{-ik \cdot (x_1 - x_2)}}{k^2 - m^2} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-ik \cdot (x_1 - x_2)} \frac{k^2 + m^2}{k^2 - m^2}. \quad (2.8)$$

Note that the propagator is¹

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | T \psi(x_1) \bar{\psi}(x_2) | 0 \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z_{\text{Dirac}}[0]} \frac{\delta}{i \delta \bar{\eta}(x_1)} \frac{i \delta}{\delta(\eta(x_2))} Z_{\text{Dirac}}[J] \\ &= i D_F(x_1 - x_2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

2.1.2 Electromagnetic Field

The Lagrangian for the classical electromagnetic field is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + A_\mu J^\mu. \quad (2.10)$$

Consider the partition function

$$\frac{Z_{\text{maxwell}}[J]}{Z_{\text{maxwell}}[0]} = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{2} \int dx_1 dx_2 J_\mu(x_1) \Pi^{\mu\nu}(x_1 - x_2) J_\nu(x_2) \right]. \quad (2.11)$$

The propagator is

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}(x_1 - x_2) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-ik \cdot (x_1 - x_2)} \frac{-g^{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2}. \quad (2.12)$$

2.1.3 Perturbation Theory

As with the scalar field,

$$Z[\bar{\eta}, \eta, J] = \exp \left\{ i \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \left[\frac{\delta}{i \delta J}, \frac{\delta}{i \delta \eta}, \frac{i \delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}} \right] \right\} Z_0[\bar{\eta}, \eta, J]. \quad (2.13)$$

We use the dimensional regularization by default. Note that ψ has the mass dimension $[\frac{d-1}{2}]$, A^μ had the mass dimension $[\frac{d}{2} - 1]$, and e has the mass dimension $[2 - \frac{d}{2}]$. When $d = 4 - \epsilon$, we replace e with $e \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2}$, so that to make the coupling constant e dimensionless.

The renormalized Lagrangian is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= Z_\psi \bar{\psi}_R (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu) \psi_R - Z_m m \bar{\psi}_R \psi_R + \frac{1}{4} Z_A F_{R,\mu\nu} F_R^{\mu\nu} - Z_e e_R A_R^\mu \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_R \\ &= \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

The we define the coefficients

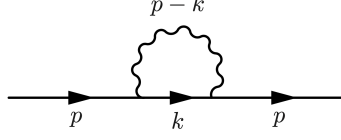
$$\delta_\psi = Z_\psi - 1, \quad \delta_m = Z_m - 1, \quad \delta_Z = Z_A - 1, \quad \delta_e = Z_e - 1. \quad (2.15)$$

The counter term also contribute to the perturbative expansion like the interactions.

¹The sign in the variational derivative comes from the anti-commutation relation of the fermionic fields.

Example 1. One-loop Correction to Electron Propagator

Consider the diagram



This contains 3 electron propagator, 1 photon propagator, and 2 vertices. The coefficient is (omit all the integration and summation for simplicity):

$$iD_F^{(2)}(p) \sim \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{\eta}\delta\eta} \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{-ie\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \delta^3}{i\delta J^\mu \delta\eta_\alpha \delta\bar{\eta}_\beta} \right)^2 \frac{1}{3!} \left(-i\bar{\eta}_\alpha D_F^{\alpha\beta} \eta_\beta \right)^3 \left(-\frac{i}{2} J^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu} J^\nu \right).$$

First consider the scalar coefficient. Since there is no additional symmetry, the abstract value is e^2 . There is an additional sign factor by the proper order of the fermion operators:

$$\frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{\eta}_f \delta\eta_i} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\eta_1 \delta\bar{\eta}_1} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\eta_2 \delta\bar{\eta}_2} = - \frac{\delta}{\delta\eta_i} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{\eta}_1 \delta\eta_1} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{\eta}_2 \delta\eta_2} \frac{\delta}{\delta\bar{\eta}_f}.$$

Then consider the tensor contraction,

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu} D_F^{\alpha\lambda} \gamma_{\lambda\rho}^\mu D_F^{\rho\tau} \gamma_{\tau\sigma}^\nu D_F^{\sigma\beta}.$$

The total amplitude is

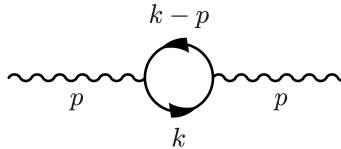
$$\begin{aligned} iD_F^{(2)}(p) &= -e^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(p-k) [D_F(p)\gamma^\mu D_F(k)\gamma^\nu D_F(p)]_{\alpha\beta} \\ &= iD_F(p)i\Sigma(p^2)iD_F(p), \end{aligned}$$

where $i\Sigma(p^2)$ is the self energy:

$$i\Sigma(p^2) = e^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \gamma^\mu D_F(k) \gamma^\nu, \quad (2.16)$$

Example 2. One-loop Correction to Photon Propagator

Consider the diagram



There is 2 electron propagator, 2 photon propagator, and 2 vertices. Consider the

perturbative expansion:

$$i\Pi^{(2)}(p) \sim \frac{\delta^2}{i\delta J i\delta J} \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{-e\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \delta^3}{\delta J^\mu \delta \eta_\alpha \delta \bar{\eta}_\beta} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2!} \left(-i\bar{\eta}_\alpha D_F^{\alpha\beta} \eta_\beta \right)^2 \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{i}{2} J^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu} J^\nu \right)^2.$$

The diagram has no symmetry factor, but with a -1 sign, which is canceled out by the operator reordering:

$$\bar{\eta}_\beta D_F^{\beta\tau} \eta_\tau \bar{\eta}_\sigma D_F^{\sigma\alpha} \eta_\alpha = -\eta_\alpha \bar{\eta}_\beta D_F^{\beta\tau} \eta_\tau \bar{\eta}_\sigma D_F^{\sigma\alpha}. \quad (2.17)$$

The overall value is e^2 .

Then consider the tensor contraction,

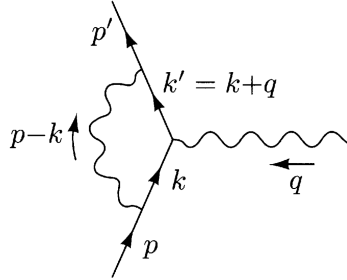
$$-i\Pi_{(2)}^{\mu\nu} \sim e^2 \Pi_{\mu\rho} \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\rho D_F^{\beta\tau} \gamma_{\tau\sigma}^\eta D_F^{\sigma\alpha} \Pi_{\eta\nu} \sim i\Pi_{\mu\rho} i\Sigma^{\rho\sigma} i\Pi_{\sigma\nu}.$$

The photon self-energy is

$$i\Sigma^{\mu\nu}(p^2) = -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\gamma^\mu D_F(k-p) \gamma^\nu D_F(k)]. \quad (2.18)$$

Example 3. One-loop Correction to Vertex

Consider the diagram



There is 4 electron propagator, 2 photon propagator, and 3 vertices. Consider the perturbative expansion:

$$\frac{\delta^3}{i\delta J \delta \bar{\eta} \delta \eta} \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{-e\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \delta^3}{\delta J^\mu \delta \eta_\alpha \delta \bar{\eta}_\beta} \right)^3 \frac{1}{2!} \left(-i\bar{\eta}_\alpha D_F^{\alpha\beta} \eta_\beta \right)^4 \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{i}{2} J^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu} J^\nu \right)^2.$$

There is not symmetry factor, and an additional $-i$ factor. The total coefficient is $-ie^3$.

Then consider the tensor contraction

$$D_F^{\alpha\gamma} \gamma_{\gamma\rho}^\nu D_F^{\rho\sigma} \gamma_{\sigma\tau}^\zeta D_F^{\tau\eta} \gamma_{\eta\xi}^\lambda D_F^{\xi\beta} \Pi_{\nu\lambda} \Pi_{\mu\zeta}.$$

The vertex correction is:

$$iV_3(q, p, p') = [iD_F(p)][iD_F(p')][i\Pi^{\mu\nu}(q)][-ie\Gamma^\nu(q, p, p')]$$

where

$$i\Gamma^\mu(q, p, p') = -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \Pi_{\nu\lambda}(p - k) \gamma^\nu D_F(k') \gamma^\mu D_F(k) \gamma^\lambda. \quad (2.19)$$

Example 4. Counter Terms

Consider the counter term in the diagram



The perturbative expansion is

$$iD_F^{(\text{ct})} \sim \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{\eta}\delta\eta} i(\delta_\psi \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu k_\mu - \delta_m \mathbb{I}_{\alpha\beta}) \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\eta_\alpha \delta\bar{\eta}_\beta} \frac{1}{2!} \left(-i\bar{\eta}_\alpha D_F^{\alpha\beta} \eta_\beta \right)^2.$$

The contribution to the electron self energy is

$$\delta_\psi \not{k} - \delta_m m_R.$$

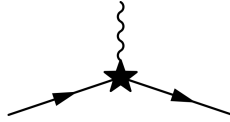
Similarly, the digram



contribute to the photon self energy with term

$$\delta_A [-p^2 g^{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) p^\mu p^\nu],$$

and the diagram



contribute to the vertex with term

$$\delta_e \gamma^\mu.$$

2.2 Loop Correction

In this section, we consider the QED in $(d = 4 - \epsilon)$ dimensional space-time.

2.2.1 Electron Propagator

Consider the one-loop correction to the electron propagator, where the self energy (2.16) is

$$\begin{aligned} i\Sigma(p^2) &= e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(p - k) [\gamma^\mu D_F(k) \gamma^\nu]_{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\gamma^\mu (\not{k} + m) \gamma_\mu}{(p - k)^2 (k^2 - m^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

The nominator can be simplified using the FeynCalc Package:

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(*load FeynCalc Package*)
<< FeynCalc`

(*simplify the gamma expression*)
Contract[GA[[Mu]] . (GS[k]+m) . GA[[Mu]]] //DiracSimplify
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The result is

$$4m - 2\cancel{k}.$$

The denominator can be simplify using the Feynman parameter:

$$\frac{1}{(p-k)^2(k^2-m^2)} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{[(k-b)^2-D]^2}$$

where b and D can be calculated by

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A1=(k-p)^2;
A2=k^2-m^2;
{c,b,a}=CoefficientList[x*A1+(1-x)*A2,{k}];
-b/2
-c+b^2/(4*a)//Simplify
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The result is

$$b = px, \quad D = (1-x)(m^2 - p^2x).$$

Shift $k \rightarrow k + px$, the self energy becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} i\Sigma(p^2) &= 2e^2\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int_0^1 (x\not{p} - 2m)dx \int \frac{d^dk}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(k^2 - D)^2} \\ &= i\frac{2e^2\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon\Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^1 (x\not{p} - 2m)dx \int \frac{k^{d-1}dk}{(k^2 + D)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

The regularization procedure

```
omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=2*e^2*\[Mu]^(4-d)*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
int=cof*Integrate[q^(d-1)/(q^2+D)^2,{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={e->Sqrt[4*Pi*\[Alpha]], EulerGamma->Subscript[\[Gamma],E]};
ans=Series[int/.{d->4-\[Epsilon]},{\[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify
```

The result is ($\mu^2 = 4\pi\tilde{\mu}^2 e^{-\gamma_E}$)

$$\Sigma(p^2) = \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx (x\not{p} - 2m_R) \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{D}\right) \right]. \quad (2.22)$$

The infinity comes from

$$\frac{e_R^2}{4\pi^2\epsilon} \int_0^1 dx (x\not{p} - 2m_R) = \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2\epsilon} \not{p} - \frac{e_R^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon} m_R.$$

Using the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ subtraction scheme, we choose

$$\delta_\psi = -\frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2\epsilon}, \quad \delta_m = -\frac{e_R^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}, \quad (2.23)$$

and the self energy is

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(p^2) &= \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx (x\not{p} - 2m_R) \ln \left[\frac{\mu^2}{(1-x)(m_R^2 - p^2x)} \right] \\ &= \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2} (\not{p} - 4m_R) \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m_R} \right) - \int_0^1 dx \ln \left[(1-x) \left(1 - \frac{p^2x}{m_R^2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

2.2.2 Photon Self-energy

Consider the one-loop correction to the photon propagator, where the self energy (2.18) is

$$i\Sigma^{\mu\nu} = -e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\text{Tr} [\gamma^\mu D_F(k-p) \gamma^\nu D_F(k)]}{(k^2 - m^2)[(p-k)^2 - m^2]}. \quad (2.25)$$

The Dirac trace and Feynman parameter is calculated by

```
(*Dirac trace*)
DiracTrace[GA[\[Mu]] . (GS[k-p]+m) . GA[\[Nu]] . (GS[k]+m)] //DiracSimplify

(*Feynman parameter*)
A1=k^2-m^2;
A2=(k-p)^2-m^2;
{c,b,a}=CoefficientList[x*A1+(1-x)*A2,{k}];
-b/2
-c+b^2/(4*a) //Simplify
```

The nominator is

$$4 \left[g^{\mu\nu} (k \cdot p - k^2 + m^2) + 2k^\mu k^\nu - k^\mu p^\nu - p^\mu k^\nu \right]$$

The denominator is:

$$\frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2)[(p-k)^2 - m^2]} = \frac{1}{\{[k-p(1-x)]^2 - [m^2 + p^2x(x-1)]\}^2}$$

Let $D = m^2 - p^2x(1-x)$, shift $k \rightarrow k + p(1-x)$, and drop all p^μ linear term,² the result is

$$i\Sigma^{\mu\nu} = -4e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{2k^\mu k^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} [k^2 - x(1-x)p^2 - m^2]}{[k^2 - D]^2} \quad (2.26)$$

The self-energy $i\Sigma^\mu \propto g^{\mu\nu}$, we can make the substitution

$$k^\mu k^\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{d} k^2 g^{\mu\nu}.$$

²The Ward identity requires that the p^μ term in the propagator do not contribute to any scattering process.

We then need to consider the integral

$$iI(x) = 4e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{(1 - \frac{2}{d})k^2 - x(1-x)p^2 - m^2}{[k^2 - D]^2},$$

$$I(x) = -\frac{4e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \Omega_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int k^{d-1} dk \frac{(1 - \frac{2}{d})k^2 + x(1-x)p^2 + m^2}{[k^2 + D]^2}.$$

The regulation is carried out by the following code:

```
omg=(2*Pi^(d/2))/(Gamma[d/2]);
cof=-4*e^2*[Mu]^(4-d)*omg/(2*Pi)^d;
den=q^(d-1)*((1-2/d)*q^2+x*(1-x)*p^2+m^2);
int=cof*Integrate[den/(q^2+D)^2,{q,0,Infinity}][[1]];
map={EulerGamma->Subscript[Gamma,E],D->m^2-p^2*x*(1-x)};
ans=Series[int/.{d->4-[Epsilon]},{[Epsilon],0,0}];
ans/.map//Simplify
```

The result is

$$\Sigma^{\mu\nu}(p^2) = -\frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - p^2 x(1-x)} \right) \right] \quad (2.27)$$

The divergent part is

$$-\frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{\pi^2 \epsilon} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) = -\frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{6\pi^2 \epsilon}.$$

The counter term coefficient is

$$\delta_A = -\frac{e_R^2}{6\pi^2 \epsilon}. \quad (2.28)$$

The photon self-energy is then

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{\mu\nu}(p^2) &= -\frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) \ln \left[\frac{\mu^2}{m_R^2 - p^2 x(1-x)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{12\pi^2} \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) + \frac{e_R^2 p^2 g^{\mu\nu}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) \ln \left[1 - \frac{p^2}{m_R^2} x(1-x) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

2.2.3 Vertex Correction

Consider the loop correction (2.19):

$$i\Gamma^\mu(p, q_1, q_2) = e^2 \tilde{\mu}^\epsilon \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\gamma^\nu (\not{k}' + m) \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + m) \gamma_\nu}{(k^2 - m^2)(k'^2 - m^2)(p - k)^2}. \quad (2.30)$$

Using the following code

```
(*numerator*)
den=Contract[GA[[Nu]].(GS[kp]+m).GA[[Mu]].(GS[k]+m).GA[[Nu]]];
DiracSimplify[den]

(*Feynman parameter*)
```

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A1=k^2-m^2;
A2=(k+q)^2-m^2;
A3=(p-k)^2;
{c,b,a}=CoefficientList[x*A1+y*A2+z*A3,{k}];
-b/2//Simplify
-c+b^2/4//Simplify

```

The numerator is

$$-2k'\gamma^\mu k' - 2m^2\gamma^\mu + 4m(k+k')^\mu.$$

The denominator is

$$\int \frac{dF_3}{[(k+yq-zp)^2-D]^3},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D &= (x+y)m^2 - z(1-z)p^2 - y(1-y)q^2 - 2yzpq \\ &= (x+y)m^2 - xyq^2 - yzp'^2 - xzp^2. \end{aligned}$$

Shift $k^\mu \rightarrow k^\mu + zq_1^\mu - yp^\mu$, throw away all terms with linear k^μ , and replace $k^\mu k^\nu$ with $\frac{1}{d}k^2 g^{\mu\nu}$, the result is

$$\frac{4}{d}k^2\gamma^\mu - 2(-yq + zp)\gamma^\mu[(1-y)q + zp] + 4m^2\gamma^\mu - 2m[(1-2y)q^\mu + 2zp^\mu].$$

Note that only the quadratic term is divergent.

$$\Gamma^\mu(p, q_1, q_2) = -i\frac{4e^2\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon\gamma^\mu}{d} \int dF_3 \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k^2}{(k^2-D)^3} + \delta\Gamma^\mu(p, q_1, q_2).$$

where $\delta\Gamma^\mu$ stores all the finite part

$$\begin{aligned} &\delta\Gamma^\mu(p, q_1, q_2) \\ &= \int \frac{e^2 k^3 dk dF_3}{(2\pi)^2(k^2+D)^3} \{(-yq + zp)\gamma^\mu[(1-y)q + zp] - 2m^2\gamma^\mu + m[(1-2y)q^\mu + 2zp^\mu]\}. \end{aligned}$$

The divergent part is

$$\frac{4e^2\tilde{\mu}^\epsilon\Omega_d\gamma^\mu}{d(2\pi)^d} \int dF_3 \int \frac{k^{d+1}dk}{(k^2+D)^3} = \frac{e_R^2}{16\pi^2}\gamma^\mu \int dF_3 \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{D}\right) \right].$$

Using the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, the coefficient of the counter term is

$$\delta_e = -\frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2\epsilon}. \quad (2.31)$$

2.2.4 Renormalization Group

In summery, the renormalization factors are

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\psi &= 1 - \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^3), \\ Z_A &= 1 - \frac{e_R^2}{6\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^3), \\ Z_m &= 1 - \frac{e_R^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^3), \\ Z_e &= 1 - \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^3), \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

which means

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d \ln Z_\phi}{de_R} &= -\frac{e_R}{4\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^2), \\
\frac{d \ln Z_A}{de_R} &= -\frac{e_R}{3\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^2), \\
\frac{d \ln Z_m}{de_R} &= -\frac{e_R}{\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^2), \\
\frac{d \ln Z_e}{de_R} &= -\frac{e_R}{4\pi^2\epsilon} + O(e_R^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

The bare parameters are

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_0 &= Z_\psi^{1/2} \psi_R, \\
A_0 &= Z_A^{1/2} A_R, \\
m_0 &= Z_m Z_\psi^{-1} m_R, \\
e_0 &= Z_e Z_\psi^{-1} Z_A^{-1/2} e_R \tilde{\mu}^{\epsilon/2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.34}$$

The RG equation for e_0 is

$$\frac{d \ln e_0}{d \ln \mu} = \left(\frac{\ln Z_e}{de_R} - \frac{\ln Z_\psi}{de_R} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln Z_A}{de_R} + \frac{1}{e_R} \right) \frac{de_R}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = 0. \tag{2.35}$$

The beta function is

$$\beta(e_R) = \frac{de_R}{d \ln \mu} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} e_R + \frac{e_R^3}{12\pi^2} + O(e_R^4). \tag{2.36}$$

The RG equation for m_0 is

$$\frac{d \ln m_0}{d \ln \mu} = \left(\frac{\ln Z_m}{de_R} - \frac{\ln Z_\psi}{de_R} \right) \frac{de_R}{d \ln \mu} + \frac{1}{m_R} \frac{dm_R}{d \ln \mu} = 0. \tag{2.37}$$

The anomalous dimension of mass is

$$\gamma_m = \frac{d \ln m_R}{d \ln \mu} = -\frac{3e_R^2}{8\pi^2} + O(e_R^3). \tag{2.38}$$

Chapter 3

Non-relativistic QFT

A general non-relativistic field has the Lagrangian¹

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_a(x)(i\delta_{ab}\partial_t - \hat{H}_{ab})\psi_b(x) + \mathcal{V}_{\text{int}} \quad (3.1)$$

where the field operator ψ can be bosonic or fermionic, which is denoted by a number $\zeta = \pm 1$, and \mathcal{V}_{int} is the interaction Lagrangian. A general interaction has the form

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{int}} = \bar{\psi}_a(x_1)\bar{\psi}_b(x_2)V_{ab}(x_1, x_2)\psi_b(x_2)\psi_a(x_1). \quad (3.2)$$

Note that the classical equation of motion for the free field is

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \bar{\psi}_a(x))} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \bar{\psi}_a(x)} \\ &= -i\partial_t \phi_a(x) + \hat{H}_{ab}\phi_b(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

which satisfies the Schrödinger equation.

We are mostly work with finite system size L^d with UV cutoff $\Lambda = \frac{2\pi}{a}$,² in which case the spatial Fourier transformation is

$$\tilde{\psi}_a(k) = \int_{L^d} d^d x e^{-ik \cdot x} \psi_a(x), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\psi_a(x) = \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_k e^{ik \cdot x} \tilde{\psi}_a(k). \quad (3.5)$$

Note that for finite size, the momentum is discretized:

$$k_i = \frac{2\pi}{L} n_i, \quad n_i = -N, \dots, N. \quad (3.6)$$

By default, we take the thermodynamic limit. The summation is approximated by the integration:

$$\frac{1}{L^d} \sum_k \longrightarrow \int_{|k| < \Lambda} \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}. \quad (3.7)$$

¹The repeated indices are automatically summed.

²We can regard a as the lattice spacing, and assume $L = Na$.

3.1 Finite Temperature Field Theory

The original real-time partition function is defined as³

$$Z[J] = \int D[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp \left\{ i \int dt \int d^d x [\mathcal{L} + \bar{J}_a(x) \psi_a(x) + \bar{\psi}_a(x) J_a(x)] \right\}. \quad (3.8)$$

For finite-temperature field theory, after making the wick rotation $t \rightarrow -i\tau$, the partition function for a generic non-relativistic lattice theory is:

$$Z[J] = \int D[\bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-S[\bar{\psi}, \psi] + \bar{J} \cdot \psi + \bar{\psi} \cdot J}, \quad (3.9)$$

where the action is

$$S = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^d x \left[\bar{\psi}_a(x) (\delta_{ab} \partial_\tau + \hat{H}_{ab}) \psi_b(x) + \mathcal{V}_{\text{int}} \right]. \quad (3.10)$$

Remark 6. Temporal Fourier Transformation

The Fourier transformation on the imaginary time domain is defined as:

$$\tilde{\psi}(\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau} \psi(\tau), \quad (3.11)$$

$$\psi(\tau) = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \tilde{\psi}(\omega_n). \quad (3.12)$$

Under such convention, in the thermodynamic limit and zero-temperature limit, the spatial-temporal Fourier transformation agrees with the relativistic case (up to a Wick rotation).

3.1.1 Free Field Theory

We first consider the action of free field

$$S_0 = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^d x \bar{\psi}_a(x) (\delta_{ab} \partial_\tau + \hat{H}_{ab}) \psi_b(x). \quad (3.13)$$

The Fourier transformation

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \int_\Lambda \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \tilde{\psi}_a(k, \omega_n) \left[-i\omega_n + \tilde{H}_{ab}(k) \right] \tilde{\psi}_b(k, \omega_n). \quad (3.14)$$

The partition function with source is

$$\frac{Z_0[J]}{Z_0[0]} = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \int_\Lambda \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \tilde{J}_a(k, \omega_n) \tilde{G}_{ab}(k, \omega_n) \tilde{J}_b(k, \omega_n) \right], \quad (3.15)$$

³As with the relativistic case, we introduce an auxiliary source J , which is bosonic/fermionic if the field ψ is bosonic/fermionic.

where the Green's function is

$$\tilde{G}_{ab}(k, \omega_n) = \left[\frac{1}{i\omega_n - \tilde{H}(k)} \right]_{ab}. \quad (3.16)$$

Remark 7. Obtaining the Partition Function

Unlike the relativistic case, the value of the value of partition function without source $Z_0[0]$ is related to the free energy. We can express it formally as

$$Z_0[0] = [\det(-G_{ab})^{-1}]^{-\zeta}.$$

To get the correct dimensionality, we set the determinant as

$$Z_0[0] \equiv \prod_{k, \omega_n} \left\{ \beta \det \left[-i\omega_n + \tilde{H}(k) \right] \right\}^{-\zeta}.$$

Thus the free energy is

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_0 = \zeta \sum_{k, \omega_n} \ln \left\{ \beta \det \left[-i\omega_n + \tilde{H}(k) \right] \right\}. \quad (3.17)$$

Remark 8. Matsubara Summation

Now consider the summation on Matsubara frequency:

$$\sum_{\omega_n} f(\omega_n) = \begin{cases} \sum_n f\left(\frac{2n\pi}{\beta}\right) & \text{bosonic} \\ \sum_n f\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta}\right) & \text{fermionic} \end{cases}. \quad (3.18)$$

The frequency is capture by the singularities of the density function of the states:

$$\rho(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\exp(\beta z) - 1} & \text{bosonic} \\ \frac{1}{\exp(\beta z) + 1} & \text{fermionic} \end{cases}. \quad (3.19)$$

The residue on imaginary frequency $i\omega_n$ is always $\frac{1}{\beta}$. In this way, the summation is:

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} f(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \rho(z) f(z) = - \sum_k \text{Res } \rho(z) f(z)|_{z=z_k}. \quad (3.20)$$

Example 5. Summation of Green's function

Consider the frequency summation for the correlation function:

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \tilde{G}_0(k) = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{1}{i\omega_n - E_p} = -\text{Res} \frac{\rho(z)}{z - E_p} \Big|_{z=E_p} = \rho(E_p).$$

Example 6. Summation of Green's function

Consider the frequency summation for the correlation function:

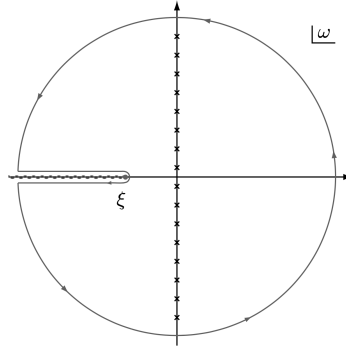
$$\sum_{\omega_n} \langle \bar{\psi}_{\vec{p}, \omega_n} \psi_{\vec{p}, \omega_n} \rangle = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{1}{-i\omega_n + \epsilon_{\vec{p}}} = \text{Res} \left. \frac{\rho(z)}{z - \epsilon_{\vec{p}}} \right|_{z = \epsilon_{\vec{p}}} = \rho(\epsilon_{\vec{p}}).$$

Example 7. Free Energy Summation

Consider the free energy

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\omega_n} \ln[\beta(-i\omega_n + E_{\vec{p}})] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint dz \rho(z) \ln[\beta(\xi - z)].$$

To calculate the summation, we consider the line integral along the loop:



The free energy is

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \rho(x) \ln \left(\frac{\xi - x - i\epsilon}{\xi - x + i\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \frac{-\zeta}{2\pi i \beta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \ln(1 - \zeta e^{-\beta z}) \left(\frac{1}{x + i\epsilon - \xi} - \frac{1}{x - i\epsilon - \xi} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where we integrate the expression by part, noticing that

$$\frac{d}{dz} \frac{\zeta}{\beta} \ln(1 - \zeta e^{-\beta z}) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta z} - \zeta} = \rho(z) \quad (3.21)$$

Using the identity

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x + i\epsilon} = -i\pi\delta(x) + \mathcal{P}\frac{1}{x},$$

the above expression can be simplified to

$$F = \frac{\zeta}{\beta} \ln(1 - \zeta e^{-\beta\zeta}). \quad (3.22)$$