

# Advanced field theory

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Lecture 1 or: How I learnt to stop worrying and love renormalisation

## Why **quantum field theory**?

- want a quantum-mechanical description of processes at relativistic energies
- need to take into account the principles of both special relativity (SR) and quantum mechanics (QM)
  - ▶ SR: locality and Poincaré invariance
  - ▶ QM: superposition principle, uncertainty principle

Use **fields**  $\phi(x)$ , objects associated with spacetime points  $x$

- use local and Poincaré-invariant field interactions  $\Rightarrow$  SR satisfied (easier if fields transform in a simple way)
- make fields generally non-commuting linear operators  $\Rightarrow$  QM satisfied

How do we build a quantum field theory? E.g., canonical quantisation

① take classical Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + V(\phi)$

② solve Euler-Lagrange EOM  $\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\phi} = \partial_\mu\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)}$

③ identify conjugate momenta  $\pi = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_0\phi)}$

④ impose canonical commutation relations (CCR)  $\Rightarrow$  field operators

$$[\hat{\phi}(t, \vec{x}), \hat{\pi}(t, \vec{y})] = i\delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad [\hat{\phi}(t, \vec{x}), \hat{\phi}(t, \vec{y})] = [\hat{\pi}(t, \vec{x}), \hat{\pi}(t, \vec{y})] = 0$$

What do we gain?

- CCR imply locality: observables commute at spacelike separation
- Noether's theorem  $\Rightarrow$  conserved charges that generate unitary representations of Poincaré symmetry, and of other symmetries of the classical Lagrangian

Conditions may apply: symmetries can be spontaneously broken or anomalous

Small practical obstacle: cannot generally solve EOM, proceed by approximations - e.g., **perturbation theory**

Interaction picture: relate interacting (canonical) field  $\phi(t)$  to free (canonical) field  $\phi_{\text{IP}}(t)$  by unitary transformation  $U_{\text{IP}}(t) = e^{iH_0 t} e^{-iHt}$

$$H[\phi, \pi] = \int d^3x \left( \pi(x) \partial_0 \phi(x) - \mathcal{L}(\phi, \vec{\nabla} \phi, \partial_0 \phi(\phi, \pi)) \right)$$

$$H[\phi(t), \pi(t)] = H[\phi(0), \pi(0)] = H_0[\phi(0), \pi(0)] + V_I[\phi(0), \pi(0)]$$

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$$\phi(x) = U_{\text{IP}}(t)^\dagger \phi_{\text{IP}}(x) U_{\text{IP}}(t) \qquad \pi(x) = U_{\text{IP}}(t)^\dagger \pi_{\text{IP}}(x) U_{\text{IP}}(t)$$

Now solve the theory iteratively in powers of the interaction

$$H\Psi = E\Psi \Rightarrow (H_0 + V_I)(\Psi_0 + \Psi_1 + \dots) = (E_0 + E_1 + \dots)(\Psi_0 + \Psi_1 + \dots)$$

$$H_0\Psi_0 = E_0\Psi_0$$

$$V_I\Psi_0 + H_0\Psi_1 = E_1\Psi_0 + E_0\Psi_1$$

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Is this a problem?

- canonical procedure not written in stone — if it need to be supplemented by renormalisation, so be it
- canonical procedure useful to enforce locality and Poincaré symmetry, not spoiled by renormalisation if we do it right
- our real purpose is to obtain finite Green's functions with suitable locality and symmetry properties and build the  $S$ -matrix, how we do that is irrelevant — after all we still need to check against experiment

Field operators can be reconstructed from their Green's functions (Wightman's theorem)

Need for renormalisation is actually a feature if we are to build an interacting theory

- Haag's theorem: if unitary transformation to interaction picture exists then the interacting field is actually a free field. . .
- . . . but renormalised field  $\phi_R$  is not unitarily related to  $\phi_{IP}$  ( $Z_\phi \neq 1$ ), theorem evaded

# Quantisation procedure perturbatively equivalent to canonical procedure: path integral quantisation

## Generating functional

$$Z[J] = \int D\phi e^{i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}[\phi] + i \int d^4x J\phi} = \int D\phi e^{iS[\phi] + iJ \cdot \phi} \quad D\phi = \prod_x d\phi(x)$$

## Green's function obtained by functional derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} -i \frac{\delta \log Z[J]}{\delta J(x)} \Big|_{J=0} &= \langle \phi(x) \rangle = \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(x) | 0 \rangle \\ (-i)^2 \frac{\delta^2 \log Z[J]}{\delta J(x) \delta J(y)} \Big|_{J=0} &= \langle \phi(x) \phi(y) \rangle - \langle \phi(x) \rangle \langle \phi(y) \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | T \{ \hat{\phi}(x) \hat{\phi}(y) \} | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(x) | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(y) | 0 \rangle \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

- [-] Path-integral ill-defined (what is the measure?)
- [=] Perturbative expansion needs regularisation and renormalisation as in canonical procedure
- [+] More intuitive, allows for non-perturbative approaches (lattice)

## Renormalisation conceptually independent of divergences

- start with  $Z = Z[J; m, g]$  and regularise by some UV cutoff  $\Lambda$  (momentum cutoff, inverse lattice spacing, . . . )  
 $\Rightarrow Z = Z[J; m, g; \Lambda]$ , finite and adequate for  $p \ll \Lambda$
- $m, g$  are thought of as mass and coupling — but are they?

We want to describe the collision of particles initially far away from each other ( $\approx$  free), so  $\phi$  must describe free particles in some suitable limit

- at  $t = \mp\infty$  Green's functions should describe free particles, we need

Fields should be smeared over small regions in time and space

$$\langle \phi(t_1, \vec{x}_1) \phi(t_2, \vec{x}_2) \rangle_{t_{1,2} \rightarrow \mp\infty} \rightarrow Z_\phi^2 D_{\text{free}}(t_1 - t_2, \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)$$

$$\tilde{D}_{\text{free}}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m_{\text{phys}}^2 + i\epsilon}$$

- $m_{\text{phys}}$  must be matched to the particles we want to describe
- $Z_\phi$  accounts for interacting field creating also multiparticle states

Is  $m_{\text{phys}} = m$ ? Generally no: what particles are described at asymptotic times is for the theory to decide after interactions are taken into account

Exercise: compute the two-point function exactly for the interaction Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_I = K\phi^2$  by resumming diagrams — and also the other way

For  $g$ :  $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{\text{elastic}} \propto |\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2}|^2$ , from  $\langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\phi(x_3)\phi(x_4) \rangle$  (LSZ formula)

$$i\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^6 Z_\phi^4} \int d^4x_1 \int d^4x_2 \int d^4x_3 \int d^4x_4 e^{ip'_1 \cdot x_1} e^{ip'_2 \cdot x_2} e^{-ip_1 \cdot x_3} e^{-ip_2 \cdot x_4} \\ \times (\square_{x_1} + m_{\text{phys}}^2)(\square_{x_2} + m_{\text{phys}}^2)(\square_{x_3} + m_{\text{phys}}^2)(\square_{x_4} + m_{\text{phys}}^2) \\ \times \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\phi(x_3)\phi(x_4) \rangle$$

Define  $g_{\text{phys}}$  from  $\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2}(\vec{p}_i = 0) = g_{\text{phys}}$  (arbitrary, but reasonable)

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{\text{elastic}}(\vec{p}_i \rightarrow 0) \propto g_{\text{phys}}^2$$

$m$  and  $g$  must be tuned so that  $m_{\text{phys}}$ ,  $g_{\text{phys}}$  match experiments

$$\begin{cases} m_{\text{phys}} = f_m(m, g) \\ g_{\text{phys}} = f_g(m, g) \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} m = F_m(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) \\ g = F_g(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) \end{cases}$$

Divergences complicate the picture technically, not conceptually:

in the regulated theory  $\begin{cases} m_{\text{phys}} = f_m(m, g; \Lambda) \\ g_{\text{phys}} = f_g(m, g; \Lambda) \end{cases}$ , limits  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$  do not exist

If the theory is renormalisable

$$\begin{cases} m_{\text{phys}} = f_m(m, g; \Lambda) = f_m(Z_m(\Lambda)m_R, Z_g(\Lambda)g_R; \Lambda) \xrightarrow{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} f_m^{(R)}(m_R, g_R) \\ g_{\text{phys}} = f_g(m, g; \Lambda) = f_g(Z_m(\Lambda)m_R, Z_g(\Lambda)g_R; \Lambda) \xrightarrow{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} f_g^{(R)}(m_R, g_R) \end{cases}$$

have finite limits  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$  at  $m_R, g_R$  fixed for suitable  $Z_{m,g}$

$$\begin{cases} m_R = F_m^{(R)}(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) \\ g_R = F_g^{(R)}(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) \end{cases}$$

— so tune

$$\begin{cases} m = m(\Lambda) = Z_m(\Lambda)F_m^{(R)}(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) = \bar{Z}_m(\Lambda)m_{\text{phys}} \\ g = g(\Lambda) = Z_g(\Lambda)F_g^{(R)}(m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}) = \bar{Z}_g(\Lambda)g_{\text{phys}} \end{cases}$$

last step is a finite renormalisation

Last step not necessary:  $m_R, g_R$  need not be identified with  $m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}}$ , can be chosen arbitrarily

- most physical choice:  $(m_R, g_R) = (m_{\text{phys}}, g_{\text{phys}})$

$$\tilde{D}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 - \Sigma(p^2) + i\epsilon} \xrightarrow{p^2 \rightarrow m_{\text{phys}}^2} \frac{iZ_\phi^2}{p^2 - m_{\text{phys}}^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{2 \rightarrow 2}(\vec{p}_i = 0) = g_{\text{phys}}$$

- in general we can put as much finite part as we want with divergences

$$p^2 - m^2 - \Sigma_1^{\text{div}} p^2 - \Sigma_2^{\text{div}} m^2 - \Sigma_3^{\text{div}} - \Sigma^{\text{fin}}(p^2)$$

$$= Z_\phi^{-2}(p^2 - m_R^2) - \Sigma_R^{\text{fin}}(p^2)$$

$$Z_\phi^{-2} = 1 - \Sigma_1^{\text{div}} - C_1 \quad Z_\phi^{-2} m_R^2 = (1 + \Sigma_2^{\text{div}}) Z_m^2 m_R^2 + C_0 + \Sigma_3^{\text{div}}$$

$$\Sigma_R^{\text{fin}}(p^2) = \Sigma^{\text{fin}}(p^2) - C_0 - C_1 p^2$$

- $C_0, C_1$  arbitrary, fixed by conditions on  $\Sigma_R^{\text{fin}}(p^2)$  at  $p^2 = \mu^2$  for some renormalisation scale  $\mu$  — similarly with  $g$
- renormalised quantities depend on  $\mu$ : “running”  $m_R, g_R$

Renormalisation is not bad — but still a big nuisance for symmetries

- classical Lagrangian has a set of symmetries
- regulator required for quantisation may break one or more of them
  - ▶ momentum cutoff → breaks Lorentz symmetry, gauge symmetries
  - ▶ lattice → breaks Lorentz and translation symmetry, gauge symmetries can be preserved
    - discrete subgroups of Poincaré symmetry are preserved
  - ▶ dimensional regularisation → all spacetime symmetries are fine, gauge symmetries are fine
    - but internal chiral symmetry of massless fermions is spoiled
- must make sure that desired symmetries spoiled by regulator are recovered after renormalisation but hard
  - better not to spoil them in the first place

Perturbatively most convenient renormalisation scheme:  
dimensional regularisation + minimal subtraction ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ) scheme

- 4 dimensions  $\rightarrow d$  dimensions, dimensionless “cutoff”  $\varepsilon = 4 - d$
- divergences = poles in  $\varepsilon$ , renormalised by subtracting them only  
 $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme includes also a fixed constant
- generally, divergences must be polynomial in momenta and masses, and polynomial or logarithmic in (physical) cutoff
- in dimensional regularisation, only logarithmic divergences appear (= poles in  $\varepsilon$ ), independent of masses

$$g = \mu^{c\varepsilon} Z_g(g_R, \varepsilon) g_R \quad m = Z_m(g_R, \varepsilon) m_R$$

$[g] = 0$  in  $d = 4 \Rightarrow [g] = c\varepsilon$  in dimension  $d$   
mass scale  $\mu$  required to account for this

- at fixed physical  $g_{\text{phys}}, m_{\text{phys}}$ , bare  $g, m$  depend on  $\varepsilon$  but not on  $\mu$

$$g = g(\varepsilon; g_{\text{phys}}, m_{\text{phys}}) \quad m = m(\varepsilon; g_{\text{phys}}, m_{\text{phys}})$$

$\Rightarrow$  running  $g_R(\mu), m_R(\mu)$ , with  $\mu$  dependence determined by

$$\mu \frac{dg}{d\mu} = 0 \quad \mu \frac{dm}{d\mu} = 0$$



When is a theory renormalisable?

Take

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \sum_i V_i(\phi, \partial\phi)$$

with vertices  $V_i = g_i \partial_\mu^{k_i} \phi^{n_i}$ , quantise perturbatively

- redefining  $\phi = Z_\phi \phi_R$ ,  $m = Z_m m_R$ ,  $g_i = Z_{g_i} g_{iR}$

$$S(\phi; m, g) = S(\phi_R; m_R, g_R) + \delta S(\phi_R; m_R, g_R)$$

with  $\delta S$  containing  $Z_\phi^2 - 1$ ,  $Z_m^2 - 1$ ,  $Z_{g_i} - 1$

- at every  $g_i$  order new divergences are polynomial in  $m$  and momenta

Example: 
$$I = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p+q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \sim \log \Lambda$$

$$\frac{dI}{dq_\mu} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-2(p+q)_\mu}{[(p+q)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon]^2} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow \text{convergent}$$

$\Rightarrow$  equivalent to contribution of local vertices  $V_i$  with (divergent) coefficient  $\delta Z_i$ ; **if not contained in  $S$ , they must be added**

- choose  $Z_{g_i} - 1 = \delta Z_i \Rightarrow$  contributions from  $\delta S$  cancel the divergences, finite result

General case: divergences appear if the integral is not convergent for large momenta

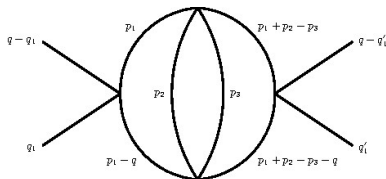
- overall divergence: when scaling  $p_i \rightarrow \kappa p_i$ ,  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$
- subdivergences: when  $p_i \rightarrow \kappa p_i$ ,  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$  with certain linear combination  $\Delta p$  of momenta kept fixed
- other possible large-momentum limits (e.g., rescaling  $p_i \rightarrow \kappa_i p_i$ ) can be reduced to the two above
- if no  $\Delta p$  is fixed, taking sufficiently many derivatives w.r.t. masses and/or external momenta the integrand is made better behaved

$$\text{integrand} = P(p) \prod_i \frac{1}{(p_i + q_i)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \prod_j \frac{1}{(p_j + \Delta q_j)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

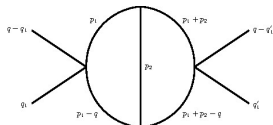
$$\frac{\partial \text{integrand}}{\partial q_\mu} \sim \frac{-2p_\mu \text{integrand}}{p^2} \qquad \frac{\partial \text{integrand}}{\partial m} \sim \frac{-2m \text{integrand}}{p^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  overall divergence is local (= polynomial in  $q_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu$  and  $m$ )

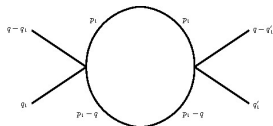
## Example: 3-loop diagram



- no constraint  $\sim$  new overall divergence
- one of  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_1 + p_2 - p_3$  fixed  $\sim$  same div. as 2-loop diagram (contains subdiv.  $\rightarrow$  1-loop diagram)



- two of them fixed  $\sim$  same div. as 1-loop diagram



What can possibly go wrong?

- combinatorics of terms and counterterms always match, not a problem
- overall divergences always local, not a problem if enough terms are present in the Lagrangian. . .

Subdivergences are taken care of by lower-order counterterms

- . . . but number of required terms may be increasing with the perturbative order!

Power counting: given diagram  $G$

- internal bosonic/fermionic line  $\rightarrow p^{-d_B}, p^{-d_F}$ , integral  $d^4p$  (usually  $d_B = 2, d_F = 1$ )
- vertex  $\rightarrow \delta(\sum p)$ , one used for overall momentum conservation
- $i$ -th type of vertex (schematic):  $\partial_\mu^{k_i} \phi^{n_{B_i}} \bar{\psi}^{\bar{o}_{F_i}} \psi^{n_{F_i} - \bar{o}_{F_i}} \rightarrow p^{k_i}$

$$D_G = (4 - d_B)I_B + (4 - d_F)I_F + 4 - 4 \sum_i V_i + \sum_i V_i k_i$$

Degree of overall divergence of  $G$  is  $\omega_G \leq D_G$  (cancellations may happen)

Dimension of  $i$ -th coupling  $d_{g_i} = 4 - k_i - n_{B_i} - \frac{3}{2}n_{F_i} < 4$

Topological relations:  $E_{B,F} + 2l_{B,F} = \sum_i V_i n_{B,Fi}$

$$\begin{aligned} D_G &= \frac{4 - d_B}{2} \left( \sum_i V_i n_{Bi} - E_B \right) + \frac{4 - d_F}{2} \left( \sum_i V_i n_{Fi} - E_F \right) \\ &\quad + 4 - 4 \sum_i V_i + \sum_i V_i k_i \\ &= 4 - \frac{4 - d_B}{2} E_B - \frac{4 - d_F}{2} E_F \\ &\quad + \sum_i V_i \left( k_i - 4 + \frac{4 - d_B}{2} n_{Bi} + \frac{4 - d_F}{2} n_{Fi} \right) \\ &= f(E_B, E_F) + \sum_i V_i (k_i - f(n_{Bi}, n_{Fi})) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(n_B, n_F) = 4 - \frac{4 - d_B}{2} n_B - \frac{4 - d_F}{2} n_F$$

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If all the interactions satisfying  $k_i \leq f(n_{Bi}, n_{Fi})$  are included in the action then the required counterterm must be of the same form of one of them  $\Rightarrow$  all divergences can be cancelled by renormalisation as outlined above

$$k \leq 4 - \frac{4 - d_B}{2} n_B - \frac{4 - d_F}{2} n_F$$
$$\frac{2 - d_B}{2} n_B + \frac{1 - d_F}{2} n_F \leq 4 - k - n_B - \frac{3}{2} n_F = d_g < 4$$

In the standard case if  $d_B = 2, d_F = 1 \Rightarrow d_g \geq 0$  is required

$\Rightarrow$  renormalisable theory (by power counting)

If  $k_{\bar{i}} > f(n_{B\bar{i}}, n_{F\bar{i}})$ , increasing  $V_{\bar{i}}$  any  $\omega_G$  is possible, and in general new types of vertices are required at each perturbative order

$\Rightarrow$  non-renormalisable theory

### Example 1: real scalar field $\phi$

$$V(\phi) = \sum g_n \phi^n + \sum_{k \geq 1, n \geq 1} g_{k,n} (\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi)^k \phi^n$$

$$d_{g_n} = 4 - n \geq 0 \quad \text{if } n \leq 4$$

$$d_{g_{k,n}} = 4 - 4k - n < 0 \quad \text{if both } n, k > 1$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + h\phi + \frac{c}{3!} \phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$

If  $h = c = 0$  counterterms odd in  $\phi$  are forbidden by symmetry  $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$

If  $h = 0, c \neq 0$  (resp.  $h \neq 0, c = 0$ ) counterterm linear (resp. cubic) in  $\phi$  can (almost certainly will) be generated by the renormalisation procedure

### Example 2: Fermi theory

$$\mathcal{L}_I = \sum_i G_i (\bar{\psi} \Gamma_\mu \psi) (\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu \psi)$$

Since  $d_{G_i} = 4 - 4 \frac{3}{2} = -2$ , the theory is non-renormalisable

### Example 3: Proca field $A^\mu$ (massive vector field)

Propagator:

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Proca}}(p) = \frac{-i(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m^2})}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \Rightarrow d_B = 0 \Rightarrow n_B \leq d_g < 4$$

$n_B = 1$  requires one derivative for Lorentz invariance

$$g \partial_\mu A^\mu \Rightarrow d_g = 2 > 1 = n_B$$

$$J_\mu A^\mu \Rightarrow n_B = 1 \leq d_J = 3$$

$n_B = 2$  are the kinetic and mass terms

$n_B = 3$  requires one derivative for Lorentz invariance

$$g(\partial_\mu A^\nu) A_\nu A^\mu, g(\partial_\mu A^\mu) A_\nu A^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow d_g = 0 < 3 = n_B \quad \text{forbidden}$$

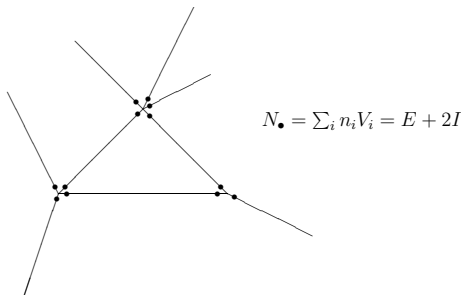
No renormalisable self-interaction exists



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## Addendum: topological relation for diagrams



Dots can be counted in two ways: as a property of vertices, or as a property of internal and external lines