# Lecture III

- Virtual corrections
- Dimensional regularization
- Renormalization

# Virtual corrections



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## IR Divergences (with gluon mass)

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• The loop integration is regular

$$\overline{u}(p_3)\Gamma_{\mu}v(p_4) \stackrel{k\to 0}{\simeq} \int |k|^3 d|k| d\Omega \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{|k|} \frac{1}{|k|} \simeq \int |k| d|k| \simeq \lim_{|k|\to 0} |k|$$

#### **Dimensional regularization**

- Loop integrals are **regulated** by changing the number of space-time dimensions.
- We evaluate the integrals for a generic value of d < 4:

$$\overline{u}(p_{3})\Gamma_{\mu}v(p_{4}) = C_{F}g_{s}^{2}\int \frac{d^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{1}{k^{2}}\overline{u}(p_{3})\gamma^{\alpha}\frac{\not k + \not p_{3}}{(p_{3} + k)^{2}}\gamma^{\nu}\frac{\not k - \not p_{4}}{(p_{4} - k)^{2}}\gamma_{\alpha}v(p_{4})$$

$$\stackrel{k \to 0}{\simeq}\int |k|^{d-1}d|k|d\Omega\frac{1}{|k|^{2}}\frac{1}{|k|}\frac{1}{|k|} \simeq \int \frac{d|k|}{|k|^{5-d}}$$

• We substitute  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$  and we assign to the original integral the result obtained from a Laurent expansion around  $\epsilon = 0$ 



### Example: tadpole



$$\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + \mathrm{i}\delta}$$

• The integral is UV divergent!

• Calculate instead the same integral in *d* dimensions:

$$I(m^2, d) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\delta}$$



#### Normalization

$$I(m^{2},d) = \int \frac{d^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{1}{k^{2} - m^{2} + i\delta} \stackrel{k \to km}{=} (m^{2})^{d/2 - 1} \int \frac{d^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{1}{k^{2} - 1 + i\delta}$$

• Wick rotation: convert  $k^2 = k_0^2 - (k_1^2 + \dots + k_{d-1}^2)$  to Euclidean  $k_E^2 = k_1^2 + \dots + k_d^2$ !

$$I(m^{2},d) = \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk_{0} \int d^{d-1}k \, \frac{1}{k^{2}-1+\mathrm{i}\delta}$$

• There are singularities at

$$k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2 - 1 + \mathrm{i}\delta = 0 \leftrightarrow k_0 = \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2} - \mathrm{i}\delta$$
 and  $k_0 = -\sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2} + \mathrm{i}\delta$ 

- Use Cauchy theorem
- Define  $k_0 = ik_d$

$$k^{2} = k^{2} - \vec{k}^{2} = -k_{d}^{2} - \vec{k}^{2} = -(k_{1}^{2} + \dots + k_{d}^{2}) = -k_{E}^{2}$$



$$l(m^{2},d) = \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk_{0} \int d^{d-1}k \frac{1}{k^{2}-1+i\delta}$$
  
Wick: 
$$= \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dk_{0} \int d^{d-1}k \frac{1}{k^{2}-1}$$
  

$$k_{0} = ik_{d} : = i \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk_{d} \int d^{d-1}k \frac{1}{-k_{E}^{2}-1}$$
  

$$= -i \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int d^{d}k_{E} \frac{1}{k_{E}^{2}+1}$$

#### Example: tadpole

• Spherical coordinates in *d* dimensions



• Solid angle in *d* dimensions

$$\Omega_d=rac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\mathsf{\Gamma}(d/2)}$$
 with  $\Omega_2=2\pi,\Omega_3=4\pi,\ldots$ 

• Use definition of Euler's beta funtion

$$B(a,b) = \int_0^\infty dt \, \frac{t^{a-1}}{(1+t)^{a+b}} = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$$

$$I(m^{2}, d) = -i \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \int d\Omega_{d} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{2} \frac{t^{d/2-1}}{t+1}$$
$$= -i \frac{(m^{2})^{d/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(d/2)\Gamma(1-d/2)}{\Gamma(1)}$$
$$\overset{d=4-2\epsilon}{=} -\frac{i}{(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}} (m^{2})^{1-\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon-1)$$

• The result expanded in the limit  $\epsilon 
ightarrow 0$ 

$$I(m^2,\epsilon) = i \frac{m^2}{16\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + 1 - \gamma_E - \log\left(\frac{m^2}{4\pi}\right) + O(\epsilon) \right]$$

## Virtual corrections



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- Integration with multiple propagators.
- Algebra of gamma matrices in *d* dimensions.

Feynman parameters

$$\frac{1}{ABC} = 2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^2 dy \cdots \int_0^1 dz \frac{\delta(1 - x - y - z)}{(xA + yB + zC)^3}$$

• We can combine the denominators as follows

$$\int \frac{d^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{N(k)}{(k^{2} - \lambda^{2})(p_{3} + k)^{2}(p_{4} - k)^{2}}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} dx \, dy \, dz \int \frac{d^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{N(k)}{[(x + y + z)k^{2} + 2yp_{3} \cdot k - 2zp_{4} \cdot k - x\lambda^{2}]^{3}}$$
complete the square

$$\int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{N(k)}{(k^2 - \lambda^2)(p_3 + k)^2(p_4 - k)^2}$$
  
=  $\int_0^1 dx \, dy \, dz \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{N(k)}{[(k + yp_3 - zp_4)^2 + \underbrace{2yzp_3 \cdot p_4}_{=yzs} - x\lambda^2]^3}$   
=  $\int_0^1 dx \, dy \, dz \int \frac{d^d k'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{N(k' - yp_3 + zp_4)}{[k'^2 - \underbrace{(x\lambda^2 - yzs)}_{\Delta}]^3}$ 

• We could almost perform the integration w.r.t. k'

• Tensor integrals

$$\int \frac{d^d k'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k'^{\mu}}{(k'^2 - \Delta)^n} = 0 \qquad \int \frac{d^d k'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k'^{\mu} k'^{\nu}}{(k'^2 - \Delta)^n} = \frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{d} \int \frac{d^d k'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{k'^2}{(k'^2 - \Delta)^n}$$

• Gamma matrices in *d* dimensions

$$\begin{split} \gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{\mu} &= g_{\mu\nu}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} = \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{2}\{\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\} = \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{2}(2g^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}) = d\mathbb{1}\\ \gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma_{\mu} &= \gamma^{\mu}(2g^{\alpha}_{\ \mu} - \gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}) = (2-d)\gamma^{\alpha}\\ \gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma_{\mu} &= 2\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\alpha} - (d-2)\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}\\ \gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\rho}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma_{\mu} &= 2\gamma^{\rho}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\nu} - 2\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\sigma}\gamma^{\rho} - (d-2)\gamma^{\nu}\gamma^{\rho}\gamma^{\sigma} \end{split}$$

## $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ : virtual corrections



$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)} = f(s)\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}^{(0)}$$

$$f(s) = \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 4 - \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - 3 \log\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{-s - i\delta}\right) - \log^2\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{-s - i\delta}\right) + O(\epsilon) \right]$$

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• The quantities initially appearing in the Lagrangian, representing such things as the **electron's electric charge** and **mass**, as well as the normalizations of the quantum fields themselves, **do not actually correspond to the physical constants** that are measure.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \overline{\psi}(\mathrm{i}\partial \!\!\!/ - m)\psi - e\overline{\psi}A\!\!\!/ \psi - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

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### Renormalization

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- IDEA: Physical constants defined by a measurement!
- What we write in the Lagrangian are just symbols! Bare quantities!
  - bare electric charge  $e_B$
  - · bare mass  $m_B$ .
  - bare fileds  $A^{\mu}_{B}$  and  $\psi_{B}$ .

• The scattering of two electrons in the limit  $r \to \infty$  should reduce to the usual Coulomb interactions in the non-relativistic limit



Vacuum polarization

• The photon propagator summed to all orders



$$ilde{V}(q^2)\simeq -rac{e_B^2}{q^2[1-\Pi(q^2)]}$$

• The physical or **renormalized electric charge** *e* is determined by the limit  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$  (i.e.  $r \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$\tilde{V}(q^2) \simeq -\frac{e_B^2}{q^2[1-\Pi(q^2)]} \stackrel{!}{=} -\frac{e^2}{q^2}$$

• Renromalization of the electric charge

$$e_B^2 = \underbrace{e^2}_{\text{ren. charge}} \times \underbrace{[1 - \Pi(0)]}_{\text{ren. constant}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \alpha_B = Z_\alpha \ \alpha \text{ with } \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$$

#### Charge renormalization

- The bare charge is cannot be observed.
- The scattering of two particle at a different scale  $q^2 \neq 0$  involve



$$\mathcal{M} \simeq \frac{e_{\mathcal{B}}^2}{q^2 [1 - \Pi(q^2)]} \left( \overline{u} \gamma^{\mu} u \right) \left( \overline{v} \gamma^{\mu} v \right)$$
$$\simeq \frac{e^2}{q^2} \Big[ 1 + \Pi(q^2) - \Pi(0) \Big] \left( \overline{u} \gamma^{\mu} u \right) \left( \overline{v} \gamma^{\mu} v \right) + O(e^2)$$

• The renormalization yields the cancellation of UV divergences

$$\Pi(q^2) = -\frac{e^2}{12\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \text{finite terms}\right]$$

## **Renormalization constants**

• The fields, masses and coupling constants in the Lagrangian are bare quantities.

Renormalization	
$e_B = Z_e e$	$m_B = Z_m m$
$\Psi_B = Z_2 \psi$	$A^{\mu}_{B}=Z_{3}A^{\mu}$

- Renormalization constants  $Z_i$  contain  $1/\epsilon$  poles which compensate the poles from virtual corrections.
- They are computed order by order in perturbaiton theory

$$Z_i = 1 + \delta Z_i = +\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \delta Z_i^{(1)} + + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \delta Z_i^{(2)} + \dots$$

#### $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ : virtual corrections



#### Total cross section: virtual contribution



#### Virtual correction for $e^+e^- ightarrow q ar q$

$$\frac{\alpha_{\rm s}}{\pi}\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)} = \frac{C_{\rm F}\alpha_{\rm s}}{4\pi} \left[ -2\log^2\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{\rm s}\right) - 6\log\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{\rm s}\right) - 7 + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \right] \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(0)}$$

GOAL: Compute the total cross section for real emission at various values of  $\lambda$ 

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{(0)}(\lambda) = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2s} \int_{x_1^{\min}}^{x_1^{\max}} dx_1 \cdots \int_{x_k^{\min}}^{x_k^{\max}} dx_k \, \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \left| \frac{d\Phi_n}{d\vec{x}} \right|^2$$

- M2 = SquaredMatrixElement(k, p3, p4, s, lambda)
- [p3, p4, k] = PhaseSpacePoint(x1,..., xk, s, lambda)
- dPhi3 = DifferentialPhaseSpaceVolume(x1,...,xk, s, lam2)

#### **Exercise III**

Task I Evaluate the contribution of real emission to the total cross section. Use different values of  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda^2 = 10^{-1}, \dots, 10^{-6}$$

Task II Add to the real emission the contribution of virtual correction  $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)}$ . Check that the sum of the two is independent on  $\lambda$  for  $\lambda \to 0$ , i.e. the cancellation of IR divergences

$$\sigma = \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{(0)} \left( 1 + \frac{3C_F \alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) = \frac{4\pi \alpha_{\rm em}}{3s} N_c q_q^2 \left( 1 + \frac{3C_F \alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)$$

Task III Generate 10000 events for real emission with  $\lambda^2 = 10^{-3}$ . Create histogram for the angular separation between gluon and quarks and the gluon energy.