

Diverges logarithmically at large  $k \sim \int \frac{d^4 k}{k^4} \sim \log \Lambda$

"UV divergence" ~~is a problem~~

Need to regularize to make any progress

→ one popular choice "dimensional regularization" (preserves gauge invariance)

Go to ~~dim~~  $d = 4 - \epsilon$

then  $\int \frac{d^d k}{k^4} \sim \int \frac{d^d k}{k^{4+\epsilon}} \sim \Lambda^{-\epsilon} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

~~removes~~ UV divergence regularizes

Also: technical trick: how to evaluate integral of form

"Feynman parameters"

$$\frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2)(k+p)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{(xA + (1-x)B)^2}$$

$$(1-x)(k^2 - m^2) + (1-x)(p+k)^2 - m^2$$

$$= k^2 + 2xp \cdot k + xp^2 - m^2$$

Shift  $k \rightarrow k + xp$

$$p^2 + x(1-x)p^2 - m^2$$

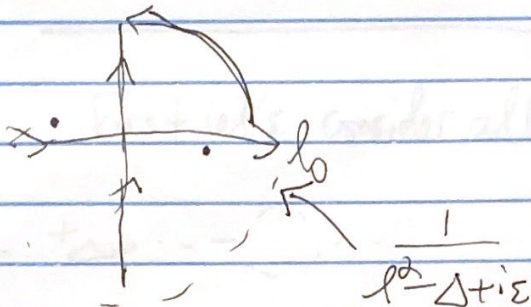
$-\Delta$

$$\int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(k^2 - \Delta)^2}$$



Last step: Wick rotate

$$l^2 = l_0^2 - \vec{l}^2$$



Euclidean continuation

$$l_0 \rightarrow i l_0^E$$

$$\vec{l} \rightarrow \vec{l}^E$$

So  $\int dx \int d^d l \frac{1}{(l^2 + \Delta)^2}$

$$d = 4 - \epsilon$$

dim reg  $4 \rightarrow 4 - \epsilon$

Spherical coords

$$\int d^d l \frac{1}{(l^2 + \Delta)^m} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m-d}{2})}{\Gamma(m)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{m-d/2}}$$

$$\int d^4 l \frac{1}{(l^2 + \Delta)^m} = \frac{(4\pi)^{-2}}{(4\pi)^2 (m-1)(m-2)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{m-2}}$$

$$\int d^d l \frac{l^2}{(l^2 + \Delta)^m} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m-d}{2}-1)}{\Gamma(m)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{m-d/2-1}}$$

$$\int \dots \frac{l^2}{(4\pi)^2 (m-1)(m-2)(m-3)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{m-3}}$$

Euler-Mascheroni Const  $\approx 0.5772$

$$\Gamma(\frac{\epsilon}{2}) = \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma + O(\epsilon)$$

So

$$\int dx \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{2-d}{2})}{\Gamma(2)} \frac{1}{\Delta^{2-d/2}} \quad d = 4 - \epsilon$$

$$g \rightarrow g \mu^{\epsilon/2}$$

$$g \mu^3$$

$$[g] = 1 \int dx$$

$$in d = 4 - \epsilon$$

$$[\partial \phi^2] = d$$

$$in [\phi] = \frac{d-2}{2} = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$[g \phi^3] = d \rightarrow [g] = 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

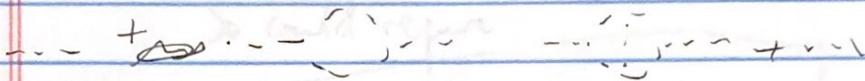
$$\int dx \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \log \frac{\Delta}{\mu^2} - \gamma + \log 4\pi + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta^{\epsilon/2}} \approx e^{-\epsilon/2 \log \Delta} \approx 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \log \Delta$$

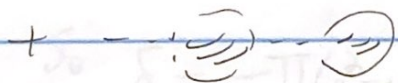


How to make sense of this infinity??

First let's consider all such diagrams



"1-PI"  $\equiv \Pi(p^2)$



Correction:  
~~that propagator is~~  
 ~~$\Delta(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2}$~~   
 we have been calculating  
 $\Pi(p^2)$  not  $\Delta(p^2)$

Exact propagator  $\Delta(p^2)$

$$\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} + \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} \Pi(p^2) \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} + \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} \Pi(p^2) \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} \Pi(p^2) \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\Pi(p^2)}{p^2 - m^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 - \Pi(p^2)}$$

corrects propagator!

Note: divergence  $\Delta$  is just a constant  $\rightarrow$  no momentum dependence  
 suppose  $m^2$  in Lagrangian is not true mass but just an infinite bare mass! (not true mass more generally)



Physical mass given by pole in exact propagator

$$\Delta(p^2) \Big|_{p^2 = m_{\text{phys}}^2} \approx \frac{1}{p^2 - m_{\text{phys}}^2}$$

So could require

$$m^2 + \Pi(p^2 = m_{\text{phys}}^2) = m_{\text{phys}}^2$$

onshell  
"Renormalization"  
condition

Let  $m^2 = m_{\text{phys}}^2 + \delta$  ← "counterterm"

So  $\delta = -\Pi(p^2 = m_{\text{phys}}^2) \approx -\Pi(p^2 = m^2) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$

$$= -\frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int dx \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{1-x(1-x)}{m^2} \right) + \log 4\pi$$

Infinite counterterm!

$$= -\frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} + (\text{something}) \right)$$

More generally, imagine including counterterms for every bare parameter in Lagrangian, e.g.

$$\frac{1}{2} Z_\phi (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} Z_m m^2 \phi^2 + \frac{g}{3!} Z_g \phi^3$$

$$Z_\phi = 1 + \delta_\phi$$

$$Z_m = 1 + \delta_m$$

$$Z_g = 1 + \delta_g$$

Can cancel off all divergences w/ just 3 counterterms?