

physics were done at top energy scales

Yes! If theory is renormalizable

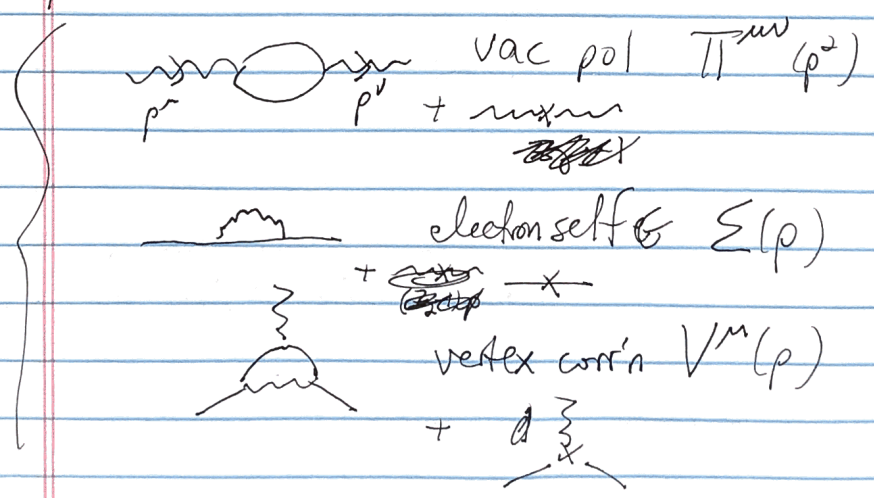
(no proof here)
 Theorem: \mathcal{L} renorm. \iff all couplings mass dim ≥ 0 .
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 superrenorm " " " " > 0
 renorm " " " " $= 0$
 nonrenorm " " " " < 0
 So actually ϕ^3 in $d=4$ is superrenorm \rightarrow only finite # diagrams ~~diverge~~

What about QED?

$e \bar{\Psi} A_\mu \gamma^\mu \Psi \rightarrow e$ is dimless \rightarrow renormalizable
 divergences @ even orders in pert'n theory
 but cancel w/ finite # of

Now let's sketch how works in QED...

$\mathcal{L}_{QED} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \bar{\Psi} \not{\partial} \Psi - e \bar{\Psi} \not{A} \Psi - \sum_m \bar{\Psi} \Psi$ @ 1-loop



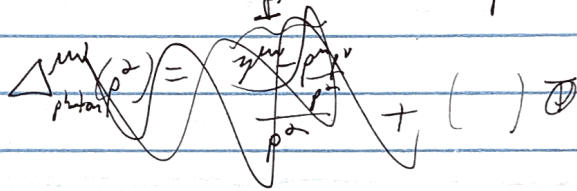
Will skip all calculational details

Land identity!

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}_{loop} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \int d^4x x(x) \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{\mu^2}{m^2 - p^2(x)} \right)$$

$$\equiv - (p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - p^\mu p^\nu) \Pi_{loop}(p^2) = -p^2 \Pi^{\mu\nu}_{loop}(p^2)$$

$(\mu \equiv 4\pi e^{-\gamma} m^2)$



$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}_{ct} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} (p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - p^\mu p^\nu) (Z_3 - 1)$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2}$$

(HW)

$$\underline{p^{\mu\nu}} \underline{p^\sigma} \underline{p^\rho}$$

$$= (\eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2}) (\eta^{\sigma\rho} - \frac{p^\sigma p^\rho}{p^2})$$

$$= \eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\sigma\rho} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu p^\sigma p^\rho}{p^4} = \underline{p^{\mu\nu}} \underline{p^{\sigma\rho}}$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu}_{photon} = \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} \oplus \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} \Pi_{photon} \frac{p^{\rho\sigma}}{p^2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} \oplus \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2} \Pi(p^2) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{p^{\mu\nu}}{p^2 (1 + \Pi(p^2))}$$

OS renorm condition: $\Pi(p^2=0) = 0$

no mass renormalization! (γ mass "protected" by gauge sym)

photon should be "canonically normalized on shell"
 \hookrightarrow mode expansion w/ wavefn e^{ikx} & not $Z_3 e^{ikx} \dots$

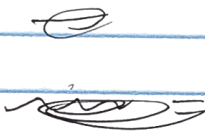
$$\Rightarrow |Z_3 = 1 - \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \log \frac{m}{\mu} \right) + \dots$$

Complex Renormalization

$$\text{Then } \Pi^{\text{ren}} = \Pi^{\text{1-loop}} + \Pi^{\text{ct}} = \Pi^{\text{1-loop}} + (Z_g^{-1})$$

$$= -\frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \int dx x(1-x) \log \frac{m^2 - p^2 x(1-x)}{m^2}$$

Physical interpretation



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

$\langle \otimes \rangle \rightarrow$ Coulomb screening!

$\frac{1}{p^2} \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} \frac{1}{r}$ Coulomb potential (can make more precise using TDPT Born approx $\langle KIVR \rangle = V(\otimes K^{-1})$)

$\frac{1}{p^2 (1 + \Pi(p^2))} \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} V(r)$ screened Coulomb pot'l

p is \downarrow max transfer

Small ρ limit: $\Pi^{\text{ren}} \approx +\frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \int dx x(1-x) \frac{p^2 x(1-x)}{m^2} \approx \frac{\alpha}{15\pi} \frac{p^2}{m^2}$

$$\frac{e^2}{p^2 (1 + \frac{\alpha}{15\pi} \frac{p^2}{m^2})} = \frac{e^2}{p^2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{15\pi} \frac{p^2}{m^2} \right) = \frac{e^2}{p^2} - \frac{e^4}{60\pi^2 m^2}$$

NRQM "Lamb shift" \rightarrow shifts $L=0$ (S-wave) energies of Hydrogen $\downarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{25\pi}$

Contributes to $\frac{e^2}{4\pi r} - \frac{e^4}{60\pi^2 m^2} \delta(r)$

Large p limit: $\int dx x(1-x) = \frac{1}{6}$

$\Pi = -\frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \log\left(\frac{-p^2}{m^2}\right)$ ($p^2 < 0$ for t-channel)

~~QED~~

$V(p) = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{p^2 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \log\left(\frac{-p^2}{m^2}\right)\right)} \approx \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{p^2}$

$\alpha_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \log\left(\frac{-p^2}{m^2}\right)}$

First example of Running coupling!

α_{eff} changes w/ momentum transfer (due to charge screening)

as $|p^2|$ increases, α_{eff} ~~decreases~~ ^{increases}
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QED copy becomes weaker in IR

stronger in UV



"Landau Pole"



QED is technically not

UV complete (way above M_{pl} so OK, plus grand unif.)

when $\log\left(\frac{-p^2}{m^2}\right) \sim \frac{3\pi}{\alpha}$ $p \sim m e^{\frac{3\pi}{2\alpha}}$

α_{eff} diverges

$\frac{3\pi}{\alpha} \sim 10^3$

$p \sim m e^{\frac{3\pi}{2\alpha}} \sim 10^{280} \text{ MeV}$