

3.3 one-loop counterterms in QCD

→ now, renormalise the theory.

use freedom of redefining fields, parameters/couplings

schematically: $\phi_B = \sqrt{Z_\phi} \phi_R$, $\phi \in \{\psi, A, c\}$

$\lambda_B = Z_\lambda \lambda_R$, $\lambda \in \{m, g, \xi\}$

B = "bare"

R = "renormalized"

where the multiplicative renormalization factors Z_i depend on the renormalized parameters (and the dimension d), and are taken to be dimensionless, $Z_i = 1 + \delta Z_i$, $\delta Z_i \sim g^2$ (see below)

• recall (p. 28)

$$\mathcal{L}_B = \bar{\psi}_B (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_B) \psi_B - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 + \bar{c}^a (-\partial^\mu D_\mu^{ab}) c^b$$

$\uparrow_{\psi} - i \gamma^\mu A_\mu^a T^a$ $\uparrow_{D_\mu} - \partial_\mu + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b T^c$ $\uparrow_{c} - \partial^\mu + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b$

(in this line, all ψ, A, c, m, g, ξ should have an index B)

$$\sqrt{Z_\psi} \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi - \sqrt{\frac{Z_m Z_\psi}{m}} m \bar{\psi} \psi + \sqrt{\frac{Z_g Z_\psi Z_A^{3/2}}{g}} g \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu A_\mu^a T^a \psi$$

$$-\sqrt{\frac{Z_A}{4}} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{Z_\xi Z_A^{-1}}{2\xi}} (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{Z_g Z_A^{3/2}}{2}} g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu)$$

$$-\sqrt{\frac{Z_g^2 Z_A^2}{4}} g^2 f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c f^{ade} A^{\mu d} A^{\nu e} - \sqrt{\frac{Z_c}{\xi}} \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu d_\mu^a c^a - \sqrt{\frac{Z_g Z_c Z_A^{3/2}}{g}} g f^{abc} \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu A_\mu^b c^c$$

(here, without Z 's : index B ; with Z 's : index R for all ψ, A, c, m, g, ξ)

$\mathcal{L}_R + \mathcal{L}_{c.t.}$ ← counterterms

$$= (Z_\psi - 1) \bar{\psi} (i \not{\partial} - \frac{Z_m Z_\psi - 1}{Z_\psi} m) \psi + (Z_g Z_\psi Z_A^{3/2} - 1) \mathcal{L}_{\psi A}$$

$$- (Z_A - 1) \left[\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)^2 + \frac{Z_\xi Z_A^{-1} - 1}{2\xi} (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 \right] + (Z_g Z_A^{3/2} - 1) \mathcal{L}_{g A}$$

$$+ (Z_g^2 Z_A^2 - 1) \mathcal{L}_{g^2} - (Z_c - 1) \bar{c} \partial^\mu d_\mu c + (Z_g Z_c Z_A^{3/2} - 1) \mathcal{L}_{g c}$$

(now, all indices are R, and omitted)

→ treat $\chi^{c.t.}$ as additional interactions.

→ get additional Feynman rules

vertices are easy (have the same form as before),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{[Diagram: 4 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= (z_2 z_4 z_1^2 - 1) \text{[Diagram: 4 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} \\
 \text{[Diagram: 3 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= (z_2 z_1^2 - 1) \text{[Diagram: 3 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} \\
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 \text{[Diagram: 3 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= (z_2 z_1^2 - 1) \text{[Diagram: 3 external lines meeting at a central vertex]}
 \end{aligned}$$

and there are also "two-point-vertices" now:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{[Diagram: two external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= i \left[(z_4 - 1) \not{x} - (z_m z_4 - 1)_m \right] \\
 \text{[Diagram: two external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= -i \delta^{ab} \left[(z_1 - 1) (g^{\mu\nu} \not{q}^2 - g^{\mu\nu} \not{q}^\nu) + (z_1 z_1^{-1} - 1) \frac{1}{\not{q}} g^{\mu\nu} \not{q}^\nu \right] \\
 \text{[Diagram: two external lines meeting at a central vertex]} &= i \delta^{ab} (z_c - 1) \not{q}^2 \quad \quad \quad = 0, \text{ see p. 39}
 \end{aligned}$$

- from our explicit results for 1-loop divergences in §3.1, §3.2, we can now fix the yet-unknown constants z !

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet \text{ finite} &= \text{[Diagram: 4 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} + \text{[Diagram: 4 external lines meeting at a central vertex]} + \mathcal{O}(g^4) \\
 (17.35) \downarrow &= i \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} (\not{x} \not{x} - (\not{x} + 3)_m) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) + i \left[(z_4 - 1) \not{x} - (z_m z_4 - 1)_m \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{z_4} \stackrel{!}{=} 1 - \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \not{x} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

what one puts here is a matter of choice.
 often used: "minimal subtraction" (MS) scheme: put 0 here
 many other schemes possible,
 e.g. modified MS ($\overline{\text{MS}}$), see below

$$\Rightarrow z_m z_4 \stackrel{!}{=} 1 - \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} (3 + \not{x}) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{z_m} = 1 - \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} 3 + \mathcal{O}(g^4) \quad \text{in MS scheme}$$

note: \not{x} -independent

• finite $\stackrel{!}{=} \text{tree} + \text{1-loop} + \text{2-loop} + \text{3-loop} + \text{4-loop} + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$

(p2.34) $\downarrow i \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \delta^{ab} (g^{\mu\nu} q^2 - q^\mu q^\nu) \left(\left(\frac{13}{6} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) N_c - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$

$$-i \delta^{ab} \left[(z_1 - 1) (g^{\mu\nu} q^2 - q^\mu q^\nu) + (z_1 z_3^{-1} - 1) \frac{1}{\gamma} q^\mu q^\nu \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{z_1 \stackrel{!}{=} 1 + \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\left(\frac{13}{6} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) N_c - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 z_3^{-1} \stackrel{!}{=} 1 + \mathcal{O}(g^2) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{z_3 = z_1 + \mathcal{O}(g^4)}$$

→ note actually, one can show that $z_3 = z_1$ exactly, to all orders of g^2 , due to gauge invariance:

the BRST symmetry gives rise to the so-called Ward/Takahashi/Sharvov/Taylor-identities, one of which guarantees that the longitudinal ($q^\mu q^\nu$ piece) part of the gluon propagator does not get radiative corrections, $q^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(q) = 0$

• finite $\stackrel{!}{=} \text{tree} + \text{1-loop} + \text{2-loop} + \mathcal{O}(g^5)$

(p2.36) $\downarrow -i g T^a \gamma^\mu \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\gamma - 3N_c^2 \frac{\gamma+1}{2}}{2N_c} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) + (z_2 z_4 z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1) i g T^a \gamma^\mu + \mathcal{O}(g^5)$

$$\Rightarrow z_2 z_4 z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \stackrel{!}{=} 1 + \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\gamma - 3N_c^2 \frac{\gamma+1}{2}}{2N_c} + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{z_2 = 1 - \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{11}{6} N_c - \frac{1}{3} N_f \right) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)}$$

note: γ -independent

• finite $\stackrel{!}{=} \text{tree} + \text{1-loop} + \text{2-loop} + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$

(p2.36) $\downarrow -i \delta^{ab} q^2 \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} (3-\gamma) \frac{N_c}{4} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) + i \delta^{ab} q^2 (z_c - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{z_c \stackrel{!}{=} 1 - \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{N_c}{4} (\gamma - 3) + \mathcal{O}(g^4)}$$

→ get finite (one-loop) results after fixing z 's as above!