

- short summary:

from pg. 18, 26, 27 we have now

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f (i\not{D} - m_f) \psi_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 + \bar{c}^a (-\partial^\mu D_\mu^{ac}) c^c$$

where $D_\mu^{ac} = \partial_\mu \delta^{ac} + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b$ is the "covariant derivative in the adjoint representation"

→ this expression is still invariant, but not under a local gauge transformation as in § 2.2; the relevant transformation now includes the ghost fields $\bar{c}, c$ in an essential way and is called "BRST" transformation

[Becchi/Rouet/Stora, Ann. Phys. 98 (1976) 287;
Tyutin, Theor. Math. Phys. 27 (1976) 316]

(a symmetry with continuous but anticommuting parameters)
(more: QFT lecture; e.g. Peskin/Schroeder §)

→ the formal treatment of pg. 26 had implicitly assumed that the gauge condition $f(\phi) \equiv f^a(A_\mu^a)$ selects (via the Seltzer-fet) one unique representative $\phi(A_\mu^a)$ for each "gauge orbit" ϕ_a .

However, Gribov [Gribov, Nucl. Phys. B 139 (1978) 1] has demonstrated that for non-Abelian theories, this cannot always be guaranteed.

In practice, this fact has little relevance.

- set of "Feynman rules" as usual

→ see QFT lecture; Particle physics lecture; ...

draw diagrams - fix symmetry factors - insert Feynman rules for propagators & vertices - perform traces and Lorentz algebra - regularize divergent integrals - Wick rotation - evaluate loop integrals - ...

3. Fundamentals

→ our $\mathcal{H}_{QCD}$ contains operators of dimension ≤ 4

⇒ theory is renormalizable: all divergences can be removed by a finite number of counterterms

here: illustrate some divergences in QCD

important physical consequence: asymptotic freedom!

• mini-review: renormalization [see e.g. Peskin/Schroeder §10]

loops → $\int d^4k \rightarrow$ ultraviolet (UV) divergences (from large $k \leftrightarrow$ small x)
common and natural in QFT.

→ counting of UV div's (in 1PI diag): superficial degree of divergence

→ idea: "hide" div's in $\mathcal{H}$ by rescaling fields + couplings

$$\phi_g \xrightarrow{L_{\text{bare}}} Z_\phi \phi_R \quad \text{etc.}, \quad Z = 1 + \mathcal{O}(g_R^2)$$

$L_{\text{renormalized}}$

→ need intermediate regularization of divergent loop integrals

many possibilities (discrete space-time; cutoff large momenta; Pauli-Villars; ...)

most elegant for us: dimensional regularization $\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d}$

$d \in \mathbb{C}$; analytic cont. $d \rightarrow 4$; div's will be poles $\sim \frac{1}{d-4}$

Introduce artificial mass-scale μ

$$\text{e.g. } (m^2)^{-\varepsilon} = \mu^{-2\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^\varepsilon = \mu^{-2\varepsilon} \left(1 + \varepsilon \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right)$$

$\Gamma x^\varepsilon = e^{\varepsilon \ln x} \approx \text{Taylor} \dots$

→ the renormalization group (RG) equations

describe the μ -dependence of parameters / Green's functions

• mini-review: dimensional regularization

$$\int d^d k f(k+q) = \int d^d k f(k)$$

$$\int d^d k f(\lambda k) = |\lambda|^{-d} \int d^d k f(k) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int d^d k = 0 = \int \frac{d^d k}{(k^2)^{\alpha \neq d/2}} \quad (!)$$

$$\int d^d k e^{-x k^2} = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_i e^{-x k_i^2} \right]^d = \left(\frac{\pi}{x} \right)^{d/2}$$

$$\int d^d k f(|k|) = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \int_0^\infty dk k^{d-1} f(k) \quad \text{d-dim. spherical coordinates}$$

$$\int d^d k k^\mu f(|k|) = 0 \quad (\text{odd in } k)$$

$$\int d^d k k^\mu k^\nu f(|k|) \stackrel{!}{=} g^{\mu\nu} I = \int d^d k \frac{g^{\mu\nu} k^2}{d} f(|k|) \quad (\text{since } \int d^d k k^2 f = g^\mu_\mu I = dI)$$

$d=4-2\varepsilon$
 $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$