

2.3.3 Mass renormalization (18)

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Nachtrag:

t-Kanal   $Q^2 = -p^2 > 0$ ,  $\therefore$  a. Logarithm is real.

Define effective coupling constant:

$$e_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \ln \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \right] = \frac{1}{187} \left[ 1 + 0.00077 \ln \frac{Q^2}{m^2} \right]$$

Renormalization group equation: (RGE)  $\beta$ -function

$$Q \frac{de}{dQ} =: \beta(e) = \frac{e^3}{12\pi^2}$$

Resummation of all orders:

$$e_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{e^2}{1 - \frac{e^2}{3\pi} \ln \frac{Q^2}{m^2}}$$

Electron propagator at tree-level:

$$iG_0(p) = \frac{i}{\not{p} - m + i\epsilon}$$

One-loop-correction:

$$iG_2(p) = \text{Diagram} = iG_0(p) [i\Sigma_2(p)] iG_0(p)$$


Feynman gauge:

$$i\Sigma_2(p) = (-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \gamma^\mu \frac{i(\not{k} + m)}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \gamma_\mu \frac{-i}{(p-k)^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Feynman parameter: (complete square in denominator,  $k \rightarrow k + px$ , drop linear term in k)

$$i\Sigma_2(p) = 2e^2 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\not{p} - 2m}{(k^2 - \Delta + i\epsilon)^2}, \text{ where } \Delta = (1-x)(m^2 - p^2x)$$

Dimensional regularization:

$$\mu^2 = 4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2$$

$$\Sigma_2(p) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dx [(2-x)\not{p} - (4-x)m] \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{(1-x)(m^2 - p^2x)} \right]$$

Divergence only:

$$\Sigma_2(p) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( \frac{\not{p} - 4m}{2\epsilon} + \text{finite} \right) \quad \text{⊗}$$

Renormalization:

Bare Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}_0 \not{\partial} \psi_0 - m_0 \bar{\psi}_0 \psi_0 - e_0 \bar{\psi}_0 \not{A}_0 \psi_0 - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2$$

Renormalizable parameters:  $\psi_0$  (remember  $\bar{\psi}\psi = \not{p} + m$ ),  $m_0$ ,  $e_0$  (sec. 2.2.1),  $A_0$  (see below)

Renormalizable fermion wave function:

$$\varphi_R(x) =: \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_2}} \varphi_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\delta_2}} \varphi_0$$

Renormalized mass:

$$m_0 = Z_m m_R = (1 + \delta_m) m_R$$

← "Counterterm"

Renormalized propagator:

$$\begin{aligned} iG_R(p) &= \frac{1}{Z_2} \frac{i}{p - m_0} + \text{loops} = \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+\delta_2)} \left( \frac{i}{p - m_R - \delta_m m_R} \right) + \text{loops} \\ &= \frac{i}{p - m_R} + \frac{i}{p - m_R} i \left[ \delta_2 p - (\delta_2 + \delta_m) m_R + \Sigma_2(p) \right] \frac{i}{p - m_R} \end{aligned}$$

Minimal subtraction scheme (MS): Only poles absorbed.

$$\delta_2 = -\frac{d}{4\pi} \frac{2}{\epsilon}, \quad \delta_m = -\frac{3d}{4\pi} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \quad \text{"MS"}$$

Modified Minimal Subtraction (MS) scheme:

$$\frac{2}{\epsilon} \rightarrow \frac{2}{\tilde{\epsilon}} = \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \delta\epsilon + \ln(4\pi)$$

(or equivalently  $\mu \rightarrow \tilde{\mu}$ ).

Sum of one-particle irreducible (1PI) diagrams:

$$\begin{aligned} iG^{\text{bare}}(p) &= \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \dots \\ &= \frac{i}{p - m_0 + \Sigma(p)} \end{aligned}$$

Renormalized Green's function:

$$iG_R(p) = \frac{i}{p - m_R + \Sigma_R(p)}, \quad \text{where } \Sigma_R(p) = \Sigma_2(p) + \delta_2 p - (\delta_2 + \delta_m) m_R + O(\epsilon^4)$$

Physical electron mass:

Location of the pole ( $p = m_p$ ) with residue  $i \rightarrow$  defines pole mass (which is scheme-ind.)

On-shell subtraction scheme:

Defined by  $m_R = m_p$ , so

$$\Sigma_R(m_p) = m_R - m_p$$

Residue  $i$  implies:

$$i = \lim_{p \rightarrow m_p} (p - m_p) \frac{i}{p - m_R + \Sigma_R(p)} = \lim_{p \rightarrow m_p} \frac{i}{1 + \frac{d}{dp} \Sigma_R(p)}$$

using L'Hôpital's rule. Therefore:

$$\frac{d}{dp} \Sigma_R(p) \Big|_{p=m_p} = 0$$

Using  $\Sigma_R(p) = \Sigma_2(p) + \delta_2 p - (\delta_2 + \delta_m) m_R + O(\epsilon^4)$ , this condition and  $\Sigma_R(m_p) = 0$

imply:

$$\delta_2 = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \Sigma_2(p) \Big|_{p=m_p}, \quad \delta_m m_p = \Sigma_2(m_p) \quad \text{"on-shell"}$$

Back to fermion self-energy in QED: (R)

In dim. reg. we found:

$$\Sigma_2(p) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dx [(2-x)p - (4-x)m] \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{(1-x)(m^2 - p^2 x) + x m^2} \right]$$

mass regularization

Wave function renormalization constant: (on-shell scheme)

$$\delta_2 = -\Sigma_2'(m_p) = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_p^2} + 2 + \ln \frac{m_b^2}{m_p^2} \right) \quad \text{"on-shell"}$$

Mass ren. constant:

$$\delta_m = \frac{1}{m_p} \Sigma_2(m_p) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{3}{\epsilon} - \frac{3}{2} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_p^2} - 2 \right) \quad \text{"on-shell"}$$

Relation of pole mass to MS mass:

$$\overline{m} = m_p \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (4 + 3 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_p^2}) + O(\alpha^2) \right]$$

Modified LSZ reduction:

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle \sim (p_f - m_p) \dots (p_i - m_p) \langle \psi_f^R \dots \psi_i^L \rangle$$

not quite correct since we assumed asymptotic states to be non-interacting.

Therefore:

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle \sim (p_f - m_p) \dots (p_i - m_p) \langle \psi_f^R \dots \psi_i^L \rangle_{\text{amputated}}$$

i.e. all external lines are chopped off until they begin interacting with other fields. self-energy diagrams must only be calculated for internal lines.

### 2.3.4 Renormalized perturbation theory (19)

Renormalized charge:  $e_0 =: z_e e_R = (1 + \delta_e) e_R$

Photon field:  $A_0^\mu =: \sqrt{z_3} A_R^\mu = \sqrt{1 + \delta_3} A_R^\mu$

Renormalized Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} =: z_2 \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi - z_2 z_m \bar{\psi} \not{m} \psi - e_0 z_2 z_3 \bar{\psi} \not{A} \psi - \frac{1}{4} z_3 (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu)^2$$

It is customary to define  $z_1 =: z_e z_2 \sqrt{z_3} = (1 + \delta_1)$ , so that  $\delta_e = \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_3 + O(\alpha^2)$

Expanded renormalized Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\psi}_R \not{\partial} \psi_R - m_R \bar{\psi}_R \psi_R - e_R \bar{\psi}_R \not{A}_R \psi_R - \frac{1}{4} F_R^{\mu\nu 2} + i \delta_2 \bar{\psi}_R \not{\partial} \psi_R - (\delta_2 + \delta_m) m_R \bar{\psi}_R \psi_R - e_R \delta_1 \bar{\psi}_R \not{A}_R \psi_R - \frac{1}{4} \delta_3 F_R^{\mu\nu 2}$$

Feynman rules for counterterms:

$$\text{---} \times \text{---} = i (\delta_2 - (\delta_m + \delta_2) m_e)$$

$$\text{---} \times \text{---} = -i \delta_3 (p^2 \not{\partial}^{\mu\nu} - p^\mu \not{\partial}^\nu)$$

$$\text{Diagram} = -ie_R \delta_1 \gamma^\mu$$

Photon propagator:

$$iG^{\mu\nu}(p) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

$$= -i \frac{g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2}}{p^2} [1 - e_R^2 \Pi_2(p^2) - \delta_3] + O(e_R^4)$$

Sum of all 1PI diagrams:

$$iG^{\mu\nu}(p) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

$$= -i \left( g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2} \right) \frac{1}{p^2 (1 + \Pi(p^2)) + i\epsilon} \quad \text{with } \Pi(p^2) = e_R^2 \Pi_2(p^2) + \delta_3 + \dots$$

On-shell subtraction:

Defined by  $\Pi(0) = 0$ , so that photon remains massless. Consequently

$$\delta_3 = -e_R^2 \Pi_2(0) = -\frac{e_R^2}{6v^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{e_R^2}{12\pi^2} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2} \quad \text{"on-shell"}$$

Renormalized propagator:

$$\Pi(p^2) = \frac{e_R^2}{2v^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_e^2 - p^2 x(1-x)} \right)$$

here obtained through wave fun. renormalization, not charge ren.

Vertex correction:

$$\text{Diagram 1} = \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_1 \equiv \delta_2 \quad \text{True to all orders, consequence of gauge invariance!}$$