



Exercise 6

1. One-loop diagrams in $\lambda_0\phi^4$ theory

Draw all distinct Feynman diagrams contributing to the four-point function $G^{(4)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ at second order in the coupling constant λ_0 . Show that in momentum space all the connected diagrams are proportional to

$$J(q^2) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon} \frac{i}{(k - q)^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon}, \quad (1)$$

with q^2 equal to either $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$, $t = (p_1 - p_3)^2$ or $u = (p_1 - p_4)^2$.

2. Feynman parameters

Convince yourself that

$$\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^1 dx dy \delta(x + y - 1) \frac{1}{[xA + yB]^2} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[xA + (1 - x)B]^2}. \quad (2)$$

Use Eq. (2) to prove that

$$\frac{1}{AB^n} = \int_0^1 dx dy \delta(x + y - 1) \frac{ny^{n-1}}{[xA + yB]^{n+1}} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{A_1 A_2 \dots A_n} = \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots dx_n \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1\right) \frac{(n-1)!}{[x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 \dots x_n A_n]^n}.$$

3. Revealing the infinities

- (a) Use Eq. (2) to combine the two denominators in Eq. (1) and complete the square of the resulting denominator by shifting to a new loop momentum. Transform the integrand from Minkowski to Euclidean space-time defined by

$$p_{E\mu} = p_E^\mu = (p_{E1}, p_{E2}, p_{E3}, p_{E4}) = (\vec{p}_E, p_{E4}),$$

with $p_{E4} = -ip_0$ being real, $\vec{p}_E = \vec{p}$ and therefore $p_E \cdot p_E = -p_0^2 + \vec{p}^2 \geq 0 \forall p$. To accomplish this the p_0 integration has been analytically continued from the real to the complex axis, i.e. $p_0 \rightarrow ip_0$, beforehand.

(turn over)

Do the resulting momentum integral by using four-dimensional spherical coordinates¹. For the \bar{k} integral use a finite cut-off Λ as upper limit. The remaining Feynman parameter integral can be solved using

$$\int_0^1 dx \ln \left[1 + \frac{4}{a}x(1-x) \right] = -2 + \sqrt{1+a} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+a}+1}{\sqrt{1+a}-1} \right), \quad \text{where } a > 0.$$

(b*) Go back to part (a). After combining the two denominators and shifting to the new loop momentum, replace one of the resulting factors according to

$$\frac{1}{k^2 - \tilde{m}^2 + i\varepsilon} \rightarrow \frac{1}{k^2 - \tilde{m}^2 + i\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{k^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\varepsilon} = \frac{\tilde{m}^2 - \Lambda^2}{[k^2 - \tilde{m}^2 + i\varepsilon][k^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\varepsilon]}.$$

This procedure is known as Pauli-Villars regularization, and the introduced parameter Λ^2 has to fulfill $\Lambda^2 \gg m^2$. Introduce a second Feynman parameter according to Eq. (3), transform to Euclidean space-time and evaluate the resulting integrals. This time the momentum integral can be performed from zero up to infinity.

¹In four-dimensional Euclidean space we can introduce spherical coordinates as

$$k_1 = \bar{k} \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi \sin \chi, \quad k_2 = \bar{k} \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi \sin \chi, \quad k_3 = \bar{k} \cos \vartheta \sin \chi, \quad k_4 = \bar{k} \cos \chi.$$

Accordingly the four-dimensional volume integral reads

$$\int d^4k = \int_0^\infty d\bar{k} \bar{k}^3 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^\pi d\vartheta \sin \vartheta \int_0^\pi d\chi \sin^2 \chi.$$

When integrating functions, which depend on \bar{k}^2 only, this can be replaced by

$$\int d^4k = \pi^2 \int_0^\infty d\bar{k}^2 \bar{k}^2.$$