

This problem set counts towards the bonus if you hand it in by 8.30 on 18.5.11.
(Note that handing it in jointly does not count.)

Problem 6.1 (20 points)

- a) Define the generating functional $Z[J^i, J^{i*}]$ for n complex scalar fields $\phi^i, i = 1, \dots, n$ via the path integral.
- b) Compute Z explicitly for n free scalar fields (with the same mass) by appropriately completing the square.
- c) Compute the free propagator by appropriately differentiating Z ?

Problem 6.2 (20 points)

The Lagrangian for a massive photon is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m^2 A_\mu A^\mu$$

- a) Compute the photon propagator in Fourier space using $A_\mu(x) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{A}_\mu(k) e^{-ikx}$.
What is the problem with the limit $m \rightarrow 0$?
- b) Modify \mathcal{L} by adding a real scalar field ϕ with couplings and a transformation law such that \mathcal{L} is invariant under the gauge transformation $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \alpha$.

Problem 6.3 (20 points)

Consider the theory with the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \lambda \phi^3 .$$

- a) Determine the mass dimension of the coupling λ .
- b) Draw all superficially divergent Feynman diagrams for this theory.
Hint: You should draw 6 diagrams.
- c) Consider the two one-loop diagrams and evaluate them in $d = 4 - \epsilon$ dimensions in terms of Γ functions. (The overall normalization need not be computed.) What are their UV-divergences?

Problem 6.4 (20 points)

Consider the massless Yukawa theory defined by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \phi^4 - g \bar{\psi} \psi \phi .$$

The counterterm for the scalar propagator is determined to be

$$\delta_{Z_\phi} = \lim_{d \rightarrow 4} \frac{4g^2(d-1)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \frac{\Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2})}{(\Delta(p^2 = -M^2))^{2 - \frac{d}{2}}}$$

for $\Delta(p^2) = -x(1-x)p^2$.

- a) Compute the γ -function for the scalar field.
Hint: You may assume that the β function does not contribute at this order in the Callan-Symanzik-equation.
- b) The β -function is found at leading order to be

$$\beta = b_0 g^3 , \quad b_0 = \frac{5}{16\pi^2} .$$

Determine the running coupling constant \bar{g} in terms of g and b_0 .