

Quantum Field Theory Exercises No. 11
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Exercise 11.1: The proper vertex function $\Gamma_\mu(p, q, r)$ is defined by the following Fourier transform:

$$-ig(2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(r-p-q) \Gamma_\mu(p, q, r) \equiv \int d^4z d^4x d^4y e^{i(rx-py-qz)} \frac{\delta^3 \Gamma[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\nu]}{\delta \bar{\psi}(x) \delta \psi(y) \delta A_\mu(z)} \Big|_{\psi=\bar{\psi}=A=0},$$

with $\Gamma[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\nu]$ defined in lecture. Check that the Ward identity is satisfied to leading order: express the integrand above through the generating functional $Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, J_\nu]$ and the leading order photon and electron propagators.

Exercise 11.2: Draw all possible divergent 1-loop diagrams in QED and give their superficial degree of divergence. What does $D = 0$ mean?

Exercise 11.3: Generalize the steps in ex. 7.1 to compute the following integral in Minkowski space ($p^2 = p_0^2 - p_j p_j$):

$$\int \frac{d^d p}{(p^2 + 2p \cdot q - m^2)^A} = i(-\pi)^{d/2} \frac{\Gamma\left(A - \frac{d}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(A) [-q^2 - m^2]^{A-d/2}}.$$

Use this result to compute the following two integrals:

$$I_1 = \int d^d p \frac{p_\mu}{(p^2 + 2p \cdot q - m^2)^A}, \quad I_2 = \int d^d p \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{(p^2 + 2p \cdot q - m^2)^A}.$$

Exercise 11.4: Compute the photon self-energy also called vacuum polarization $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k)$ in Lorentz gauge $\alpha = 1$ using dimensional regularization. Use the Feynman parameterization ex. 7.3 as well as the above ex. 11.3.