

14.1 Going beyond one loop

Let's use QED as an example ( $g=-1$ )

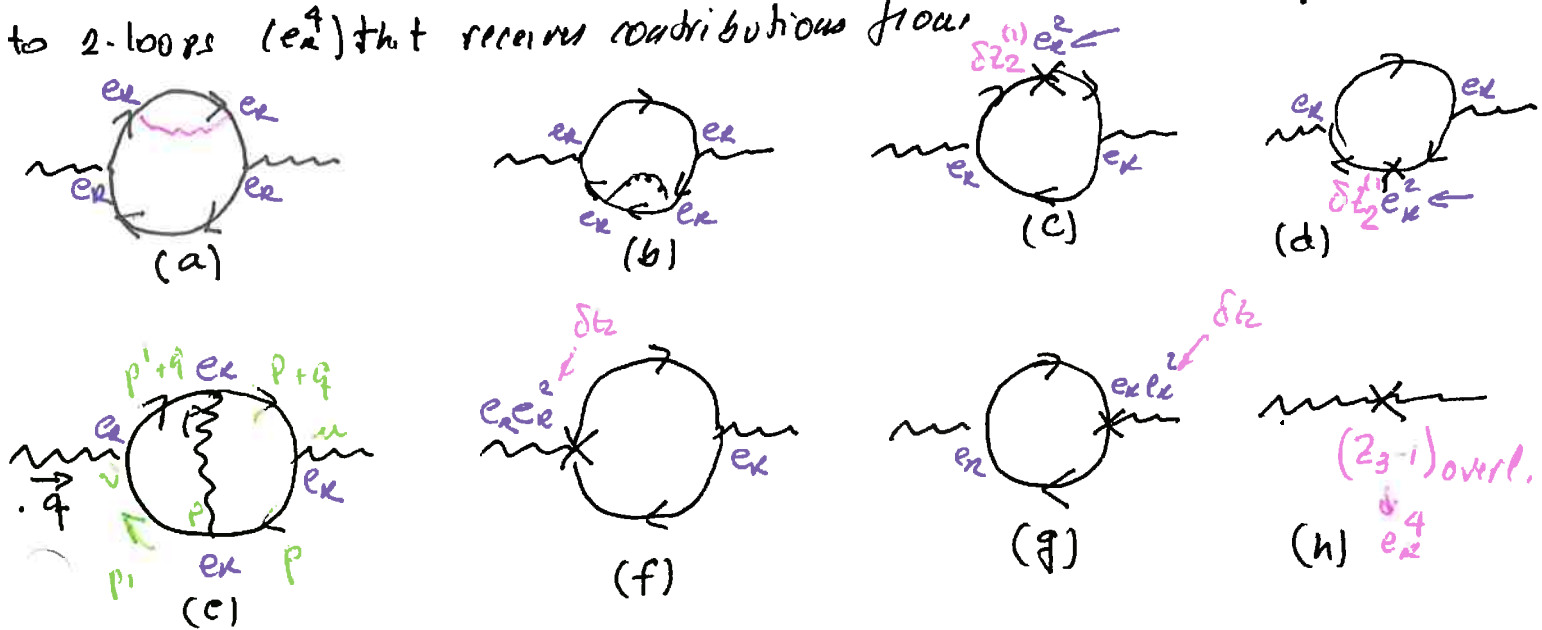
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i\not{\partial} - m_R)\Psi + e_R \bar{\Psi} \not{A} \Psi - \frac{1}{2a} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 \quad (14.1)$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} (Z_3 - 1) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (Z_2 - 1) \bar{\Psi} i\not{\partial} \Psi - m_R (Z_0 - 1) \bar{\Psi} \Psi + e_R (Z_1 - 1) \bar{\Psi} \not{A} \Psi$$

In the on-mass-shell renormalization scheme, the Ward identity leads to  $Z_1 = Z_2$ . The counterterms  $\delta Z_2 = (Z_2 - 1)$ ,  $\delta Z_0 = Z_0 - 1$  and  $\delta Z_3 = Z_3 - 1$  are written as a power series on  $e_R$ :

$$\delta Z = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \delta Z_{(j)}^d e_R^j \quad (14.2)$$

In QFT<sub>1</sub> evaluated  $\delta Z$  to order  $e_R^2$ . Let's consider the photon self-energy to 2-loops ( $e_R^4$ ) that receives contributions from



Notice that to this order the counter-terms vertices appear in the loops!

In QED these diagrams have a ~~divergent~~ superficial degree of divergence

$$D = 4 - \sum_p E_p (P_{p+1}) = 2$$

$2 \times 3 = 0$

Moreover, there are ~~divergent~~ divergent sub-diagrams like in (a)



This is rendered finite by ~~then the renormalization of the whole diagrams follows the usual path.~~   
~~The counter term at loop level leaves this sub-diagram~~ The control of divergences in sub-diagrams is not always clear.

Notice that there is also an overlapping divergence in diagram (e); that we sum with the contribution from  $t \rightarrow u$ .

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{(e)}(q) = - \frac{e_R^4}{(2\pi)^8} \int d^4p \int d^4p' \frac{1}{(p-p')^2 + i\epsilon} \text{Tr} \left[ S_F(p') \gamma_\nu S_F(p'+q) \gamma^\mu S_F(p'+q) \gamma_\mu S_F(p) \gamma_\nu \right]$$

$$= 2 \delta_{2,2}^{(1)} \frac{i e_R^4}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4p \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\nu S_F(p+q) \gamma_\mu S_F(p) \right] \quad (14.3)$$

$$= i \delta_{3,3}^{(0)} (q^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu)$$

We can have two interpretations of diagram (e):

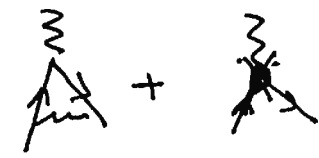
- (i) it's an insertion of a vertex correction given by  $\int d^4p'$  in a photon self-energy diagram  $\int d^4p$
- (ii) vice-versa ( $\int d^4p' \leftrightarrow \int d^4p$ )

however, it is (i) OR (ii), not both

let's analyze  $\overline{\Pi}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{overlap}}$  in more detail. From the vertex renormalization (14.3) at one loop we know that

$$\left[ \delta Z_2^{(1)} + R_2 \right] \gamma_\mu = + \frac{i e_R^4}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 p' \frac{1}{p'^2 + i\epsilon} \gamma_\rho S_F(p') \gamma_\mu S_F(p') \gamma^\rho \quad (14.4)$$

→ finite part

coming from 

Substituting (14.4) into (14.3) we obtain

$$\overline{\Pi}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{overlap}}(q) = - \frac{e_R^4}{(2\pi)^8} \int d^4 p \int d^4 p' \left\{ \frac{1}{(p-p')^2} \text{Tr} \left[ S_F(p') \gamma_\nu S_F(p'+q) \gamma^\rho S_F(p'+q) \gamma_\mu S_F(p) \right] \right.$$

$T_1$  →

$$T_2 \rightarrow - \frac{1}{p^2} \text{Tr} \left[ S_F(p') \gamma_\nu S_F(p') \gamma^\rho S_F(p'+q) \gamma_\mu S_F(p) \gamma^\rho \right]$$

$$T_3 \rightarrow - \frac{1}{p^2} \text{Tr} \left[ S_F(p') \gamma_\nu S_F(p'+q) \gamma^\rho S_F(p) \gamma_\mu S_F(p) \gamma^\rho \right]$$

$$T_4 \rightarrow - R \text{Re} \frac{i e_R^2}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 p \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\nu S(p'+q) \gamma_\mu S(p) \right]$$

(14.5)

$$T_5 \rightarrow - i \cancel{\delta Z_2} \delta Z_3^{\text{overlap}} (q^2 q_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu)$$

Notice that: →  $\int d^4 p' (T_1 + T_2)$  is finite since  $S_F(p'+q) - S_F(p') \propto \frac{1}{p'^2 - M^2}$

→  $\int d^4 p T_3$  is logarithmic divergent being a polynomial on  $q$

→  $T_5$  cancels the divergence in  $T_3$

In general theories with

14.4A

$\Delta_i = 4 - d_i - \sum_p n_{ip} (\rho_{p+1}) \geq 0$  are renormalizable

$$D = 4 - \sum_p \epsilon_p (\rho_{p+1}) - \sum_i n_i \Delta_i$$

and the divergences can be absorbed in terms of renormalized masses, fields and couplings. A

specific general prescription to eliminate ultraviolet divergences was proposed by Bogoliubov, and Parasiuk and also by Hepp. Zimmerman showed that this procedure eliminates all superficial divergences as well as the ones in subintegrations. The method is called BPHZ.

By symmetry the same holds for the integration  $\int d^4p$ !

So, all subdiagrams are convergent!

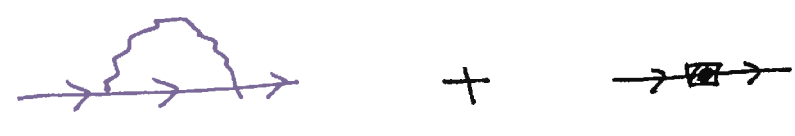
On the other hand, the integration over  $p$  and  $p'$  simultaneously can be made finite by the counter-term  $\delta Z_3^{owl}$  due to its superficial divergence degree!

Therefore, we have a finite contribution to the photon self-energy.  $\implies$  see (14.4A)

Suggested reading: S. Weinberg, volume I, sections 12.1 and 12.2

14.2 Other renormalization prescriptions

We have defined the on-shell renormalization scheme where we do perturbation theory using the physical parameters  $m_e$  and  $e_p$ , see (14.1). However, this is not the only possibility since the main goal in renormalization is to deal with the divergences. Let's analyze the 1-loop electron self-energy:



$$\implies \Sigma = \frac{e^2 m}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{0}{E} + 4 \int_0^1 dx \ln \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{x(x-1)p^2 + x m^2} \right) - 2 - 4\gamma_E \right\} \quad (14.6)$$

$$+ \cancel{\frac{e^2 m}{16\pi^2}} + \cancel{\gamma} \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \left\{ -\frac{2}{E} - 2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{x(x-1)p^2 + x m^2} \right) - 1 + \gamma_E \right] \right\} - \delta Z_2 p + m S$$

In the minimum subtraction (MS) scheme the counterterms just (14.6) cancel the divergences and have NO finite part. For instance,

applying the MS prescription to (14.6) leads to

$$\delta Z_0^{\text{MS}} = -\frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \quad (14.7)$$

$$\delta Z_2^{\text{MS}} = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

Notice that with this choice the renormalized mass  $m$  is not the physical mass. So, we ~~cannot~~ still have to express the physical mass (pole in the propagator) with the renormalized mass parameter  $m$ .

A variant of the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme is that ~~the~~ counterterms have a finite piece to cancel the factor  $\ln 4\pi$  and  $\gamma_E$ ! For instance, for (14.6)

$$\delta Z_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = -\frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \left( \gamma_E - \ln 4\pi \right) \quad (14.8)$$

$$\delta Z_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = +\frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 2 + \gamma_E - \ln 4\pi \right]$$

Why do we introduce these prescriptions?

- It's simple
- We might not be able to have  $e$  particles on the mass shell,  $e, m=0$  (infrared divergences) or confinement.
- the scheme is mass independent, i.e., there renormalization scheme does not introduce a mass scale.

### 14.3 Infrared Divergences

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(short distance)

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Renormalization deals with the ultraviolet (UV) behavior of the model. However, we already encountered infrared (IR) divergences in QED that are related to the long distance behavior of the model! At one loop we obtained (before introducing a photon mass!)

$$\delta Z_2 = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ -8 \int_0^1 dx \frac{x-1}{x} + \left( -\frac{2}{\epsilon} - 2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \left[ \ln\left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{x^2 m^2}\right) - 1 + \gamma_E \right] - 4 \int_0^1 dx \frac{(1-x)^2}{x} \right) \right\} \quad (14.9)$$

IR divergences

Introducing a photon mass  $m_\gamma$  we obtained

$$\delta Z_2 = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ -\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \gamma_E - 4 + \ln\left(\frac{m^2}{4\pi\mu^2}\right) - 2 \ln\left(\frac{m_\gamma^2}{m^2}\right) \right] \quad (14.10)$$

At this point we must understand how to cope with IR divergences! A general principle IR divergences cancel only for physically observable quantities! In the case of IR divergences, they cancel after cross sections involving different initial and final states are combined!

#### 1.3.9 Example of IR finite observable

Let's consider the production

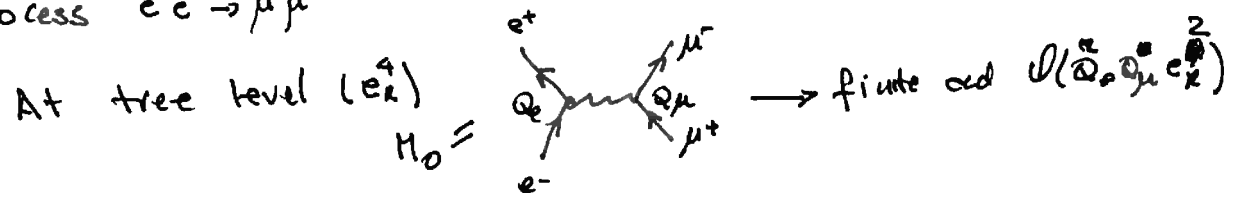
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \quad \text{and} \quad e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$$

The total cross sections of the processes to order  $\alpha^3$  ( $e^2$ ) is IR divergent,

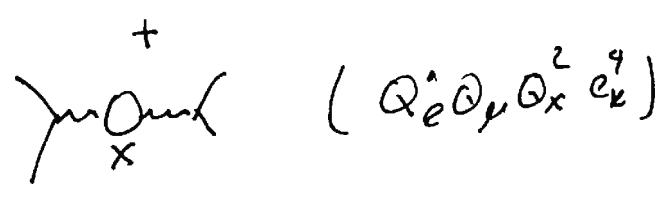
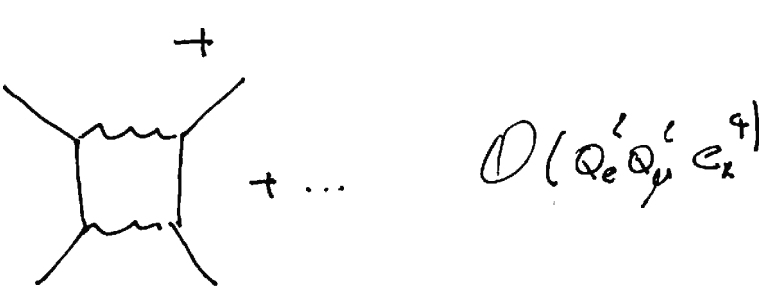
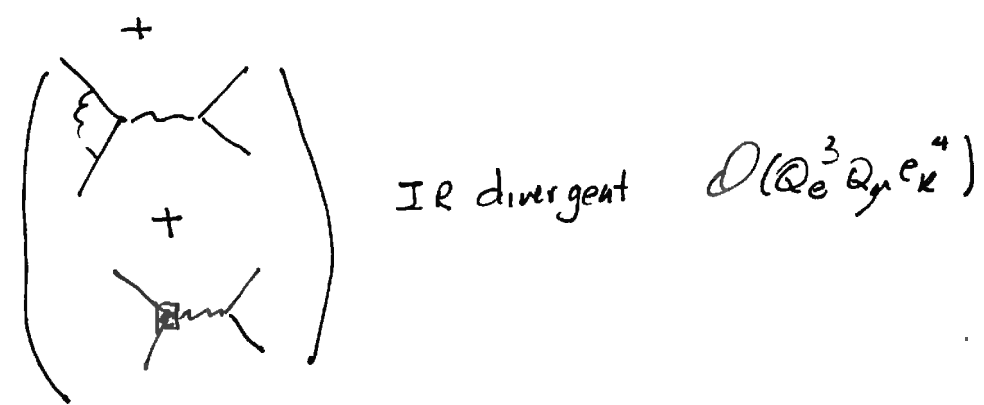
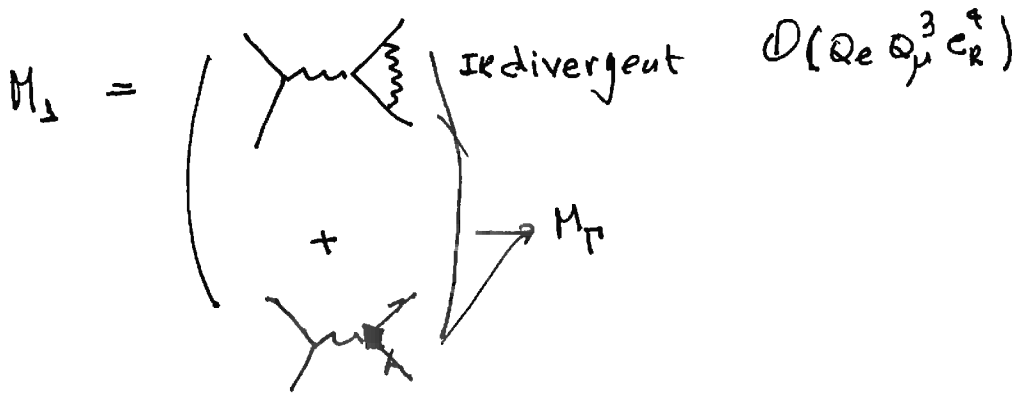
but their sum is finite! Let's describe the elements of the calculation. We assume that the charge of the electron (muon) is

$Q_e$  ( $Q_\mu$ ) and that these are free parameters.

i) Process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



The one-loop contribution is





To order  $\alpha^3$  the amplitude for this process is

(14.1)

$$|M|^2 = |M_0 + M_1|^2 = \underbrace{|M_0|^2}_{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)} + 2 \operatorname{Re} \underbrace{M_0^* M_1}_{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)} + \underbrace{|M_1|^2}_{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)} \quad (14.11)$$

*neglect*

ii) Process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma$

$$M = \left( \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right) \mathcal{O}(Q_e^2 Q_\mu^2 e^3)$$

*to (14.8A)*

$$+ \left( \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} \right) \mathcal{O}(Q_e^2 Q_\mu^2 e^3)$$

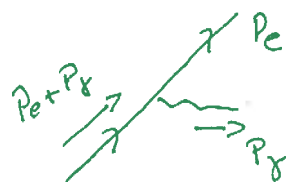
So  $|M|^2$  is of order  $\alpha^3$  and it is IR divergent!

We will focus on  $\mathcal{O}(Q_e^2 Q_\mu^2 \alpha^3)$  and show that their total cross section is IR finite!

The same happens for other combinations of  $Q_e$  and  $Q_\mu$ .

We will use dimensional regularization to regulate the IR and UV divergences!

$$P_e^2 = m_e^2 \quad P_\gamma^2 = 0$$



$$\frac{i(P_e + P_\gamma + m_e)}{(P_e + P_\gamma)^2 - m_e^2} \quad \downarrow \quad \frac{i(P_e + P_\gamma + m_e)}{2P_e P_\gamma}$$

if  $P_\gamma = E_\gamma (1, 0, 0, 1)$

$$P_e = E_e (1, \beta \sin \theta, 0, \beta \cos \theta)$$

$\beta =$  electron velocity

$$P_e \cdot P_\gamma = E_e E_\gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta)$$

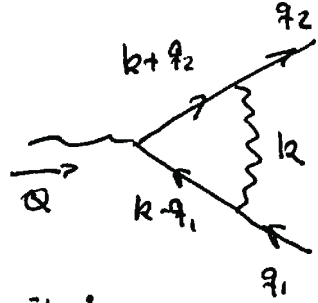
Divergences:

i)  $E_\gamma \rightarrow 0$  soft divergence

ii)  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \theta \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{for} \\ \beta = 1 \\ \downarrow \\ (m_e = 0) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{collinear divergence}$

14.3, b Vertex Correction

We have to evaluate



$$+ i e \kappa \mu^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \bar{u}(q_2) \gamma^\mu v(q_1) = + (e \kappa \mu^{\frac{4-d}{2}})^3 \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\bar{u}(q_2) \gamma^\nu (k+q_2) \gamma^\mu (k-q_1) \gamma_\nu v(q_1)}{[(k+q_2)^2 + i\epsilon] [(k-q_1)^2 + i\epsilon] [k^2 + i\epsilon]} \quad (14.12)$$

where we set  $m=0$ . Now  $\not{q}_1 v(q_1) = 0 = \bar{u}(q_2) \not{q}_2$  and  $Q^2 = 2q_1 \cdot q_2$

low analogously to what we have done in QFT I we obtain after

$$k^\mu \rightarrow k^\mu - x q_2^\mu + y q_1^\mu$$

$$\Gamma_2^\mu = -2i \gamma^\mu e \kappa \mu^{4-d} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\frac{(d-2)^2 k^2}{d} + Q^2 ((2-d)xy + 2x + 2y - 2)}{(k^2 + Q^2 xy + i\epsilon)^3} \quad (14.13)$$

- $k^2$  term is UV divergent
  - $Q^2$  term is IR divergent
- explain!

low using that  $\int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{(k^2)^\alpha}{(k^2 - \Delta + i\epsilon)^\beta} = i (-1)^{\alpha-n} \Delta^{\alpha-n+\frac{d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(n-\alpha-\frac{d}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d}{2}+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n) \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$  (14.14)

we obtain that (for  $d=4-\epsilon_{UV}$ )

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\frac{(d-2)^2 k^2}{d}}{(k^2 - (-Q^2 xy) + i\epsilon)^3} \stackrel{\text{explain}}{=} \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi}{-Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{4-d}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2}{\Gamma(d-1)}$$

$$= \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi}{-Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \left[ \frac{d}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \frac{\gamma_E}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{UV}) \right] \quad (14.15)$$

Notice that for the UV integral to converge we need  $\epsilon_{UV} > 0$ . (14.11)

↑ formal name

For the integral  $\int \frac{d^d k}{k^6}$  to converge in the IR we need  $d > 4$ . We perform the  $\mathbb{R}^d$  integral over the  $Q^2$  term writing  $d = 4 - \epsilon_{IR}$  where we assume that  $\epsilon_{IR} < 0$  for the integral to be finite. So, we have

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{Q^2 ((2-d)xy + 2x + 2y - 2)}{(k^2 + Q^2 xy + i\epsilon)^3} =$$


$$= \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi}{-Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{4-d}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d-4}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(d-2)} \left( \frac{d^2 + 8d + 24}{4(d-2)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi}{-Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \left( -\frac{4}{\epsilon_{IR}^2} + \frac{-4 + 24\epsilon}{\epsilon_{IR}} + \frac{-54 + 24\epsilon - 6\epsilon^2 + \pi^2}{12} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{IR}) \right)$$

(14.16)


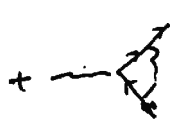
The  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_{IR}^2}$  pole is associated to soft-collinear divergences!

To remove the UV divergences we must add



$$= +i\delta\mathcal{E}_1 \left( e_k \mu^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \right) \bar{u}(q_2) \gamma^\mu u(q_1)$$

(14.17)

To fix  $\delta\mathcal{E}_1$  we impose that  +  must vanish for  $Q \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \delta Z_1 = i e_R^2 \mu^{4-d} \frac{(d-2)^2}{d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^4} \quad (14.18)$$

In dimensional regularization  $\int \frac{d^d k}{k^4} \equiv 0$ ! Let's analyze this more carefully. In the euclidean space

$$\int \frac{d^d k_E}{k_E^4} = \Omega_d \int_0^\infty dk_E k_E^{d-5} \quad (14.19)$$

where the integral over the angular variables ~~just~~ yield  $\Omega_d = \frac{2 \pi^{-d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)}$

Let's separate (14.19) in the UV end IR by introducing an arbitrary scale  $\Lambda$

$$\int \frac{d^d k_E}{k_E^4} = \Omega_d \left[ \int_0^\Lambda dk_E k_E^{d-5} + \int_\Lambda^\infty dk_E k_E^{d-5} \right] \quad (14.20)$$

$$= \Omega_d \left( \ln \Lambda - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{IR}} \right) + \Omega_d \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \ln \Lambda \right)$$

If we set  $\epsilon_{IR} = \epsilon_{UV} = \epsilon$  we have that  $\int \frac{d^d k_E}{k_E^4} \equiv 0$ .

Back to (14.18)

$$\delta Z_1 = i e_R^2 \mu^{4-d} \frac{(d-2)^2}{d} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{2 \pi^{-d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{IR}} \right) \quad (14.21)$$

Putting together (14.15), (14.16) and (14.17) we obtain that  
(we use  $\epsilon_{UV} = \epsilon_{IR} = \epsilon$ )

$$\Gamma_2^\mu = \gamma^\mu F(Q)$$

$$= \gamma^\mu \left\{ -\frac{e_k^2}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2}{-Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{4\epsilon} + 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{48} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right) \right\} \quad (14.22)$$

$$= \gamma^\mu \left\{ -\frac{e_k^2}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\frac{3}{4} + i\pi/2}{\epsilon} - \frac{7\pi^2}{48} + 1 + \frac{3\pi i}{8} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right) \right\}$$

Comment: after renormalization we are left with the IR divergences only.

Note that  $\Pi_1 = F(Q) M_0$  in (14.11),  $\Rightarrow |M|^2 = |M_0|^2 (1 + 2 \text{Re} F(Q))$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3 Q^2 Q^4)$

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14.3.C Tree level processes in dimensional regularization (DR)

We know

$$i M_0 = \text{diagram} = z^\mu \frac{e_k^2}{Q^2} \bar{u}(p_2) \gamma^\mu u(p_1) \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma_\mu u(p_4) \quad (Q \in Q_\mu)$$

with  $Q^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = Q$ . We shall consider  $Q^2 \gg m_e, m_\mu$ . We have to evaluate this process w DR to keep the powers of  $\epsilon$  since it's multiplied by  $M_1$  at the order we are working!

We write

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{1}{2Q^2} \int d\phi_2 |M_0|^2 = \frac{e_k^4 \mu^{2(d-4)}}{2Q^2} L^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu} \quad (14.23)$$

↑  
phase space

where

$$-^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{S^1} \bar{u}(p_2) \gamma^\mu u(p_1) \bar{v}(p_1) \gamma^\nu v(p_2) = \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} [\frac{1}{2} \gamma^\mu \not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}_2] = p_1^\mu p_2^\nu + p_1^\nu p_2^\mu - \frac{1}{2} Q^2 g^{\mu\nu}$$

and

$$X^{\mu\nu} = \int d\phi_2 \sum_{S^{11}} a(p_2) \gamma^\mu v(p_1) \bar{v}(p_1) \gamma^\nu u(p_2) \quad (14.24)$$

Since  $X^{\mu\nu}$  originates from  $\frac{1}{p}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Ward}}$   $p_\mu X^{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow X^{\mu\nu} = (p^\mu p^\nu - p^2 g^{\mu\nu}) X(p^2)$  (14.25)

So, we have

~~$$X_{\mu\nu} = Q^4 X(Q^2) = -\frac{Q^2}{(d-1)} g_{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu} \quad (14.26)$$~~

~~$$\text{Now, } (14.24) + (14.25) \Rightarrow \nabla_0 = \frac{c_K^4}{2Q^4(d-1)} g_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} \quad (14.27)$$~~

Now  $X^{\mu\nu} L_{\mu\nu} = (p_1^\mu p_2^\nu + p_1^\nu p_2^\mu - \frac{Q^2}{2} g^{\mu\nu}) (p_\mu p_\nu - Q^2 g_{\mu\nu})$

$= p_1 \cdot p_2 \oplus m_e = m_\mu = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ 2 \underbrace{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2}_{Q^2/2} - Q^2 2 p_1 \cdot p_2 - \frac{Q^4}{2} + \frac{Q^4 d}{2} \right] X = \frac{(d-2)}{2} Q^2 X(Q^2) \quad (14.2)$$

$$X(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{(d-1)Q^2} g_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(d-2)}{(d-1)} Q^2 g_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

therefore,

$$\nabla_0 \cancel{=} -\frac{c_K^4}{4Q^4} \mu^{2(4-d)} \left( \frac{d-2}{d-1} \right) g_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} \quad (14.27)$$

so all we need to know is  $X^{\mu\nu}$ . ~~because~~ This is quite general!

in the case of  $M_0$  we know that

no average over spins

$$X^{\mu\nu} = \int (\underbrace{p_3^\mu p_4^\nu + p_3^\nu p_4^\mu}_{\frac{Q^2}{2}} - g^{\mu\nu} p_3 \cdot p_4) 4 d\phi_2 \quad (14.28)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} = 2(d-2) Q^2 \int d\phi_2 \quad (14.29)$$

let's focus on  $\int d\phi_2$ :

$$\int d\phi_2 = \int \frac{d^{d-1} p_3}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \frac{d^{d-1} p_4}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \frac{1}{2E_3 2E_4} \delta^{(d)}(p_3 + p_4 - p) (2\pi)^d \quad (14.30)$$

low  $p_i = \frac{Q}{2} \hat{p}_i$  (dimensionless) and  $x_i = \frac{2}{Q} E_i$ . We evaluate  $d^{d-1}$  using the radial part of the  $\delta^d$ , obtaining

$$\int d\phi_2 = (2\pi)^{2-d} \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)^{d-2} \frac{1}{Q^2} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \hat{p}_3}{x_3 x_4} \delta(x_3 + x_4 - 2)$$

notice that  $x_4$  depends on  $\hat{p}_3$  since it is determined by momentum conservation! However, for the QCD

$$x_4 = |\vec{\hat{p}}_3| = x_3 \text{ leading to}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\phi_2 &= \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{d-2} \frac{1}{Q^2} (2\pi)^{2-d} \int \frac{d^{d-1} x_3 \sqrt{x_3}}{x_3} \delta(2x_3 - 2) \int d\Omega_{d-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{d-2} \frac{1}{2Q^2} Q^{d-1} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{Q^2}\right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \frac{2^{-d}}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})} \end{aligned} \quad (14.31)$$

$$\frac{2 \pi^{(d-1)/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})}$$

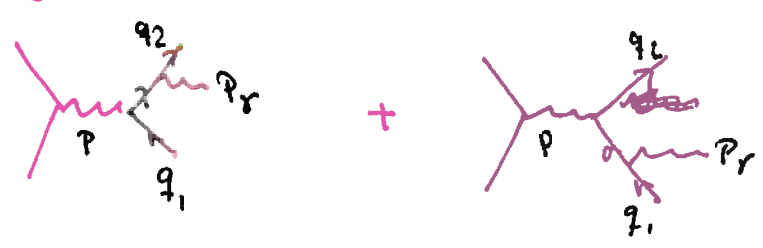


usually, (14.31) ⊕ (14.27) ⊕ (14.29)

$$\sigma_0^d (\text{e}^+ \text{e}^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \sigma_0 \mu^{2(4-d)} \left( \frac{4\pi}{Q^2} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \frac{3\sqrt{\pi} (d-2)^2}{2^d \Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)} \quad (14.32)$$

with  $\sigma_0 = \sigma_0^{d=4} = \frac{e_k^4}{12\pi Q^2}$  (14.33)

Our job is not over, we still have to evaluate  $\text{e}^+ \text{e}^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  to order  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 Q^2)$



Notice that (14.23) is valid replacing  $d\phi_2$  with  $d\phi_3$  and

$X^{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{exactly!}}$   $X^{\mu\nu} = -\mu^{4-d} \int d\phi_3 \text{Tr} [ \not{q}_1 S^{\mu\nu} \not{q}_2 S^{\alpha\beta} ]$  (14.34)

with  $S^{\mu\nu} = +ie_R \left[ \gamma^\alpha \frac{i}{\not{q}_2 + \not{q}_3} \gamma^\mu - \gamma^\mu \frac{i}{\not{q}_1 + \not{q}_3} \gamma^\alpha \right]$  (14.35)

Again, by the Ward identity

$$X^{\mu\nu} = (p^\mu p^\nu - Q^2 g^{\mu\nu}) \times (Q^2)$$

Performing the trace and defining

$$x_i = \frac{2q_i \cdot P}{Q^2} = \frac{2E_i}{Q} \quad (14.36) \quad i = 1, 2, \gamma$$

we find that

$$- \int_{\mu 0} X^{\mu 0} = \mu^{4-d} 4e_R^2 (d-2) \int d\phi_3 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{d-4}{2} x_3^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} \quad (14.37)$$

Notice that ~~the~~  $x_i$  depends on one angle

$$x_i = \frac{2E_i}{Q} = \frac{2}{Q} \sqrt{(\vec{q}_i + \vec{q}_j)^2} = \frac{2}{Q} \sqrt{E_i^2 + E_j^2 - 2E_i E_j \cos\theta} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1 x_2 \cos\theta} \quad (14.38)$$

so we have to write carefully the phase space  $d\phi_3$ .

$$\int d\phi_3 = (2\pi)^{3-2d} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \vec{q}_1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \vec{q}_2}{2E_2} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \vec{p}_3}{2E_3} \delta^{(d)}(\vec{q}_1 + \vec{q}_2 + \vec{p}_3 - \vec{P}) \quad (14.39)$$

Like before (COM) we perform  $\int d^{d-1} \vec{p}_3$  using the radial part of the  $\delta^{(d)}$

$$q_i = \frac{Q}{2} \hat{q}_i \quad x_i = 2 \frac{E_i}{Q} = |\hat{q}_i| \quad x_3 = \frac{2E_3}{Q}, \text{ leading to}$$

$$\int d\phi_3 = \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{2d-3} \frac{1}{Q^3} \int x_1^{d-2} dx_1 d\Omega_{d-1} \int x_2^{d-2} dx_2 d\Omega_{d-1} \int \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3} \delta(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 2) \quad (14.40)$$

Since the angle between  $\vec{q}_1$  and  $\vec{q}_2$  appears in  $x_3$  we write for  $\vec{q}_1$ :

$$d\Omega_{d-1} = d\Omega_{d-2} \sin^{d-3} \theta d\theta = d\Omega_{d-2} (1-z^2)^{\frac{d-4}{2}} dz$$

↑  
 $z = \cos\theta$

the integrand in (14.37) depends only on  $x_i$ 's and  $z$ , so.

(14.18)

$$\int d\phi_3 = \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{2d-3} \frac{\Omega_{d-2} \Omega_{d-1}}{Q^3} \int dx_1 x_1^{d-3} \int dx_2 x_2^{d-3} \int_{-1}^1 dz (1-z^2)^{\frac{d-4}{2}} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} \delta(x_1+x_2+x_3) \quad (14.40)$$

notice that  $z = \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2}{2x_1 x_2} \implies (1-z^2) = 4 \frac{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)}{x_1^2 x_2^2}$

using  
 $x_1+x_2+x_3=2$

allowing us to trade  $dz \leftrightarrow dx_3 \implies$

$$d\phi_3 = \frac{Q^2 \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{d-4}}{128 \pi^3 \Gamma(d-2)} \int dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \delta(x_1+x_2+x_3-2) \left( \frac{1}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)} \right)^{\frac{4-d}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi}\right)^{d-4} \frac{Q^2}{128 \pi^3 \Gamma(d-2)} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_{1-x_1}^1 dx_2 \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)} \right]^{\frac{4-d}{2}} \quad (14.42)$$

with  $x_3 = 2 - x_1 - x_2$

Now we can evaluate (14.37)

$$\int_0^1 dx_1 \int_{1-x_1}^1 dx_2 \frac{4(d-2)(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{d-4}{2} x_3^2)}{(1-x_1)^{\frac{3-d}{2}} (1-x_2)^{\frac{3-d}{2}} (1-x_3)^{2-d/2}} = 4(d-3)(d^2-4d+8) \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d-4}{2})^2 \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{3d-6}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{64}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{16}{\epsilon} - 8\pi^2 + 52 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad (14.43)$$

substituting (14.43) + (14.37) into (14.27) we get

$$\Gamma_{\text{RAD}}^{-d} = \sigma_0 e_R^2 \left( \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\mu^2} \right)^{d-4} \frac{3}{32\pi^2} \frac{(d-3)(d-2)(d^2-4d+7)}{d-1} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d-4}{2})^2 \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{3d-6}{2}) \Gamma(d-2)} \quad (14.44)$$

$$= \sigma_0 \frac{e_R^2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^{4-d} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{13}{12\epsilon} - \frac{5\pi^2}{24} + \frac{259}{144} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right)$$

14.3.C Adding 2-3 | + 2-2 | tree+loop to order e\_R^6

The contribution from 1-loop diagrams at order e\_R^6 takes place through the term

$$2 \text{Re } \Pi_0^* M_\perp$$

However, the result (14.22) allows us to write

$$M_\perp = F(Q) \Pi_0$$

leading to

$$\Gamma_{\text{VIRTUAL}}^d = \sigma_0^d 2 \text{Re } F(Q) \quad (14.45)$$

$$= - \sigma_0 \frac{e_R^2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{4\pi e^{-\gamma_E} \mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^{4-d} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{13}{12\epsilon} - \frac{5\pi^2}{24} + \frac{29}{8} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right)$$

Therefore,  $\Gamma_{\text{VIRTUAL}}^d + \Gamma_{\text{RAD}}^d = \sigma_0 \frac{3e_R^2}{16\pi^2} \quad (14.46)$

14.47) is called an inclusive cross section since we sum over all possibility for the emitted photon. We can have a more exclusive cross section limiting the phase space for the photon.

In a real world situation, a detector can not observe a photon if it is close to the  $\mu^\pm$  ( $\theta < \theta_{ms}$ ) and/or it is too soft ( $E_\gamma < E_{res}$ )

$$\frac{\delta}{\mu^2}$$

We can separate ~~the~~ two cases:

i) the final state photon is observed ( $E > E_{res}$  and  $\theta_\gamma > \theta_{ms}$ ) [ $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3}$ ]

ii) just a pair  $\mu^+\mu^-$  is observed. that happens for the processes

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma \quad \text{with } E_\gamma \ll E_{res}, \theta_\gamma \ll \theta_{ms} \quad [\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}]$$

Notice that  $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3}$  is IR finite by the requirements  $E > E_{res}$  and  $\theta_\gamma > \theta_{ms}$  (hard photon and away from  $\mu^\pm$ ). Therefore,

$$\sigma_{22} = \sigma_{tot} - \sigma_{23} \text{ is IR finite also!}$$

$\sigma_{22}$  contain IR divergent contributions from loops and soft/collinear radiation!

It is possible to compute

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3} = \sigma_0 \frac{e_R^2}{8\pi^2} \left\{ \ln \frac{1}{\theta_{res}} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{Q}{2E_{res}} - 1 \right) - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3 E_{res}}{Q} \right] + \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{17}{16} - \frac{E_{res}}{Q} + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{E_{res}}{Q} \right)^2 + \dots \right\}$$

Therefore, the  $Q_e^2 Q_\mu^*$  correction to the tree level  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$  is

finite! Finally, to order  $e_R^6 Q_e^2 Q_\mu^4$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_0 \left( 1 + \frac{3e_R^2}{16\pi^2} \right) \quad (14.47)$$

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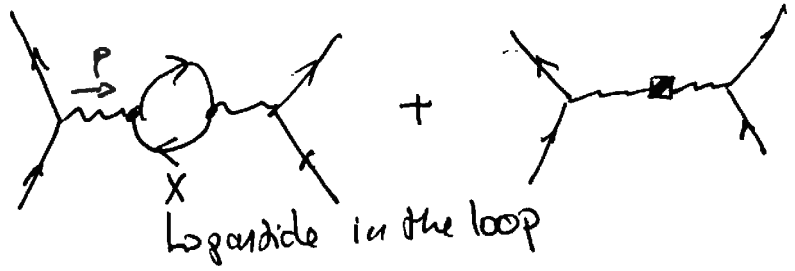
$\approx 10^{-7} \times 10^{-3}$

$\Rightarrow$  to 14.20A

14.3.d Further corrections (from other loops!)

i) Vacuum Polarization Correction

We also have



that is of order  $e_R^4 Q_e Q_\mu Q_x^2$

$p^2 = Q^2$

From TQCL, we know that

$$\Pi^{\mu 0} = \Pi(Q^2) [Q^2 g^{\mu 0} - p^\mu p^0]$$

and we have evaluated  $\Pi(Q^2)$ , that for  $Q^2 \gg m_x^2$

$$\Pi(Q^2) = \frac{e_R^2}{12\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{m_x^2}{-Q^2}\right) + \text{regular terms as } \frac{m_x}{Q} \rightarrow 0 \quad (14.48)$$

Adding this contribution to the tree level result corresponds to substitute the charge  $e_R$  by  $e_{eff}$  given by

$$e_{eff}^2(Q^2) = e_R^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{e_R^2}{12\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{-Q^2}{m_x^2}\right) \right] \quad (14.49)$$

Apparently, (14.48) is infrared divergent for  $m_e \rightarrow 0$ . However,

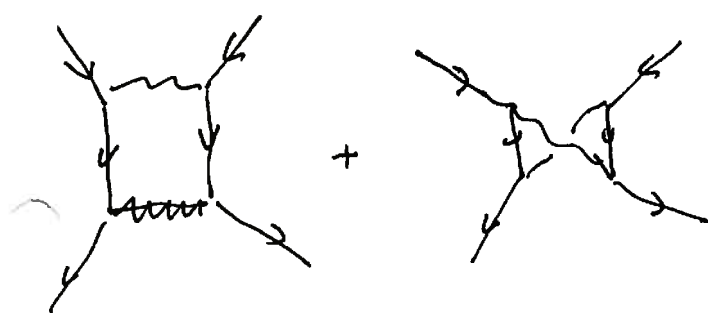
the electric charge <sup>must be</sup> defined by a measurement at a scale  $(Q_2^2)$

and (14.49) implies that

$$e_{eff}^2(-Q_1)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} e_{eff}^2(-Q_2)^2 + \frac{e_R^4}{12\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{-Q_1^2}{-Q_2^2}\right) \quad (19.50)$$

ii) Box diagrams

This process <sup>is</sup> also modified by

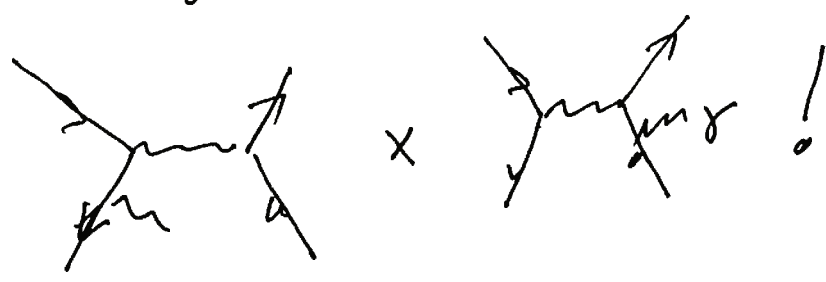


that is order  $e_R^4 Q_e^2 Q_\mu^2$

This process is UV finite since it's proportional to

$$\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 k^2 k k} \sim \int \frac{d^4k}{k^6}$$

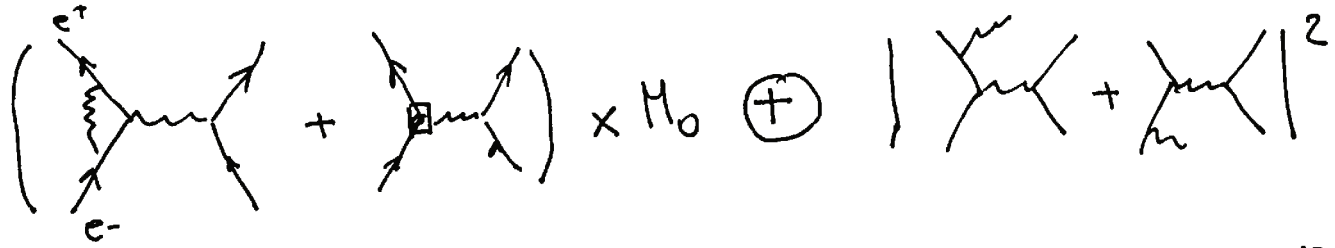
However, it is IR divergent with its divergence being canceled by the interference term



$$\int d^4k \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{1}{k \cdot p}$$

iii) Initial state corrections

Let's consider the contributions of order  $\alpha_e^4 \alpha_\mu^2 \alpha_r^6$



This is completely analogous to what we analyzed before ( $\alpha_e^2 \alpha_\mu^4 \alpha_r^6$ ) when we integrate over all possible photon final states, i.e., the IR singularities ~~cancel~~ cancel out. However, the IR divergences in this region are different and the physical interpretation is very different!

The initial state IR radiation originates from the propagator

$$\frac{1}{(p_e - p_r)^2 - m_e^2} \stackrel{u_e=0}{=} \frac{-1}{2p_e \cdot p_r} = \frac{1}{2E_e E_r (1 - u \cos \theta_{er})} \quad (14.51)$$

In page (14.20A) we defined the ~~exclusive~~ <sup>exclusive</sup> cross sections  $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}$  and  $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 3}$  that take into account the photon-muon <sup>pairing</sup> angle. However, the cut  $\theta_{er} > \theta_{m\mu}$  does not avoid the IR divergence in (14.51).

The solution to this problem is to assume that the initial state as a probability  $f_i(x, Q)$  of finding  $i = e, \mu$  in the initial state, so, the remaining IR divergence is absorbed by it! For instance,

$$f_r(z) = \frac{e_r^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} \right] \ln \frac{Q^2}{u_e}$$

with  $z = E_r/Q$ .



## References

We follow the approach in H. Schwartz book on chapter 20 ~~and also see~~ To learn ~~more~~ more see Peskin-Schroeder sections 6.4 and 6.5.