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TENTH-ORDER QED CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELECTRON g - 2 AND HIGH PRECISION TEST OF QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS*

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This paper presents the current status of the theory of electron anomalous magnetic moment $a_e \equiv (g-2)/2$, including a complete evaluation of 12,672 Feynman diagrams in the tenth-order perturbation theory. To solve this problem, we developed a code-generator which converts Feynman diagrams automatically into fully renormalized Feynman-parametric integrals. They are evaluated numerically by an integration routine VEGAS. The preliminary result obtained thus far is 9.16 (58) $(\alpha/\pi)^5$, where (58) denotes the uncertainty in the last two digits. This leads to a_e (theory) = 1.159 652 181 78 (77) × 10⁻³, which is in agreement with the latest measurement a_e (exp : 2008) = 1.159 652 180 73 (28) × 10⁻³. It shows that the Feynman–Dyson method of perturbative QED works up to the precision of 10⁻¹².

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1. Introduction

An electron is a tiny magnet whose strength can be expressed as

$$g\frac{e}{2m}\frac{\hbar}{2}\,,\tag{1}$$

where e and m are the charge and mass of the electron, \hbar is the Planck constant, and g = 2 according to the Dirac equation.^{1,2}

Actually, it was found experimentally that g is slightly larger than 2. The deviation of g from 2, $a_e \equiv (g-2)/2$, is called anomalous magnetic moment. It became the subject of intense experimental and theoretical investigations.

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Recent measurement of a_e by the Harvard group in a cylindrical Penning trap has reached a very high precision^{3,4}

 $a_{e^{-}}(\exp:2008) = 1.159\ 652\ 180\ 73\ (28) \times 10^{-3}$ [0.24 ppb]. (2)

The uncertainty of this measurement is only four times larger than

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^5 \sim 0.068 \times 10^{-12} \,,\tag{3}$$

where α is the fine structure constant. This means that it provides an opportunity for a very stringent test of the validity of QED and the Standard Model (SM).

Here, I will describe the theoretical work of our group which is competitive with the experimental uncertainty of (2) in precision and enables us to test the validity of QED to the tenth-order.

2. Brief Survey of Physics of Electron g - 2

Before describing our work on the tenth-order term, let me give a brief (and not exactly chronological) survey of how theory and experiment of electron g - 2 developed over the last 66 years, stimulating each other to higher and higher precision.

2.1. Discovery of electron anomalous magnetic moment

In 1947, the electron's g-factor was found to deviate from 2, the value given by the Dirac equation,^{1,2} in the study of Zeeman splitting of Ga atom:⁵

$$a_e(\exp:1947) = 1.19 \ (5) \times 10^{-3}$$
. (4)

Schwinger showed that it can be explained as a QED effect:^{6,7}

$$a_e^{(2)}(\text{th:}1948) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} = 1.161 \dots \times 10^{-3}$$
 (5)

using the renormalized QED, which was just discovered by Tomonaga 8,9 and Schwinger.¹⁰

Together with the Bethe's work on the hydrogen Lamb shift,¹¹ this provided the convincing evidence that (until then divergent) QED is the correct theory of electromagnetic interaction, provided that it is renormalized.

2.2. Calculation of the fourth-order term of a_e

In the renormalized QED a_e can be written as a power series in α/π :

$$A_1^{(2)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + A_1^{(4)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 + A_1^{(6)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \cdots, \qquad (6)$$

where the coefficients $A_1^{(2)}$, etc. are finite because of renormalizability.

The result obtained by Schwinger corresponds $to^{6,7}$

$$A_1^{(2)} = 0.5. (7)$$

Naturally one wonders whether QED works beyond the second-order. The first attempt to analytic calculation of $A_1^{(4)}$ led to 12

$$A_1^{(4)} = -2.97, \quad a_e(\text{th}:1950) = 1.147 \times 10^{-3}.$$
 (8)

Unfortunately, this did not agree with the improved measurement¹³

$$a_e(\exp:1956) = 1.168 \ (5) \times 10^{-3} \,, \tag{9}$$

obtained using a new measurement of μ_p/μ_0 , where μ_p is the magnetic moment of the proton and $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} N A^{-1}$ is the magnetic permissivity of the vacuum.

Petermann¹⁴ discovered by numerical integration, a sign error in one of the integrals contributing to (8). This led him to reevaluate the entire $A_1^{(4)}$. The correct analytic result was obtained by Petermann¹⁵ and Sommerfield:¹⁶

$$A_1^{(4)} = -0.328\ 478\ 965\ 579\dots,$$

$$a_e(\text{th}:1957) = 1.159\ 638\ (4) \times 10^{-3},$$

(10)

where the uncertainty comes from α available in 1957, which was known much more accurately than the theory and measurement of a_e .

2.3. Feynman–Dyson method

Note that this fourth-order calculation was carried out by the method of Feynman and Dyson, not by that of Schwinger or Tomonaga. This is because the unorthodox theory of Feynman,^{17,18} whose equivalence with the Tomonaga–Schwinger theory was proved by Dyson,¹⁹ gives a simpler and intuitive picture than the latter and enables us to calculate g - 2 much more easily.

To highlight the difference of Feynman–Dyson (FD) method and that of Schwinger (or Tomonaga), let us recall how $A_1^{(2)}$ is calculated in the FD approach. It begins with drawing of a Feynman diagram as shown in Fig. 1.



Fig. 1. Radiative correction to the scattering of an electron from momentum p to momentum p' by the potential (represented by q).

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Then, apply the FD rules to this diagram and obtain

$$\lim_{\to +0} \operatorname{const} \times \int d^4 k \, \bar{u}(p') \gamma^{\lambda} \frac{i}{\not p' - \not k - m + i\epsilon} \gamma^{\mu} \frac{i}{\not p - \not k - m + i\epsilon} \gamma^{\nu} u(p) \frac{-ig_{\lambda\nu}}{k^2 + i\epsilon}.$$
(11)

Integrating over the four-momentum variable k and extracting the magnetic form factor, we obtain $A_1^{(2)}$. The whole calculation takes one or two sheets of paper.

In Schwinger's theory, each Feynman propagator is replaced by two related functions. Thus, Schwinger's starting formula for $A_1^{(2)}$ will be at least $2^3 = 8$ times longer than that of FD. (Actually, it is more complicated.)

The advantage of FD theory becomes even more evident in the fourth-order. Seven Feynman diagrams contribute to $A_1^{(4)}$, each diagram containing six Feynman propagators. Thus, Schwinger's starting formula for $A_1^{(4)}$ will be at least $2^6 = 64$ times longer than that of FD for each diagram.

2.4. Direct measurement of g - 2 by spin precession

While measurement of g in atomic physics became stalled, an entirely different approach, measurement of g-2 by spin precession in a magnetic field, pursued since ~ 1953 by the University of Michigan group, has been making a steady progress.^{20–22} After almost 20 years,²³ this method reached the precision of ~ 3×10^{-6}

$$a_e(\exp:1971) = 1.159\ 6577\ (35) \times 10^{-3}$$
. (12)

This is 1400 times more precise than the atomic physics result $a_e(\exp:1956)$, forcing theorists to evaluate the sixth-order term $A_1^{(6)}$.

2.5. Calculation of the sixth-order term of a_e

Evaluation of $A_1^{(6)}$ requires 72 Feynman diagrams. Some diagrams were evaluated analytically in 1969–1975.^{24–28} Others are more difficult to handle analytically. Thus, numerical integration approach was tried by several groups.^{29,30} My own participation began around 1967.^{31,32}

It took 25 years before numerical work produced sufficiently accurate $A_1^{(6)}$, primarily because of inadequate computing power then available.³³ Analytic work (also done on computer) took more than 30 years, too, leading to an exact result³⁴

$$A_1^{(6)} = 1.181\ 241\ 456\dots$$
 (13)

The numerical result is in good agreement with the analytic result within its uncertainty.

2.6. Mass-dependent terms of a_e

With such a precision, we must also take account of heavier particles such as muon, tau, hadrons and weak bosons. Assuming that muon and tau behave exactly like electron in their interaction with the photon, we can express $a_e(\text{QED})$ as

$$a_e(\text{QED}) = A_1 + A_2\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right) + A_2\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\tau}\right) + A_3\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}, \frac{m_e}{m_\tau}\right).$$
(14)

The renormalizability means that A_i can be written as a power series

$$A_{i} = A_{i}^{(2)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + A_{i}^{(4)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{2} + A_{i}^{(6)}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3} + \cdots, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,$$
(15)

with finite expansion coefficients.

 A_2 and A_3 of fourth- and sixth-orders had been obtained analytically or as power series expansion in m_e/m_μ or m_e/m_τ .^{35–40}

$$A_{2}^{(4)}\left(\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\mu}}\right) = 5.197\ 386\ 67\ (26) \times 10^{-7},$$

$$A_{2}^{(4)}\left(\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\tau}}\right) = 1.837\ 98\ (34) \times 10^{-9},$$

$$A_{2}^{(6)}\left(\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\mu}}\right) = -7.373\ 941\ 55\ (27) \times 10^{-6},$$

$$A_{2}^{(6)}\left(\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\tau}}\right) = -6.5830\ (11) \times 10^{-8},$$

$$A_{3}^{(6)}\left(\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\mu}},\frac{m_{e}}{m_{\tau}}\right) = 1.909\ (1) \times 10^{-13}.$$
(16)

The uncertainties are due only to those of measured mass ratios m_e/m_μ or m_e/m_τ .

The contributions of hadrons and weak bosons are more complicated but can be evaluated within the framework of SM. At present, the hadronic term is derived mostly from the experimental data related to the hadronic vacuum polarization. (Theory of QCD is not yet ready.)

Latest evaluations of hadronic contributions are 41,42

$$a_e(\text{had. v.p.}) = 1.866 \ (10)_{\exp} \ (5)_{rad} \times 10^{-12} ,$$

 $a_e(\text{NLO had. v.p.}) = -0.2234 \ (12)_{\exp} \ (7)_{rad} \times 10^{-12} ,$ (17)
 $a_e(\text{had. l-l}) = 0.035 \ (10) \times 10^{-12} .$

The electroweak contribution is small but not negligible:^{43–46}

$$a_e(\text{EW}) = 0.0297 \ (5) \times 10^{-12} \,.$$
 (18)

2.7. Some high precision measurements of α

Now that the precision of $a_e(\exp:1971)$ and $a_e(\text{th})$ evaluated with $A_1^{(6)}$ of (13) becomes very high so that a more accurate value of α is required for their comparison.

Following are some of such α that became available:⁴⁷

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{ac Josephson}) = 137.035 \ 9875 \ (43) \qquad [31 \text{ ppb}],$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{quantum Hall}) = 137.036 \ 0030 \ (25) \qquad [18 \text{ ppb}],$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{neutron wavelength}) = 137.036 \ 0077 \ (28) \qquad [21 \text{ ppb}], \qquad (19)$$

$$^{-1}(\text{atom interferometry}) = 137.036 \ 0000 \ (11) \qquad [7.7 \text{ ppb}],$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{optical lattice}) = 137.035 \ 998 \ 83 \ (91) \qquad [6.7 \text{ ppb}].$$

2.8. Penning trap method

 α

While the spin precession method hits the ceiling, an approach that utilizes the spin and cyclotron resonances in a Penning trap (which began ~1958) was being pursued by the group at the University of Washington.^{48,49} After ~30 years this approach led to three orders of magnitude improvement over the precession measurement of Michigan group. Their results for an electron and positron are⁵⁰

$$a_{e^{-}}(\exp:1987) = 1.159\ 652\ 1884\ (43) \times 10^{-3},$$

$$a_{e^{+}}(\exp:1987) = 1.159\ 652\ 1879\ (43) \times 10^{-3}.$$

(20)

This means that theory must be extended to the eighth-order since

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4 \sim 29 \times 10^{-12} \,. \tag{21}$$

2.9. Numerical evaluation of a_e in the eighth-order

Evaluation of $A_1^{(8)}$ requires 891 Feynman diagrams. Only numerical integration results are available at present. The value of $A_1^{(8)}$ obtained after more than 20 years of work was published recently:^{51,52,63}

$$A_1^{(8)} = -1.9106 \ (20) \,. \tag{22}$$

Further reduction of uncertainty in $A_1^{(8)}$ is in progress.

 $A_2^{(8)}$ and $A_3^{(8)}$ have also been evaluated: $^{52,\mathrm{a}}$

$$A_2^{(8)}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_{\mu}}\right) = 9.222 \ (66) \times 10^{-4} ,$$

$$A_2^{(8)}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_{\tau}}\right) = 7.38 \ (12) \times 10^{-6} , \qquad (23)$$

$$A_3^{(8)}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_{\mu}}, \frac{m_e}{m_{\tau}}\right) = 7.465 \ (18) \times 10^{-7} .$$

^aA copying error in the value of one of the integrals contributing to $A_2^{(8)}(m_e/m_{\tau})$ was pointed out in a paper (to be published) by Kurz, Lin, Marquard and Steinhauser. I thank them for correcting this error. The second term in (23) includes this correction. Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 2014.29. Downloaded from www.worldscientific.com by UNIVERSIDADE DE SAO PAULO on 10/20/20. Re-use and distribution is strictly not permitted, except for Open Access articles.

2.10. Numerical evaluation of a_e in the tenth-order

As was mentioned in Sec. 1 the Harvard measurement of a_e , which is ~15 times more precise than the University of Washington measurement (20), demands the knowledge of $A_1^{(10)}$, which requires evaluation of 12,672 Feynman diagrams. In anticipation of the forthcoming Harvard measurement, we began working on the tenthorder around 2003.⁶⁶

After only eight years of work, we obtained a preliminary result⁵²

$$A_1^{(10)} = 9.16 \ (58) \,. \tag{24}$$

This is still very preliminary. Further work is in progress.

 $A_2^{(10)}$ has also been evaluated:⁵²

$$A_2^{(10)}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_{\mu}}\right) = -0.003\ 82\ (39)\,. \tag{25}$$

To evaluate a_e precisely, we need α better than those listed in (19). Such an α at present is the one based on Bloch oscillation and atom interferometry:^{53,54}

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb11}) = 137.035\ 999\ 049\ (90) \quad [0.66\ \text{ppb}].$$
 (26)

Using this α , we obtain

$$a_e(\text{th}:2012) = 1.159\ 652\ 181\ 78\ (6)(4)(2)(77) \times 10^{-3}$$
 [0.66 ppb], (27)

where the uncertainties are from the eighth-order term, tenth-order term, hadronic and electroweak terms, and α (Rb11), respectively. This is in reasonable agreement with the measured a_e :

$$a_e(\exp:2008) - a_e(\th:2012) = -1.05 \ (82) \times 10^{-12} \,.$$
 (28)

Note that the largest uncertainty in (24) comes from α (Rb11). In other words, non-QED α , even the best one available at present, is too crude to test QED to the extent achieved by theory and measurement of a_e . Thus, it makes more sense to test QED by an alternative approach, namely, obtain α from a_e and compare it with other α 's. This leads to

$$\alpha^{-1}(a_e) = 137.035\ 999\ 1727\ (68)(46)(19)(331) \quad [0.25\ \text{ppb}], \tag{29}$$

where 68, 46, 19, 331 are uncertainties of eighth-order, tenth-order, hadronic and electroweak, and from the measurement of $a_e(\exp:2008)$.

3. Summary: Current Status

• Comparison of a_e (theory) and a_e (experiment)

$$a_e(\exp:2008) = 1.159\ 652\ 180\ 73\ (28) \times 10^{-3} \qquad [0.24\ \text{ppb}],$$

$$a_e(\text{th}:2012) = 1.159\ 652\ 181\ 78\ (6)(4)(2)(77) \times 10^{-3} \qquad [0.66\ \text{ppb}], \qquad (30)$$

$$a_e(\exp:2008) - a_e(\text{th}:2012) = -1.05\ (82) \times 10^{-12}.$$

The largest uncertainty 0.77×10^{-12} in $a_e(\text{th}:2012)$ comes from $\alpha(\text{Rb}11)$. The intrinsic theoretical uncertainty is 0.07×10^{-12} . This is four times smaller than the uncertainty 0.28×10^{-12} of $a_e(\exp:2008)$.

• Comparison of $\alpha(\text{Rb11})$ and $\alpha(a_e)$

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb11}) = 137.035\ 999\ 049\ (90) \qquad [0.66\ \text{ppb}],$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(a_e) = 137.035\ 999\ 1727\ (68)(46)(19)(331) \qquad [0.25\ \text{ppb}], \qquad (31)$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb11}) - \alpha^{-1}(a_e) = -0.124\ (96) \times 10^{-6}.$$

Note that $\alpha^{-1}(a_e)$ is 2.6 times more precise than $\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb}11)$, and that the uncertainty of $\alpha^{-1}(a_e)$ is dominated by the uncertainty in the measurement of $a_e(\exp : 2008)$.

4. Evaluation of Tenth-Order Term: How is it Done?

Now, let me sketch how 12,672 Feynman diagrams that contribute to $A_1^{(10)}$ were evaluated. This is really a gigantic project, requiring a systematic and highly organized approach.

Fortunately, the numerical renormalization method developed in 1974 for the sixth-order $case^{62}$ and updated for the eighth-order $case^{63}$ turned out to be readily adaptable to automation.

The first step is to classify them into gauge-invariant sets. We find 32 gauge-invariant sets shown in Fig. 2.

4.1. Numerical renormalization of integrals

Only a small fraction of tenth-order diagrams have been evaluated analytically.⁶⁴ (Recall: Even eighth-order is not yet done.) Thus, the numerical approach is the only viable option at present. We carry out numerical integration by VEGAS, an iterative–adaptive routine based on random sampling of integrand.⁶⁵

It is important to note that numerical method does not work if the integral is divergent, which may arise from large momentum region (UV) and/or vanishing of photon momenta (IR). Our integrals are full of these divergences which must be removed by carrying out renormalization for the integrand, namely, *before* they are integrated.

4.2. Reducing the number of integrals

Another problem we have to deal with is the large number of diagrams. The combined uncertainty σ_N of N independent integrals will grow roughly as \sqrt{N} . This means that σ_N becomes large for large N, even if each integral has small uncertainty. This is particularly troublesome for the Set V, which is a set of Feynman diagrams represented by the diagram denoted V in Fig. 2, for which N = 6354. We tried to alleviate this problem with the help of Ward–Takahashi identity.



Fig. 2. Diagrams of 32 gauge-invariant sets contributing to the tenth-order lepton g - 2 represented by their respective self-energy-like diagrams. Solid lines represent lepton lines propagating in a weak magnetic field.

Let $\Sigma(p)$ be a self-energy type diagram without closed electron loop, and let $\Lambda^{\nu}(p,q)$ be the sum of nine vertex diagrams which are derived from $\Sigma(p)$ by inserting an external vertex in all electron lines. Rewrite this sum as

$$\Lambda^{\nu}(p,q) \simeq -q_{\mu} \left[\frac{\partial \Lambda_{\mu}(p,q)}{\partial q_{\nu}} - \frac{\partial \Sigma(p)}{\partial p_{\nu}} \right]_{q=0},$$
(32)

using the Ward–Takahashi identity, and evaluate the right-hand side. This has the effect of compressing nine integrals into one. Furthermore, the code of the right-hand side is not much larger than that of the individual vertex term.

This enables us to cut the number of independent integrals to 6354/9 = 706. Time reversal symmetry reduces it to 389. They are shown in Fig. 3.

4.3. Automatic code generation

These integrals have enormous size and complicated structure. It would thus be very difficult to obtain a FORTRAN code without making algebraic error, unless the derivation of the integral from the diagram is automated as much as possible.

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Fig. 3. 389 self-energy-like diagrams representing 6354 vertex diagrams of Set V. Each diagrams represents 9 (or 18) vertex diagrams. The horizontal solid lines represent electron propagators in a constant weak magnetic field. Semicircles stand for photon propagators. The left-most figures are denoted as X001–X025 from top to bottom. The top figure second from left is denoted X026, and so on.

To deal with the Set V, in particular, we developed an automatic code generator GENCODEN, which converts these diagrams into integrals in several steps.^{59,60}

4.4. Preparation: Diagram identification

Diagrams of Set V, which have no closed lepton loop, can be specified completely by the way vertices are connected by virtual photons a, b, c, d and e. For instance the diagram X001 at the top-left corner of Fig. 3 is specified by the statement: *abacbdcede*, which means that vertices 1 and 3 (from the left end) are connected by the photon a, etc. In other words, this diagram can be represented by a file X001 consisting of this one line code. Similarly, all diagrams of Set V can be represented by the files X*abc* (*abc* = 001, 002, ..., 389) which contain one-line code of their own.

Important: This sequence defines not only the diagram itself, but also identifies all UV- and IR-divergent subdiagrams.

4.5. Step 1: Construction of unrenormalized integrand

Translate "X*abc*" into momentum integral by the FD rules (using Perl). The output serves as an input for home-made analytic integration table written in $FORM^{61}$

which turns it into an integral of the form

$$\int (dz)f(z), \quad (dz) = \prod_{i=1}^{14} dz_i \,\delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{14} z_i\right). \tag{33}$$

f(z) is a very complicated function of z and seems nearly intractable. However, in terms of "building blocks" B_{ij} , A_i , U, V, it exhibits a well-organized structure

$$f(z) = \frac{F_0(B_{ij}, A_i)}{U^2 V^5} + \frac{F_1(B_{ij}, A_i)}{U^3 V^4} + \cdots$$
(34)

4.6. Step 2: Construction of building blocks

GENCODEN expresses B_{ij} and U as polynomials of z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_{14} . They are determined by the network topology of loop momenta, and obtained automatically by MAPLE (or FORM⁶¹) for each Xabc.

 A_i is the fraction of external momentum flowing in the line *i*, and satisfies the Kirchhoff's loop law and junction law for "currents." The explicit form is

$$A_{i} = -\frac{1}{U} \sum_{j}^{\text{electron only}} z_{j} \left(B_{ij} - \delta_{ij} \frac{U}{z_{j}} \right).$$
(35)

V has a form common to all diagrams of Set V:

$$V = \sum_{j}^{\text{electron only}} z_j (1 - A_j) m^2 , \qquad (36)$$

where m is the electron mass.

4.7. Step 3: Removal of UV divergences

Our method of renormalization is to remove the divergence of integrand by subtraction before integration is carried out. UV divergence arises from a subdiagram S, which is identified by

$$U \to 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \sum_{S} z_i \to 0 \,.$$
 (37)

The UV subtraction term is built from the original integrand by K-operation,⁵⁹ which gives the UV limits of B_{ij} , A_i , U, V based on a simple power-counting rule.

The properties of terms created by the K-operation:

- Point-wise subtraction of UV divergence.
- Subtraction term factorizes analytically into a product of UV-divergent piece and magnetic moment factor of lower-orders.
- The UV-divergent pieces δm_n^{UV} , L_n^{UV} , B_n^{UV} differ from the actual renormalization constants δm_n , L_n , B_n by UV-finite amounts.



Fig. 4. Diagram X072 of Set V.

4.8. Step 4: Removal of IR divergences

Integrals still suffer from IR divergence, logarithmic or worse, which is characterized by $V \rightarrow 0$ in some subdomain of integration.

Linear (or worse) IR divergence is caused by the UV-finite part of δm_n : $\delta m_n \equiv \delta m_n - \delta m_n^{\text{UV}}$ (n > 2).

This divergence can be removed by subtracting δm_n together with the UVdivergent part δm_n^{UV} so that full mass renormalization is achieved in Step 3.

The remaining logarithmic IR divergence can be handled by point-wise subtraction and I-operation defined by the IR power counting.⁶⁰

Actually some IR terms of the diagrams X253 and X256 were found to require a treatment not included in the IR subtraction rule of GENCODEN developed for the eighth-order diagrams. These are corrected by hand.⁵⁵

4.9. An example: Diagram X072

As an example of these steps let us consider the diagram X072 (see Fig. 4).

The preliminary step produces a file that contains a one-line statement

$$abcdeedcba$$
, (38)

which identifies the order of vertices where photons a, b, c, d, e are attached.

When this information is fed into GENCODEN, it generates a complete instruction for Steps 1 and 2 for building unrenormalized integral M_{072} for the diagram X072 as well as Steps 3 and 4 for building 134 UV-divergent and IR-divergent subtraction integrals. (Note that the K-operation on a self-energy subdiagram creates two terms, one of $\delta m_n^{\rm UV}$ type and another of $B_n^{\rm UV}$ type.)

The finite term ΔM_{072} is defined by subtracting 242 terms of UV- and/or IRdivergent types from M_{072} as shown below

$$\Delta M_{072} = M_{072} - dm_{47}^{UV} M_{2^*} - B_{47}^{UV} M_2 - dm_{6b}^{UV} M_{4b(2^*)} - B_{6b}^{UV} M_{4b} - dm_{4b}^{UV} M_{6b(3^*)} - B_{4b}^{UV} M_{6b} - dm_2^{UV} M_{47(4^*)} - B_2^{UV} M_{47} + dm_{6b}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_{2^*} + B_{6b}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{UV} M_{2^*} + B_{6b}^{UV} B_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2$$

$$\begin{split} &+ dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{4b}^{UV} B_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{2} + B_{4b}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &+ dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{6b(3^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{6b(3^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{2}^{UV} B_{6b(3^{+})}^{UV} M_{2} \\ &+ dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{4b(2^{+})} + B_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b(2^{+})} + B_{2}^{UV} B_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b} \\ &+ dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b(2^{+})} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b(2^{+})} + B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b} \\ &+ dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{6b(3^{+})} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{6b(3^{+})} + B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{6b} \\ &- dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{4b}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{4b}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{2}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{2}^{UV} B_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{2}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} M_{4b(2^{*})} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} - B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &+ B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{4^{+}} M_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} M_{2^{+}} \\ &+ B_{2}^{UV} B_{2(1^{+})}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} dm_{2^{+}}^{UV} dm_{2^{+}}^{U} M_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{2^{+}} \\ &- dm_{4^{+}} dm_{4^{+}} dm_{2^{+}} M_{2^{+$$

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$$\begin{split} &+ dm_{2}^{UV} M_{6b(3^*)} L_{2v}^R - B_{4b}^{UV} B_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^R + B_2^{UV} M_{6b} L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R - B_2^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{4b(2^*)}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R - B_2^{UV} dm_{4b(2^*)}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R \\ &- B_2^{UV} B_{4b(2^*)}^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^R - dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_{4b(2^*)} L_{2v}^R \\ &- B_2^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^R - B_2^{UV} B_{2(1')}^{UV} M_{4b} L_{2v}^R \\ &+ dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R + B_2^{UV} M_{2(1')}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R \\ &+ dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R + B_2^{UV} B_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{6b}^R M_{4b(2^*)} + dm_{6b}^R dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot + dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^R M_{4b(2^*)} \\ &+ B_2^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R + B_2^{UV} M_{2(1')}^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{6b}^R M_{4b(2^*)} + dm_{6b}^R dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot dm_{2^*}^R M_{4b(2^*)} \\ &+ B_4^{UV} dm_{4b(2^*)}^R dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 \cdot dm_{2^*}^R M_{4b(2^*)} \\ &+ B_2^{UV} dm_{4b(2^*)}^R dm_{2^*}^{UV} M_2 - dm_{2^U}^U dm_{4b(2^*)}^R dm_{2^*}^H M_{4b(2^*)} \\ &- B_4^{UV} dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^*}^U M_2 - dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^R M_{4b(2^*)} \\ &- B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^R dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot \\ &+ dm_{2^U}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot \\ &+ dm_{2^U}^{UV} dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot M_{2^*} + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_2 \cdot \\ &+ B_2^{UV} M_{4b}^R dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^U L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U dm_{2^*}^U dm_{2^U}^U M_{2^*} + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U M_{2^U} L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_2 \cdot L_{4b2v}^R + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U M_{2^*} L_{4b2v}^U \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^U L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^U L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^U L_{2v}^R \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^U M_{2^*} M_{2^*} + B_2^{UV} dm_{2^U}^U M_{2^*}^U M_{2^*} \\ &- dm_{2^U}^U dm_{2^*}^R dm_{2^U}^U M_{2^*} +$$

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$$\begin{split} &- M_{4b} L_{6b3v}^{Rb} + M_{4b} L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{4b} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{Rb} + dm_2^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{6b3v}^{Rb} \\ &+ B_2^{UV} M_2 L_{6b3v}^{Rb} - M_{4b} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - dm_2^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &- B_2^{UV} M_2 L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{V} - dm_2^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{Rb} - B_2^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{Rb} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} M_2 \cdot L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + B_2^{UV} M_2 L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - M_2 L_{474v}^{Rb} \\ &+ M_2 L_{6b3v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{R} + M_2 L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{R} \\ &- M_2 L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{U} + M_2 L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} \\ &- M_2 L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + dm_{6b}^{UM} m_2^{R} M_{2^*} - dm_{4b}^{UV} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{R} dm_{2^*} \\ &- B_{4b}^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{UV} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} + dm_2^{UV} dm_{2v}^{UV} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} \\ &- B_{2v}^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{R} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} + dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} \\ &+ B_2^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{U} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} + B_2^{UV} B_{2(1)}^{U} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} \\ &+ dm_{6b}^{Rb} M_2^* L_{2v}^{R} - dm_4^{UV} dm_2^{V} L_{2v}^{R} - B_4^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{M} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_{6b}^{Rb} M_2^* L_{2v}^{R} - dm_4^{UV} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{U} dm_2^{R} dm_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} + B_2^{UV} dm_{2(1)}^{U} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{6b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} - B_{2U}^{U} M_{4b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{6b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} - M_{2}^{UV} M_{2v} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{4b} L_{4v}^{R} M_{2v} M_{2v} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} + dm_2^{UV} M_{2v} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{V} M_{2^*} L_{2v}^{R} + M_2^{U} dm_{4b} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} \\ &+ dm_2^{UV} dm_2^{R} dm_2^{V} dm_2^{R} M_{2^*} + B_$$

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$$- dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{4b(2*)} - B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{4b(2*)} \\ + dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{UV} M_{2*} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{UV} M_{2*} \\ + dm_{4b}^{R} M_{2*} L_{4b2v}^{R} - dm_{4b}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{4b2v}^{R} \\ - B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{R} M_{2*} L_{4b2v}^{R} + dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{4b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - M_{4b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - dm_{2}^{UV} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} - B_{2}^{UV} M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} \\ - M_{4b} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - dm_{2}^{UV} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} - B_{2}^{UV} M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} \\ + m_{2}^{UV} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + B_{2}^{UV} M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ + dm_{2}^{UV} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + B_{2}^{UV} M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ + M_{2} L_{4b2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} - M_{2} L_{4b2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} - M_{2} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{R} \\ + M_{2} L_{2v}^{U} L_{2v}^{U} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{4b2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{4b2v}^{R} + M_{2} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{UV} L_{2v}^{2} - dm_{4b}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} \\ + dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} + B_{2}^{UV} dm_{2(1')}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} \\ - dm_{4b}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} + dm_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - dm_{4b}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - dm_{4b}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} + M_{2}^{UV} dm_{2*}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - dm_{4b}^{R} dm_{2*}^{R} M_{2*} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\ - M_{2} L_{4b2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} L_{2v}^{R} \\$$

4.10. Integration by VEGAS

As is seen from Eq. (33), Feynman integrals of Set V are defined on a hyperplane

$$\sum_{i=1}^{14} z_i = 1 \tag{40}$$

in a 14-dimensional space. However, we perform numerical integration by VEGAS⁶⁵ over a 13-dimensional unit cube onto which Feynman parameters are mapped. There are infinitely many ways to choose this mapping, but it is useful to choose the largest sum of Feynman parameters that vanishes at the singularity of the integrand as one to be mapped onto an integration variable. Being a universal code, GENCODEN is not optimized for individual integrals. However, results of initial iterations by VEGAS provides a useful information about the structure of integrand. This information is used to improve the convergence of iteration process.

The results of numerical integration by VEGAS obtained by early 2012 and used as the input for the preliminary report⁵² are listed in Tables 1 and 2. The first column of these tables lists the names of diagrams. The second column specifies the order in which the photon propagators connect the vertices of the electron line. The third column lists the values and their uncertainties evaluated by VEGAS. The columns 4–6 and 7–9 repeat the same identifications as those of the first three columns.

The preliminary value ΔM_{10} [Set V], which is the sum of all integrals listed in Tables 1 and 2, is

$$\Delta M_{10} \,[\text{Set V}] = 4.877 \,(570) \,. \tag{41}$$

Since the preliminary result was published, we have been reevaluating Set V diagrams for various choices of integration variables. The comparison of old and new evaluations suggests that estimated uncertainties of some integrals in Tables 1 and 2 were overly optimistic due to poor choice of mappings in the old calculation. An appropriate remapping helps remedy this problem. This work is still in progress. The new result will be reported shortly.

4.11. Some information on running Set V

GENCODEN takes about 2 to 20 minutes to generate FORTRAN code for each diagram on a MacBook Pro. Typical integrand consists of about 90,000 lines of FORTRAN code occupying more than 5 Megabytes.

Evaluation in real^{*8} with 10^7 sampling points iterated 100 times takes 2 hours on 32 cores of the Intel Xeon computer. Evaluation in real^{*16} is about 10 times slower.

4.12. Residual renormalization

Integrals in these tables are UV- and IR-finite. But they are not the standard renormalized amplitudes. Finite adjustment, called residual renormalization, must be made to compare with the observed g - 2. Residual renormalization of all diagrams of Set V requires a systematic handling of 13,150 integrals.

Fortunately, residual terms can be organized into 16 terms whose structures are readily recognizable in terms of lower-order quantities:

$$A_{1}^{(10)} [Set V] = \Delta M_{10} [Set V] + \Delta M_{8} (-7\Delta LB_{2}) + \Delta M_{6} (-5\Delta LB_{4} + 20(\Delta LB_{2})^{2}) + \Delta M_{4} (-3\Delta LB_{6} + 24\Delta LB_{2}\Delta LB_{4}8(\Delta LB_{2})^{3} + 2\Delta L_{2*}\Delta\delta m_{4}) + \Delta M_{2} (-\Delta LB_{8} + 4(\Delta LB_{4})^{2} + 8\Delta LB_{2}\Delta LB_{6} - 28(\Delta LB_{2})^{2}\Delta LB_{4} + 14(\Delta LB_{2})^{4} + 2\Delta L_{2*}\Delta\delta m_{6} - 2\Delta L_{2*}\Delta\delta m_{2*}\Delta\delta m_{4} - 16\Delta L_{2*}\Delta LB_{2}\Delta\delta m_{4} + \Delta L_{4*}\Delta\delta m_{4}), \qquad (42)$$

Table 1. Diagrams X001–X195 of Set V evaluated by VEGAS.

X001	a b a c b d c e d e	-0.2981 (327)	X002	a baccdde be	-5.9775 (4)	47) X003	abacdbcede	-0.1142 (94)
X004	abacdcdebe	5.1244(446)	X005	abacddbece	1.1401 (3	(77) X006	abacddcebe	-5.2927 (432)
X007	abbcadceed	-3.4755 (441)	X008	abbccddeea	-16.5121 (4	47) X009	abbcdaceed	-3.1068 (157)
X010	abbcdcdeea	11.2581 (463)	X011	abbcddaeec	6.0519 (3	98) X012	abbcddceea	-9.3202(304)
X013	abcabdecde	-1.3540 (38)	X014	abcacdedbe	0.7833 (1	41) X015	abcadbecde	2.1020(19)
X016	abcadcedbe	-0.9609 (19)	X017	abcaddebce	0.5174 (6	(2) X018	abcaddecbe	0.0579 (69)
X019	abcbadeced	1.2183 (139)	X020	abcbcdedea	-8.1589 (4)	47) X021	abcbdaeced	-0.2967 (48)
X022	abcbdcedea	0.9382 (433)	X023	abcbddeaec	0.6047 (4	17) X024	abcbddecea	-6.1010(426)
X025	abccadeebd	-0.7824 (411)	X026	abccbdeeda	-7.8186 (3)	36) X027	abccdaeebd	-2.3190(315)
X028	abccdbeeda	4.5634(445)	X029	abccddeeab	6.8839 (3	33) X030	abccddeeba	-12.6108 (385)
X031	abcdaebcde	2.2932 (28)	X032	abcdaecdbe	-0.2427 (1	 2) X033 	abcdaedbce	-1.3771(14)
X034	abcdaedcbe	1.2539 (20)	X035	abcdbeaced	-0.5838 (1	4) X036	abcdbecdea	0.2473 (63)
X037	abcdbedaec	-0.7417(19)	X038	abcdbedcea	-0.2811 (4	9) X039	abcdceaebd	0.3164 (44)
X040	abcdcebeda	1.4835 (313)	X041	abcdcedeab	3.1073 (2	22) X042	abcdcedeba	-4.1234 (417)
X043	abcddeeabc	-2.8829(356)	X044	abcddeebca	4.4462 (3	(99) X045	abcddeecab	3.4311 (323)
X040	abcaaeecba	- 7.7360 (445)	X047	abcaeabcae	-4.4551 (3	(2) X048 (7) X051	abcaeacabe	-0.8051(16)
X049 X052	abcaeaabce	-0.0295 (13)	X050	abcaeaacbe	-1.2222 (1	 A) X051 E) X054 	abcaebacea	-0.1733 (20)
X055	abadaaaabd	0.9875(93) 0.2624(14)	X056	abadaabada	0.3040 (1	(1) X057	abadaadaab	-0.4924 (70)
X059	abadaadaba	= 0.3034 (14) 5 1529 (221)	X050	abadadaaba	-0.2408 (3	76) X060	abadadabaa	2.0504 (104)
X061	abcdedecab	-3.7959(324)	X062	abcdedecha	5 9124 (4	(27) X063	abcdeeabcd	3 3563 (86)
X064	abcdeeachd	-0.2763 (69)	X065	abcdeebadc	0 1748 (5	(21) X066	abcdeebcda	-3.5209(395)
X067	abcdeecdab	-1.6869(194)	X068	abcdeecdba	2 7503 (4	(35) X069	abcdeedabc	-1.1586 (259)
X070	abcdeedbca	3.2263 (328)	X071	abcdeedcab	3.6917 (2	(14) X072	abcdeedcba	-5.5323 (425)
X073	abacbdceed	3.4045 (447)	X074	abacbddece	4.4123 (4	45) X075	abacbddeec	-8.1242 (446)
X076	abacbdecde	-5.2424 (229)	X077	abacbdeced	3.2616 (4	43) X078	abacbdedce	1.1136 (301)
X079	abacbdedec	5.3998 (416)	X080	abacbdeecd	0.4971 (4	39) X081	abacbdeedc	-5.6478(447)
X082	a b a c c d b e e d	-8.4886(469)	X083	abaccddeeb	18.7509 (4	58) X084	abaccdebde	8.9855 (278)
X085	a baccdebed	-2.2692(446)	X086	a baccded be	0.5038 (4	42) X087	a b a c c d e d e b	-16.5811 (452)
X088	a b a c c d e e b d	-5.2728(449)	X089	a b a c c d e e d b	12.6876 (4	46) X090	abacdbceed	1.5108 (293)
X091	abacdbdece	-1.6970(384)	X092	abacdbdeec	2.1137 (4	23) X093	abacdbecde	-1.7604(49)
X094	abacdbeced	-1.0460(99)	X095	abacdbedce	0.5791 (4	3) X096	abacdbedec	1.2849 (179)
X097	abacdbeecd	5.0171 (208)	X098	abacdbeedc	-1.9365 (3)	69) X099	abacdcbeed	3.0812 (433)
X100	abacdcdeeb	-15.3117 (479)	X101	abacdcebde	-0.2625 (9	2) X102	abacdcebed	-1.3912 (311)
X103	a bacdced be	0.8229 (193)	X104	abacdcedeb	6.4562 (4	56) X105	abacdceebd	3.0452(449)
X106	a bacdceed b	-11.5612 (447)	X107	abacddbeec	-4.6713 (4	60) X108	abacddceeb	12.9649(440)
X109	abacddebce	0.0220 (439)	X110	abacddebec	1.9408 (4	17) X111	abacddecbe	3.3869(266)
X112	abacddeceb	-11.9000 (442)	X113	abacddeebc	-4.4439 (3)	98) X114	abacddeecb	11.1001 (448)
X115	abacdebcde	-0.5947 (64)	X116	abacdebced	1.8059 (4)	9) X117	abacdebdce	0.3232(44)
X118	abacdebdec	-3.2225 (105)	X119	abacdebecd	-0.1055 (1	12) X120	abacdebedc	1.7913 (158)
X121	a bacdec bde	-0.8630 (43)	X122	a bacdecbed	-0.7414 (4	1) X123	abacdecdbe	-3.3339 (74)
X124	abacdecdeb	11.5793(252)	X125	abacdecebd	0.7481 (1	.88) X126	abacdecedb	-1.5694 (404)
X127	abacdedbce	1.1349(58)	X128	abacdedbec	0.5916(1	28) X129	abacdedcbe	1.4312 (123)
X130	abacdedceb	-1.5371 (393)	X131	abacdedebc	3.1212 (4	40) X132	abacdedecb	-8.8080(447)
X133	abacdeebcd	2.6477(422)	X134	abacdeebdc	-0.6214 (2	250) X135	abacdeecbd	0.9115(343)
X136	abacdeecdb	-7.4962 (455)	X137	abacdeedbc	-2.3942 (4	47) X138	abacdeedcb	10.1296 (445)
X139	abbcaddeec	14.8570 (466)	X140	abbcadeced	-2.7429(4	43) X141	abbcadedec	-12.5828 (469)
X142	abbcadeecd	-1.5860 (455)	X143	abbcadeedc	10.3414 (4	33) X144	abbccdedea	23.7224 (462)
X145	abbccdeeda	-18.6493 (456)	X146	abbcdadeec	-2.3052 (4	43) X147	abbcdaeced	1.1276 (223)
X148	abbcdaedec	-1.3144 (363)	X149	abbcdaeecd	-8.3912 (3	(08) X150	abbcdaeedc	2.8833 (365)
X151	abbcdcedea	-10.9285 (449)	X152	abbcdceeda	14.6605 (4	(61) X153	abbcddecea	14.8929 (458)
X154	abbcddeeca	-20.5917 (460)	X155	abbcdeadec	4.9510 (2	(25) X156	abbcdeaedc	-0.8152 (144)
X107	abbcaecaea	-11.8522 (408)	X108	abbcaeceaa	0.4578 (4	(48) X159	abbcaeacea	0.4289 (442)
X169	abocaeaeca	14.0040 (432) 6.8245 (415)	X101	abocaeecaa	12.8746 (2	(28) X102	abocaeeaca	-12.8100 (407)
X166	abcabdada	-2.2856 (191)	X167	abcabdada	-12.0740 (3	(100) A100 (127) V169	abcabdoocd	-2.1360 (113)
X160	abcabdeeda	-2.2650 (121) -6.9274 (247)	A107 X170	abcacdbeed	12.1002 (3	17) X171	abcacddcab	0.4008 (207) -2 6121 (428)
X179	abcacdebed	1 4301 (224)	X179	abcacdedet	-0.0043 (4	(43) X174	abcacdeeld	1 7405 (407)
X175	abcacdeod	-1 8/12 (224)	X170	abcadbacc	0 7651 (1	84) V177	abcadbdoor	-0.0111 (250)
X178	abcadbeced	-1.0412 (397)	X170	abcadbedce	-0.4378 (3	(4) X180	abcadbedec	0.0242 (43)
X181	abcadbeecd	-4.3571(146)	X182	abcadbeedc	1.2875 (1	57) X182	abcadcheed	-0.0179 (186)
X184	abcadcdeeb	0.2587 (290)	X185	abcadcebed	-0.1313 (4	(9) X186	abcadcedeb	1.1634 (49)
X187	abcadceebd	1.2832 (128)	X188	abcadceedh	1.8185 (2	(32) X189	abcaddheec	-3,7335 (226)
X190	abcaddceeb	-2.4993 (358)	X191	abcaddebec	0.1938 (2	(45) X192	abcaddeceb	2,4665 (438)
X193	abcaddeebc	-4.2494 (175)	X194	abcaddeech	-0.6704 (2	(33) X195	abcadebcde	-1.0665 (45)
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Table 2.	Diagrams	X196-X389	of Set	V	evaluated	by	VEGAS.
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X196	abcadebced	-2.0375 (28)	X197	abcadebdce	-0.3870(22)	X198	abcadebdec	-2.3452 (27)
X199	abcadebecd	1.0493 (38)	X200	abcadebedc	0.0092 (42)	X201	abcadecbde	-0.4877 (36)
X202	abcadecbed	1.9243 (29)	X203	abcadecdbe	0.9037(23)	X204	abcadecdeb	-1.9324 (38)
X205	abcadecebd	-0.9038 (48)	X206	abcadecedb	1.6447 (65)	X207	abcadedbce	0.2894(41)
X208	abcadedbec	0.5215(40)	X209	abcadedcbe	0.1444 (40)	X210	abcadedceb	0.7653(49)
X211	abcadedebc	5.1027 (347)	X212	abcadedecb	-0.4404 (311)	X213	abcadeebcd	-2.4132(118)
X214	abcadeebdc	0.6646 (141)	X215	abcadeecbd	0.1151 (120)	X216	abcadeecdb	-1.1993 (239)
X217	abcadeedbc	-2.2244(147)	X218	abcadeedcb	-1.6499 (187)	X219	abcbaddeec	1.3745 (435)
X 220	abcbadedec	-2.5160(431)	X221	abcbadeecd	0.6897 (346)	X222 X005	abcbadeedc	0.8242 (385)
X 223	abcocaeeaa	17.4877 (405)	X224	abcoaaaeec	2.4650 (232)	A225	abcbaaeaec	0.2928 (98)
X 220	ababddaaca	1.0318 (231)	X220	ababddacaa	15 6662 (460)	A220 X221	ababdoadoa	-0.7930 (444)
X 229	abchdeaedc	-1.9834 (390)	X230	abchdecdea	8 5/33 (433)	X231	abchdeceda	-2 4938 (441)
X 235	abchdedaec	0.4010(113) 0.7040(99)	X236	abchdedcea	2.0658(380)	X234	abchdedeca	-2.4938(441) -12.9749(447)
X 238	abchdeeadc	1.4003 (390)	X239	abchdeecda	-2.7763 (457)	X240	abcbdeedca	10.9697 (445)
X241	abccaddeeb	13.8333(468)	X242	abccadedeb	-10.4788 (450)	X243	abccadeedb	3.8849 (437)
X244	abccdadeeb	-3.3016(399)	X245	abccdaedeb	0.0824(337)	X246	abccdaeedb	-0.4379(365)
X247	abccddaeeb	15.9411 (439)	X248	abccddeaeb	-1.9503(425)	X249	abccdeadeb	3.9940 (158)
X250	abccdeaedb	-0.8949(402)	X251	abccdedaeb	-1.2982 (299)	X252	abccdedeab	-10.9298(449)
X253	abccdedeba	17.8409 (460)	X254	abccdeeadb	2.1746 (391)	X255	abccdeedab	8.1757 (439)
X256	abccdeedba	-14.0448(449)	X257	abcdabceed	5.6299 (259)	X258	abcdabdeec	-0.4470(167)
X259	abcdabeced	0.0160(48)	X260	abcdabedec	-0.4007(35)	X261	abcdabeecd	6.3373 (172)
X262	abcdabeedc	-2.2800(140)	X263	abcdacbeed	-2.7605(143)	X264	abcdacdeeb	4.7945 (346)
X265	abcdacebed	-0.6741 (33)	X266	abcdacedeb	0.1179(48)	X267	abcdaceebd	-0.6336 (98)
X268	abcdaceedb	0.1262(190)	X269	abcdadbeec	-0.6542 (308)	X270	abcdadceeb	-1.6766 (213)
X271	abcdadebec	0.2415(53)	X272	abcdadeceb	-0.7339 (92)	X273	abcdadeebc	-2.0001 (240)
X274	abcdadeecb	0.8899(406)	X275	abcdaebced	-0.7434 (44)	X276	abcdaebdce	-0.5544 (28)
X277	abcdaebdec	2.7843(15)	X278	abcdaebecd	-0.1559(44)	X279	abcdaebedc	0.8231(38)
X280	abcdaecbed	-1.0096 (46)	X281	abcdaecdeb	-1.3724 (40)	X282	abcdaecebd	0.4841 (33)
X283	abcdaecedb	-0.0505(42)	X284	abcdaedbec	-0.2711 (32)	X285	abcdaedceb	0.0169(38)
X286	abcdaedebc	0.7775(37)	X287	abcdaedecb	0.1874(68)	X288	abcdaeebcd	4.1604 (151)
X289	abcdaeebdc	-1.5135(129)	X290	abcdaeecbd	-3.7248 (117)	X291	abcdaeecdb	1.5878 (177)
X292	abcdaeedbc	0.9126(149)	X293	abcdaeedcb	-1.1657 (265)	X294	abcdbaceed	-3.3322 (165)
X295	abcdbadeec	1.7876 (185)	X296	abcdbaeced	0.5448 (45)	X297	abcdbaedec	-0.4792(46)
X 298	abcdbaeecd	-1.8909 (115)	X299	abcdbaeedc	-0.2647 (121)	X300	abcdbceeda	-9.4223 (423)
X301	abcdbdaeec	-1.3250 (172)	X302	abcdbdeeca	-1.8517 (425)	X303	abcdbeadec	0.3213 (24)
X 207	abcabeaeca	-0.3422 (48)	X305	abcabeaeac	0.4619 (39)	X200	abcabeceda	0.1582 (225)
X 210	abadbaadaa	-0.1151 (396)	X211	abadaabaad	1.8307 (143)	X212	abadaadaab	-4.2050 (375)
X 313	abcdcaebed	0.2505(334) 0.9513(42)	X314	abcdcaedeb	0.7992 (70)	X315	abcdcaeebd	-1.2052 (251)
X 316	abcdcaeedb	0.9313(42) 0.1050(337)	X314 X317	abcdcheeda	1 4321 (423)	X318	abcdcdaeeb	-8.7818 (449)
X319	abcdcdeaeb	0.7092(408)	X320	abcdceadeb	0.5585(45)	X321	abcdceaedb	-0.9154 (78)
X 322	abcdcedaeb	0.9205(32)	X323	abcdceeadb	0.0954(330)	X324	abcdceedab	-8.8013 (450)
X325	abcdceedba	11.5665(451)	X326	abcddabeec	-8.9926(329)	X327	abcddaceeb	1,4952 (434)
X328	abcddaebec	-0.2799(191)	X329	abcddaeceb	-0.8929 (251)	X330	abcddaeebc	-4.9477(177)
X331	abcddaeecb	4.6920 (273)	X332	abcddbaeec	3.0339 (341)	X333	abcddbeeca	6.7608 (448)
X334	abcddcaeeb	5.1876 (428)	X335	abcddceaeb	-2.0382(302)	X336	abcddeabec	-0.7509(76)
X337	abcddeaceb	-1.1895(143)	X338	abcddeaebc	-1.8395(208)	X339	abcddeaecb	0.4930 (283)
X340	abcddebeca	-2.1646(449)	X341	abcddecaeb	1.8004 (136)	X342	abcddeeacb	2.5993 (172)
X343	abcdeabced	3.8805 (28)	X344	abcdeabdce	3.4147 (36)	X345	abcdeabdec	-1.0015(24)
X346	abcdeabecd	0.2844(36)	X347	abcdeabedc	-2.6792(28)	X348	abcdeacbed	-0.4859(37)
X349	abcdeacdeb	2.0816(43)	X350	abcdeacebd	1.4548(23)	X351	abcdeacedb	0.2449(34)
X352	abcdeadbec	-0.1319(25)	X353	abcdeadceb	0.1884(25)	X354	abcdeadebc	-2.0375 (24)
X355	abcdeadecb	-1.0637 (30)	X356	abcdeaebcd	2.0708(48)	X357	abcdeaebdc	0.3634(36)
X358	abcdeaecbd	0.0333(42)	X359	abcdeaecdb	-0.1515 (45)	X360	abcdeaedbc	-0.4709(41)
X361	abcdeaedcb	2.5319(64)	X362	abcdebadec	-0.5660 (35)	X363	abcdebaecd	-2.3416(22)
X364	abcdebaedc	2.3899 (21)	X365	abcdebceda	0.4884(114)	X366	abcdebdeca	5.6077 (221)
X367	abcdebeadc	-0.7180 (49)	X368	abcdebecda	-0.2878 (179)	X369	abcdebedca	-3.2062 (395)
X370	abcdecadeb	-1.4791 (45)	X371	abcdecaedb	-0.0074 (41)	X372	abcdecdaeb	-1.2875 (25)
X373	abcdeceadb	0.5684(39)	X374	abcdecedab	0.9210(437)	X375	abcdecedba	1.0206 (374)
X376	abcdedabec	1.0369 (33)	X377	abcdedaceb	0.4192 (36)	X378	abcdedaebc	1.3081 (33)
X379	abcdedaecb	-0.3402(52)	X380	abcdedbeca	-0.9354(359)	X381	abcdedcaeb	1.0677 (37)
X382	abcdedeacb	-1.6457 (389)	X383	abcdeeabdc	-4.7039 (136)	X384	abcdeeacdb	1.9230 (183)
X385	abcdeeadbc	-0.6982 (140)	X386	abcdeeadcb	0.7383 (243)	X387	abcdeebdca	1.9526 (316)
A388	accaeecadb	-0.3893 (199)	A389	abcaeedacb	-0.0490(149)			

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ΔM_8	$1.738\ 67\ (206)$	ΔM_6	0.425 814 (7)
ΔM_4	0.030 833 612	M_2	0.5
ΔLB_8	2.101 9 (719)	ΔLB_6	$0.100 \ 81 \ (21)$
ΔLB_4	$0.027 \ 919 \ (13)$	ΔLB_2	0.75
ΔL_{4^*}	$-0.459\ 051\ (62)$	ΔL_{2^*}	-0.75
Δdm_6	$-2.340\ 51\ (38)$	Δdm_4	$1.906 \ 340 \ (21)$
Δdm_{2^*}	-0.75		

Table 3. Residual renormalization constants used to calculate $a_e^{(10)}$ [Set V].

where ΔM_n is the finite part of the *n*th order magnetic moment, ΔLB_n is the sum of finite parts of the *n*th order vertex renormalization constant ΔL_n and the wave function renormalization constant ΔB_n . $\Delta \delta m_n$ is the finite part of the *n*th order selfmass of the electron. ΔL_{n^*} is obtained from ΔL_n by insertion of 2-vertex in the electron line. All these quantities $(n \leq 8)$ correspond to diagrams that have no closed electron loop.

Substituting the values of these quantities listed in Table 3 and the value of ΔM_{10} [Set V] from Eq. (41) in Eq. (42) we obtain

$$A_1^{(10)}$$
 [Set V] = 10.092 (570). (43)

This is still very very preliminary. It is being upgraded.

4.13. Collecting all tenth-order terms

Automating codes for diagrams containing vacuum-polarization or light-by-lightscattering subdiagram are obtained by some modification of GENCODEN.^{56,57} Their FORTRAN code becomes analytically exact when residual renormalization terms are included. No approximation is involved. The uncertainty of numerical value arises only from numerical integration carried out by VEGAS.

Contributions (as of 2012) of 32 gauge-invariant sets to $A_1^{(10)}$ and $A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_{\mu})$ are summarized in Table 4. Summing up these results, we obtain

$$A_1^{(10)} = 9.16 \ (58)$$

and

$$A_2^{(10)}\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right) = -0.003\ 82\ (39)\,,$$

which are reported in (24) and (25). $A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_{\tau})$ and $A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_{\mu}, m_e/m_{\tau})$ are also known. But, they are too small to affect our result at present.

5. What's Next?

• The value of $a_e(\text{th}:2012)$ given in (27) is the one we obtained before the summer of 2012. Primarily it showed that our computational renormalization scheme works

Table 4. Summary of contributions to the tenth-order lepton g-2 from 32 gauge-invariant subsets. n_F is the number of vertex diagrams contributing to $A_1^{(10)}$. The numerical values of individual subsets were originally obtained in the references in the fifth column. The values of subsets I(d), I(f), II(a), II(b) and VI(c) in Ref. 66 are corrected in Ref. 52 as indicated by the asterisk.

Set	n_F	$A_1^{(10)}$	$A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_{\mu})$	Reference
I(a)	1	$0.000\ 470\ 94\ (6)$	$0.000\ 000\ 28\ (1)$	66
I(b)	9	$0.007\ 010\ 8\ (7)$	$0.000\ 001\ 88\ (1)$	66
I(c)	9	$0.023\ 468\ (2)$	$0.000\ 002\ 67\ (1)$	66
I(d)	6	$0.003 \ 801 \ 7 \ (5)$	$0.000\ 005\ 46\ (1)$	66^{*}
I(e)	30	$0.010\ 296\ (4)$	$0.000\ 001\ 60\ (1)$	66
I(f)	3	$0.007\ 568\ 4\ (20)$	$0.000\ 047\ 54\ (1)$	66^{*}
I(g)	9	$0.028\ 569\ (6)$	$0.000\ 024\ 45\ (1)$	68
I(h)	30	0.001 696 (13)	$-0.000\ 010\ 14\ (3)$	68
I(i)	105	$0.017\ 47\ (11)$	$0.000\ 001\ 67\ (2)$	57
I(j)	6	$0.000 \ 397 \ 5 \ (18)$	$0.000\ 002\ 41\ (6)$	70
II(a)	24	$-0.109\ 495\ (23)$	$-0.000\ 737\ 69\ (95)$	66^{*}
II(b)	108	$-0.473\ 559\ (84)$	$-0.000 \ 645 \ 62 \ (95)$	66^{*}
II(c)	36	$-0.116\ 489\ (32)$	$-0.000 \ 380 \ 25 \ (46)$	70
II(d)	180	$-0.243\ 00\ (29)$	$-0.000\ 098\ 17\ (41)$	70
II(e)	180	$-1.344 \ 9 \ (10)$	$-0.000\ 465\ 0\ (40)$	69
II(f)	72	$-2.433\ 6\ (15)$	-0.005 868 (39)	66
III(a)	300	$2.127 \ 33 \ (17)$	$0.007\ 511\ (11)$	57
III(b)	450	$3.327 \ 12 \ (45)$	$0.002\ 794\ (1)$	57
III(c)	390	4.921 (11)	$0.003\ 70\ (36)$	73
IV	2072	-7.7296 (48)	$-0.011 \ 36 \ (7)$	72
V	6354	10.09(57)	0	52
VI(a)	36	$1.041 \ 32 \ (19)$	$0.006\ 152\ (11)$	66
VI(b)	54	$1.346 \ 99 \ (28)$	$0.001\ 778\ 9\ (35)$	66
VI(c)	144	-2.5289(28)	-0.005 953 (59)	66^{*}
VI(d)	492	1.8467(70)	$0.001\ 276\ (76)$	56
VI(e)	48	-0.4312(7)	$-0.000\ 750\ (8)$	66
VI(f)	180	0.7703(22)	$0.000\ 033\ (7)$	66
VI(g)	480	-1.5904 (63)	$-0.000\ 497\ (29)$	56
VI(h)	630	0.1792(39)	$0.000 \ 045 \ (9)$	56
VI(i)	60	-0.0438 (12)	$-0.000 \ 326 \ (1)$	66
VI(j)	54	-0.2288 (18)	$-0.000\ 127\ (13)$	66
VI(k)	120	0.6802(38)	$0.000\ 015\ 6\ (40)$	66

in the tenth-order. It was published as a preliminary result, since its uncertainty is already several times smaller than the uncertainty of the measurement (2). We were well aware that uncertainties of many of the integrals might have been underestimated because of insufficient samplings of the integrands. For more than a year, since then, we have been reevaluating these integrals with various remappings and larger sampling statistics in order to obtain more reliable error estimates. We have already accumulated a lot of higher quality data, but it will take some more work before it is ready for publication.

- Although $A_1^{(8)}$ has been evaluated with uncertainty of 0.1%, it is at present the largest source of theoretical uncertainty. This will be improved by further work.
- Harvard group is building a new Penning trap with much smaller cavity. They also cool down the axial motion to the order of 100 milli Kelvin to make the electron/positron stay much longer in the ground state.
- $\alpha(Rb11)$ is derived from the formula

$$\alpha(\text{Rb11}) = \left[\frac{2R_{\infty}}{c}\frac{m_{\text{Rb}}}{m_e}\frac{h}{m_{\text{Rb}}}\right]^{1/2},\tag{44}$$

where 53, 54, 58

$$c = 299\ 792\ 458\ \mathrm{ms}^{-1} \qquad (\text{exact by definition}),$$

$$m(^{87}\mathrm{Rb}) = 86.909\ 180\ 535\ (10) \qquad (\text{in atomic mass units}) \qquad [1.2 \times 10^{-10}],$$

$$m_e = 0.000\ 548\ 579\ 909\ 46\ (22) \qquad [4.0 \times 10^{-10}], \qquad (45)$$

$$R_{\infty} = 10\ 973\ 731.568\ 539\ (55)\ m^{-1} \qquad [5.0 \times 10^{-12}],$$

$$h/m(^{87}\mathrm{Rb}) = 4.591\ 359\ 2729\ (57) \times 10^{-9}\ \mathrm{m}^2\ \mathrm{s}^{-1} \qquad [1.2 \times 10^{-9}].$$

The precision of $\alpha(\text{Rb11})$ is limited by the h/m factor. They are going to improve measurement of α by means of Bose–Einstein condensation which may increase the number of coherent Rb atoms by three-orders of magnitude.

When all these improvements are realized, QED may be tested to 0.1 ppb.

6. Discussion

The discoverers of QED, such as Tomonaga⁷⁴ and Dyson,⁷⁵ regarded the renormalization as a jerry-built temporary fix to be replaced by something better.

Soon experiments showed that QED must be extended to include hadronic and weak interactions, which led to the SM. But jerry-built structure itself remained as the basic framework of SM.

SM itself is generally regarded as a temporary measure which must be modified to accommodate new physics. Such a modification is likely to come from experiments at high energy accelerators such as LHC.

As far as a_e is concerned, however, the impact of possible new physics may not be straightforward. As a matter of fact, it might not have any detectable effect on the electron g - 2.

The reason: Mass and charge in ordinary quantum mechanics (QM) cannot be correctly identified as physical mass and physical charge unless they include radiative corrections. Namely, for proper interpretation, the ordinary QM, by which these non-QED measurements of α are interpreted, must include radiative corrections as well as the effects of new physics.

Such a formulation exists for two-body bound systems, which is an exact adaptation of the renormalized QED (or SM) to bound states, unfortunately misnamed NRQED. As far as I know, no attempt has been made thus far to extend it to n-body system, n > 2. But such an interpretation of many-body system in terms of physical mass and charge is unavoidable for proper interpretation of experiments.

If this argument hold water, $\alpha(a_e)$ must be identical with $\alpha(\text{Rb})$ or any other α measured in ordinary QM to any decimal point.

If several standards deviation develops in the next generation of test, it might be an indication that the jerry-built structure of QED or QM has at last started to break down after 66 years.

It would be really exciting if it is the harbinger of an entirely new physics beyond the framework of Quantum Mechanics.

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