

Exercise 1. Yukawa theory

Consider a theory with fermions ψ and a real scalar field ϕ coupled through a Yukawa coupling. The Lagrangian reads

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \not{\partial} - m_0) \psi + \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{M_0^2}{2} \phi^2 - g_0 \bar{\psi} \psi \phi \quad (1)$$

- (a) Find the Feynman rules of this theory and write down the amplitude for the process

$$e^-(p_1) e^-(p_2) \rightarrow e^-(p_3) e^-(p_4)$$

at leading order in perturbation theory.

- (b) Compute the differential cross section $d\sigma/d\Omega$ for electron-electron scattering in the Yukawa theory at leading order in perturbation theory.
- (c) Rewrite the Lagrangian as $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_r + \mathcal{L}_{ct}$, where \mathcal{L}_r has the same form as Eq.(1) but is written in terms of renormalized fields, $\psi_R = Z_2^{-1/2} \psi$ and $\phi_R = Z_\phi^{-1/2} \phi$, renormalized masses, m and M and the renormalized coupling g . Write the counterterm Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_{ct} in terms of $\delta_\phi = Z_\phi - 1$, $\delta_M = M_0^2 Z_\phi - M^2 \dots$
- (d) Calculate the self energy $\Pi(p^2)$ of the scalar field at one loop in renormalized perturbation theory using dimensional regularization.
- (e) Use the renormalization conditions

$$\Pi(p^2 = M^2) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{d}{dp^2} \Pi(p^2) \right|_{p^2=M^2} = 0$$

to determine the counterterms δ_M and δ_ϕ .

- (f) Give an example for a suitable renormalization condition to define the renormalized coupling g .
- (g) Is this theory as given in Eq.(1) renormalizable?