

1. First, finish the textbook problem **10.2** — *calculate to one-loop order the infinite parts of all the counterterms of the pseudoscalar Yukawa theory.*

Hint: the infinite part of the four-scalar amplitude $iV(k_1, \dots, k_4)$ does not depend on the scalar's momenta, so you may calculate it for any particular k_1, \dots, k_4 you like, on-shell or off-shell. I suggest you take $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$, so in any one-loop diagram all the propagators in the loop have the same momentum q — which makes evaluating such a diagram much simpler.

Likewise, the infinite part of the one-scalar-two-fermions amplitude $\Gamma^5(p', p)$ does not depend on the momenta p, p' , or $k = p' - p$, so you may calculate it for any p and p' you like, on-shell or off shell. Again, letting $p = p' = 0$ makes for a much simpler calculation of the one-loop diagram(s).

PS: Note that in the $\lambda_{\text{ph}} \rightarrow 0$ (but $g_{\text{ph}} \neq 0$) limit, the δ_λ counterterm does not vanish, so the bare Lagrangian has a non-zero 4-pseudoscalar coupling $\lambda_{\text{bare}} \neq 0$. On the other hand, in the $g_{\text{ph}} \rightarrow 0$ (but $\lambda_{\text{ph}} \neq 0$) limit, the δ_g counterterm — and hence the bare Yukawa coupling g_{bare} — do vanish along with the g_{ph} . This is an example of a general rule: *barring fine tuning of the coupling parameters, a renormalizable quantum field theory has all the renormalizable couplings consistent with the theory's symmetries.* Hence, *when some physical coupling happens to vanish, the corresponding bare coupling would also vanish only if in its absence the theory would have some extra symmetry.* For example, for $g = 0$ the Yukawa theory gets an extra symmetry $\Phi \rightarrow -\Phi, \Psi \rightarrow \Psi$, so for $g_{\text{ph}} \rightarrow 0$ we also have $\delta_g \rightarrow 0$ and hence $g_{\text{bare}} \rightarrow 0$. On the other hand, there are no extra symmetries for $\lambda = 0$ (but $g \neq 0$), so taking $\lambda_{\text{ph}} \rightarrow 0$ would be a fine-tuning while δ_λ and hence λ_{bare} would not vanish along with the physical coupling.

2. Next, consider the electric charge renormalization in the scalar QED — the theory of a EM field A^μ interacting with a charged scalar field Φ . At the one-loop level, there are two Feynman diagrams contributing to the 1PI two-photon amplitude, namely

$$i\Sigma_{1\text{loop}}^{\mu\nu} = \text{diagram} = \text{diagram} + \text{diagram} \quad (1)$$

- (a) Evaluate the two diagrams using dimensional regularization and verify that the net amplitude has form

$$\Sigma_{1\text{loop}}^{\mu\nu}(k) = (k^2 g^{\mu\nu} - k^\mu k^\nu) \times \Pi_{1\text{loop}}(k^2) \quad (2)$$

Note: the individual diagrams' amplitudes do not have this form. You need to add them up before the 'bad' terms cancel out.

- (b) Calculate the $\Pi^{1\text{loop}}(k^2)$ due to two diagrams (1), add the δ_3 counter-term's contribution, then determine the $\delta_3^{\text{order } \alpha^1}$ coefficient — including its finite part, — and write down the *combined* $\Pi_{\text{order } \alpha^1}^{\text{net}}$ as a function of k^2 .
- (c) Consider the effective coupling $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(k^2)$ of the scalar QED at high off-shell momenta, $k^2 \gg m^2$. Show that at the one-loop level,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{eff}}(k^2)} = \frac{1}{\alpha(0)} - \frac{1}{12\pi} \left(\log \frac{-k^2}{m^2} - \frac{8}{3} \right) + O(\alpha). \quad (3)$$

3. Finally, a big reading assignment: [My notes on the diagrammatic proof of Ward–Takahashi identities](#). I shall explain this subject in class on Friday 2/10, but I might skip over some technical details. So your task is to *carefully* go through the algebra, and make sure you understand what's going on.