

Feynman rules from

1) Path integral

1) Feynman Rules : [Srednicki Chap 1-8 to 1-10.]

Consider a scalar field theory

$$Z(J) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp(i(S + \int J \cdot \phi))$$

$$= \langle 0|0 \rangle_J$$

$$S = S_0 + \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{int} \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$

$$+ c (\partial\phi)^4 + \dots$$

$$Z_0(J) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \left(\exp(iS_0 + i \int J \cdot \phi) \right)$$

$$Z(J) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \left(\exp(iS_0 + i \int J \phi) \right) \exp(i \cdot S_{int})$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp\left(i \int \mathcal{L}_{int}\left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}, \partial_\mu\left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}\right)\right)\right)$$

$$\times \exp\left(iS_0 + i \cdot \int J \phi\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(i \int \mathcal{L}_{int}\left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}, \partial_\mu\left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}\right)\right)\right) \times Z_0(J)$$

Correlation function :

$$\langle 0 | T(\phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_n)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\phi \quad \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_n) e^{iS}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x_n)} \right) \cdot e^{i(S + \int J \phi)} \Big|_{J=0}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x_n)} \right) Z(J)$$

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$$\underbrace{\exp \left(i \int \mathcal{L}_{int} \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J}, \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J} \right) \right) \right)}_{\text{expanded by perturbation.}} \times \underbrace{Z_0(J)}_{\text{free theory}}$$

$$\text{---} : \frac{1}{i} G_i(x, y)$$

$$\bullet \quad i \int d^4x J(x)$$

$$\exp \left(-\frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{J(k) J(-k)}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} \right)$$

$$= \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \right)$$

$$G(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-1}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} e^{i k(x-y)}$$

$$(\square + m^2) G(x, y) = \delta(x-y)$$

e.g. Free theory :

$$\langle 0 | T(\phi(x_1) \phi(x_2)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} G(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} e^{i k(x-y)}$$

$$\langle 0 | T(\phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_n)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{i^n} \left\{ G(x_1-x_2) G(x_3-x_4) \dots G(x_{2n-1}-x_{2n}) \right. \\ \left. + \text{distinguishable pairings} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Wick's theorem.

Example ① : $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x)} \right)^4$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(J)$$

$$= \exp \left(i \int_x \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x)} \right)^4 \right) \cdot \mathcal{Z}_0(J)$$

$$= \mathcal{Z}_0(J)$$

$$+ i \cdot \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) \cdot \int_x \left[\text{diagram 1} + \frac{1}{2! 2!} \text{diagram 2} + \frac{1}{2! 2!} \text{diagram 3} \right]$$

Diagram 1: A cross with four external lines meeting at a central point labeled 'x'.

Diagram 2: A vertex with two external lines and a loop.

Diagram 3: A vertex with two external lines and a self-energy loop.

$$\langle 0 | T(\phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_4)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= i \cdot \underbrace{4!}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 4! \text{ permutations}}} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) \int d^4x \cdot \left(i G(x_1 - x) \right) \left(i G(x_2 - x) \right) \left(i G(x_3 - x) \right) \left(i G(x_4 - x) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} e^{ik(x-x)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\prod_{a=1}^4} \int \frac{d^4k_a}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik_a x_a} \cdot \left\{ (2\pi)^4 \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4) \cdot \right.$$

$$\left. i \cdot (-\lambda) \cdot \left(\frac{i}{k_1^2 - m^2 + i0} \right) \left(\frac{i}{k_2^2 - m^2 + i0} \right) \left(\frac{i}{k_3^2 - m^2 + i0} \right) \left(\frac{i}{k_4^2 - m^2 + i0} \right) \right\}$$

Feynman rules:

$$\text{---} : \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i0}$$

$$\text{X} : i(-\lambda)$$

Consider higher orders :

$$Z(J) = \exp \left(-\frac{i\lambda}{4!} \int d^4x \left(\frac{\delta}{i \delta J(x)} \right)^4 \right)$$

$$= Z_0(J) \exp \left(-\frac{i\lambda}{4!} \int_{x,y} J(x) \overbrace{G(x-y)}^{\text{---}} J(y) \right)$$

$$- \frac{i\lambda}{4!} \text{X} \cdot Z_0(J)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{i\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \left(\text{X} \right)^2 Z_0(J)$$

$$= \exp \left(\sum \text{D} \right) \times Z_0(J)$$

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sum over connected
interacting diagram

Similarly :

$$V = -\frac{g}{3!} \phi^3$$

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \quad -ig$$

e.g.

$$Z(J) = Z_0(J) \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{(-ig)}{3!} \int_x \left(\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}^x + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \text{---} \right) + \dots \right\}$$

$$\langle 0 | T(\phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3)) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= (-ig) \cdot \int d^4x \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}^x$$

$$= (-ig) \int d^4x \, e^{i(P_1+P_2+P_3) \cdot x} e^{-iP_1 x_1} e^{-iP_2 x_2} e^{-iP_3 x_3} \\ \times \left(\frac{i}{P_1^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{i}{P_2^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{i}{P_3^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right)$$

$$= (-ig) (2\pi)^4 \delta(P_1+P_2+P_3) \left(\frac{i}{P_1^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{i}{P_2^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{i}{P_3^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right)$$

What about

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = c \cdot (\partial\phi)^4$$



$$Z(J) = 1 + \int d^4x \ (\bar{1}c) \cdot \left[\partial_\mu \cdot \left(\int_{x'} \Delta(x-x_1) J(x') \right) \right]^4$$

$$\langle T(\phi_1 \phi_2 \dots \phi_4) \rangle$$

$$= \int d^4x \cdot (\bar{1}c) \cdot 8 \cdot \left[\begin{aligned} & \left(\partial_\mu \Delta(x-x_1) \cdot \partial^\mu (\Delta(x-x_2)) \right) \\ & \left(\partial_\mu \Delta(x-x_3) \cdot \partial^\mu (\Delta(x-x_4)) \right) \\ & + (1234 \rightarrow 1324) \\ & + (1234 \rightarrow 1423) \end{aligned} \right] \left. \vphantom{\int d^4x} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{overall} \\ 4! \text{ permutations.} \end{array}$$

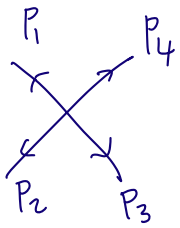
Recall $\frac{\Delta(x-y)}{i} = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i0} e^{ik(x-y)}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^\mu} \left(\frac{\Delta(x-y)}{i} \right) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{(k^2 - m^2 + i0)} (-i k_\mu) e^{i k(x-y)}$$

$$\therefore \partial_\mu \phi \rightarrow (-i k_\mu)$$

[Sign depends on incoming / outgoing convention]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = c (\partial \phi)^4$$



Feynman rule :

$$(i\mathcal{V}) = (ic) \cdot 8 \cdot (-i)^4$$

$$\left[(P_1 \cdot P_2)(P_3 \cdot P_4) + (P_1 \cdot P_3)(P_2 \cdot P_4) + (P_1 \cdot P_4)(P_2 \cdot P_3) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \tilde{c} \cdot (\partial_{\mu\nu} \phi \partial^{\mu\nu} \phi)^2$$

$$\rightarrow i\mathcal{V} = i \tilde{c} \cdot 8 \cdot (-i)^8$$

$$\left[(P_1 \cdot P_2)^2 (P_3 \cdot P_4)^2 + (P_1 \cdot P_3)^2 (P_2 \cdot P_4)^2 + (P_1 \cdot P_4)^2 (P_2 \cdot P_3)^2 \right]$$

This can be generalized to

multiple scalar

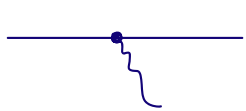
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Example : QED

$$\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi + g \phi \bar{\psi} \psi$$

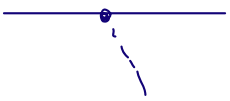
$$= i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - ie A_\mu) \psi$$

$$- m \bar{\psi} \psi + g \phi \bar{\psi} \psi$$



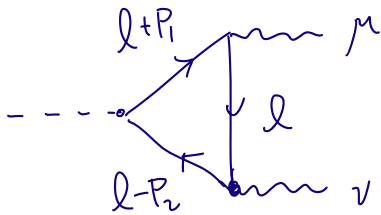
$$(iV) = i \times e \underbrace{\gamma^\mu}_{\text{matrix in spinor space}}$$

matrix in spinor space



$$iV = i \times g \times \underbrace{\mathbb{1}}_{\text{identity matrix}}$$

identity matrix



$$\int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \cdot i^6 \cdot \text{Tr} \left[\frac{\gamma^\mu \cdot (\not{q} - m) \cdot \gamma^\nu (\not{q} - \not{P}_2) - m \cdot (\not{q} + \not{P}_1) - m}{(q^2 - m^2 + i0) ((q+P_1)^2 - m^2 + i0) ((q-P_2)^2 - m^2 + i0)} \right]$$

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in the spinor space