

Pauli-Villars Regularisation

Consider ϕ^4 -Theory with Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi(x) \partial^\mu \phi(x) - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2(x) - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4(x) \quad (1)$$

where $\phi(x)$ is a real-valued scalar field of mass m , and λ is a dimensionless coupling constant.

(a) Write down the Feynman rules for ϕ^4 Theory.

(b) Draw all Feynman diagrams for the Møller scattering process

$$\phi + \phi \rightarrow \phi + \phi$$

to 1-loop order and show that the invariant scattering amplitude is of the form

$$i\mathcal{M}(\phi(p) + \phi(q) \rightarrow \phi(p') + \phi(q')) = -i\lambda - i\lambda^2[iV(s) + iV(t) + iV(u)] \quad (2)$$

where s, t and u are the usual Mandelstam variables.

(c) Use the Pauli-Villars Regularisation

$$\frac{1}{p_\mu p^\mu - m^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{p_\mu p^\mu - m^2} - \frac{1}{p_\mu p^\mu - \Lambda^2} \quad (3)$$

where $\Lambda^2 \gg m^2$ is some ultra-high-energy cut-off to write down an expression for the s-channel scattering amplitude $V(s)$ to 1-loop order in terms of a single Feynman parameter¹ and an undetermined loop-momentum.

(d) By performing a Wick rotation² integrate out the undetermined loop-momentum to reduce the expression for $V(s)$ to an integral over a single Feynman parameter only.

¹Recall that by Feynman

$$\frac{1}{A_1} \frac{1}{A_2} \cdots \frac{1}{A_n} = \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \cdots \int_0^1 dx_n \delta\left(-1 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \frac{(n-1)!}{[x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \cdots + x_n A_n]^n}$$

²Recall that by Wick letting

$$\ell^\mu \rightarrow \ell_\mathcal{E}^\mu = (-i\ell^0, \vec{\ell})$$

gives

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[\ell_\mu \ell^\mu - \Delta]^m} = \frac{i}{(-1)^m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^4 \ell_\mathcal{E} \frac{1}{[(\ell_\mathcal{E})_\mu \ell_\mathcal{E}^\mu + \Delta]^m}$$