

Basic properties of Yang-Mills theory

Exercise 1: Let us inspect some important properties of $SU(N_c)$.

- (a) Let $U(x)$ be a field which takes values in $SU(N_c)$. Show that $\text{tr} [\partial_\mu U U^\dagger] = 0$.
- (b) Let f^{abc} be the structure constants of $SU(N_c)$, as defined in the script. Show that f^{abc} is antisymmetric in all permutations of indices.

Exercise 2: Let us consider “pure Yang-Mills theory”, defined by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_M \equiv -\frac{1}{4} F^{a\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a .$$

Determine the corresponding classical equations of motion.