

Non-Abelian propagator and vertices

Exercise 1: If the quadratic part of an action can be written as

$$S_E^{(2)} = \int_{P,Q} \bar{\delta}(P+Q) \frac{1}{2} \tilde{A}_\mu^a(P) \tilde{A}_\nu^a(Q) \tilde{\Delta}_{\mu\nu}(P),$$

then the propagator reads

$$\langle \tilde{A}_\mu^a(P) \tilde{A}_\nu^b(Q) \rangle = \delta^{ab} \bar{\delta}(P+Q) \tilde{\Delta}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(P).$$

Determine $\tilde{\Delta}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(P)$ for the case

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{\mu\nu}(P) = P^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) P_\mu P_\nu.$$

What would happen with the derivation if the gauge fixing term were left out?

Exercise 2: The interaction terms of pure Yang-Mills theory are written as

$$\begin{aligned} S_E^{(3)} + S_E^{(4)} &= \int_{P,Q,R} \bar{\delta}(P+Q+R) \frac{1}{3!} \tilde{A}_\mu^a(P) \tilde{A}_\nu^b(Q) \tilde{A}_\rho^c(R) V_{\mu\nu\rho}^{abc}(P, Q, R) \\ &+ \int_{P,Q,R,S} \bar{\delta}(P+Q+R+S) \frac{1}{4!} \tilde{A}_\mu^a(P) \tilde{A}_\nu^b(Q) \tilde{A}_\rho^c(R) \tilde{A}_\sigma^d(S) V_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{abcd}(P, Q, R, S). \end{aligned}$$

Show that

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\mu\nu\rho}^{abc}(P, Q, R) &= ig f^{abc} \left[\delta_{\mu\rho} (P_\nu - R_\nu) + \delta_{\rho\nu} (R_\mu - Q_\mu) + \delta_{\nu\mu} (Q_\rho - P_\rho) \right], \\ V_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{abcd}(P, Q, R, S) &= g^2 \left[f^{eab} f^{ecd} \left(\delta_{\mu\rho} \delta_{\nu\sigma} - \delta_{\mu\sigma} \delta_{\nu\rho} \right) + f^{eac} f^{ebd} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\rho\sigma} - \delta_{\mu\sigma} \delta_{\nu\rho} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f^{ead} f^{ebc} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\rho\sigma} - \delta_{\mu\rho} \delta_{\nu\sigma} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$