

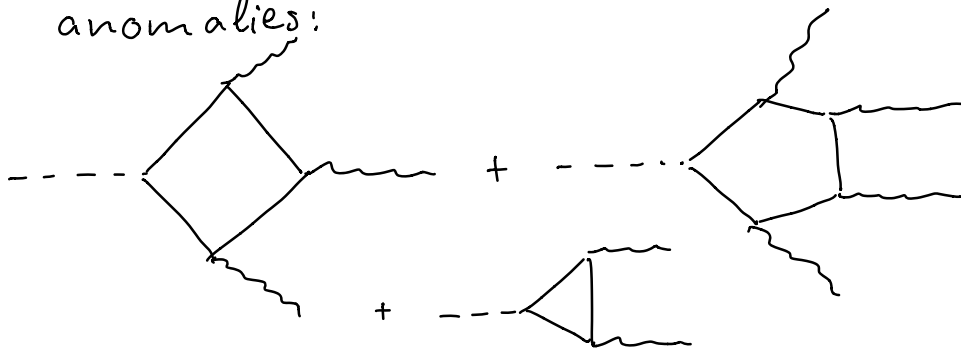
Last time:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\mu\nu\rho} (x, y, z) \right]_{\text{anom}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \int d^4 k_1 d^4 k_2 e^{-i(k_1+k_2)\cdot x} e^{ik_1\cdot y} e^{ik_2\cdot z} \\
 & \quad \times 4\pi^2 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{1\kappa} k_{2\lambda} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon^{\kappa\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{\partial \delta^4(y-x)}{\partial y^\kappa} \frac{\partial \delta^4(z-x)}{\partial z^\lambda} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

→ In the presence of gauge fields, we get the contribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle J_\alpha^\mu(x) \rangle_\Delta &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4 y d^4 z \Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\mu\nu\rho} (x, y, z) A_\nu^\beta(y) A_\rho^\gamma(z) \\
 \rightarrow [\langle \partial_\mu J_\alpha^\mu(x) \rangle_\Delta]_{\text{anom}} &= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon^{\kappa\nu\lambda\rho} \partial_\kappa A_\nu^\beta(x) \partial_\lambda A_\rho^\gamma(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

There are additional diagrams which contribute to anomalies:



Gauge invariance requires that they all add

$$\text{up to } [\langle \partial_\mu J_\alpha^\mu(x) \rangle_\Delta]_{\text{anom}} = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon^{\kappa\nu\lambda\rho} F_{\kappa\nu}^\beta(x) F_{\lambda\rho}^\gamma(x) \quad (2)$$

Let's now consider Fermion masses:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = - \sum_{nn'\sigma\sigma'} \chi_{\sigma n} \epsilon_{\sigma\sigma'} M_{nn'} \chi_{\sigma' n'} + \text{h.c.} \quad (3)$$

where σ is the two-component spinor index of the $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ rep. of Lorentz group, $\epsilon_{\sigma\sigma'}$ is anti-sym. matrix with $\epsilon_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} = +1$, and

$$M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is mass matrix. M must satisfy

$$-T_\alpha^T M = M T_\alpha \quad (4)$$

Using $(T_\alpha)_{rs, r's'} = \delta_{rr'} (T_\alpha^{(r)})_{s, s'}$, (r denotes irreducible rep.)

$$M_{rs, r's'} = (M^{(r, r')})_{ss'}$$

eq. (4) becomes

$$-T_\alpha^{(r)T} M^{(r, r')} = M^{(r, r')} T_\alpha^{(r')}$$

Schur's lemma $\rightarrow -T_\alpha^{(r)T}$ and $T_\alpha^{(r')}$ are related by similarity trf.

Then $D_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\{T_\alpha, T_\beta\} T_\alpha]$ gives

$$D_{\alpha\beta}^{(r)} = -D_{\alpha\beta}^{(r')}$$

→ so the anomaly either vanishes or cancels between the two reps. (for $r \neq r'$)

→ anomalies in a given set of symmetries are unaffected by possible presence of fermions with a mass allowed by these symmetries.

Let us now combine left-handed and right-handed fields into a single spinor

ψ with Lagrangian $-\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D} \psi$, where

$$\mathcal{D} = \not{\partial} - i \not{A}_\alpha T_\alpha \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \right)$$

→ one-loop vacuum functional is $\text{Det } \mathcal{D}$

→ failure of gauge invariance comes from splitting

$$\mathcal{D} = \underbrace{\not{\partial} \left(\frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \right)}_{\text{non-gauge inv.}} + \underbrace{\not{\partial} \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \right)}_{\text{gauge inv.}}$$

§6.3 Anomaly-Free Gauge Theories

Anomaly is proportional to $D_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$

→ for gauge currents we must have

$$D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\{T_\alpha, T_\beta\} T_\gamma] = 0, \quad (*)$$

where T_α is rep. of gauge algebra on the set of all left-handed fermions

(*) is satisfied when

$$(iT_\alpha)^* = S(iT_\alpha)S^{-1}$$

or equivalently (since T_α are hermitian)

$$T_\alpha^T = -S T_\alpha S^{-1}$$

→ inserting into $D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [\{T_\alpha, T_\beta\} T_\gamma]$

gives $D_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = -D_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$

→ rep. is either "real" or "pseudoreal"
(real means here \exists similarity trf. with

$$iA = T_\alpha' = R T_\alpha R^{-1}$$

↑
anti-sym.)

→ no anomaly for gauge algebras which are real or pseudo-real

examples:

- $SO(2n+1)$ (including $SU(2) \cong SO(3)$)
- $SO(4n)$ for $n \geq 2$
- $USp(2n)$ for $n \geq 3$
- G_2
- F_4
- E_7 and E_8
- all direct sums of the above

Other algebras for which $D_{\text{adj}} = 0$ (but neither real nor pseudo-real):

- $SO(4n+2)$
- E_6

→ anomalies are only possible for gauge algebras which include $SU(n)$ ($n \geq 3$) or $U(1)$ factors

→ important for Standard model:
 $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

→ must rely on cancellations between quarks and leptons to get an anomaly free theory

1st generation of standard model:

Fermions	SU(3)	SU(2)	U(1) [$Y/2$]
$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$	3	2	-1/6
u_R^*	$\bar{3}$	1	+2/3
d_R^*	$\bar{3}$	1	-1/3
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L$	1	2	1/2
e_R^*	1	1	-1

Since generators of SU(n) are trace-less for any representation, we only need to consider invariant combinations of T_x, T_y and T_z under SU(3) x SU(2):

$$SU(3) \times SU(3) = 1 + \dots$$

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• SU(3) - SU(3) - SU(3):

left-handed fermions trf. as $3 + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + 1 + 1$

of SU(3) \rightarrow real rep. $\rightarrow D_{d/3} = 0$

- $SU(3) - SU(3) - U(1)$:

$$\text{anomaly} \propto \sum_{3, \bar{3}} \gamma/g' = -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = 0$$

- $SU(2) - SU(2) - SU(2)$:

$SU(2)$ has only real or pseudoreal reps.
 \rightarrow no anomaly

- $SU(2) - SU(2) - U(1)$:

$$\text{anomaly} \propto \sum_{\text{doublets}} \gamma/g' = 3\left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

- $U(1) - U(1) - U(1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (\gamma/g')^3 &= 6\left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + (-1)^3 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus all anomalies cancel for the gauge symmetries of Standard Model.