

# Non-perturbative Renormalization

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Strong interactions at large energies

LHC (and other collider physics):

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow H \rightarrow \dots$$

SM (or MSSM) predictions depend on

**renormalized perturbation theory (PT) in  $\alpha_s(\mu) \equiv \alpha_R(\mu)$**

$$\mu = O(10\text{GeV}) \dots O(300\text{GeV})$$

What is  $\alpha_R(\mu)$  in a given renormalization scheme?

What is  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ :

$$m_{\text{proton}} = \# \times \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$
$$\alpha_R(\mu) \underset{\mu/\Lambda \gg 1}{\sim} \frac{1}{b_0 \ln(\mu/\Lambda)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{b_1}{b_0^2 \ln(\mu/\Lambda)} \ln(\ln(\mu/\Lambda)) + O(\ln(\mu/\Lambda)^{-2}) \right\}$$

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Weak interactions

Weak decays (search for BSM physics) of quarks:

low energy effective theory  
2-quark op's, 4-quark op's  $\leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{SM} \\ +\text{BSM} \end{cases}$

necessitates the **renormalization of composite fields**

- ▶ Renormalization in PT (repetition)
- ▶ RGE's, RGI
- ▶ NP renormalization (principle)
- ▶ Large scale ratios, step scaling functions (SSF)
- ▶ Finite volume schemes
- ▶ Gradient flow (recent development)
  
- ▶ very incomplete coverage of techniques  
concentrate on concepts

recommend to study yourself

- RI-sMOM
- chirally rotated SF

Consider continuum PT,  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$  dimensions as a regularisation

gauge-invariant, physical  
observable

$$G$$

bare, regularised

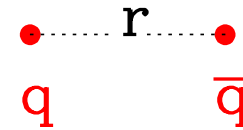
$$G_0(\epsilon, q, g_0, m_{0i})$$

$G_0$  is singular as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  *at fixed*  $q, g_0, m_{0i}$

Example

force between static quarks

$$F(r)$$



$$q \equiv 1/r$$



# Renormalization in PT

MS scheme

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**all** observables  $G$  become **finite** after the

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dimensionful coupling in  $D$  dimensions

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$$m_{R,i} \equiv m_i = Z_m(\epsilon, g^2) m_{0i}$$

$$G_R(\mu, q, g, m_i) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} G_0(\epsilon, q, \underbrace{Z_g^{-1/2} g \mu^\epsilon}_{g_0}, \underbrace{Z_m^{-1} m_i}_{m_{0i}})$$

The limit exists with

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mass-independent  
renormalization scheme

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on the lattice:  $G_0(a, q, g_0, m_{0i})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{\text{lat}}^2 \equiv g^2 &= Z_g(\ln(a\mu), g^2) g_0^2 \\
 m_{\text{lat},i} \equiv m_i &= Z_m(\ln(a\mu), g^2) \hat{m}_{q,i} \quad (*) \\
 G_R^{\text{lat}}(\mu, q, g_{\text{lat}}, m_i) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} G_0(a, q, \underbrace{Z_g^{-1/2} g}_{g_0}, \underbrace{m_{0i}}_{Z_m^{-1} m_{\text{lat},i}}) \quad \text{when } r_m = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The limit exists (continuum limit) with

different  $Z_x$  !

$$Z_x = 1 + g^2 z_{x,1} \ln(a\mu) + g^4 [z_{x,2} (\ln(a\mu))^2 + z_{x,3} \ln(a\mu)] + \dots$$

“**lattice minimal subtraction**” (of logs  $\ln(a\mu)$ ); only those)  $g = g_{\text{lat}}, m = m_{\text{lat}}$

Proven to all orders of PT for Wilson reg'n [T. Reisz].

Expected also non-perturbatively and for other regularisations (universality).

(\*)  $\hat{m}_{q,i}$  are bare subtracted masses,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{m}_{q,i} &= m_{q,i} + (r_m(g_0) - 1) \frac{1}{N_f} \text{tr } M_q \\
 m_{q,i} &= m_{0i} - m_c(g_0), \quad M_q = \text{diag}(m_{q,1}, m_{q,2}, \dots)
 \end{aligned}$$

with sufficient chiral symmetry:  $r_m = 1, m_c = 0$

The limit is universal (does not depend on the regularisation) after changing the renormalization scheme: finite renormalization

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\text{lat}}^2 &= \chi_g(g_{\text{MS}}) g_{\text{MS}}^2, & \chi_g(g) &= 1 + \chi_g^{(1)} g^2 + \dots \\m_{\text{lat},i} &= \chi_m(g_{\text{MS}}) m_{\text{MS},i}, & \chi_m(g) &= 1 + \chi_m^{(1)} g^2 + \dots \\G_{\text{R}}(\mu, q, g_{\text{MS}}, m_{\text{MS},i}) &= G_{\text{R}}^{\text{lat}}(\mu, q, \underbrace{\chi_g(g_{\text{MS}}) g_{\text{MS}}^2}_{g_{\text{lat}}}, \underbrace{\chi_m(g_{\text{MS}}) m_{\text{MS},i}}_{m_{\text{lat},i}})\end{aligned}$$

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or in the MS-scheme

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Now take  $G_R$  independent of  $q$ ;

example:  $G_R = m_{\text{hadron}}$

$$\begin{aligned} G_R &= G_R(\mu, g(\mu), m_i(\mu)) \\ \mu \text{ independent : } &= G_R(k\Lambda, \underbrace{g(k\Lambda)}_{\varphi_g^{-1}(1/k)}, M_i / \underbrace{\varphi_m(g(k\Lambda))}_{\varphi_m(\varphi_g^{-1}(1/k))}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow G_R = G^{\text{RGI}}(\Lambda, M_i) \quad \text{any } k, \text{ e.g. } k = 1$$

with mass dimension 1:  $[G_R] = 1$ , e.g.  $m_{\text{hadron}}$

$$m_{\text{hadron}} = \Lambda \bar{f}_h(M_i/\Lambda)$$

$\Lambda, M_i$ : fundamental parameters of QCD ( $N_f + 1$  parameters)

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- ▶ non-perturbatively defined  
with the standard (undoubted) assumptions:  
NP “corrections” to RG functions vanish as  $\mu^{-\eta}$ ,  $\eta > 0$   
e.g. renormalons, instantons
- ▶ our job is to determine them

in the chiral limit  $M_i = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{hadron}} &= \Lambda \bar{f}_h(0) = \bar{f}_h(0) \mu e^{-1/(2b_0g(\mu)^2)} \times \dots \\ \partial_g^n m_{\text{hadron}} \Big|_{g=0} &= 0 \\ \rightarrow m_{\text{hadron}} &= 0 \text{ to all orders of PT} \end{aligned}$$

$m_{\text{hadron}}, \Lambda, M_i$  are non-perturbative quantities

## Exercises

- ▶ Show that

$$M_i^s = M_i^{s'}$$

where  $s, s'$  are different schemes.

- ▶ Show that

$$\Lambda^s = k \Lambda^{s'}$$

Determine  $k$  in terms of  $\chi_g^{(1)}$ ,  $b_0$ .

- ▶ What is needed to determine  $\chi_g^{(1)}$ ?

$q = 1/r$  large: short (Euclidean) distances

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{R}} &= G_{\text{R}}(\mu, q, g(\mu), m_i(\mu)) && \text{dimensionless (e.g. } r^2 F(r)) \\ &= P(q/\mu, g(\mu), m_i(\mu)/q) \\ &= P(1, g(q), m_i(q)/q), \quad \varphi_g(g(q)) = \Lambda/q \\ &\quad m_i(q) = M_i/\varphi_m(g) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ yields the RG improved prediction for  $P$
- ▶ becomes more and more accurate for  $q \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} g^2(q) &= \frac{1}{b_0 t} \left\{ 1 - \frac{b_1}{b_0^2 t} \ln(t) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-2}) \right\} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \quad t = 2 \ln(q/\Lambda) \\ m_i(q) &= M_i \left( \frac{2}{t} \right)^{d_0/2b_0} \{1 + \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ unphysical  $\mu$ -dependence of the coupling turned into physical  $q$  dependence

$q = 1/r$  large: short (Euclidean) distances  
we also see that

$$G_R = P(1, g(q), m_i(q)/q) \stackrel{q \gg \Lambda, M_i}{\sim} P(1, g(q), 0)$$

mass effects disappear at short distances



For weak interactions, chiral symmetry breaking order parameter, ...

## Local composite fields (“operators”)

$$S^{rs}(x) = \bar{\psi}_r(x)\psi_s(x), \quad P^{rs}(x) = \bar{\psi}_r(x)\gamma_5\psi_s(x) \quad r \neq s \text{ flavor indices}$$

$$S(x) = S^{rr}(x) \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{N_f} S^{rr}(x), \quad P(x) = P^{rr}(x)$$

$$A_\mu^{rs}(x) = \bar{\psi}_r(x)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi_s(x) \dots$$

$$O_{LL}^{rs}(x) = \bar{\psi}_r(x)\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)\psi_s(x)\bar{\psi}_r(x)\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)\psi_s(x)$$

## In contrast to non-local composite fields

- ▶ Wilson loop
- ▶ smeared fields

$$S_t^{rs}(x) \quad t \text{ a proper smearing parameter}$$

→ see the final lecture

# Renormalization of composite fields

mixing with operators of same dimension

$$\langle \phi_{R1}(x_1) \phi_{R2}(x_2) \phi_{R3}(x_3) \phi_{R4}(x_4) \dots \rangle_{\text{path integral average}}$$

is finite for  $x_i \neq x_j$  for  $i \neq j$  with

dimensional regularisation, MS

$$\phi_{R,i}^{(D)} = \sum_j Z_{ij}(\epsilon, g^2) \Phi_j^{(D)}, \quad [\Phi_j^{(D)}] = [\Phi_i^{(D)}] = D$$

$$\text{e.g. } [S] = [P^{rs}] = 3$$

lattice MS

$$\phi_{R,i}^{(D)} = \sum_j Z_{ij}(\ln(a\mu), g^2) \Phi_{\text{sub},j}^{(D)}, \quad [\Phi_{\text{sub},j}^{(D)}] = [\Phi_i^{(D)}] = D$$

$$\Phi_{\text{sub},j}^{(D)} = \Phi_j^{(D)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbf{a}^{-n} \sum_k d_{jk}(g_0) \Phi_k^{(D-n)}$$

Subtraction coefficients  $d_{jk}$  can be chosen purely as functions of  $g_0$ , not  $\ln(a\mu)$  [M. Testa, hep-th/9803147, Sect. 2]

**Exercise:** Go through the argument in hep-th/9803147. Does it hold beyond PT?

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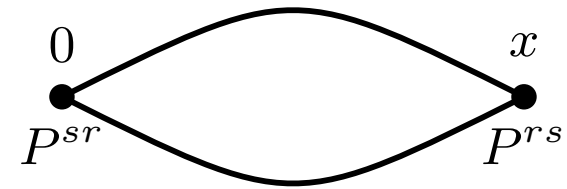
## An example

$$S_R(x) = Z_S^{\text{sing}}(\ln(a\mu), g^2) [\bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) + \mathbf{a}^{-3} d_1(g_0)]$$

- ▶ “mixing with the unit-operator”
- ▶ in theories without exact chiral symmetry
- ▶ in the chiral limit  
otherwise:  $\frac{m^n}{a^{3-n}}$  terms

Just work with a simple example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_0(a, x, g_0) &= \langle P^{rs}(x) P^{sr}(0) \rangle \\
 G_R^{\text{cont}}(\mu, x, g) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} G_R^{\text{lat}}(\mu, x, g, a\mu) \\
 G_R^{\text{lat}}(\mu, x, g, a\mu) &= \langle P_R^{rs}(x) P_R^{sr}(0) \rangle \\
 &= Z_P^2(a\mu, g_0) G(a, x, g_0)
 \end{aligned}$$



RGE:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} G_0(a, x, g_0) &= 0 = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} Z_P^{-2} G_R \\
 \rightarrow Z_P^2 \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} [Z_P^{-2} G_R] &= 0 \\
 (\mu \partial_\mu + \beta(g) \partial_g + \tau(g) m_i \partial_{m_i} - 2\gamma) G_R &= 0 \\
 \gamma &= Z_P^{-1} \mu \partial_\mu Z_P(\mu a, g_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now turn to a renormalization group invariant form:

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with

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- ▶ **It is the job of lattice QCD to determine them.**

## The general principle (lot's of evidence)

- ▶ Mixing with all local operators of same and lower dimensions, allowed by the symmetries  
in renormalizable theories (normal propagators, no couplings with negative mass dimension)

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- ▶ Mixing with all local operators of same and lower dimensions, allowed by the symmetries

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- ▶ adjust (= tune = renormalize) all coefficients  $g_{in}, c_{in}$  such that the continuum limit exists
- ▶ no couplings with negative mass dimensions!
- ▶ Including theories with boundaries (Schrödinger functional, Gradient Flow) all-order proof for GF and for SF in  $\phi^4$ .
- ▶  $O(a)$  effects: go higher in powers of  $a$  and include  $[g_{in}] = 5 - n, \quad [c_{in}] = 4 - n$   
Symanzik *effective* theory

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$g_{i5} \sim a \quad c_{i4} \sim a$



## Wilson fermions

We had:

$$\begin{aligned}m_{\text{lat},i} &= Z_m(\ln(a\mu), g^2) \hat{m}_{q,i} \\ \hat{m}_{q,i} &= m_{q,i} + (r_m(g_0) - 1) \frac{1}{N_f} \text{tr} M_q \\ m_{q,i} &= m_{0i} - m_c(g_0), \quad M_q = \text{diag}(m_{q,1}, m_{q,2}, \dots)\end{aligned}$$

Why is that?

Write the mass-term as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i m_{0i} \psi_i \\ &= \sum_{a=3,8,\dots} \mu_0^a \underbrace{\bar{\psi} T^a \psi}_{S^a, \text{ nonsinglet}} + \underbrace{\bar{\psi} \psi}_{S_0, \text{ singlet}} \frac{1}{N_f} \text{tr} M_0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore there is (in general)  $Z_m = (Z_S^{\text{NS}})^{-1}$  and  $(r_m - 1)Z_m = (Z_S^{\text{sing}})^{-1}$

# Quark mass renormalization on the lattice



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- ▶ Can be obtained formally, performing a chiral rotation in the PI
- ▶ Can be obtained with lattice exact chiral symmetry (overlap)
- ▶ Is therefore (universality) a property of QCD in the continuum limit after renormalization

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## Renormalized relation

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