

We have shown: forward light-by-light scattering

$$A_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4}(s) = \epsilon_{\lambda_4}^{*\alpha_4}(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_3}^{*\alpha_3}(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_2}^{\alpha_2}(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_1}^{\alpha_1}(k_1)$$

$$[A(s) g_{\alpha_1 \alpha_3} g_{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} + B(s) g_{\alpha_1 \alpha_4} g_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3} + C(s) g_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} g_{\alpha_3 \alpha_4}]$$

By imposing

$$A_{-h_3 h_2 -h_1 h_4}(-s) = A_{h_1 h_2 h_3 h_4}(s)$$

$$A(-s) = A(s)$$

$$C(-s) = B(s)$$

Now go to linear polarization:

$$\epsilon_x(k_1) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\epsilon_y(k_1) = (0, 0, 1, 0)$$

$$\epsilon_x(k_2) = (0, -1, 0, 0)$$

$$\epsilon_y(k_2) = (0, 0, 1, 0)$$

$$\epsilon_{\lambda_3}^*(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_1}(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_4}^*(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_2}(k_2) = \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_3} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}$$

$$\epsilon_{\lambda_4}^*(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_1}(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_3}^*(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_2}(k_2) = \cancel{(-1)} \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_4} \cancel{(-1)} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}$$

$$\epsilon_{\lambda_2}(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_1}(k_1) \epsilon_{\lambda_4}^*(k_2) \epsilon_{\lambda_3}^*(k_1) = \cancel{(-1)} \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \cancel{(-1)} \delta_{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}$$

$$A_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4}(s) = A(s) \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_3} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_4} + B(s) \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_4} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_3} + B(-s) \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \delta_{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{xxxx}(s) &= A_{yyyy}(s) = A(s) + B(s) + B(-s) \\
A_{xyxy}(s) &= A_{yxyx}(s) = A(s) \\
A_{xyyx}(s) &= A_{yxxy}(s) = B(s) \\
A_{xxyy}(s) &= A_{yyxx}(s) = B(-s)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} A_{xxxx}(-s) = A_{xxxx}(s) \\ A_{xyxy}(-s) = A_{xyxy}(s) \end{cases} \quad + (x \leftrightarrow y)$$

$$A_{xyyx}(-s) = A_{yyxx}(s)$$

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Exercise derive the positivity constraint for the theory corresponding to \mathcal{L}_{UV} :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_U &= \partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi^\dagger \phi) \\
V(\phi^\dagger \phi) &= \frac{\lambda}{4} (\phi^\dagger \phi - v^2)^2
\end{aligned}$$

U(1) global symmetry: $\phi \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha} \phi$
 minimum of V at $|\phi|^2 = \frac{v^2}{2}$

U(1) spontaneously broken \rightarrow Goldstone boson ξ

Parameter $\frac{i\xi}{v}$

$$\phi = \frac{(\sigma + i v)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\xi/v}$$

$$\phi^\dagger \phi - v^2 = \frac{(\sigma + v)^2 - v^2}{2}$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + 2v\sigma)^2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \xi \text{ massless} \\ m_\sigma^2 = 2\lambda v^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \cdot \sigma \partial^\mu e^{i\xi/v} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \cdot \sigma \partial^\mu e^{-i\xi/v} \\
&\quad + \frac{(\sigma + v)^2}{2} \frac{1}{v^2} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi
\end{aligned}$$

Integrate out σ at tree-level $E \ll m_\sigma$

$$e.o.m. \quad \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \sigma \square \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{v}\right)^2 \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{4} \sigma^4 - \lambda v \sigma^3 - \underbrace{\frac{\lambda v^2 \sigma^2}{2}}_{\frac{m_\sigma^2}{2}}$$

$$\lambda v = \frac{\lambda v^2}{v} = \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2v} \quad \lambda = \frac{\lambda v^2}{v^2} = \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2v^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \sigma \square \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{v}\right)^2 \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2v} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^3 - \frac{1}{8} \frac{m_\sigma^2}{v^2} \sigma^4$$

e.o.m. in the static limit $\sigma \square \sigma = 0$

$$\frac{1}{v} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{v}\right) \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi - m_\sigma^2 \sigma - \frac{3m_\sigma^2}{2v} \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_\sigma^2}{v^2} \sigma^3 = 0$$

solve iteratively in the limit $\frac{m_\sigma}{v} \ll 1$

$$\frac{1}{v} \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{v}\right) \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi - m_\sigma^2 \sigma = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{v} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi - m_\sigma^2\right) \sigma = -\frac{\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi}{v}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{v} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi \frac{1}{m_\sigma^2 \left(1 - \frac{\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi}{v^2 m_\sigma^2}\right)} + \dots$$

Expanding:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{v m_\sigma^2} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi \left(1 + \frac{\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi}{v^2 m_\sigma^2} + \dots\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{IR} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi}{v^2 m_\sigma^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{v^4 m_\sigma^4}\right) \right)^2 \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cancel{m_\sigma^2} \frac{1}{v^2 m_\sigma^4} (\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi)^2}{v^2 m_\sigma^2} + \dots = \mathcal{L}_{IR}$$

Bottom-up consideration:

under $U(1)$ $\xi \rightarrow \xi + v\alpha$ shift symmetry
 therefore \mathcal{L}_{IR} can only depend on $\partial_\mu \xi$
 and we could have written:

$$\mathcal{L}_{IR} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi + \frac{c_1}{\Lambda^4} (\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi)^2 + \frac{c_2}{\Lambda^2} (\square \xi \cdot \square \xi) + \dots$$

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redundant

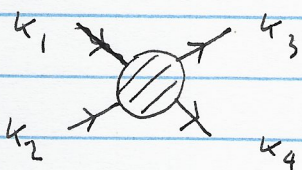
power counting: each ξ comes in the combination $\frac{\xi}{v}$: $c_1 \approx \frac{1}{v^2 \Lambda^2}$



The coefficient of $(\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi)^2$ is positive
 Show that this is a consequence of
 unitarity, crossing and optical theorem.

Parity: $\phi \xrightarrow{P} \phi^\dagger$ $\xi \rightarrow -\xi$

Forward scattering amplitude for $\xi\xi \rightarrow \xi\xi$



$$= iR = \text{diagram of a dot with four external lines} + \text{loops}$$

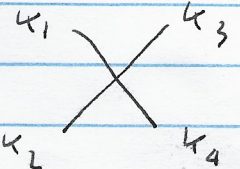
Feynman rule from $\partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi \partial_\nu \xi \partial^\nu \xi$

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$$A k_1 k_3 k_2 k_4 + B k_1 k_4 k_2 k_3 + C k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4$$

Explicit computation gives $A = B = C = 8$



$$= 8i (k_1 k_3 k_2 k_4 + k_1 k_4 k_2 k_3 + k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4) \frac{C_1}{\Lambda^4}$$


$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^2 = 2k_1 k_2$$

$$t = (k_1 - k_3)^2 = -2k_1 k_3$$

$$u = (k_1 - k_4)^2 = -2k_1 k_4$$

$$s + t + u = 2k_1 (k_2 - k_3 - k_4) \equiv 0$$

$$\equiv -k_1$$



$$= \frac{8i}{\Lambda^4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} (t^2 + u^2 + s^2) C_1$$

Forward scattering $t=0 \quad u=-s$

$$iA(s) = \frac{4i}{\Lambda^4} s^2 C_1 \quad \text{in IR region } s \ll m_\sigma^2$$

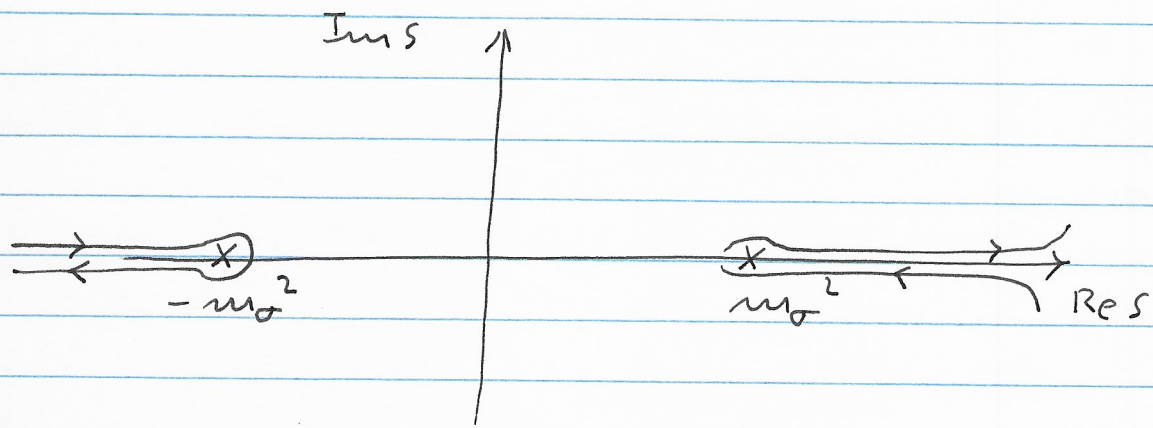
$$A(s) = \frac{4C_1}{\Lambda^4} s^2$$

Singularity of $A(s)$ in the complex plane:

crossing symmetry $A(-s) = A(s)$

$A(s)$ has a pole at $s = m_\sigma^2$

+ crossing \rightarrow another pole at $s = -m_\sigma^2$



Dispersion relation

$$\frac{d^2 A}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{\pi i} \oint \frac{ds}{s^3} A(s)$$

= contribution at $\infty \rightarrow 0$ if $\left| \frac{A(s)}{s} \right| \rightarrow 0$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi i} \left[- \oint \frac{ds}{s^3} A(s) - \oint \frac{ds}{s^3} A(s) \right]$$

\uparrow around $s = m_\sigma^2$ \uparrow around $s = -m_\sigma^2$

$$s = m_\sigma^2 \rightarrow s = m_\sigma^2 + \epsilon e^{i\vartheta} \quad ds = i\epsilon e^{i\vartheta} d\vartheta$$

$$\oint \frac{ds}{s^3} A(s) \underset{\text{around } s = m_\sigma^2}{=} i\epsilon \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\vartheta e^{i\vartheta}}{(m_\sigma^2 + \epsilon e^{i\vartheta})^3} \quad \frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2)}{\underbrace{s = m_\sigma^2 + i\epsilon}_{\epsilon e^{i\vartheta}}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 A}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{-1}{\pi i} 2\pi i \left[\frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2)}{(m_\sigma^2)^3} + \frac{\text{Res } A(-m_\sigma^2)}{(m_\sigma^2)^3} \right]$$

But near $s = m_\sigma^2$

$$A(s) = \frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2)}{s - m_\sigma^2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2)}{(s - m_\sigma^2)^2 + \epsilon^2} [(s - m_\sigma^2) - i\epsilon]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{Im } A(s) &= - \text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2) \frac{\epsilon}{(s - m_\sigma^2)^2 + \epsilon^2} \\ &\quad \downarrow \pi \delta(s - m_\sigma^2) \\ &= - \text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2) \pi \delta(s - m_\sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2)}{(m_\sigma^2)^3} &= \int ds \frac{\text{Res } A(m_\sigma^2) \delta(s - m_\sigma^2)}{s^3} \\ &= - \frac{1}{\pi} \int ds \frac{\text{Im } A(s)}{s^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2 A}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int ds \left[\frac{\text{Im } A(s)}{s^3} + \frac{\text{Im } A(-s)}{s^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \int ds \frac{\text{Im } A(s)}{s^3}$$

= optical theorem

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \int \frac{ds}{s^2} \sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\sigma \rightarrow X}(s) > 0$$

computing $\frac{d^2 A}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0}$ in the IR we get

$$\frac{8c_1}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{4}{\pi} \int \frac{ds}{s^2} \sum_x \sigma_{ss \rightarrow x}(s) > 0$$

$$\boxed{c_1 > 0}$$

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