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NON-RENORMALIZABLE INTERACTIONS



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Motivation:

- The Standard Model is renormalizable
- Gravity is not renormalizable

Non-renormalizable theories are not accepted due to:

- UV divergences are not under control - infinite number of new types of divergences
- The amplitudes increase with energy (in PT) and violate unitarity

However:

- R-operation equally works for NR theories and leads to local counter terms
- Due to locality all higher order divergences are related to the lower ones

🌐 These properties allow one to write down the RG equations for the scattering amplitudes, effective potential, etc which sum up the leading divergences (logarithms) and to find out the high energy/field behaviour

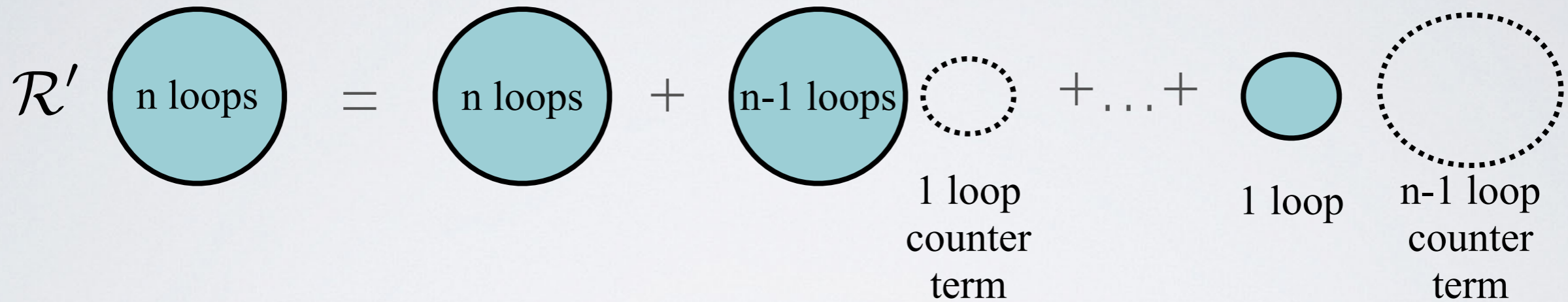
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BPHZ R-operation


$$\mathcal{R}'G_n = \frac{A_n^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{n\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{A_{n-1}^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{(n-1)\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + \dots + \frac{A_1^{(n)} (\mu^2)^\epsilon}{\epsilon^n}$$

lower pole terms



$A_k^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{k\epsilon}$ terms appear after subtraction of (n-k) loop counter terms

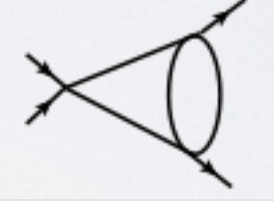
Statement: $R'G_n$ is local, i.e. terms like $\log^k \mu^2 / \epsilon^m$ should cancel for any k and m

Consequence: $A_n^{(n)} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{A_1^{(n)}}{n}$ 

The leading divergences are governed by 1 loop diagrams!

Two loop example

 ϕ^4



$$= \left(\frac{A_2^{(2)}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{A_1^{(2)}}{\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s} \right)^{2\epsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{R}' \left[\text{triangle with bubble} \right] = \left[\text{triangle with bubble} \right] - \left[\text{fish diagram} \right] \cdot \left[\text{bubble} \right] = \left(\frac{A_2^{(2)}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{A_1^{(2)}}{\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s} \right)^{2\epsilon} - \frac{A_1^{(1)}}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s} \right)^\epsilon \frac{A_1^{(1)}}{\epsilon}$$

$$= \frac{A_2^{(2)}}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{(A_1^{(1)})^2}{\epsilon^2} + \underbrace{2 \frac{A_2^{(2)}}{\epsilon} \log(\mu^2/s) - \frac{(A_1^{(1)})^2}{\epsilon} \log(\mu^2/s)}_{\text{non-local terms to be cancelled}} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(A_1^{(1)})^2}{\epsilon^2} + \dots$$

non-local terms to be cancelled

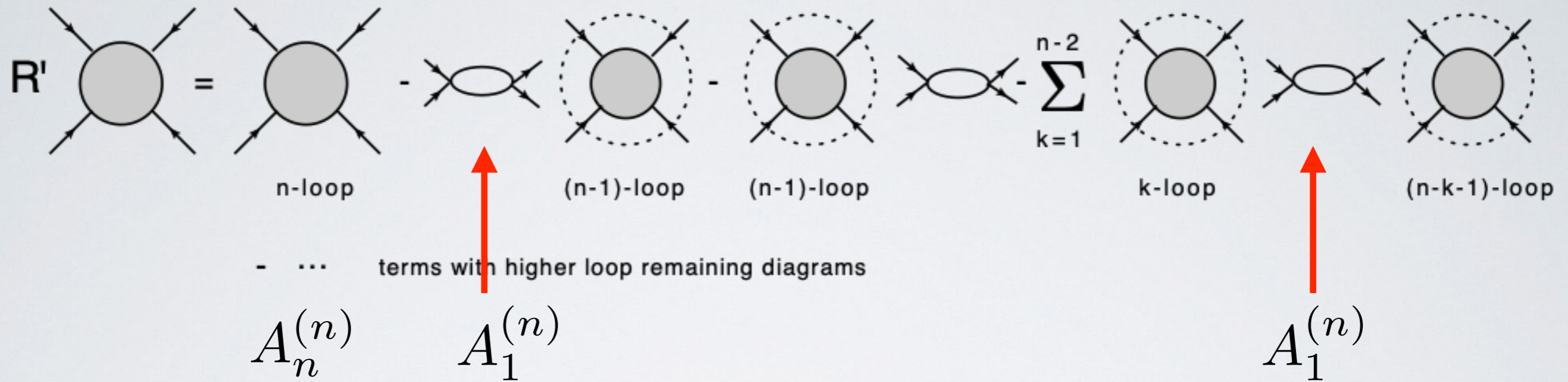
Leading divergence is given by the one-loop term

$$A_2^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} (A_1^{(1)})^2$$

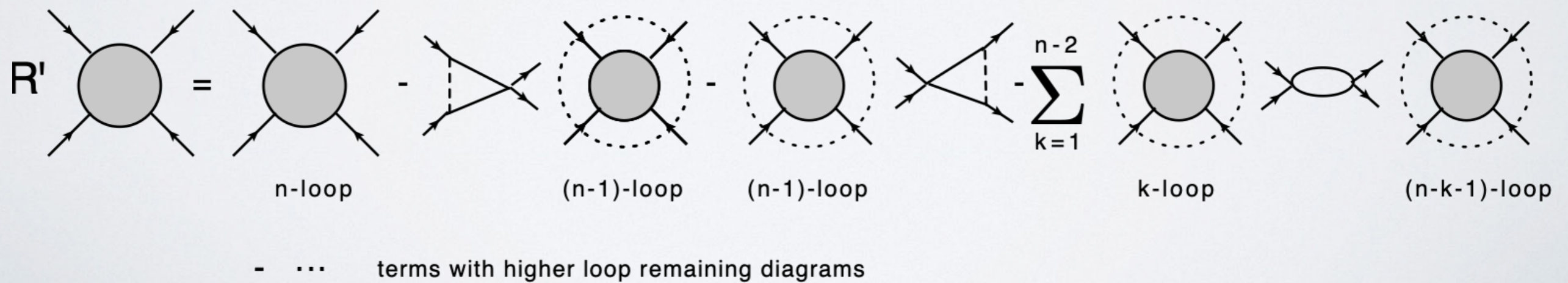
- These statements are universal and are valid in non-renormalizable theories as well.
- The only difference is that the counter term $A_1^{(1)}$ depends on kinematics and has to be integrated through the remaining one-loop graph.
- As a result $A_2^{(2)}$ is not the square of $A_1^{(1)}$ anymore but is the integrated square .
- This last statement is the general feature of any QFT irrespective of renormalizability

Leading divergences

Quartic vertices



Cubic vertices



The Recurrence Relation

Kazakov,20

$$n \text{ (oval)} A_n = -2 \text{ (triangle)} A_{n-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \text{ (oval)} A_k \text{ (circle)} A_{n-1-k}$$

- This is the general recurrence relation that reflects the locality of the counter terms in any theory
- In renormalizable theories A_n is a constant and this relation is reduced to the algebraic one
- In non-renormalizable theories A_n depends on kinematics and one has to integrate through the one loop diagrams

Taking the sum $\sum_n A_n (-z)^n = A(z)$ one can transform the recurrence relation into integro-diff equation

$$\frac{d}{dz} A(z) = b_0 \left\{ -1 - 2 \int_{\Delta} A(z) - \int_{\circlearrowleft} A^2(z) \right\} \quad \frac{d}{dz} = \frac{d}{d \log \mu^2}$$

This is the generalized RG equation valid in any (even non-renormalizable) theory!

RG Equation

SYM_D

D=6 N=2

$$\Sigma(s, t, z) = z^{-2} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (-z)^n S_n(s, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \Sigma(s, t, z) = s - \frac{2}{z} \Sigma(s, t, z) + 2s \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy (\Sigma(s, t', z) + \Sigma(t', s, z))|_{t'=xt+yu}$$

Linear equation

D=8 N=1

$$\Sigma(s, t, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-z)^n S_n(s, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \Sigma(s, t, z) = -\frac{1}{12} + 2s^2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy y(1-x) (\Sigma(s, t', z) + \Sigma(t', s, z))|_{t'=tx+yu}$$

$$-s^4 \int_0^1 dx x^2(1-x)^2 \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p!(p+2)!} \left(\frac{d^p}{dt'^p} (\Sigma(s, t', z) + \Sigma(t', s, z))|_{t'=-sx} \right)^2 (tsx(1-x))^p.$$

Non-linear equation

Examples:

- Maximally supersymmetric gauge theory in $D=6,8,10$ dimensions SYM_D
- Scalar field theory in $D=4,6,8,10$ dimensions ϕ_D^4
- Gauge theory in $D=4,6,8$ dimensions YM_D
- Supersymmetric Wess-Zumino model with quartic superpotential in $D=4$ Φ_4^4

These are the toy models for (super) gravity - our aim

Effective Potential in Scalar Theory in D=4

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Generating functional for Green functions

$$Z(J) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp \left(i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi, d\phi) + J\phi \right)$$

$$W(J) = -i \log Z(J)$$

IPI generating functional

Effective action

$$\Gamma(\phi) = W(J) - \int d^4x J(x)\phi(x)$$

Legendre transformation

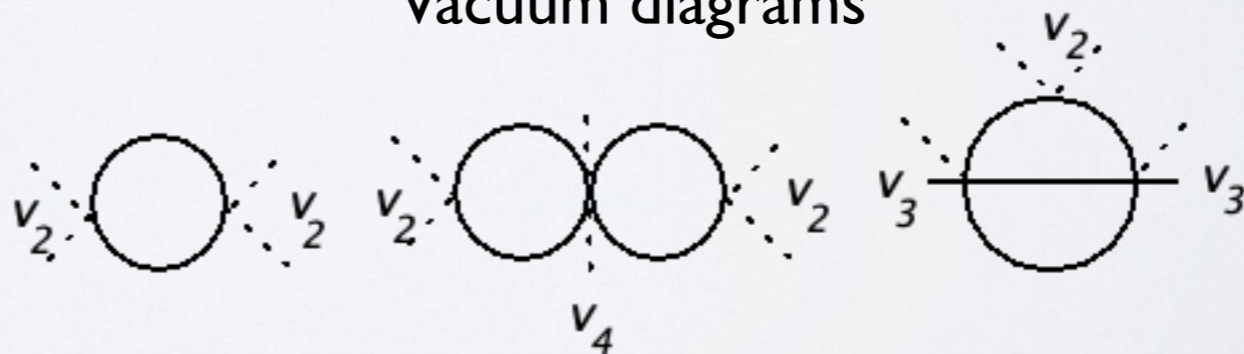
General scalar field theory in D=4

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - gV_0(\phi)$$

Shifted Classical action

$$S[\hat{\phi} + \phi]$$

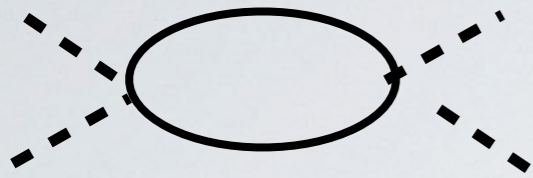
Vacuum diagrams



$$v_2(\phi) \equiv \frac{d^2 V_0(\phi)}{d\phi^2}$$

$$v_n \equiv d^n V_0 / d\phi^n$$

Divergences and Log ϕ behaviour



$$Diag \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \log \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, \quad m^2 = gv_2(\phi)$$

The leading divergences



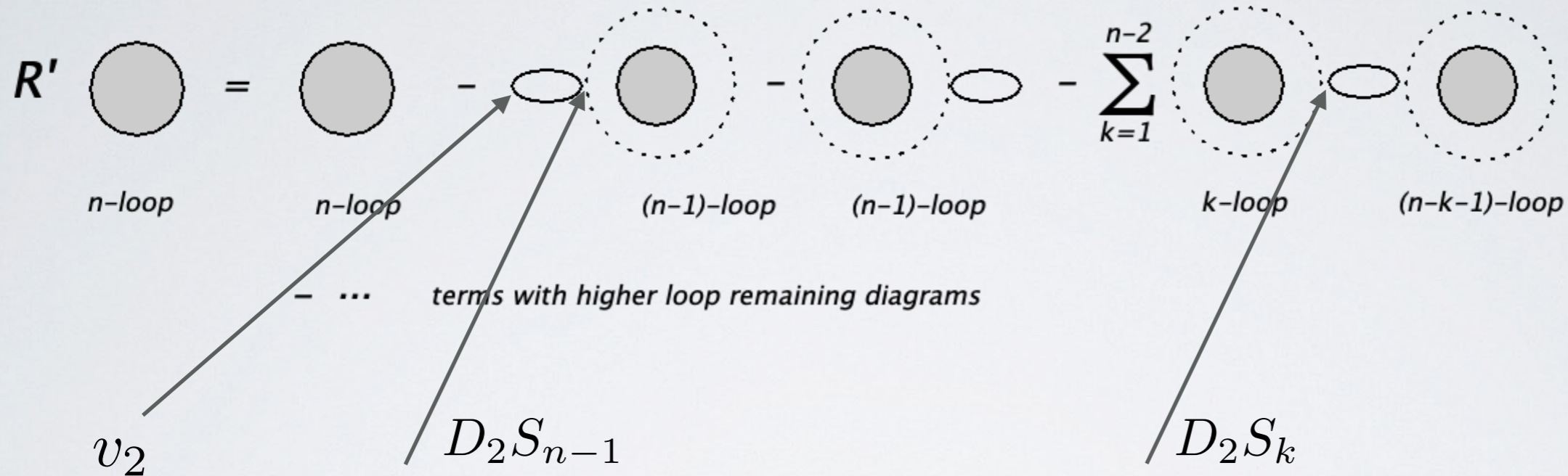
The leading logs

- In non-renormalizable theories divergences cannot be absorbed into the renormalization of the couplings and fields.
- If they are subtracted some way one is left with infinite arbitrariness.
- Coefficients of the leading divergences (logs) do not depend on this arbitrariness !

The aim is to calculate the leading divergences $\sim \frac{1}{\epsilon^n}$ in n-th order of PT

Recurrence relations for the leading poles

Action of R' -operation on divergent diagram



$$nS_n = \frac{1}{2}v_2 D_2 S_{n-1} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} D_2 S_k D_2 S_{n-1-k}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad S_1 = \frac{1}{4}v_2^2$$

$$nS_n = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_2 S_k D_2 S_{n-1-k}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad S_0 = V_0$$

RG pole equation for arbitrary potential

$$\Sigma(z, \phi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z)^n S_n(\phi) \quad z = \frac{g}{\epsilon}$$

RG pole equation

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{dz} = -\frac{1}{4} (D_2 \Sigma)^2 \quad \Sigma(0, \phi) = V_0(\phi)$$

This a non-linear partial differential equation!

Effective potential

$$V_{eff}(g, \phi) = g \Sigma(z, \phi) \Big|_{z \rightarrow -\frac{g}{16\pi^2} \log g v_2 / \mu^2} \quad v_2(\phi) \equiv \frac{d^2 V_0(\phi)}{d\phi^2}$$

Example I: Power like Potential

$$gV_0(\phi) = g \frac{\phi^p}{p!} \quad y = g\phi^{p-4} \quad \Sigma(z, \phi) = \frac{\phi^p}{p!} f(z\phi^{p-4})$$

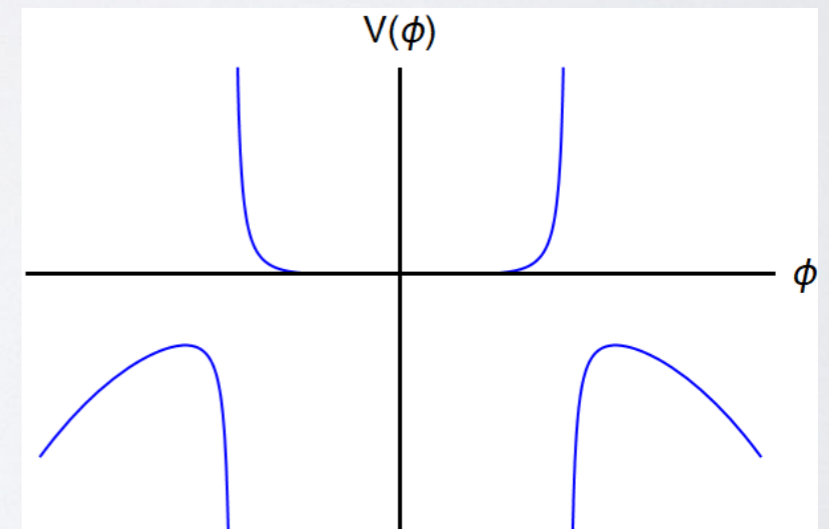
$$f'(y) = -\frac{1}{4p!} [p(p-1)f(y) + (p-4)(3p-5)yf'(y) + (p-4)^2y^2f''(y)]^2$$

$$f(0) = 1, f'(0) = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{p(p-1)}{(p-2)!}$$

p=4

$$f'(y) = -\frac{3}{2}f(y)^2 \quad f(y) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{2}y}$$

$$V_{eff}(\phi) = \frac{g\phi^4/4!}{1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{g}{16\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{g\phi^2}{2\mu^2}\right)}$$



Example I: Power like Potential

$p > 4$

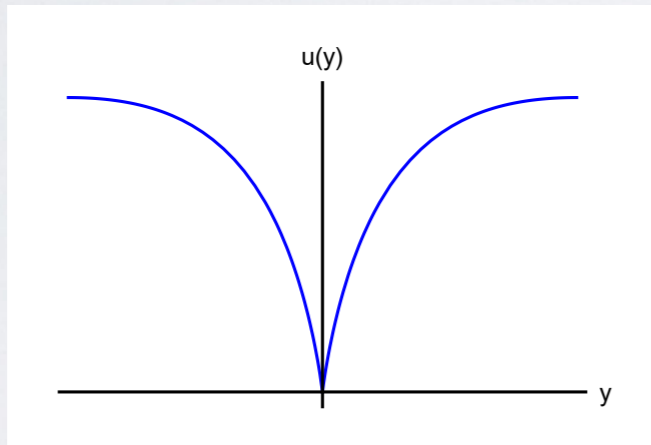
$$gV_0(\phi) = g \frac{\phi^p}{p!}$$

$$f(y) = u(y)/y$$

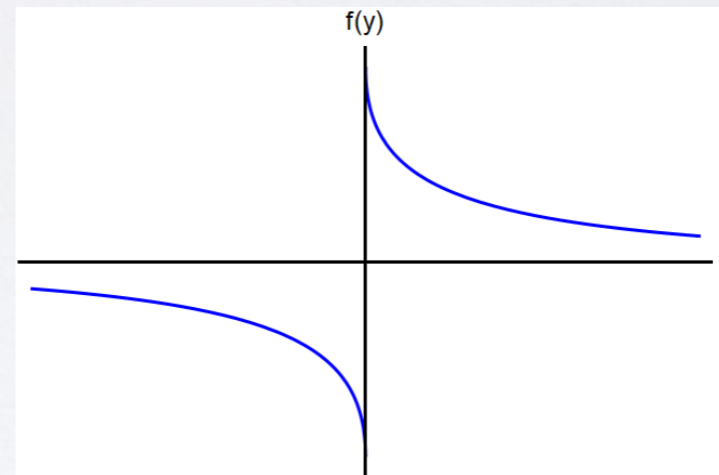
$$yu'(y) - u(y) = -\frac{1}{4p!} [12u(y) + (p-4)(p+3)yu'(y) + (p-4)^2y^2u''(y)]^2$$

$$u(\pm 0) = 0, u'(\pm 0) = \pm 1$$

Discontinuity at $y=0$



$y = 0$

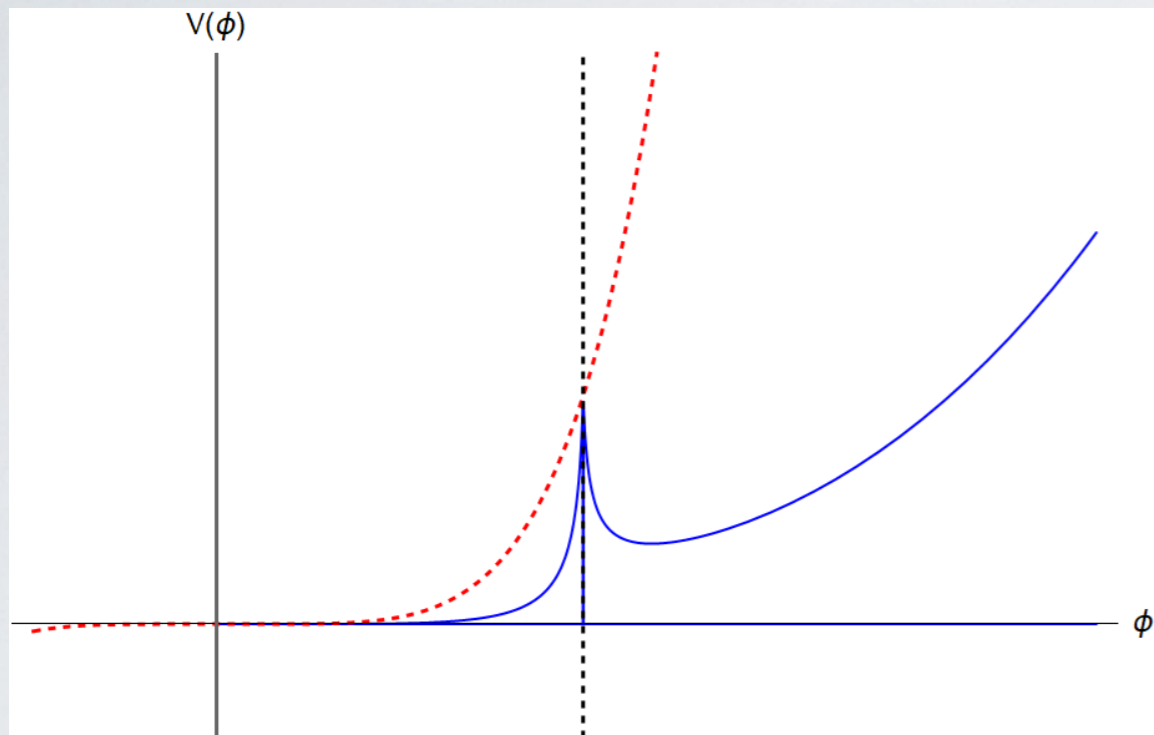


$y = 0$

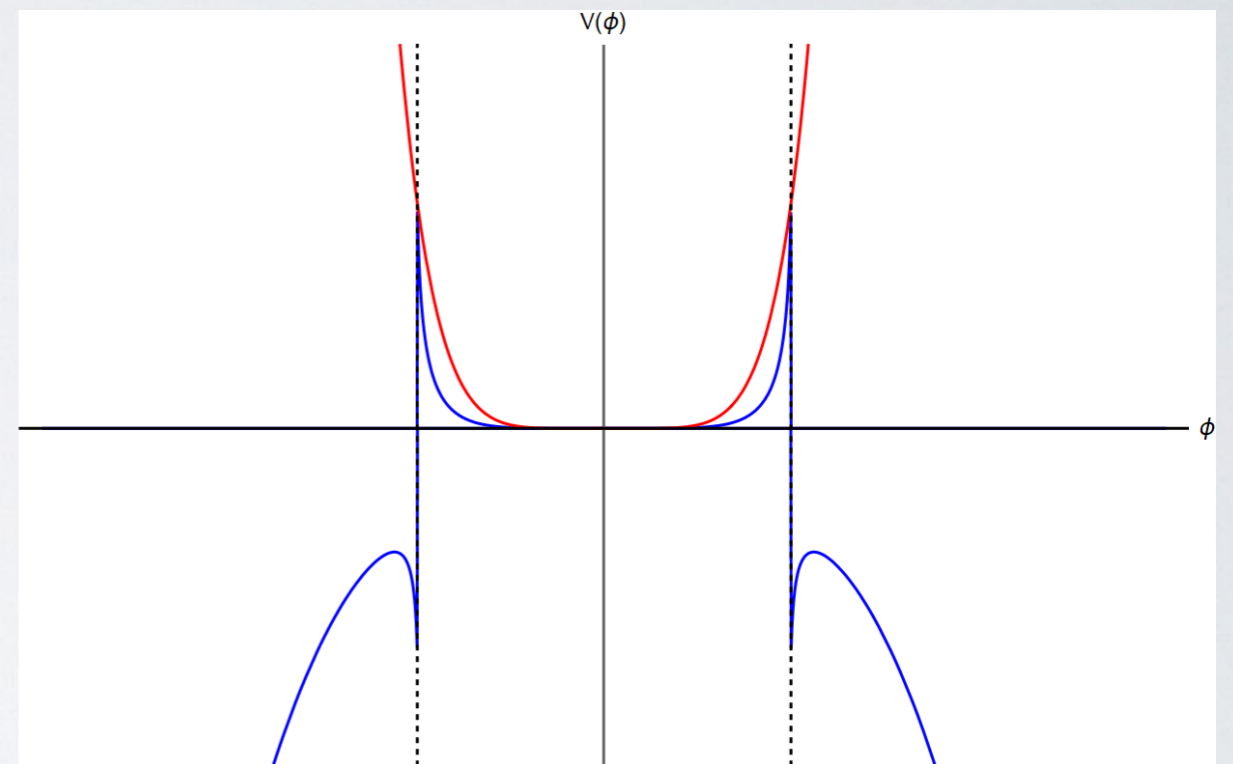
$$y \rightarrow -\frac{g}{16\pi^2} \phi^{p-4} \log \frac{g\phi^{p-2}}{\mu^2/(p-2)!}$$

Example I: Power like Potential

$p=5$



$p=6$



- Finite gap instead of an infinite barrier as for $p=4$
- Metastability of the quantum state
- No new minima

Applicability of approximation

Validity of PT

$$\frac{g}{16\pi^2} \phi^{p-4} < 1$$

Validity of LL approximation

$$\log \frac{g\phi^{p-2}}{(p-2)!\mu^2} > 1$$

Possible simultaneously for small coupling g and temporal field ϕ

Singular point $\frac{g\phi^{p-2}}{(p-2)!\mu^2} = 1$ is within validity region

$$p=6 \quad \phi^2 < \frac{16\pi^2}{g} \implies \log \frac{g\phi^4}{4!\mu^2} < \log \frac{(16\pi^2)^2}{24g\mu^2} > 1$$

$$g\mu^2 < 1$$

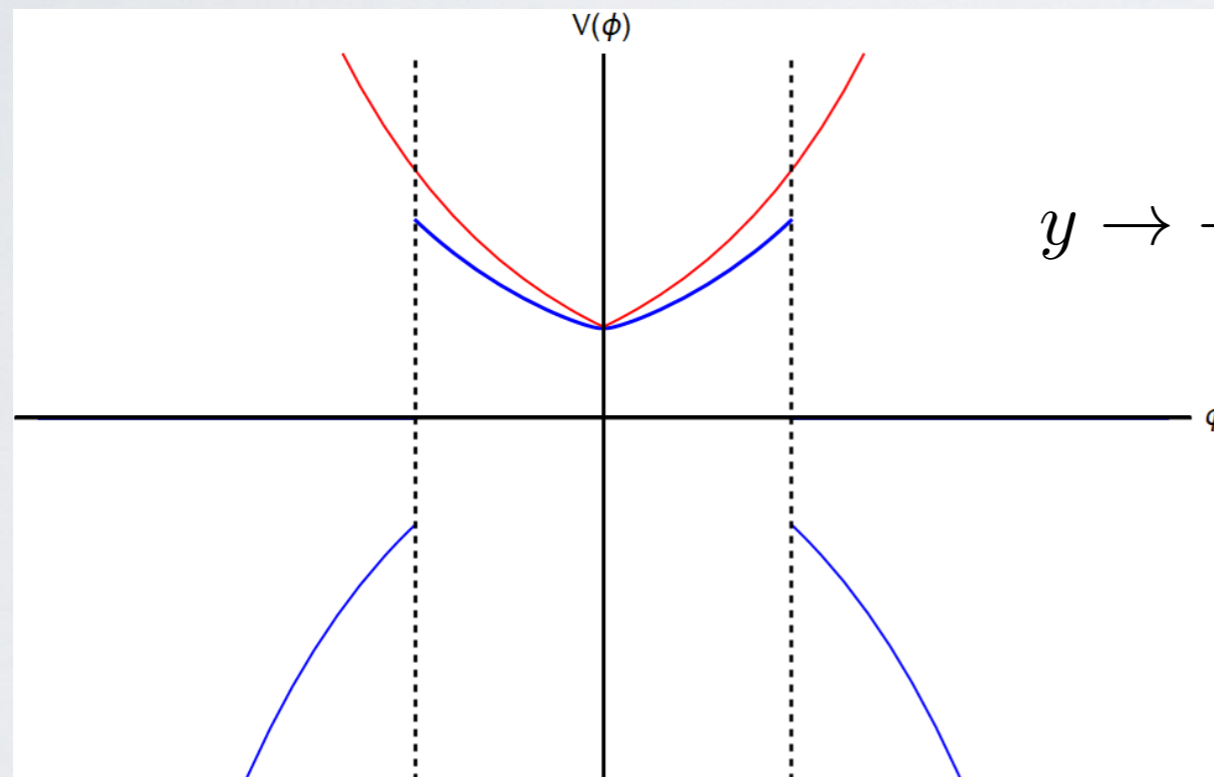
$$y \rightarrow -\frac{g}{16\pi^2} \phi^{p-4} \log \frac{g\phi^{p-2}}{\mu^2/(p-2)!}$$

Example II: Exponential Potential

$$gV_0 = ge^{|\phi/m|}$$

$$y = g/m^4 e^{\phi/m}$$

$$f'(y) = -\frac{1}{4} (y^2 f''(y) + 3yf'(y) + f(y))^2$$



$$y \rightarrow \frac{g}{16\pi^2 m^4} e^{|\phi/m|} \log \left[\frac{g}{16\pi^2 m^2 \mu^2} e^{|\phi/m|} \right]$$

- Finite gap
- Metastability of the quantum state
- No new minima

Applicability $\frac{g}{16\pi^2 m^4} e^{|\phi/m|} < 1$

$$\log \left[\frac{g}{m^2 \mu^2} e^{|\phi/m|} \right] > 1$$

Conclusion on Effective potential

- The effective potential in the LL approximation obeys the RG master equation which is a partial non-linear differential equation
 - In some cases this equation is simplified to the ordinary differential one and can be solved at least numerically. I
 - In all the cases that we studied the obtained ordinary differential equations obey the solution with a discontinuity.
 - The effective potential has a metastable minima at the origin and no other minima exists.
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- The main message is that under certain assumptions while studying the CW mechanism one may not be restricted by the renormalizable potentials but consider much wider possibilities. We provided the method of such analysis.
 - This might be useful for cosmological applications where they are usually not limited by renormalizability since gravity makes it non-renormalizable anyway.

General Resume

- 📌 **The UV divergences in non-renormalizable theories are local and can be removed by local counter terms like in renormalizable ones**
- 📌 **The main difference is that the renormalization constant Z depends on kinematics and acts like an operator rather than simple multiplication**
- 📌 **Based on locality of the counter terms due to the Bogoliubov-Parasiuk theorem one can construct the recurrence relations that define all loop divergences starting from one loop**
- 📌 **The recurrence relations can be converted into the generalized RG equations just like in renormalizable theories**
- 📌 **The RG equations allow one to sum up the leading (subleading, etc) divergences in all loops and define the high-energy/field behaviour**