

Structure of $\Gamma_{N,00}$:

$$\bullet \dim_{\mathfrak{g}_h} (A_N, \psi_\alpha, H, \bar{H}, b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1, \frac{3}{2}, 1, 1, 2 \\ 0, 0, 1, -1, 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathfrak{g}_h} (A_N^*, \psi_\alpha^*, H^*, \bar{H}^*, -) = \begin{pmatrix} 2, \frac{3}{2}, 2, 2, \\ -1, -1, -2, 0, \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \end{matrix}$$

(1) \Rightarrow $\Gamma_{N,00}$ at most quadratic in $\bar{\phi}^*$

(2) \Rightarrow " " " linear in $\bar{\phi}^*$ except \bar{h}^* but since $\mathcal{J}(\bar{H}) = b$ (linear)

$$(*) \Rightarrow \Gamma_{N,00} = -b \bar{H}^* + \bar{H}^* \text{ indep.}$$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{N,00}$ is at most linear in $\bar{\phi}^*$. To continue we write

$$\Gamma_{N,00} = \Gamma_{N,00}(\bar{\phi}) + \int \Delta_{00}^I(\phi) \bar{\phi}^{*I}$$

rep. $S_R[\bar{\phi}, \bar{\phi}] = S_R[\phi] + \int \mathcal{J}(\phi^I) \bar{\phi}^{*I}$

Def: $\Gamma_N^{(\varepsilon)}[\phi] \equiv S_R[\phi] + \varepsilon \Gamma_{N,00}[\phi]$; $\varepsilon^2 = 0$
 \uparrow "0"

(*) $\Rightarrow \Gamma_N^{(\varepsilon)}$ is invariant under

$$\phi^I \mapsto \phi^I + \delta \zeta \underbrace{\Delta_N^{(\varepsilon)}}_{= \mathcal{J}^I(\bar{\phi}) + \varepsilon \Delta_{00}^I(\phi)}$$

(*) there is some ambiguity in assigning dimensions. An alternative choice is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dim_{\mathfrak{g}_h} (A_N, \psi_\alpha, H, \bar{H}, b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1, \frac{3}{2}, 0, 2, 2 \\ 0, 0, 1, -1, 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \dim_{\mathfrak{g}_h} (A_N^*, \psi_\alpha^*, H^*, \bar{H}^*, -) = \begin{pmatrix} 2, \frac{3}{2}, 4, 2, \\ -1, -1, -2, 0, \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

However this does not change the result.

Dimensional analysis, Poincaré invariance, and nilpotence imply (Weinberg)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta^{I(\xi)} \text{ has} \\ \text{the same} \\ \text{Lorentz tr.p.} \\ \text{rules, dim.} \\ \text{and gl. \#} \\ \text{as } \lambda \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S\psi = i Z \xi^c H^a \epsilon^a \psi \\ S A_\mu^a = Z \xi^c [N B^{ac} \partial_\mu H^c + D_{abc} A_\mu^b H^c] \\ S H^a = -\frac{1}{2} Z \xi^c \epsilon^{abc} H^b H^c \\ S \bar{H}^a = -\xi^c b_a \\ S b_{ce} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{linear tr.p. are unchanged}$$

$B^{ac}, D_{abc}, \epsilon^{abc}, Z, N$ constants.

Nilpotency of $\Delta^{(\xi)}$: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{on } H^a \Rightarrow \text{Jacobi for } \epsilon \Rightarrow \text{Lie alg} \\ \text{on } A_\mu \Rightarrow D \propto \epsilon \text{ and } B \text{ invariant} \\ \text{tensor } (\Rightarrow \xi^a \xi^b) \\ \text{on } \psi \Rightarrow \epsilon^a \alpha \tau^a \end{array} \right.$

If we write $\Gamma_N^{(\xi)} = \int d^4x h_N^{(\xi)}$ then we can restrict the form of $h_N^{(\xi)}$ by demanding that

- ① $\Gamma^{(\xi)}$ is invariant under all linear symmetries of S_R
- ② $h_N^{(\xi)}$ is of dimension 4
- ③ $\Gamma_N^{(\xi)}$ is $\Delta_N^{(\xi)}$ invariant ("effective" BEST tr.p.)

Rep: $S_R^{tot} = S_R[A_\mu] + S(\Psi)$ ↖ gauge fixing.

$$= S_R[A_\mu] - \frac{1}{2\lambda} b_a b_a - b_a F_a + \bar{H}_a \underbrace{M^a}_\partial b H^b$$

$$= S_R[A_\mu] - \int \frac{1}{2\lambda} b_a b_a + b_a F_a + \partial_\mu \bar{H}_a \partial^\mu H^a$$

$$F_a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a$$

$$- f_{abc} \partial_\mu \bar{H}_a A_\nu^b H_c$$

① linear symm:

- Lorentz
- global gauge

this just expresses the fact that these fields transform in the adjoint rep.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta A_\mu^a = f_{abc} \varepsilon^c A_\mu^b \\ \varepsilon H_a = f_{abc} \varepsilon^c H_b \\ \varepsilon \bar{H}_a = f_{abc} \varepsilon^c \bar{H}_b \\ \delta b_a = f_{abc} \varepsilon^c b_b \end{array} \right.$$

- anti-ghost translation: $\bar{H}_a \rightarrow \bar{H}_a + const$

② The general expression for $h_N^{(\varepsilon)}$ invariant under these linear hf. of dim 4 is then

$$h_N^{(\varepsilon)} = h_N^{(\varepsilon)}(A_\mu) - \frac{1}{2\lambda'} b_a b_a - c b_a F_a - z_2 \partial_\mu \bar{H}^a \partial^\mu H^a \\ + \rho_{abc} b_a A_b^\mu A_{\mu c} + \varepsilon'_{abc} \partial_\mu \bar{H}^a A_b^\mu H_c$$

with $\lambda', c, z_2, \rho_{abc}, \varepsilon'_{abc}$ a priori unknown.

n.b. $h_N^{(\varepsilon)}(A_\mu)$ contains all the normalisable terms, including e. g. $m^2 A_\mu^a A^\mu_a$.
as such a term is inv. under the global hf. (1).

(3) If we impose $\Delta_N^{(\varepsilon)}$ -invariance we find
in particular, $m^2 = 0$ (Rep: $\Rightarrow h_N^{(\varepsilon)}(A)$ has to be gauge inv.)

$$\xi \partial_\mu b_a \partial^\mu H^a \in \delta h_N^{(\varepsilon)} \Rightarrow c = z_2 / z_N$$

$$\xi \partial_\mu b_a H_b A_c^\mu \in \delta h_N^{(\varepsilon)} \Rightarrow \varepsilon'_{abc} = -\frac{z_2}{N} \varepsilon_{abc}$$

$$\xi b_a \partial_\mu H_b A_c^\mu \in \delta h_N^{(\varepsilon)} \Rightarrow \rho_{abc} = 0$$

consequently $h_N^{(\varepsilon)}$ has the same structure
as S_R .

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{N, \infty}$ can be removed by renormalisation.

n.b. In the absence of antighost invariance, as it happens for instance for

$$F_a = \partial_\mu A^{\mu a} + \alpha_{abc} A^{\mu b} A_{\mu c}$$

↑ inv. tensor, symmetric in
b and c (exists for $SU(N \geq 3)$)

the BV-action will not have anti-ghost translation invariance. Consequently, we cannot exclude terms like

$$\underbrace{b_{abc}}_{\text{some invariant antisymmetric tensor (e.g. } C_{abc})} \delta'(\bar{H}^a \bar{H}^b H_c) = -b_{abc} \left(2b_{ca} H_b H_c + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{cde} \bar{H}^c \bar{H}^b H_d H_e \right)$$

such terms cannot arise as counter terms in Faddeev-Popov quantisation, since they involve a four-ghost interaction. Note that such terms do actually arise at 1-loop with this gauge fixing. They do also arise in the « background field method » where we replace $\partial_\mu A^\mu$ by $\bar{D}_\mu A^\mu$ where $\bar{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + i\bar{A}_\mu$ is the background field covariant derivative. If we want to work with such a gauge we need to start with a Lagrangian with a generalised BRST invariance (see lecture) where we add to $S_0[A]$ a term $s(\Psi)$ and we use that we are free in choosing any gauge fixing fermion so long it gauge-fixes the functional integral. In this way we can introduce a 4-ghost interaction in the classical generalised BRST action.

Rem: A convenient choice in the background field method is to work with the axial gauge where the ghosts decouple and thus we can choose ψ as we like.