

# Dilaton: Saving Conformal Symmetry

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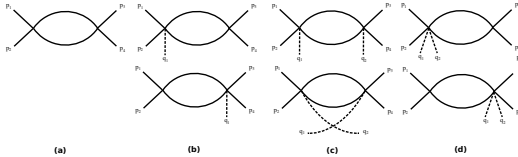
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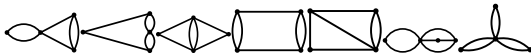
$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} (\partial\hat{\Phi})^2 = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left\{ (\partial\Phi)^2 + \Phi^2 \left[ (\nabla\tau)^2 + \nabla^2\tau \right] \right\}, \quad e^{-\tau} \partial^2 e^\tau = (\nabla\tau)^2 + \nabla^2\tau \quad (1)$$

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$$e^{i\Gamma[J_\Phi, J_X, \xi_{\mu\nu}]} = \int (\mathcal{D}\delta\Phi) (\mathcal{D}\delta X) e^{iS[\Phi + \delta\Phi, X + \delta X, g_{\mu\nu}] + i \int \sqrt{-g} J_\Phi \delta\Phi + i \int \sqrt{-g} J_X \delta X}$$



$$\Gamma[\Phi, X, g_{\mu\nu}] = W[J_\Phi, J_X, g_{\mu\nu}] - \int d^n x \sqrt{-g} \Phi J_\Phi - \int d^n x \sqrt{-g} X J_X, \quad X'(x') = \Omega^\Delta X(x), \quad \hat{\Phi}'(x') = \hat{\Phi}(x),$$



$$\hat{g}_{\lambda\sigma}(x) \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\sigma}{\partial x'^\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} e^{2\tau(x)} \Omega^2(x) X'(x') = \Omega^\Delta X(x) \quad (3)$$

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$$T_\mu^\mu = (4-d) \frac{\lambda_0 \phi_0^4}{4!} = -\beta(\lambda) \frac{[\phi^4]}{4!}, \quad \langle T_{\mu\nu} T_{\lambda\sigma} \rangle = \frac{\#}{2-d} \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \frac{d-1}{2} (P_{\mu\lambda} P_{\nu\lambda} + P_{\mu\lambda} P_{\nu\lambda}) - P_{\mu\lambda} P_{\nu\lambda} \right] \quad (5)$$

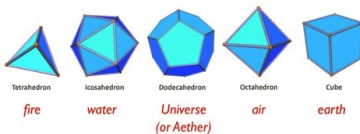
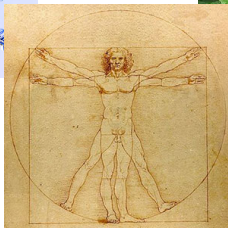
# Motivation

- Purely academic
- Anomalies and certain properties of QFT
- Dilaton as a spectator (background) field has already been used
- Naturalness?

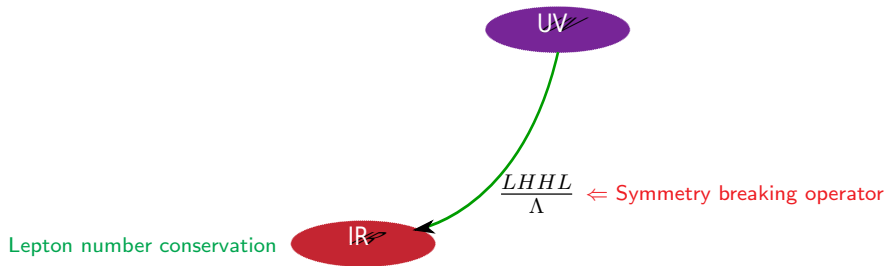
# Plan

- Symmetries and conservation laws
- Spontaneous symmetry breaking and coset construction
- Anomalies
- Conformal symmetry at the quantum level?
- Toy model up to 3 loops
- General argument
- Conclusions

# Symmetries are ubiquitous



# Are symmetries fundamental?



“Purification” by the RG flow

Within the Wilsonian approach global symmetries  
can be understood as accidents

# Symmetry $\Leftrightarrow$ conservation law



Space-time translations  $\Rightarrow \partial_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$

$U(1)$ -phase rotation  $\Rightarrow \partial_\mu j_\mu = 0$

Symmetries provide building blocks  
and selection rules

$A_\mu j^\mu$ ,  $\bar{L}H e_R$ ,  $V(H^\dagger H)$ , etc.

# Conformal symmetry

Group of transformations leaving Minkowski metric invariant up to an overall factor

$$g'_{\mu\nu}(x) = \Omega(x)\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$x'^{\mu} = x^{\mu} + \xi^{\mu} \Rightarrow \partial_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} + \partial_{\nu}\xi_{\mu} = \frac{2}{d}\eta_{\mu\nu}\partial\xi$$

## Solution

$$\xi^{\mu} = \underbrace{a^{\mu} + \omega^{\mu\nu}x_{\nu}}_{\text{Poincaré: } P_{\mu}, M_{\mu\nu}} - \underbrace{\alpha x^{\mu}}_{\text{dilatation: } D} + \underbrace{2(bx)x^{\mu} - b^{\mu}x^2}_{\text{special conformal: } K_{\mu}}.$$

$$j^{\mu} = \xi^{\nu}T_{\nu}^{\mu}, \quad \partial_{\mu}j^{\mu}_C = 0 \Rightarrow T^{\mu}_{\mu} = 0$$



# CFTs

## Commutation relations for $SO(2, d)$

$$[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\lambda\sigma}] = i (J_{\mu\sigma}\eta_{\nu\lambda} + J_{\nu\lambda}\eta_{\mu\sigma} - J_{\nu\sigma}\eta_{\mu\lambda} - J_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\sigma})$$

Conformal group puts severe restrictions on correlators

Poincaré + dilatations fix two point functions

$$\langle \phi_{\Delta}(x)\phi_{\Delta}(y) \rangle = \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2\Delta}}$$

Special conformal transformations

$$|x'_{\mu} - y'_{\mu}| = \frac{|x_{\mu} - y_{\mu}|}{\sqrt{(1 - 2bx + b^2x^2)(1 - 2by + b^2y^2)}}$$

allow to fix 3-point functions.

Not about that!

# Symmetry breaking

Massive states exist!



Phenomenological viability implies symmetry breaking

Spontaneous symmetry breaking implies  
existence of Goldstone modes

Promoting all dimensionful couplings to a dynamical field  $X$  realizes  
the scale symmetry nonlinearly

$$m^2 \Phi^2 \rightarrow \lambda_{\Phi X} \Phi^2 X^2$$

It is enough to introduce only one additional  
degree of freedom – the dilaton – to realize nonlinearly  
the conformal symmetry

# Nonlinear realization: coset construction

Group  $H$  can be promoted to  $G$  by adding Goldstone modes  $\pi^A$   
for a given symmetry breaking pattern  $G \rightarrow H$

Action of the group  $G$  is realized non-linearly on the coset  $G/H \ni \Omega$

$$\Omega(\pi) = e^{i\pi^A T_A}$$

$$g : \quad \Omega(\pi') = g\Omega(\pi)h^{-1}(g, \pi)$$

The form

$$\Omega^{-1}\partial_\mu\Omega = \underbrace{\nabla_\mu\pi^A T_A}_{\text{broken}} + \omega_\mu^a \underbrace{\bar{t}_a}_{\text{unbroken}}$$

transforms not covariantly

$$\Omega^{-1}d\Omega \rightarrow \Omega^{-1}d\Omega + h^1 dh^{-1}$$

but not covariant derivatives

$$\nabla_\mu\pi^A T_A \rightarrow h (\nabla_\mu\pi^A T_A) h^{-1}$$

Lagrangian is an arbitrary  $H$ -invariant function of  $\nabla\pi$ !

# Space-time symmetries

In this case

$$\Omega = \underbrace{e^{ix^\mu \bar{P}_\mu}}_{\text{unbroken}} e^{i\pi^A T_A}$$

The form

$$\Omega^{-1} \partial_\mu \Omega = e^\nu_\mu \left[ \bar{P}_\nu + \nabla_\mu \pi^A \underbrace{T_A}_{\text{broken}} + \omega_\mu^a \underbrace{\bar{t}_a}_{\text{unbroken}} \right]$$

again provides building blocks: vierbein  $e^\nu_\mu$ , covariant derivative  $\nabla \pi$

It is rather usual that some derivatives can be put consistently to zero



Certain modes are dependent: Inverse Higgs mechanism

$$\pi^A T_A \langle O \rangle = 0$$

# Example: Point particle in $d = 1 + 1$

Symmetry breaking pattern: boost and space translation are broken

$$O(1,1) \times \mathbb{R}^{1,1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Omega = e^{i\bar{P}_0 t} e^{iP_1 \pi} e^{iK\eta}$$

Transformation properties under the boost

$$g = e^{iKa} : \quad g\Omega = \underbrace{e^{iKa} e^{i\bar{P}_0 t + iP_1 \pi(t)} e^{-iKa}}_{\substack{t' = t \cosh a + \pi(t) \sinh a \\ \pi'(t') = t \sinh a + \pi(t) \cosh a}} \underbrace{e^{i(\eta+a)K}}_{\eta'(t') = \eta(t) + a}$$

$$\Omega^{-1} d\Omega = i\bar{P}_0 (\cosh \eta - \dot{\pi} \sinh \eta) dt + iP_1 \underbrace{(-\sinh \eta + \dot{\pi} \cosh \eta) dt}_{\text{can be set to zero}} + i\dot{\eta} K dt$$

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Lagrangian for a relativistic point-like particle!



# Nonlinear realization: conformal symmetry

For each spontaneously broken symmetry there is a dynamical field

## Dilaton from the coset construction

An element of the coset is parametrized in a standard way

$$\Omega = e^{i\bar{P}_\mu x^\mu} e^{iK_\mu c^\mu(x)} e^{iD\tau(x)}$$

The fundamental form

$$\Omega^{-1}d\Omega = idx^\mu \left[ P_\mu \underbrace{e^{-\tau}}_{\text{vierbein}} + D \underbrace{(\partial_\mu \tau - 2c_\mu)}_{\nabla_\mu \tau} + K_\nu \underbrace{(\partial_\mu c^\nu + 2c_\mu c^\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu c^2)}_{\nabla_\mu c^\nu} \dots \right]$$

Covariant derivative  $\nabla_\mu \tau$  can be consistently put to zero  $2c_\mu = \partial_\mu \tau$



$$\exists \tau = 2c_\mu x^\mu, c_\mu = \text{const} : [\tau(x)D + c^\mu(x)K_\mu] \langle O \rangle = 0$$

# Example

Free massive scalar field in  $d = 4$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\hat{\Phi})^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2\hat{\Phi}^2$$

Vierbein:  $e^{-\tau}$  and  $2c_\mu c^\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu c^2 \rightarrow (\partial\tau)^2$

As a result the Lagrangian for the non-linear realization has the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{SB} = \frac{e^{-2\tau}}{2} \left[ (\partial\hat{\Phi})^2 + (\partial\tau)^2 - m^2\hat{\Phi}^2 e^{-2\tau} \right]$$

$$X = ve^{-\tau}, \hat{\Phi} = \Phi e^\tau$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{SB} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{\Phi}{X}\partial_\mu\Phi\partial_\mu X + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\Phi^2}{X^2} \right) - \frac{m^2}{2v^2}X^2\Phi^2$$

One degree of freedom is enough!

# Alternative way to introduce the dilaton

A theory with the action  $S[\hat{\Phi}]$  is coupled to a background metric  $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$

$$\downarrow \\ S[\hat{\Phi}, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

Dilaton appears as a conformal mode of the metric

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\tau} g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \hat{\Phi} = e^{-\Delta\tau} \Phi \\ S_{SB}[\Phi, \tau] = S[\hat{\Phi}, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}], \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

Obviously the Lagrangian for  $\Phi$  and  $\tau$  is invariant under

$$\Phi \rightarrow \Phi e^{-\Delta\sigma}, \quad g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\sigma} g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \tau \rightarrow \tau - \sigma$$



$$\hat{\Phi} \rightarrow \hat{\Phi}, \quad \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$$

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Introducing  $X = ve^\tau$

$$\mathcal{L}_{SB} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{\Phi}{X}\partial_\mu\Phi\partial_\mu X + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\Phi^2}{X^2} \right) - \frac{m^2}{2v^2}X^2\Phi^2$$

The metric for the  $\sigma$ -model is flat  $\Rightarrow$  conformal invariance is manifest

# From classical to quantum

## Anomalies

Sometimes regularization breaks a symmetry  $\partial_\mu j^\mu \neq 0$

### Examples

- Chiral anomaly
  - ▶ Pauli-Villars breaks  $e^{i\alpha\gamma_5}$  explicitly
  - ▶ Dim-reg breaks chiral symmetry due to specific definition of  $\gamma_5$
- Trace anomaly. Regularizations introduce scale explicitly
  - ▶ Dim-reg: couplings are dimensionful in  $d \neq 4$

# Trace anomaly

Classical improved energy momentum tensor for  $\lambda\phi^4$  is traceless

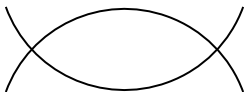
$$T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi - \eta_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L} - \xi(\partial_\mu\partial_\nu - \eta_{\mu\nu}\partial^2)\phi^2$$

At the quantum level dimensionally regularized trace is

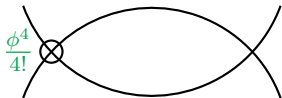
$$T^\mu{}_\mu = (4-d)\frac{\lambda_0\phi_0^4}{4!}$$

After renormalization

Coupling



Operator



$$T^\mu{}_\mu = \frac{(4-d)}{4!} \underbrace{\left( \lambda + \frac{\beta(\lambda)}{4-d} \right)}_{\lambda_0} \underbrace{\left( 1 - \frac{2\beta(\lambda)}{(4-d)\lambda} \right)}_{\phi_0^4} [\phi^4] = -\beta(\lambda) \frac{[\phi^4]}{4!}$$

# Conformal symmetry at the quantum level

- Regularization is a source of an explicit symmetry breaking
- Introduce regularization consistent with the symmetry

Non-linear realization gives a hint  
how to introduce appropriate regularization:

All the scales are dilaton related!

Example, dim-reg  $\phi^4$  theory

$$\underbrace{(\partial\phi)^2 + v^2 e^{-2\tau} (\partial\tau)^2 - \lambda\phi^4}_{\text{Classical } d=4}$$

$$\underbrace{(\partial\phi)^2 + v^2 e^{-2\tau} (\partial\tau)^2 - \lambda v^\# e^{(4-d)\tau} \phi^4}_{\text{Dim-reg } d \neq 4}$$

# Another source of anomaly

Regularization is not the end of the story  
Counter terms might break the symmetry!

Example: Weyl anomaly

$d = 4$ : Regularized generating functional  $W[g_{\mu\nu}]$  is Weyl invariant

$$e^{iW[g_{\mu\nu}]} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{\frac{i}{2} \int_d (\partial\phi)^2 + \xi \phi^2 R}, \quad \xi = \frac{1}{4} \frac{d-2}{d-1}$$

The counter term with  $E_4 = R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$  is not

$$\delta \left[ \frac{a}{d-4} \int d^n x \sqrt{-g} E_4 \right] \stackrel{g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\sigma} g_{\mu\nu}}{=} a \int d^n x \sqrt{-g} \sigma E_4$$

One has to make sure that counterterms respect the symmetry!



# Example: 1 loop

Dimensionally regularized  $d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$  Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial X)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 X^{2\alpha}, \quad \alpha = \frac{4-d}{2}$$

can be expanded around  $X = v + \chi$

$$\phi^4 X^{2\alpha} = \phi^4 \underbrace{v^{2\alpha}}^{\mu^{2\varepsilon}} \left[ 1 + \underbrace{2\varepsilon}_{\text{one loop}} \ln\left(1 + \frac{\chi}{v}\right) + \underbrace{2\varepsilon^2}_{\text{two loops}} \left( \ln\left(1 + \frac{\chi}{v}\right) + \ln^2\left(1 + \frac{\chi}{v}\right) \right) + O(\varepsilon^3) \right]$$

Not important at one loop two loops

Leading divergence is  $1/\varepsilon^{\#\text{loops}}$

Renormalization



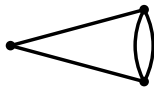
Scale/conformally invariant 1-loop counter term

$$-\frac{3}{16\pi^2} \frac{\lambda^2 v^{2\alpha}}{2\varepsilon} \frac{\phi^4}{4!} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{3}{2\varepsilon} \frac{\phi^4}{4!} X^{2\alpha} + \text{finite}$$

# Example: 2 loops

Diagrams to be taken into account

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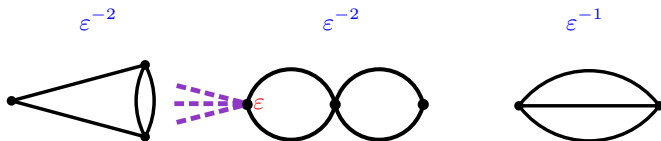


$\epsilon^{-1}$



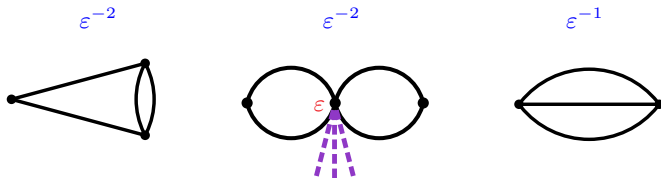
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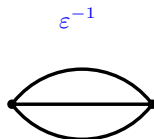
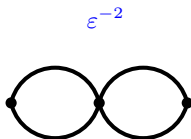
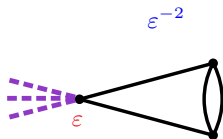
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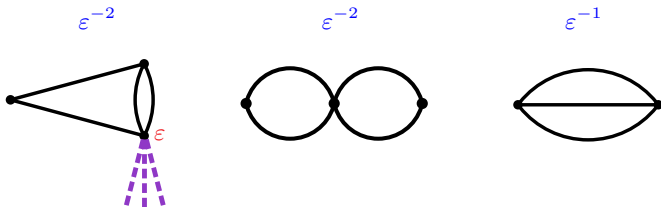
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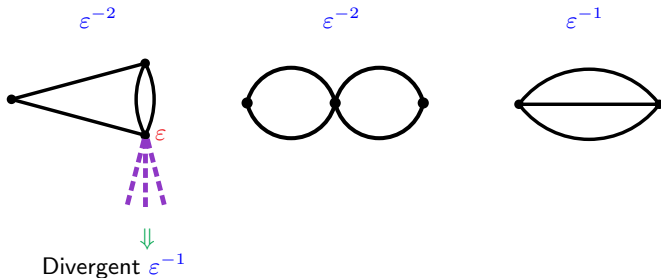
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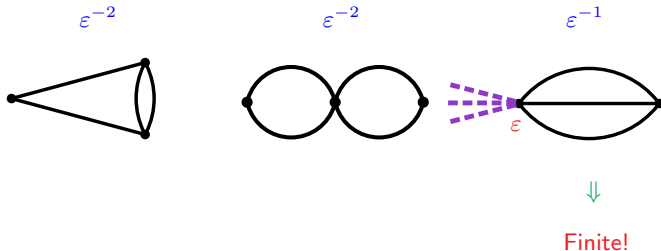
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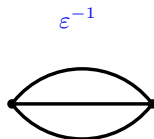
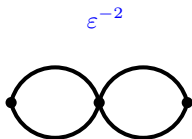
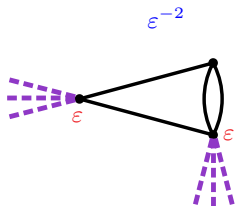
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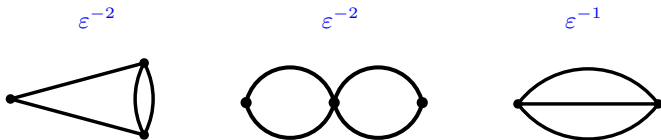
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Finite!

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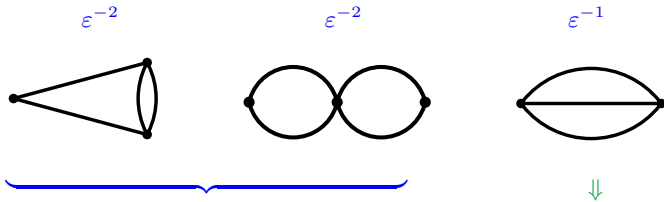


Standard renormalization of  $\phi^4$

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$$-\frac{\lambda^3}{(4\pi)^4} \frac{3}{4} \left[ \frac{3-2\epsilon}{\epsilon^2} \right] \frac{\phi^4}{4!} X^{2\alpha}$$

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$\phi^4$  renormalization

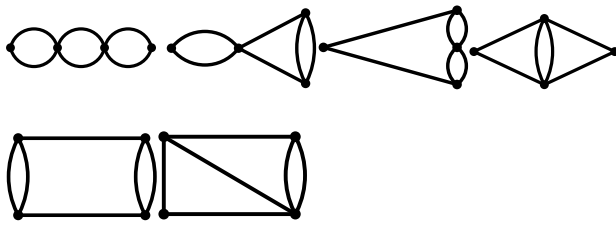
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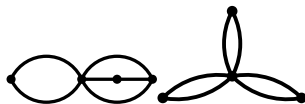
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$\varepsilon^{-3}$  Divergent graphs

Graphs from  $\phi^4$



New graphs



# Example: 3 loops

Power of divergence =  $\underbrace{\varepsilon^{-3}}_{\text{Divergence of a graph}} \times \varepsilon^{\# \text{ of vertices with } \chi}$



At most 2 vertices!!

New structures appear due to the dilaton in the loop!

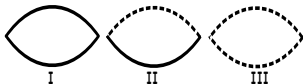
$$\mathcal{L}_{CT} = -\frac{C_6}{6!} \frac{\phi^6}{X^2} X^{2\alpha} - \frac{C_8}{8!} \frac{\phi^8}{X^4} X^{2\alpha}$$

$$C_6 = \frac{\lambda^4}{(4\pi)^6} 180 \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, \quad C_8 = \frac{\lambda^4}{(4\pi)^6} \frac{9625}{6} \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

# 6d example

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial X)^2 - \frac{g}{4!} \underbrace{\frac{\phi^4}{X}} X^{2\alpha_6}, \quad 2\alpha_6 = \frac{(6-d)}{(d-2)}$$

Leads to  $\varepsilon$  unsuppressed vertices



Counterterms are conformally invariant!

$$\mathcal{L}_{CT} = \frac{1}{(2!)^2} \frac{C_1}{6-d} \frac{\phi^2}{X} \partial^2 \frac{\phi^2}{X} + \frac{1}{(3!)^2} \frac{C_2}{6-d} \frac{\phi^3}{X^2} \partial^2 \frac{\phi^3}{X^2} + \frac{1}{(4!)^2} \frac{C_3}{6-d} \frac{\phi^4}{X^3} \partial^2 \frac{\phi^4}{X^3}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{g^2}{12(4\pi)^3}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{g^2}{6(4\pi)^3}$$

$$C_3 = \frac{g^2}{3(4\pi)^3}$$

## 8d example

Classically conformal invariant Lagrangian has the form

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial X)^2 - \frac{g}{3!} \frac{\phi^3}{X^{1/3}} X^\#$$

One of the counter terms

$$\delta_3^2 = \frac{g^3}{8-d} \frac{1}{6(4\pi)^4} \frac{1}{3!} \left\{ \phi^2 X^{-2/3} \partial^2(\phi X^{-1/3}) \underbrace{-}_{\text{red}} \phi X^{-1/3} [\partial(\phi X^{-1/3})]^2 \right\}$$

Only for relative minus the expression is conformally invariant

# General argument

1PI effective action  $\Gamma_{\text{reg}}[\Phi]$  is a Legendre transform of  $W_{\text{reg}}[J_\Phi]$

$$e^{iW_{\text{reg}}[J_\Phi]} = \int_{\text{reg}} \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{iS[\Phi] + i \int J_\Phi \Phi}$$

If a regulator is consistent with a symmetry

$$\delta\Gamma_{\text{reg}}[\Phi] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \delta\Gamma_P[\Phi] + \delta\Gamma_F[\Phi] = 0$$

For internal symmetries  $\delta$  does not depend on the # of dimensions

$$\delta\Gamma_P[\Phi] = \delta\Gamma_F[\Phi] = 0$$

Example: Weyl symmetry



# General argument

Conformal transformations depend explicitly on  $d$ !

Regularized effective action with metric  $\Gamma[\Phi, X, g_{\mu\nu}]$  is Weyl invariant:

$$\hat{\Phi}(x) = e^{-\tau(x)\Delta}\Phi(x), \quad \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\tau(x)}g_{\mu\nu}(x), \quad \hat{X} = v$$

$$\Gamma[\Phi, X, g_{\mu\nu}] = \Gamma[\hat{\Phi}, v, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\Gamma_P[\hat{\Phi}, v, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}] + \Gamma_F[\hat{\Phi}, v, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

Assuming **no Diff** anomaly

$$\Gamma_P[\underbrace{\hat{\Phi}'(x')}_{\hat{\Phi}(x)}, v, \underbrace{\hat{g}'_{\mu\nu}(x')}_{\hat{g}_{\lambda\sigma}(x) \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\sigma}{\partial x'^\nu}}] = \Gamma_P[\hat{\Phi}, v, \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

# Conformal symmetry

For the flat metric  $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu}e^{2\tau(x)}$  conformal transformations

$$x'_\mu = \underbrace{\Omega^{-1}(x)}_{1-2(ax)+a^2x^2} (x_\mu - a_\mu x^2)$$

lead to

$$\hat{g}'_{\mu\nu}(x') = \eta_{\mu\nu}e^{2\tau(x)}\Omega^2(x)$$

It can be written as transformation of  $\Phi$  and  $X$  keeping  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$  fixed

$$e^{2\tau'(x')} \eta_{\mu\nu} \equiv \hat{g}'_{\mu\nu}(x') = \eta_{\mu\nu} e^{2\tau(x)} \Omega^2(x)$$

$$\underbrace{e^{-\Delta\tau'(x')} \Phi'(x')}_{\text{Weyl}} \equiv \overbrace{\hat{\Phi}'(x')}^{\text{Diff}} = \hat{\Phi}(x) \equiv \Phi(x) e^{-\Delta\tau(x)}$$

As a result we get the standard conformal transformations!

$$\Phi'(x') = \Omega^\Delta \Phi(x)$$

$$e^{2\tau'(x')} = e^{2\tau(x)} \Omega^2(x)$$

# Conclusions

- Non-linearly realized conformal symmetry can be promoted to the quantum level
- Dilaton is a source for all scales in the theory
- Relevance for naturalness?
- Unitarity?

Thank you very much