

QCD
problem set 6

1. What is the pole structure of the scalar propgator

$$\frac{i}{(1 + i0^+)k_0^2 - (1 - i0^+)(\mathbf{k}^2 + m^2)}$$

compared to

$$\frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i0^+}.$$

2. Consider Gaussian integral

$$J(\mathcal{M}) = \int d^N \xi d^N \psi \exp(\psi_i \mathcal{M}_{ij} \xi_j)$$

where ψ_i and ξ_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) are independent Grassmann variables. Expanding in a power series and commuting ξ 's and ψ 's show that

$$J(\mathcal{M}) = \det(\mathcal{M}).$$

3. Show that in electrodynamics one can write

$$-\frac{1}{4} \int d^4 x F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4 x A^\mu (g_{\mu\nu} \square - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu) A^\nu.$$

Transform this expression to the momentum space.

4. Generating functional for electrodynamics in a covariant gauge is defined as:

$$Z_0[j^\mu] = \int [D\omega(x)] \int [DA^\mu(x)] \exp\left(-i\frac{\xi}{2} \int d^4 x \omega^2\right) \times \delta(\partial_\mu A^\mu - \omega) \exp\left(i \int d^4 x \left(-\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + j_\mu A^\mu\right)\right),$$

where ω , A^μ and $F^{\mu\nu}$ are functions of x . Show that it is equal to

$$Z_0[j^\mu] = \int [DA^\mu(x)] \exp\left(i \int d^4 x \left(\frac{1}{2} A^\mu (g_{\mu\nu} \square - (1 - \xi) \partial_\mu \partial_\nu) A^\nu + j_\mu A^\mu\right)\right).$$

5. Invert matrix

$$g_{\mu\nu} k^2 - (1 - \xi) k_\mu k_\nu$$