

## QCD Anomaly

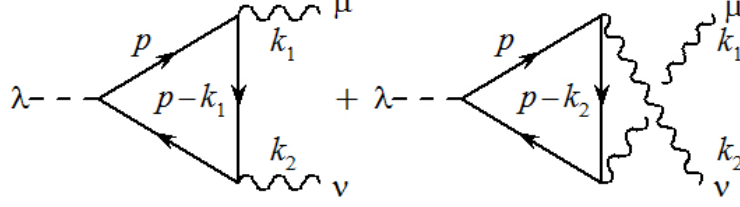


Figure 1: Loop diagrams contributing to the decay of axial-vector current (dashed line) to two photons.

Consider the following loop contribution to the decay of axial-vector current to two photons (Fig. 1):

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = & -i \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \\
 & -i \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$q = k_1 + k_2. \quad (2)$$

Note that the second line in (1) and the first line are related by a replacement  $\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu$  and  $k_1 \longleftrightarrow k_2$ . We expect that vector currents are conserved

$$k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = k_2^\nu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 0$$

and that the axial current is conserved in a massless limit

$$q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2m T_{\mu\nu}. \quad (3)$$

In fact on general grounds we expect  $T_{\mu\nu}$  to be obtained from  $T_{\mu\nu\lambda}$  by replacing  $\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_5$ .

Let's first check vector current conservation  $k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}$  with the help of

$$\not{k}_1 = (\not{p} - m) - ((\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m), \quad (4)$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \not{k}_1 \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \\
 = & i \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - i \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right]. \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

For the second trace we need

$$k_1 = (\not{p} - \not{k}_2 - m) - ((\not{p} - \not{k}_1 - \not{k}_2) - m) = (\not{p} - \not{k}_2 - m) - ((\not{p} - \not{q}) - m) \quad (6)$$

and get

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \not{k}_1 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] \\ = & i \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] - i \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

so the full result is proportional to

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} & \sim \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \quad (8) \\ & \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \right\} \\ = & \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \\ & \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that second and third term cancelled. When we change variable in the first integral  $p \rightarrow p + k_1$  we get that  $p - q \rightarrow p - k_2$  and it seems that also the two remaining integrals cancel.

To check axial current conservation let's use

$$\begin{aligned} \not{q} \gamma_5 & = -\gamma_5 \not{q} \\ & = \gamma_5 [(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m] - \gamma_5 [\not{p} - m] \\ & = \gamma_5 [(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m] + [\not{p} - m] \gamma_5 + 2m\gamma_5. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

This replacement results in

$$\begin{aligned} q^\lambda \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \right] & = 2m \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \\ & \quad + i \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 + i \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Therefore from the loop diagram (1) we obtain that

$$q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2m T_{\mu\nu} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} \tag{12} \\ = & \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu + \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right], \\ + & \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu + \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In order to define  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$  separately let's combine the first term in the first line and the second term in the second line and the two remaining ones, use periodicity of trace and anticommutation of  $\gamma_5$  with  $\gamma_\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} &= \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu - \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\mu \right], \\ \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} &= \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu - \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

The question is: are  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$  equal zero? At first sight it does seem so. Changing variables in the second part of  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$

$$p \rightarrow p + k_2 \tag{14}$$

and of  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$

$$p \rightarrow p + k_1 \tag{15}$$

seems to nullify  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$ . However, the integrals (13) are UV divergent. Indeed

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)} \sim \int dpp^3 \frac{1}{p^2} \sim \int dpp. \tag{16}$$

Due to the minus sign in (13) the divergence is only linear. Nevertheless the change of variables in a linearly divergent integral is not well defined. To illustrate this consider an integral that naively is equal to zero

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx [f(x+a) - f(x)] \tag{17}$$

where  $f$  is a function that does not vanish at infinity:

$$f(\pm\infty) \neq 0. \tag{18}$$

Expanding in  $a$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx [f(x+a) - f(x)] = a [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] + \frac{a^2}{2} [f'(\infty) - f'(-\infty)] + \dots \tag{19}$$

We see that there is a contribution from the integration limits even if  $f'(\pm\infty) = 0$ . Consider the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean integral

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\vec{a}) &= \int d^n \vec{r} [f(\vec{r} + \vec{a}) - f(\vec{r})] \\ &= \int d^n \vec{r} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) + \dots \\ &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} S_n(R) f(\vec{R})\end{aligned}\quad (20)$$

where the last line has been obtained by applying the Gauss theorem and

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{R}}{R} \quad (21)$$

with  $S_n(R)$  being the surface of  $n$  sphere. To calculate the integral in Minkowski space we have to make Wick rotation by replacing  $r_0 \rightarrow ir_0$ , hence in 4 dimensions  $d^4 r = id^4 \vec{r}$  and

$$\Delta(a) = 2i\pi^2 a^\mu \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} R^2 R_\mu f(R). \quad (22)$$

We have used the formula for  $n$  sphere (for even  $n$ ):

$$S_n(R) = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{(n/2 - 1)!} R^{n-1} = \begin{cases} 2\pi R & \text{for } n = 2 \\ 2\pi^2 R^3 & \text{for } n = 4 \end{cases}. \quad (23)$$

Now we shall calculate what is the change of (1) if the integration momentum  $p$  is shifted by a four-vector

$$a = \alpha k_1 + (\alpha - \beta) k_2. \quad (24)$$

Let's define the difference

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) = T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(p \rightarrow p + a) - T_{\mu\nu\lambda} \quad (25)$$

where  $T_{\mu\nu\lambda}$  is defined by (1). We have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) &= - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} + \not{q} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} + \not{q} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} + \not{q} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \right\} \\ &\quad + (\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2).\end{aligned}\quad (26)$$

Expanding (26) according to (22) we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) &= - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} a^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \\ &\quad + (\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2).\end{aligned}\quad (27)$$

Since we are interested in  $p \rightarrow \infty$  we can neglect finite pieces in the denominator:

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 2i\pi^2 a^\sigma \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} P^2 P_\sigma \text{Tr} [\not{P}\gamma_\lambda\gamma_5\not{P}\gamma_\nu\not{P}\gamma_\mu] \frac{1}{P^6} + (\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2). \quad (28)$$

With the help of<sup>1</sup>

$$\text{Tr} [\not{P}\gamma_\lambda\gamma_5\not{P}\gamma_\nu\not{P}\gamma_\mu] = 4iP^2\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}P^\alpha \quad (29)$$

we arrive at

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 8\pi^2\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\alpha} a_\sigma \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P^\sigma P^\alpha}{P^2} + (\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2). \quad (30)$$

Taking symmetric limit

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P^\sigma P^\alpha}{P^2} = \frac{1}{4}g^{\sigma\alpha} \quad (31)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2}\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}a^\alpha + (\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2}\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} (\alpha k_1^\alpha + (\alpha - \beta)k_2^\alpha - \alpha k_2^\alpha - (\alpha - \beta)k_1^\alpha) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{8\pi^2}\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} (k_1 - k_2)^\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

We see that there is an ambiguity in  $\Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}$ . At this moment  $\beta$  is a free parameter. We can fix it by imposing current conservation, however – as we will see – no  $\beta$  exists so that both vector and axial-vector currents are conserved simultaneously.

Lets calculate  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$  using the same trick with shifting the integration variable. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} &= \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu - \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \quad (33) \\ &= \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2 - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu - \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \gamma_\mu \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the first part in the second line corresponds to the second part with variable  $p$  shifted by  $p \rightarrow p - k_2$  and therefore can be evaluated with the help of (22) where  $a = -k_2$ :

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 2i\pi^2 k_2^\rho \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_\rho}{P^2} \text{Tr} [\not{P}\gamma_5\gamma_\nu(\not{P} - \not{k}_1)\gamma_\mu]. \quad (34)$$

Note that we have included  $k_1$  term because the trace with  $\not{P} \dots \not{P}$  vanishes, and also terms proportional to  $m$  vanish. We have therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 2i\pi^2 k_2^\rho k_1^\sigma \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_\rho P^\alpha}{P^2} \text{Tr} [\gamma_\alpha \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \gamma_\sigma \gamma_\mu] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 2i\pi^2 k_2^\rho k_1^\sigma \frac{1}{4} (-) \underbrace{\text{Tr} [\gamma_5 \gamma_\rho \gamma_\nu \gamma_\sigma \gamma_\mu]}_{4i\varepsilon_{\rho\nu\sigma\mu}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Remember that  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} = -\varepsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}$

We obtain  $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$  by  $\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2$ , hence

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}. \quad (36)$$

We are now in position to calculate the divergence of an axial current with shifted integration variable  $p$ , which we denote by  $T(\beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) &= q^\lambda (T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) - T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0)) + q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0) \\ &= q^\lambda \Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) + 2mT_{\mu\nu} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} \\ &= 2mT_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho + (k_1 + k_2)^\lambda \frac{\beta}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} (k_1 - k_2)^\alpha \\ &= 2mT_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1-\beta}{4\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

We shall now apply the same procedure to calculate

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) &= k_1^\mu (T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) - T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0)) + k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0) \\ &= k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0) + k_1^\mu \frac{\beta}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} (k_1 - k_2)^\alpha \\ &= k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0) + \frac{\beta}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\nu\lambda\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Now we have to calculate  $k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0)$  directly

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} &= - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \not{k}_1 \right] \\ &\quad - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \not{k}_1 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Now we shall use

$$\begin{aligned} \not{k}_1 &= (\not{p} - m) - ((\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m) \\ &= ((\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m) - ((\not{p} - \not{q}) - m), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

which gives (see the beginning of this note)

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} &= - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \\ &\quad \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \right] \right\} \\ &= - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \\ &\quad \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{1}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{1}{\not{p} - m} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

We see that the first piece can be obtained from the second one by the shift  $p \rightarrow p - k_1$  and can be evaluated by (22):

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} &= -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} 2i\pi^2 (-) k_1^\sigma \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_\sigma}{P^2} \text{Tr} [\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 (\not{P} - \not{k}_2) \gamma_\nu \not{P}] \\
&= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} i \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} [\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \gamma_\rho \gamma_\nu \gamma_\sigma] k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho \\
&= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\nu\lambda\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho.
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Hence

$$k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(\beta) = \frac{1 + \beta}{8\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\nu\lambda\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho. \tag{43}$$

We see that it is impossible to maintain both Ward identities (37) and (43) by a suitable choice of  $\beta$ . Because we know that vector current (charge) is conserved, we are forced to choose  $\beta = -1$ . Then

$$q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2m T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} k_1^\sigma k_2^\rho, \tag{44}$$

which means that axial current is *anomalous*. This can be translated to the configuration space

$$\partial^\lambda A_\lambda(x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} F^{\mu\nu}(x) F^{\sigma\rho}(x) + \mathcal{O}(m). \tag{45}$$