QCD problem set 12

1. Consider a complex scalar and/or fermion field theory coupled to the nonabelian gauge fields:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\phi} &= (D_{\mu}\phi(z))^{\dagger} \left(D_{\mu}\phi(x) \right) - m^{2}\phi^{\dagger}(x)\phi(x) - V(\phi^{\dagger}(x)\phi(x)), \\ \mathcal{L}_{\psi} &= \bar{\psi}(x) \left(i \mathcal{D}_{x} - m \right) \psi(x), \end{aligned}$$

with covariant derivative defined as

$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - igA^a_{\mu}(x) T^a$$

where T^a are generators of SU(N) group. Lagrangian for the gauge fields reads

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F^a_{\mu\nu}(x) F^{a\,\mu\nu}(x)$$

Derive by means of the variational approach equations of motion for (analogs of Maxwell equations) the scalar and fermion theory. Prove the identity

$$[D_{\mu}, F^{\nu\rho}] + [D_{\nu}, F^{\rho\mu}] + [D_{\rho}, F^{\mu\nu}] = 0.$$

2. Show that in electrodynamics one can write

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

Transform this expression to the momentum space.

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

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

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

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

4. Invert matrix

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

looking for an inverse in the following form:

$$\left(D^{-1}\right)^{\nu\rho} = \alpha g^{\nu\rho} + \beta \frac{k^{\nu}k^{\rho}}{k^2},$$

where

$$D_{\mu\nu} \left(D^{-1} \right)^{\nu\rho} = \delta^{\rho}_{\mu}.$$

 $D_{\mu\nu} \left(D^{-1}\right)^{\nu\rho} = \delta^\rho_\mu$ Show that there is no inverse $\left(D^{-1}\right)^{\nu\rho}$ for $\xi = 0$.