

QCD lecture 8

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Axial anomaly

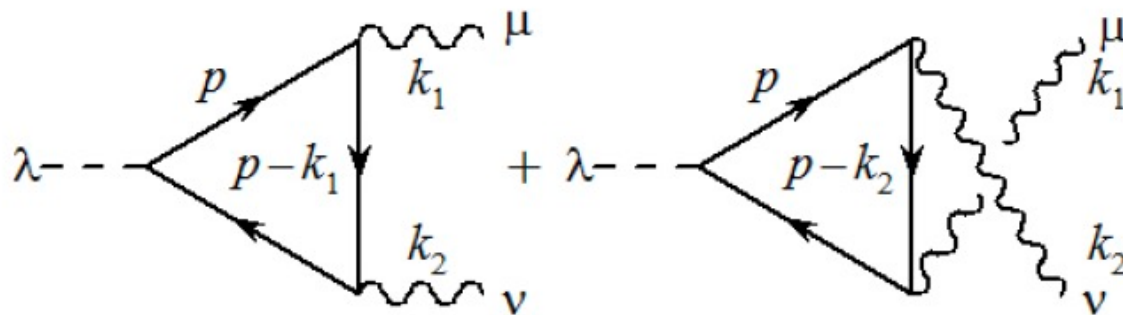
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Gauge invariance of QED (and QCD): $q_\mu j^\mu(q) = \bar{u}(p')\gamma^\mu u(p) = 0$

divergence of axial-vector current: $q_\mu j_5^\mu(q) = \bar{u}(p')\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 u(p) = 2m \bar{u}(p')\gamma_5 u(p)$

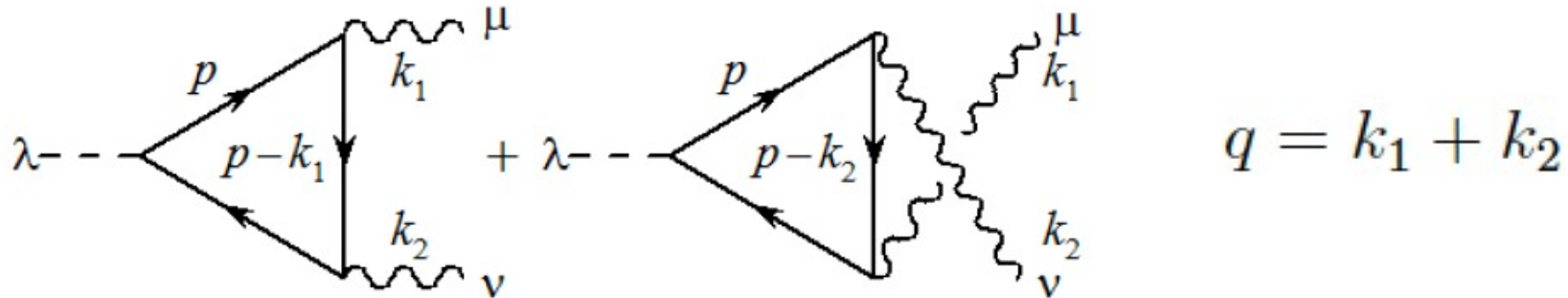
Axial current is conserved for massless fermions: chiral symmetry

It is not possible to maintain both symmetries when loop corrections are included. This is called: AXIAL ANOMALY



photons are bosons and they are not distinguishable hence amplitude has to be symmetrized

Naïve current conservation



Skipping coupling constants (charges) the amplitude reads:

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

Naively we expect:

$$k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = k_2^\nu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 0 \quad q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2m T_{\mu\nu}$$

Naïve current conservation

Vector current, first diagram:

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use trick:

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

we get:

$$= i \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - i \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right]$$

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same trick with the second diagram gives

$$= i \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] - i \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right]$$

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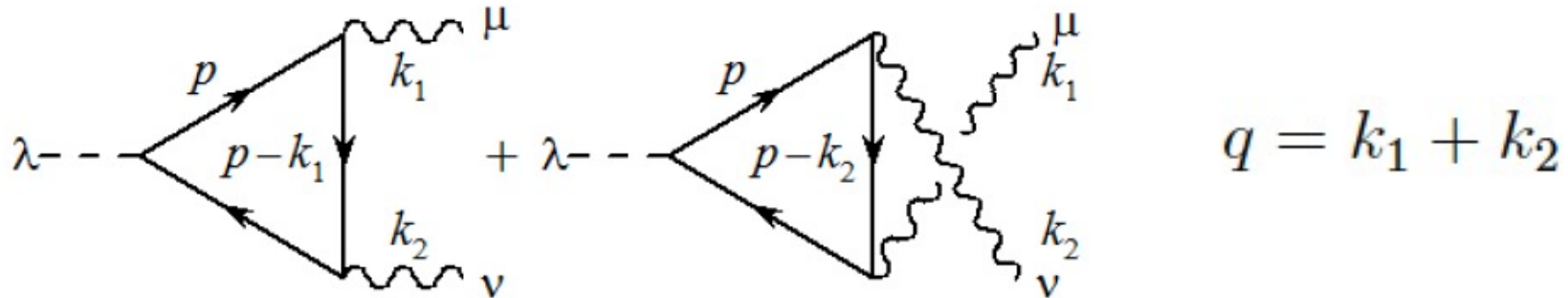
$$k_1^\mu T_{\mu\nu\lambda} \sim \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4}$$

$$\left\{ \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_1) - m} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{k}_2) - m} \gamma_\nu \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \right] \right\}$$

change variable in the first integral $p \rightarrow p + k_1$

It seems we get zero

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Naively we expect:

$$q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2m T_{\mu\nu}$$

Axial current

To calculate $q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda}$

we use the following trick:

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

and for the first diagram we obtain

$$q^\lambda \left[\frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} \right] = 2m \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m} + i \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} \gamma_5 + i \gamma_5 \frac{i}{(\not{p} - \not{q}) - m}$$

Axial current

Sum from the two diagrams $q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 2mT_{\mu\nu} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$

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

Axial current

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

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

The question is: are $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$ equal zero?

Changing variables

seems to nullify $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)}$.



$$p \rightarrow p + k_2$$

$$p \rightarrow p + k_1$$

However, $\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2)} \sim \int dpp^3 \frac{1}{p^2} \sim \int dpp$ are UV divergent

Due to the minus sign the divergence is only linear

Mathematical diggression

Consider the integral that is naively zero:

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

However, if

$$f(\pm\infty) \neq 0.$$

we can calculate this integral by Taylor expansion:

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

it may happen that $\neq 0$

Mathematical diggression

Consider Euclidean integral:

$$\Delta(\vec{a}) = \int d^n \vec{r} [f(\vec{r} + \vec{a}) - f(\vec{r})]$$

expand in a

$$= \int d^n \vec{r} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

apply Gauss theorem

$$= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} S_n(R) f(\vec{R})$$

where $\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{R}}{R}$ and $S_n(R)$ is a surface of the n sphere, R is regulator.

For even n

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

In Minkowski space

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

Shift in full amplitude

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define shift vector
and amplitude difference:

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

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

Strategy:

$$q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) = q^\lambda (T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) - T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0)) + q^\lambda T_{\mu\nu\lambda}(0) \\ = q^\lambda \Delta_{\mu\nu\lambda}(a) + 2mT_{\mu\nu} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$$

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chose a in a way that vector current is conserved
and see what comes out for the axial current

Shift in full amplitude

Calculate
(all i 's give -)

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

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$$r_0 \rightarrow i r_0 \\ d^4 r = i d^4 \vec{r}$$

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calculate Trace

$$\text{Tr} [\not{P} \gamma_\lambda \gamma_5 \not{P} \gamma_\nu \not{P} \gamma_\mu] = 4i P^2 \varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} P^\alpha$$

Remember that $\varepsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda} = -\varepsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\lambda}$

Shift in full amplitude

We arrive at:

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

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Final result:
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depends on β , there is an ambiguity, which we have to fix demanding that vector current is conserved.

Axial current, cont.

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Axial current, cont.

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

Axial current, final

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Recall

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