

Problem set III

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Problem 1: We have already shown in class that the gauge transformation for a Yang-Mills Field is:

$$A'_\mu = U(\theta) \cdot A_\mu \cdot U^{-1}(\theta) - \left(\frac{i}{g}\right) \partial_\mu U(\theta) \cdot U^{-1}(\theta)$$

This transformation leaves the scalar Lagrangian invariant under:

$\Phi \rightarrow \Phi' = U(\theta) \cdot \Phi$ where $U(\theta) = e^{-i\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\tau}}$ and $\vec{\tau} = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$ are the SU(2) generators. Show that the gauge field Lagrangian given by: $L = -\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}(F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})$ is also invariant under this transformation, where:

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \tau^i F_{\mu\nu}^i \text{ and } F_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu A_\nu^i - \partial_\nu A_\mu^i + g \epsilon^{ijk} A_\mu^j A_\nu^k$$

Hints:

(a) Show that the Y-M field change under U is given by

$$\delta A_\mu^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \theta^j A_\mu^k - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta^i$$

(b) Calculate:

$$\delta(\partial_\mu A_\nu^i - \partial_\nu A_\mu^i) = \epsilon^{ijk} \theta^j (\partial_\mu A_\nu^k - \partial_\nu A_\mu^k) + \epsilon^{ijk} [(\partial_\mu \theta^j) \cdot A_\nu^k - (\partial_\nu \theta^j) \cdot A_\mu^k]$$

(c) Calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^{ijk} \delta(A_\mu^j A_\nu^k) &= -\frac{\epsilon^{ijk}}{g} [(\partial_\mu \theta^j) A_\nu^k - (\partial_\nu \theta^j) A_\mu^k] + \\ &+ \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{jlm} \theta^l A_\nu^k A_\mu^m + \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{klm} A_\nu^m A_\mu^j \theta^l \end{aligned}$$

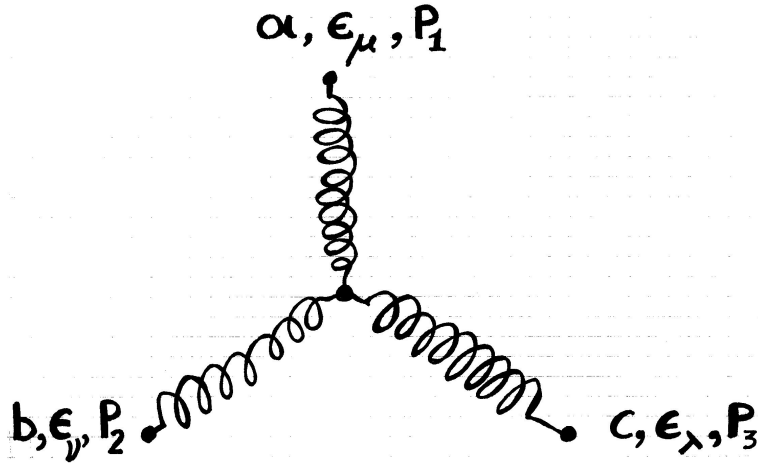
(d) Use the SU(2) group generator relations:

$$[\tau^i, \tau^j] = i \epsilon^{ijk} \tau^k; (\tau^i)_{jk} = -i \epsilon_{ijk}; \text{Tr}(\tau^i \tau^j) = k \delta^{ij}$$

(e) Calculate the change of the Lagrangian.

$$\delta F_{\mu\nu}^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \theta^j F_{\mu\nu}^k$$

Problem 2: Show that a non-abelian theory based on an SU(N) symmetry group predicts diagrams of the type:



which corresponds to the following Feynman rule:

$$-ig f_{abc} [g_{\mu\nu} (p_1 - p_2)_\lambda + g_{\nu\lambda} (p_2 - p_3)_\mu + g_{\lambda\mu} (p_3 - p_1)_\nu]$$