Hadron Physics & QCD's Dyson-Schwinger Equations

Lecture 2: The Dyson-Schwinger Equations

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A Toolkit for QCD

- QCD is innately non-perturbative and is characterized by two emergent phenomena: Confinement & DCSB
 - both these phenomena are *NOT* apparent from the QCD Lagrangian
- The QCD interaction is non-perturbative over 98% of the proton's volume
- Critical need for modern theory to guide modern experiment. *Desired attributes:*
 - must possess a direct link to QCD, so that Q[Gev] Q[Gev] Q[Gev] Q[Gev] Q[Gev] Q[Gev] QCD can be established
 - must be capable of calculating hadron wave functions
 - capable of connecting wave functions with Wigner distributions \implies generalized parton distribution and transverse momentum dependent distribution functions
 - must be able to unify meson & baryon properties
- Both lattice QCD and the DSEs provide such a framework



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QCD's Dyson-Schwinger Equations

- The equations of motion of QCD ⇐⇒ QCD's Dyson–Schwinger equations
 - an infinite tower of coupled integral equations
 - must implement a symmetry preserving truncation
- Some key features of the DSEs:
 - provides a non-perturbative, continuum approach to QCD
 - hadrons are composites of quarks & gluons
 - Poincaré covariant and renormalizable
 - encapsulates dynamical chiral symmetry breaking \iff the generation of mass from nothing
 - oloured objects are confined ⇐⇒ exhibits colour confinement
 - its elements have a direct connection with QCD
- Computationally inexpensive so can therefore provide rapid feedback and guidance to experiment. *Physics is an empirical science* ⇔ *experiment*





QCDs Dyson–Schwinger Equations





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Roads to Discovery

- Meson and baryon spectroscopy
 - the discovery of exotic or hybrid hadrons would force a dramatic reassessment of the distinction between the notions of matter fields and force fields
- Exploit opportunities provided by new data on nucleon elastic and transition form factors
 - chart infrared evolution of QCD's coupling and dressed-masses
 - reveal correlations that are key to nucleon structure
 - expose the facts or fallacies in modern descriptions of nucleon structure
- Precision experimental study of valence region, together with theoretical computation of distribution functions and distribution amplitudes
 - computation is critical without computation an endless amount of data can only reveal a limited amount about the theory underlying strong interaction physics
 - The DSEs are an ideal tool with which to address these challenges!





Significant Progress using DSEs

- A novel understanding of quark & gluon confinement – and its consequences – is beginning to emerge
- Provides a compelling picture that connects the perturbative domain of QCD's Green functions with the infrared
 - a prominent example is for the quark propagator; soon to be a textbook result: *"Foundations of Nuclear & Particle Physics"*



- Arriving at a clear picture of how hadron masses emerge dynamically in a universe with light quarks through DCSB
- Detailed understanding of the Goldstone nature of the pion and its internal structure
- Performed realistic calculations of ground and excited state hadron wave functions whose structure reflects that of QCD
 - illuminated the important quark-quark correlations inside baryons



QCD's Gap Equation



• Most important DSE is QCD's gap equation \implies dressed quark propagator



• ingredients – dressed gluon propagator & dressed quark-gluon vertex

$$S(p)^{-1} = Z_2 \left(i \not p + m_0 \right) + Z_1 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma^{\mu} S(k) \Gamma^{a,\nu}(p,k)$$

- S(p) dressed quark propagator
- $D_{\mu\nu}(p-k)$ dressed gluon propagator
- $\Gamma^{a,\nu}(p,k)$ dressed quark-gluon vertex
- m_0 bare current quark mass
- Z₁, Z₂ vertex and quark wave function renormalization constants
- Gap equation is exact yet deceptively simply
 - sums a countable infinity of diagrams
 - impossible in perturbation theory



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• $D_{\mu\nu}(p-k)$ dressed gluon propagator





Gluon's Gap Equation



- - additional ingredients: ghost propagator; ghost-gluon vertex; 3-, 4-gluon vertices
- In covariant gauge gluon propagator has one dressing function

$$D^{\mu\nu}(q) = \left(\delta^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^2}\right)\Delta(q^2) + \xi \; \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^4}$$

- usually choose Landau gauge ξ = 0; fixed point of the RGEs
- Gluons also possess a dynamically generated mass
- Dynamically generated masses for quarks and gluons means that QCD dynamically generates its own infrared cutoffs



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Massive Gauge Bosons

 Careful analysis of the complex of quark, gluon and ghost gap equations yields the RGI function:

$$\hat{d}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\zeta)}{k^2 + m_q^2(k^2, \zeta)}$$

- Can identify a gluon mass function with the infrared scales: m²_g(0) = (0.46 GeV)²; α_s(0) = 2.77 ≃ 0.9 π
- Role of gluons with wavelength larger than 1/m_g(0) are greatly suppressed
- Hadron structure at low Bjorken-x is dominated by gluons
 - features in this regime must reflect infrared properties of gluon dressing function; e.g. gluon saturation @ an EIC





Massive Gauge Bosons





Truncations: A Persistent Challenge





- The quark-gluon vertex presents the biggest challenge and necessitates a truncation
- In general the quark-gluon vertex has the form

$$\Gamma^{a,\mu}_{gqq}(p',p) = \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \Lambda^{\mu}_i f_i(p'^2,p^2,q^2) = \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \left[\Gamma^{\mu}_L(p',p) + \Gamma^{\mu}_T(p',p) \right]$$

- Truncation scheme that must maintain symmetries of theory
 - we will define the truncation in Landau gauge $(\xi = 0)$, so $SU(3)_c$ gauge invariance becomes a moot point
 - in principle could use the Landau-Khalatnikov-Fradkin transformations (LKFT) to tranform Green functions from one gauge to another

Preserving Symmetries







- The truncation must preserve the global symmetries of QCD, as well as exhibit DCSB and colour confinement
- Confinement can be checked by investigation of the analytic structure of the propagtors of coloured states
- To guarantee that the consequences of DCSB are respected need to be determine the properties of bound states
 - for relativistic two-body bound states these properties are given by the Bethe-Salpeter equation
 - kernels of the gap and Bethe-Salpeter equations must be intimately related

Ward–Takahashi identities





Consider the vector and axial-vector Ward–Takahashi identities (WTIs)

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\mu} \, \Gamma^{\mu}_{\gamma q q}(p', p) &= \hat{Q}_{q} \left[S_{q}^{-1}(p') - S_{q}^{-1}(p) \right] \\ q_{\mu} \, \Gamma^{\mu, i}_{5}(p', p) &= S^{-1}(p') \, \gamma_{5} \, t_{i} + t_{i} \, \gamma_{5} \, S^{-1}(p) + 2 \, m \, \Gamma^{i}_{\pi}(p', p) \end{aligned}$$

- relates quark-photon vertex and the inhomogeneous axial-vector & pseudoscalar vertices with quark propagator
- Satisfing these WTIs will guarantee, for example, electromagnetic current conservation and a robust realization of DCSB

• Therefore feedback from experiment can help constrain the elements of QCD within the framework provided by the DSEs

$$S(p)^{-1} = Z_2 \left(i \not p + m_0 \right) + Z_1 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma^{\mu} S(k) \Gamma^{a,\nu}(p,k)$$

- A leading symmetry preserving truncation to the DSEs is rainbow-ladder: $\frac{1}{4\pi} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \Gamma_{\nu}(p,k) \longrightarrow \alpha_{\text{eff}}(p-k) D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{free}}(p-k) \gamma_{\nu}$
- Need model for $\alpha_{\rm eff}(k^2)$ must agree with perturbative QCD for large k^2
 - Maris–Tandy model is historically the most successful example [PRC 60, 055214 (1999)]

$$\alpha_{\rm eff}(k^2) = \frac{\pi D}{\omega^6} k^4 e^{-k^2/\omega^2} + \frac{24 \pi}{25} \left(1 - e^{-k^2/\mu^2} \right) \ln^{-1} \left[e^2 - 1 + \left(1 + k^2/\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2 \right)^2 \right]$$

•
$$\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Lambda_{QCD} = \Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{(4)} = 0.234 \text{ GeV}, \quad \omega D = (0.72 \text{ GeV})^3$$

Correct LO perturbative limit is build in:

- l in: $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(k^2) \xrightarrow{k^2 \to \infty} \frac{12}{25} \frac{\pi}{\ln[k^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2]}$
- one parameter model for QCDs infra-red behaviour

QCD's Quark Propagator



• Quark propagator: $S(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{i \not p + M(p^2)} = \frac{1}{i \not p A(p^2) + B(p^2)}$

- Dynamical mass generation, $M \propto \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \iff \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0 \iff \text{DCSB}$
 - Higgs mechanism is almost irrelevant for light quarks
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• In perturbative QCD:
$$B(p^2) = m \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln \left(\frac{p^2}{m^2} \right) + \dots \right] \stackrel{m \to 0}{\to} 0$$

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Solving the QCD Gap Equation



$$S(p,\mu^2)^{-1} = Z_2(\mu^2,\Lambda^2) S_0(p) + \frac{4}{3} Z_1(\mu^2,\Lambda^2) \int g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-k) \gamma^{\mu} S(k,\mu^2) \Gamma^{\nu}(p,k)$$

- Use quark propagator: $S^{-1}(p,\mu^2) = i \not p A(p^2,\mu^2) + B(p^2,\mu^2)$
- Rainbow ladder truncation:

$$\frac{g^2}{4\pi} \Gamma^{\nu}(p,k) \to \alpha_{\rm eff}(k^2) \gamma^{\mu}, \qquad D_{\mu\nu}(k) \to D_{\mu\nu}^{\rm free}(k)$$

Use off-shell subtraction scheme for renormalization:

$$S(p)^{-1}\Big|_{p^2=\mu^2} = i p + m(\mu^2)$$

- $m(\mu^2)$ is the renormalized current quark mass: $m(\mu^2) = \frac{m_0(\Lambda^2)}{Z_m(\mu^2,\Lambda^2)}$
- Gap equation becomes set of coupled integral eqs. for $A(p^2)$ & $B(p^2)$:

$$A(p^2,\mu^2) = Z_2(\mu^2,\Lambda^2) A_0(p^2,\Lambda^2) \quad \& \quad B(p^2,\mu^2) = Z_2(\mu^2,\Lambda^2) B_0(p^2,\Lambda^2)$$

Then solve the two coupled equations by iteration

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Charting Interaction between light quarks

- Formally, hadronic observables are related to QCD's Schwinger functions
- E.g., the quark propagator is a Schwinger function and the gap equation relates this to:
 - the gluon propagator: $D^{\mu\nu}(k)$
 - the quark-gluon vertex $\Gamma^{a,\mu}_{gqq}(p,p')$
- The quark propagator is the building block of hadrons in the DSEs



- The DSEs are therefore a tool that can relate QCD's Schwinger Functions to hadronic observables
- Measurements of, for example, the hadron mass spectrum, elastic and transition form factors, PDFs, etc must provide information on the long-range interaction between light quarks and gluons
- Interplay between DSEs & experiment provides a framework to extract infrared behaviour of QCD's Schwinger functions

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The Simplest Truncation

- The full machinery of the DSEs provides a connection between QCD & experiment
 - there remains much to be explored, notably baryon PDFs, TMDs & GPDs
 - however DSEs calculations are time & resource intensive useful to have some physics intuition before embarking upon DSE studies



- To build intuition and understanding is it good to explore hadron structure with a simplified quark-gluon interaction
 - **)** Replace gluon propagator with a δ -function in configuration space:

$$g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-k)\Gamma^{\nu}(p,k) \rightarrow \frac{1}{m_a^2} g_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\nu}$$

- This contact interaction framework is basically equivalent to the Nambu–Jona Lasinio (NJL) model
- The NJL model is a proven and powerful tool with which to explore hadron structure and guide experiment

The Nambu–Jona-Lasinio Model









- The Nambu–Jona-Lasinio (NJL) Model was invented in 1961 by Yoichiro Nambu and Giovanni Jona-Lasinio while at The University of Chicago
 - was inspired by the BCS theory of superconductivity
 - was originally a theory of elementary nucleons
 - rediscovered in the 80s as an effective quark theory
- It is a relativistic quantum field theory, that is relatively easy to work with, and is very successful in the description of hadrons, nuclear matter, etc
- Nambu won half the 2008 Nobel prize in physics in part for the NJL model: *"for the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous broken symmetry in subatomic physics"* [Nobel Committee]



• Proper-time regularization: $\Lambda_{IR} \& \Lambda_{UV} \Longrightarrow$ Confinement

- Quark propagator: $[p m + i\varepsilon]^{-1} \rightarrow Z(p^2)[p M + i\varepsilon]^{-1}$
 - wave function renormalization vanishes at quark mass-shell: $Z(p^2 = M^2) = 0$

Constructing the Lagrangian



• In general the NJL Lagrangian has the form

$$\mathcal{L} = \overline{\psi} \left(i \, \partial \!\!\!/ - m \right) \psi + \sum_{\alpha} \, G_{\alpha} \left(\overline{\psi} \, \Gamma_{\alpha} \, \psi \right)^{2}$$



- Γ_{α} represents a product of Dirac, colour and flavour matrices
- What about \mathcal{L}_I ? effective theories should maintain symmetries of QCD
- In chiral limit QCD Lagrangian has symmetries

 $\mathcal{S}_{QCD} = SU(3)_c \otimes SU(N_f)_V \otimes SU(N_f)_A \otimes U(1)_V \otimes U(1)_A \otimes \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{T}$

- $SU(N_f)_A$ is broken dynamically DCSB
- $U(1)_A$ is broken in the anomalous mode U(1) problem massive η'
- NJL interaction Lagrangian must respect the symmetries

 $\mathcal{S}_{NJL} = SU(3)_c \otimes SU(N_f)_V \otimes SU(N_f)_A \otimes U(1)_V \otimes \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{T}$

- in NJL $SU(3)_c$ will be considered a global gauge symmetry
- $U(1)_A$ is often broken explicitly $\Longrightarrow m_{\eta'} \neq 0$

NJL Symmetries



$\mathcal{S}_{NJL} = SU(3)_c \otimes SU(N_f)_V \otimes SU(N_f)_A \otimes U(1)_V \otimes \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{T}$

The NJL Lagrangian should be symmetric under the transformations

$$\begin{aligned} SU(N_f)_V : & \psi \longrightarrow e^{-it \cdot \theta_V} \psi & \bar{\psi} \longrightarrow \bar{\psi} e^{it \cdot \theta_V} \\ SU(N_f)_A : & \psi \longrightarrow e^{-i\gamma_5 t \cdot \theta_A} \psi & \bar{\psi} \longrightarrow \bar{\psi} e^{-i\gamma_5 t \cdot \theta_A} \\ U(1)_V : & \psi \longrightarrow e^{-i\theta} \psi & \bar{\psi} \longrightarrow \bar{\psi} e^{i\theta} \\ U(1)_A : & \psi \longrightarrow e^{-i\gamma_5 \theta} \psi & \bar{\psi} \longrightarrow \bar{\psi} e^{-i\gamma_5 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Nambu and Jona-Lasinio chose the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left(i \partial \!\!\!/ - m \right) \psi + G_{\pi} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 \right]$$

• Can choose any combination of these 4–fermion interactions

$$(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi)^2 \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi)^2, \\ (\bar{\psi}t\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5t\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}t\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5t\psi)^2, \quad (\bar{\psi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}t\psi)^2.$$

NJL Lagrangian $(N_f = 2)$



• The most general $N_f = 2$ NJL Lagrangian that respects the symmetries is

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left(i \partial \!\!\!/ - m \right) \psi + G_{\pi} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_{\omega} \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \right)^2 + G_{\rho} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 + \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_h \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \psi \right)^2 + G_\eta \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_T \left[\left(\bar{\psi} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi \right)^2 \right]$$

• \mathcal{L}_I is $U(1)_A$ invariant if: $G_{\pi} = -G_{\eta} \& G_T = 0$

$$\begin{split} \bar{\psi}\psi & \longleftrightarrow & \sigma & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (0^+,0) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma_5 \tau \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \pi & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (0^-,1) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \omega & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (1^-,0) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \tau \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \rho & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (1^-,1) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi & \longleftrightarrow & f_1, h_1 & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (1^+,0) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \tau \psi & \longleftrightarrow & a_1 & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (1^+,1) \\ \bar{\psi}\tau \psi & \longleftrightarrow & a_0 & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (0^+,1) \\ \bar{\psi}\gamma_5 \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \eta, \eta' & \longleftrightarrow & (J^P,T) = (0^-,0) \end{split}$$

NJL Lagrangian $(N_f = 3)$



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$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left(i \partial \!\!\!/ - m \right) \psi + G_{\pi} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_{\omega} \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \right)^2 + G_{\rho} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \tau \psi \right)^2 + \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \tau \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_h \left(\bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \psi \right)^2 + G_\eta \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} \tau \psi \right)^2 \right] + G_T \left[\left(\bar{\psi} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi \right)^2 - \left(\bar{\psi} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau \psi \right)^2 \right]$$

• \mathcal{L}_I is $U(1)_A$ invariant if: $G_{\pi} = -G_{\eta} \& G_T = 0$

The most general $N_f = 3$ NJL Lagrangian that respects the symmetries is

$$\mathcal{L}_{I} = G_{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{6} \left(\bar{\psi} \psi \right)^{2} + \left(\bar{\psi} \, \boldsymbol{t} \, \psi \right)^{2} - \frac{1}{6} \left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma_{5} \, \psi \right)^{2} - \left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma_{5} \, \boldsymbol{t} \, \psi \right)^{2} \right] \\ - \frac{1}{2} \, G_{\rho} \left[\left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma^{\mu} \, \boldsymbol{t} \, \psi \right)^{2} + \left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_{5} \, \boldsymbol{t} \, \psi \right)^{2} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \, G_{\omega} \left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma^{\mu} \, \psi \right)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \, G_{f} \left(\bar{\psi} \, \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_{5} \, \psi \right)^{2} \right]$$

- Enlarging the $SU(N_f)_V \otimes SU(N_f)_A$ chiral group from $N_f = 2$ to $N_f = 3$ reduces the number of coupling from six to four
- The $N_f = 3$ Lagrangian is automatically $U(1)_A$ invariant
 - $U(1)_A$ is then often broken by the 't Hooft term a 6-quark interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{I}^{(6)} = K \left[\det \left(\bar{\psi}(1+\gamma_{5})\psi \right) + \det \left(\bar{\psi}(1-\gamma_{5})\psi \right) \right]$$

NJL Interaction Kernel

• Using Wick's theorem and the NJL Lagrangian there are 2 diagrams for the interaction between a quark and an anti-quark



$$2i\,G\left[\Omega^{i}_{\alpha\beta}\overline{\Omega}^{i}_{\gamma\delta}-\Omega^{i}_{\alpha\delta}\overline{\Omega}^{i}_{\gamma\beta}\right]$$

- Using Fierz transformations can express each *exchange term* as a sum of *direct terms*
 - The SU(2) NJL interaction kernel then takes the form

$$K_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} = 2i G_{\pi} \left[(\mathbb{1})_{\alpha\beta} (\mathbb{1})_{\gamma\delta} - (\gamma_{5}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\alpha\beta} (\gamma_{5}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\gamma\delta} \right] - 2i G_{\omega} (\gamma_{\mu})_{\alpha\beta} (\gamma^{\mu})_{\gamma\delta} - 2i G_{\rho} \left[(\gamma_{\mu}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\alpha\beta} (\gamma^{\mu}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\gamma\delta} + (\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\alpha\beta} (\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}\boldsymbol{\tau})_{\gamma\delta} \right] + \dots$$

• This kernel enters the NJL gap and meson Bethe-Salpeter equations



Regularization Schemes

- The NJL model is non-renormalizable \implies cannot remove regularization
 - regularization parameter(s) play a dynamical role
- Popular choices are:
 - 3-momentum cutoff: $\vec{p}^2 < \Lambda^2$
 - 4-momentum cutoff $p_{E}^{2} < \Lambda^{2}$
 - Pauli-Villars
- We will use the proper-time regularization scheme

$$\frac{1}{X^n} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^\infty d\tau \ \tau^{n-1} \, e^{-\tau \, X} \ \to \ \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{1/\Lambda_{UV}^2}^{1/\Lambda_{IR}^2} d\tau \ \tau^{n-1} \, e^{-\tau \, X}$$

- only Λ_{UV} is needed to render the theory finite
- however, as we shall see, Λ_{IR} plays a very important role; it prevents quarks going on their mass shell and hence *simulates quark confinement*





NJL Quark Propagator

- Complete expression for the quark propagator cannot be obtained
 - need a truncation
 - Do not in include diagrams like:



- would give a momentum dependent mass function
- Include all diagrams of the form:



All these diagrams can be summed via an integral equation



The most general quark propagator has the form

$$S(p) = \frac{1}{\not p - m - \Sigma(p)} = \frac{Z(p^2)}{\not p - M(p^2)}$$





The NJL gap equation has the form

$$S^{-1}(k) = S_0^{-1}(k) - \Sigma(k) = [k - m] - \sum_j \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \operatorname{Tr}\left[S(\ell)\,\overline{\Omega}^j\right] \Omega^j$$

The only piece of the interaction kernel that contributes is:

$$K^{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} = 2i G_{\pi} \left(\mathbb{1} \right)_{\gamma\delta} \left(\mathbb{1} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

Solving this equation give a quark propagator of the form

$$S^{-1}(k) = k - M + i\varepsilon$$

The constituent quark mass satisfies the equation

$$M = m + 48i \, G_{\pi} \, M \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \, \frac{1}{\ell^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon} = m + M \, \frac{3 \, G_{\pi}}{\pi^2} \int d\tau \, \frac{e^{-\tau \, M^2}}{\tau^2}$$

The True Ground State



$$M = m + M \,\frac{3\,G_{\pi}}{\pi^2} \int d\tau \,\frac{e^{-\tau\,M^2}}{\tau^2}$$

• For the case m = 0 the gap equation has two solutions:

- trivial solution: M = 0 & non-trivial solution: $M \neq 0$
- Which solution does nature choose, that is, which solution minimizes the energy. Compare vacuum energy density, *E*, for each case



NJL & DSE gap equations





• NJL constituent mass is given by: $M = m - 2 G_{\pi} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$

Chiral condensate is defined by

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \equiv \lim_{x \to y} \operatorname{Tr}\left[-iS(x-y)\right] = -\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \operatorname{Tr}\left[i\,S(k)\right]$$

- Mass is generated via interaction with vacuum
- Dynamically generated quark masses $\iff \langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle \neq 0$
- $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle$ is an order parameter for DSCB

Confinement in NJL model



In general the NJL model is not confining; quark propagator is simply

$$S(k) = \frac{1}{\not k - M + i\varepsilon} = \frac{\not k + M}{k^2 - M^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

• quark propagator has a pole \implies quarks are part of physical spectrum

However the proper-time scheme is unique

$$S(k) = \int_0^\infty d\tau \, (\not k + M) \, e^{-\tau \left(k^2 - M^2\right)} \to \underbrace{\frac{\left[e^{-(k^2 - M^2)/\Lambda_{UV}^2 - e^{-(k^2 - M^2)/\Lambda_{IR}^2}\right]}{k^2 - M^2}}_{\equiv Z(k^2)} [\not k + M]$$

- quark propagator does not have a pole: $Z(k^2) \stackrel{k^- \to M^-}{=} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UR}^2} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \neq \infty$
- Are confinement and DCSB related?
 - NJL model is proof that DCSB can exist without confinement
 - however commonly believed cannot have dynamically generated confinement without DCSB

Summary

- QCD and therefore Hadron Physics is unique:
 - must confront a fundamental theory in which the elementary degrees-of-freedom are intangible (confined) and only composites (hadrons) reach detectors
- QCD will only be solved by deploying a diverse array of experimental and theoretical methods:



- must define and solve the problems of confinement and its relationship with DCSB
- These are two of the most important challenges in fundamental Science
- The DSEs are an important tool with which to meet these challenges
 - the NJL model, while not sophisticated enough to directly address these issues within QCD, has and will continue to provide critical guidance