

$$\bar{g}_\alpha \quad m_\alpha \quad g_\alpha$$

$$\alpha \longrightarrow \beta = \int_{\alpha\beta} \frac{i}{E - m_\alpha}$$

Last time: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu} g = \beta(g) = -C \frac{g^3}{16\pi^2} + b(g^4)$

$$C = \frac{11}{3} N - \frac{2}{3} N_f$$

$\beta < 0$ if
 $N_f < 6N$
 $= 18$

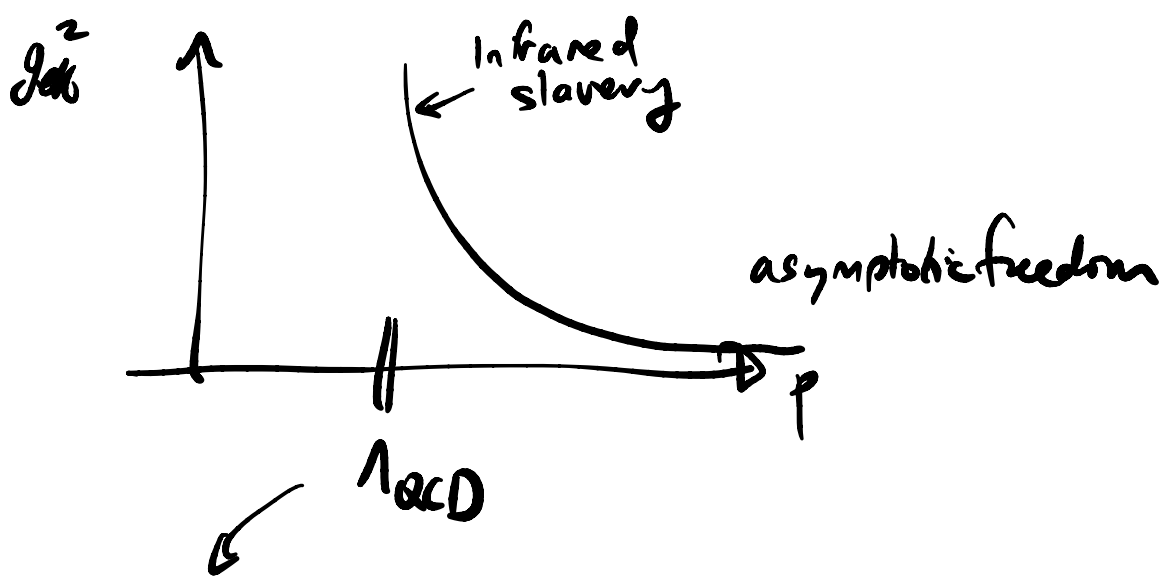
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu} g = -C \frac{g^3}{16\pi^2}$$

Solve: $\frac{dg}{g^3} = -\frac{C}{16\pi^2} d \log \mu$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{g^2} \Big|_M^{\sqrt{p^2} = P} = -\frac{C}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{P}{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\text{eff}}^2(p) = \frac{g_0^2}{1 + \frac{g_0^2}{16\pi^2} C \log \frac{P}{M}}$$

Contrast:
 in QED:
 $e^2(p) = 1 - \frac{e_0^2}{16\pi^2} \# \log \frac{P}{M}$



def'd by $g_{\text{eff}}^2(p = \lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \sim 1$.

An intuitive picture of anti-screening (?)

$N_f = 0$ (quarks screen)

$N = 2$.

$f^{abc} = \epsilon^{abc}$.

choose Coulomb gauge $\partial_i A^{ia} = 0$ }
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 . no ghosts,
 . no $A_0, \vec{A} \cdot \vec{k}$
 . no Lorentz.

$E^{ia} \equiv F^{oia}$

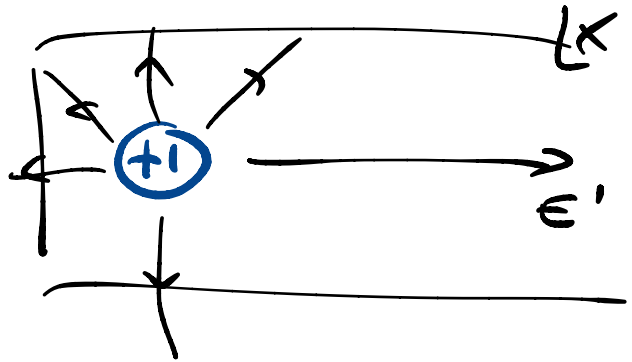
$0 = \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_0^a} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{g p^a}} = D_i E^{ia} = \partial_i E^{ia} + \underline{\underline{g f^{abc} A_i^b E^{ic}}}$

Insert a static color charge $\rho^a(x) = \delta^3(\vec{x}) \delta^{a1}$

$$\partial \cdot E^{ia} = g f^{(3)}(x) f^{a1} + g \epsilon^{abc} \underline{A^{bc}} E^{ic}$$

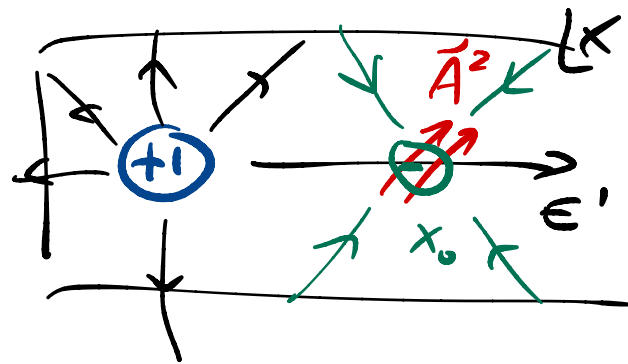
assume g small, perturbatively: $E \sim g$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \vec{E}^a(x) = \frac{g f^{1a} \hat{x}}{x^2}$$



② QM: suppose a fluctuation

$$\sigma_b \vec{A}^{b=2}(x)$$



$$\textcircled{3} \quad g \epsilon^{abc} A^{bc} E^{ic}$$

$$= g \underbrace{\epsilon^{321}}_{=-1} \vec{A}^2 \cdot \vec{E}^1$$

④ This source produces

$$\vec{E}^3(x) \propto - \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0|^3}$$

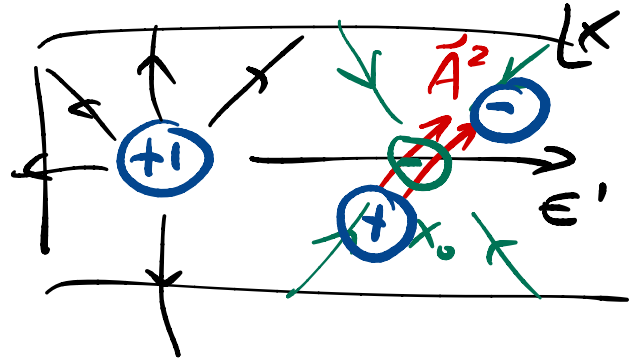
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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}' = \dots + \underbrace{g}_{=+1} \epsilon^{123} \vec{A}^2 \cdot \vec{E}^3$$

Source for E' where $A^2 \parallel E^3$
 Sink for E' " -

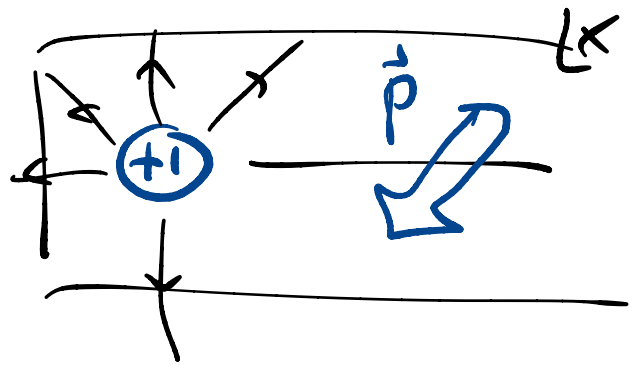
→ dipole of E'
 charge

$$\vec{p} \propto -\vec{A}^2$$

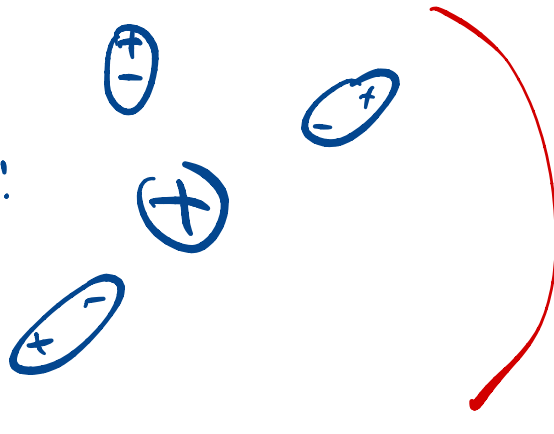


dipole can point
TOWARDS the source.

antiscreening!



scaling:

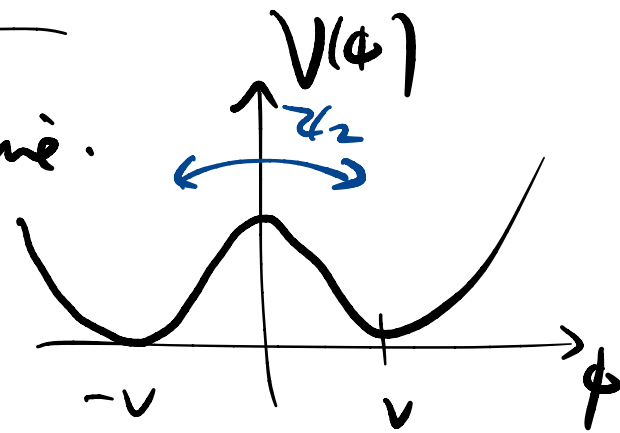


6 Renormalization Group, briefly

6.1 Wilsonian perspective

ϕ^4 theory in euclidean spacetime.

$$V(\phi) = -\frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 + \dots$$



$$Z_2: \phi \rightarrow -\phi$$

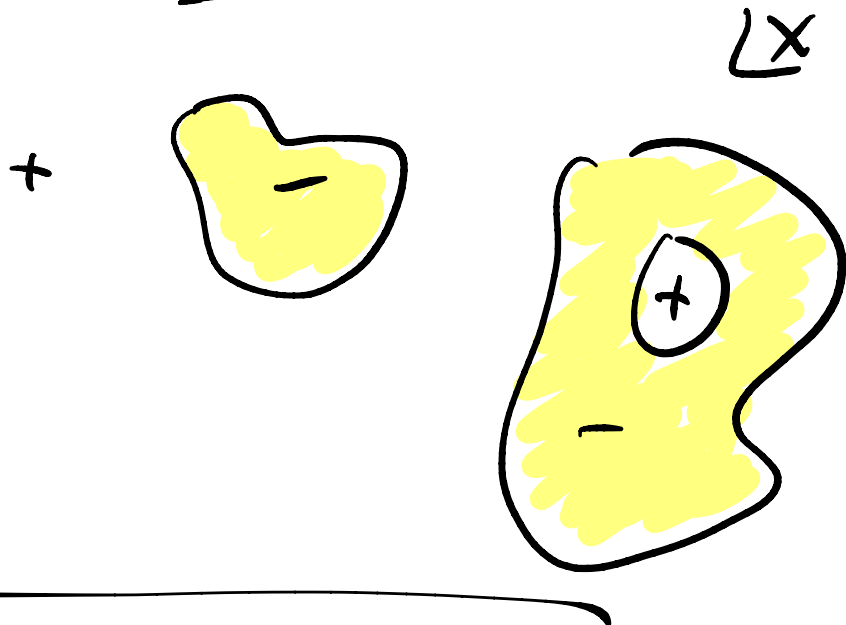
like a ferromagnet
Ising model $\sigma^i = \pm 1$

$$J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma^i \sigma^j \quad \boxed{J > 0}$$

penalizes
domain walls

like $\mathcal{L} \ni (\partial\phi)^2$

A config of ϕ :



$\sigma^i = \pm 1$ $V(\phi)$ penalizes $\phi \neq \pm v$.

plausible: the critical pt where $m^2 \rightarrow 0$ is the Ising critical pt.

$$\underline{Z_\Lambda} = \underline{\int_\Lambda [D\phi]} e^{-\int d^D x \mathcal{L}(\phi)}$$

$$\int_\Lambda \equiv \text{integrate over } \phi(x) = \int d^D k e^{ikx} \phi_k$$

$$\hookrightarrow \phi_k = 0 \text{ for } |k| = \sqrt{\sum k_i^2} > \Lambda$$

idea: Do the integrals of the high-energy modes first.

$$\phi(x) = \underbrace{\int d^D k e^{ikx} \phi_k}_{0 < |k| < \Lambda - \delta\Lambda} = \underbrace{\int d^D k e^{ikx} \phi_k}_{\Lambda - \delta\Lambda < |k| < \Lambda} + \int d^D k e^{ikx} \phi_k$$

$$\underline{\int \phi_>(x) \phi_<(x) = 0}$$

$\equiv \phi^<$
smooth
slow
light

$\equiv \phi^>$
wiggly
fast
heavy.

$$Z_\Lambda = \int_{\Lambda - \delta\Lambda} [D\phi^<] e^{-\int d^D x \mathcal{L}(\phi^<)} \int [D\phi^>] e^{-\int d^D x \mathcal{L}(\phi^>, \phi^<)}$$

$$= \int_{\Lambda - \delta\Lambda} [D\phi^<] e^{-\int [\mathcal{L}(\phi^<) + \delta\mathcal{L}(\phi^<)]} = e^{-\int \delta\mathcal{L}_0[\phi^<]} e^{-\int \delta\mathcal{L}(\phi^<)}$$

↑
e
result of
interactions

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \underbrace{\sum g_n \phi^n}_{n \text{ even}} + \dots \quad (*)$$

all possible terms

consistent w/ symmetries (like $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$, Lorentz...)

like $(\partial^2\phi)^2$

$$\int d^D x \mathcal{L}(\phi^<, \phi^>) = \int d^D x \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi^>)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 (\phi^>)^2 \right.$$

scalar field $\phi^>$

in a \wedge bg. scalar field $\phi^<$

slowly-varying

$+ \# g_4 \phi^< (\phi^>)^3$

$+ \dots$

$+ g_4 (\phi^>)^4$

what's $\delta\mathcal{L}(\phi^<)$? It must be of the form $(*)$

$(\delta g_{\mu\nu}) \cdot \mathcal{L} + \delta\mathcal{L}$ is of the same form

$$\Rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

step 2: change units to make $\int_{\Lambda-\delta\Lambda}$ into \int_{Λ}

$$\underline{\underline{\Lambda - \delta\Lambda \equiv b\Lambda \quad b < 1}}$$

$$\int_{\Lambda-\delta\Lambda} = \int_{\Lambda} b$$

$$k = bk' \quad |k'| < 1.$$

$$x = x'/b \quad \partial' = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} b = b \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$e^{ikx} = e^{ik'x'}$$

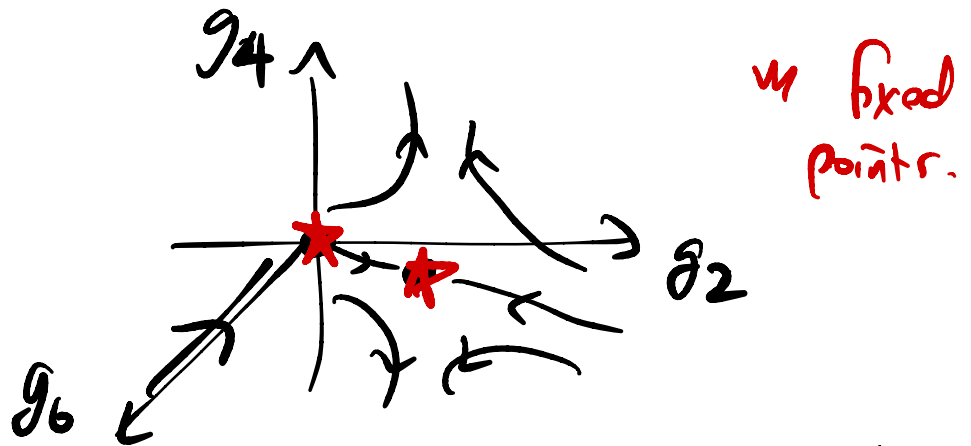
$$\int d^D x \mathcal{L}_{eff}(\phi^<) = \int d^D x' b^{-D} \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{b^2} (\partial' \phi^<)^2 + \sum_n (g_n + \delta g_n) (\phi^<)^n + \dots \right)$$

let $\phi' \equiv b^{\frac{2-D}{2}} \phi^<$

$$= \int d^D x' \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial' \phi')^2 + \sum_n (g_n + \delta g_n) b^{-D + n \frac{(D-2)}{2}} (\phi')^n + \dots \right]$$

end result: $g'_n = \underline{\underline{b^{\frac{n(D-2)}{2} - D} (g_n + \delta g_n)}}$

RG flow in the space of couplings:



eg: ignore δg_n . $\underline{b < 1}$. $g_n \sim b^{\frac{n(D-2)}{2} - D} > 0$ get smaller.

irrelevant.

$\beta_\lambda \rightsquigarrow \frac{n(D-2)}{2} - D < 0$ get bigger
 $a \rightarrow 0$
Relevant

eg $n=2$ $(m')^2 = b^{-2} m^2$

So far: this counting is the same as
dimensional analysis.

\rightsquigarrow the $\delta\mathcal{L}$ term $\xrightarrow{\text{particularly}}$ different.
for $\frac{n(D-2)}{2} - D = 0$
(marginal)

pert. they can be controlled $D = 4 - \epsilon$

eg: using (a scalar \rightsquigarrow
 $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$ sym)

$$-\beta_\lambda = \epsilon \lambda - a \lambda^2 + O(\lambda^4)$$

(high-energy)
 \uparrow f'n

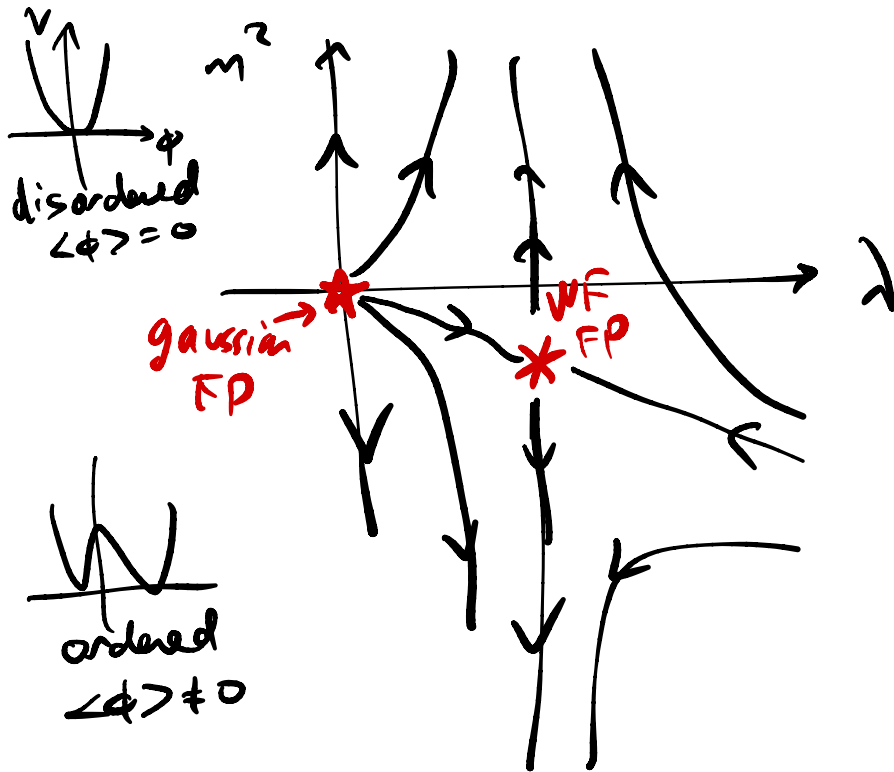
\uparrow engineering
 \uparrow interactions

$a > 0$

has a zero for $\lambda = \epsilon/a$

Wilson-Fisher
fixed pt.

arrows point
toward IR.



DRAGONS

??

rates of departure from fixed pt \leftrightarrow critical exponents

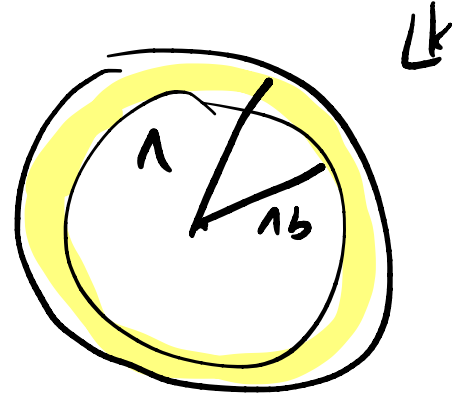
eg: rate of m^2 term \leftrightarrow correlation length
critical exponent.

same story
w/ N scalar fields & $O(N)$ sym.

Lessons: • Wilson RG = doing the integrals a little at a time.

• elimination of modes does not produce any singularities

• symmetries of the UV are symmetries of S_{eff}.



• $\beta_\lambda > 0 \rightarrow$ " $\phi_{D=4}^4$ D.N.E." " ... is trivial".

in the sense that: If valid to $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ $\lambda(\Lambda \rightarrow \infty) = \infty$.
in order to get $\lambda(0) > 0$.

Next wk: Tuesday 2pm
Wed 12:3pm

$$e^{i\oint_c A} = e^{i \int d^D x J^M(x) A_\mu}$$

$$\oint_c A = \int dt \frac{dx^M}{dt} A_\mu(x) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x(t+1) \\ \text{is } c \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \int d^4 y \int dt \frac{dx^M}{dt} A_\mu(y) \oint^y (x(t+1)-y)$$

$$= \int d^4 y A_\mu(y) J^M(x)$$

$$J^M(x) = \int dt \frac{dx^M}{dt} \oint^y (x(t+1)-y)$$
