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AN INTRODUCTION IN FOUR LECTURES

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Gauge Theory Toolkit

matter: spin 0 $\phi_i(x)$
 spin $\frac{1}{2}$ $\psi_i(x)$

symmetry group G (Lie group)

$\mathcal{L}$ is invariant under

$$\phi_i(x) \rightarrow U_{ij} \phi_j(x)$$

$i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \dim R$
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 representation
 of G

U is a unitary matrix representation of G

global: U is independent of x

local: U depends on x

$$U = e^{-ig\Lambda^a T^a} \simeq 1 - ig\Lambda^a T^a$$

T^a : generators of the Lie algebra of G

$$\phi_i(x) \rightarrow \phi_i(x) + \delta\phi_i(x),$$

$$\delta\phi_i(x) = -ig\Lambda^a T_{ij}^a \phi_j(x)$$

$$[T^a, T^b] = if^{abc} T^c$$

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 structure constants of G .

The T^a are hermitian matrix representation of the Lie algebra of G .

Aside: facts about Lie algebras

$$[T^a, T^b] = if^{abc} T^c$$

abstract definition

A Lie algebra is a vector space. The T^a are basis vectors. Arbitrary elements of the vector space are $c^a T^a$ (where c^a are real numbers).

Additional structure: the commutator of any two elements of the Lie algebra yield another element of the Lie algebra. In addition, the Jacobi identity is satisfied: $[T_a, [T_b, T_c]] + [T_b, [T_c, T_a]] + [T_c, [T_a, T_b]] = 0$.

choice of basis: $\text{Tr}(T_a T_b) = \text{Tr} \delta_{ab}$

where Tr depends on the representation. (In this basis, f^{abc} is totally antisymmetric.)

basic building blocks: irreducible representations

- reducible representations are direct sums of irreducible representations

$$T^a = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}} & & \bigcirc \\ & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}} & \\ \bigcirc & & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(in some basis)

examples:

<u>algebra</u> (G)	<u>description</u>	<u>dimension of G</u>	<u>rank of G</u>
$SU(n)$	$n \times n$ traceless hermitian	$n^2 - 1$	$n - 1$
$SO(2n)$	$2n \times 2n$ pure imaginary, antisymmetric	$n(2n - 1)$	n
$SO(2n+1)$	$(2n+1) \times (2n+1)$ pure imaginary, antisymmetric	$n(2n+1)$	n

dimension: number of linearly independent generators

rank: maximal number of simultaneously diagonalizable generators

examples of representations

1. Defining (or fundamental) representation
2. Adjoint representation

$$(T^a)_{bc} = -if_{abc}$$

$$a, b, c = 1, 2, \dots, \dim G$$

$$\dim(\text{adjoint}) = \dim G$$

Standard Normalization

$$\text{Tr}(T_a T_b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} \quad \text{in the fundamental representation}$$

$$\text{i.e. } T_F = \frac{1}{2}$$

Casimir invariant: an operator that commutes with all the generators.

Quadratic Casimir operator

$$T_{ik}^a T_{kj}^a = C_2(R) \delta_{ij}$$

↑ eigenvalue of quadratic Casimir operator in representation R.

Theorem: $\text{Tr } d(G) = C_2(R) d(R)$

$d(G)$ = dimension of the Lie algebra

$d(R)$ = dimension of matrix representation

example:

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi_i^*)(\partial^\mu \phi_i) - V(\phi, \phi^*)$$

where V is a group invariant potential:

$$V(U\phi, (U\phi)^*) = V(\phi, \phi^*)$$

is invariant under global symmetry transformations, but not under local symmetry transformations.

reason: $\partial_\mu \phi \rightarrow \partial_\mu (U\phi) = U\partial_\mu \phi + (\partial_\mu U)\phi$

covariant derivative

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + ig A_\mu^a T^a \quad a=1,2,\dots,\dim G$$

$A_\mu^a(x)$: gauge fields, with transformation laws chosen such that:

$$D^\mu \phi \rightarrow U D^\mu \phi$$

in which case,

$$\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \phi_i^*)(D^\mu \phi_i) - V(\phi, \phi^*)$$

is invariant under local symmetry transformations.

matrix-valued gauge field: $A_\mu \equiv A_\mu^a T^a$

transformation law:

$$A_\mu \rightarrow U A_\mu U^{-1} - \frac{i}{g} U (\partial_\mu U^{-1})$$

Using this result, it is easy to show that $D_\mu \phi$ transforms as expected:

$$D_\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu + ig A_\mu) \phi$$

$$\rightarrow [\partial_\mu + ig U A_\mu U^{-1} + U (\partial_\mu U^{-1})] U \phi$$

$$= U D_\mu \phi + [\partial_\mu U + U (\partial_\mu U^{-1}) U] \phi$$

$$= U D_\mu \phi$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu U + U (\partial_\mu U^{-1}) U &= [(\partial_\mu U) U^{-1} + U (\partial_\mu U^{-1})] U \\ &= [\partial_\mu (U U^{-1})] U \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $U U^{-1} = I$.

Infinitesimal version of the transformation law: $[U \approx 1 - ig T^a \Lambda^a(x)]$

$$\delta A_\mu^a = g f^{abc} \Lambda^b A_\mu^c + \partial_\mu \Lambda^a$$

transformation
law for an adjoint field:

inhomogeneous term

$$(T^a)_{bc} = -if^{abc}$$

$$= D_\mu^{ab} \Lambda^b$$

$$= +if^{bac}$$

gauge field dynamics

Consider $[D_\mu, D_\nu]$ acting on ϕ .

$$\begin{aligned}[D_\mu, D_\nu]\phi &= [\partial_\mu + igA_\mu, \partial_\nu + igA_\nu]\phi \\ &= ig\{\partial_\mu A_\nu + \partial_\nu A_\mu + ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]\}\phi\end{aligned}$$

• definition: $[D_\mu, D_\nu] \equiv igF_{\mu\nu}$

where $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^a T^a$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

• transformation law:

$$\phi \rightarrow U\phi$$

$$D_\mu \phi \rightarrow U D_\mu \phi$$

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu]\phi \rightarrow U[D_\mu, D_\nu]\phi$$

Hence,

$$F_{\mu\nu} \phi \rightarrow U F_{\mu\nu} \phi = (U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}) U \phi$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}}$$

which is the transformation law for an adjoint field.

Note: for Abelian gauge groups, $U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1} = U U^{-1} F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}$ so that $F_{\mu\nu}$ is gauge invariant (i.e. neutral under the gauge group). For non-Abelian gauge group, $F_{\mu\nu}$ transforms non-trivially; i.e. it carries non-trivial gauge charge.

The gauge-invariant Lagrangian for the gauge field:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4T_R} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

Note: under $F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}$, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}$

Using:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) &= F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu b} \text{Tr} T^a T^b \\ &= T_R F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} \end{aligned}$$

we end up with:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c) \\ &\quad \times (\partial^\mu A^{\nu a} - \partial^\nu A^{\mu a} - g f^{ade} A_\mu^d A_\nu^e) \end{aligned}$$

which contains three-point and four-point gauge boson interactions.

As in QED, the quadratic terms are not invertible, so we cannot define a propagator.

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (\partial^\mu A^{\nu a} - \partial^\nu A^{\mu a}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} A_\mu^a (g^{\mu\nu} \square - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) A_\nu^a + \text{total divergence} \end{aligned}$$

But, $(g^{\mu\nu} \square - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) \partial_\nu = 0$ means that $g^{\mu\nu} \square - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu$ is not invertible.

Solution: add gauge-fixing term
add Faddeev-Popov ghosts (ω_a, ω_a^*)

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu^a)^2 + \partial_\mu^* \omega_a^* D_\mu^{ab} \omega_b$$

is invariant under BRS extended gauge symmetry:

$$\delta A_\mu^a = \epsilon D_\mu^{ab} \omega_b$$

$$\delta \omega_a = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon g f^{abc} \omega_b \omega_c$$

$$\delta \omega_a^* = -\frac{1}{\xi} \epsilon \partial_\mu A_\mu^a$$

where ϵ is an infinitesimal anticommuting parameter
and ω, ω^* are independent anticommuting scalar fields.

SUMMARY

If $\mathcal{L}_{matter}$ is invariant under a group G of global transformations, then

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \mathcal{L}_{matter} (\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu)$$

is invariant under a group G of local transformations.

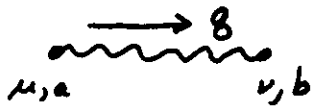
When $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig A_\mu^a T^a$ acts on matter fields, we use the matrix representation T^a appropriate to the matter fields.

Are gauge bosons massless?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} m^2 A_\mu^a A^{\mu a}$$

violates gauge invariance, so apparently gauge bosons must be massless.
Let's "prove" this to all orders in perturbation theory.

tree-level propagator



$$\frac{-i \delta^{ab}}{g^2 + i\epsilon} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - (1 - \xi) \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-i \delta^{ab}}{g^2 + i\epsilon} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2} \right) - \frac{i \xi \delta^{ab}}{g^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2}$$

To all orders in perturbation theory,

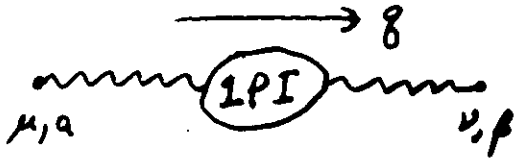
$$\text{wavy line with shaded circle} = \text{wavy line} + \text{wavy line with 1PI circle}$$

$$+ \text{wavy line with 1PI circle} + \text{wavy line with 1PI circle}$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$= \text{wavy line} + \text{wavy line with 1PI circle} + \text{wavy line with shaded circle}$$

where one-particle irreducible (1PI) graphs cannot be split into two separate graphs by cutting through one internal line.



The Ward identity of the theory (a consequence of gauge invariance) implies that

$$g_\mu \Pi^{\mu\nu} = g_\nu \Pi^{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

$$i \Pi_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(g) = -i(g^2 g^{\mu\nu} - g^\mu g^\nu) \Pi(g^2) \delta^{ab}$$



$$\mathcal{D}^{\mu\nu}(g) = D^{\mu\nu}(g) + D^{\mu\lambda}(g) i \Pi_{\lambda\sigma}(g) \mathcal{D}^{\sigma\nu}(g)$$

Multiply on the left by D^{-1} and on the right by $\mathcal{D}^{-1}$, where e.g. $D_{\mu\lambda}^{-1} D^{\lambda\nu} = g_\mu^\nu$.

$$\boxed{\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(g) = D_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(g) - i \Pi_{\mu\nu}(g)}$$

Decompose into transverse and longitudinal pieces:

$$D_{\mu\nu}(g) = D(g^2) \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2} \right) + D^{(l)}(g^2) \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2}$$

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(g) = \frac{1}{D(g^2)} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2} \right) + \frac{1}{D^{(l)}(g^2)} \frac{g_\mu g_\nu}{g^2}$$

etc.

Since $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$ is transverse, we learn that

$$(a) \quad \mathcal{D}^{(0)}(q^2) = D^{(0)}(q^2) = \frac{-i\xi}{q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{1}{D(q^2)} = \frac{1}{D^{(0)}(q^2)} + i g^2 \Pi(q^2)$$

Using $D^{-1}(q^2) = i g^2$, we conclude that:

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{-i}{q^2 [1 + \Pi(q^2)]} \left(g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \right) - \frac{i\xi q^\mu q^\nu}{q^4}$$

(omitting the $i\epsilon$ pieces for simplicity)

The pole at $q^2 = 0$ is not shifted. Thus, the gauge boson mass remains zero to all orders in perturbation theory.

The loophole

If $\Pi(q^2)$ develops a pole at $q^2 = 0$, then the pole of $\mathcal{D}^{\mu\nu}(q)$ shifts away from zero: $\Pi(q^2) \simeq \frac{-m_V^2}{q^2}$ as $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ implies that

$D(q^2) \simeq \frac{-i}{q^2 - m_V^2}$. This requires some non-trivial dynamics that

generates a massless intermediate state in $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$:

$$\text{wavy line with } \textcircled{1PI} \simeq \text{wavy line} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{wavy line}$$

$\uparrow$ $m=0$ Goldstone mode

The Standard Model employs the dynamics of elementary scalar fields in order to generate the Goldstone mode.

Goldstone's Theorem: If the Lagrangian is invariant under a continuous global symmetry group G , but the vacuum state of the theory does not respect all G -transformations, then the theory exhibits spontaneous symmetry breaking. If the vacuum state respects H -transformations, then we say that the group G breaks to a subgroup H . The physical spectrum will then contain n massless scalar excitations (called Goldstone bosons) where

$$n \equiv \dim G - \dim H$$

This theorem is proved independent of perturbation theory.

A tree-level example

Let $\phi_i(x)$ be a set of real scalar fields. The Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_i)(\partial^\mu \phi_i) - V(\phi_i)$$

is assumed to be invariant under

$$\delta \phi_i(x) = -ig T_{ij}^a \Lambda^a \phi_j(x)$$

where the T^a are imaginary antisymmetric matrices.

Since under the symmetry transformation, $\phi_i \rightarrow O_{ij} \phi_j$ (where O is orthogonal), the kinetic energy term is automatically invariant.

We also assume that $V(\phi)$ is invariant, which implies that:

$$V(\phi + \delta\phi) = V(\phi)$$

invariance

$$\simeq V(\phi) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} \delta\phi_i$$

Taylor expansion

Since $\delta\phi_i = -ig T_{ij}^a \Lambda^a \phi_j(x)$, it follows that:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} T_{ij}^a \phi_j = 0}$$

Suppose $V(\phi)$ has a minimum at $\langle \phi_i \rangle = v_i$ which is not invariant under the global symmetry group:

$$\delta_{ij} v_j \simeq \left(\delta_{ij} - ig T_{ij}^a \Lambda^a \right) v_j \neq v_i$$

i.e. there exists at least one a such that:

$$T^a v \neq 0$$

The symmetry is spontaneously broken. Now, shift the field:

$$\phi_i \equiv \eta_i + v_i$$

and express $\mathcal{L}$ in terms of the η_i :

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta_i) (\partial^\mu \eta_i) - \frac{1}{2} M_{ij}^2 \eta_i \eta_j + \dots$$

$$M_{ij}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} \right)_{\phi_i = v_i}$$

Since V must satisfy: $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} T_{ij}^a \phi_j = 0$

we can differentiate with respect to ϕ_k and then set all $\phi_i = v_i$.

By definition, $\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i}\right)_{\phi_i=v_i} = 0$, so

$$M_{ki}^a (T^a v)_i = 0$$

Either $T^a v = 0$ or $(T^a v)_i$ is an eigenvector of M^2 with zero eigenvalue.

$$G^a = \eta_i T_{ij}^a v_j$$

is precisely the linear combination of scalar fields whose mass is zero. These are the Goldstone bosons, and there are $\dim(G) - \dim(H)$ independent Goldstone modes, where H is the residual symmetry group (corresponding to the maximal number of linearly independent elements of the Lie algebra that annihilate the vacuum).

Spontaneously broken non-abelian gauge theory - the recipe

Consider a locally gauge invariant Yang-Mills theory coupled to some representation (perhaps reducible) of scalar fields. Without loss of generality, we can assume that the scalar fields are real.

For example, a theory of one complex scalar $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_1(x) + i\phi_2(x))$ is equivalent to a theory of two real scalars $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x)$.

Having chosen to work in a "real representation", the generators that act on these scalars must be pure imaginary antisymmetric matrices. That is, iT^a are real and antisymmetric.

If the gauge group is a product

$$G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots$$

where the G_i are either simple Lie groups or $U(1)$, then the covariant derivative acting on the scalar fields takes the form:

$$(D_\mu)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \partial_\mu + ig^a T_{ij}^a A_\mu^a$$

There is an implicit sum over a . Here g^a means take the gauge coupling appropriate to which G_i the generator T^a belongs.

Notation: $L^a \equiv ig^a T^a$ (no sum over a)

Then, $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + L^a A_\mu^a$

The recipe - Step 1

- Determine the most general scalar potential that is invariant under G -transformations (consistent with other global discrete and/or continuous symmetries if imposed).

- Determine a plausible minimum at $\phi_i = v_i$. Then shift:

$$\phi_i = \eta_i + v_i$$

such that $\langle \eta_i \rangle = 0$.

- Check that the desired minimum is an actual local minimum.
e.g. all squared-masses of physical Higgs scalars are non-negative.
- Verify that the minimum corresponds to some finite range of the parameters of the scalar potential.

The scalar part of the Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \phi_i) (D^\mu \phi_i) - V(\phi)$$

Inserting $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + L^a A_\mu^a$, study the terms quadratic and linear in A_μ^a . When we shift the scalar field: $\phi_i = \eta_i + v_i$, we find:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} M_{ab}^2 A_\mu^a A^{\mu b}$$

with

$$M_{ab}^2 = (L_a v, L_b v)$$

notation:

$$(x, y) \equiv \sum_i x_i y_i$$

If $L_a v \neq 0$ for at least one a , then the symmetry is broken and the gauge bosons acquire mass. Diagonalize the gauge boson mass matrix:

$$\Theta M^2 \Theta^T = \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, m_1^2, m_2^2, \dots)$$

If we define:

$$\tilde{L}_a \equiv \Theta_{ab} L_b$$

then:

$$(\Theta M^2 \Theta^T)_{ab} = (\tilde{L}_a v, \tilde{L}_b v) = m_a^2 \delta_{ab}$$

$$m_a^2 = 0, \quad \tilde{L}_a v = 0$$

$$a = 1, \dots, M$$

unbroken generators

$$m_a^2 \neq 0, \quad \tilde{L}_a v \neq 0$$

$$a = M+1, \dots, N$$

broken generators

$$M = \dim H$$

$$N = \dim G$$

The number of massive gauge bosons is equal to $\dim(G) - \dim(H)$.

The recipe - Step 2

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_i + L_{ij}^a A_\mu^a \phi_j)(\partial^\mu \phi_i + L_{ik}^b A_\mu^b \phi_k) - V(\phi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_i)(\partial^\mu \phi_i) + \frac{1}{2}M_{ab}^2 A_\mu^a A^{\mu b} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(L^a A_\mu^a v, \partial^\mu \eta) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta, L^a A_\mu^a v) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Define:

$$\tilde{A}_\mu^a \equiv \partial_{ab} A_\mu^b$$

so that $\tilde{L}^a \tilde{A}_\mu^a = \underbrace{\partial_{ac} \partial_{ab}}_{\delta_{cb}} L^c A_\mu^b = L^c A_\mu^c$

Then,

$$\frac{1}{2}(L^a A_\mu^a v, \partial^\mu \eta) + \text{h.c.} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{A}_\mu^a \partial^\mu (\tilde{L}^a v, \eta) + \text{h.c.}$$

which vanishes unless $\tilde{L}^a v \neq 0$.

Define:

$$G^a = \frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a v, \eta)$$

where m_a is the corresponding gauge boson mass.

We recognize G^a as the Goldstone boson in the globally symmetric theory without gauge bosons.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_i)(\partial^\mu \phi_i) + \frac{1}{2}M_{ab}^2 A_\mu^a A^{\mu b} + m_a \tilde{A}_\mu^a \partial^\mu G^a + \dots$$

To show this interpretation is correct, we demonstrate that the Goldstone bosons are gauge artifacts that can be removed by a gauge transformation.

$$\text{From } \delta\phi_i = -ig T_{ij}^a \Lambda^a \phi_j = -L_{ij}^a \Lambda^a \phi_j$$

and using $\phi_i = \eta_i + v_i$ with $\delta v_i = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\eta_i &= -L^a \Lambda^a (\eta + v) \\ &= -(\Lambda\eta + \Lambda v) \end{aligned}$$

where $\Lambda = L^a \Lambda^a = \tilde{L}^a \tilde{\Lambda}^a$ if we define $\tilde{\Lambda}_a = \tilde{O}_{ab} \Lambda_b$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta G^a &= \frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a_v, \delta\eta) = \frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a_v, \Lambda\eta + \Lambda v) \\ &= -\frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a_v, \Lambda\eta) - \frac{1}{m_a} \underbrace{(\tilde{L}^a_v, \tilde{L}^b_v)}_{m_a^2 \delta^{ab}} \tilde{\Lambda}_b \\ &= -\frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a_v, \Lambda\eta) - m_a \tilde{\Lambda}_a \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$ inhomogeneous term independent of η .

Thus, I can choose $\tilde{\Lambda}_a$ such that $G^a = 0$. This is called the unitary gauge.

R_ξ -gauge

Instead of fixing the gauge by setting $G^a = 0$, it is sometimes more convenient to add a gauge-fixing term to the Lagrangian. The R_ξ gauge corresponds to adding

$$\mathcal{L}_{GF} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} \left(\partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a - \xi \eta_i (\tilde{L}^a)_i \right)^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\xi} \left(\partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\tilde{L}^a \partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a \right)_\nu, \eta$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\eta, \tilde{L}^a \partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a \right)_\nu - \xi \left[\eta_i (\tilde{L}^a)_i \right]^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\xi} \left(\partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a \right)^2 + \underbrace{m_a G^a \partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a}_{\uparrow} - \frac{\xi m_a^2}{2} G^a G^a$$

This piece combines with $m_a \tilde{A}_\mu^a \partial^\mu G$ to yield

$$m_a \left[G^a \partial^\mu \tilde{A}_\mu^a + \tilde{A}_\mu^a \partial^\mu G^a \right]$$

$$= m_a \partial^\mu (G^a \tilde{A}_\mu^a)$$

which is a total divergence which can be dropped from the Lagrangian

In the R_ξ gauge, we find the following propagators:

$$\gamma \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow k \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \mu \qquad \nu \end{array} \quad \frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right]$$

$$V \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow k \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \mu \qquad \nu \end{array} \quad \frac{i}{k^2 - m_V^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2 - \xi m_V^2} \right]$$

($V=W, Z$)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} G^+ \text{---} \\ \longrightarrow k \end{array} \quad \frac{i}{k^2 - \xi m_W^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} G^0 \text{---} \\ \longrightarrow k \end{array} \quad \frac{i}{k^2 - \xi m_Z^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Note: in principle $\xi_r \neq \xi$ is possible since for $\tilde{L}^a_V = 0$ we are free to choose an arbitrary ξ -parameter.

$\xi \rightarrow \infty$ limit returns you to the unitary gauge.

In addition, one must now include all interaction terms involving $G^\pm$ and/or G^0 . Finally, one must also include Faddeev-Popov ghosts:

$$\mathcal{L}_{FP} = \partial^\mu \omega_a^* \underbrace{D_\mu^{ab} \omega_b}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{gauge boson} \\ \text{Squared-mass matrix}}} - \xi \omega_a^* M_{ab}^2 \omega_b - \xi g^2 \omega_a^* \omega_b (\eta, T^a T^b_V)$$

$$D_\mu^{ab} = \delta^{ab} \partial_\mu + g f^{abc} A_\mu^c$$

The recipe - Step 3

The original model consisted of:

gauge boson degrees of freedom: $2(\dim G)$

scalar degrees of freedom: $\dim R$

After the Higgs mechanism,

gauge boson degrees of freedom:

massless: $2(\dim H)$

massive: $3(\dim G - \dim H)$

scalar degrees of freedom

Goldstone:

removed $\longrightarrow$

physical Higgs bosons: $\dim R - (\dim G - \dim H)$

total: $2(\dim G) + \dim R$

Let's check that the physical Higgs bosons cannot be removed by a gauge transformation. We divide the scalars into the two classes:

(i) $G^a = \frac{1}{m_a} (\tilde{L}^a)_j \eta_j$ $a = M+1, \dots, N$ Goldstone bosons

(ii) $\tilde{H}_k = C_j^{(R)} \eta_j$ physical Higgs bosons

where $\sum_j C_j^{(R)} (\tilde{L}^a)_j = 0$ [orthogonality]

Note that under a gauge transformation,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta (C_j^{(k)} \eta_j) &= C_j^{(k)} \delta \eta_j \\
 &= -C_j^{(k)} (\Delta \eta + \Delta v)_j \\
 &= -C_j^{(k)} (\Delta \eta)_j \quad \leftarrow C_j (\Delta v)_j = C_j \tilde{A}^a (\tilde{L}^a_v)_j \\
 &\quad \quad \quad = 0 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{by orthogonality.}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is homogeneous, so that η_j cannot be removed by a gauge transformation

Physical Higgs mass matrix

$\{G^a, \tilde{H}_k\}$ provide a basis for the scalars

$$M^a_{ij} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} \right)_{\phi_i = v}$$

satisfies $(M^2)_{ij} (\tilde{L}^a_v)_j = 0$. Thus, the quadratic terms in the scalar part of the Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{M}^2)_{kk} \tilde{H}_k \tilde{H}_k$$

Diagonalizing $\mathcal{M}^2$ yields the Higgs boson eigenstates and their respective squared-masses.

$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ model of electroweak interactions

gauge sector

group	field	coupling	generator (in fundamental representation)
$SU(2)_L$	W_μ^a	g	$\frac{1}{2}\sigma^a$
$U(1)_Y$	B	g'	$\frac{1}{2}Y$

commutation relations

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma^a, \frac{1}{2}\sigma^b\right] = i\epsilon^{abc}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^c\right) \quad a, b, c = 1, \dots, 3$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma^a, \frac{1}{2}Y\right] = \left[\frac{1}{2}Y, \frac{1}{2}Y\right] = 0$$

scalar sector

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi^+ \\ \Phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ real representation.

Introduce a complex doublet of Higgs scalars

$$D_\mu \Phi_i = \partial_\mu \Phi_i + L_{ij}^a W_\mu^a \Phi_j + L_{ij}^4 B_\mu \Phi_j$$

$$L_{ij}^a = \frac{1}{2} i g \sigma_{ij}^a$$

$$L_{ij}^4 = \frac{1}{2} i g' Y$$

To work in the real representation, we need explicit forms for the generators: ¹²⁸

$$L^1 = \frac{g}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L^2 = \frac{g}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L^3 = \frac{g}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L^4 = \frac{g'}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

examples:

$$L^1 \underline{\Phi} = \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -\phi_4 + i\phi_3 \\ -\phi_2 + i\phi_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which means that

$$L^1 \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{g}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly,

$$L^4 \underline{\Phi} = \frac{ig'}{2} \gamma \underline{\Phi} = \frac{ig'}{2} \underline{\Phi} = \frac{g'}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\phi_2 + i\phi_1 \\ -\phi_4 + i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

etc.

Note: the L^a are real antisymmetric matrices as expected.

Step 0: Determine the scalar vacuum expectation values.

most general quartic (hence, renormalizable) scalar potential that is invariant under $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ transformations:

$$V(\Phi) = -m^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

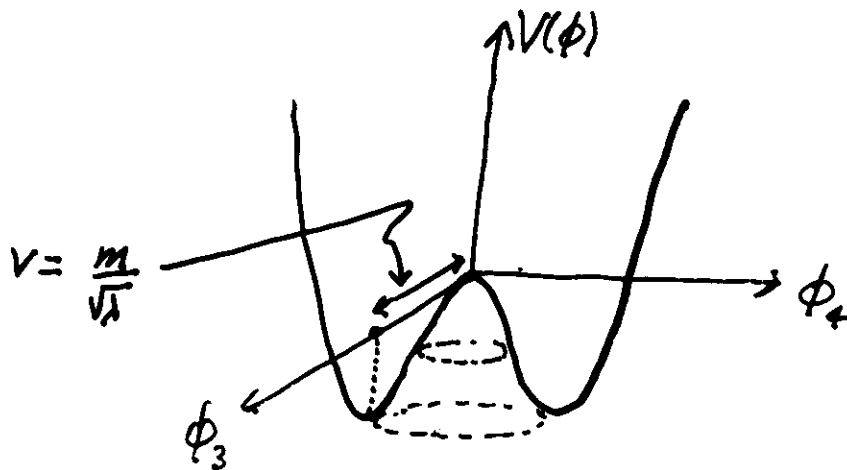
$$= -\frac{1}{2} m^2 (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2) + \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i} = 0 = m^2 \phi_i + \lambda \phi_i (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2) = 0$$

solutions:

(a) symmetric $\phi_i = 0$

(b) asymmetric $\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2 = \frac{m^2}{\lambda}$



Convention: $v = \langle \phi_3 \rangle$, $\langle \phi_1 \rangle = \langle \phi_2 \rangle = \langle \phi_4 \rangle = 0$

i.e. $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Step 1: Gauge boson mass matrix and determination of the $\tilde{L}^a$.

$$M_{ab}^2 = (L^a v, L^b v) \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{ab}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}g^2v^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4}g'^2v^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4}g^2v^2 & -\frac{1}{4}gg'v^2 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4}gg'v^2 & \frac{1}{4}g'^2v^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalization of $\frac{1}{4}v^2 \begin{pmatrix} g^2 & -gg' \\ -gg' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix}$ can be done by inspection.

eigenvector

eigenvalue

state

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_W^2 = \frac{1}{4}v^2g^2$$

W^1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_W^2 = \frac{1}{4}v^2g'^2$$

W^2

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2+g'^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g' \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_Z^2 = 0$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2+g'^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \\ -g' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4}v^2(g^2+g'^2)$$

Z

Orthogonal diagonalizing matrix (lower 2×2 block)

$$\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \begin{pmatrix} g & -g' \\ g' & g \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_w & -\sin \theta_w \\ \sin \theta_w & \cos \theta_w \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\sin \theta_w = \frac{g'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}$

W-Z mass relation

(depends critically on choice of scalar representation)

$$m_W^2 = \frac{1}{4} g^2 v^2$$

$$m_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4} (g^2 + g'^2) v^2$$

$$v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{g \equiv \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_w} = 1}$$

The $\tilde{L}_a$ are given by:

$$\tilde{L}_1 = L_1$$

$$\tilde{L}_2 = L_2$$

$$\tilde{L}_3 = L_3 \cos \theta_w - L_4 \sin \theta_w$$

$$\tilde{L}_4 = L_3 \sin \theta_w + L_4 \cos \theta_w = \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv ieQ$$

$$\boxed{e = \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} = g \sin \theta_w = g' \cos \theta_w}$$

Note that $\tilde{L}_a v \neq 0 \quad a=1,2,3$
 $\tilde{L}_4 v = 0$

Thus, we identify $\tilde{L}_4$ as proportional to the electric charge operator Q .
 So, $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ has broken down to $U(1)_{EM}$.

To verify this interpretation, examine the covariant derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu &= \partial_\mu + L^a W_\mu^a + L^4 B_\mu \\ &= \partial_\mu + \tilde{L}^1 W_\mu^1 + \tilde{L}^2 W_\mu^2 + \tilde{L}_3 Z_\mu + \tilde{L}_4 A_\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$A_\mu = W_\mu^3 \sin \theta_w + B_\mu \cos \theta_w \quad (\text{massless photon})$$

$$Z_\mu = W_\mu^3 \cos \theta_w - B_\mu \sin \theta_w$$

which confirms the identification of $\tilde{L}_4 = ieQ$.

Diagonal "generators"

["diagonal": a basis exists where these generators are diagonal]

$SU(2) \times U(1)$ has two diagonal generators: T^3 and $\frac{Y}{2}$.

Since $L^3 = ig T^3$ and $L^4 = ig' \frac{Y}{2}$, it is easy to work out:

$$\tilde{L}_3 = \frac{ig}{\cos \theta_w} [T^3 - Q \sin^2 \theta_w]$$

$$\tilde{L}_4 = ie [T^3 + \frac{Y}{2}] = ieQ$$

i.e. $Q = T^3 + \frac{Y}{2}$

Charged $W^\pm$ eigenstates

W^a are $SU(2)$ -adjoint gauge fields with $Y=0$. The charge operator acting on W^a is $Q=T^3$.

$$(T^a)_{bc} = -i\epsilon_{abc}$$

for $SU(2)$ -adjoint representation

So,

$$Q = T^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In particular,

$$Q \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^1 \\ W_\mu^2 \\ W_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -iW_\mu^2 \\ iW_\mu^1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we define:

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 \mp iW_\mu^2)$$

$$\text{then } QW_\mu^\pm = \pm W_\mu^\pm$$

$$QW_\mu^3 = 0$$

Summary:

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + \frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} (T^+ W_\mu^+ + T^- W_\mu^-) + \frac{ig}{\cos\theta_w} (T^3 - Q\sin^2\theta_w) Z_\mu + ieQA_\mu$$

$$\text{where } T^\pm = T^1 \pm iT^2$$

Step 2: Identifying the Goldstone bosons and physical Higgs scalars

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \\ \eta_3 + v \\ \eta_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G^a = \left(\frac{\tilde{L}^a_v}{m_a} \right)_i \eta_i$$

i.e. $G^1 = \eta_1$ $G^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (G_1 \pm i G_2)$
 $G^2 = \eta_2$ $G^0 = -G^3$
 $G^3 = -\eta_4$

One scalar degree of freedom left: the Higgs boson

$$H^0 = \eta_3$$

Step 3: The physical Higgs mass

Go to the unitary gauge by setting $G^a = 0$. Then,

$$V(H) = -\frac{m^2}{2} (H+v)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} (H+v)^4 \quad \text{where } v^2 = \frac{m^2}{\lambda}$$
$$= \text{constant} + \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} H^4$$

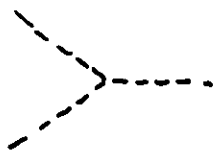
where

$$m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2$$

Unitary gauge Feynman rules

① Scalar interactions

Feynman rules are read off $i\mathcal{L} = -iV + \dots$


$$-(3!)i\lambda v = \frac{-3ig m_H^2}{2m_W}$$


$$-(4!) \frac{i\lambda}{4} = \frac{-3ig^2 m_H^2}{4m_W^2}$$

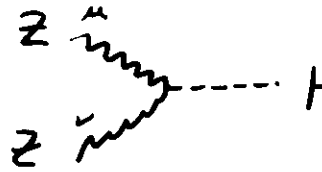
② Scalar-vector interactions

Obtained from $\frac{1}{2}(D_\mu \phi_i)(D^\mu \phi_i)$, with $\phi_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v+H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

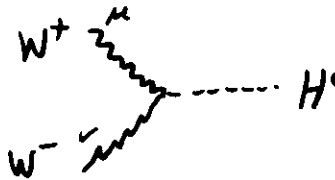
$$D_\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v+H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ - W_\mu^-)(v+H) \\ \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ + W_\mu^-)(v+H) \\ \partial_\mu H \\ -\frac{g}{2\cos\theta_W} Z_\mu(v+H) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(D_\mu \Phi_i)(D^\mu \Phi_i) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu H)^2 + \frac{g^2}{8\cos^2\theta_W}(v^2 + 2vH + H^2) Z_\mu Z^\mu + \frac{1}{4}g^2(v^2 + 2vH + H^2) W_\mu^+ W^{\mu-}$$

which yields $m_W^2 = m_Z^2 \cos^2\theta_W = \frac{1}{4}g^2 v^2$ and:



$$\frac{ig m_Z}{\cos\theta_W} g_{\mu\nu}$$



$$ig m_W g_{\mu\nu}$$



$$\frac{ig^2}{2\cos^2\theta_W} g_{\mu\nu}$$



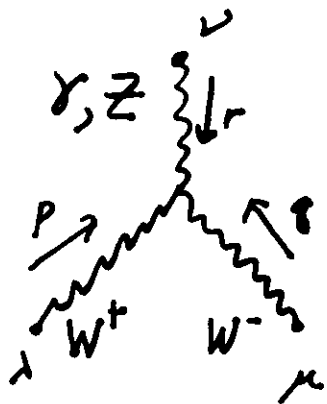
$$\frac{ig^2}{2} g_{\mu\nu}$$

③ Vector boson self-interactions

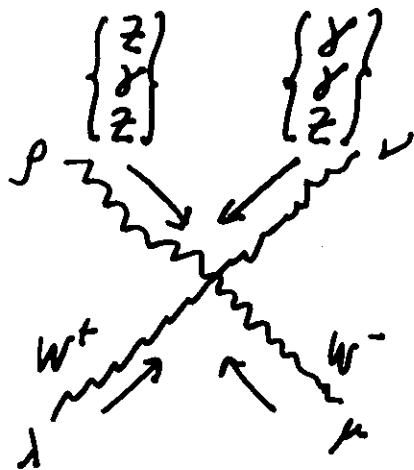
Obtained from

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

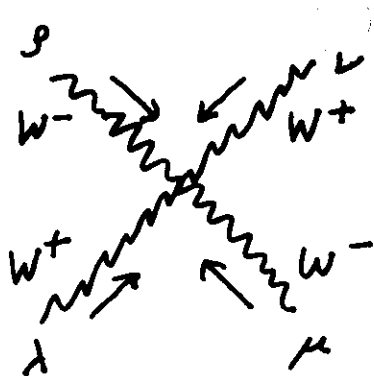
$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a - g \epsilon^{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c$$



$$-i \left\{ \frac{e}{g \cos \theta_w} \right\} [(r-p)_\lambda g_{\lambda\nu} + (r-p)_\nu g_{\lambda\mu} + (p-r)_\mu g_{\nu\lambda}]$$



$$-i \left\{ \begin{array}{l} eg \cos \theta_w \\ e^2 \\ g^2 \cos^2 \theta_w \end{array} \right\} [2g_{\nu\sigma} g_{\mu\lambda} - g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\lambda} - g_{\lambda\nu} g_{\lambda\sigma}]$$



$$ig^2 (2g_{\lambda\nu} g_{\mu\sigma} - g_{\lambda\nu} g_{\lambda\sigma} - g_{\mu\lambda} g_{\nu\sigma})$$