

## § 6.4 Wilson's interpretation of renormalization group

(meaning of running coupling constants II)

Remember that the procedure of renormalization is technically

eg. quantum correction  $\Pi_{\text{ren}(\mu)}^{(1)}(q^2)$  ↙ counter term

$$= \frac{(eQ)^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \, x(1-x) \left\{ \ln \left( \frac{m^2 - x(1-x)q^2}{M_{\text{reg}}^2} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{m^2 + x(1-x)\mu^2}{M_{\text{reg}}^2} \right) \right\}$$

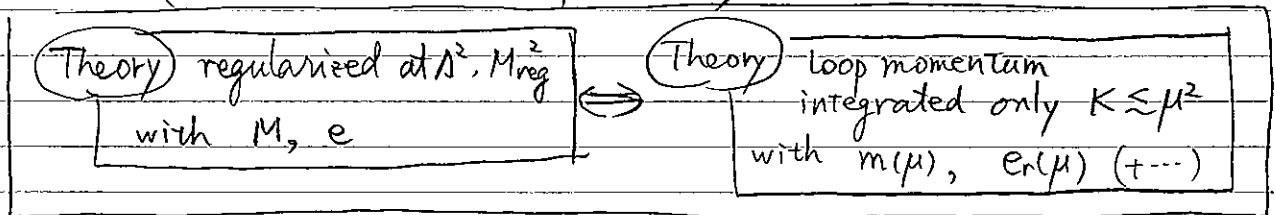
to render a divergent (large log) integral finite  
by removing the near- $M_{\text{reg}}$  contribution.

$$\int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[k^2 - m^2 + x(1-x)q^2]^2} \approx \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dK \, K}{[K + m^2 - x(1-x)q^2]^2}$$

$$\frac{i}{16\pi^2} \int_{m^2, q^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dK}{K} \Rightarrow \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \int_{m^2, q^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dK}{K} - \int_{\mu^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dK}{K} \right\}$$

When renormalization conditions at the energy scale  $\mu$  are employed,  
degrees of freedom with  $\mu^2 \lesssim K$  are virtually not integrated over.

Set  $\mu^2 \gtrsim$  (kinematical invariants of interest).



In path-integral language

$Z[J, K] = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\gamma \, e^{iS[A, \gamma; M, e] + i\int (A \cdot J + \gamma \cdot K)}$ $ k  \leq \Lambda, M_{\text{reg}}$	$\Rightarrow$	$Z[J, K] = \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\gamma \, e^{iS(\mu) + i\int (A \cdot J + K \cdot \gamma)}$ $ k  < \mu$
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If interested only in  $\langle A(p)'s \, \gamma(p)'s \rangle$  with  $p < \mu$  ↙ (low-energy physics)  
 $Z[J(p), K(p)]$  with  $p < \mu$  ↙

OK. to integrate over  $A(k), \gamma(k)$ 's with  $k > \mu$  first.

$S_{(\mu)}$  [A,  $\gamma$ , ...] cannot be the same as  $S$  [A,  $\gamma$ ,  $M$ , e].

★  $\text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} = i(\partial^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu) \Pi(q^2) = \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---}$

$(\mu \lesssim k)$   
 $\&$   
 $(k \lesssim \mu)$

$\text{full. un-ren.}$   
 $-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

$(k \lesssim \mu)$

$(\partial^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu) \Pi$   
 $(\mu \lesssim k)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 short distance contrib.

$$S_{(\mu)} \sim \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} A_\mu \partial^2 A^\mu - \frac{1}{2} A_\mu \partial^2 A^\mu \left( \Pi_{(\mu \lesssim k)} \right) + \dots \right)$$

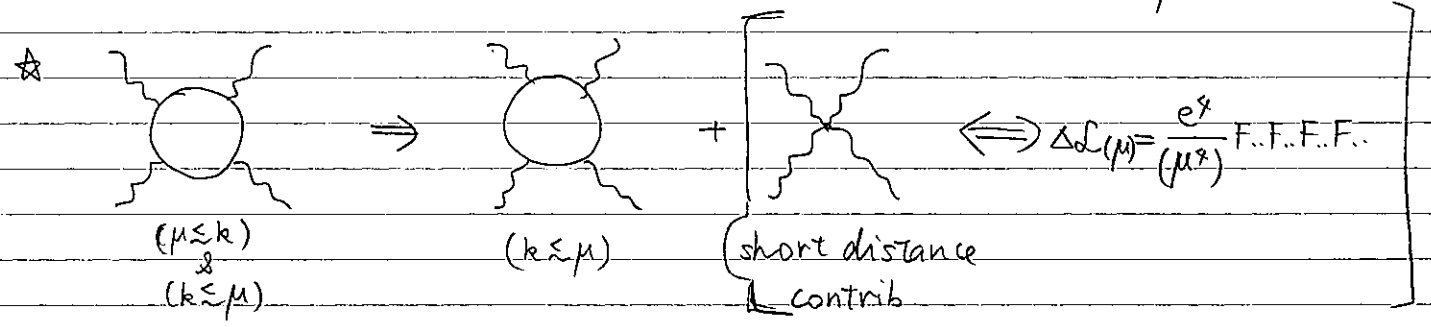
$$=: \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} [A_\mu]_r \partial^2 [A^\mu]_r + \dots$$

This definition of  $[A_\mu]_r$  reproduces the relation

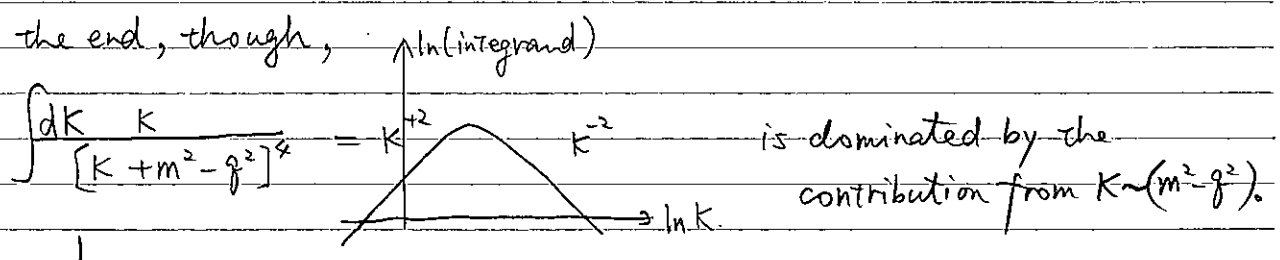
$$[A_\mu]_r = A_\mu \times \sqrt{\underbrace{1 - \Pi_{(\mu \lesssim k)}}_{\text{un-ren.}}} = A_\mu \cdot \sqrt{\underbrace{1 - \Pi(\mu^2)}_{\text{unren.}}} = A_\mu / \sqrt{Z_3(\mu)}$$

renormalized field

as expected.



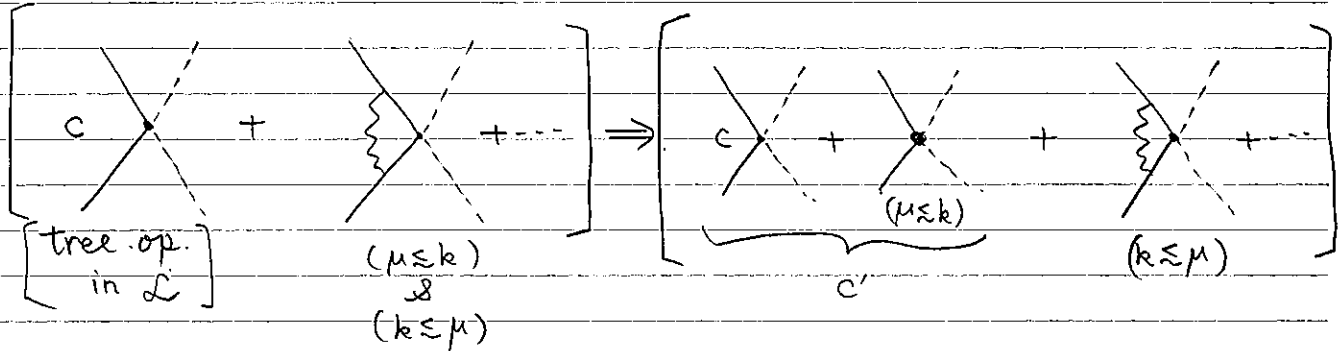
In the end, though,



So, the effective operator  $\Delta \mathcal{L}(\mu)$  is not important when  $m^2, q^2 \ll \mu^2$ .

\* non-renormalizable operator

(eg Majorana neutrino mass  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{M} (\ell\phi)(\ell\phi)$   
 The four-fermi op.  $\mathcal{L} = G_F (\bar{\psi}\Gamma^\mu\psi)(\bar{\psi}\Gamma_\mu\psi)$ )



$$\mathcal{L} \supset c (\bar{\psi}\psi\phi\phi) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mu) \supset c'(\bar{\psi}\psi\phi\phi)$$

$$= \underbrace{c' z_\psi^{(\mu)} z_\phi^{(\mu)}}_{c(\mu)} (\bar{\psi}_r \psi_r \phi_r \phi_r)$$

$c(\mu)$ : logarithmic running

## § 7. Low-energy Effective Theory

Wilson's interpretation. on "renormalization at scale  $\mu$ ."

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{When all the external lines (probes) have momenta } \ll \mu. \\ \text{integrate out all the D.O.F. w/ } k \gtrsim \mu \text{ first!} \\ \text{"(take care of)"} \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow$ 
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{change coupling constant values. (renormalize} \\ \text{coupling constants} \\ \text{additional operators.} \end{array} \right.$ 
  
 (effectively do the job of high mom. mode)

Take one step further.

$\checkmark$  for a massive particle  $\phi$  with  $\mu \ll M_\phi$ .

some  $\mathcal{O}(\phi)$  left. but no on-shell modes for  $k^\mu \ll \mu$ .

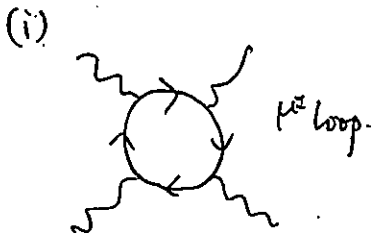
$\rightarrow$  does not come out as an external state.

$\Rightarrow$  integrate out  $\phi$  completely! get it done!

eg. 1 QED w/  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$

$m_e \approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_\mu \approx 105 \text{ MeV}$ .

what if we take  $m_e \ll \mu \ll m_\mu$  ??



carry out this integral completely.

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{2\alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{45 m_\mu^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{7}{16} (F_{\mu\nu} F_{\kappa\lambda} \frac{F^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}}{2})^2 \right\}$$

(ii) photon propagator.  $\frac{e^2}{g^2 (1 - \Pi_{\text{ren}})}$

$$\left( \frac{1 - \Pi_{\text{ren}}^{(g^2)}(E)}{e^2} \right) = \frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)} \left( \frac{E}{\mu} \right) - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \sum_i \ln \left( \frac{m_i^2 - x(1-x)g^2}{m_i^2 + x(1-x)E^2} \right)$$

(cf.  $= \frac{1}{e_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2(E)} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \sum_i \ln \left( \frac{m_i^2 - x(1-x)g^2}{E^2} \right)$ )

scheme dependence.

$$\star \frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)}(E) = \frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)}(E_0) - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \sum_i \ln \left( \frac{m_i^2 + x(1-x)E^2}{m_i^2 + x(1-x)E_0^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial (1/e_{*}^2(\mu))}{\partial \ln(E^2)} = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_i \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \left( \frac{x(1-x)E^2}{m_i^2 + x(1-x)E^2} \right)$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{6} (m_i^2 \ll E^2) \\ \frac{1}{30} \left( \frac{E^2}{m_i^2} \right) (E^2 \ll m_i^2) \end{array} \right\} \ll 1$

$\star$  when  $E \ll m_\mu$ .

$$\frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)}(E) \approx \frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)}(E) - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \left( \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\mu^2 + x(1-x)E^2} \right)$$

$\int_0^1 dx x^2(1-x)^2 = \frac{2}{3!}$

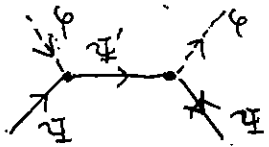
$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1 - \Pi_{\text{ren}}(g^2)}{e^2} \right) \cdot g^2 = g^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{e_{*}^2(\mu)}(E) - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \left( \frac{m_e^2 - x(1-x)g^2}{m_e^2 + x(1-x)E^2} \right) \right\} + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{30} \right) \frac{(g^2)^2}{m_\mu^2} + \dots$$

quantum correction in QED w/  $e^+e^-$  only.

effective operator  $\Delta \mathcal{L} \propto \left( \frac{E^2}{2\pi^2} \right) \frac{1}{30} \frac{1}{m_\mu^2} (F_{\mu\nu} \partial^2 F^{\mu\nu})$

eq. 2 "see-saw mechanism"  $\Leftarrow$  [Weyl fermion (not Dirac fermion) should be used in reality]

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma \cdot D)\Psi + \bar{\Psi}'(i\gamma \cdot D)\Psi' - M \bar{\Psi}'\Psi' + (D^\mu \varphi)^\dagger (D_\mu \varphi) + \lambda \bar{\Psi}'\Psi\varphi + \lambda^* \bar{\Psi}\Psi'\varphi^*$$



at energy scale  $E \ll M$ .  
(incl. momentum transfer)

propagator  $\frac{i(\not{p} + M)}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} \approx -i \frac{M}{M^2} = -\frac{i}{M}$

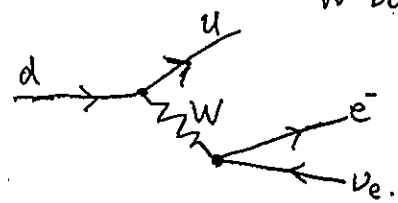
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = iM \sim (i\lambda \cdot i\lambda^*) [\varphi^* \bar{\Psi}] \left(\frac{-i}{M}\right) [\Psi \varphi]$$

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{|\lambda|^2}{M} (\varphi^* \bar{\Psi} \Psi \varphi)$   
in theory w/o  $\Psi'$

reproduce.  
 $\langle \varphi \varphi^* \rangle \sim v^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \Psi_{\text{mass}} \sim \frac{|\lambda|^2 v^2}{M}$   
tiny if  $v \ll M$ .

eq. 3. 4-fermi operator. ( $\beta$ -decay)

at  $E \ll m_W$  W-boson propagator  $\frac{-i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{p^2 - m_W^2} \Rightarrow \frac{i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{m_W^2}$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{g^2}{2} \left[ \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) d \right] \left[ \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) \nu \right] \left(\frac{-g^2}{2m_W^2}\right)$$

$$iM = (-ig) \left[ \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) \nu \right] \frac{-i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{p^2 - m_W^2} (-ig) \left[ \bar{u} \gamma^\nu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) d \right] \frac{1}{2}$$

$\hookrightarrow \approx -i \frac{g^2}{2m_W^2} [\bar{e} \dots \nu]^\dagger [\bar{u} \dots d]_\mu$

in QCD x QE

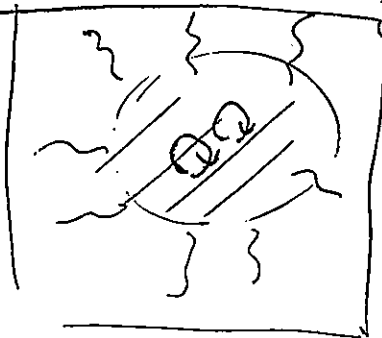
Low-Energy Effective Theory

heavy particles can be integrated out for low energy description.  
couplings renormalized.  
effective operators generated.. no other footprints.

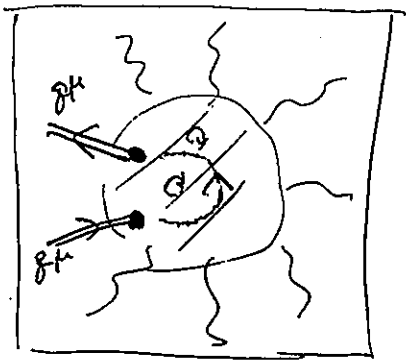
Standard Model is yet another effective theory of some more fund. theory

**§§. Operator Product Expansion.**

Low-energy Eff. Theory  
by carrying out high-loop  
mom. loop first.



[ all ext. mom. are soft. ]



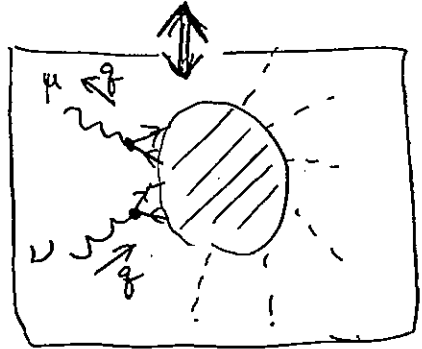
[ all ext. mom. are soft except 2 ]

Two operators combined  $\Rightarrow$  no net momentum flow outside.

Any effective description.

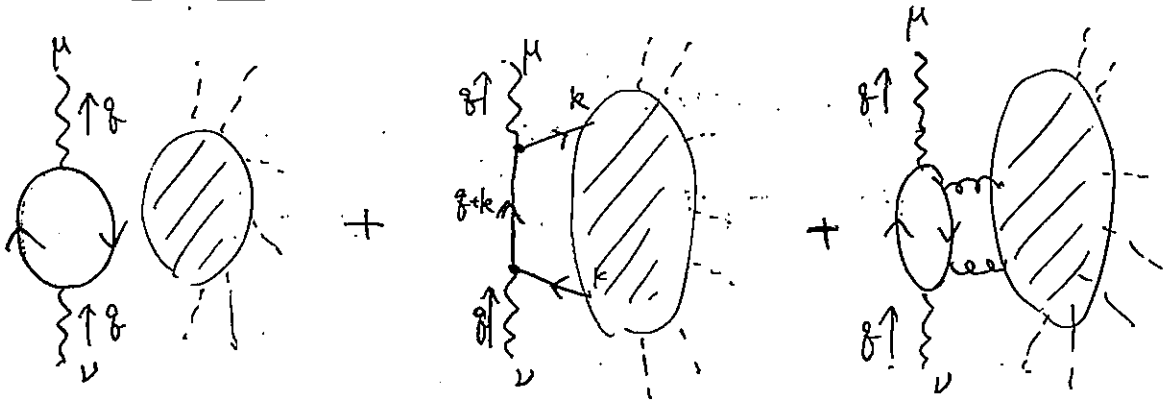
Consider.

$$-e^2 \int \langle \Omega | T \{ \dots J^\mu(x) J^\nu(y) \dots \} | \Omega \rangle e^{i\int \phi} e^{-i\int \psi} \int d^4x d^4y$$



large momentum  $g^\mu$ . ( $g \approx g'$ )  
necessarily flow from  $J^\nu(y)$  to  $J^\mu(x)$ .

set  $\mu$  so that (ext. mom.)  $\ll \mu \ll g^2$ .  
OK. to integrate out  $\mu \approx k$ 's.



$$\int [ie J^\mu(x)] [ie J^\nu(y)] e^{i\phi \cdot x} e^{-i\phi \cdot y} d^4y \quad \text{in } T\{ \dots \}$$

$$= i (\phi^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - \phi^\mu \phi^\nu) \Pi_{\text{ren}}^{(1)}(\phi^2) \cdot e^{i(\phi' - \phi) \cdot x} \quad \mathbb{1}$$

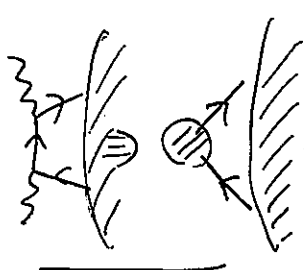
$$+ \int d^4y e^{i\phi' \cdot x} [ie \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu] \underbrace{\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i(\not{\phi} + \not{k} + m) e^{-i(\phi+k) \cdot (x-y)}}{(\phi+k)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}}_{\parallel} [\gamma^\nu \psi(y)] e^{-i\phi \cdot y}$$

(approximation. (or expansion).  $\langle 0 | T \{ \psi_2(x) \bar{\psi}_2(y) \} | 0 \rangle$ . propagator.)

$$\frac{i(\not{\phi} + \not{k} + m)}{(\phi+k)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow \frac{i\not{\phi}}{\phi^2}$$

$$\int d^4y (-ie^2) \frac{\partial \lambda}{\phi^2} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{i(\phi' - \phi - k) \cdot x} e^{i(\phi + k - \phi) \cdot y} [\bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \not{\lambda} \gamma^\nu \psi(y)]$$

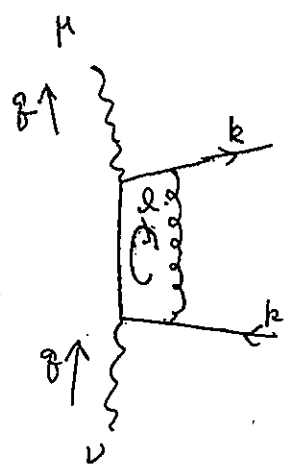
$$\downarrow \left( \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik \cdot (x-y)} = \delta^4(x-y) \right)$$

$$\approx -ie^2 \frac{\partial \lambda}{\phi^2} e^{i(\phi' - \phi) \cdot x} [\bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \not{\lambda} \gamma^\nu \psi(y)]$$


$$= \sum_I C_I(\phi^k) \cdot O_I(x)$$

$k^\mu$ 's: momentum in  $\psi(y)$  or  $\bar{\psi}(x)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \partial_m \psi$  or  $\partial_m \bar{\psi}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  derivative expansion...  $\frac{\partial}{\phi^2}$

Loop correction.



$|\phi| \ll \mu$ : finite integral  
 $\mu \ll \phi$ : log divergence correction.

propagator  $\left[ \frac{i(\not{\phi} + \not{k} + m)}{(\phi+k)^2 - m^2} \right]$

$$C_I(\phi^2; i\partial_S) \mu [O_I(x)]_\mu$$

{ tree + 1-loop }  $\mu < \ell$

only  $k < \mu$ .