

Computation in dimensional regularization

Here, we use dimensional regularization in the computation of one-loop amplitudes in QED.

Let us start from general comments.

Gamma matrices

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = -2\delta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mu\nu} \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = -\delta_{\mu\nu} \delta^{\mu\nu} = -d$$

$$\text{tr}(\text{odd number of } \gamma^\mu\text{'s}) = 0$$

$$\text{tr} 1 = ?$$

$$\text{in } d=4, \text{ tr } 1 = 4$$

$$\text{in a general even } d, \text{ tr } 1 = 2^{d/2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \right\} ?$$

Which one should we take?

We could take any function $f(d)$ st. $f(4) = 4$.

The result depends on the choice, but, as we will see, the dependence disappears after renormalization.

So, for simplicity we take $\text{tr } 1 = 4$.

(We shall comment what will happen for another choice.)

Momentum integrals

We shall encounter momentum integrals of the form

$$I_n(f) = \text{MDR} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{f(k)}{(k^2+m^2)((k-p)^2+\mu^2)^n}$$

$$J_n(f) = \text{MDR} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{f(k)}{((k+q)^2+m^2)(k^2+m^2)(k-p)^{2n}}$$

for a polynomial $f(k)$ of momenta k^μ 's. We use

$$\frac{1}{AB^n} = \int_0^1 \frac{n x^{n-1} dx}{((1-x)A + xB)^{n+1}}$$

$$\frac{1}{ABC^n} = \int_{\triangle} \frac{(n+1)n z^{n-1} dy dz}{((1-y-z)A + yB + zC)^{n+2}}$$

where $\triangle := \{ (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y \geq 0, z \geq 0, y+z \leq 1 \}$

Computation goes as follows

$$\begin{aligned} I_n(f) &= \text{MDR} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^1 \frac{n x^{n-1} dx f(k)}{\underbrace{((1-x)(k^2+m^2) + x((k-p)^2+\mu^2))}^{n+1}} \\ &= \underbrace{(k^2 - 2xp k + xp^2 + (1-x)m^2 + x\mu^2)} \\ &= \underbrace{(k - xp)^2}_{\triangle} + \underbrace{x(1-x)p^2 + (1-2x)m^2 + x\mu^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^1 n x^{n-1} dx M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{f(l+xp)}{(l^2 + \Delta)^{n+1}}$$

- We expand $f(l+xp)$ in l^m 's, drop odd power terms and replace even power terms by a function of l^2

$$\text{e.g. } l^\mu l^\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{d} \delta^{\mu\nu} l^2$$

$$f(l+xp) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(l^2, xp)$$

- Use $\int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} F(l^2) = \frac{\text{Vol}(S^{d-1})}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^\infty l^{d-1} dl F(l^2)$

$$= \frac{\text{Vol}(S^{d-1})}{2(2\pi)^d} \int_0^\infty l^{d-2} dl^2 F(l^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \Gamma(d/2)} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{d}{2}-1} dt F(t)$$

$$= \frac{M_{DR}^{4-d}}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \Gamma(d/2)} \int_0^1 n x^{n-1} dx \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\frac{d}{2}-1} dt \tilde{f}(t, xp)}{(t+\Delta)^{n+1}}$$

We may use $\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{p-1} dt}{(t+\Delta)^{p+q}} = \frac{B(p, q)}{\Delta^q} = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)\Delta^q}$

In this way we find

$$J_n(f) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} dx}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(n+\frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^{n-1}} \hat{f}$$

where $\Delta = x(1-x)p^2 + (1-x)m^2 + x\mu^2$ and

$$\hat{1} = 1, \quad \hat{k}^\mu = x p^\mu$$

$$\widehat{k^\mu k^\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{2n-d} + x^2 p^\mu p^\nu$$

$$\widehat{k^\mu (k-p)^\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{2n-d} - x(1-x) p^\mu p^\nu$$

$$\widehat{(k-p)^\mu (k-p)^\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{2n-d} + (1-x)^2 p^\mu p^\nu$$

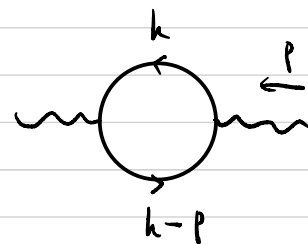
$$J_n(g) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \int_{\triangle} \frac{z^{n-1} dy dz}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(n+\frac{d}{2})}{\Delta^n} \hat{g}$$

where $\Delta = y(1-y)q^2 + z(1-z)p^2 + 2yzqp + (1-z)m^2$ and

$$\hat{1} = 1, \quad \hat{k}^\mu = -y q^\mu + z p^\mu$$

$$\widehat{k^\mu k^\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{2n+2-d} + (-y q^\mu + z p^\mu)(-y q^\nu + z p^\nu)$$

$$\Pi_2^{\mu\nu}(p) = -e^2 M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \text{tr} \left(\gamma^\mu \frac{1}{-k+m} \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{-(k-p)+m} \right)$$



$$= -e^2 M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu (k+m) \gamma^\nu (k-p+m))}{(k^2+m^2)((k-p)^2+m^2)}$$

numerator = $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) m^2 + \text{tr}(\gamma^\mu k \gamma^\nu (k-p))$

- $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) = -\delta^{\mu\nu} \text{tr}(1)$

- $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda) = (\delta^{\mu\rho} \delta^{\nu\lambda} - \delta^{\mu\nu} \delta^{\rho\lambda} + \delta^{\mu\lambda} \delta^{\rho\nu}) \text{tr}(1)$

let us use $\text{tr}(1) = 4$. then

$$= 4 \left(-\delta^{\mu\nu} (m^2 + k \cdot (k-p)) + k^\mu (k-p)^\nu + k^\nu (k-p)^\mu \right)$$

$$= -4e^2 M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{-\delta^{\mu\nu} (m^2 + k \cdot (k-p)) + k^\mu (k-p)^\nu + k^\nu (k-p)^\mu}{(k^2+m^2)((k-p)^2+m^2)}$$

Remark If we replace $\text{tr}(1) = 4 \rightarrow \text{tr}(1) = 2^{d/2} = 4 \cdot 2^{\frac{d}{2}-2}$,

the effect is the same as $M_{DR}^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} M_{DR}^2$.

Since the physics does not depend on the choice of M_{DR} ,

the convention of $\text{tr}(1)$ is irrelevant.

Thus, we find

$$\delta_{\rho\lambda} k^\rho (k^\lambda - p^\lambda)$$

$$\Pi_2^{\mu\nu}(p) = -4e^2 \int_0^1 dx \left(-\delta^{\mu\nu} (m^2 + \overbrace{k \cdot (k-p)}^{\delta_{\rho\lambda} k^\rho (k^\lambda - p^\lambda)}) + k^\mu (k-p)^\nu + k^\nu (k-p)^\mu \right)$$

$$\text{(with } \mu = m; \Delta = x(1-x)p^2 + m^2 \text{)}$$

$$= -\frac{4e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[-\cancel{\delta^{\mu\nu} m^2} - \delta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{\rho\lambda} \left(\delta^{\rho\lambda} \frac{\Delta}{2-d} - x(1-x)p^\rho p^\lambda \right) + 2 \left(\delta^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{2-d} - x(1-x)p^\mu p^\nu \right) \right]$$

$$- \delta^{\mu\nu} d \frac{\Delta}{2-d} + \delta^{\mu\nu} x(1-x)p^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta = \delta^{\mu\nu} (x(1-x)p^2 + m^2)$$

$$= -\frac{4e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[2\delta^{\mu\nu} x(1-x)p^2 - 2x(1-x)p^\mu p^\nu \right]$$


$$= -\frac{8e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) (\delta^{\mu\nu} p^2 - p^\mu p^\nu)$$

$$\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma + \log\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right)$$

$$= (\delta^{\mu\nu} p^2 - p^\mu p^\nu) \Pi_2(p) \quad \text{where}$$

$$\Pi_2(p) = -\frac{8e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma + \log\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{m^2 + x(1-x)p^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right)$$

$$\Sigma_2(p) = -e^2 \mu_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{\cancel{k+m}} \gamma^\nu \left(\frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{(k-p)^2} + (1-\xi) \frac{(k-p)_\mu (k-p)_\nu}{(k-p)^4} \right)$$

$\frac{\cancel{k+m}}{k^2+m^2}$


$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \gamma^\mu (\cancel{k+m}) \gamma_\mu &= \underbrace{\gamma^\mu \cancel{k} \gamma_\mu}_{-2k^\mu} - \cancel{k} \underbrace{\gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu}_{-d} + m \underbrace{\gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu}_{-d} \\ &= (d-2)\cancel{k} - dm \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \cancel{(k-p)} (\cancel{k+m}) \cancel{(k-p)} &= \cancel{(k-p)} (\cancel{k-p} + p + m) \cancel{(k-p)} \\ &= - (k-p)^2 \cancel{(k-p)} + \underbrace{\cancel{(k-p)} p \cancel{(k-p)}}_{-2(k-p) \cdot p} - m (k-p)^2 \\ &\quad - 2(k-p) \cdot p \cancel{(k-p)} + p \cancel{(k-p)}^2 \\ &= (k-p)^2 (-\cancel{k} + 2p - m) - 2(k-p) \cdot p \cancel{(k-p)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^2 \mu_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2+m^2} \left[\frac{-(d-2)\cancel{k} + dm}{(k-p)^2} + (1-\xi) \left(\frac{-\cancel{k} + 2p - m}{(k-p)^2} - \frac{2(k-p) \cdot p \cancel{(k-p)}}{(k-p)^4} \right) \right]$$

$$= e^2 I_1 (-(d-2)\cancel{k} + dm + (1-\xi)(-\cancel{k} + 2p - m))$$

$$+ e^2 I_2 (-2(1-\xi)(k-p)^\mu p_\mu (k-p)^\nu \gamma_\nu)$$

(with $\mu=0$; $\Delta = x(1-x)p^2 + (1-x)m^2$)

$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[-(d-2)x\not{x} + dm + (1-\xi)(-x\not{x} + 2\not{x} - m) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 x dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right)}{\Delta} \left[-2(1-\xi) \not{p}_\mu \not{\gamma}_\nu \left(\delta^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Delta}{4-d} + (1-x)^2 \not{p}^\mu \not{p}^\nu \right) \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} & \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right)}{\Delta} \frac{2\Delta}{4-d} = \left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \frac{2}{4-d} = \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \\ & \therefore \text{A part of the second line joins into the first line} \\ & \text{as} \quad \dots \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[2x(- (1-\xi)\not{x}) \right] \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \left\{ \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[-(d-2)x\not{x} + dm + (1-\xi)(-2x\not{x} + 2\not{x} - m) \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right)}{\Delta} \left[-2(1-\xi) \not{p}^2 x(1-x)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} & \cdot \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right)(d-2) = \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right)(2-2\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right)) \\ & \quad = \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \cdot 2 + \Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right) \cdot (-2) \\ & \cdot \frac{x(1-x)^2 p^2}{\Delta} = \frac{(1-x)x p^2}{m^2 + x p^2} = 1-x - \frac{(1-x)m^2}{m^2 + x p^2} \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \left\{ \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[-2x\cancel{\not{x}} + dm + (1-\zeta) \overbrace{(-2x\cancel{\not{x}} + 2\cancel{\not{x}} - m)}^{2(1-x)\cancel{\not{x}}} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right) \left[2x\cancel{\not{x}} - 2(1-\zeta)(1-x)\cancel{\not{x}} + 2(1-\zeta) \frac{(1-x)m^2}{m^2+xp^2} \right] \right\}$$

$$= A_2(p^2) \cancel{\not{x}} + B_2(p^2) m \quad \text{where}$$

$$A_2(p^2) = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \left\{ \left(\Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) - \Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right) \right) (-2x + 2(1-\zeta)(1-x)) \right. \\ \left. + \Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right) 2(1-\zeta) \frac{(1-x)m^2}{m^2+xp^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left[\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma - 1 + \log\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta}\right) \right) (-2x + 2(1-\zeta)(1-x)) \right. \\ \left. + 2(1-\zeta) \frac{(1-x)m^2}{m^2+xp^2} + O(\epsilon) \right]$$

$$B_2(p^2) = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) (d+\zeta-1)$$

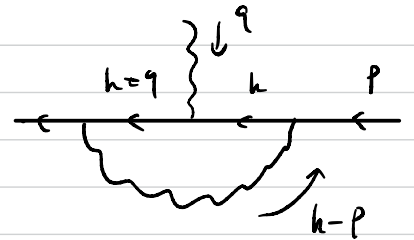
$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 dx \left[\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma + \log\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta}\right) \right) (3+\zeta) - 2 + O(\epsilon) \right]$$

For $\Gamma_2^M(p, q)$, I am confident to make mistakes for $\xi \neq 1$.

Thus, I do the computation only for $\xi = 1$.

$$\Gamma_2^M(p, q) = e^2 M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \gamma^\rho \frac{1}{-(k+q)+m} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{-k+m} \gamma^\lambda \frac{\delta_{\rho\lambda}}{(k-p)^2}$$

$$= e^2 M_{DR}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\gamma^\rho (k+q+m) \gamma^\mu (k+m) \gamma^\rho}{((k+q)^2+m^2)(k^2+m^2)(k-p)^2}$$



$$\gamma^\rho \gamma^\mu \gamma_\rho = \underbrace{\{\gamma^\rho, \gamma^\mu\}}_{-2\delta^{\rho\mu}} \gamma_\rho - \underbrace{\gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho \gamma_\rho}_{-d} = 2\gamma^\mu + (d-4)\gamma^\mu$$

$$\gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma_\rho = \underbrace{\{\gamma^\rho, \gamma^\nu\}}_{-2\delta^{\rho\nu}} \gamma^\mu \gamma_\rho - \gamma^\nu \underbrace{\{\gamma^\rho, \gamma^\mu\}}_{-2\delta^{\rho\mu}} \gamma_\rho + \gamma^\nu \underbrace{\gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho \gamma_\rho}_{-d}$$

$$= -2\delta^{\rho\nu} \gamma^\mu \gamma_\rho + 2\delta^{\rho\mu} \gamma^\nu \gamma_\rho - d\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu$$

$$= -2\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + (2-d)\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 4\delta^{\mu\nu} - (d-4)\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu$$

$$\gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\rho = \gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \underbrace{\{\gamma_\rho, \gamma^\sigma\}}_{-2\delta_\rho^\sigma} - \underbrace{\gamma^\rho \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma_\rho}_{4\delta^{\mu\nu} - (d-4)\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu} \gamma^\sigma$$

$$= -2\gamma^\sigma \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu - 4\delta^{\mu\nu} \gamma^\sigma + (d-4)\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma^\sigma$$

$$= 2\gamma^\sigma \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + (d-4)\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu \gamma^\sigma$$

$$\therefore \text{numerator} = 2 \left[k \cancel{r^n} + 2m(2k+q)^m + m^2 \gamma^m + \frac{d-4}{2} (\cancel{k+q}-m) \gamma^m (k-m) \right]$$

$$\Gamma_2^m(p, q) = 2e^2 J_1 \left(k \cancel{r^n} + 2m(2k+q)^m + m^2 \gamma^m + \frac{d-4}{2} (\cancel{k+q}-m) \gamma^m (k-m) \right)$$

$$= \frac{2e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_{\triangle} dy dz \left(\frac{4\pi m^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(3-\frac{d}{2})}{\Delta} \left[\right.$$

$$\gamma_\rho \gamma^m \gamma_\lambda \left(\frac{\delta^{\rho\lambda} \Delta}{4-d} + (-yq+zp)^{\rho} ((1-y)q+zp)^{\lambda} + \frac{d-4}{2} \left(\frac{\delta^{\rho\lambda} \Delta}{4-d} \right) \right) + 2m \left(2(-yq+zp) + q \right)^m + m^2 \gamma^m \left. \right] + O(d-4)$$

$$\left(\text{where } \Delta = y(1-y)q^2 + z(1-z)p^2 + 2yzqp + (1-z)m^2 \right)$$

$$\cdot \gamma_\rho \gamma^m \gamma_\lambda \left(\frac{\delta^{\rho\lambda} \Delta}{4-d} + \frac{d-4}{2} \frac{\delta^{\rho\lambda} \Delta}{4-d} \right) = \underbrace{\gamma_\rho \gamma^m \gamma_\rho}_{2\gamma^m + (d-4)\gamma^m} \left(\frac{1}{4-d} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \Delta$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{4-d} - 2 \right) \gamma^m \Delta + O(d-4)$$

$$\cdot \text{Use } \frac{\Gamma(3-\frac{d}{2})}{\Delta} \frac{2\Delta}{4-d} = \Gamma(2-\frac{d}{2}) \text{ again.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_{\triangle} dy dz \left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta} \right)^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \left\{ \Gamma\left(2-\frac{d}{2}\right) \gamma^M - 2 \Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right) \gamma^M \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\Gamma\left(3-\frac{d}{2}\right)}{\Delta} \left[\begin{aligned} &(-yq+zp)\gamma^m((1-y)q+zp) \\ &+ 2m(2(-yq+zp)+q)^m + m^2 \gamma^m \end{aligned} \right] \right\} + O(d-4)
\end{aligned}$$

∴ X^m

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \int_{\triangle} dy dz \left[\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma - 2 + \log\left(\frac{4\pi M_{DR}^2}{\Delta}\right) \right) \gamma^M + \frac{X^m}{\Delta} \right] \\
&\quad + O(\epsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

After renormalization, either "on shell" or "another (μ)", all the results from dimensional regularization match with those from the Pauli-Villars regularization.