

# Gravity from the viewpoint of local fields

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- ▶ Leads to an identification of  $\beta$ -functions and anomalous dimensions, and lifts the Birkhoff decomposition  $\Phi_R = S_R^\Phi \star \Phi$  to diffeomorphisms of physical parameters.

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$$\Delta B_+^{r;j}(X) = B_+^{r;j}(X) \otimes 1 + (id \otimes B_+^{r;j})\Delta(X). \quad (11)$$

Implies locality of counterterms upon application of Feynman rules.

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- ▶ Ideals for Slavnov–Taylor ids generated by equality of renormalized charges, also for the master equation in Batalin-Vilkovisky (see Walter van Suijlekom's work)

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$$\Rightarrow c_j = \frac{1}{j!} \underbrace{\sigma \otimes \cdots \otimes \sigma}_{j \text{ times}} \Delta^{j-1}, j \geq 1 \quad (16)$$

where  $\sigma = \Phi^R \circ S \star Y \leftrightarrow \gamma_k \equiv \gamma_k(\gamma_1)$ .

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$$G^R(\{g\}, \ln s, \{\Theta\}) = 1 \pm \Phi_{\ln s, \{\Theta\}}^R(X^r(\{g\})) \quad (18)$$

with  $X^r = 1 \pm \sum_j g^j B_+^{r,j}(X^r Q^j(g))$ ,  $bB_+^{r,j} = 0$ . Also,

$$G^r = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma_j(\{g\}, \{\Theta\}) \ln^j s \right] + \underbrace{G_0^r}_{\text{abelian factor}} \quad (19)$$

Then, for MOM and similar schemes (not MS!):

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$$\left( \partial_L + \beta(g) \partial_g - \sum_{e \text{ adj } r} \gamma_1^e \right) G^r(g, L) = 0 \quad (21)$$

rewrites in terms of the Dynkin operator

( $\gamma_1^r(g) = S \star Y(X^r(g))$ ):

$$\gamma_k^r(g) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \gamma_1^r(g) - \sum_{j \in R} s_j \gamma_1^j g \partial_g \right) \gamma_{k-1}^r(g) \quad (22)$$

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 $\beta(g) = g\gamma_1(g)/2$  for  $\gamma_1$  anomalous dim of gauge propagator

$$\gamma_1(g) = \overbrace{P(g)}^{\text{existence assumed}} - \gamma_1(g)(1 - g\partial_g)\gamma_1(g) \quad (25)$$

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differentiable

$$\gamma_1(x_0) = \gamma_0 > 0$$

different solutions

distinguished by  $e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$

behaviour

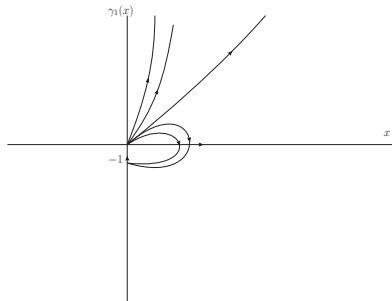
$$\frac{d\gamma_1}{dx} = \gamma_1 - \gamma_1^2 - P,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dL} = x\gamma_1$$

$$L = \int_{x_0}^{x(L)} \frac{dz}{z\gamma_1(z)}$$

- ▶ **separatrix exists and might have no Landau pole:**

$$D(P) = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{P(z)dz}{z^3} < \infty, \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{2dz}{z\sqrt{1+4P(z)-1}} < \infty$$



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$P(g)$  twice differentiable  
and concave near 0

unique solution which

flows into  $(0, 0)$  at large  $Q^2$

$$L = \int_{g_0}^{g(L)} \frac{dz}{z\gamma_1(z)} \rightarrow$$

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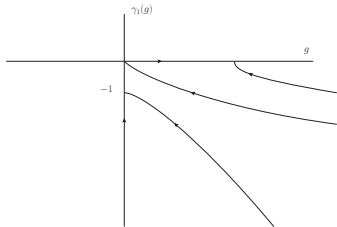
$$L_\Lambda = \ln Q^2 / \Lambda_{QCD}$$

$$f_{disp}(Q^2) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\Im(f(\sigma))d\sigma}{\sigma + Q^2 - i\eta}$$

and ODE

- ▶ separatrix exists and gives asymptotic free solution, with finite mass gap for inverse propagator iff  $\gamma_1(x) < -1$  for some  $x > 0$ .

$|D(P)| < \infty \rightarrow \gamma_1(x) \sim sx, x \rightarrow \infty$ . That allows for dispersive methods as introduced by Shirkov et.al. in field theory.



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- ▶ It also determines a column vector  $v = v(F_\Gamma)$  and a nilpotent matrix  $(N) = (N(|F_\Gamma|))$ ,  $(N)^{k+1} = 0$ ,  $k = \text{corad}(\Gamma)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (e^{-\ln t(N)}) \Phi_R(v(F_\Gamma)) = (c_1^\Gamma(\Theta) \ln s, c_2^\Gamma(\Theta), c_k^\Gamma(\Theta) \ln^k s)^T \quad (27)$$

where  $k$  is determined from the co-radical filtration and  $t$  is a regulator say for the lower boundary in the parametric representation.

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See identification of zig-zag graphs by Dzmitri Doryn.  
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