

Lecture 6

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Lagrangian of Yang-Mills Theory

- For YM Theory one requires an invariance with respect to a local gauge $SU(N)$ transformation
- This can be generalised for any other Non-Abelian Theory.
- Back to QED
Local gauge transformation invariance is restored by generalising ∂_μ to the covariant derivative $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igA_\mu$

and considering $U(1)$ transformations

$$U(1) = e^{i\omega(x)}$$

- Consider Particles ^(spin = 1/2) that have N components $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N \end{pmatrix}$
(Note that each ψ_i is a Dirac Bispinor)

- How to include interaction that can mix these components
For this we need some $(N \times N)$ matrix
then $\bar{\psi} \hat{F} \psi = \bar{\psi}' \psi'$

where ψ' - result of mixing the N -components of ψ

But according to the discussion of the previous lecture only $\sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} A_\mu^a(x) t^a$

Thus the interaction will have

a structure $\bar{\psi} g A_\mu^a(x) t^a \psi$

where g is some universal constant for all N components

- D_μ for YM Theory will become

$$D_\mu^{ij} = \partial_\mu \delta^{ij} + ig \sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} A_\mu^a(x) (t^a)^{ij}$$

- The Part of the Lagrange

Density for ψ will be

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\psi_A} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_c} \bar{\psi}_{\beta,i} \left(i \gamma^\mu \right)_{\beta\alpha} D_{\mu,ij} \psi_{\alpha,i} - m \delta_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{ij} \bar{\psi}_{\beta,i} \psi_{\alpha,i}$$

- if there is f -flavors of ψ then

one obtains

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi_A} = \sum_f \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^4 \bar{\psi}_{f,\beta,i} \left[i \left(\gamma^\mu \right)_{\beta\alpha} D_{\mu,ij}^{(A)} - m \delta_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{ij} \right] \psi_{f,\alpha,i}$$

- To obtain the Full Lagrangian one needs to add tensor
- Due to the interacting field

$$A^\mu \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu a}$$

(recall in QED $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$)

$$-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mu, \nu=0}^3 \sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} F_{\mu\nu a} F_{\mu\nu a}$$

- Need to figure out $F_{\mu\nu a}$

- Consider the Local Gauge Invariance for

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi A} \text{ with respect to } \psi' = e^{i\omega_a t_a} \psi$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\psi A} = \overline{\psi}_{\beta j} e^{-i\omega_b t_b} \left(i\gamma_{\beta\alpha}^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig A_{\mu a}^\alpha) e^{i\omega_c t_c} \psi \right)$$

$$- \overline{\psi}_{\beta j} m \delta_{\beta\alpha} \delta_{ji} \psi_{\alpha i} \rightarrow \text{OK}$$

- Consider $e^{i\omega_c t_c} \psi = (1 + i\omega_c t_c) \psi$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\psi A} = \overline{\psi}_{\beta j} S^\dagger \left(i\gamma_{\beta\alpha}^\mu \left(\partial_\mu + i\omega_c t_c \right) \right) \psi + S \partial_\mu \psi$$

Not invariant, this term is a problem

— to cancel this term one needs different gauge transformations for the

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\nu \omega + f^{abc} \omega_a A_b^\mu \omega_c$$

(3)

— the (3) term will result in

$$= \bar{\psi}_{\beta i} \left(i \gamma^\mu (S D_\mu \psi - i g A_a^\mu \omega_b f_{abc} \omega_c \psi - i g \omega_a A_b^\mu f_{abc} \omega_c \psi) \right)$$

$$= \bar{\psi}_{\beta i} (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m \delta_{\beta i}) \psi_i$$

⇒ Thus To have \mathcal{L}_A invariant one needs a transformation

$$\psi' \Rightarrow S \psi = e^{i \omega_a(x) t_a} \psi$$

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$$A^\mu \Rightarrow A^\mu - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\nu \omega_a - f_{abc} \omega_b A_c^\mu \omega_a$$

(5)

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⇒ Now one needs to define $F_a^{\mu\nu}$ such that it is invariant with respect to the gauge transformation

- In QED $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

- Assuming same for QCD

$$F_a^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_a^\nu - \partial_\nu A_a^\mu$$

$$F_a^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_a^\nu - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu w_a - f^{abc} \partial_\mu (w_b A_c^\nu)$$

$$- \partial_\nu A_a^\mu + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\nu \partial_\mu w_a + f^{abc} \partial_\nu (w_b A_c^\mu)$$

$$= \partial_\mu A_a^\nu - \partial_\nu A_a^\mu - f^{abc} \partial_\mu (w_b A_c^\nu)$$

$$+ f^{abc} \partial_\nu (w_b A_c^\mu)$$

- Not invariant

- Gauge Invariance of Gluonic Part of the Lagrangian

Need to prove that

④ $-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a}$ is invariant

with respect to the local Gauge transformation which is a unitary transformation

- We can write $F_{\mu\nu}^a$ in the

form $-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^a t^a \cdot F_{\mu\nu}^b t^b = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}$

using the relation $\text{Tr} t^a t^b = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{ab}$

- as it follows from eq (2.2) transformation of the quark field is unitary transformation

by $S_U = e^{i\omega^a t^a}$

- $F_{\mu\nu}^a$ also can be expressed through

S in the form

$F_{\mu\nu}^a = -i g (S^{-1} \partial_\mu S \partial_\nu S^{-1} - S^{-1} \partial_\nu S \partial_\mu S^{-1})$

$$A'_\mu(x) = S(x) A_\mu(x) S^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu S(x) S^{-1}(x)$$

- After this the Gauge invariance of the pure gluonic field means

$$F'_{\mu\nu} = S F_{\mu\nu} S^{-1}$$

- In this case the kinetic energy part will be invariant

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \hat{F}'_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}'^{\mu\nu} &\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} S \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} S^{-1} S F^{\mu\nu} S^{-1} \\ &= \text{Tr} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$