

# large $N_c$

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Notice I will neglect many sidelines in this of course.

Step 1  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

Step 2  $SU(N_c) \rightarrow U(N_c)$

$$\sum_a T_{ij}^a T_{kl}^a = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \frac{1}{N_c} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \right)$$

The extra  $U(1)$  part is  $1/N_c$  suppressed

Step 3: What to keep in QCD

$$\mu \frac{dg_s}{d\mu} = -b_0 \frac{g_s^3}{16\pi^2} + \dots \quad b_0 = \frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{2}{3} \frac{N_f}{F}$$

So:  $N_F$  becomes less important: gluons dominate 2

So we choose as limit:  $g_s = \frac{g}{\sqrt{N_c}}$  and keep  $g$  constant

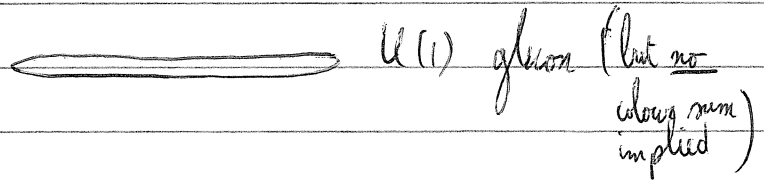
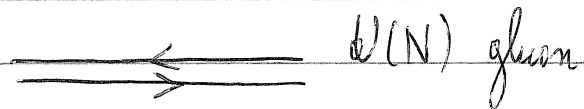
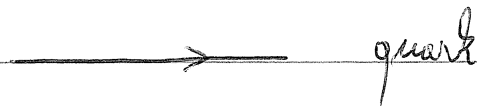
We now formally "add" and "subtract" a  $U(1)$  gauge boson.

So  $A_\mu$  becomes a full  $N \times N$  hermitian matrix

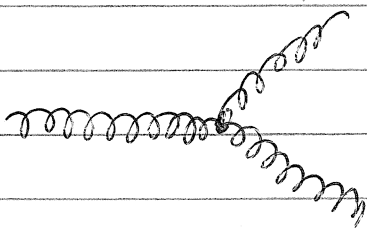
Note the  $U(1)$  does **not** have self interactions, these always come with commutators.

All self interactions are ~~double~~ <sup>single</sup> traces so use a double line notation

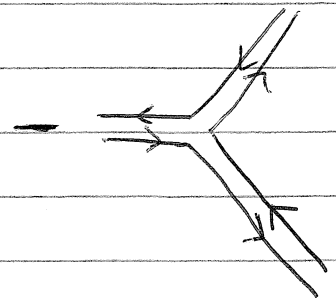
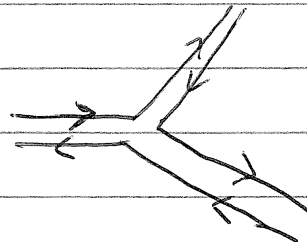
$$\bar{q}^{\bar{\alpha}} \quad A_{\alpha}^{\beta} \quad q_{\beta}$$



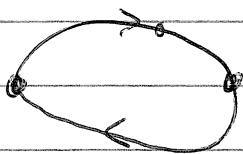
3 vertex  $g_s \partial_\mu A_\nu [A_\mu, A_\nu]$



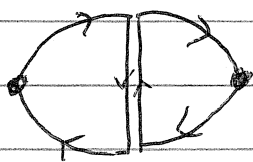
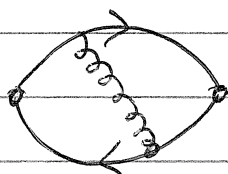
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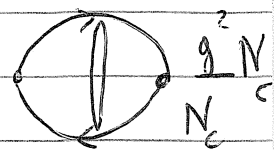
$\langle T(\bar{q}_1^{\alpha} q_1(x) \bar{q}_2^{\beta} q_2(0)) \rangle$  and let's do an expansion for this



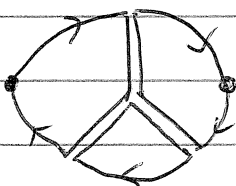
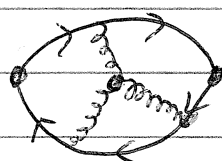
$$N_c$$



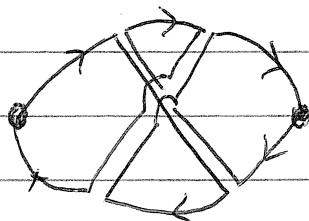
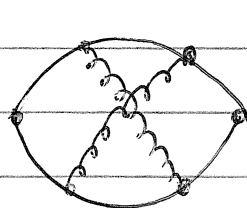
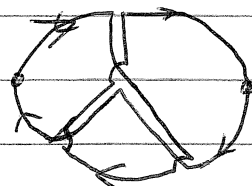
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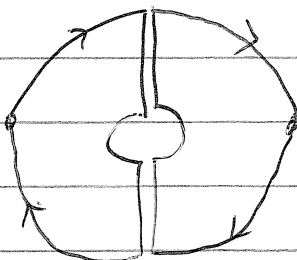
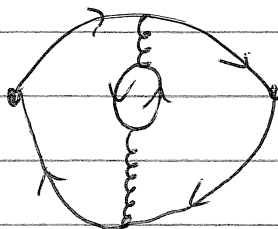
$$\frac{g^4}{N_c^2} N_c^3 = N_c$$



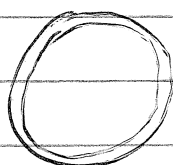
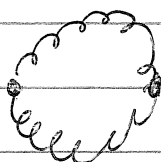
$$\frac{g^4}{N_c^2} N_c = \frac{1}{N_c}$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Planar graphs are leading



$$\frac{g^4}{N_c^2} N_c^2 = 1$$



$$N_c^2$$

So a graph is

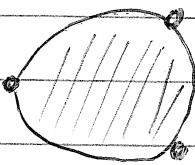
$$N^a: a = 2 - \# \text{ holes} - 2 \# \text{ handles}$$

$\Rightarrow$  similar to string theory / dual model results.

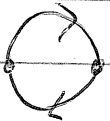
Confinement assumed



$\Rightarrow$  meson propagator  $\alpha(1)$  meson operator is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \bar{q}_1^d q_{2d}$

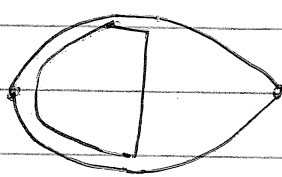
$\Rightarrow$  meson vertex   $\sim \frac{1}{(\sqrt{N_c})^3} N_c \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}$

goes to zero in large  $N_c$  limit

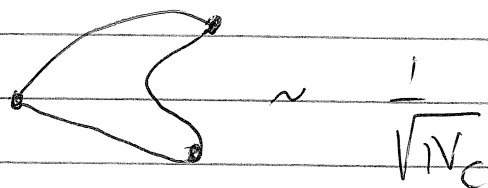
$\Rightarrow$    $\sim \ln q^2 \sim \sum_i \frac{f_i}{q^2 - m_i^2}$

$\Rightarrow$   $\infty$  number of mesons

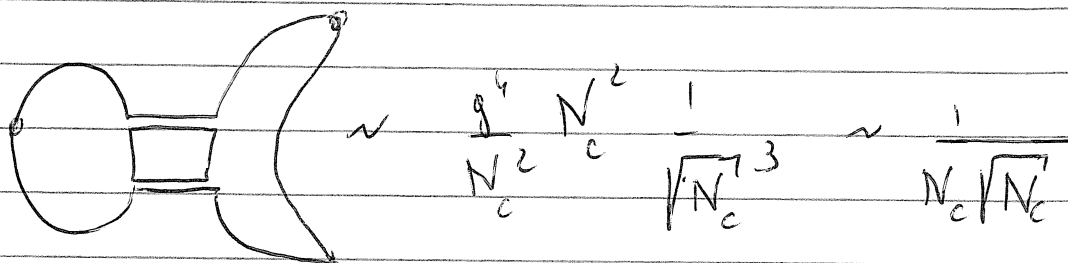
$\Rightarrow$  glueballs:  $\infty$  number  $\frac{1}{N_c} G G$

  $\frac{g^2 N_c^2}{N_c} \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{N_c}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}$  glueballs / quark meson mixing suppressed

Zweig's rule automatically follows


$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}$$

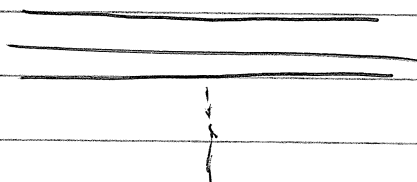
but


$$\sim \frac{g_c^4 N_c^2}{N_c^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}^3} \sim \frac{1}{N_c \sqrt{N_c}}$$

Baryons are more complicated

$N_c$  quarks

$$\sim \epsilon^{d_1 \dots d_{N_c}} q_{d_1} \dots q_{d_{N_c}}$$



$$m_B \sim N_c m + \sum_{i \neq j} V(x_i - x_j) + \dots$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{N_c^2 \times \frac{g^2}{N_c} \text{ also order } N_c}$$

→ Hartree approximation is exact in large  $N$  limit (Witten)

Baryon Mass is  $\sqrt{N_c}$

Baryon-Baryon is  $N$

$BMB^*$  is  $\sqrt{N}$

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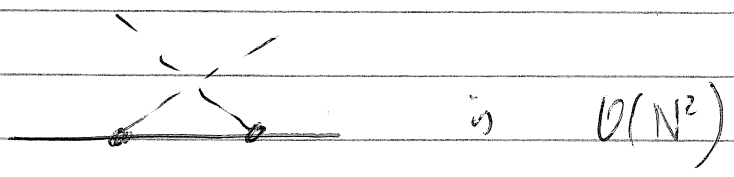
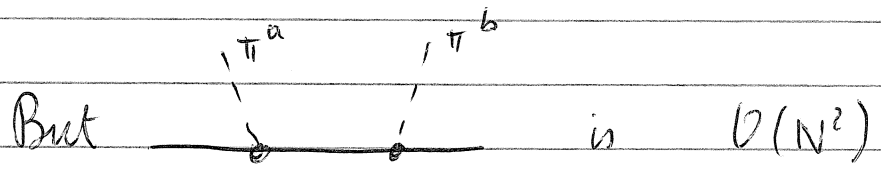
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axial coupling:  $f_{\pi} \sim \sqrt{N}$

$\Rightarrow \langle B | \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 T^a q | B \rangle = g N \langle B | X^{ia} | B \rangle$

$\frac{\partial \pi^a}{f_{\pi}} \langle B | \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 T^a q | B \rangle$  is  $\pi$  baryon coupling

$\pi B \rightarrow \pi B$  is Order  $N$



$\Rightarrow [X^{ia}, X^{ib}] = 0$

$[J^i, X^{jb}] = i \epsilon_{ijk} X^{kb}$  usual spin

$[T^a, X^{jb}] = i f_{abc} X^{jc}$  usual flavor

$\Rightarrow$  almost on  $SU(2N_F)$ :  $J^i, T^a, G^{ia}$

$[G^{ia}, G^{jb}] = \frac{i}{2N_F} \epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ab} J^k + \frac{i}{9} f_{abc} \delta_{ij} T^c + \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} d_{abc} G^{kc}$

$X^{ia} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{G^{ia}}{N} \right)$

Lie algebra contraction - Gervais-Solita - Dahan-Mandor

## The unitarity triangle

This is an overview of where the different elements of the <sup>Caliblo</sup> Kobayashi-Maskawa mixing matrix are determined.

Discussions of the difficulties that appear in each of the various processes and the errors appear later when we talk about semi-leptonic and non-leptonic decays.

As shown in section 1 we have a mixing matrix with a non-trivial phase. This can be seen in a parametrisation invariant way by looking at the Jarlskog determinant

$$\det [M_u, M_D] = \Delta_1^2 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4 \Delta_5 \Delta_6 \Delta_7 \Delta_8 \prod_{\text{all pairs } i, j} (m_{u_i} - m_{u_j})(m_{d_i} - m_{d_j})$$

so no CP violation if:

$$\Delta_8 = 0, \quad \Delta_i = 0 \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ for one } i$$

or 2 up or 2 down masses or equal (in the latter case we cannot determine one of the mixing angles  $\Rightarrow$  can be set  $= 0$  or  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ).

For more than 3 generations it is sufficient if this condition is satisfied for any one of the  $3 \times 3$  submixings.



$$V_{ud} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \\ \beta \text{ decay of nuclei} \end{array} \right\} 0.9736 \pm 0.0010$$

$$V_{us} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{hyperon } \beta \text{ decay} \\ K \rightarrow \pi l \nu \end{array} \right\} 0.2205 \pm 0.0018$$

This gives a first constraint from Unitarity :

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |V_{ub}| \leq .055$$

$$V_{cd} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{charm production in neutrino scattering} \\ \text{unitarity} \Rightarrow |V_{us}| \end{array} \right\} .224 \pm .017$$

$$V_{cs} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} c \rightarrow s \text{ decays or charm production of} \\ \text{the strange sea in neutrino scattering} \end{array} \right\} (1.01 \pm 0.18)$$

$$V_{ub} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} b \rightarrow u \text{ charmless B decays} \\ |V_{ub}/V_{cb}| \approx .08 \pm 0.02 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$V_{cb} \quad : \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{B lifetime similar unitarity bound to } |V_{ub}|; \text{ notice that} \\ \text{in this case the bound is almost saturated.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$|V_{cb}| \approx 0.041 \pm 0.003$$

$$V_{tb} \quad : \quad \text{in principle in top decays} \quad t \rightarrow b W^+$$

on  $V_{td}$  and  $V_{ts}$  in the near future there will only be indirect constraints

So how does unitarity work:

$V_{ud}$ ,  $V_{us}$  &  $|V_{ub}|, |V_{cb}|$  experimentally well bound

$\Rightarrow$  this determines essentially  $V_{cd}$  and  $V_{cs}$  and  $V_{tb}$

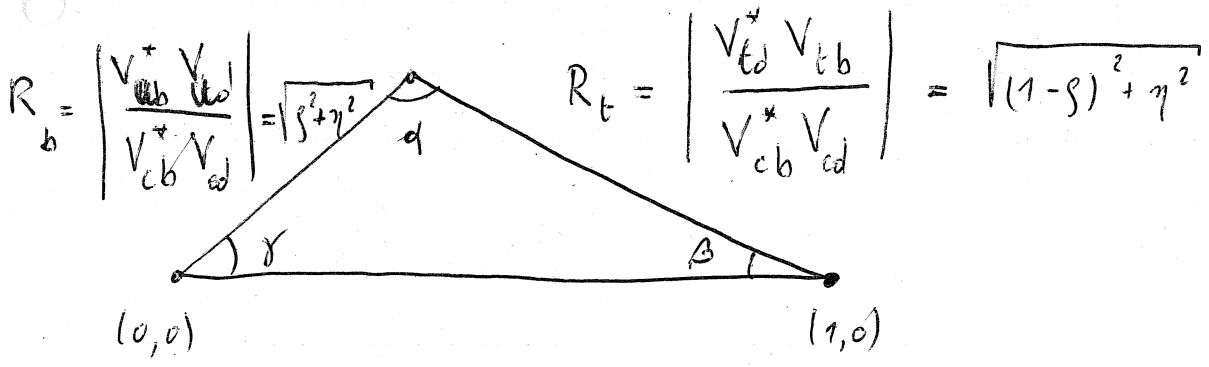
$|V_{td}|$  and  $V_{ts}$  also constrained.

Experimentally only the phase  $\delta$  is little determined: need CP-violating observables.

in Wolfenstein :  $\lambda$  from  $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$   
 A from  $b \rightarrow c$   
 $\sqrt{s^2 + \eta^2}$  from  $b \rightarrow u$

$$\begin{matrix}
 V_{ud}^* & V_{ub} & + & V_{cd}^* & V_{cb} & + & V_{td}^* & V_{tb} & = & 0 & \text{is the unitarity} & (*) \\
 \parallel & & & \parallel & & & \parallel & & & & \text{triangle.} \\
 1-\lambda^2 & & & -\lambda & & & 1 & & & & 
 \end{matrix}$$

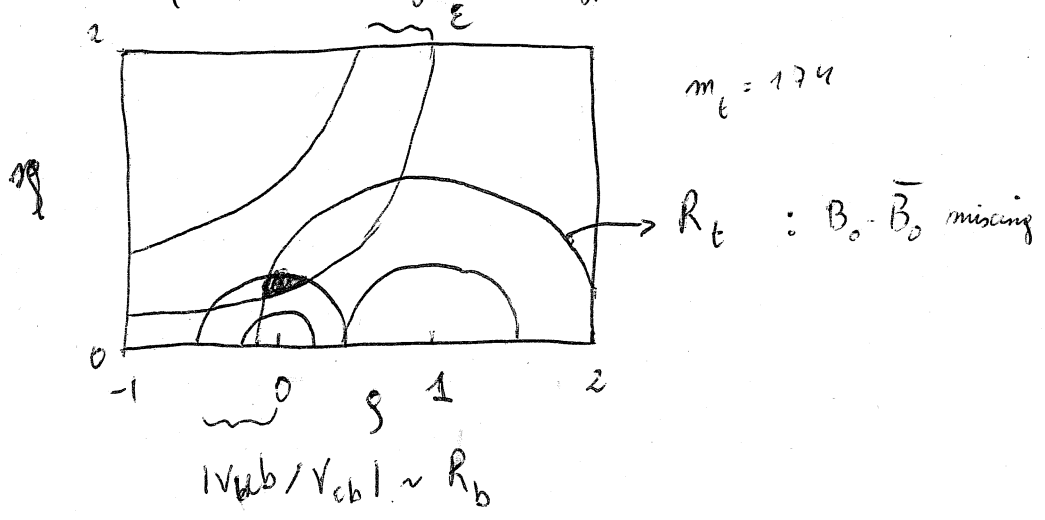
or a sum of 3 complex numbers vanishes  $\Rightarrow$  the form a closed triangle in the complex plane



notice that all terms in (\*) are order  $\lambda^3$ .

The length of the sides can in principle be measured from non CP. violating quantities.

A 3rd constraint comes from any CP. violating quantity (no for only  $\epsilon \neq 0$ )  
 $\text{Im } |V_{td}|^2 \propto \eta(1-s)$  so gives a hyperbolic constraint



# Effective field theory / Matching

A fundamental field theory

- renormalisable: to have predictions at all orders
- well defined
- expansions are typically in small coupling constants

An effective field theory:

- can be nonrenormalisable
- calculational tool and/or because we cannot do better
- degrees of freedom can be very different from underlying theory
- folk theorem by Weinberg
- field redefinitions can make theories look very different
- expansions can be in other quantities than coupling constants
- power counting
- using dimensions in constructing effective Lagrangians

Matching: • integrating out (often in principle, not in practice)

- best way: calculate observables in both theories
- put equal  $\Rightarrow$  match parameters in both theories  
(remember limits here!)

- examples: • QCD  $n_f \leftrightarrow n_f - 1$  quarks: thresholds
- W. exchange versus fermi interaction  
(even at one loop)
- linear versus nonlinear sigma model
- QED  $\leftrightarrow$  HQET

# The meaning of loops and renormalization in effective theories

In this part I will first give a heuristic description of the meaning of loops in nonrenormalizable theories. I will explain this difference using the example of an effective theory with quarks only and an underlying theory with quarks and W-bosons. Since here I want to show how to deal with the infinite parts I will not explicitly calculate diagrams nor introduce complications like GIM-mechanism, real mixing angles, QCD corrections, ...

The decay of an s-quark is given by



This is given by the amplitude:

$$[\bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) u] [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma_5) d] \frac{i}{p_{\bar{u}d}^2 - m_W^2} \frac{g_W^2}{8} \quad (2)$$

At low energies we describe this by a Lagrangian which only has quarks. This we do via the Fermi interaction of the type

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) u] [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma_5) d] \quad (3)$$

Comparing the amplitude that follows from (3) with the one that follows from diagram (1) at low energies we obtain

$$G_F = \frac{-g_W^2}{4\sqrt{2} m_W^2} \quad (4)$$

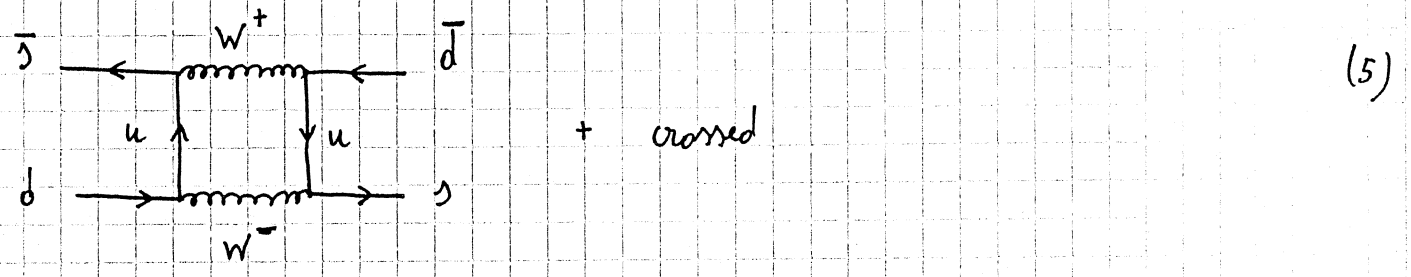
So: at low energies (1) and (3) are the same and the parameters in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  can be determined by calculating the process both in the underlying

theory and in the effective theory and setting both results to be equal.

This gave (4) as the result.

Let us now do the same for  $K^0 \bar{K}^0$  mixing. This is the process where

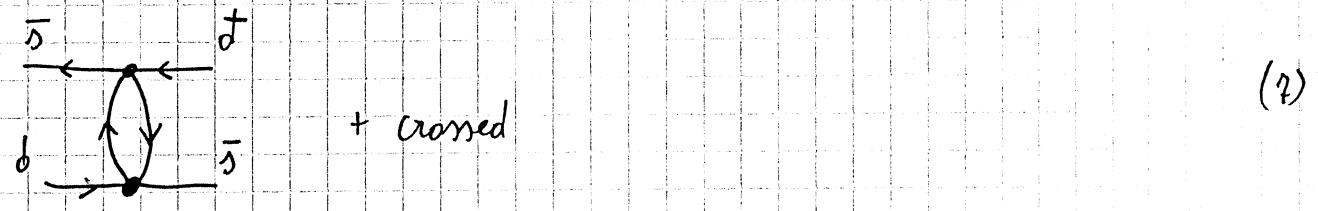
$\bar{s} d \rightarrow s \bar{d}$  and proceeds via the diagram



At low momenta this amplitude is

$$A = b \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^2}{(p^2)^2 (p^2 - m_W^2)^2} + \text{crossed} = i c G_F^2 \quad (6)$$

so the result is finite and well defined. Now what happens if we try to calculate this process using our effective theory (3). We then have the Feynman diagrams



which gives an amplitude:

$$A = b' \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^2}{(p^2)^2} + \text{crossed} = i(c' \Lambda^2 + c'') G_F^2 \quad (8)$$

This integral is quadratically divergent! So how can we describe  $K^0 \bar{K}^0$  mixing in our effective theory? ( $\Lambda$  is the cut-off)

The solution is that we forgot the possibility of more terms in our effective Lagrangian. We restricted the Lagrangian to terms with only quarks so we can add to (3):

$$L_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = L_{\text{eff}}^{(1)} + a [\bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) d] [\bar{s} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma_5) d] \quad (9)$$

So now the amplitude in our effective theory is:

$$i (a + (c' \Lambda^2 + c'') G_F^2) = i \cancel{c} G_F^2 \quad (10)$$

The equality follows because our effective theory should reproduce the more fundamental underlying theory.

So we now set  $a = a_{\text{inf}} + a_{\text{r}}$  with  $a_{\text{inf}} = -c' \Lambda^2$  so

we obtain

$$a_{\text{r}} + c'' G_F^2 = \cancel{c} G_F^2 \quad (11)$$

So what have we done:

- we included all allowed terms in our effective Lagrangian
- the infinite parts that occur in the loop diagrams are absorbed into the coefficients of the new terms, these occur at higher orders in  $G_F^2$ .
- From our effective theory alone we could only determine  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$  mixing up to the free parameter  $a_{\text{r}}$ .

In the remainder of this part I will prove that a similar procedure can be carried out for the case of chiral perturbation theory. There we will not do an expansion in  $G_F$  but do an expansion in energies, momenta and masses. These we all denote by  $p$ .

As shown in the previous section the lowest order is order  $p^2$ . So what is the next order? We only have mesons so Lorentz invariance requires the next order to be  $p^4$  in the effective Lagrangian. What happens now with one loop diagrams? Take

