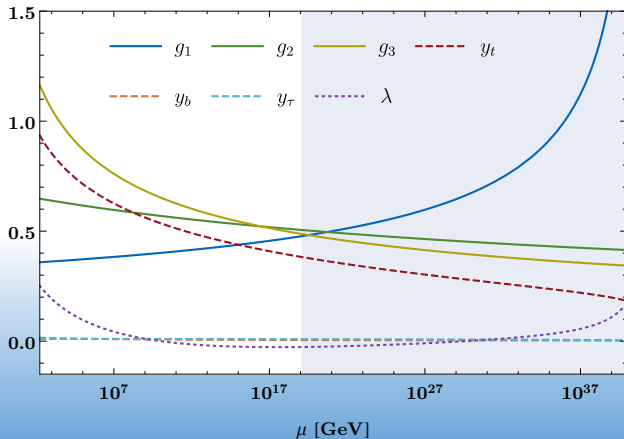


# Divergences and Ambiguities in RG Functions



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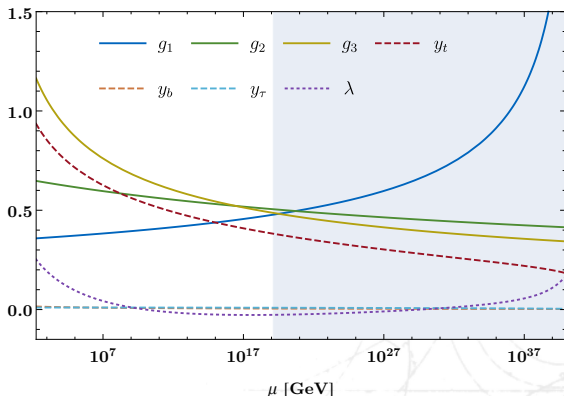
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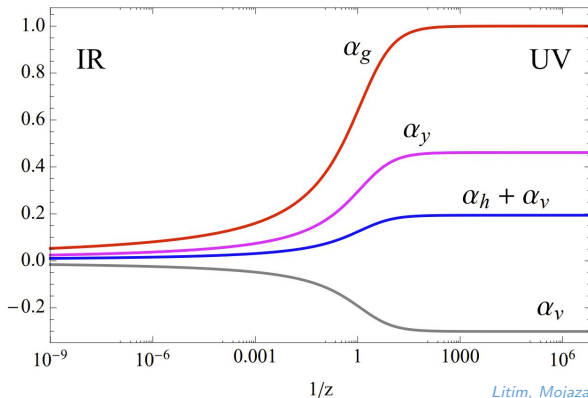


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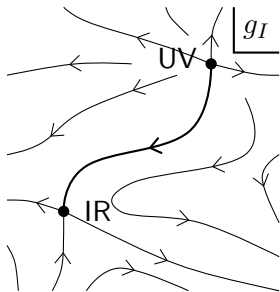
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*Litim, Mojaza, Sannino [1501.03061]*

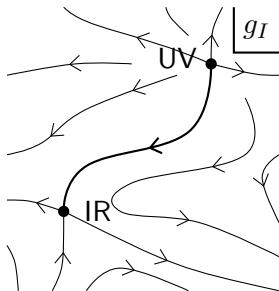
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Komargodski, Schwimmer [1107.3987]

$$A_{UV} - A_{IR} \geq 0$$

- *The strong  $A$ -theorem:*

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} A \geq 0$$

- *The gradient flow:*

Osborn '89  
Jack, Osborn '90

$$\partial_I A \equiv \frac{\partial A}{\partial g^I} = T_{IJ} \beta^J$$



- General formulas for  $\beta$ -functions are known to order 3–2–2 ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ).

Macachek, Vaughn '83,'84, Pickering, Gracey, Jones [hep-ph/0104247]

- Computer packages with implementation of the general formulas: SARAH 4, PyR@TE 3, ARGES, RGBeta.

- Weyl Consistency Conditions from Osborn's Eq. establishes self-consistency constraints on  $\beta$ -functions.

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Antipin *et al.* [1306.3234], Jack, Poole [1505.05400], Poole, AET [1906.04625]

- Work is being done on extracting the coefficients of the next loop order  $\beta$ -functions.

Stuedtner [2101.05823], Davies, Herren, AET [WIP]

# $\gamma$ -pole at the 3-loop order

Renormalization condition for 2-point functions:

( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ,  $d = 4 - \epsilon$ )

$$Z^\dagger \text{---} \textcircled{1\text{PI}} \text{---} Z + Z^\dagger \text{---} Z = \text{finite}, \quad Z = \mathbf{1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n}$$

with field anomalous dimension

$$\hat{\gamma} = Z^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} Z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{\gamma}^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \hat{\gamma}^{(0)} = -\zeta z^{(1)}, \quad \zeta = k_{IGI} \partial^I$$



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Compactly, the action is

$$S = S_{\text{kin}}[\Phi] + \int d^d x (g_I \mathcal{O}^I(x) + \mathcal{J}_\alpha \Phi^\alpha)$$

The vacuum functional

$$e^{i\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]} = \int [\mathcal{D}\Phi][\mathcal{D}A_\mu] e^{iS[\Phi, \mathcal{J}]}$$

generates all the connected  $n$ -point functions.

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- $T_{\mu\nu}$ :  $\eta_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \gamma_{\mu\nu}(x)$
- $\mathcal{O}^I$ :  $g_I \longrightarrow g_I(x)$
- $J_F^\mu$  of the flavor symmetry  $G_F$ : introduce  $a_\mu(x) \in \mathfrak{g}_F$

Jack, Osborn [1312.0428]  
Baume, Keren-Zur, Rattazzi,  
Vitale [1401.5983]

To maintain local  $\text{Diff.} \times G \times G_F$  invariance

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - A_\mu \longrightarrow D_\mu = \nabla_\mu - A_\mu - a_\mu$$



# Renormalization is easy

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e.g.  $[\mathcal{O}^I] = \frac{\delta}{\delta g_I} S$

$$\mathcal{W}[\gamma, g, a, \mathcal{J}] = \mathcal{W}_0[\gamma, g_0(g), a_0(a, g), \mathcal{J}_0(\mathcal{J}, g)]$$

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Invariance of interactions in  $d \neq 4$ :  $\int d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} g_{0,I} \mathcal{O}^I$

$$g_{0,I} \longrightarrow g_{0,I}^\sigma = e^{k_I \epsilon \sigma} g_{0,I}$$

For the renormalized coupling, the coupling works as

$$g_{0,I}^\sigma = e^{\sigma k_I \epsilon} g_{0,I}(\mu, g(\mu)) = g_{0,I}(e^\sigma \mu, g(\mu)) = g_{0,I}(\mu, g(\mu e^{-\sigma}))$$

$$\implies \delta_\sigma g_I = -\sigma \frac{dg_I}{dt} = -\sigma \hat{\beta}_I, \quad t = \ln \mu$$

The infinitesimal generator of the Weyl transformation is

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The symmetry is anomalous ( $\Delta_{\sigma}^W S_{\text{ct}} \neq 0$ )

$$\Delta_{\sigma}^W \mathcal{W} = \int d^d x \mathcal{A}_{\sigma}^W(\gamma, g, a)$$

The Weyl symmetry gives the trace anomaly equation

$$[T^{\mu}_{\mu}] = \hat{\beta}_I [\mathcal{O}^I] + \hat{v} \cdot \partial_{\mu} [J_F^{\mu}] - \eta_a \partial^2 [\mathcal{O}_M^a] \quad (\text{FSCC})$$

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The generator of the RG is  $\Delta^{\text{RG}} = \Delta^\mu - \Delta_{\sigma=1}^W$ .

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Exactly what we would get from  $d\mathcal{W}/dt = 0$ :

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} + n\gamma \right) G^{(n)}(\{p\}) = 0$$



# Flavor transformations

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$$\Delta_\sigma^{W'} = \Delta_\sigma^W + \Delta_{\sigma\alpha}^F, \quad \alpha(g) \in \mathfrak{g}_F,$$

$$[\Delta_\omega^F, \Delta_\sigma^{W'}] = [\Delta_\sigma^{W'}, \Delta_{\sigma'}^{W'}] = 0, \quad \Delta_\sigma^{W'} \mathcal{W} = \int d^d x \mathcal{A}_\sigma^{W'}$$

# A class of RG functions

Ambiguity in RG functions defined by the Weyl transformation:

$$\hat{\beta}'_I = \hat{\beta}_I + (\alpha g)_I, \quad \hat{v}' = \hat{v} + \alpha, \quad \rho'^I = \rho^I - \partial^I \alpha, \quad \hat{\gamma}'^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} - \alpha^{\alpha\beta}.$$

Flavor-improved RG functions are invariant:

$$B_I = \hat{\beta}_I - (\hat{v} g)_I, \quad P^I = \hat{\rho}^I + \partial^I \hat{v}, \quad \Gamma^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} + \hat{v}^{\alpha\beta}.$$

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We can choose a “gauge” where  $\hat{v} = 0$ :

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**$B_I$  is a more physical  $\beta$ -function**

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# How to compute RG functions

In  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  the counterterms are arranged by poles

$$\delta g_I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta g_I^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n}, \quad Z = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n}$$

The RG functions are determined recursively from the poles

$$\hat{\beta}_I^{(-1)} = -k_I g_I, \quad \hat{\beta}_I^{(n)} = (\zeta - k_I) \delta g_I^{(n+1)} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{\beta}_J^{(k)} \partial^J \delta g_I^{(n-k)}, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\hat{\gamma}^{(n)} = -\zeta z^{(n+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[ \hat{\beta}_I^{(k)} \partial^I z^{(n-k)} - z^{(n-k)} \hat{\gamma}^{(k)} \right], \quad n \geq 0$$



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**RG finiteness**

(Conjecture)

$$\hat{\gamma}^{(n)} \in \mathfrak{g}_F \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_I^{(n)} = -(\hat{\gamma}^{(n)} g)_I, \quad n \geq 1$$

## At 3-loop RG divergences in the SM

Herren, Mihaila, Steinhauser [1712.06614]

$$(4\pi)^6 \hat{\gamma}_q^{(1)} = \frac{g_1^2}{96} [y_u y_u^\dagger, y_d y_d^\dagger] + \frac{1}{32} [y_u y_u^\dagger y_u y_u^\dagger, y_d y_d^\dagger] + \frac{1}{32} [y_d y_d^\dagger y_d y_d^\dagger, y_u y_u^\dagger]$$

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$$\hat{\beta}_{y_u}^{(1)} = -(\hat{\gamma}^{(1)} y_u), \hat{\beta}_{y_u}^{(2)} = -(\hat{\gamma}^{(2)} y_u), \text{ etc. in the SM}$$

$$(\omega y_u)^i_j = \omega_q^i k y_u^k_j - y_u^i k \omega_u^k_j + \omega_h y_u^i_j$$

# Renormalization ambiguity

Consider a rotation with  $R \in G_F$ :

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Take a divergent rotation instead:

$$U = \exp\left[-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} u^{(n)}(g)\right], \quad u^{(n)} \in \mathfrak{g}_F$$

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Results in a change of  $Z$ : **Ambiguity in taking  $\sqrt{Z^\dagger Z}$**

$$(U \mathcal{J}_0)_\alpha = \mathcal{J}_{0,\beta} U^{\dagger\beta}{}_\alpha = \mathcal{J}_\beta (Z^{-1} U^\dagger)^\beta{}_\alpha \implies \tilde{Z}^\alpha{}_\beta = U^\alpha{}_\gamma Z^\gamma{}_\beta.$$

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$$\Delta\gamma \equiv \hat{\gamma}^U - \hat{\gamma} = -\hat{\beta}_I U \partial^I U^\dagger$$

$$\Delta\beta_I \equiv \hat{\beta}_I^U - \hat{\beta}_I = -(\Delta\gamma g)_I,$$

$$\Delta\hat{v} \equiv \hat{v}^U - \hat{v} = -\Delta\gamma,$$



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- No contribution to  $\hat{v}$  at 1- and 2-loop, as  $\hat{v}^{(0)} \in \mathfrak{g}_F \implies \hat{v}^{(0)} = 0$ .
- At 3-loop, we fixed 1983 parameters of  $N^I$ . For  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$\Gamma_\ell^{(n)} = \Gamma_e^{(n)} = 0, \quad \Gamma_u^{(n)} = \Gamma_d^{(n)} = 0, \quad \Gamma_q^{(n)} \propto a_1 [y_u y_u^\dagger, y_d y_d^\dagger]$$

*incomplete*

- We overlooked a *single* counterterm because  $(t^A a_1) = 0$ :

$$N_q^I \hat{g}_I \supset \frac{C}{(4\pi)^6} \hat{a}_1 [y_u y_u^\dagger, y_d y_d^\dagger]$$

This is a counterterm of  $\langle Q_L[\mathcal{O}^I] \bar{Q}_L \rangle_{\text{1PI}}$  (WIP).

- i) The occurrence of a certain class of  $\epsilon$  poles in the RG functions is consistent with the Callan-Symanzik equation and not a sign of the theory or renormalization scheme breaking down.
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- iii) Using the ambiguity, it is always possible to remove all the poles of the class discussed in i) simultaneously from  $\hat{\gamma}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_I$ .
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