

2. Quantum Field Theory (QFT) — Feynman Diagrams

Canonical Quantisation

- starting with definition of the S -matrix $S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \Psi_{\beta}^{+} | \Psi_{\alpha}^{-} \rangle$
- multiplying the Lippmann-Schwinger equations with $\langle \Phi_{\beta} | V$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\beta\alpha}^{\pm} &= \langle \Phi_{\beta} | V | \Psi_{\alpha}^{\pm} \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\beta} | V | \Phi_{\alpha} \rangle + \int d\gamma \frac{\langle \Phi_{\beta} | V | \Phi_{\gamma} \rangle T_{\gamma\alpha}^{\pm}}{E_{\alpha} - E_{\gamma} \pm i\epsilon} \\ &= V_{\beta\alpha} + \int d\gamma \frac{V_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma\alpha}}{E_{\alpha} - E_{\gamma} \pm i\epsilon} + \int d\gamma d\gamma' \frac{V_{\beta\gamma} V_{\gamma\gamma'} V_{\gamma'\alpha}}{(E_{\alpha} - E_{\gamma} \pm i\epsilon)(E_{\alpha} - E_{\gamma'} \pm i\epsilon)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where $V_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \Phi_{\beta} | V | \Phi_{\alpha} \rangle$.

— we get old fashioned perturbation theory.

- and looking at the asymptotic behavior $t \rightarrow \infty$, we get (assuming $(T_{\alpha\beta}^{+})^{\dagger} = T_{\beta\alpha}^{-}$)

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \delta(\beta - \alpha) + 2i\pi\delta(E_{\beta} - E_{\alpha})T_{\beta\alpha}^{-}$$

so $T_{\beta\alpha}^{+}$ describes the interaction.

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- writing the S-operator as $S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \Phi_\beta | \mathbf{S} | \Phi_\alpha \rangle$
- we get $\mathbf{S} = \Omega(\infty)^\dagger \Omega(-\infty) = U(+\infty, -\infty)$
- where $U(\tau, \tau_0) = \Omega(\tau)^\dagger \Omega(\tau_0) = e^{iH_0\tau} e^{-iH\tau} e^{iH\tau_0} e^{-iH_0\tau_0}$
- so $i \frac{d}{d\tau} U(\tau, \tau_0) = e^{iH_0\tau} V e^{-iH_0\tau} U(\tau, \tau_0) =: V(\tau) U(\tau, \tau_0)$
- with the solution $U(\tau, \tau_0) = 1 - i \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} dt V(t) U(t, \tau_0)$
$$= 1 - i \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} dt_1 V(t_1) + (-i)^2 \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} dt_1 \int_{\tau_0}^{t_1} dt_2 V(t_1) V(t_2) + \dots$$
$$= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^n}{n!} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} dt_1 dt_2 \dots dt_n T\{V(t_1) V(t_2) \dots V(t_n)\}$$
$$= T \exp \left(-i \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} dt V(t) \right)$$

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- evaluating now $S_{\beta\alpha}$ with $\beta = \phi(x_4)\phi(x_3)$ and $\alpha = \phi(x_2)\phi(x_1)$

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \phi(x_3)\phi(x_4) | T \exp \left(-i \int dt V(t) \right) | \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2) \rangle$$

- taking $V(t) = \int_{\vec{z}} \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4(z)$ or $\int dt V(t) = \frac{g}{4!} \int dz \phi^4(z)$
- splitting $\phi = \phi^+ + \phi^-$ into the annihilation and the creation part

$$\phi^-(t, \vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{k} e^{-ik \cdot x} a(\vec{k})}{(2\pi)^{3/2} (2E_{\vec{k}})^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi^+(t, \vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{k} e^{ik \cdot x} a^\dagger(\vec{k})}{(2\pi)^{3/2} (2E_{\vec{k}})^{1/2}}$$

- since $t_1, t_2 < t < t_3, t_4$ and writing $\phi_i = \phi(x_i)$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\beta\alpha} &= T \langle 0 | \phi_3^- \phi_4^- e^{\frac{-ig}{4!} \int dz \phi_z^4} \phi_1^+ \phi_2^+ | 0 \rangle \\ &= T \langle 0 | \phi_3^- \phi_4^- \left(1 - \frac{ig}{4!} \int dz \phi_z^4 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-ig}{4!} \right)^2 \int dz_1 dz_2 \phi_{z_1}^4 \phi_{z_2}^4 + \dots \right) \phi_1^+ \phi_2^+ | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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- a normal ordered product of fields has a or ϕ^- to the right of a^\dagger or ϕ^+ :
 - $N\{\phi^-(x)\phi^+(y)\} := \phi^+(y)\phi^-(x)$
 - it has vanishing vacuum expectation value: $\langle 0|N\{\dots\}|0\rangle = 0$
- a time ordered product has the smaller time to the right:
 - $T\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} := \theta(x^0 - y^0)\phi(x)\phi(y) + \theta(y^0 - x^0)\phi(y)\phi(x)$
 - it is related to the normal ordered product by Wick contractions:

$$T\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} = N\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} + D_F(x - y)$$

- because

$$\begin{aligned} T\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} &= \theta(x^0 - y^0)(\phi_x^+\phi_y^+ + \phi_x^+\phi_y^- + \phi_x^-\phi_y^+ + \phi_x^-\phi_y^-) + \theta(y^0 - x^0)(\dots) \\ &= \theta(x^0 - y^0)(\phi_x^+\phi_y^+ + \phi_x^+\phi_y^- + [\phi_x^-, \phi_y^+] + \phi_y^+\phi_x^- + \phi_x^-\phi_y^-) + \theta(y^0 - x^0)(\dots) \\ &= N\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} + \theta(x^0 - y^0)\langle 0|[\phi_x^-, \phi_y^+]|0\rangle + \theta(y^0 - x^0)\langle 0|[\phi_y^-, \phi_x^+]|0\rangle \\ &= N\{\phi(x)\phi(y)\} + D_F(x - y) \end{aligned}$$

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- so with $D_F(x_j - x_k) = D_{Fjk}$ we get

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle 0|T\{\phi_3^-\phi_4^-\phi_1^+\phi_2^+\}|0\rangle - \frac{ig}{4!} \int dz \langle 0|T\{\phi_3^-\phi_4^-\phi_z\phi_z\phi_z\phi_z\phi_1^+\phi_2^+\}|0\rangle + \dots$$

$$= \langle 0|(N\{\phi_3^-\phi_4^-\phi_1^+\phi_2^+\} + N\{\phi_4^-\phi_1^+\}D_{F23} + N\{\phi_3^-\phi_1^+\}D_{F24} \\ + D_{F23}D_{F14} + 1 \leftrightarrow 2)|0\rangle$$

$$- \frac{ig}{4!} \int dz \langle 0|T\{\phi_3^-\phi_4^-\phi_z\phi_z\phi_z\phi_z\phi_1^+\phi_2^+\}|0\rangle + \dots$$

$$= D_{F13}D_{F24} + D_{F23}D_{F14} - ig \int dz D_{F1z}D_{F2z}D_{Fz3}D_{Fz4}$$

$$- \frac{ig}{2!} \int dz (D_{F13}D_{F2z}D_{Fzz}D_{Fz4} + D_{F14}D_{F2z}D_{Fzz}D_{Fz3}$$

$$+ D_{F13}D_{F24}D_{Fzz}D_{Fzz} + 1 \leftrightarrow 2) + \dots$$

- the first two terms are just "no interaction"
- the first term with g is the scattering
- the other terms are "loop corrections" to the propagators

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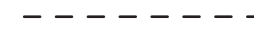
— Feynman Diagrams

Diagrams

- each propagator is a line

- for scalars

a dashed line



- for fermions

a straight line



- for photon, W^- , and Z -boson

a wavy line



- for gluons

a springy line



- for ghosts

a dotted line



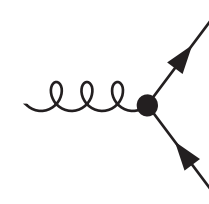
- if a charge flows, the line has an arrow



- for the ϕ^4 -theory, the propagator is a simple line

- each coupling is a dot

- connecting the lines



- the diagram can flow from bottom up

— like SR worldlines

- the diagram can flow from left to right

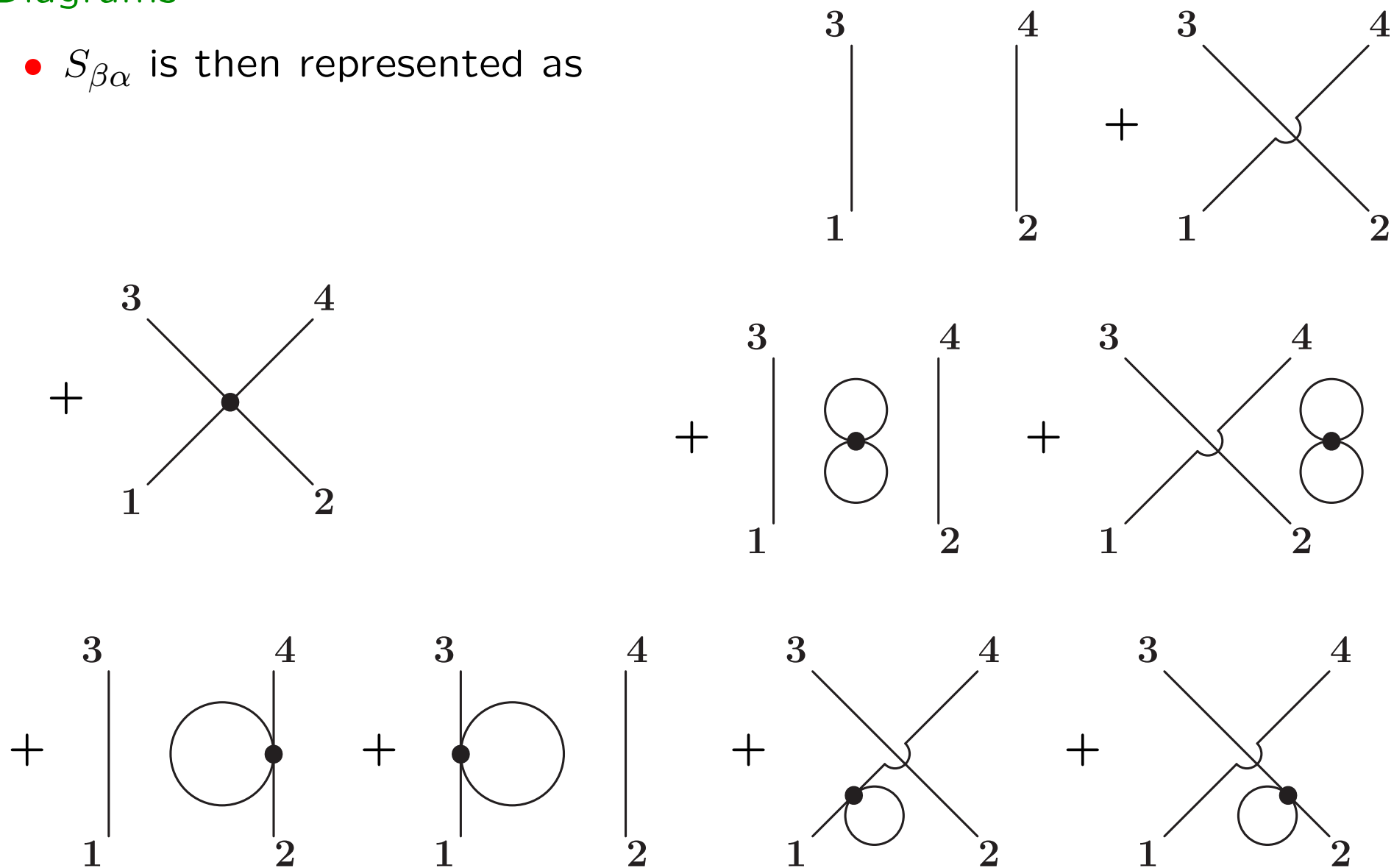
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- $S_{\beta\alpha}$ is then represented as



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Path Integral Quantisation

$$Z(J) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{i(S + \int_x J\phi)} \quad \text{with} \quad S = - \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi + \frac{g}{4!} \phi^4$$

- splitting S into the potential and the bilinear (= kinetic) part
- writing the kinetic part as $-\frac{1}{2} \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi = \frac{1}{2} \phi D_F^{-1} \phi$

$$Z(J; g) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{i \int \frac{1}{2} \phi D_F^{-1} \phi + J\phi} e^{-\frac{ig}{4!} \int \phi^4}$$

- expanding the potential as a power series $e^{-\frac{ig}{4!} \int \phi^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{-ig}{4!}\right)^n [\int \phi^4]^n$
- replacing in the series $\phi \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{i\delta J}$ and putting ϕ -independent parts in front:

$$Z(J; g) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{-ig}{4!}\right)^n \left[\int d^4x \left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}\right)^4 \right]^n \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{i \int \frac{1}{2} \phi D_F^{-1} \phi + J\phi}$$

- solving the Gaussian integral and rewriting the sum as an exponent:

$$Z(J; g) = N e^{-\frac{ig}{4!} \int \left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J}\right)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{2} \int_{x,y} J(x) D_F(x-y) J(y)}$$

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- the free propagator is obtained with $g = 0$:

$$D_F^0(x-y) = \frac{i \delta^2 N e^{-\frac{i}{2} \int_{x,y} J(x) D_F(x-y) J(y)}}{N \delta J(x) \delta J(y)} \Bigg|_{J=0} = \frac{i \delta^2 Z(J; 0)}{Z(0; 0) \delta J(x) \delta J(y)} \Bigg|_{J=0}$$

- the full propagator is obtained with general g :

$$iD_F(x-y) := \frac{1}{Z(0; g)} \frac{\delta^2 Z(J; g)}{i\delta J(x) i\delta J(y)} \Bigg|_{J=0}$$

- the previous example, $S_{\beta\alpha}$, is a four-point function:

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}\phi \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3 \phi_4 e^{i(S + \int_x J\phi)}}{\int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{i(S + \int_x J\phi)}} = \frac{1}{Z(0; g)} \frac{\delta^4 Z(J; g)}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} \Bigg|_{J=0}$$

- evaluating $S_{\beta\alpha}$ by expanding the exponent to the desired order of g .

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- to order g^1 we get
$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \frac{1}{Z(0; g^1)} \frac{\delta^4 Z(J; g^1)}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} \Big|_{J=0}$$
- now
$$Z(J; g^1) = N \left(1 + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z \left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J_z} \right)^4 \right) e^{-\frac{i}{2} \int_{x,y} J_x D_{xy} J_y} \Big|_{J=0}$$
 - all J s from the second factor have to be differentiated
 - the remaining J s are set to zero
- abbreviating $\int_{x,y} J_x D_{xy} J_y = D_{JJ}$ and $\int_y D_{zy} J_y = D_{zJ}$
- so
$$Z(0; g^1) = N \left(1 + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z \left(\frac{\delta}{i\delta J_z} \right)^4 \right) \left(1 - \frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} + \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^2 \right) \Big|_{J=0}$$
 - we have 0 or 4 derivatives of J , so the middle term vanishes.

$$\begin{aligned} Z(0; g^1) &= N \left(1 + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta J_z} \right)^4 \frac{1}{8} (iD_{JJ})^2 \right) \\ &= N \left(1 + \frac{ig}{8} \int_z (iD_{zz})(iD_{zz}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\delta^4 Z(J; g^1)}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} \Big|_{J=0} = N \frac{\delta^4}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} \left(1 + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta J_z} \right)^4 \right) e^{-\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ}} \Big|_{J=0}$$

- here we have 4 or 8 derivatives
- the exponent has to be expanded to these orders ($n = 2, 4$):

$$e^{-\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ}} \propto \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left[-\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^4 = e_2 + e_4$$

- differentiating gives:

$$\frac{\delta^4 Z(J; g^1)}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} \Big|_{J=0} = \frac{\delta^4 e_2}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z \frac{\delta^8 e_4}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4 (\delta J_z)^4}$$

where

$$\frac{\delta^4 e_2}{\delta J_1 \delta J_2 \delta J_3 \delta J_4} = (iD_{12})(iD_{34}) + (iD_{13})(iD_{24}) + (iD_{14})(iD_{23}) =: D_{\text{tree}}$$

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- with writing $\delta_i = \frac{\delta}{\delta J_1}$ and $\delta_{1234} = \delta_1 \delta_2 \delta_3 \delta_4$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{1234} (\delta_z)^4 e_4 &= \delta_{1234} (\delta_z)^3 \frac{1}{4!} 4 \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^3 (iD_{zJ}) \\ &= \delta_{1234} (\delta_z)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3!} 3 \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^2 (iD_{zJ})^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^3 (iD_{zz}) \right) \\ &= \delta_{1234} \delta_z \left(\left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right] (iD_{zJ})^3 + \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^2 (iD_{zJ}) (iD_{zz}) \right) \\ &= \delta_{1234} \left((iD_{zJ})^4 + 6 \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right] (iD_{zJ})^2 (iD_{zz}) + \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{i}{2} D_{JJ} \right]^2 (iD_{zz})^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

- the first term immediately gives $4! (iD_{z1})(iD_{z2})(iD_{z3})(iD_{z4})$
- the middle term gives $12 (iD_{ab})(iD_{zc})(iD_{zd})(iD_{zz})$
where $abcd = \mathcal{P}(1234)$ is a permutation of 1234.
- the last term gives $D_{\text{tree}} \cdot 3 (iD_{zz})^2$
- we have to set $D_{12} = D_{34} = 0$, as we are looking at $12 \rightarrow 34$
 - this comes from "wave-function factors" outside the Path Integral

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- $$\delta_{1234} Z(J; g^1) \Big|_{J=0}$$

$$= D_{\text{tree}} \left(1 + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z 3 (iD_{zz})^2 \right) + \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z 4! (iD_{z1})(iD_{z2})(iD_{z3})(iD_{z4})$$

$$+ \frac{ig}{4!} \int_z 12 (iD_{ab})(iD_{zc})(iD_{zd})(iD_{zz})$$
- $$S_{\beta\alpha} = \delta_{1234} Z(J; g^1) \Big|_{J=0} Z(0; g^1)^{-1}$$

$$= D_{\text{tree}} + ig \int_z \left[(iD_{z1})(iD_{z2})(iD_{z3})(iD_{z4}) + \frac{1}{2} (iD_{ab})(iD_{zc})(iD_{zd})(iD_{zz}) \right]$$

$$\times \left(1 + \frac{ig}{8} \int_z (iD_{zz})^2 \right)^{-1}$$

$$= D_{\text{tree}} + ig \int_z \left[D_{z1} D_{z2} D_{z3} D_{z4} + \frac{1}{2} D_{ab} D_{zc} D_{zd} D_{zz} \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^2)$$
- the same terms as in canonical quantisation