

# Physics 332 - Problem Set #5

## Solutions

1.) a.) Write the terms in the  $\mathcal{L}$  that are quadratic in  $A_\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2 + \phi^\dagger (e A^\mu \gamma_\mu e A^\nu) \phi \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} A_\nu (\partial^2 g^{\nu\lambda} - \partial^\nu \partial^\lambda + g^{\nu\lambda} e^2 |\phi|^2) A_\lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

so if we ignore  $\partial^2 A_\lambda$

$$= A_\nu (\partial^2 + m_A^2) g^{\nu\lambda} A_\lambda \quad \text{where } m_A^2 = 2e^2 |\phi|^2$$

b.) Now compute the contribution of  $A_\mu$  to the effective potential for  $\phi$ . Write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi &= \phi_{cl.} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma + i\pi) \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{assume real} \\
 &= \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma + i\pi)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_A^2 = e^2 v^2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= A_\mu (\partial^2 g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) A_\nu + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \partial_\mu (\sigma + i\pi) + ie A_\mu (V + \sigma + i\pi) \\
 & \quad - \frac{m^2}{2} (V + \sigma + i\pi)^2 - \frac{\partial}{4!} (|V + \sigma + i\pi|^2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= A_\mu (\partial^\mu \partial^\nu - \partial^\nu \partial^\mu) A_\nu + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \pi + e v A_\mu)^2 \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{m^2}{2} v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} v^4 \right) - (\text{linear in } \sigma) \\
&\quad - \frac{m^2}{2} (\sigma^2 + \pi^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4!} (6 v^2 \sigma^2 + 2 v^2 \pi^2) \\
&\quad - (\text{cubic, quartic in fields})
\end{aligned}$$

We would like to quantize so as to cancel the term  $\partial_\mu \pi \cdot e v A_\mu$

To do this, introduce the R<sub>ξ</sub> gauge [see P+S section 21.1]

$$\int \mathcal{D}A = \int \mathcal{D}A \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \int d\omega \ e^{-i \int d^4x \ \omega^2/2} \ \delta(\omega - G_\alpha) \ \det \frac{\delta G_\alpha}{\delta \alpha}$$

where

$$G_\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} (\partial_\mu A^\mu - \xi e v \pi)$$

$$\frac{\delta G_\alpha}{\delta \alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi}} \left( \frac{1}{e} \partial^2 + \xi e v^2 \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi} e} (\partial^2 + \xi e^2 v^2)$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}A = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \cdot e^{i \int d^4x \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 + \partial_\mu A^\mu \cdot e v \pi - \frac{1}{2} \xi (e v)^2 \pi^2 \right\}} \cdot \det (\partial^2 + \xi (e v)^2)$$

Notice that the overall constant term in the measure  
do not depend on v!

then

$$\int \mathcal{D}A \int d\phi \quad e^{i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}}$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\sigma \mathcal{D}\pi \quad \exp \left[ i \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_\mu (\partial^2 g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu) A_\nu \right. \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (eV)^2 A_\mu g^{\mu\nu} A_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\xi} A_\mu \partial^\mu \partial^\nu A_\nu$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial \pi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \xi (eV)^2 \pi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\lambda U^2}{6} + m^2 \right) \pi^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3\lambda}{6} v^2 + m^2 \right) \sigma^2 - \left( \frac{m^2}{2} v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} v^4 \right)$$

$$\left. + (\text{linear in } \sigma) + \text{cubic, quartic} \right\} \Big]$$

$$\cdot \det(\partial^2 + \xi (eV)^2)$$

c) We might as well do the integral. Note that the knowledge of longitudinal components of  $A_\mu$  separate:

$$\frac{1}{2} (eV)^2 A_\mu g^{\mu\nu} A_\nu = \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 \left[ A_\mu \left( \partial^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu}{\partial^2} \right) A_\nu + A_\mu \frac{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu}{\partial^2} A_\nu \right]$$

then the quadratic terms in  $A$  are:

$$\frac{1}{2} A_\mu \left[ \left( \delta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu}{\partial^2} \right) (\partial^2 + m_A^2) + \frac{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu}{\partial^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\xi} (\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2) \right] A_\nu$$

so, the value of the integral is:

$$\int \mathcal{D}A \int d\phi e^{i \int \mathcal{L}}$$

$$= e^{-i \int d^4x (m^2/2 v^2 + \lambda/24 v^4) + (i \text{kin} - \sigma)}$$

$$\cdot [\det(\partial^2 + m_A^2)]^{-3/2} [\det(\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2)]^{-1/2} [\det(\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2)]^{+1}$$

$$\cdot (\det[\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2 + (\frac{\lambda v^2}{6} + m^2)])^{-1/2} \quad \text{from } \pi$$

$$\cdot \det[\partial^2 + (\frac{3\lambda v^2}{6} + m^2)]^{-1/2} \quad \text{from } \sigma$$

From here, we see that

$$V_{\text{eff}}(v) = \frac{m^2}{2} v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} v^4$$

$$+ i \frac{1}{\text{Vol.}} \cdot \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \int \det(\partial^2 + m_A^2) + \frac{1}{2} \int \det(\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \int \det(\partial^2 + \xi m_A^2 + (\frac{\lambda v^2}{6} + m^2)) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \int \det(\partial^2 + (\frac{3\lambda v^2}{6} + m^2)) \right]$$

In perturbative theory, at the zeroth order minimum of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  for  $m^2 < 0$

$$-(-m^2)v + \frac{\lambda}{6} v^3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (\frac{\lambda v^2}{6} + m^2) = 0$$

then the  $\xi$  dependence of this expression cancels.

In fact, the energy at the minimum and the mass of the  $\sigma$  and  $A$  are  $\xi$ -invariant to all orders.

For simplicity, I will set  $\xi=0$  from here on. The

functional determinants have the values

$$\frac{1}{\text{Vol}} \int \det(\partial^2 + m^2) = -i \frac{\Gamma(-d/2)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} (m^2)^{d/2}$$

$$d=4-\epsilon \quad = \quad -i \frac{(m^2)^2}{2 \cdot (4\pi)^2} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma + \int_0^1 4\pi - \int_0^1 m^2 + \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

the divergent terms are:

$$\sqrt{4\mu} = + \frac{1}{2(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left\{ -\frac{3}{2} (eU)^4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial U^2}{6} + m^2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial U^2}{2} + m^2 \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \cdot \left\{ (\text{const}) + v^2 \left[ -\frac{\partial}{6} - \frac{\partial}{2} \right] m^2 + v^4 \left[ -\frac{3}{2} e^4 - \frac{\partial^2}{32} - \frac{\partial^2}{8} \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left\{ (\text{const}) + v^2 \left[ -\frac{\partial}{3} m^2 \right] + v^4 \left[ -\frac{3}{2} e^4 - \frac{5}{36} \partial^2 \right] \right\}$$

these divergences are to be cancelled by the counterterm.

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$$V_{\text{eff}} = \dots + \frac{1}{2} S_m U^2 + \frac{1}{24} \delta_2 U^4$$

$$S_m = \frac{2m^2}{3(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\delta_2 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 18 e^4 + \frac{5}{3} g^2 \right] \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

Make the subtraction (eliminate all the same terms  $(-\gamma + \log 4\pi)$ 's),  
we find

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m^2}{2} U^2 + \frac{g}{24} U^4$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4(4\pi)^2} \cdot \left\{ 3(eU)^4 \left( \log \frac{(eU)^2}{M^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right.$$

$$+ \left( \frac{2U}{6} + m^2 \right)^2 \left( \log \frac{2U/6 + m^2}{M^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$\left. + \left( \frac{2U}{2} + m^2 \right)^2 \left( \log \frac{2U/2 + m^2}{M^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right\}$$

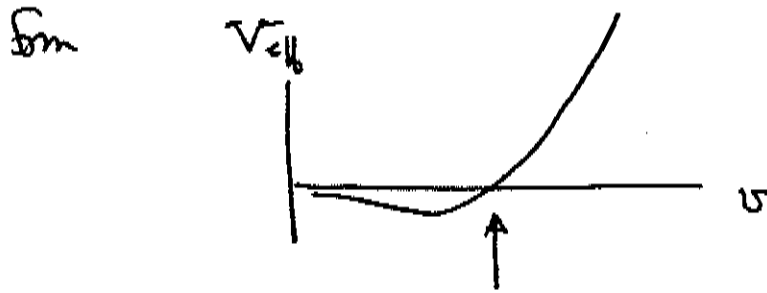
d) let  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\lambda}{24} v^4 - \frac{3}{4(4\pi)^2} e^4 v^4 \left( \ln \frac{M^2}{(e\nu)^2} + \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

+ small if  $\lambda \sim e^4$

for  $\ln \frac{M^2}{(e\nu)^2} \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}$        $e\nu < M e^{3/4}$

The second term is negative. For sufficiently small  $\nu$ , the coefficient of  $v^4$  becomes negative, so the potential takes the form



$$\frac{\lambda}{24} - \frac{3}{4(4\pi)^2} e^4 \left( \ln \frac{M^2}{(e\nu)^2} + \frac{3}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\ln \frac{M^2}{(e\nu)^2} = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{(4\pi)^2}{18} \frac{\lambda}{e^4}$$

$$e\nu = M \exp \left[ -\frac{4\pi^2}{9} \frac{\lambda}{e^4} + \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

e.) Now compute the renormalization group  $\beta$ -function for this theory. To do this, we need

$S_2$  scalar field strength counterterm

$S_3$   $A_\mu$  field strength counterterm

$S_4$

$S_2$  and  $S_4$  are gauge-dependent. I will compute them for general  $S$ , but it is OK to compute them just for  $S=0$  or  $S=1$ .

The  $\beta$  functions are gauge-independent.

I will use complex fields  $\phi, \phi^\dagger$ . The Feynman rules are

$$\frac{p' \not{p}}{p \not{p}} = -ie (p+p')^\mu \quad K_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{triangle with } \gamma \text{ and } \gamma \text{ lines} = -i \frac{2}{3} \gamma$$

Begin with

$$\text{self-energy diagram} = \text{loop 1} + \text{loop 2} + \text{loop 3} + \text{loop 4} + ip^2 S_2$$

loop 1 and loop 2 are mass renormalizations only with no contribution to  $S_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{k}{p+k} \frac{1}{p} &= (-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (2p+k)^\mu \frac{i}{(p+k)^2} (2p+k)^\nu \frac{-i}{k^2} \\
 &\quad \cdot [g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} (1-\xi)] \\
 &= (-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 k^2} ((2p+k)^2 k^2 - [k \cdot (2p+k)]^2 (1-\xi)) \\
 &= -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 k^2} [k^4 + 4kp \cdot k^2 + 4p^2 k^2 \\
 &\quad - (1-\xi)(k^4 + 4kp \cdot k^2 + 4(kp)^2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Combine denominators

$$k = k + xp$$

$$k = k - xp$$

$$k^2 = k^2 - 2xp \cdot k + x^2 p^2$$

$$k \cdot p = k \cdot p - xp^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \int dx \frac{2(1-x)}{[k^2 + x(1-x)p^2]^3} \\
 &\quad \cdot \left\{ \xi [k^2 (k^2 + 4k \cdot p)] + 4 [p^2 k^2 - (1-\xi)(k \cdot p)^2] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{2(1-x)}{[k^2 + x(1-x)p^2]^3}$$

$$\left\{ \xi [(k^2)^2 - 4xp \cdot k k^2 + 4x^2 (p \cdot k)^2 + 2x^2 k^2 p^2 + \dots$$

$$+ 4 [k^2 k \cdot p - 2xp \cdot k k \cdot p - 4x k^2 p^2 + \dots] \right\}$$

$$+ 4 [p^2 k^2 - (1-\xi)(k \cdot p)^2] \left. \right\}$$

$$= -e^2 \int_0^1 dx \ 2(1-x) \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{l}{[-x(1-x)p^2]^{2-d/2}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(3)}$$

$$\left\{ \int_0^1 \left[ -\frac{d(d+2)}{4} \Gamma(1-d/2) (-x(1-x)p^2) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \Gamma(2-d/2) \left[ 4x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} p^2 + 2x^2 \frac{d}{2} p^2 \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. - 8x \cdot \frac{1}{2} p^2 - 4x \frac{d}{2} p^2 \right] \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + 4 \Gamma(2-d/2) \left[ \frac{d}{2} p^2 - (1-3) \frac{1}{2} p^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\text{near } d=4-\epsilon \quad \Gamma(2-d/2) \cong \frac{2}{\epsilon} \quad \Gamma(1-d/2) \cong \frac{\Gamma(2-d/2)}{1-d/2} \cong -\frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$= -\frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \int_0^1 dx \ 2(1-x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot p^2 \\ \cdot \left\{ \int_0^1 \left[ -6x(1-x) + 2x^2 + 4x^2 - 4x - 8x \right] \right. \\ \left. + 4 \left[ 2 - \frac{1}{2} + 3/2 \right] \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{2}{\epsilon} p^2 \int_0^1 dx \ (1-x) \\ \cdot \left\{ 6 + \int_0^1 \left[ 2 - 18x + 12x^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon} p^2 \left( 3 + \int_0^1 \left[ 1 - \frac{18}{6}x + \frac{12}{12}x^2 \right] \right) \\ -1$$

So

$$\text{Diagram} = \frac{-ie^2}{(4\pi)^2} p^2 \cdot (3-\xi) \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon} + ip^2 \delta_2 \quad \frac{2}{\epsilon} \sim \log \Lambda^2$$

So

$$\delta_2 = \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} (3-\xi) \log \Lambda^2 / M^2$$

$$\text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \frac{ie^2}{-i(g^2 g^{\mu\nu} - \delta^{\mu\nu} q^2)} \delta_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram} &= (-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^d P}{(2\pi)^d} (2P+q)^\mu \frac{i}{(P+q)^2} (2P+q)^\nu \frac{i}{P^2} \\ &= e^2 \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^d P}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{(2P + (1-2x)q)^\mu (2P + (1-2x)q)^\nu}{[P^2 + x(1-x)q^2]^2} \end{aligned}$$

using

$$\begin{aligned} P &= p+xq & 2p+q &= 2P + (1-2x)q \\ p+q &= P + (1-x)q \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^2 \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d_4}} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[-x(1-x)q^2]^{2-d_4}}$$

$$\left\{ -4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{I}(1-d_4) (-x(1-x)q^2) + \mathcal{I}(2-d_4) q^\mu q^\nu (1-2x)^2 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 1} &= 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i}{p^2} \\
 &= -2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{p^2 (p+q)^2} (p+q)^2 \\
 &= -2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \int dx \frac{[p + (1-x)q]^2}{[p^2 + x(1-x)q^2]^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

or symmetrize the integrand in  $x \leftrightarrow (1-x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -2e^2 g^{\mu\nu} \int dx \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \left\{ -\Gamma(1-d/2) \frac{d}{2} (-x(1-x)q^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}[(1-x)^2 + x^2] q^2 \Gamma(2-d/2) \right\} \frac{1}{[-x(1-x)q^2]^{2-d/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

in all

$$\text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[-x(1-x)q^2]^{2-d/2}} \\
 &\quad \cdot \left\{ \Gamma(1-d/2) (-x(1-x)q^2) (-2+d) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \Gamma(2-d/2) (1-2x)^2 g^\mu g^\nu \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \Gamma(2-d/2) q^2 g^{\mu\nu} (1-2x+2x^2) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma(1-d/2)(-2+d) = -2 \Gamma(2-d/2)$$

So  $\sim \text{O}_m + \text{O}_m$

$$= \frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(2-d/2) \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[-x(1-x)q^2]^{d/2}}$$

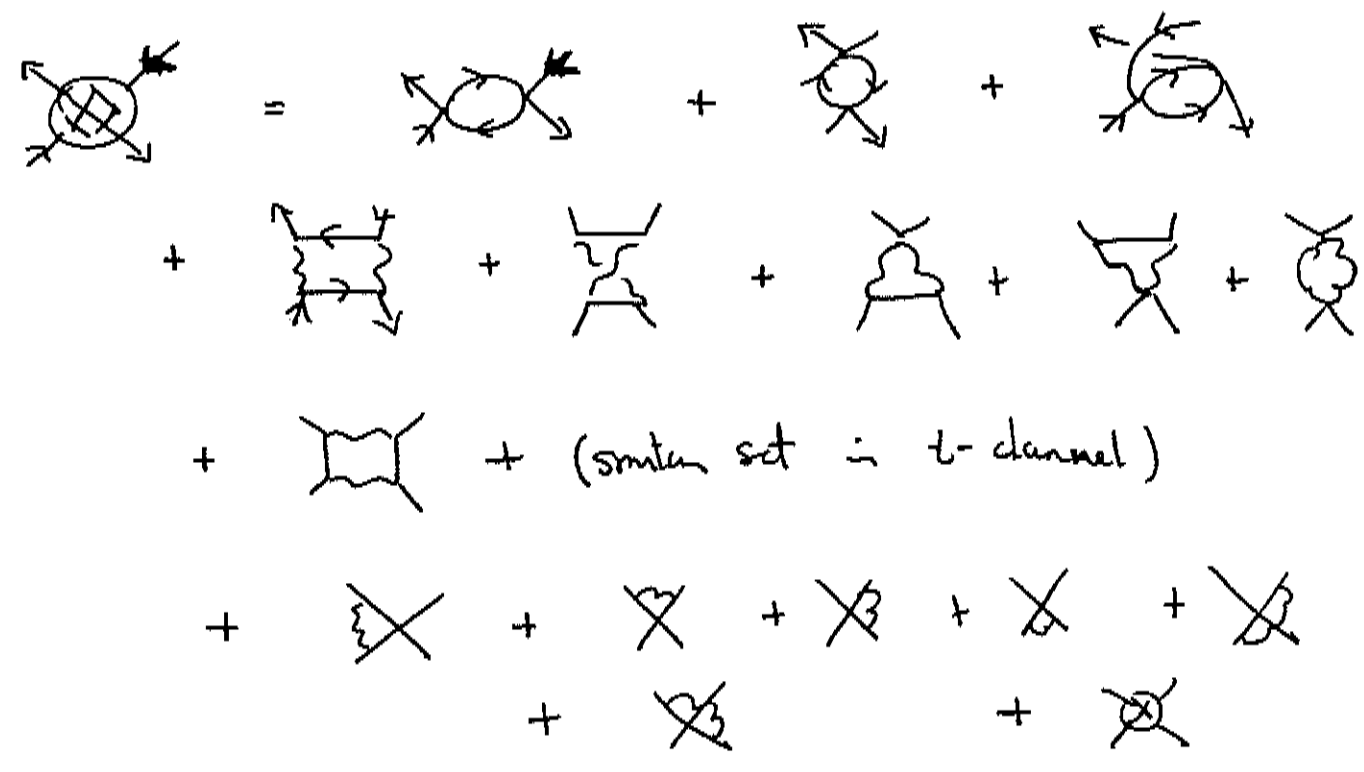
$$\left\{ -g^2 g^{\mu\nu} (1-4x+4x^2) + g^\mu g^\nu (1-2x)^2 \right\}$$

$$\approx - \frac{ie^2}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon} (g^2 g^{\mu\nu} - g^\mu g^\nu) \int_0^1 dx (1-4x+4x^2)$$

$$1 - \frac{4}{2} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

So  $\delta_3 = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} g^2 \frac{1}{M^2}$

Finally, we need to compute  $\delta_2$ . There are 3 sets of loop diagrams:



We can compute all of these diagrams with all external momenta set = 0

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 1} &= (-i \frac{2}{3} \lambda)^2 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i}{p^2} \frac{i}{p^2} \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \lambda^2 \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(2-d/2) = i \frac{4}{9} \lambda^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Diagram 2} = (-i \frac{2}{3} \lambda)^2 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 = i \frac{4}{9} \lambda^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\text{Diagram 3} = (-i \frac{2}{3} \lambda)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 = i \frac{2}{9} \lambda^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

∴ all

$$\text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} = i \frac{10}{9} \lambda^2 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 7} &= (-ie)^4 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right)^2 \\
 &\quad \cdot p^\mu p^\nu (g^{\mu\lambda} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\lambda}{p^2}) (g^{\nu\sigma} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\nu p^\sigma}{p^2}) \cdot p^\lambda p^\sigma \\
 &= (-ie)^4 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(p^2)^4} \cdot \xi^2 (\not{p})^2 \\
 &= \frac{ie^4}{(4\pi)^2} \Gamma(2-d/2) \cdot \xi^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 1} &= -ie^4 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right)^2 \\
 & p^\mu p^\nu (g^{\mu\lambda} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\lambda}{p^2}) (g^{\nu\sigma} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\nu p^\sigma}{p^2}) (-p^\lambda) (-p^\sigma) \\
 &= \frac{ie^4}{(4\pi)^2} \Gamma(2-d/2) \xi^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 2} &= 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} (-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i}{p^2} \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right)^2 \\
 & \cdot (g^{\mu\lambda} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\lambda}{p^2}) (g^{\nu\sigma} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\nu p^\sigma}{p^2}) p^\lambda p^\sigma \\
 &= -2e^4 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \Gamma(2-d/2) \xi^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Diagram 3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 4} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} 2ie^2 g^{\lambda\sigma} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right)^2 \\
 & (g^{\mu\lambda} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\lambda}{p^2}) (g^{\nu\sigma} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\nu p^\sigma}{p^2}) \\
 &= 2e^4 \cdot (3 + \xi^2) \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \Gamma(2-d/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5}$$

$$= e^4 \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \cdot (2\xi^2 - 4\xi^2 + 6 + 2\xi^2)$$

The  $t$  channel makes similar, so

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$$\text{Diagram 1} + \dots + \text{Diagram 2} + \dots = 2 \cdot \frac{ie^4}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P \downarrow \text{Diagram 1} &= (-i\frac{2}{3}\lambda)(-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right) \\
 &\quad \cdot p^\mu p^\nu \left[ g_{\mu\nu} - (1-\xi) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{3}e^2\lambda \cdot \xi \cdot \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(2-d/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Diagram 1} = \text{Diagram 2} = \text{Diagram 3}$$

However

$$\begin{aligned}
 P \downarrow \text{Diagram 4} &= (-i\frac{2}{3}\lambda)(-ie)^2 \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i}{p^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-i}{p^2}\right) \\
 &\quad \cdot p^\mu (-p^\nu) \cdot \left[ g^{\mu\nu} - (1-\xi) \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^2} \right] \\
 &= +\frac{2}{3}e^2\lambda \cdot \xi \cdot \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(2-d/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} \\
 = -2\xi \cdot \frac{2}{3}e^2\lambda \cdot \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  all:  $\cancel{\delta_1} = -\frac{2}{3}i\delta_2$

$$\frac{2}{3}\delta_2 = \left[ \frac{10}{9} \frac{\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2\zeta \frac{e^2\lambda}{(4\pi)^2} + 12 \frac{e^4}{(4\pi)^2} \right] \log^{1/2} M^2$$

then  $\delta_2 = \left[ \frac{5}{3} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi^2} - 2\zeta \frac{e^2\lambda}{(4\pi)^2} + 18 \frac{e^4}{(4\pi)^2} \right] \log^{1/2} M^2$

$$\beta_e = M \frac{\partial}{\partial M} (-e\delta_1 + e\delta_2 + \frac{1}{2}e\delta_3)$$

= (Abelian gauge theory) =  $M \frac{\partial}{\partial M} (\frac{1}{2}e\delta_3)$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{e^3}{(4\pi)^2} = \frac{e^3}{48\pi^2}$$

$$\beta_\lambda = M \frac{\partial}{\partial M} [-\delta_2 + 2\delta_2\lambda]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{10}{3}\lambda^2 - 4\zeta e^2\lambda + 36e^4 - 4(3-\zeta)e^2\lambda \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{10}{3}\lambda^2 - 12e^2\lambda + 36e^4 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \left\{ 5\lambda^2 - 18e^2\lambda + 54e^4 \right\}$$

Note that this expression is independent of  $\zeta$ . If we set  $\zeta = 0$  in  $\delta_2$ , we find:

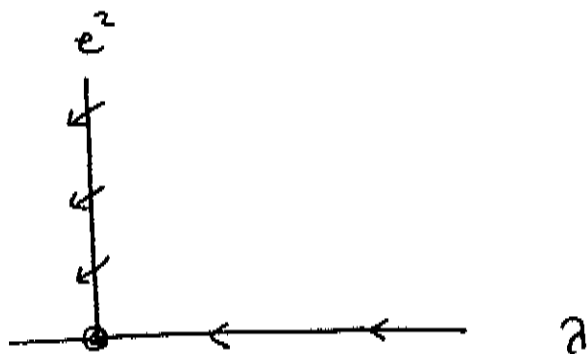
$$S_2 (\xi=0) = \left[ \frac{5}{3} \lambda^2 + 18 e^4 \right] \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \ell_p^2 / M^2$$

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Now look at flows of  $(\lambda, e^2)$  to the IR  
 $e^2$  always flows to 0 smoothly.

$\lambda$  flows to 0 for  $e^2=0$ ; however, on the line

$\lambda=0$ ,  $\lambda$  flows to negative values:



$$\frac{d}{d \ell_p} \left( \frac{\lambda}{e^2} \right) = \frac{1}{e^2} \beta_\lambda - 2 \frac{\lambda}{e^3} \beta_e$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{10}{3} \lambda^2 / e^2 - 12 \lambda + 36 e^2 - \frac{2}{3} \lambda \right\}$$

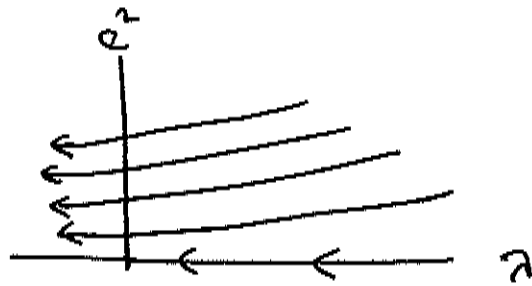
$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{10}{3} \left( \lambda / e^2 \right)^2 - \frac{38}{3} \left( \lambda / e^2 \right) + 36 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{10}{3} \left( \lambda / e^2 - \frac{19}{10} \right)^2 + \underbrace{36 - \frac{10}{3} \left( \frac{19}{10} \right)^2}_{> 0} \right\}$$

> 0

so as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$   $\lambda/e^2$  decreases, so we cannot  
set to  $e^2 = 0$   $\lambda > 0$  from  $e^2 > 0$

then, the flows are:



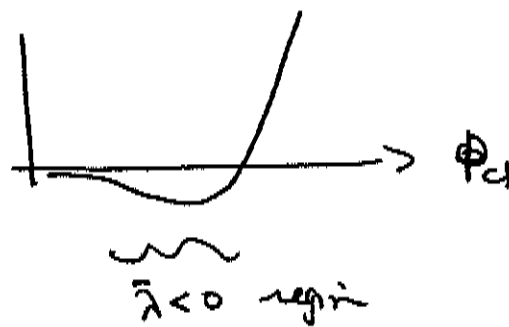
into the region  $\lambda < 0$

f.) Then  $\bar{\lambda}(\phi_{cl})$  becomes negative for some  $\phi_{cl}$ .

The resummed effective potential for  $m^2 = 0$

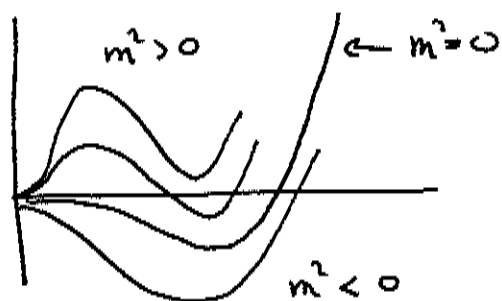
$$V_{eff} = \frac{1}{6} \bar{\lambda}(\phi_{cl}) \cdot \phi_{cl}^2 \cdot \phi_{cl}^4 + (\text{small corrections})$$

has the shape

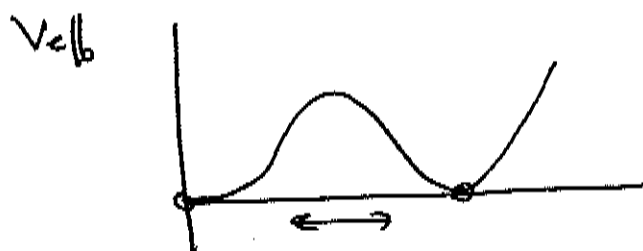


and has a symmetry-breaking minimum.

g.) Add back  $m^2 \neq 0$ . The successive effective potentials for  $m^2 \neq 0$  have the form



at the  $m^2$  st.



we have a 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition

For more details of this theory, see

S. Coleman and E. Weinberg PRD 7 1888  
(1973)

2.) a.) It is not so hard to extend the analysis to the GSW weak-interaction model. Using the gauge  $\xi=0$  and ignoring contributions from Higgs boson loops (which are proportional to  $\lambda^2$ ), we find

$$V_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\mu^2}{2} U^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} U^4 + i \frac{1}{(\text{Vol})} \cdot \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \log \det(\partial^2 + m_W^2) - \frac{3}{2} \int \log \det(\partial^2 + m_Z^2) \right]$$

where  $m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 U^2}{4}$        $m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) U^2}{4}$

= (after minimal subtraction)

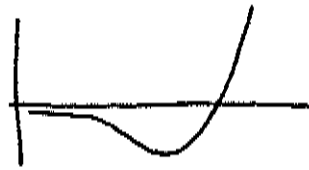
$$-\frac{\mu^2 U^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{4} U^4 + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{g^2 U^2}{4} \right)^2 \left( \int \frac{g^2 U^2}{4M^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) U^2}{4} \right)^2 \left( \int \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) U^2}{4M^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right\}$$

b.) This effective potential is of the form

$$V_{\text{eff}} = -\mu^2 \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{a}{4} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^4 \left( \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} + C \right)$$

ed, to simplify the analysis, we could even absorb  $C$  into the definition of  $M$ . For  $\mu^2 = 0$ , we have then

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{a}{4} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^4 \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2}$$



ed, tuning on  $\mu^2$ , we have a first-order phase transition, see on p. 20.

c.) The minimum of the potential is given by

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial v} = 0 \quad \text{let } -\mu^2 = m^2$$

$$0 = m^2 v + a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^3 \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2}$$

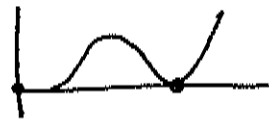
$$+ \frac{a}{2} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^4 \cdot \frac{1}{v}$$

or

$$0 = m^2 + a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \left( \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

The condition for a 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition is that the symmetry-breaking minimum should be at  $V_{\text{eff}} = 0$

$$0 = m^2 \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{a}{4} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^4 \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2}$$



$$m^2 = -\frac{a}{2} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} > 0$$

Then the condition at the top of the page becomes.

$$0 = a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} = -1$$

at this point:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial v^2} = m_h^2 &= m^2 + 3a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \left( \ln \frac{g^2 v^2}{M^2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &+ 2a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_h^2 &= + \frac{a}{2} \frac{g^4 v^2}{(4\pi)^2} + 3a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &\quad + 2a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} v^2 \\
 &= a \frac{g^4 v^2}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} + 2\right) = a \frac{g^4 v^2}{(4\pi)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

from p. 21

$$\frac{a}{4} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left\{ \frac{6}{16} g^4 + \frac{3}{16} (g^2 + g'^2)^2 \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{g'}{g}\right)^2 = \tan^2 \theta_w$$

$$\frac{g^2 + g'^2}{g^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_w}$$

$$\frac{a g^4}{(4\pi)^2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{3}{16} \left(2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_w}\right) g^4$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_h^2 &= \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \left(2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_w}\right) \left(\frac{g^2 v^2}{4}\right) \\
 &= \frac{3}{16\pi} \left(2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_w}\right) a_w m_w^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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with  $\alpha_w = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{30}$ ,  $m_W = 80 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\cos\theta_w = .77$

$$m_h^2 = \frac{3}{16\pi} \alpha_w \left(2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta_w}\right) m_W^2$$

evaluates to

$$m_h = 6.8 \text{ GeV}$$

This is the Lide-Weinby bound. For  $m^2 = 0$ ,  
 the minimum is at  $\log \frac{g^2 U^2}{M^2} = -\frac{1}{2}$  and

$$m_h^2 = 2a \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} U^2 = \frac{3}{8\pi} \alpha_w \left(2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta_w}\right) m_W^2$$

a  $m_h = 9.2 \text{ GeV}$

the "Weinby-Gildener value".

In fact,  $m_h > 114 \text{ GeV}$ .

d.) Now add the contributions of the top quark and the Higgs bosons.

$$V_{\text{eff}} = (\text{p. 21}) \\ + i \left( \frac{1}{\text{Vol}} \right) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \log \det (\partial^2 + (3aU^2 - \mu^2)) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3}{2} \log \det (\partial^2 + (aU^2 - \mu^2)) \right. \\ \left. + 3 \log \det (i\not{\partial} - m_t) \right]$$

where  $m_t = \frac{\lambda_t U}{\sqrt{2}}$ , 3 is a color factor, and the + sign is for fermion.

$$\log \det (i\not{\partial} - m_t) = 2 \log \det (\partial^2 + m_t^2)$$

evaluating these determinants in the same way as before and setting  $aU^2 \approx \mu^2$ , we find a  $\log \frac{v^2}{M^2}$  term:

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \dots + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[ 6m_W^4 + 3m_Z^4 + m_h^4 \right. \\ \left. - 12m_t^4 \right] \left( \log \frac{g^2 U^2}{M^2} + \dots \right)$$

This decreases the coefficient of the  $g_2$  and brings us back to the "normal" situation in which there is no radiative symmetry breaking. However, when  $m_t$  becomes large, the asymptotic behavior of the potential is

$$V_{\text{eff}} = -b \frac{v^4}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{v^2}{M^2}$$

and there is an instability to escape to  $v^2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

To analyze this situation, look at the leading pieces of each term of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  for  $v \rightarrow \infty$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \dots + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ 6 \left( \frac{g^2 v^2}{4} \right)^2 + 3 \left( \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{4} v^2 \right)^2 \right. \\ \left. + (3g v^2)^2 + 3 (g' v^2)^2 - 12 \left( \frac{g_t^2 v^2}{2} \right)^2 \right\} \ln \frac{v^2}{M^2}$$

$\sigma$  and  $\pi$  contributions

the term in brackets is

$$(m_h^2 = 2g v^2)$$

$$\left\{ 6m_W^2 + 3m_Z^2 - 12m_t^2 + 3m_h^2 \right\}$$

this term is negative if

$$m_h^{2\ddagger} < \frac{1}{3} (12 m_t^2 - 6 m_W^4 - 3 m_Z^4)$$

$$= (240 \text{ GeV})^4$$

Actually omitted finite corrections are important, and one actually finds the bound

$$m_h > 140 \text{ GeV}$$

in the Standard Model. For more details, see

M. Sher, Phys. Repts. 179, 273 (1989).