

Ward identities for scalar electrodynamics

$$Z[J_\mu, j, j^*] = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi^* e^{i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQED}}[A, \phi] + \underbrace{J_\mu A^\mu}_{\text{external sources}} + \underbrace{j\phi}_{\text{external sources}} + \underbrace{j^*\phi^*}_{\text{external sources}}]}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQED}} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Gauge-invariant} \\ \text{terms} \end{array} \right) - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A)^\mu{}^2$$

Perform infinitesimal gauge transformation as a change of integration variables:

$$\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi \approx \phi + i\alpha \phi + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$

$$\phi^* \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha} \phi^* \approx \phi^* - \phi^* i\alpha + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha$$

Expect no change in integration measure:

$$Z[J_\mu, j, j^*] \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi^* e^{i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQED}} + \text{sources} + \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{1}{e} (\partial_\mu A)^\mu{}^2 \alpha - \frac{1}{e} J_\mu \partial^\mu \alpha + i\alpha j\phi - i\alpha j^*\phi^* + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)]}$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi^* \left[1 + \int d^4x \alpha(x) \left(\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{1}{e} \partial^2 \partial_\mu A^\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu J^\mu + i j\phi - i j^*\phi^* \right) \right] \times e^{i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQED}} + \text{sources}]}$$

$$0 = \delta Z = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi^* \int d^4x \alpha(x) \left(\frac{1}{\xi} \frac{1}{e} \partial^2 \partial_\mu A^\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu J^\mu + i j\phi - i j^*\phi^* \right) e^{i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L}_{\text{SQED}} + \text{sources}]}$$

Replace: $A_\mu \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{i\delta J^\mu}$ $\phi \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{i\delta j}$ $\phi^* \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{i\delta j^*}$

Multiply through by e , divide by Z
True for any gauge function $\alpha(x)$

$$0 = \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \partial^2 \partial^\mu \frac{\delta}{i\delta J^\mu} + \partial_\mu J^\mu + ie \left(j \frac{\delta}{i\delta j} - j^* \frac{\delta}{i\delta j^*} \right) \right] \frac{Z[J_\mu, j, j^*]}{Z[0]}$$

Ward identity for connected Green's functions:

Write $Z[J, j, j^*] = Z[0] e^{iW[J, j, j^*]}$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \partial_\mu J + i \left[\frac{1}{i} \partial^2 \partial_\mu \frac{\delta}{\delta J_\mu} + ie \left(j \frac{\delta}{i \delta j} - j^* \frac{\delta}{i \delta j^*} \right) \right] W[J, \eta, \bar{\eta}]$$

Ward identity for 1PI vertices

$$W[J, j, j^*] = \Gamma[A, \phi, \phi^*] + \int d^4x (J_\mu A^\mu + j\phi + j^*\phi^*)$$

Identities: $\frac{\delta W}{\delta J_\mu} = A^\mu$ $\frac{\delta W}{\delta j} = \phi$ $\frac{\delta W}{\delta j^*} = \phi^*$

$$J^\mu = \frac{-\delta \Gamma}{\delta A_\mu} \quad j = \frac{-\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi} \quad j^* = \frac{-\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi^*}$$

$$0 = -\partial_\mu \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta A_\mu} + i \left[\frac{1}{i} \partial^2 \partial_\mu \frac{1}{i} A^\mu + ie \left(\frac{-\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi} \frac{1}{i} \phi - \frac{-\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi^*} \frac{1}{i} \phi^* \right) \right]$$

$$0 = -\partial_\mu \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta A_\mu} + \frac{1}{i} \partial^2 \partial_\mu A^\mu + ie \left(\frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi^*} \phi^* - \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi} \phi \right)$$

Careful with complex-valued fields:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \phi^\dagger \rangle = \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi^*} \Big|_{\phi, \phi^* = 0} = \phi \rightarrow \text{creates particle} \\ \langle \phi \rangle = \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi} \Big|_{\phi, \phi^* = 0} = \bar{\phi} \rightarrow \text{creates antiparticle} \end{array} \right.$$