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## Yukawa Theory RG Flow

The Lagrangian for Yukawa theory is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial^{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{2}M^{2}\phi^{2} - \mathrm{i}\bar{\psi}\partial\!\!\!/\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi - \frac{\lambda}{24}\phi^{4} - g\phi\bar{\psi}\psi.$$

Work in d = 3 + 1 spacetime dimensions.

(a) Show that the 1-loop  $\beta$  functions for the coupling constants are

$$\begin{split} \beta(g) &= \frac{5g^3}{16\pi^2}, \\ \beta(\lambda) &= \frac{3\lambda^2 + 8\lambda g^2 - 48g^4}{16\pi^2}. \end{split}$$

To study the RG flows of Yukawa theory, define

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\lambda}{g^2}.$$

(b) Using the results of part (a), show that

$$g = g_0 \log \left| \frac{\alpha - \alpha_+^*}{\alpha - \alpha_-^*} \right|^{\nu}$$

describes the RG flow trajectory of the coupling constant g, and find the constants  $\alpha^*_{\pm}$  and  $\nu$ .

(c) Sketch the RG flows of  $(\lambda, g^2)$ . Which fixed points are stable, and which are unstable? What happens at high energy, and at low energy?