

Feynman Rules with Long Range Interactions

Consider the quantum field theory of a single real scalar field $\phi(x)$, with $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, with a “bare” action

$$S_0[\phi] = \int d^d x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 \right].$$

Suppose that the action is actually $S = S_0 + S_{\text{LRI}}$, where

$$S_{\text{LRI}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x d^d y J(|x - y|) \phi(x) \phi(y).$$

This adds a long range interaction term to the action.

- (a) Explain how the long range interaction changes the propagator for this field ϕ .
- (b) Discuss what happens semi-quantitatively (i.e., don’t worry about overall constants) when

$$J(r) = \frac{C}{r^A}.$$

Explain how there is a critical A_c such that for $A < A_c$, the long range interaction plays a dominant role in the dynamics of the theory.

- (c) Discuss what happens semi-quantitatively when

$$J(r) = J_0 e^{-r/\xi}.$$