

# Sextic tensor field theories

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⇒ What about sextic interactions?

- 1 Models and large- $N$  limit
- 2 Divergences and renormalization
- 3  $1/N$  corrections

# Sextic $U(N)^3$ model

- Complex field  $\phi_{abc}, \bar{\phi}_{abc}$ ,  $U(N)^3$  symmetry

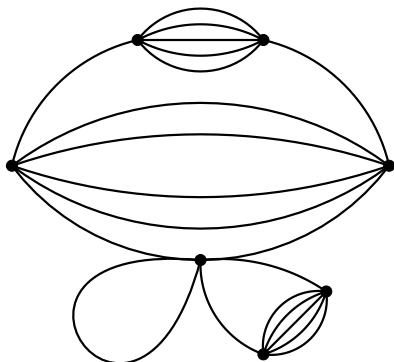
$$S[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = \int d^d x \bar{\phi}_{abc} (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu)^\zeta \phi_{abc} + S_{\text{int}}[\phi, \bar{\phi}],$$

$$S_{\text{int}}[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = \int d^d x \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{6N^3} \text{Diagram 1} + \frac{\lambda_2}{6N^4} \text{Diagram 2} + \frac{\lambda_3}{6N^4} \text{Diagram 3} + \frac{\lambda_4}{6N^5} \text{Diagram 4} + \frac{\lambda_5}{6N^6} \text{Diagram 5} \right).$$

- $\zeta = 1$ : short-range
- $0 < \zeta < 1$ : long-range

# Large- $N$ expansion

- Factor  $N$  per face of color  $0i$
- Large- $N$  expansion:
  - Melons with wheel vertices
  - Double-tadpoles with any vertex



# Power counting and renormalization scheme

- Marginality:
  - Short-range:  $d = 3$
  - Long-range:  $\zeta = d/3, d < 3$
- Two and four-point functions: power divergent
- Six-point functions: log divergent
- Choice of scheme
  - Short-range:  $d = 3 - \epsilon$
  - Long-range:  $\zeta = \frac{d+\epsilon}{3}$
  - Subtraction at non-zero external momentum



# Schwinger-Dyson equation: short-range

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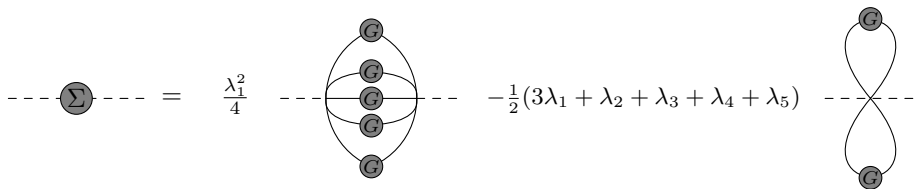
$$G(p)^{-1} = C(p)^{-1} - \Sigma(p),$$

The diagrammatic equation shows the self-energy  $\Sigma$  as a sum of two terms. On the left, a dashed line with a circle containing  $\Sigma$  is equal to the first term, which is  $\frac{\lambda_1^2}{4}$  times a diagram of a dashed line with four  $G$  vertices (circles) connected by arcs. The second term is  $-\frac{1}{2}(3\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)$  times a diagram of a dashed line with two  $G$  vertices connected by two arcs forming a figure-eight shape.

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- UV: free scaling regime
- IR: anomalous scaling  $G(p)^{-1} \sim p^{2\Delta}$  with  $\Delta = d/3$
- Wave function renormalization:  $\phi = \phi_R \sqrt{Z}$
- $Z$  such that  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\Gamma_R^{(2)}(p)}{dp^2} \Big|_{p^2=\mu^2} = 1$

$$Z = 1 - \mu^{-4\epsilon} \frac{\lambda_1^2 \pi^2}{6(4\pi)^6 \epsilon}$$

# Schwinger-Dyson equation: long-range

- Free propagator reproduces IR scaling
- Only one scaling regime  $\Rightarrow$  no wave function renormalization
- SDE solved by ansatz  $G(p) = \frac{\mathcal{Z}}{p^{2d/3}}$
- $\mathcal{Z}$  coefficient of the full two-point function

$$\mathcal{Z} = 1 - \frac{\lambda_1^2}{4(4\pi)^{2d}} \frac{3\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{3})\Gamma(\frac{d}{5})^5}{d\Gamma(\frac{d}{3})^5\Gamma(5\frac{d}{6})}$$

- Finite for  $d < 3$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Characteristic feature of long-range models

# Four-point function

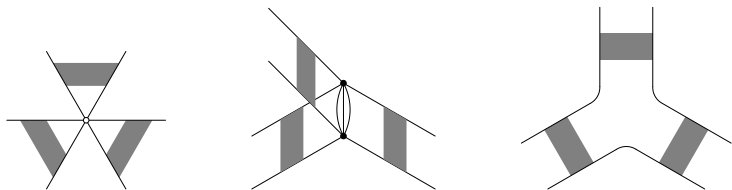
- Computation of four-point kernel
- No contribution from tadpoles in dimensional regularization
- Four-point function as a series of ladders

The diagram shows an equation for the four-point function. On the left is a thick grey vertical bar representing the full four-point kernel. This is set equal to a series of terms: a simple horizontal line, followed by a ladder diagram with one run, then a ladder with two runs, and finally an ellipsis indicating the series continues. Each ladder diagram consists of two horizontal lines connected by vertical rungs.

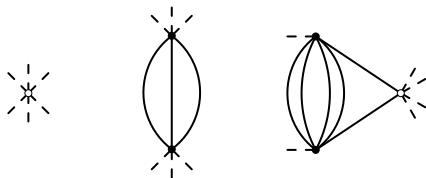
- No divergences in the four-point kernel
- Take four-point couplings to zero from the beginning

# Beta functions: bare expansion

- Structure known thanks to large- $N$  limit



- Here only up to order 3 in the coupling constants



- Two interacting fixed points:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{g}_1^* &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\pi}; & \bar{g}_2^* &= \frac{9}{2\pi} (-1 \mp 2\sqrt{\epsilon}); & \bar{g}_3^* &= 0; \\ \bar{g}_4^* &= \frac{9}{7\pi} (5 \pm 7\sqrt{\epsilon}); & \bar{g}_5^* &= \frac{-109 \mp 126\sqrt{\epsilon}}{42\pi}.\end{aligned}$$

- Critical exponents:

$$(4\epsilon; 4\epsilon; 6\epsilon; 14\epsilon; 30\epsilon)$$

- Infrared stable
- Eigenvalue of multiplicity two: non-diagonalizable stability matrix
- Logarithmic CFT  $\Rightarrow$  non-unitary

## Fixed points: long-range

- Line of fixed points parametrized by  $g_1$ :

$$\bar{g}_2^* = -9\bar{g}_1 + \frac{9\Gamma(d/3)\Gamma(2d/3)}{\Gamma(-d/6)\Gamma(d/6)}; \quad \bar{g}_3^* = 0;$$

$$\bar{g}_4^* = 9\bar{g}_1 - \frac{90}{7} \frac{2\Gamma(d/3)\Gamma(2d/3)}{\Gamma(-d/6)\Gamma(d/6)};$$

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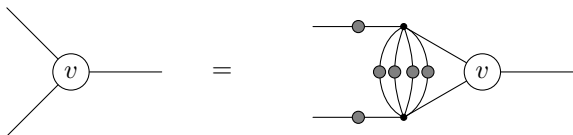
$$\left( \frac{15\bar{g}_1^2\alpha}{2}; \frac{7\bar{g}_1^2\alpha}{2}; \frac{3\bar{g}_1^2\alpha}{2}; \bar{g}_1^2\alpha \right), \quad \alpha > 0$$

- Infrared stable
- Compatible with unitarity

# Spectrum of bilinears

Three-point function of two fields and a primary:

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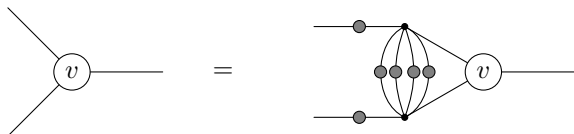
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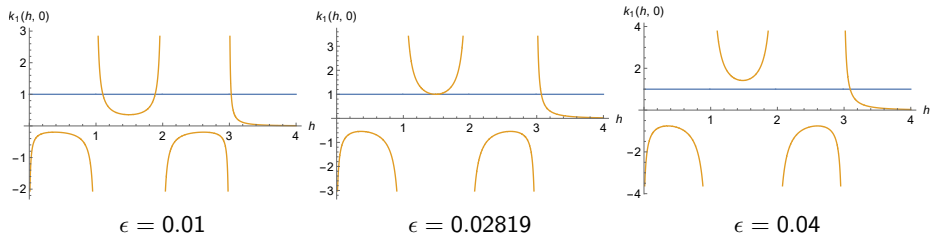
$$h_0 = 1 + \frac{29}{3}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad h_1 = 3 + 3\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$h_q = 2 - \frac{32}{3}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$h_n = 1 + 2n - \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{20}{3n(n-1)(4n^2-1)}\epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3), \quad n > 1.$$

# Appearance of complex dimensions

- Small  $\epsilon > 0$ : real dimensions
- For  $\epsilon > 0.02819$ ,  $h_0$  and  $h_q$  merge and become complex



- Similar situation for long-range case
- Instabilities when complex dimensions of the form  $d/2 + ir$  [Kim et al., Benedetti]

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  - Non-perturbative in  $\epsilon \Rightarrow$  No precursor of the large- $N$  fixed point

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- SR: properties of logarithmic CFT
- LR: Study of CFT data  $\rightarrow$  further hints of unitarity?
- What about higher order interactions?