

Last time: finished talking about SSB

~ talked about π^+, π^-, π^0 as Goldstone bosons of

$$S \text{ chiral SB: } SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)$$

~ $SU(3)_L \otimes SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)$ for $N_f = 3 \Rightarrow$ get 8

Goldstone bosons: $\pi^+, \pi^-, \pi^0, K^+, K^0, \bar{K}^0, K^-, \eta^0$

~ VEV for this SSB is $\langle 0 | \bar{q} q | 0 \rangle \simeq -(230 \text{ MeV})^3$
chiral (quark) condensate.

The Electroweak Theory (cont'd)

Local Gauge Symmetries (cont'd)

$U(1)$ global: $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} [i \not{\partial} - m] \psi$ QED electrons

to make $U(1)$ symmetry local has to gauge the $\mathcal{L}$:

introduce a gauge field $A_\mu(x)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \bar{\psi} [i \not{D} - m] \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i g A_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}}$ is symmetric under local $U(1)$ symmetry:

$$\begin{cases} \psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha(x)} \psi \\ A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \alpha(x) \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{gauge} \\ \text{transformation} \end{array}$$

=> what about non-Abelian groups?

=> take $SU(2)$: $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} [i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m] \psi$

with $m = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix}$ has a global $SU(2)$ symmetry.

=> Make it local => gauge the Lagrangian by introducing a gauge field $A_\mu^a(x)$, $a=1,2,3$

(three gauge fields) =>

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} [i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m] \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu$$

(summation over a 's, μ 's, ν 's is assumed)

$$A_\mu = A_\mu^a \frac{\tau^a}{2} = A_\mu^1 \frac{\tau^1}{2} + A_\mu^2 \frac{\tau^2}{2} + A_\mu^3 \frac{\tau^3}{2}$$

=> we saw that for $\bar{\psi} [i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m] \psi$ to be gauge-inv.

need
$$\begin{cases} \psi' = S(x) \psi \\ A_\mu' = S(x) A_\mu S^{-1}(x) - \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu S) S^{-1} \end{cases}$$
 non-Abelian gauge transformation

$$S(x) = e^{i \vec{\alpha}(x) \cdot \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2}}$$

=> but what is $F_{\mu\nu}$?

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu]$$
 like in Abelian case

$$F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{\tau^a}{2}$$

=> is $F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$ gauge invariant?

where $F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{\tau^a}{2}$.

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$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] = \frac{i}{g} [\partial_\mu - ig A_\mu, \partial_\nu - ig A_\nu] = \\ &= \frac{i}{g} \left\{ -ig [\partial_\mu, A_\nu] - ig [A_\mu, \partial_\nu] - g^2 [A_\mu, A_\nu] \right\} \\ &= \frac{i}{g} \left\{ -ig (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) - g^2 [A_\mu, A_\nu] \right\} = \\ &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig [A_\mu, A_\nu] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig [A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu}^a \frac{\tau^a}{2} &= (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) \frac{\tau^a}{2} - ig A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \underbrace{\left[\frac{\tau^b}{2}, \frac{\tau^c}{2} \right]}_{i \epsilon^{bca} \frac{\tau^a}{2}} \quad \leftarrow \text{su(2)} \\ &= \frac{\tau^a}{2} \left[\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g \epsilon^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g \epsilon^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

~ true for su(2)

~ other groups have different group structure constants:

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c.$$

What happens to $F_{\mu\nu}$ under non-Abelian gauge transform?

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Start with D_μ : $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow \partial_\mu - ig \left[S A_\mu S^{-1} - \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu S) S^{-1} \right] =$$

$$= S \left[\partial_\mu - ig A_\mu \right] S^{-1} = S D_\mu S^{-1}$$

$$\text{as } S \partial_\mu S^{-1} = \partial_\mu + S (\partial_\mu S^{-1})$$

$$\text{now: } 1 = S S^{-1} \Rightarrow 0 = \partial_\mu (S S^{-1}) = (\partial_\mu S) S^{-1} + S (\partial_\mu S^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow S (\partial_\mu S^{-1}) = -(\partial_\mu S) S^{-1} \Rightarrow S \partial_\mu S^{-1} = \partial_\mu - (\partial_\mu S) S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_\mu \rightarrow S D_\mu S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] \rightarrow \frac{i}{g} [S D_\mu S^{-1}, S D_\nu S^{-1}]$$

$$= \frac{i}{g} S [D_\mu, D_\nu] S^{-1} = S F_{\mu\nu} S^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F'_{\mu\nu} = S F_{\mu\nu} S^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Note that $F_{\mu\nu}$ is not invariant under gauge transformation if it is non-Abelian!

$$-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

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as $\text{tr}\left(\frac{\tau^a}{2} \frac{\tau^b}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{ab} \Rightarrow$ under non-abelian gauge transformation have

$$-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left[\mathcal{S}^\dagger F_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{S} F^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{S}^{-1}\right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}]$$

$\Rightarrow$ the Lagrangian is invariant under non-abelian gauge transformation:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} [i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m] \psi - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

true for any gauge group $SU(N)$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu]$$

The Higgs Mechanism (U(1) model)

~ Imagine a case when gauge symmetry is spontaneously broken

~ Goldstone th'm does not apply: needs manifest Lorentz invariance & positivity of the norm. (to have G. boson state w/ $\langle 1 | 1 \rangle > 0$)

In gauge theories L. inv. gauges $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ don't have > 0 of the norm, other gauges $A^0 = 0, \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ are not

manifestly $\mathcal{L}$ -inv.

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Consider a Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \varphi)^* (D_\mu \varphi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \mu^2 \varphi^* \varphi - \lambda (\varphi^* \varphi)^2$$

$\varphi \sim$ complex scalar field, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

$A_\mu \sim$ Abelian gauge field, $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu$.

The theory has a $U(1)$ local gauge symmetry:

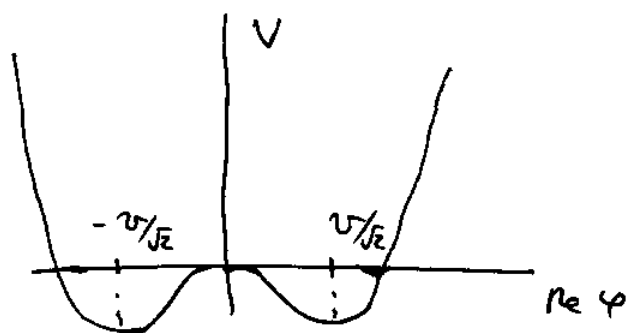
$$\begin{cases} \varphi \rightarrow \varphi' = e^{i\alpha(x)} \varphi \\ A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \alpha \end{cases}$$

The potential is $V(\varphi) = -\mu^2 \varphi^* \varphi + \lambda (\varphi^* \varphi)^2$.

$\Rightarrow$ the minimum is at

$$-2\mu^2 v' + 4\lambda v'^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v' = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\lambda}} \equiv \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$\Rightarrow$ have an ∞ of vacua: $\langle 0 | \varphi | 0 \rangle = v' e^{i\theta(x)}$, $\theta \sim \text{real}$.

$\Rightarrow$ pick $\langle 0 | \varphi | 0 \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = v'$ as the vacuum.

$\Rightarrow$ SSB of gauge ~~the~~ symmetry!

Write $\varphi = \frac{\rho'(x)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta(x)}$ with $\rho'(x), \theta(x)$ real fields. (91)

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[(\partial_\mu + ig A_\mu) \frac{\rho'}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\theta} \right] \cdot \left[(\partial_\mu - ig A_\mu) \frac{\rho'}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta} \right] -$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\rho')^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\rho')^4 = \left[(\partial_\mu + ig A_\mu - i\partial_\mu \theta) \frac{\rho'}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$\cdot \left[(\partial_\mu - ig A_\mu + i\partial_\mu \theta) \frac{\rho'}{\sqrt{2}} \right] - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\rho')^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\rho')^4$$

$\Rightarrow$ define $B_\mu \equiv A_\mu - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta$ ($F_{\mu\nu}$ remains the same ~ like a gauge transf.)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_\mu + ig B_\mu) \rho' \right] \left[(\partial_\mu - ig B_\mu) \rho' \right] - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} +$$

$$+ \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\rho')^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\rho')^4 \quad \text{with } G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu = F_{\mu\nu}$$

Now, in the new vacuum $\langle 0 | \rho' | 0 \rangle = v$, $\langle 0 | \theta | 0 \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ write $\rho' = \rho + v \Rightarrow$ set

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_\mu + ig B_\mu) (\rho + v) \right] \left[(\partial_\mu - ig B_\mu) (\rho + v) \right] - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\rho + v)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\rho + v)^4.$$

kinetic term = $\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho + \frac{1}{2} g^2 B_\mu B^\mu (\rho + v)^2 +$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\cancel{ig B_\mu (\rho + v) \partial_\mu \rho - ig B_\mu (\rho + v) \partial_\mu \rho} \right)^0 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} g^2 B_\mu B^\mu (\rho + v)^2.$$

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potential: $\frac{\mu^2}{2} (2\rho \cdot v + \rho^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 v + 6\rho^2 v^2 + 4\rho v^3 + v^4) = \rho \left(\mu^2 v - \lambda v^3 \right) \rightarrow 0 + \rho^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \lambda v^2 \right) - \lambda \rho^3 v - \frac{\lambda}{4} \rho^4 = -\mu^2 \rho^2 - \lambda \rho^3 v - \frac{\lambda}{4} \rho^4$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho - \mu^2 \rho^2 - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g^2 v^2 B_\mu B^\mu + \frac{1}{2} g^2 B_\mu B^\mu (2\rho v + \rho^2) - \lambda \rho^3 v - \frac{\lambda}{4} \rho^4$$

particle content:

$\sim$ a scalar ρ with mass $\mu\sqrt{2}$.

$\sim$ a massive gauge field B_μ with mass

$$m_B = g v \quad (\text{see HW \#2, problem on Proca})$$

$$\text{Lagrangian: } \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m^2}{2} A_\mu A^\mu$$

$\sim$ field θ got "eaten up" by B_μ , as massless gauge field A_μ had 2 d.o.f., now $\oplus 1 (\theta)$

$\Rightarrow B_\mu$ has 3 degrees of freedom.

$\theta \sim$ "would-be" Goldstone boson

$\sim$ if we had not absorbed θ into B_μ would have gotten terms like $A_\mu \partial^\mu \theta \sim$ not clear how to interpret. (related to negative norm problem) (---)?