

Problem 1: fundamental rep. of $SO(3)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi^i \partial^\mu \Phi^i - V(\Phi)$$

$$V(\Phi) = -\frac{\mu^2}{2} \Phi^i \Phi^i + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^i \Phi^i)^2, \quad \mu^2, \lambda > 0$$

(1) • Lets write $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi^1 \\ \Phi^2 \\ \Phi^3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi^T \partial^\mu \Phi + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \Phi^T \Phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^T \Phi)^2$$

• $SO(3)$ rotations act on Φ as

$$\Phi \mapsto O\Phi \quad (\Phi^T \mapsto (O\Phi)^T = \Phi^T O^T)$$

$$\text{with } O^T O = \mathbb{1}$$

$\partial_\mu O = 0$, because $SO(3)$ global

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mathcal{L} &\mapsto \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \Phi^T) \underbrace{O^T O}_{=\mathbb{1}} (\partial^\mu \Phi) + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \Phi^T \underbrace{O^T O}_{=\mathbb{1}} \Phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^T \underbrace{O^T O}_{=\mathbb{1}} \Phi)^2 \\ &= \mathcal{L} \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow Lagrangian is invariant

$$(2) \bullet \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi^i} = -\mu^2 \Phi^i + \lambda (\Phi^j \Phi^j) \Phi^i \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi^i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Phi^j \Phi^j = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi^j \partial \Phi^i} = -\mu^2 \delta_{ij} + 2\lambda \Phi^j \Phi^i + \lambda \delta_{ij} (\Phi^k \Phi^k)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^j \partial \phi^i} \right|_{\phi^i=0} \leq 0 \rightarrow \phi^i=0 \text{ maximum}$$

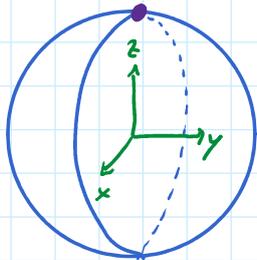
$$\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^j \partial \phi^i} \right|_{\phi^i \phi^i = \frac{f^2}{\lambda}} \geq 0 \rightarrow \phi^i \phi^i = \frac{f^2}{\lambda} \text{ minimum}$$

→ ground state has to satisfy $\phi^i \phi^i = \frac{f^2}{\lambda}$

- vacuum manifold: $\mathcal{M} = \{\phi : \phi^i \phi^i = \frac{f^2}{\lambda}\} \cong S^2$

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- The vacuum manifold is a 2-sphere:



Let us choose the vacuum to be at the purple point. Then this point stays there for rotations around the z-axis. But rotations around the x- and y-axes would rotate the point away. So there is only one rotational symmetry → $SU(3)$ is broken to $SU(2)$.

- We broke two symmetries and so there should be two massless Goldstone bosons.
- Lets choose the vev $\Phi_0 = (0, 0, v)^T$

and expand around it:

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad v^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}$$

Inserting into Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu (v+h))^2 \\ + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (G_1^2 + G_2^2 + (v+h)^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (G_1^2 + G_2^2 + \underbrace{(v+h)^2}_{v^2 + 2vh + h^2})^2$$

• Keep only quadratic order:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 \\ + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cancel{(G_1^2 + G_2^2)} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} h^2 \\ - \frac{\lambda}{2} v^2 \cancel{(G_1^2 + G_2^2)} - \lambda v^2 h^2 + \dots \\ \uparrow \\ \mu^2 = 2v^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu G_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 - \frac{1}{2} 2v^2 h^2$$

→ two massless Goldstone boson and one massive Higgs boson with mass $m_h^2 = 2v^2$

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• Under a local $SO(3)$ transformation we get

$$\partial_\mu \Phi \mapsto \partial_\mu (O\Phi) = O \partial_\mu \Phi + (\partial_\mu O)\Phi$$

The covariant derivative should transform as

$$D_\mu \Phi \mapsto O D_\mu \Phi$$

Thus, we need a term that cancels $(\partial_\mu O)\Phi$.

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi + g A_\mu \Phi$$

$$\mapsto O \partial_\mu \Phi + (\partial_\mu O)\Phi + g A_\mu O\Phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow O \partial_\mu \Phi + (\partial_\mu O) \Phi + g A_\mu^i O \Phi \\ & \stackrel{!}{=} O \partial_\mu \Phi + g O A_\mu \Phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow A_\mu^i = O A_\mu^i O^T - \frac{1}{g} (\partial_\mu O) O^T$$

- The field strength tensor is defined by

$$F_{\mu\nu} \Phi = \frac{1}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] \Phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{g} [\partial_\mu + g A_\mu, \partial_\nu + g A_\nu] \Phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{g} [\cancel{\partial_\mu}, \cancel{\partial_\nu}] \Phi + [A_\mu, \partial_\nu] \Phi + [\partial_\mu, A_\nu] \Phi + g [A_\mu, A_\nu] \Phi$$

$\partial\Phi$ terms cancel \rightarrow

$$= (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + g [A_\mu, A_\nu]) \Phi$$

- The Lagrangian that is invariant under local SU(3) symmetry is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \Phi)^T (D^\mu \Phi) - V(\Phi)$$

with

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi + g A_\mu \Phi$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + g [A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

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$$\bullet \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu (\Phi + \Phi_0))^T (D^\mu (\Phi + \Phi_0))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \Phi_0)^T (D^\mu \Phi_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^2 \Phi_0^T A_\mu^T A^\mu \Phi_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^2 A_\mu^a A^{\mu b} \Phi_0^T T^a T^b \Phi_0$$

$$T^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^1 T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^2 T^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^1 T^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} g_V^2 (A_\mu^2 A^{2\mu} + A_\mu^3 A^{3\mu})$$

$$\rightarrow m_V = g_V$$

- the mass matrix has one vanishing eigenvalue that corresponds to one massless gauge boson.

The massive gauge bosons have the mass $m_V = g_V$.

Problem 2:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi_1 \partial^\mu \Phi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi_2 \partial^\mu \Phi_2 + \frac{M^2}{2} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2)^2 + \mathcal{E} U(\Phi_1)$$

real scalar field
↓

(1) $\mathcal{E} = 0:$

Let us define the field $\Psi := \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

We can write the Lagrangian as follows

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Psi^T \partial^\mu \Psi + \frac{M^2}{2} \Psi^T \Psi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Psi^T \Psi)^2$$

→ The symmetry of the theory is $SO(2)$ with $\Psi \mapsto O \Psi$, where O can be

with $\psi \mapsto O\psi$, where O can be written as

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Theta & -\sin \Theta \\ \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Theta & -\sin \Theta \\ \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Theta \Phi_1 - \sin \Theta \Phi_2 \\ \sin \Theta \Phi_1 + \cos \Theta \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 - \Theta \Phi_2 \\ \Phi_2 + \Theta \Phi_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \delta \Phi_1 = -\Theta \Phi_2, \quad \delta \Phi_2 = \Theta \Phi_1$$

• Noether current:

$$\begin{aligned} j^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \Phi_1)} \delta \Phi_1 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \Phi_2)} \delta \Phi_2 \\ &\sim -(\partial^\mu \Phi_1) \Phi_2 + (\partial^\mu \Phi_2) \Phi_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet V &= -\frac{m^2}{2} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2)^2 \\ &= -\frac{m^2}{2} \Phi_i \Phi_i + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi_i \Phi_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_i} = -m^2 \Phi_i + \lambda (\Phi_j \Phi_j) \Phi_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi_i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Phi_i \Phi_i = \frac{m^2}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_j \partial \Phi_i} = -m^2 \delta_{ij} + \lambda (\Phi_j \Phi_j) \delta_{ij} + 2\lambda \Phi_i \Phi_j$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_j \partial \Phi_i} \right|_{\Phi_i=0} = -m^2 \delta_{ij} \rightarrow \text{eigenvalues} \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{maximum}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_j \partial \Phi_i} \Big|_{\Phi_1 = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}, \Phi_2 = 0} = -\mu^2 \delta_{ij} + \mu^2 \delta_{ij} + 2\mu^2 \delta_{i1} \delta_{j1} \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

choice on circle $\Phi_i \Phi_i = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}$

- The ground states are $\{\Phi_1, \Phi_2 : \Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}\}$.

If we choose $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$, $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle = 0$, then the perturbation χ around $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle$: $\Phi_2 = \langle \Phi_2 \rangle + \chi$ is the massless Nambu-Goto boson.

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- $\epsilon \neq 0$

$$\rightarrow V = -\frac{\mu^2}{2} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2)^2 - \epsilon U(\Phi_1)$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_2} = -\mu^2 \Phi_2 + \lambda (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) \Phi_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi_1} = -\mu^2 \Phi_1 + \lambda (\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) \Phi_1 - \epsilon U'(\Phi_1) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

- There are two possibilities to minimize the potential:

(i) $\Phi_2 = 0$

$$-\mu^2 \Phi_1 + \lambda \Phi_1^3 - \epsilon U'(\Phi_1) = 0$$

$$\Phi_1 \approx a + \epsilon b$$

$$\rightarrow -\mu^2 a - \mu^2 \epsilon b + \lambda a^3 + 3\lambda a^2 b \epsilon - \epsilon U' \approx 0$$

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}, \quad b = + \frac{U'}{2\mu^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi_1 = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \epsilon \frac{U'}{2\mu^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi_1 = \frac{f}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \epsilon \frac{U'}{2f^2}$$

$$(ii) \Phi_2 = \frac{f}{\sqrt{\lambda}}, \quad \Phi_1 = 0, \quad U' = 0$$

- In both cases we obtain a light boson with m_{mass} proportional to $\epsilon \rightarrow$ pseudo Goldstone boson

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu^2 + \lambda(\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2) + 2\lambda\Phi_1^2 + \epsilon U'' & 2\lambda\Phi_1\Phi_2 \\ 2\lambda\Phi_1\Phi_2 & -\mu^2 + \lambda(\Phi_1^2 + \Phi_2^2)^2 + 2\lambda\Phi_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(i) \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\mu^2 + 3\epsilon \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{f} U' + \epsilon U'' & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{f} U' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(ii) \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Phi_i \partial \Phi_j} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon U'' & 0 \\ 0 & 2\mu^2 \end{pmatrix}$$