

Fronsdal Lagrangian extended with continuous spin parameter

Topics: Higher Spin Fields

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Higher Spin theory: spin independent framework, including scalar, spinor, vector, gravity, etc

Plan of talk

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- i. Poincare symmetry as a space time symmetry. and possible particles
- ii. Construction for continuous spin field

II. Modifying massless theory

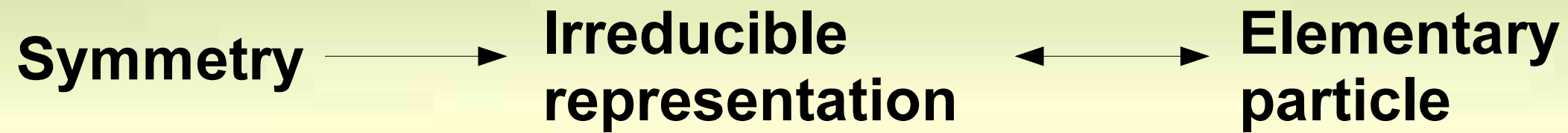
- i. Possible form of Lagrangian and gauge transformation
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I. Introduction Poincare symmetry



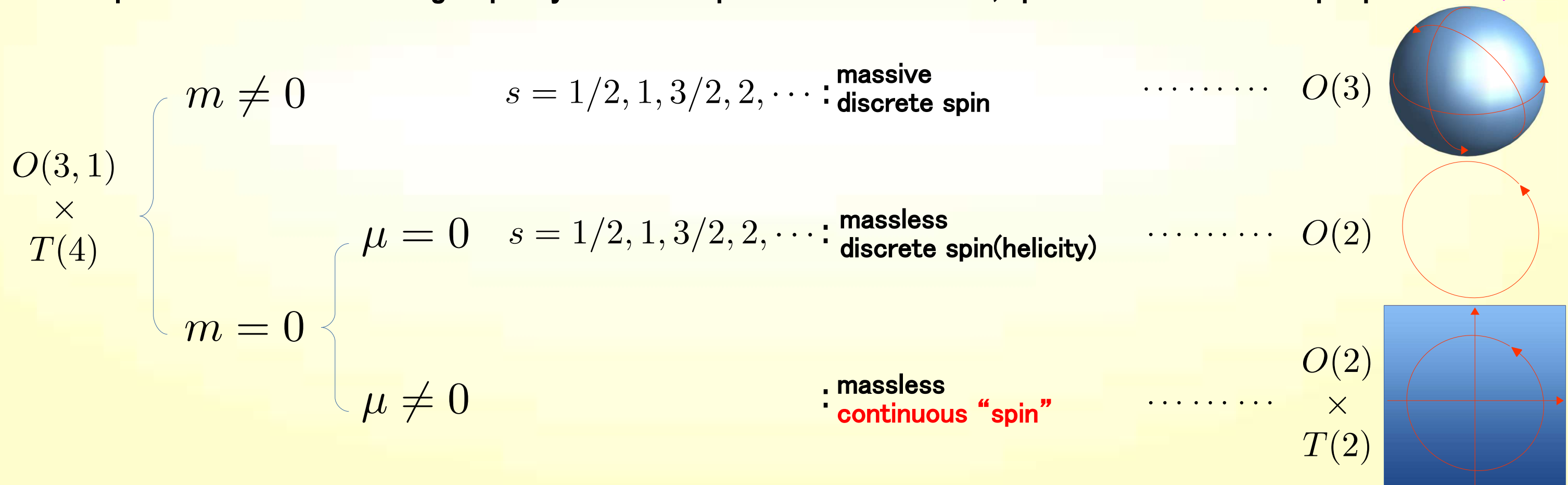
Spacetime symmetry: Poincare symmetry = 4D translation inv. + Lorentz inv.

Find all possible irr. representation for Poincare group.

1-1. Representation of Poincare group or algebra

Classified by little group, around 1940, by Wigner

Representation of Poincare group may have 3 real parameters: mass m , spin S and continuous spin parameter μ



I. Introduction

Principle for constructing Lagrangian for continuous spin field

Irreducible representation \longleftrightarrow Elementary particle

Irr. rep of Poincare algebra is classified by two Casimir elements:

They are written by momentum P_μ and Pauli-Lubanski vector W_μ as P^2 and W^2

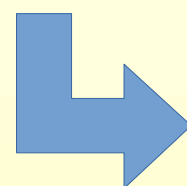
Dimension-full parameters m and μ (together with (half) integer s) appear as eigenvalues of these Casimir operators as follows.

1. Spin s field with mass m (no μ)

$$P^2\Psi = m^2\Psi \quad W^2\Psi = m^2s(s+1)\Psi$$

2. Continuous spin: $m=0$ and $\mu\neq 0$.

$$P^2\Psi = 0 \quad W^2\Psi = \mu^2\Psi$$



Regarded as Equations of motion \Rightarrow Find Lagrangian

II. Modifying massless theory

Ref: Metsaev, PLB 767(2017), PLB781(2018)

2-1. Fronsdal Lagrangian

= theory for massless ($m=\mu=0$) arbitrary helicity field (free part)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^0(\varphi) &= \varphi \square \varphi \\
 \mathcal{L}^1(A_\mu) &= A^\mu \square A_\mu + \dots = (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \\
 \mathcal{L}^2(h_{\mu\nu}) &= h_{\mu\nu} \square h^{\mu\nu} + \dots : \text{bi-linear part of Einstein Lagrangian} \\
 \mathcal{L}^3(\phi_{\mu\nu\lambda}) &= \phi_{\mu\nu\lambda} \square \phi^{\mu\nu\lambda} + \dots : \text{Gauge invariant form} \\
 \mathcal{L}^4(\phi_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}) &= \phi_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \square \phi^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} + \dots : \text{Gauge invariant form} \\
 &\vdots \\
 \mathcal{L}^n(\phi_{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n}) &= : \text{Fronsdal Lagrangian: Gauge invariant form}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta^{\alpha_1\alpha_2}\eta^{\alpha_3\alpha_4}\phi_{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_n} = 0$$

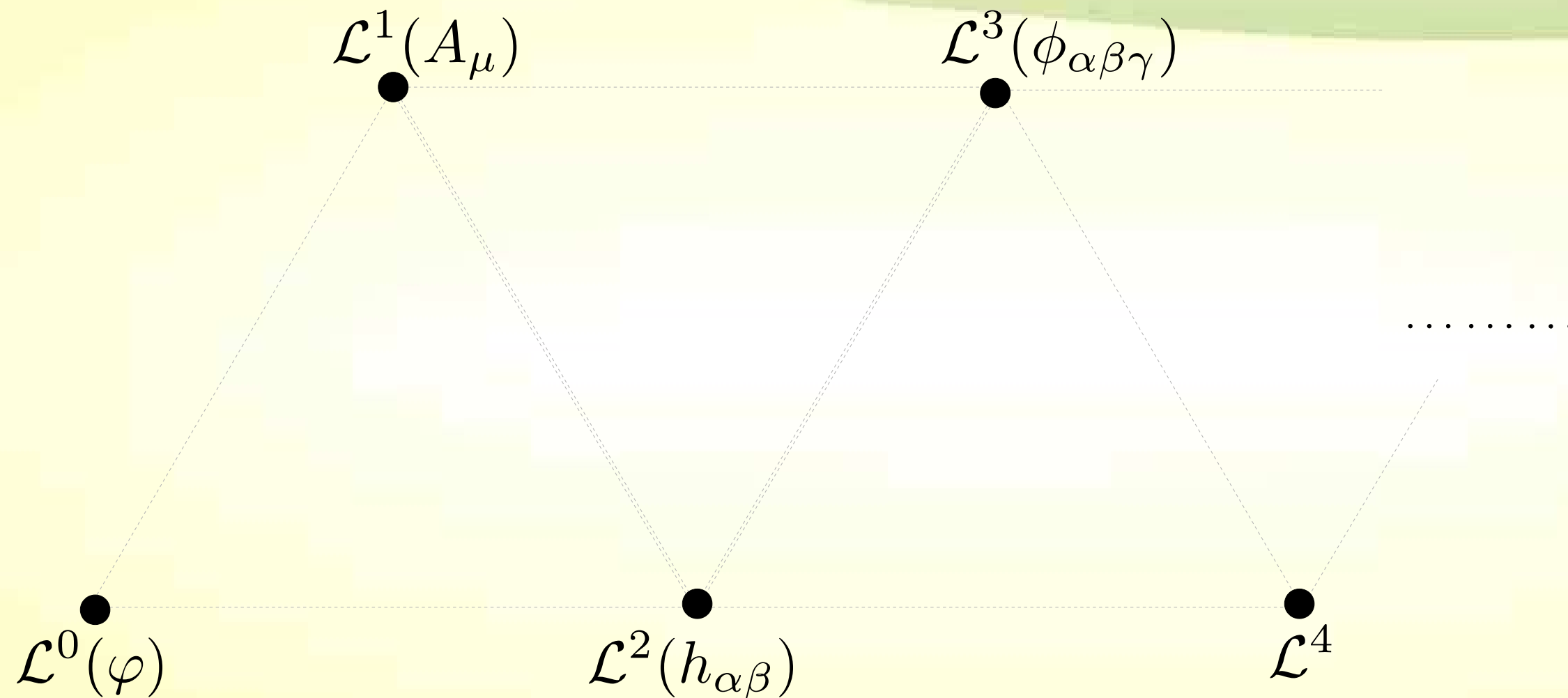
Each field is independent, no mixing terms

$$\bullet \mathcal{L}^0(\varphi) \quad \bullet \mathcal{L}^1(A_\mu) \quad \bullet \mathcal{L}^2(h_{\alpha\beta}) \quad \bullet \mathcal{L}^3(\phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}) \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

II. Modifying massless theory

2-1. Theory for massless ($m=\mu=0$) arbitrary spin field

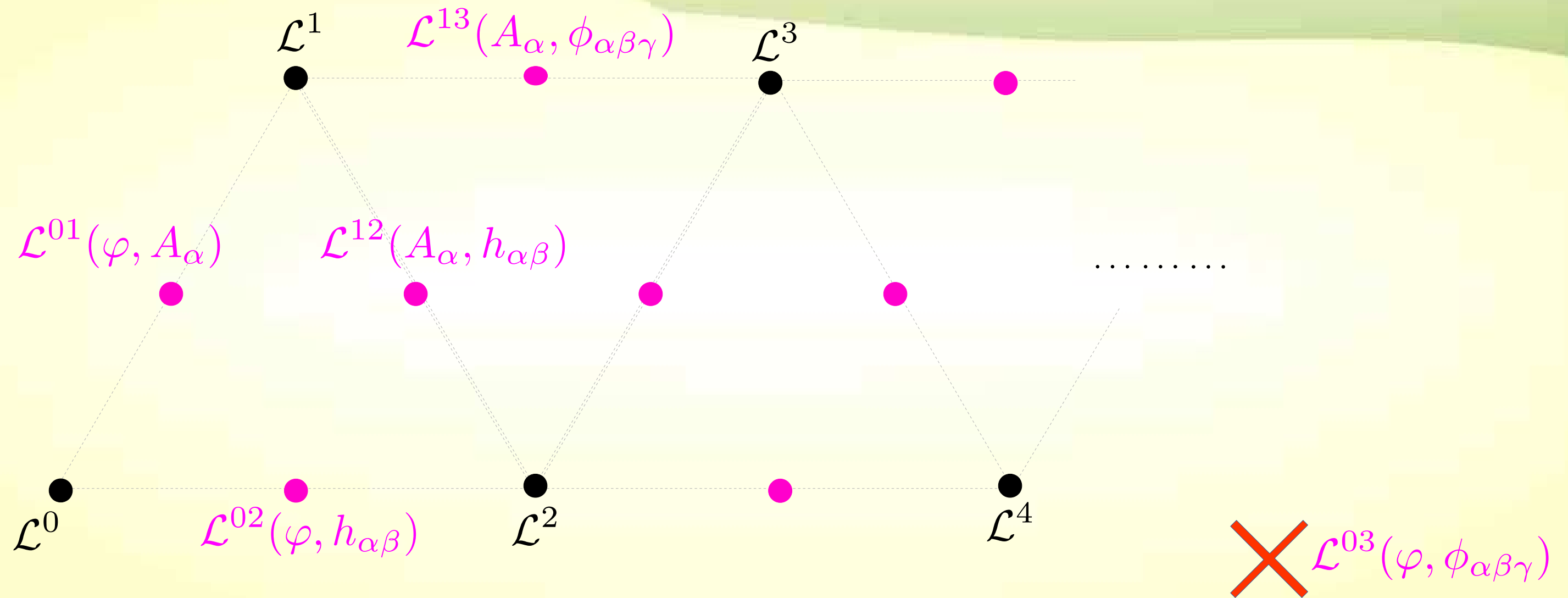
Introducing mixing terms



II. Modifying massless theory

2-2. Modifying Lagrangian(non-zero μ)

Introducing mixing terms ●



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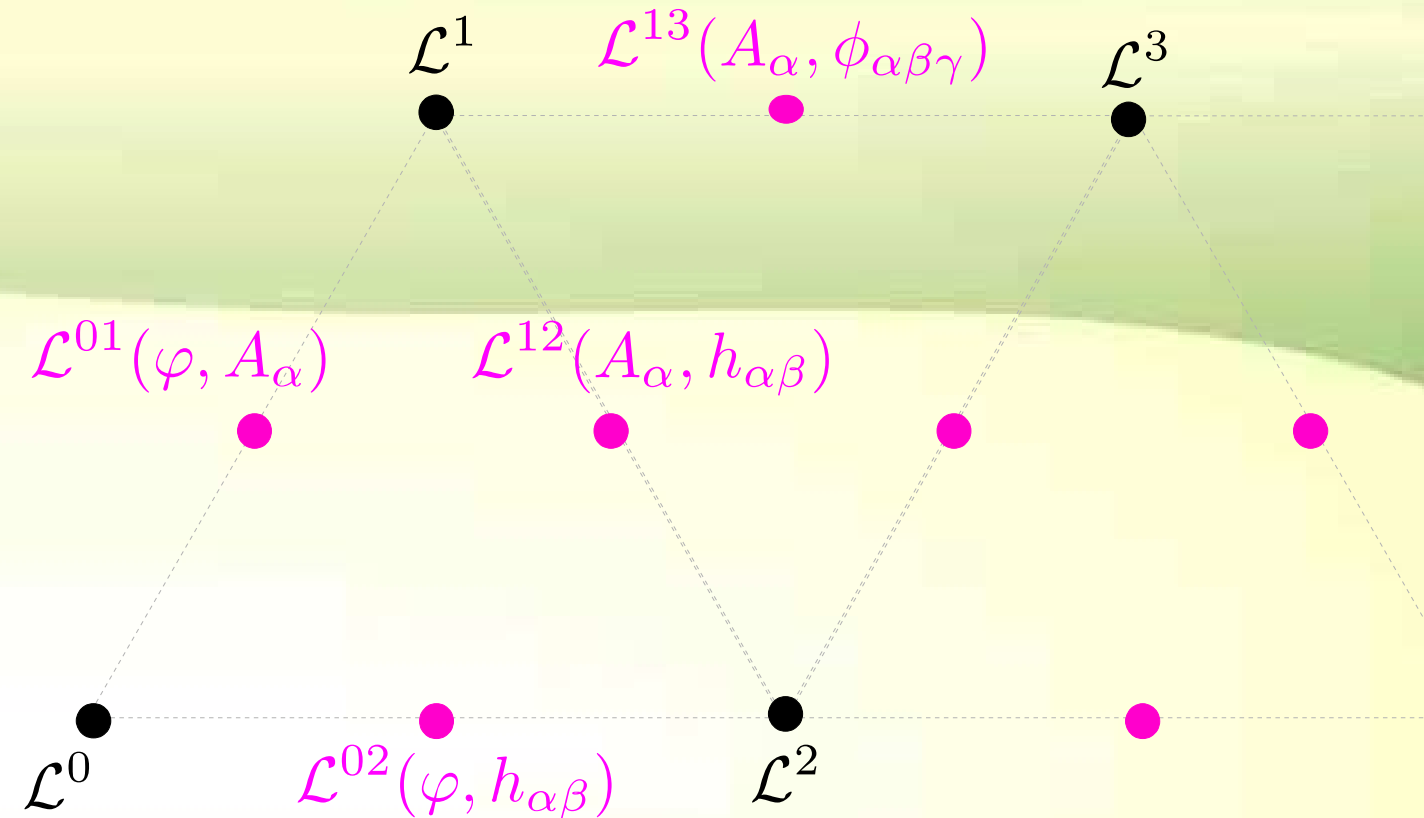
2-2. Modifying Lagrangian(non-zero μ)

Introducing mixing terms ●

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{01}(\varphi, A_\alpha) &\sim \mu \varphi \partial^\alpha A_\alpha \\ \mathcal{L}^{02}(\varphi, h_{\alpha\beta}) &\sim \mu^2 \varphi \eta^{\alpha\beta} h_{\alpha\beta} \\ \mathcal{L}^{12}(A_\lambda, h_{\alpha\beta}) &\sim \mu A^\alpha \partial^\beta h_{\alpha\beta}, \mu A^\alpha \partial_\alpha h_\gamma^\gamma \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Together with mass like terms ●

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^0(\varphi) &= \varphi(\square + \mu^2)\varphi \\ \mathcal{L}^1(A_\mu) &= A_\alpha(\square + \mu^2)A^\alpha + \dots \\ \mathcal{L}^2(h_{\mu\nu}) &= h_{\alpha\beta}(\square + \mu^2)h^{\alpha\beta} + \dots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$



~~$\mathcal{L}^{03}(\varphi, \phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}) \sim \mu \varphi \partial^\alpha \eta^{\beta\gamma} \phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$~~

II. Modifying massless theory

2-3. gauge transformation($\mu=0$)

When $\mu = 0$ each Lagrangian is independently gauge invariant

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mathcal{L}^0(\varphi) &= 0 \\ \delta\varphi &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mathcal{L}^1(A_\mu) &= 0 \\ \delta A_\alpha &= \partial_\alpha\lambda\end{aligned}$$

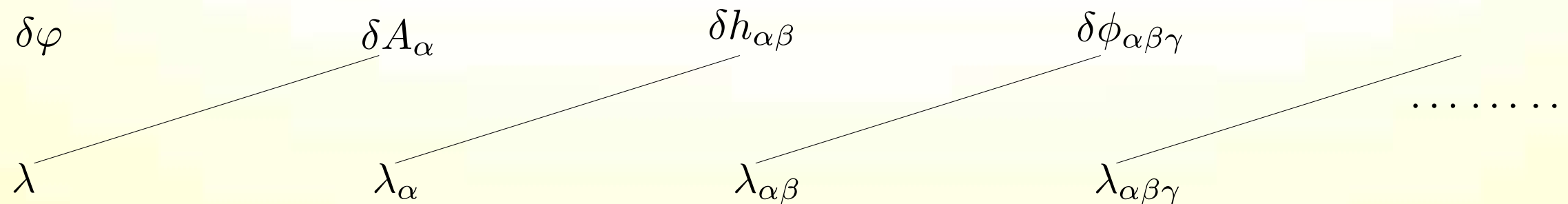
$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mathcal{L}^2(h_{\alpha\beta}) &= 0 \\ \delta h_{\alpha\beta} &= \partial_\alpha\lambda_\beta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mathcal{L}^3(\phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}) &= 0 \\ \delta\phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= \partial_\alpha\lambda_{\beta\gamma}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\eta^{\alpha_1\alpha_2}\lambda_{\alpha_1\cdots\alpha_n} = 0$$

Number of index of gauge parameter is less than that of field by 1

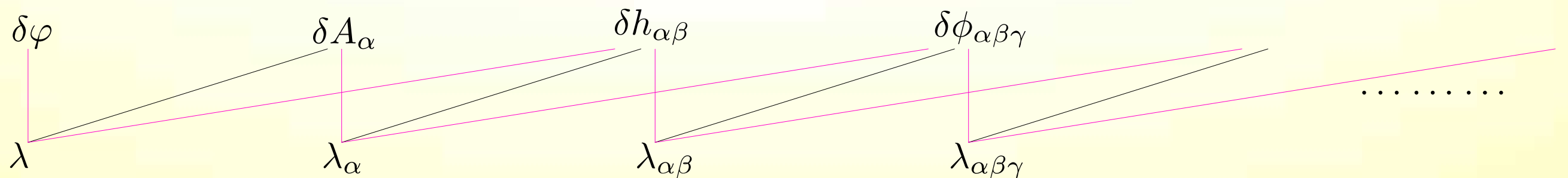


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2-4. Modifying gauge transformation(non-zero μ)

When $\mu \neq 0$ Possible modification of gauge transformation
(assume recovering standard gauge transformation when $\mu \rightarrow 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\varphi &= \mu\lambda \\ \delta A_\alpha &= \partial_\alpha\lambda + \mu\lambda_\alpha \\ \delta h_{\alpha\beta} &= \partial_\alpha\lambda_\beta + \mu(\eta_{\alpha\beta}\lambda + \lambda_{\alpha\beta}) \\ \delta\phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= \partial_\alpha\lambda_{\beta\gamma} + \mu(\eta_{\alpha\beta}\lambda_\gamma + \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma}) \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$



II. Modifying massless theory

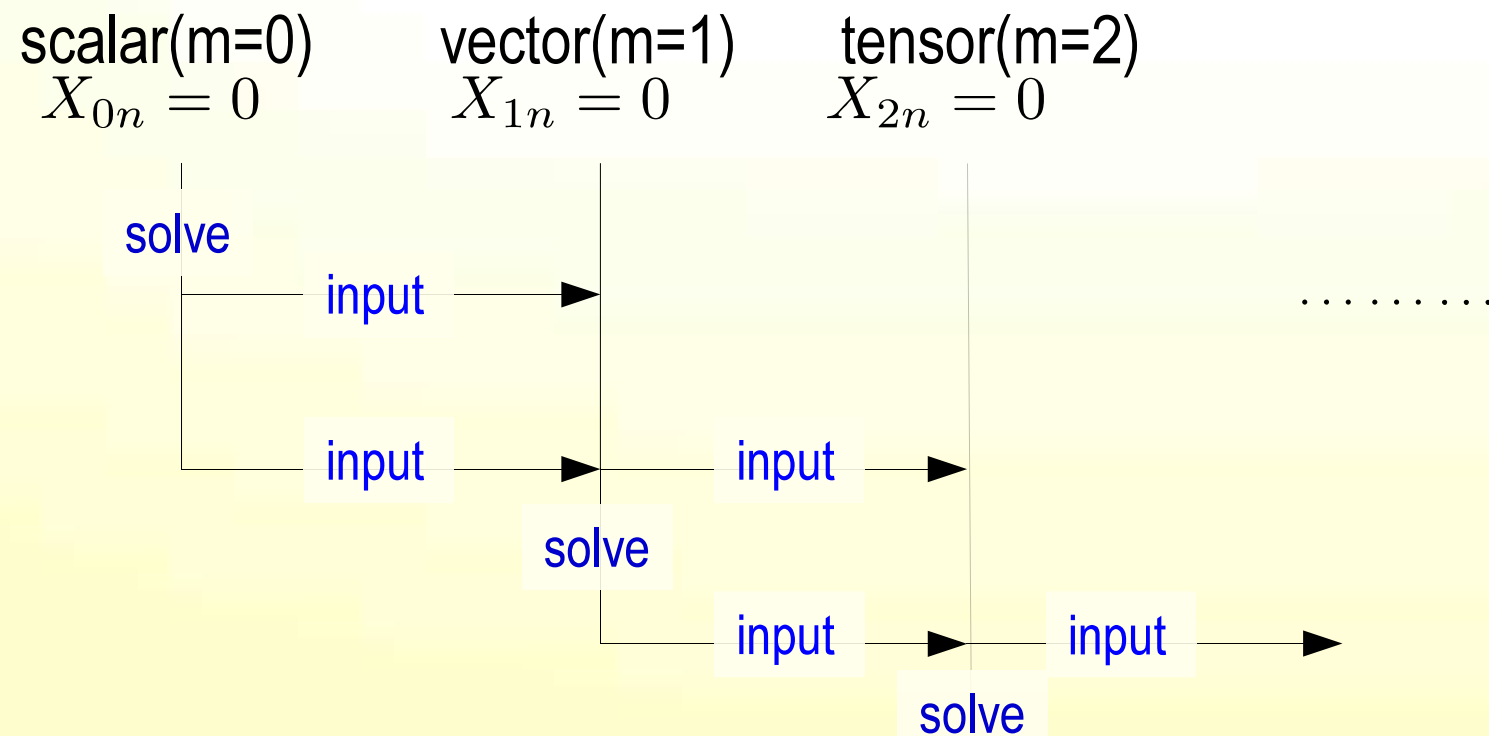
2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance



$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \delta\mathcal{L} &= \sum_{m,n} \phi_m X_{mn} \lambda_n && m,n : \text{rank of tensor} \\ &\rightarrow \sum_n X_{mn} \lambda_n = 0 \quad \dots \text{For each } m && m, n=0,1,2,\dots \\ &\rightarrow X_{mn} = 0 \quad \dots \text{For each } m, n \end{aligned}$$

We will solve $X_{mn} = 0$, starting from scalar field recursively.

Then coefficients in Lagrangian and gauge transformation will be determined.



II. Modifying massless theory

2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of scalar(n=0) part

Step1. Pick up terms including φ from total Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\varphi) = \varphi \partial^2 \varphi + a_0 \mu^2 \varphi^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) = -\mu b_1 \varphi \partial_\alpha A^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0,2)}(\varphi, h) = \mu^2 d_2 \varphi \bar{h}$$

a_0, b_1, d_2 will be determined from gauge invariance

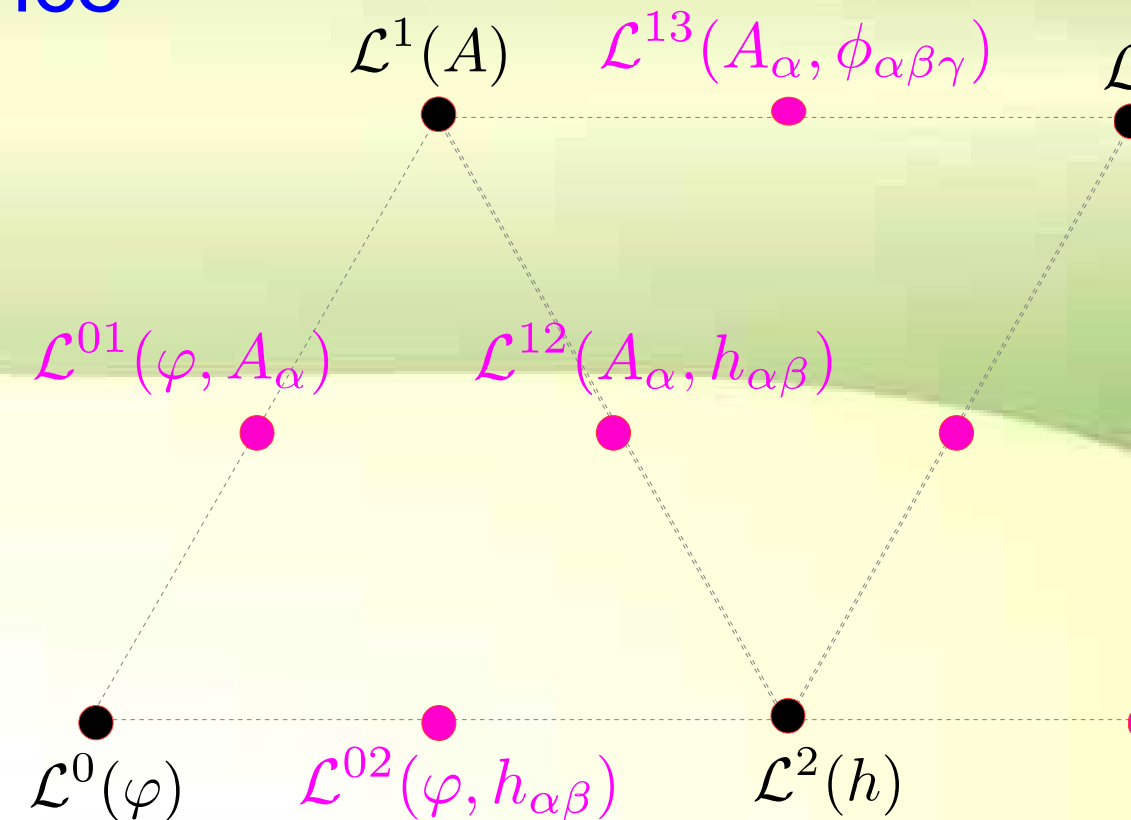
Step2. Pick up gauge transformation of fields those are included in above terms:

$$\delta \varphi = \mu s_0 \lambda$$

$$\delta A_\alpha = \partial_\alpha \lambda + \mu s_1 \lambda_\alpha$$

$$\delta h_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha \lambda_\beta + \mu s_2 \lambda_{\alpha\beta} + \mu t_2 \eta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda$$

s_0, s_1, s_2, t_2 will be determined from gauge invariance



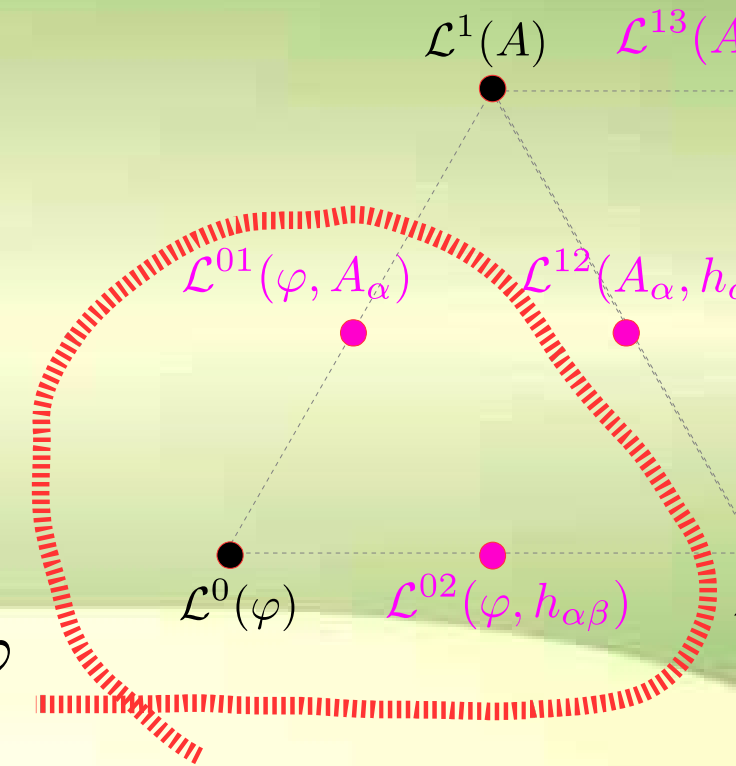
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2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of scalar(n=0) part

Step3. Pick up terms including φ from $\delta\mathcal{L}^0, \delta\mathcal{L}^{01}, \delta\mathcal{L}^{02}$ and sum up

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\varphi) &= \delta\{\varphi\partial^2\varphi + a_0\mu^2\varphi^2\} \longrightarrow \varphi \times 2(\partial^2 + a_0\mu^2)\delta\varphi \\ \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) &= \delta\{-\mu b_1\varphi\partial_\alpha A^\alpha\} \longrightarrow -\varphi \times \mu b_1\partial_\alpha\delta A^\alpha \\ \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,2)}(\varphi, h) &= \delta\{\mu^2 d_2\varphi\bar{h}\} \longrightarrow \varphi \times \mu^2 d_2\delta\bar{h} \end{aligned}$$



Gauge invariance require

$$\delta\left(\mathcal{L}^{\text{total}}\Big|_{\varphi \text{ included}}\right)\Big|_{O(\varphi^1)} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\varphi) + \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) + \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,2)}(\varphi, h) \Big|_{O(\varphi^1)} = 0$$

$$2(\partial^2 + a_0\mu^2)\delta\varphi - \mu b_1\partial_\alpha\delta A^\alpha + \mu^2 d_2\delta\bar{h} = 0$$

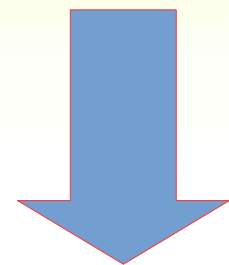
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2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of scalar(n=0) part

Step4. Input gauge transformation and arrange by independent gauge parameters terms

$$2(\partial^2 + a_0\mu^2)\delta\varphi - \mu b_1\partial_\alpha\delta A^\alpha + \mu^2 d_2\delta\bar{h} = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned} \delta\varphi &= \mu s_0\lambda \\ \delta A_\alpha &= \partial_\alpha\lambda + \mu s_1\lambda_\alpha \\ \delta h_{\alpha\beta} &= \partial_\alpha\lambda_\beta + \mu s_2\lambda_{\alpha\beta} + \mu t_2\eta_{\alpha\beta}\lambda \end{aligned}$$

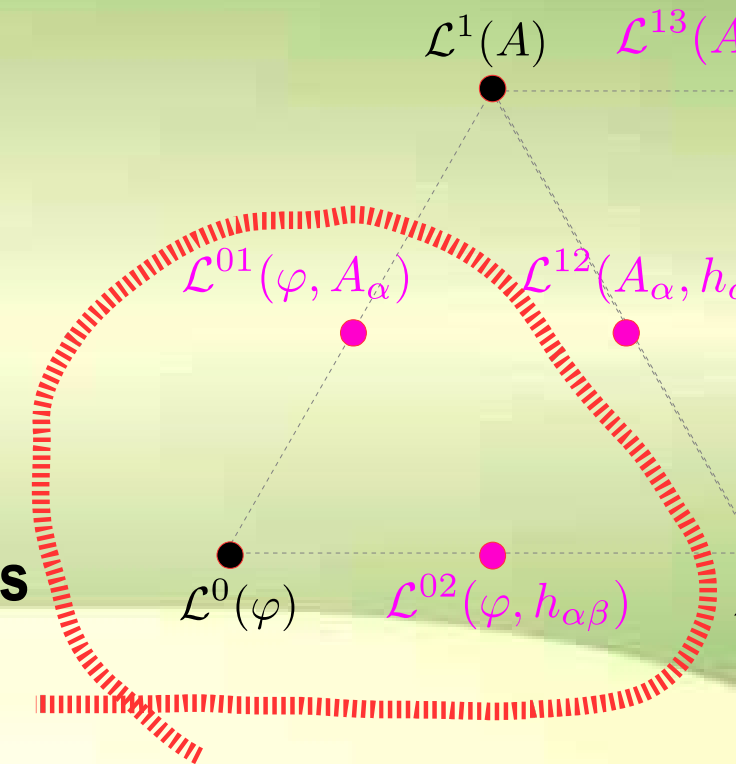
$$\mu(2s_0 - b_1)\partial^2\lambda + \mu^3(2s_0a_0 + Dt_2d_2)\lambda + \mu^2(d_2 - s_1b_1)\partial^\alpha\lambda_\alpha = 0$$

Note: $\eta^{\alpha\beta}\lambda_{\alpha\beta} \equiv 0$

$$2s_0 - b_1 = 0$$

$$2s_0a_0 + Dt_2d_2 = 0$$

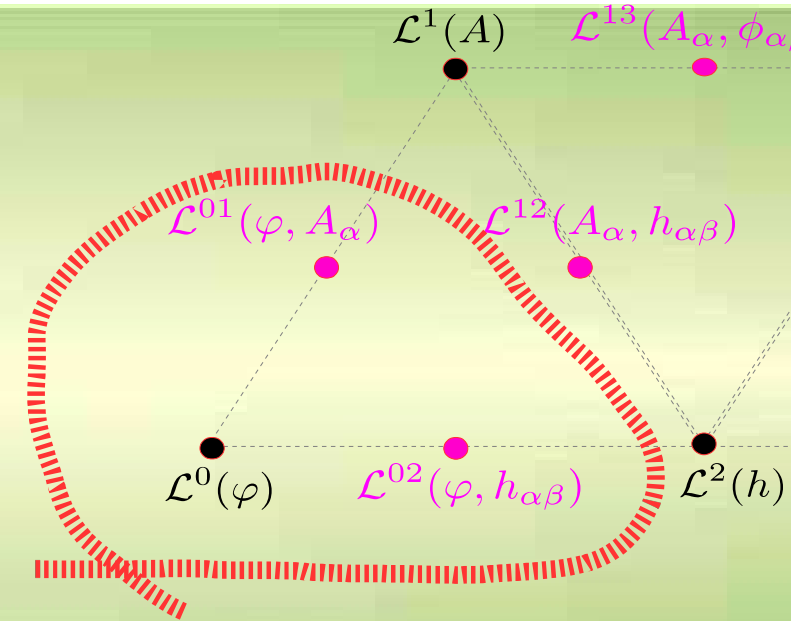
$$d_2 - s_1b_1 = 0$$



II. Modifying massless theory

2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of scalar(n=0) part



Step5. Solve vanishing coefficients equations under traceless gauge parameters

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= 2s_0 \\ d_2 &= 2s_0s_1 \\ t_2 &= -\frac{a_0}{Ds_1} \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian and gauge transformation given:

Continuous spin theory: scalar part

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\varphi) = \varphi \partial^2 \varphi + \mu^2 \varphi^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) = -2\mu\varphi \partial_\alpha A^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0,2)}(\varphi, h) = 2\mu^2 \varphi \bar{h}$$

$$\eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$\delta\varphi = \mu\lambda \quad \text{temporary chosen as}$$

$$\delta A_\alpha = \partial_\alpha \lambda + \mu\lambda_\alpha \quad s_0=s_1=1$$

$$\delta h_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha \lambda_\beta + \mu\lambda_{\alpha\beta} - \mu \frac{1}{D} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda$$

$\delta\mathcal{L}^{(0)} + \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)} + \delta\mathcal{L}^{(0,2)} \sim A^\alpha (\dots)_\alpha + h^{\alpha\beta} (\dots)_{\alpha\beta}$ must be canceled by variation of other terms of Lagrangian

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2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of vector(n=1) part

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1)}(A) = A_\alpha (\partial^2 + a_1 \mu^2 A^\alpha) + (\partial \cdot A)^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) = -\mu b_1 \varphi \partial_\alpha A^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1,2)}(A, h) = -\mu b_2 A_\alpha \partial_\beta h^{\alpha\beta} - \mu c_2 A_\alpha \partial^\alpha \bar{h}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1,3)}(A, \phi) = \mu^2 d_3 A_\alpha \bar{\phi}^\alpha$$

$$\delta\varphi = \mu s_0 \lambda$$

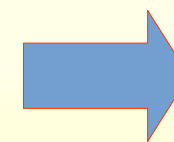
$$\delta A_\alpha = \partial_\alpha \lambda + \mu s_1 \lambda_\alpha$$

$$\delta h_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha \lambda_\beta + \mu s_2 \lambda_{\alpha\beta} + \mu t_2 \eta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda$$

$$\delta \phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \partial_\alpha \lambda_{\beta\gamma} + \mu s_3 \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} + \mu t_3 \eta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\gamma$$

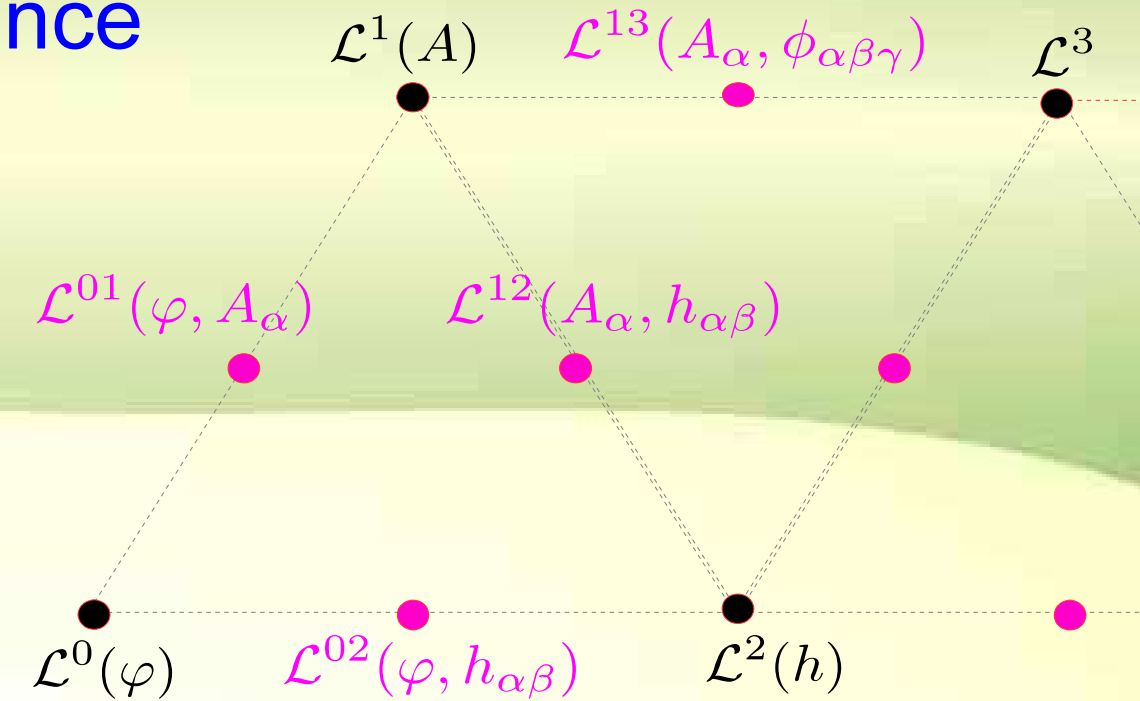
$\sum \delta \mathcal{L}'_s$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu A^\alpha (2s_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2) \partial^2 \lambda_\alpha \\ & + \mu^2 A^\alpha (2a_1 + s_0 b_1 - (b_2 + c_2 D)t_2) \partial_\alpha \lambda \\ & + \mu^2 A^\alpha (\frac{2}{3}d_3 - b_2 s_2) (\partial \cdot \lambda)_\alpha \\ & + \mu^3 A^\alpha (2s_1 a_1 + \frac{D+2}{3}d_3 t_3) \lambda_\alpha \end{aligned} = 0$$



Note: $\eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \equiv 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2s_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2 &= 0 \\ 2s_1 + \frac{1}{2}b_2 + c_2 &= 0 \\ 2a_1 + s_0 b_1 - (b_2 + c_2 D)d_3 t_2 &= 0 \\ \frac{2}{3}d_3 - b_2 s_2 &= 0 \\ 2s_1 a_1 + \frac{D+2}{3}d_3 t_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



II. Modifying massless theory

2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

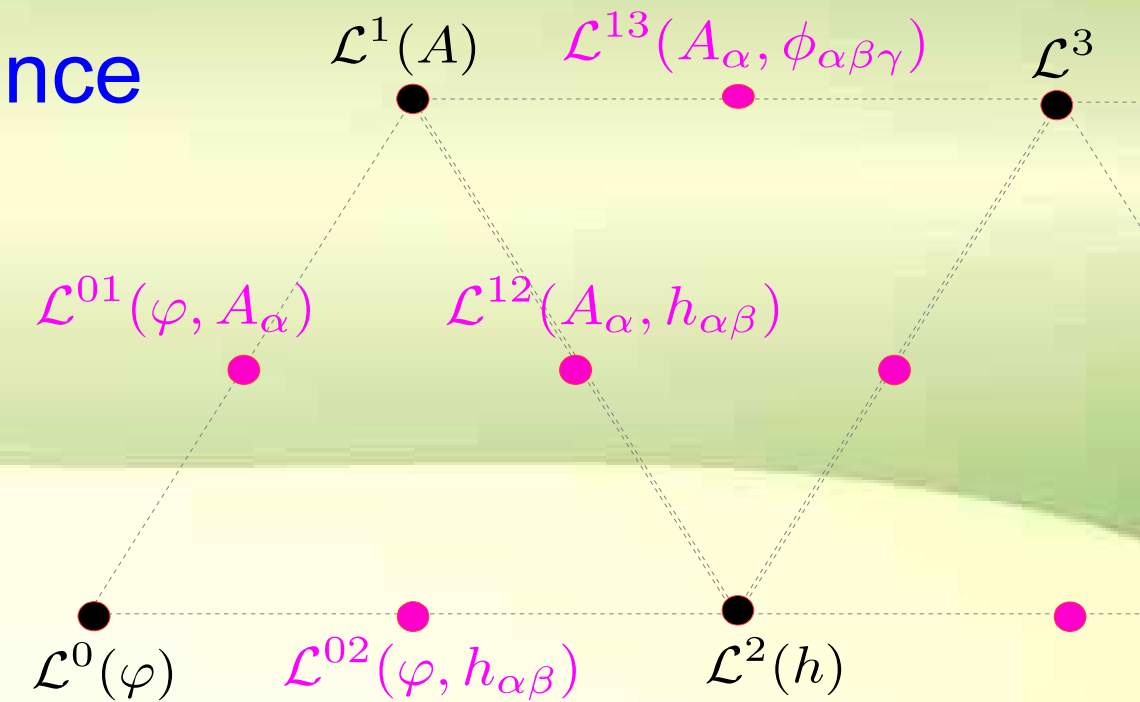
Gauge transformation of scalar(n=0) and vector(n=1) part

Parameters are determined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= 1 & , & & a_1 &= \frac{D-2}{D} \\
 b_1 &= 2 & & & b_2 &= 4 \\
 & & & & c_2 &= -4 \\
 d_2 &= 2 & & & d_3 &= 6 \\
 t_2 &= -\frac{1}{D} & & & t_3 &= -\frac{D-2}{D(D+2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

temporary chosen as

$$a_0 = s_0 = s_1 = s_2 = 1$$



Continuous spin theory: scalar and vector part

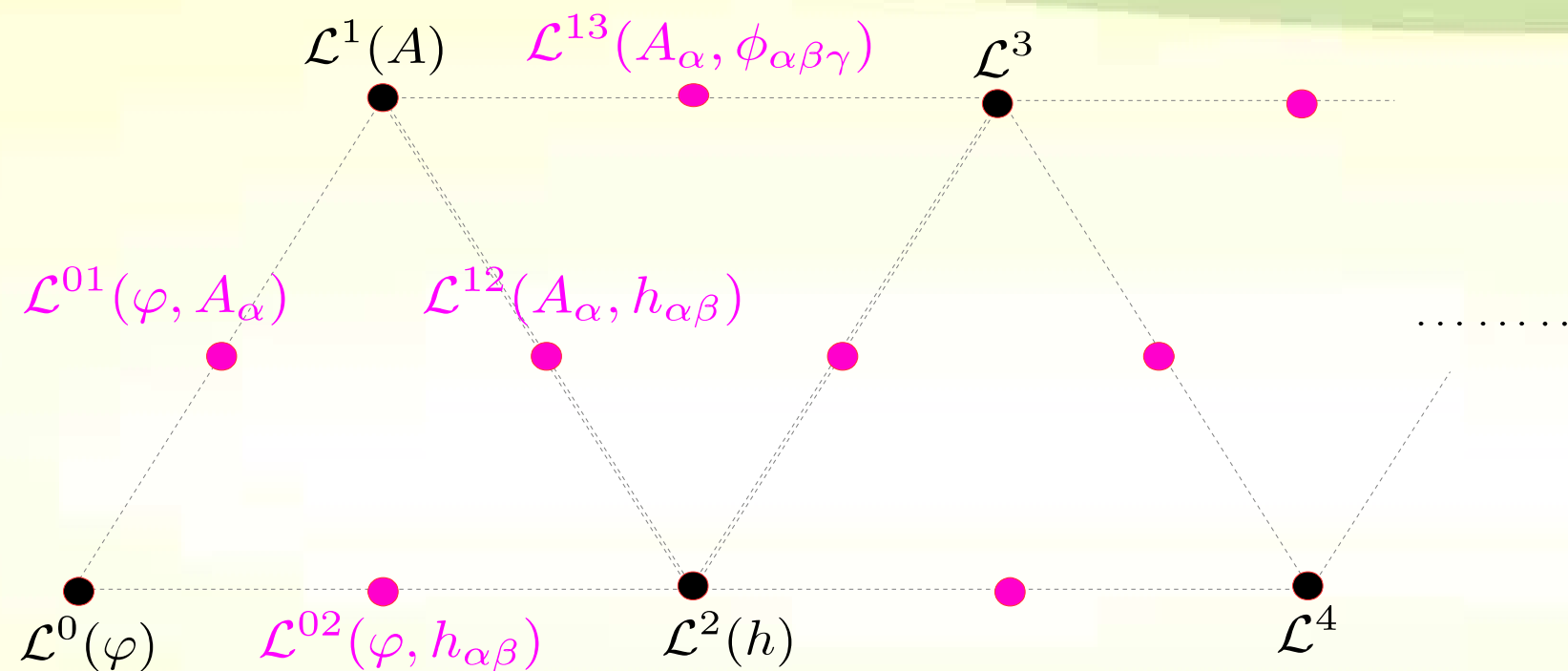
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\varphi) &= \varphi \partial^2 \varphi + \mu^2 \varphi^2 & \delta \varphi &= \mu \lambda \\
 \mathcal{L}^{(1)}(A) &= A_\alpha (\partial^2 + \frac{D-2}{D} \mu^2) A^\alpha + (\partial \cdot A)^2 & \delta A_\alpha &= \partial_\alpha \lambda + \mu \lambda_\alpha \\
 \mathcal{L}^{(0,1)}(\varphi, A) &= -2\mu \varphi \partial_\alpha A^\alpha & \delta h_{\alpha\beta} &= \partial_{(\alpha} \lambda_{\beta)} + \mu \lambda_{\alpha\beta} - \mu \frac{1}{D} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda \\
 \mathcal{L}^{(0,2)}(\varphi, h) &= 2\mu^2 \varphi \bar{h} & \delta \phi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= \partial_{(\gamma} \lambda_{\alpha\beta)} + \mu \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} - \mu \frac{D-2}{D(D+2)} \eta_{(\beta\gamma} \lambda_{\alpha)} \\
 \mathcal{L}^{(1,2)}(A, h) &= 4\mu A_\alpha (\partial^\alpha \bar{h} - \partial_\beta h^{\alpha\beta}) \\
 \mathcal{L}^{(1,3)}(A, \phi) &= 6\mu^2 A_\alpha \bar{\phi}^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta} &= 0 \\
 \eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

II. Modifying massless theory

2-5. Determining coefficients by gauge invariance

Gauge transformation of higher helicity ($n=0,1,2,3,\dots$)



All parameters a_n, b_n, c_n, d_n, t_n will be written by s_n . (s_n may also be fixed by D and n)

All gauge parameters are traceless:

$$\eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \dots = 0$$

III. Fronsdal like Lagrangian for continuous spin

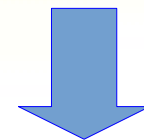
3-1. Lagrangian: general form for continuous spin field given by “BRST” method

(L. Buchbinder and V. Krykhtin, H.T.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [a_\alpha, a_\beta^\dagger] &= \eta_{\alpha\beta} & l_1 &:= -i\partial^\alpha a_\alpha & l_2 &:= -\frac{1}{2}a^\alpha a_\alpha & |\phi\rangle &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\dagger\alpha(n)} |0\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \phi_{\alpha(n)} & \phi_{\alpha(n)} &:= \phi_{(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n)}(x) \\
 N &= a^{\dagger\alpha} a_\alpha & & \text{divergence op.} & & \text{trace op.} & & & & a^{\dagger\alpha(n)} &:= a^{\dagger\alpha_1} \dots a^{\dagger\alpha_n} \\
 & & l_1\phi &\sim \partial_\alpha \phi^{\alpha\dots} & l_2\phi &\sim \eta_{\alpha\beta} \phi^{\alpha\beta\dots} & |\lambda\rangle &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\dagger\alpha(n)} |0\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \lambda_{\alpha(n)} & & &
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu=0} = \langle \phi | \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -l_2^\dagger \\ & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial^2 + l_1^\dagger l_1 & -l_1^\dagger l_1^\dagger \\ -l_1 l_1 & -2\partial^2 + l_1^\dagger l_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -l_2 \end{pmatrix} | \phi \rangle, \quad \delta|\phi\rangle = l_1^\dagger |\lambda\rangle$$

Fronsdal Lagrangian



$l_1 \rightarrow L_{(N)} := l_1 + \mu s_N$: Divergence op. replaced with constant

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle \phi | \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -l_2^\dagger \\ & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial^2 + L_{(N)}^\dagger L_{(N)}, & -L_{(N)}^\dagger L_{(N+1)}^\dagger \\ -L_{(N+1)} L_{(N)}, & -2\partial^2 + L_{(N+2)}^\dagger L_{(N+2)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -l_2 \end{pmatrix} | \phi \rangle, \quad \delta|\phi\rangle = \left(L_{(N)}^\dagger - \mu l_2^\dagger t_N \right) |\lambda\rangle$$

Continuous spin Lagrangian

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$$\begin{aligned}
 s_N &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(N+D/2-1)}} \\
 t_N &= -2s_N^2 s_{N+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial^2 + l_1^\dagger l_1 & -l_1^{\dagger 2} \\ -l_1^2 & -2\partial^2 + l_1^\dagger l_1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} s_N & 0 \\ -2s_{N+1} & s_{N+2} \end{pmatrix} l_1 + h.c. \right\} + \mu^2 \begin{pmatrix} s_N^2 & -s_N s_{N+1} \\ -s_N s_{N+1} & s_{N+2}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: s,t are slightly differently defined from previous slides

IV. Summary and Next

What we did

- Starting from Fronsdal theory ($\mu=0$) for all helicity fields, we add mixing term to sum of Fronsdal Lagrangian and gauge transformation with coefficients.
- By demanding non-trivial gauge invariance, coefficients are recursively determined from lower helicity fields ($n=0$) to higher ($n=1,2,\dots$). We demonstrated this method for $n=0,1,2$.
- We also show general form of Lagrangian given by BRST method. It is simply given, from Fronsdal Lagrangian, by adding divergence operator with n dependent constant

What we are interested for next

- Diagonalization of different helicity fields and 1loop effective action
- Fermionic case
- supersymmetric case (in superspace?)
- ADS spacetime case
- Cubic or quartic interaction
- Application to modified gravity and cosmology