

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)^2} d^4 p \rightarrow \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m^2} \right) - \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\Lambda^2}{\infty^2} + \dots = \frac{i2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\ln \Lambda - \ln m - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Lambda^2}{\infty^2} \right) + \dots \quad (15-59)$$

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where γ here is the Euler-Mascheroni constant ≈ 0.5772 , which will always cancel, or be negligible, in observable quantities. We also use the standard relation

$$a^x = 1 + x \ln a + \frac{(x \ln a)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x \ln a)^3}{3!} + \dots \quad (15-76) \quad \text{Expansion of } a^x$$

with $a = 1/m^2$ and $x = \eta/2$ to obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{-m^2}\right)^{2-\frac{D}{2}} = (-1)^{\frac{\eta}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{m^2}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{2}} \xrightarrow[\substack{\eta \rightarrow 0 \\ D \rightarrow 4}]{} = 1 + \frac{\eta}{2} \ln \frac{1}{m^2} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2) = 1 - \frac{\eta}{2} \ln m^2 + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2). \quad (15-77) \quad \text{Using limiting values as } D \rightarrow 4$$

(15-74), with $\Gamma(2) = 1$, is then

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} \int \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)^2} d^D p \xrightarrow[\substack{\eta \rightarrow 0 \\ D \rightarrow 4}]{} \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{2}{\eta} - \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\eta)\right) \left(1 - \frac{\eta}{2} \ln m^2\right) = \frac{i2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{\gamma}{2} - \ln m\right). \quad (15-78)$$

Of course, in the full limit $\eta \rightarrow 0$ and $D \rightarrow 4$, (15-74) then becomes

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)^2} d^4 p \xrightarrow[\substack{\eta \rightarrow 0 \\ D \rightarrow 4}]{} \frac{i2}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\eta}, \quad (15-79) \quad \text{We get integral for } D = 4$$

found via dimensional regularization.

15.4.4 Important Conclusion

We can compare our dimensional regularization result (15-78)-(15-79) to that for the same integral found via Pauli-Villars regularization (15-59)-(15-60), and if we assume they must give us the same result, we can conclude that,

$$\text{for finite } \Lambda \text{ and } \eta \text{ small, } \ln \Lambda = \frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{\gamma}{2}. \quad \text{For } \Lambda \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \eta \rightarrow 0, \quad \ln \Lambda = \frac{1}{\eta}. \quad (15-80)$$

Comparing result with Pauli-Villars to relate Λ to η

For this integral at least, $(1/\eta - \gamma/2)$ plays the role of $\ln \Lambda$. Both go to infinity in the limiting condition, where the Euler-Mascheroni constant γ becomes negligible. This conclusion is true in general for regularization of any integral, though we won't prove that here. Hopefully, this one example will provide some justification for adopting (15-80) as an identity in what follows.