problem sheet 2

to be handed in by Wednesday 10.5.2017 (12:00) to the letterbox 37 (foyer of Staudingerweg 7)

1. Renormalisation of the fermion propagator (70 P.)

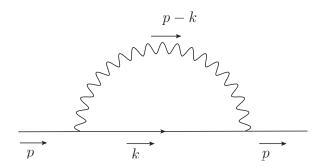


Figure 1: Loop correction to the fermion propagator on one-loop level.

Calculate the diagram sketched in figure 1:

- Write down the amplitude using Feynman rules, do not include the propagators of the external fermion lines.
- Introduce Feynman parameters to combine the denominator.
- Complete the square in the denominator, shifting $k \to \ell$. The denominator should become

$$[\ell^2 - \Delta + i\epsilon]^2, \tag{1}$$

with

$$\ell = k - xp$$
 and $\Delta = -x(1-x)p^2 + (1-x)m^2$. (2)

• Rewrite the numerator in terms of ℓ , remember you can drop odd powers.

2. Gordon identity (30 P.)

In the lecture you used the Gordon identity

$$\bar{u}(p')\gamma^{\mu}u(p) = \bar{u}(p')\left[\frac{p'^{\mu} + p^{\mu}}{2m} + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{2m}\right]u(p),$$
 (3)

where q = p' - p, to determine the structure of the electron vertex function Γ^{μ} (see section 8.1).

Use the anticommutation relations of the gamma matrices and the Dirac equation to proof this identity.