

hw4-solutions

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① a) $\frac{d\alpha}{d\ln\mu} = -2\alpha \left(\frac{11C_A - 2N_f}{3} \right) \frac{\alpha}{4\pi}$

when $\alpha = g^2/(4\pi)$ ← note typo in question

→ $\int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha^2} = - \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{b_1}{2\pi} d\ln\mu$

$b_1 = \frac{11C_A - 2N_f}{3}$

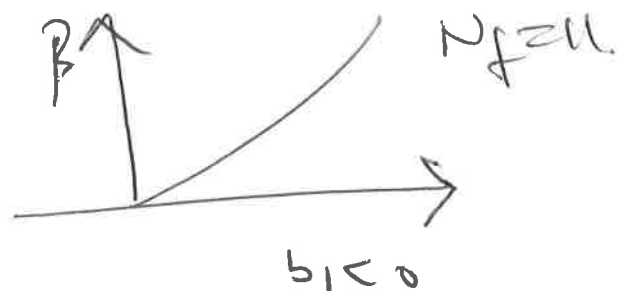
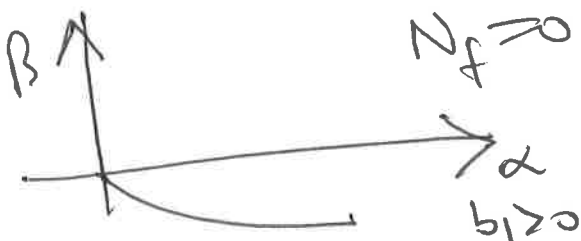
c) $\alpha = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + \frac{b_1 \alpha_0}{2\pi} \ln \mu/\mu_0}$

if $N_f < 11C_A/2$ $\beta = d\alpha/d\ln\mu < 0$

→ asymptotic freedom

examination of b_2 shows that this requirement is sufficient to keep $\beta < 0$ at 2 loops

b) $N=2 \leftarrow C_A=2$



$\beta(g)$ develops a zero away from origin (2)

if $b_1 > 0$ & $b_2 < 0$

For $N=2$ $C_A=2$, $C_F=3/4$.

$$b_2 < 0 \rightarrow \underline{5 < N_F < 11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) \quad \alpha_c &= -\frac{b_1}{b_2} \quad (\text{set } \beta=0) \\ &= \frac{22 - 2N_F}{136 - 49/2 N_F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{put } N_F=6 \rightarrow \alpha_c = +0.91$$

$$\underline{N_F=10} \rightarrow \alpha_c = \frac{2}{109} = 0.018.$$

Thus $N_F=10$ calc produces an IR fixed pt at weak coupling. Probably reliable but $N_F=6$ theory gives $\alpha=0.9 \leftarrow$ 2 loop not reliable...

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \rightarrow 0 \quad \alpha \rightarrow \alpha_c \\ \downarrow \\ \beta=0 \end{array}$$

ie lower boundary of conformal window needs non-perturbative determination.

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③

$$QA_\mu^a = D_\mu^{ab} c^b$$

$$Qc^a = -\frac{1}{2} g f^{abc} c^b c^c \leftarrow$$

show

$$Q^2 A_\mu^a = 0$$

Quick soln : (or use Sudnicki page 149)

$$Q^2 A_\mu = Q(D_\mu c)$$

$$= D_\mu Qc + (QD_\mu)c$$

$$\text{but } D_\mu = \partial_\mu + gfA_\mu$$

$$\therefore Q^2 A_\mu = D_\mu Qc + gfQA_\mu c$$

$$= D_\mu Qc + gfD_\mu c c$$

$$= D_\mu Qc + \frac{g}{2} f D_\mu(cc)$$

$$= D_\mu \left(Qc + \frac{g}{2} f cc \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \gamma_A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \ln Z_3}{\partial \ln \mu}$$

Ⓢ

$$Z_3(\overline{MS}) = 1 + \left(\frac{5}{3} T(A) - \frac{4}{3} n_F T(R) \right) \frac{g^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

now/

$$\gamma_A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \ln Z_3}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \ln \mu}$$

$$\text{to } O(\epsilon) \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \ln \mu} = -\frac{\epsilon g}{2}$$

$$\therefore \gamma_A = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{5}{3} T(A) - \frac{4}{3} T(R) n_F \right) \frac{2g}{8\pi^2} \frac{-\epsilon g}{2}$$

$$\gamma_A = -g^2 / 16\pi^2 \left(\frac{5}{3} T(A) - \frac{4}{3} n_F T(R) \right)$$

Callan Symmetry eq:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu} + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial g} + 2\gamma_A \right) \Delta(k^2) = 0$$
