## 10.7 Three gauge boson vertex.

Derive the Feynman rule for the three-gluon vertex.

With  $\mathrm{tr}(T^a[T^b,T^c])=\mathrm{i}f^{bcd}\mathrm{tr}(T^aT^d)=\mathrm{i}f^{abc}/2$  we obtain

$$-\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(F^2) = -4 \times \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}A^a_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A^a_{\mu})(\mathrm{i}g)\frac{\mathrm{i}f^{abc}}{2}A^{b\mu}A^{c\nu} + \dots = gf^{abc}\partial_{\mu}A^a_{\nu}A^{b\mu}A^{c\nu}$$

Then we go to momentum space performing a Fourier transformation,

$$F = g f^{abc} \int d^4 p_1 d^4 p_2 d^4 p_3 (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_1 + p_2 + p_2) \partial_\mu A^a_\nu(p_1) A^{b\mu}(p_2) A^{c\nu}(p_3))$$
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=  $-ig f^{abc} p_{1\mu} \eta_{\lambda\nu} A^{a\lambda}(p_1) A^{b\mu}(p_2) A^{c\nu}(p_3)$ 

(If the vertex contains derivatives, we have to fix arbitrarily the momentum flow.) Now we can extract the vertex by taking derivatives w.r.t. to three gauge fields,

$$V^{rst}(k_1^{\rho}, k_2^{\sigma}, k_3^{\tau}) = \frac{\delta^3 i F}{\delta A_{\rho}^r(k_1) \, \delta A_{\sigma}^s(k_2) \, \delta A_{\tau}^t(k_3)} \,.$$

Alternatively, we can argue as follows: The antisymmetry of  $f^{abc}$  implies that the indice pairs  $(p_1, \lambda), (p_2, \mu)$  and  $(p_3, \nu)$  are antisymmetric; we make this antisymmetry explicit by the replacement

$$gf^{abc}p_{1\mu}\eta_{\lambda\nu} \to \frac{1}{3!}gf^{abc}[(p_3 - p_2)_{\lambda}\eta_{\mu\nu} + (p_1 - p_3)_{\nu}\eta_{\lambda\mu} + (p_2 - p_1)_{\mu}\eta_{\nu\lambda}]$$

Finally, we note that the factor  $\frac{1}{3!}$  is cancelled by the 3!possible permutations and add the factor i from  $e^{iS}$ .