

14.3 Fermion-Goldstone boson vertices in R_ξ gauge.

We introduced Yukawa interactions between Φ and fermions as

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -y_f \left(\bar{L}\Phi e_R + \bar{e}_R\Phi^\dagger L \right) \quad (270)$$

(plus terms with $i\tau_2\phi^*$). Looking first at the physical higgs h , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{y_f h}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_e & \bar{e} \end{pmatrix}_L \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e_R + \bar{e}_R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L \right] \\ &= -g \frac{m_f}{2m_W} h (\bar{e}_L e_R + \bar{e}_R e_L) = -g \frac{m_f}{2m_W} h \bar{e} e, \end{aligned}$$

where we used $y_f/\sqrt{2} = m_f/v = gm_f/(2m_W)$. Thus the vertex is $-ig \frac{m_f}{2m_W}$. (The same vertex follows for the down-like quarks using the charge conjugated $i\tau_2\phi^*$.) Analogously, we find for the G^0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{iy_f G^0}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_e & \bar{e} \end{pmatrix}_L \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e_R - \bar{e}_R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L \right] \\ &= -g \frac{m_f}{2m_W} G^0 (\bar{e}_L e_R - \bar{e}_R e_L). \end{aligned}$$

With $\bar{e}_L e_R - \bar{e}_R e_L = \bar{e} P_R e - \bar{e} P_L e = \bar{e} [\frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma^5)] e - \bar{e} [\frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)] e = \bar{e} \gamma^5 e$, the vertex follows as $+g \frac{m_f}{2m_W} \gamma^5$.