

4.9 Feynman integrals.

Derive the relation (4.98).

As example, we want to check the relation $I_\mu(\omega, \alpha) = -p_\mu I(\omega, \alpha)$. We start differentiating in

$$I(\omega, \alpha) = \int \frac{d^{2\omega}k}{(2\pi)^{2\omega}} \frac{1}{[k^2 + 2pk - m^2 + i\varepsilon]^\alpha} = i \frac{(-1)^\alpha}{(4\pi)^\omega} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \omega)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} [m^2 + p^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\omega - \alpha}. \quad (106)$$

on the LHS

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \frac{1}{[k^2 + 2pk - m^2 + i\varepsilon]^\alpha} = \frac{-2\alpha k^\mu}{[k^2 + 2pk - m^2 + i\varepsilon]^{\alpha+1}} \quad (107)$$

and on the RHS,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} [m^2 + p^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\omega - \alpha} = 2p^\mu (\omega - \alpha) [m^2 + p^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\omega - \alpha - 1}. \quad (108)$$

Comparing both sides, we find

$$I_\mu(\omega, \alpha + 1) = \int \frac{d^{2\omega}k}{(2\pi)^{2\omega}} \frac{k^\mu}{[k^2 + 2pk - m^2 + i\varepsilon]^{\alpha+1}} \quad (109)$$

$$= p^\mu \frac{\alpha - \omega}{\alpha} i \frac{(-1)^\alpha}{(4\pi)^\omega} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \omega)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} [m^2 + p^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\omega - \alpha + 1} \quad (110)$$

Next we set $\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha + 1$,

$$I_\mu(\omega, \tilde{\alpha}) = -p^\mu i \frac{(-1)^{\tilde{\alpha}}}{(4\pi)^\omega} \frac{\tilde{\alpha} - 1 - \omega}{\tilde{\alpha} - 1} \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\alpha} - 1 - \omega)}{\Gamma(\tilde{\alpha} - 1)} [m^2 + p^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\omega - \tilde{\alpha}} \quad (111)$$

Now we use $(z - 1)\Gamma(z - 1) = \Gamma(z)$, forget the tilde, and obtain $I_\mu(\omega, \alpha) = -p_\mu I(\omega, \alpha)$.