Stochastic computation of g-2 in QED

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Draw diagrams, multiply propagators and vertices, and integrate over loop momenta.



In QED, this diagram gives $O(\alpha)$ correction to the Dirac's g=2.

$$g - 2 = \frac{\alpha}{\pi}$$

(Homework)

[Schwinger '48]

[Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio..] [taken from Review: Aoyama, Kinoshita, Nio '19]

State-of-the-art computation:



A = (g-2)/2

$$A_i = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) A_i^{(2)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 A_i^{(4)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 A_i^{(6)} + \cdots, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3$$

1-loop 2-loop 3-loop

Coefficient $A_i^{(2n)}$	Value (Error)	References
$A_1^{(2)}$	0.5	^[5] 1 diagram
$A_2^{(2)}(m_e/m_{\mu})$	0	i ulagraffi
$A_{2}^{(2)}(m_{e}/m_{ au})$	0	
$A_3^{(2)}(m_e/m_{\mu},m_e/m_{\tau})$	0	
$A_1^{(4)}$	$-0.328\ 478\ 965\ 579\ 193\cdots$	[23,24]
$A_2^{(4)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$0.519738676(24) \times 10^{-6}$	[27] / diagrams
$A_{2}^{(4)}(m_{e}/m_{ au})$	$0.183~790~(25) imes 10^{-8}$	[27]
$A_3^{(4)}(m_e/m_{\mu},m_e/m_{\tau})$	0	
$A_1^{(6)}$	$1.181\ 241\ 456\ 587\cdots$	[25,33] 70
$A_2^{(6)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$-0.737394164\;(24)\! imes\!10^{-5}$	[28-31] 72 diagrams
$A_2^{(6)}(m_e/m_{\tau})$	$-0.658\ 273\ (79) imes 10^{-7}$	[28–31]
$A_3^{(6)}(m_e/m_{\mu},m_e/m_{\tau})$	$0.1909(1) \times 10^{-12}$	[43]
$A_1^{(8)}$	$-1.912\ 245\ 764\cdots$	[26,39]
$A_2^{(8)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	$0.916\ 197\ 070\ (37) imes 10^{-3}$	[32,35] 891 diagrams
$A_{2}^{(8)}(m_{e}/m_{ au})$	$0.742\ 92\ (12) imes 10^{-5}$	[32,35]
$A_3^{(8)}(m_e/m_{\mu},m_e/m_{\tau})$	$0.746\ 87\ (28) imes 10^{-6}$	[32,35]
$A_1^{(10)}$	6.737 (159)	new,[40]
$A_2^{(10)}(m_e/m_\mu)$	-0.003 82 (39)	[35,39]
$A_{2}^{(10)}(m_{e}/m_{ au})$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	12,672 diagrams
$A_3^{(10)}(m_e/m_{\mu},m_e/m_{\tau})$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$, 0
$A_{3}^{-}(m_{e}/m_{\mu},m_{e}/m_{\tau})$	$O(10^{-5})$	

6-loop 202,770 diagrams



There seems to be a discrepancy in 5-loop computations between two groups...

both Monte Carlo integration and analytical calculations. For example, the uncertainty in (2) is entirely determined by that contribution. Also, it is the contribution that suffered the most from found mistakes and corrections; see Ref. [34]. The value

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Nice to have some independent methods to calculate this?

I'll try to develop a numerical method to evaluate the perturbative coefficients in QED, which does not use the Feynman diagrams (because I'm lazy).

What I'm going to explain today is really just QED computations. Nothing fancy or deep. But, **it's fun!**

It is going to be a lattice calculation. But don't sleep now. It won't be too technical.

Stochastic Numerical Perturbation Theory



Now perturbative expansion:

 $\langle \phi(x)\phi(y)...\rangle = \langle \phi(x)\phi(y)...\rangle^{(0)} + \lambda \langle \phi(x)\phi(y)...\rangle^{(1)} + \cdots$ We want to calculate these.

Recipe:

Expand fields by couplings

$$\phi(x,\tau) = \phi^{(0)}(x,\tau) + \lambda \phi^{(1)}(x,\tau) + \cdots$$

Solve the Langevin equations for **each** $\phi^{(n)}$ numerically $\frac{\partial \phi^{(n)}(x,\tau)}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} \Big|_{\phi=\phi(x,\tau)}^{(n)} + \eta(x,\tau)\delta_{n,0}$ Random noise (only for the lowest order)

se (only t order)

0.01

0.012

0.01

-0.002

0

'action.dat" every 4::0 u 0:1 'action.dat" every 4::1 u 0:1 'action.dat" every 4::2 u 0:1

0th

2nd

800

1000

average

600

1st

400

τ

200

Combine

$$\langle \phi(x)\phi(y)\dots\rangle^{(n)} = \sum_{n_1+n_2+\dots=n} \langle \phi^{(n_1)}(x)\phi^{(n_2)}(y)\dots\rangle_{\text{stochastic}}$$

Yes, that's it!

What we need to do is to solve a set of stochastic differential equations numerically. Very simple.

The degrees of freedom can be made finite by putting the theory on the lattice.

Indeed, in lattice QCD the expectation value of the Wilson loop has been calculated up to $O(\alpha s^{35})!$ [Bali, Bauer, Pineda, '14, Del Debbio, Renzo, Filaci '18]

Maybe even simpler in QED?

Anyway, let's try.

Lattice unit:

Our Lattice QED action:
$$S_{\text{lattice}} = S_{\text{g}} + S_{\text{gf}} + S_{\text{mass}} + S_{\text{f}}, \quad (a = 1)$$

UV regulator (suppress log divergence)

$$S_{\rm g} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n,\mu,\nu} \left[e^{-\nabla^2 / \Lambda_{\rm UV}^2} (\nabla_{\mu} A_{\nu}(n) - \nabla_{\nu} A_{\mu}(n)) \right]^2,$$

kinetic term gets large for high virtuality $k^2 >> \Lambda_{UV^2}$

$$S_{\rm gf} = \frac{1}{2\xi} \sum_{n} \left[e^{-\nabla^2 / \Lambda_{\rm UV}^2} \sum_{\mu} \nabla_{\mu}^* A_{\mu}(n) \right]^2,$$

$$S_{\rm mass} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,\mu} m_{\gamma}^2 \left[e^{-\nabla^2 / \Lambda_{\rm UV}^2} A_{\mu}(n) \right]^2,$$

This factor takes care of **doublers**. Justified in perturbative calculations.

$$S_{\rm f} = -\frac{1}{16} \ln \det D.$$

Dirac operator:

$$(D)_{nm} = m\delta_{nm} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\mu} \left[\gamma_{\mu} e^{ieA_{\mu}(n)} \delta_{n+\hat{\mu},m} - \gamma_{\mu} e^{-ieA_{\mu}(n-\hat{\mu})} \delta_{n-\hat{\mu},m} \right],$$

Link variable, U, is used here for gauge invariance.

Non-compact QED action

(Link variable U not used here. Simple.) $\nabla_{\mu} f(n) = f(n + \hat{\mu}) - f(n), \quad \nabla^{*}_{\mu} f(n) = f(n) - f(n - \hat{\mu}),$

Gauge fixing term

(Necessary. Otherwise A_{μ} random walks in the gauge direction.)

Photon mass (IR regulator)

(Necessary. Otherwise zero mode part of A_{μ} random walks. Gauge invariance broken, but in a rather controlled way.)

Fermion determinant

(Fermions loops are all included)

Naive fermion

(There are **16 doublers**. **Chiral symmetry** is maintained on the lattice.)

Doublers?



Wow. That sounds a pretty rude idea.

But it is just true in the perturbative calculations as long as γ_5 is not involved.





Continuum limit is realized by taking **small ma** in the Lagrangian.

$$ma \to 0$$

Note:

Coupling constant "e" is not a parameter. We formally expand everything in terms of "e". There is nowhere we need an explicit value of "e".

Also, one should take the limits of

 $m_{\gamma}/m \to 0$ Zero photon mass: Large volume: $\Lambda_{\rm UV}/m \to \infty$ Infinite UV cutoff:

 $L \to \infty \quad T \to \infty$

We'll come back how those limits are taken.

Langevin equation

Discretize the τ direction.

We update the gauge field A_{μ} according to the equation:

Perturbative expansion:

$$\begin{split} A_{\mu}(n,\tau) &= \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} e^{p} A_{\mu}^{(p)}(n,\tau),\\ \text{ample,} \\ \left. \frac{\delta S_{\text{g}}}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)} \right|_{(p)} &= e^{-2\nabla^{2}/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{2}} \sum_{\nu} \left(\nabla_{\nu}^{*} \nabla_{\mu} A_{\nu}^{(p)}(n) - \nabla_{\nu}^{*} \nabla_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{(p)}(n) \right) \end{split}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_{\mu}(n,\tau)}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{\delta S_{\text{lattice}}}{\delta A_{\mu}(n,\tau)} + \eta_{\mu}(n,\tau).$$
 Noise

Pretty simple except for

$$\frac{\delta S_{\rm f}}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)} = -\frac{1}{16} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\frac{\delta D}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)} D^{-1} \right).$$

We need to calculate the inverse of the Dirac operator for each Langevin step.

For example,

That can be quite effectively done by using the following **recursion formula** and **FFT**: [Di Renzo, Scorzato '00]

$$(D^{-1})\Big|_{(0)} = D_0^{-1}, \quad (D^{-1})\Big|_{(p)} = -\left[D_0^{-1}D\sum_{q=0}^{p-1}e^q \left(D^{-1}\right)\Big|_{(q)}\right]\Big|_{(p)}$$

Well, it's essentially the same as the usual perturbative expansion:

[Di Renzo, Scorzato '00]



No integration or linear solver is necessary. **Sequence of multiplying diagonal matrices**.

Very effectively done on computers.

Cost of FFT is also similar to the multiplication of a diagonal matrix, O(N log N).

... Wait a minutes.

$$\frac{\delta S_{\rm f}}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)} = -\frac{1}{16} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\frac{\delta D}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)} D^{-1} \right).$$

This is integration. Do we need to repeat the calculation V=L³T times? That's practically not possible. Yes. But, for this, one can use a **stochastic trick**.

$$\operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{\delta D}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)}D^{-1}\right) = \left\langle \zeta^{\dagger}\frac{\delta D}{\delta A_{\mu}(n)}D^{-1}\zeta\right\rangle_{\zeta},$$

We generate a **random** spinor, $\zeta(x)$, with the gaussian weight and take the inner product.

Over many Langevin steps, it averages to the trace.

Now all fermion loops are taken care.



Fermion 2-point functions



3-point functions



Done!

How to get to on-shell?

We are working in the **Euclidean** space. We need **analytic continuation** to the on-shell momentum.



The **double pole** gives O(t) terms whose coefficients are proportional to the **on-shell amplitudes**.

Take the double ratio:

$$\frac{g(t)}{2} = \frac{\mathcal{F}_M(t)/\mathcal{F}_E(t)}{\mathcal{F}_M^{(\text{norm})}(t)/\mathcal{F}_E^{(\text{norm})}(t)}, \qquad t \to \infty \quad \text{of this quantity is the g-factor!}$$

(Here, (norm) denotes the tree level form factors.)

Unwanted terms are suppressed by 1/t and/or exp(-m_yt).

Doubler contributions **cancel** in the ratio. (At even t, F_E and F_M vanish due to doublers, and doubled at odd t.)

Parameter choices



We have many parameters, and we need to take various limits.



By this choice, $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit is the continuum theory with the massless photon. Errors are of $O\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)$

O(a few - 10%) in the realistic simulations.



$$\frac{g(t)}{2} = \frac{g^{(0)}(t)}{2} + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + \frac{g^{(4)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(6)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(6)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{ma}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{ma}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots + \frac{L^3 \times T}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2} \left(\frac{ma}{\pi}\right)^2 + \frac{g^{(2)}(t)}{2}$$

 $N_{\rm conf}$

4800

6400

7040



We should use this region for extrapolation to large t.

L dependence

Remember that $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit is the continuum theory.

12³x24 ⊢⊟⊣

16³x32 ⊢∎⊣

20³x 40 ⊷↔

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3-loop (analytic)

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1-loop (analytic)

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Continuum, infinite volume, infinite UV cut-off, zero photon mass



Well, may be good enough for the first try.

$L^3 \times T$	ma	$(\Lambda_{ m UV} a)^2$	ξ	$m_\gamma a$	ϵ	$N_{\rm conf}$
$12^3 \times 24$	0.51	2.0	1.0	0.26	0.02	4800
$16^3 \times 32$	0.44	2.0	1.0	0.17	0.02	6400
$20^3 \times 40$	0.39	2.0	1.0	0.12	0.02	7040
$24^3\times 48$	0.36	2.0	1.0	0.094	0.02	9600

$L^3 \times T$	$a^{(0)}$	$a^{(2)}$	$a^{(4)}$	$a^{(6)}$
$12^3 \times 24$	0.85(0)(4)	0.46(2)(6)	-0.54(2)(11)	1.14(4)(17)
$16^3 \times 32$	0.90(0)(2)	0.45(2)(2)	-0.43(3)(6)	0.96(6)(6)
$20^3 \times 40$	0.92(0)(1)	0.43(2)(2)	-0.38(4)(5)	1.03(8)(8)
$24^3 \times 48$	0.93(0)(1)	0.43(2)(1)	-0.28(5)(3)	1.26(10)(10)
(analytic)	1	0.5	$-0.328\ldots$	1.18

Tone down a little bit....

There are a few problems which we need to take care in future works.

1. Log divergences

The result actually has a large Λ_{UV} dependence.



If we didn't introduce Λ_{UV} , the continuum limit gets **far away**.

One should carefully choose UV cut-off. Or, maybe we need some improved methods.

2. IR divergences

Finite m_{γ} regulates the **IR divergence**, but we need to make sure there is no $1/m_{\gamma}$ effects in the final formula.



This gives $O\left(\frac{t^3}{m_{\gamma}^2 V}\right)$ contributions to F_E and F_M. This is much **larger** than leading O(t) effects for a large t.

(soft theorem)

In fact, those are largely cancelled in the ratio F_M/F_E just as in the continuum theory, but not exactly in a finite volume.

The effects are small enough in the current O(10%) measurements, but will be important when we need more accuracy.

(Not so serious, though. We can fit and remove the IR contributions.)

3. Finite volume effects

The accuracy is already 1/L. Yes, finite volume effect is large.

There are actually **annoying** effects in the **perturbation theory in a finite volume**.

We take the **periodic** boundary conditions for the fermion.



Correlation functions have a contribution from the **backward propagation**.

For example,

$$\mathcal{F}_{E}(t) \sim tz_{*}^{t}e^{-xt^{2}} + (T-t)z_{*}^{(T-t)}e^{-x(T-t)^{2}}$$

$$\sim te^{-Et}e^{-xt^{2}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{T}{t} - 1\right)e^{-E(T-2t)}e^{-xT(T-2t)}\right]$$

$$= te^{-Et}e^{-xt^{2}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{T}{t} - 1\right)e^{-E_{0}(T-2t)}\left(1 - e^{2}\left(E_{1} + \frac{1}{2L^{3}m_{\gamma}^{2}}\right)(T-2t) + \cdots\right)\right].$$

This part cancels in the ratio.

The contribution gives **higher power of t** in the higher order in the perturbations. It gets important at large t.





[Volkov '19]

both Monte Carlo integration and analytical calculations. For example, the uncertainty in (2) is entirely determined by that contribution. Also, it is the contribution that suffered the most from found mistakes and corrections; see Ref. [34]. The value

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The discrepancy is in the subset of diagrams with **no lepton loops** \rightarrow quenched QED.

Photon is a free field → Langevin evolution not necessary. Very easy!



We need larger volumes for more precise measurements, but looks doable.

Summary



Anyway, the stochastic method works for **physical quantities** like g-2.

If people want 6-loops, this may be a good method for the first estimation.

Maybe useful for a wider class of physical quantities in general theories.