

Divergencies of superfield effective actions in $6D$, $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ and $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theories

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Aims:

- Construction of the background superfield method for $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ non-Abelian vector multiplet coupled to hypermultiplet
- Calculation of the one-loop off-shell divergences in vector multiplet and hypermultiplet sectors for arbitrary $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ gauge theory
- Analysis of divergences in the $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory
- Two-loop divergences

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- General motivations
- Review part
 1. $6D$ supersymmetry
 2. $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic superspace
 3. $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ hypermultiplet
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 6. $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory in terms of $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic supersfields
- Background field method
- Structure of one-loop counterterms
- Divergent part of one-loop effective action
- Two-loop results
- Gauge dependence
- Summary

The modern interest to $6D$ supersymmetric gauge theories is stipulated by the following reasons:

- ▶ The problem of describing the quantum structure of six-dimensional supersymmetric gauge theories dimensionally reduced from superstrings and the connection of effective action for the D5-branes at low energies with maximally supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory in six dimensions. [N. Seiberg (1996), E. Witten (1996); N. Seiberg, (1997)].
- ▶ Lagrangian description of the interacting multiple $M5$ -branes is related to $6D$, $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$ supersymmetric gauge theory. The theory includes self-dual non-Abelian antisymmetric tensor and it is not constructed still (see e.g. review [J. Bagger, N. Lambert, S. Mikhu, C. Papageorgakis (2013)]).

- ▶ The problem of miraculous cancellation of on-shell divergences in higher dimensional maximally supersymmetric gauge theories (theories with 16 supercharges). All these theories are non-renormalizable by power counting.
 - Field limit of superstring amplitude shows that $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory is on-shell finite at one-loop [M.B. Green, J.H. Schwarz, L. Brink, (1982)].
 - Analysis based on on-shell supersymmetries, gauge invariance and field redefinitions [P.S. Howe, K.S. Stelle, (1984), (2003); G. Bossard, P.S. Howe, K.S. Stelle, (2009)].
 - Direct one-loop and two-loop component calculations (mainly in bosonic sector and mainly on-shell) [E.S. Fradkin, A.A. Tseytlin, (1983); N. Marcus, A. Sagnotti, (1984), (1985)].
 - Direct calculations of scattering amplitudes in $6D$ theory up to five loops and in $D8, 10$ theories up to four loops [L.V. Bork, D.I. Kazakov, M.V. Kompaniets, D.M. Tolkachev, D.E. Vlasenko, (2015).]

Results: On-shell divergences in $6D$ theory start at three loops.

Purpose

To study one- and two-loop divergences of the superfield effective action in $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory.

Properties

$6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory possesses some properties close or analogous to $4D, \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory.

- The $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory can be formulated in harmonic superspace as well as the $4D, \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory.
- The $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory possesses the manifest $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetry and additional hidden $\mathcal{N} = (0, 1)$ supersymmetry analogous to $4D, \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory where there is the manifest $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry and additional hidden $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry.
- The $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory as well as the $4D, \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory is characterized by the non-trivial moduli space.
- The $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory is anomaly free as well as the $4D, \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory and satisfies some non-renormalization theorems.

P.S. Howe, G. Sierra, P.K. Townsend, (1983).

6D Minkowski space

- Coordinates x^M , $M = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$
- Metric $\eta_{MN} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$
- Proper Lorentz group $SO(1, 5)$

Two types of 6D Spinors

- Left $(1, 0)$ spinors ψ_a , $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- Right $(0, 1)$ spinors ϕ^a , $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$

Dirac matrices

- 8×8 Dirac matrices Γ_M ,

$$\Gamma_M \Gamma_N + \Gamma_N \Gamma_M = 2\eta_{MN}$$

- Representation of the Dirac matrices

$$\Gamma_M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{\gamma}_M \\ -\gamma_M & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- Antisymmetric 4×4 Pauli-type matrices γ_M and $\tilde{\gamma}_M$,

$$\gamma_M \tilde{\gamma}_N + \gamma_N \tilde{\gamma}_M = -2\eta_{MN}$$

$$(\tilde{\gamma}_M)^{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{abcd} (\gamma_M)_{cd}$$

- Spinor representation of the vectors, $V_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^M)_{ab} V_M$.

6D superalgebra

- Two types of independent supercharges
 $Q_a^I, Q_J^a, I = 1, \dots, 2m; J = 1, \dots, 2n$
- $\mathcal{N} = (m, n)$ supersymmetry
- Anticommutational relations for supercharges

$$\{Q_a^I, Q_b^K\} = 2\Omega^{IK} P_{ab}$$

$$\{Q_J^a, Q_L^b\} = 2\Omega_{JL} P^{ab}$$

Matrix Ω_{IK} belongs to $USp(2n)$ group (R-symmetry group), $\Omega_{IK}\Omega^{KJ} = \delta_I^J$

- $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ superspace, $I = i$, coordinates $z = (x^M, \theta_i^a), i = 1, 2$
- Basic spinor derivatives

$$D_a^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i^a} - i\theta^{ib} \partial_{ab}, \quad \{D_a^i, D_b^j\} = -2i\Omega^{ij} \partial_{ab}$$

Harmonic superspace

4D

A.Galperin, E. Ivanov, S. Kalitsyn, V. Ogievetsky, E. Sokatchev, (1984).

A.Galperin, E. Ivanov, V. Ogievetsky, E. Sokatchev, *Harmonic Superspace*, (2001).

General purpose:

to formulate $\mathcal{N} = 2$ models in terms of unconstrained $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superfields.

General idea:

to use the parameters $u^{\pm i}$ ($i = 1, 2$) (harmonics) related to $SU(2)$ automorphism group of the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superalgebra and parameterizing the 2-sphere, $u^{+i}u_i^- = 1$.

It allows to introduce the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superfields and formulate the theory with manifest $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry in harmonic superspace. Price for this is a presence of extra bosonic variables, harmonics $u^{\pm i}$.

6D

P.S. Howe, K.S. Stelle, P.C. West, (1985).

B.M. Zupnik, (1986); (1999).

G. Bossard, E. Ivanov, A. Smilga, (2015).

Note! Pure spinor approach to describe 6D SYM theories, [M. Cederwall, (2018)].

$\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic superspace

- $USp(2) \sim SU(2), I = i$ The same harmonics $u^{\pm i}$ as in $4D, \mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry
- Harmonic $6D, (1, 0)$ superspace with coordinates $Z = (x^M, \theta_i^a, u^{\pm i})$
- Analytic basis $Z_{(an)} = (x_{(an)}^M, \theta^{\pm a}, u_i^{\pm})$,
 $x_{(an)}^M = x^M + \frac{i}{2} \theta^{-a} (\gamma^M)_{ab} \theta^{+b}$, $\theta^{\pm a} = u_i^{\pm} \theta^{ai}$
 The coordinates $\zeta = (x_{(an)}^M, \theta^{+a}, u_i^{\pm})$ form a subspace closed under $(1, 0)$ supersymmetry
- The harmonic derivatives

$$D^{++} = u^{+i} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{-i}} + i \theta^{+a} \theta^{+b} \partial_{ab} + \theta^{+a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{-a}},$$

$$D^0 = u^{+i} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{+i}} - u^{-i} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{-i}} + \theta^{+a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{+a}} - \theta^{-a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{-a}}$$

- Spinor derivatives in the analytic basis

$$D_a^+ = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{-a}}, \quad D_a^- = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{+a}} - 2i \partial_{ab} \theta^{-b}, \quad \{D_a^+, D_b^-\} = 2i \partial_{ab}$$

- Analytic superfields ϕ do not depend on $\theta^{-\alpha}$, $D_{\alpha}^+ \phi = 0$

Hypermultiplet in conventional $6D$ superspace

- The $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ hypermultiplet is described in conventional $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ superspace by the superfields $q^i(x, \theta)$ and their conjugate $\bar{q}_i(x, \theta)$, where $\bar{q}_i = (q^i)^+$ under the constraint

$$D_a^{(i} q^{j)}(x, \theta) = 0$$

- On-shell component form of the hypermultiplet

$$q^i(z) = f^i(x) + \theta^{ai} \psi_a(x)$$

where the scalar field $f^i(x)$ and the spinor field $\psi_a(x)$ satisfy the equations $\square f^i = 0, \partial^{ab} \psi_b = 0$

Hypermultiplet in harmonic superspace: off-shell Lagrangian formulation

- Off-shell hypermultiplet is described by the analytic superfield $q_A^+(\zeta, u)$, $D_a^+ q_A^+(\zeta, u) = 0$, satisfying the reality condition $(q^{+A}) \equiv q_A^+ = \varepsilon_{AB} q^{+B} = (q^+ - \tilde{q}^+)$. Pauli-Gürsey indices $A, B = 1, 2$
- Off-shell hypermultiplet harmonic superfield contains infinite set of auxiliary fields which vanish on-shell due to the equations of motion

$$D^{++} q^+(\zeta, u) = 0$$

- The equations of motion follow from the action

$$S_{HYPER} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du q^{+A} D^{++} q_A^+$$

Here $d\zeta^{(-4)} = d^6 x d^4 \theta^+$.

The $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ non-Abelian vector multiplet in $6D$ conventional superspace

- Gauge covariant derivatives

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} = D_{\mathcal{M}} + i\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad [\nabla_{\mathcal{M}}, \nabla_{\mathcal{N}}] = iT_{\mathcal{MN}}{}^{\mathcal{L}}\nabla_{\mathcal{L}} + F_{\mathcal{MN}}$$

with $D_{\mathcal{M}} = (\partial_M, D_a^i)$ being the flat covariant derivatives and \mathcal{A}_M being the gauge connection taking the values in the Lie algebra of the gauge group.

- The constraints

$$F_{ab}^{ij} = 0, \quad \{\nabla_a^i, \nabla_b^j\} = 2i\varepsilon^{ij}\nabla_{ab}, \quad [\nabla_c^i, \nabla_{ab}] = \frac{i}{2}\varepsilon_{abcd}W^{id}$$

Here W^{ia} is the superfield strength obeying the Bianchi identities.

The constraints are solved in the framework of the harmonic superspace.

The $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ non-Abelian vector multiplet in $6D$, $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic superspace

- Harmonic covariant derivative

$$\nabla^{++} = D^{++} + iV^{++}$$

Connection V^{++} , takes the values in the Lie algebra of the gauge group, this is an unconstrained analytic potential of the $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ SYM theory.

- On-shell contents: $V^{++} = \theta^{+a}\theta^{+b}A_{ab} + 2(\theta^+)_a\lambda^{-a}$, A_{ab} is a vector field, $\lambda^{-a} = \lambda^{ai}u_i^-$, λ^{ai} is a spinor field.
- The superfield action of $6D, \mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ SYM theory is written in the form

$$S_{SYM} = \frac{1}{f_0^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \text{tr} \int d^{14}z du_1 \dots du_n \frac{V^{++}(z, u_1) \dots V^{++}(z, u_n)}{(u_1^+ u_2^+) \dots (u_n^+ u_1^+)}$$

Here f_0 is the dimensional coupling constant ($[f_0] = -1$)

- Gauge transformations

$$V^{++'} = -ie^{i\lambda}D^{++}e^{-i\lambda} + e^{i\lambda}V^{++}e^{-i\lambda}, \quad q^{+'} = e^{i\lambda}q^+$$

Theory of $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ non-Abelian vector multiplet coupled to hypermultiplet
 (chiral anomaly in harmonic superspace formulation calculated by **S. M. Kuzenko, J. Novak and I. B. Samsonov (2017).**)

- Action

$$S[V^{++}, q^+] = \frac{1}{f_0^2} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^n}{n} \text{tr} \int d^{14}z du_1 \dots du_n \frac{V^{++}(z, u_1) \dots V^{++}(z, u_n)}{(u_1^+ u_2^+) \dots (u_n^+ u_1^+)} - \int d\zeta^{-4} du \tilde{q}^+ \nabla^{++} q^+$$

- Harmonic covariant derivative

$$\nabla^{++} = D^{++} + iV^{++}$$

- Equations of motion

$$F^{++} - 2if_0^2 \tilde{q}^+ q^+ = 0, \quad \nabla^{++} q^+ = 0.$$

$$F^{++} = (D^+)^4 V^{--}, \quad D^{++} V^{--} - D^{--} V^{++} + i[V^{++}, V^{--}] = 0$$

$\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory can be formulated in terms of $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic superfields as the $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ vector multiplet coupled to hypermultiplet in adjoint representation. The theory is manifestly $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetric and possesses the extra hidden $\mathcal{N} = (0, 1)$ supersymmetry.

- Action

$$S[V^{++}, q^+] = S_{SYM}[V^{++}] + S_{HYPER}[q^+, V^{++}]$$

- The action is manifestly $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetric.
- The action is invariant under the transformations of extra hidden $\mathcal{N} = (0, 1)$ supersymmetry

$$\delta V^{++} = \epsilon^+ q^+, \quad \delta q^+ = -(D^+)^4 (\epsilon^- V^{--})$$

where the transformation parameter $\epsilon_A^\pm = \epsilon_{aA} \theta^{\pm A}$.

- We start with harmonic superfield formulations of vector multiplet coupled to hypermultiplet.
- Effective action is formulated in the framework of the background field method in harmonic superspace. It provides manifest $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetry and gauge invariance of effective action under the classical gauge transformations.
- Effective action can be calculated on the base of superfield proper-time technique. It provides preservation of manifest $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetry and manifest gauge invariance at all steps of calculations.
- The effective action can also be calculated perturbatively on the base of Feynman diagrams in superspace (supergraph technique).
- We study the model where the $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ vector multiplet interacts with hypermultiplet in the arbitrary representation of the gauge group. Then, we assume in the final result for one-loop divergences, that this representation is adjoint what corresponds to $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory.

Aim: construction of gauge invariant effective action, (see, e.g., [B.DeWitt (1965)]).

Realization:

- The superfields V^{++}, q^+ are splitting into the sum of the background V^{++}, Q^+ and the quantum v^{++}, q^+ superfields

$$V^{++} \rightarrow V^{++} + f_0 v^{++}, \quad q^+ \rightarrow Q^+ + q^+$$

- The action is expanding in a power series in quantum fields.
- The gauge-fixing function are imposed only on quantum superfield

$$\mathcal{F}_\tau^{(+4)} = D^{++} v_\tau^{++} = e^{-ib} (\nabla^{++} v^{++}) e^{ib} = e^{-ib} \mathcal{F}^{(+4)} e^{ib},$$

where $b(z)$ is a background-dependent gauge bridge superfield and τ means τ -frame.

- Faddeev-Popov procedure is used. The effective action $\Gamma[V^{++}, Q^+]$ gauge invariant under the classical gauge transformations. Background field construction in the case under consideration is analogous to one in $4D, \mathcal{N} = 2$ SYM theory [I.L.Buchbinder, E.I. Buchbinder, S.M. Kuzenko, B.A. Ovrut, (1998)].

- The effective action $\Gamma[V^{++}, Q^+]$ is written in terms of path integral

$$e^{i\Gamma[V^{++}, Q^+]} = \text{Det}^{1/2} \widehat{\square} \int \mathcal{D}v^{++} \mathcal{D}q^+ \mathcal{D}\mathbf{b} \mathcal{D}\mathbf{c} \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{iS_{quant}}$$

- The quantum action S_{quant} has the structure

$$S_{quant} = S + S_{GF}[v^{++}, V^{++}] + S_{FP}[\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, v^{++}, V^{++}] + S_{NK}[\varphi, V^{++}].$$

- Gauge fixing action $S_{GF}[v^{++}, V^{++}]$, Faddeed-Popov ghost action $S_{FP}[\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, v^{++}, V^{++}]$, Nelson-Kalosh ghost action $S_{NK}[\varphi, V^{++}]$
- Operator $\widehat{\square} = \frac{1}{2}(D^+)^4(\nabla^{--})^2$

$$\widehat{\square} = \eta^{MN} \nabla_M \nabla_N + W^{+a} \nabla_a^- + F^{++} \nabla^{--} - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla^{--} F^{++})$$

- All ghosts are the analytic superfields

- The gauge fixing action

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{gf}}[v^{++}, V^{++}] &= -\frac{1}{2\xi_0} \text{tr} \int d^{14}z du_1 du_2 \frac{v_\tau^{++}(1)v_\tau^{++}(2)}{(u_1^+ u_2^+)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4\xi_0} \text{tr} \int d^{14}z du v_\tau^{++} (D^{--})^2 v_\tau^{++}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- Faddeev-Popov ghosts and Nelson-Kalosh ghost actions

$$S_{FP} = \text{tr} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du b \nabla^{++} (\nabla^{++} + i v^{++}) c, \tag{2}$$

$$S_{NK} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \varphi (\nabla^{++})^2 \varphi. \tag{3}$$

In what follows we assume gauge fixing parameter $\xi_0 = 1$. The case $\xi_0 \neq 1$ will be considered latter.

- Perturbation theory can be given in terms of Feynman diagrams formulated in superspace
- Vector multiplet propagator

$$G^{(2,2)}(1|2) = -2 \frac{(D_1^+)^4}{\widehat{\square}_1} \delta^{14}(z_1 - z_2) \delta^{(-2,2)}(u_1, u_2)$$

- Hypermultiplet propagator

$$G^{(1,1)}(1|2) = \frac{(D_1^+)^4 (D_2^+)^4}{\widehat{\square}_1} \frac{\delta^{14}(z_1 - z_2)}{(u_1^+ u_2^+)^3}$$

- Ghost propagators have the analogous structure
- Superspace delta-function

$$\delta^{14}(z_1 - z_2) = \delta^6(x_1 - x_2) \delta^8(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

- The vertices are taken from the superfield action as usual

Superficial degree of divergence ω is a total degree of momenta in loop integral.

- One can prove that due to structure of the propagators and the Grassmann delta-functions in the propagators, any supergraph for effective action can be written through the integrals over full $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ superspace and contains only a single integral over $d^8\theta$ (non-renormalization theorem).
- Mass dimensions: $[x] = -1$, $[p] = 1$, $[\int d^6p] = 6$, $[\theta] = -\frac{1}{2}$, $[\int d^8\theta] = 4$, $[q^+] = 1$, $[V^{++}] = 0$.
- After summing all dimensions and using some identities, power counting gives $\omega(G) = 2L - N_Q - \frac{1}{2}N_D$
- N_D is a number of spinor derivatives acting on external lines
- A number of space-time derivatives in the counterterms increases with L . The theory is multiplicatively non-renormalizable.
- One loop approximation $\omega_{1-loop}(G) = 2 - N_Q$
- The possible divergences correspond to $\omega_{1-loop} = 2$ and $\omega_{1-loop} = 0$

Calculations of ω are analogous to ones in $4D, \mathcal{N} = 2$ gauge theory [I.L. Buchbinder, S.M. Kuzenko, B.A. Ovrut, (1998)].

Structure of one-loop counterterm

According to the general analysis performed in [G. Bossard, E. Ivanov, A. Smilga, (2015)] the logarithmic divergences in the one-loop approximation can be written as

$$\Gamma_{\text{ln}}^{(1)} = \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \left[c_1 (F^{++A})^2 + ic_2 F^{++A} (\tilde{q}^+)^m (T^A)_m{}^n (q^+)_n + c_3 \left((\tilde{q}^+)^m (q^+)_m \right)^2 \right], \quad (4)$$

where c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 are numerical real coefficients.

We consider a possible form of one-loop counterterms on the base of superficial degree of divergences.

- Let $N_Q = 0$, $N_D = 0$, so that $\omega=2$, and we use the dimensional regularization. The corresponding counterterm has to be quadratic in momenta and given by the full $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ superspace integral. The only admissible possibility is

$$\Gamma_1^{(1)} \sim \int d^{14}z du V^{--} \square V^{++}$$

After some transformation it coincides with first term in $\Gamma_{\text{div}}^{(1)}$, with dimensionless divergent coefficient c_1 . Being dimensionless, this coefficient must be proportional to $1/\varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon = d - 6$ is a regularization parameter.

- Let $N_Q = 2$, $N_D = 0$ so that $\omega = 0$ and we use the dimensional regularization. The corresponding counterterm has to be momentum independent and given by the full $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ superspace integral. The only admissible possibility is

$$\Gamma_2^{(1)} \sim \int d^{14}z du \tilde{q}^+ V^{--} q^+$$

After some transformation it coincides with second term in $\Gamma_{div}^{(1)}$, with dimensionless divergent coefficient c_2 . Being dimensionless, this coefficient must be proportional to $1/\varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon = d - 6$ is a regularization parameter.

- Let $N_Q = 4$, $N_D = 0$ so that $\omega = -2$ and the corresponding supergraph is convergent. It means that $c_3 = 0$ in $\Gamma_{div}^{(1)}$. As a result, all one-loop $(q^+)^4$ possible contributions to effective action are finite.

Manifestly covariant calculation

Calculating the one-loop divergences of superfield functional determinants is carried out in the framework of proper-time technique (superfield version of Schwinger-De Witt technique). Such technique allows us to preserve the manifest gauge invariance and manifest $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supersymmetry at all steps of calculations.

General scheme of calculations

- Proper-time representation

$$\text{Tr} \ln O \sim \text{Tr} \int_0^\infty \frac{d(is)}{(is)^{1+\varepsilon}} e^{isO_1} \delta(1, 2)|_{2=1}$$

- Here s is the proper-time parameter and ε is a parameter of dimensional regularization.
- Typically the $\delta(1, 2)$ contains $\delta^8(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$, which vanishes at $\theta_1 = \theta_2$
- Typically the operator O contains some number of spinor derivatives D_a^+, D_a^- which act on the Grassmann delta-functions $\delta^8(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$ and can kill them. Non-zero result will be only if all these δ -functions are killed.
- Only these terms are taking into account which have the pole $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ after integration over proper-time.

In the **one-loop** approximation, the first quantum correction to the classical action, $\Gamma^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+]$, is given by the quadratic action S_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2 = & \frac{1}{2} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du v^{++A} \widehat{\square}^{AB} v^{++B} + \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \mathbf{b}^A (\nabla^{++})^{2AB} \mathbf{c}^B \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \varphi^A (\nabla^{++})^{2AB} \varphi^B - \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{q}^{+m} (\nabla^{++})_m{}^n q_n^+ \\
 & - \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \left\{ \tilde{Q}^{+m} i f_0(v^{++})^C (T^C)_m{}^n q_n^+ + \tilde{q}^{+m} i f_0(v^{++})^C (T^C)_m{}^n Q_n^+ \right\}, \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

We consider the special **change** of hypermultiplet variables [I.L. Buchbinder, N.G. Pletnev, *JHEP* 0704; S. M. Kuzenko, S. J. Tyler, *JHEP* 0705] in the one-loop effective action

$$q_n^+(1) = h_n^+(1) - f_0 \int d\zeta_2^{(-4)} du_2 G^{(1,1)}(1|2)_n{}^p i v^{++C}(2) (T^C)_p{}^l Q_l^+(2), \quad (6)$$

with h_n^+ are **new** independent variable in the path integral describing the hypermultiplet.

The **one-loop** quantum correction $\Gamma^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+]$ to the classical action, which has the following formal expression

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q] &= \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \left\{ \widehat{\square}^{AB} - 4f_0^2 \widetilde{Q}^{+m} (T^A G T^B)_m{}^n Q_n^+ \right\} - \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \widehat{\square}_{\text{Adj}} \\ &\quad - i \text{Tr} \ln (\nabla^{++})_{\text{Adj}}^2 + \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln (\nabla^{++})_{\text{Adj}}^2 + i \text{Tr} \ln \nabla_{\text{R}}^{++}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The $(F^{++})^2$ is defined by the last three terms in Eq. (16).

$$\Gamma_{F^2}^{(1)}[V^{++}] = -i \text{Tr} \ln \nabla_{\text{Adj}}^{++} + i \text{Tr} \ln \nabla_{\text{R}}^{++}. \quad (8)$$

The divergent contribution reads

$$\Gamma_{F^2}^{(1)} = \frac{C_2 - T(R)}{6(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du (F^{++A})^2. \quad (9)$$

The hypermultiplet-dependent part $\tilde{Q}^+ F^{++} Q^+$ of the **one-loop** counterterm comes out from the first term in (16).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \left\{ \widehat{\square}^{AB} - 4f^2 \tilde{Q}^{+m} (T^A G T^B)_m{}^n Q_n^+ \right\} &= \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \widehat{\square} \\ &+ \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \left\{ \delta^{AB} - 4f^2 (\widehat{\square}^{-1})^{AC} \tilde{Q}^{+m} (T^C G T^B)_m{}^n Q_n^+ \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

We decompose the logarithm up to the first order and compute the functional trace

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{QFQ}^{(1)} &= -2if^2 \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^{+m} Q_n^+ (\widehat{\square}^{-1})^{AB} (T^B G T^A)_m{}^n \Big|_{\text{div}}^{2=1} \\ &= -2if^2 \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^{+m} Q_n^+ \\ &\quad \times (\widehat{\square}^{-1})^{AB} (T^B \widehat{\square}^{-1} T^A)_m{}^n (u_1^+ u_2^+) \delta^6(x_1 - x_2) \Big|_{2=1}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Passing to momentum representation we finally obtain

$$\Gamma_{QFQ}^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+] = -\frac{2if^2}{(4\pi)^3\varepsilon} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^{+m} (C_2 \delta_m^l - C(R)_m^l) (F^{++})^A (T^A)_l^n Q_n^+. \quad (12)$$

Summing up the contributions (9) and (12), we **finally** obtain the total divergent contribution

$$\Gamma_{div}^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+] = \frac{C_2 - T(R)}{3(4\pi)^3\varepsilon} \text{tr} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du (F^{++})^2 - \frac{2if_0^2}{(4\pi)^3\varepsilon} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^+ (C_2 - C(R)) F^{++} Q^+. \quad (13)$$

Results of calculations

$$\Gamma_{div}^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+] = \frac{C_2 - T(R)}{3(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \text{tr} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du (F^{++})^2 \quad (14)$$

$$- \frac{2if_0^2}{(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^{+m} (C_2 \delta_m^n - C(R)_m^n) F^{++} Q^+_n.$$

- The quantities $C_2, T(R), C(R)$ are defined as follows

$$\text{tr}(T^A T^B) = T(R) \delta^{AB}, \quad T(Adj) = C_2, \quad (T^A T^A)_m^n = C(R) \delta_m^n.$$

- Results of calculations correspond to analysis done on the base of power counting. The coefficients c_1, c_2 are found. The coefficient $c_3 = 0$ as we expected.
- In $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory, the hypermultiplet is in the same representation as the vector multiplet. Then $C_2 = T(R) = C(R)$. Then $\Gamma_{div}^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+] = 0$.
- The result depends on choice of gauge fixing function.

Supergraph calculations

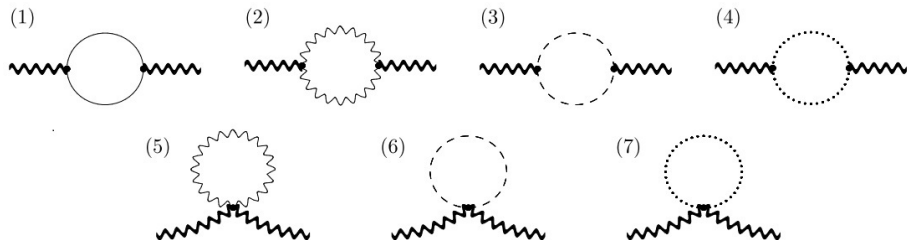


Figure: Supergraphs for two-point function of vector multiplet

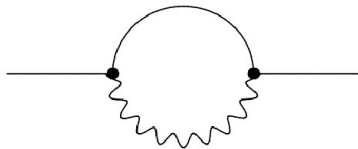


Figure: Supergraph for two-point function of hypermultiplet

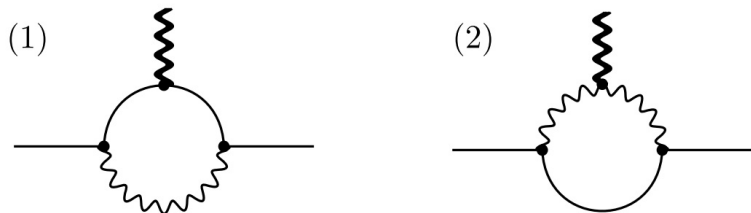


Figure: Supergraphs for three-point vector multiplet - hypermultiplet function

Let us discuss the structure of the two-loop divergences in the hypermultiplet sector.

The total contribution to the divergent part of effective action from two-point supergraphs with the hypermultiplet legs vanishes off shell in case $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory.

$$4f_0^4 \int \frac{d^6 p d^8 \theta}{(2\pi)^6} \int \frac{du_1 du_2}{(u_1^+ u_2^+)} \left[q_2^+(-p)_j (C_2 - T(R)) C(R)_i{}^j \tilde{q}_1^+(p)^i \times I_1(p) + \tilde{q}_1^+(p)^i \left(-C(R)^2 + C_2 C(R) \right)_i{}^j q_2^+(-p)_j \times I_2(p) \right]. \quad (15)$$

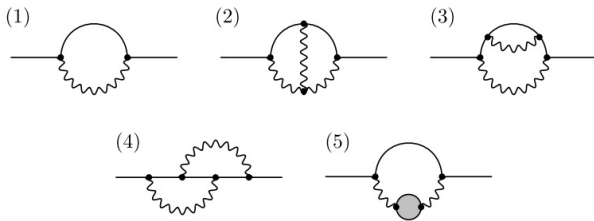


Fig. 1. One- and two-loop diagrams contributing to the two-point Green function of the hypermultiplet.

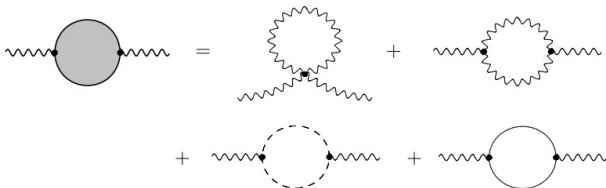


Fig. 2. One-loop subdiagrams entering the two-loop diagram (5) in Fig. 1.

The absence of one-loop divergencies in $\mathcal{N}(1, 1)$ SYM theory is known to be a gauge dependent (see [D. I. Kazakov, JHEP (2003)]).

The one-loop contribution $\Gamma^{(1)}$ to the superfield effective action in case $\xi_0 \neq 1$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q; \xi_0] &= \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{\xi_0} \widehat{\square}^{AB} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi_0}\right) \delta^{AB} \frac{(D_1^+)^4}{(u_1^+ u_2^+)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 4f_0^2 \widetilde{Q}_1^+ (T^A G^{(1,1)} T^B) (1|2) Q_2^+ \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \widehat{\square} - \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \ln (\nabla_{\text{Adj}}^{++})^2 + i \text{Tr} \ln \nabla_R^{++}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The divergent part of the one-loop effective action can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_{\infty}^{(1)}[V^{++}, Q^+; \xi_0] &= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \left(\frac{1}{3} (C_2 - T(R)) + 2(\xi_0 - 1)C_2 \right) \text{tr} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du (F^{++})^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{2i\xi_0 f_0^2 (C_2 - C(R))}{(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{Q}^+ F^{++} Q^+ \\
 &\quad - \frac{f_0^2 (\xi_0 - 1)C(R)}{(4\pi)^3 \varepsilon} \int d^{14}z du \left(\tilde{Q}^+ Q^- - \tilde{Q}^- Q^+ \right). \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

In case of **on-shell background** multiplet we have $Q^- = \nabla^{--} Q^+$ and

$$\int d^{14}z du \tilde{Q}^+ Q^- = i \int d\zeta^{(-4)} du \tilde{q}^+ F^{++} q^+. \tag{18}$$

The gauge dependence vanishes! (see, e.g., [A.O. Barvinsky, G.A. Vilkovisky, Phys.Rep. (1985)]).

Summary

- Background field method in $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ harmonic superspace was developed.
- Superficial degree of divergence was evaluated and structure of one-loop counterterms was studied.
- The one-loop divergences in the theories under consideration were calculated for arbitrary gauge fixing parameter ξ_0 .
- The one-loop divergences have been calculated independently with help of $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ supergraphs technique in case $\xi_0 = 1$.
- It is proved that $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory is one-loop off-shell finite in case $\xi_0 = 1$.
- Two-loop divergences of the 2-point Green function is calculated.

Outlook

- Superfield Euler-Heisenberg effective action in $6D$, $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$ SYM theory.
- Background field method and study of one-loop divergences in $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$ SYM theories with high derivatives (component analysis [E.A. Ivanov, A.V.Smilga, (2006)] and [L. Casarina, A. Tseytlin, (2019)]).