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1. Consider then the operators

$$\begin{split} O_1 &= \phi^6(x) & O_2 &= \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \,, \qquad O_3 &= \phi(x) \, \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \,, \\ O_4 &= \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \, \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) & O_5 &= F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} & O_6 &= \bar{\psi}(x) \, \sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \, \psi(x) \,, \end{split}$$

and determine their operator dimension in d space-time dimensions.

To do so, derive first the mass dimensions of the scalar fields ϕ , spin-1/2 fields ψ , and vector field $A_{\mu}(x)$. $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}$. by requiring that the free action be dimensionless (work in d dimensions).

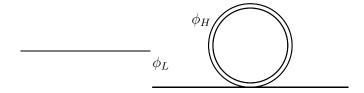
Determine whether the operators O_i are relevant, marginal, or irrelevant in d = 2, 3 and 4.

2. Compute the surface Ω_d of the d-dimensional unit-sphere. To do so, it is useful to consider the integral

$$\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \, e^{-ak^2} \right]^d = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^d k \, e^{-ak^2} = \Omega_d \int_0^{\infty} dk \, k^{d-1} \, e^{-ak^2} \, .$$

After computing the integral over the length $k = |\mathbf{k}|$ one can solve for Ω_d . Check that you reproduce the known results for d = 1, 2, 3 and confirm the value for d = 4 used in the lecture. How does the surface behave when the dimension becomes large?

3. Consider scalar ϕ^4 field theory in the Wilsonian framework, as we did in the lecture. Compute the one-loop self-energy correction from integrating out the high-energy part ϕ_H of the field:



This contribution modifies the mass term in the low-energy theory. By how much does the mass change if we integrate out the modes ϕ_H with momentum $b\Lambda < |k| < \Lambda$?