

RG Limit Cycles

(Part I)

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The physics

Why care about scale without conformal?

Phases of QFTs:

- IR free
 - ▶ With mass gap: Exponentially decaying correlators (e.g. confinement)
 - ▶ Without mass gap: Trivial correlators (e.g. Coulomb phase)
- IR interacting
 - ▶ CFTs: Power-law correlators
 - ▶ SFTs???: Power-law correlators???

IR-limits of RG flows

- Strong coupling (e.g. QCD)
- Fixed points (CFT)
- Limit cycles (???)
- Ergodic trajectories (???)

Scale and conformal invariance

The symmetry group of QFTs usually consists of the **Poincaré** group and an **internal** symmetry group.

The Poincaré group can be extended to include **supersymmetry**, and/or **conformal** transformations.

But, in principle, **only** scale transformations could be allowed, without special conformal ones.

In **a lot** of examples if the theory is unitary and scale-invariant, then it is **automatically** conformally invariant.

Scale $\overset{?}{\Rightarrow}$ conformal invariance

In $d = 2$ the answer is **yes!** (Polchinski, 1988; Zamolodchikov, 1986)

Operating **assumptions**:

- Unitarity
- Finiteness of correlators of SE tensor

Relaxing these assumptions, leads to examples.

(Riva & Cardy, 2006; Hull & Townsend, 1986)

Many examples in $d > 2$ have suggested the same answer, but there has been **no** proof.

Counterexamples are **classical**:

- An unconventional field theory for a scalar (Jackiw & Pi, 2011)
- Free Maxwell theory in $d \neq 4$ (Pons, 2009; Jackiw & Pi, 2011; El-Showk, Nakayama & Rychkov, 2011)
- Holography: Kerr-AdS black holes in $d = 5, 7$ (Awad & Johnson, 1999)
- Extension of Liouville theory (Iorio, O’Raifeartaigh, Sachs & Wieselanger, 1997)

Is there room for scale without conformal invariance?

Maybe there is a proof, since **so many** examples show that scale implies conformal invariance.

But it would be **much** more interesting if such a proof **did not** exist:

- CFTs are very tractable nontrivial QFTs, and we can hope that SFTs are **also tractable**
- SFTs are almost completely **unexplored**
- Since the symmetry is weaker, they must be **richer** than CFTs
- Possibly, there's a whole **new** class of QFTs!

Conformal invariance

Object of interest: Stress-energy tensor, $T_{\mu\nu}$ (symmetric)

A theory has conformal invariance iff

$$T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}L^{\mu\nu}$$

Equivalently, there is then a **new improved** SE tensor, $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$, with

(Callan, Coleman & Jackiw, 1970)

$$\Theta_{\mu}^{\mu} = 0$$

Conformal **implies** scale, but algebra **doesn't** imply the converse:

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, P_{\rho}] = i(\eta_{\mu\rho}P_{\nu} - \eta_{\nu\rho}P_{\mu}), \quad [M_{\mu\nu}, K_{\rho}] = i(\eta_{\mu\rho}K_{\nu} - \eta_{\nu\rho}K_{\mu}),$$

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\rho\sigma}] = i(\eta_{\mu\rho}M_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\nu\rho}M_{\mu\sigma} + \eta_{\nu\sigma}M_{\mu\rho} - \eta_{\mu\sigma}M_{\nu\rho}),$$

$$[D, P_{\mu}] = -iP_{\mu}, \quad [D, K_{\mu}] = iK_{\mu}, \quad [K_{\mu}, P_{\nu}] = 2i(\eta_{\mu\nu}D - M_{\mu\nu})$$

Scale invariance

If we ask for **just** scale invariance, then the dilatation current

$$\mathcal{D}^\mu = x_\nu \Theta^{\mu\nu} - V^\mu$$


Virial current

is conserved if

$$\Theta_{\mu}^{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} V^{\mu}$$

with $V^{\mu} \neq J^{\mu} + \partial_{\nu} L^{\mu\nu}$ where $\partial_{\mu} J^{\mu} = 0$. (Polchinski, 1988)

In an SFT the trace of the SE tensor is **nonzero**, but just a **total derivative**.

Scale without conformal invariance

The question of scale without conformal invariance can thus be asked as follows: (Polchinski, 1988)

Are there nontrivial candidates for V^μ ?

Constraints on virial:

- Gauge-invariant
- Scaling dimension $d - 1$ in d spacetime dimensions

Attempt: ϕ^4 theory in $d = 4 - \epsilon$

Answer: **No** nontrivial candidate for V^μ



No possibility for
scale without
conformal invariance

Same conclusion for ϕ^6 in $d = 3 - \epsilon$ and ϕ^3 in $d = 6 - \epsilon$.

Most general QFT in $d = 4$

But in more complicated theories **there are** nontrivial candidates for V^μ .

Consider the most general renormalizable QFT:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\mu^{-\epsilon} Z_A \frac{1}{4g_A^2} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} Z_{ab}^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_{ac}^{\frac{1}{2}} D_\mu \phi_b D^\mu \phi_c \\ & + \frac{1}{2} Z_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}*} Z_{ik}^{\frac{1}{2}} \bar{\psi}_j i \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu \psi_k - \frac{1}{2} Z_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}*} Z_{ik}^{\frac{1}{2}} D_\mu \bar{\psi}_j i \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi_k \\ & - \frac{1}{4!} \mu^\epsilon (\lambda Z^\lambda)_{abcd} \phi_a \phi_b \phi_c \phi_d \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} (y Z^y)_{a|ij} \phi_a \psi_i \psi_j - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} (y Z^y)_{a|ij}^* \phi_a \bar{\psi}_i \bar{\psi}_j\end{aligned}$$

Nontrivial virial

The virial is

$$V^\mu = Q_{ab} \phi_a D^\mu \phi_b - P_{ij} \bar{\psi}_i i \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi_j$$

with

$$Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba} \qquad P_{ij} = -P_{ji}^*$$

Q and P also satisfy conditions for gauge invariance of V^μ .

The virial generates an **internal** transformation of the fields.

It **cannot** be improved away from $\mathcal{D}^\mu = x_\nu \Theta^{\mu\nu} - V^\mu$.

Scale vs conformal

Assume that we have a theory in 4 dimensions with scale but **without** conformal invariance.

Then the virial

- Has **no** anomalous dimension (scaling dimension **exactly** 3)
- **Is** gauge invariant
- Is **not** conserved

This is **impossible** in a unitary CFT

(Mack, 1977 (also Intriligator, Grinstein & Rothstein, 2008))

It is however **within** bounds on operator dimensions in non-conformal scale-invariant unitary theories. (Intriligator, Grinstein & Rothstein, 2008)

Algebraic condition for SI

The new improved SE tensor is

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_{\mu}^{\mu}(x) = & \frac{\beta_A}{2g_A^3} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu} + \gamma_{aa'} D^2 \phi_a \phi_{a'} - \gamma_{i'i}^* \bar{\psi}_i i \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} D_{\mu} \psi_{i'} + \gamma_{ii'} D_{\mu} \bar{\psi}_i i \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} \psi_{i'} \\ & - \frac{1}{4!} (\beta_{abcd} - \gamma_{a'a} \lambda_{a'bcd} - \gamma_{b'b} \lambda_{ab'cd} - \gamma_{c'c} \lambda_{abc'd} - \gamma_{d'd} \lambda_{abcd'}) \phi_a \phi_b \phi_c \phi_d \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (\beta_{a|ij} - \gamma_{a'a} \gamma_{a'|ij} - \gamma_{i'i} \gamma_{a|i'j} - \gamma_{j'j} \gamma_{a|ij'}) \phi_a \psi_i \psi_j + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

The divergence of the dilatation current is

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_{\mu} \mathcal{D}^{\mu}(x) = & \frac{\beta_A}{2g_A^3} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu} + (\gamma_{aa'} + Q_{aa'}) D^2 \phi_a \phi_{a'} - (\gamma_{i'i}^* + P_{i'i}^*) \bar{\psi}_i i \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} D_{\mu} \psi_{i'} + (\gamma_{ii'} + P_{ii'}) D_{\mu} \bar{\psi}_i i \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} \psi_{i'} \\ & - \frac{1}{4!} (\beta_{abcd} - \gamma_{a'a} \lambda_{a'bcd} - \gamma_{b'b} \lambda_{ab'cd} - \gamma_{c'c} \lambda_{abc'd} - \gamma_{d'd} \lambda_{abcd'}) \phi_a \phi_b \phi_c \phi_d \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (\beta_{a|ij} - \gamma_{a'a} \gamma_{a'|ij} - \gamma_{i'i} \gamma_{a|i'j} - \gamma_{j'j} \gamma_{a|ij'}) \phi_a \psi_i \psi_j + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

Algebraic condition for SI

We can now use the equations of motion to find that

$$\partial_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu(x) = 0$$

when

$$\beta_A = 0$$

$$\beta_{abcd} = -Q_{a'a}\lambda_{a'bcd} - Q_{b'b}\lambda_{ab'cd} - Q_{c'c}\lambda_{abc'd} - Q_{d'd}\lambda_{abcd'}$$

$$\beta_{a|ij} = -Q_{a'a}y_{a'|ij} - P_{i'i}y_{a|i'j} - P_{j'j}y_{a|ij'}$$

A solution to these equations with **nonzero** beta functions defines a theory with scale **but without** conformal invariance.

These equations are **true** to all orders in perturbation theory.

How do generators of dilatations generate dilatations?

The naive Ward identity for scale invariance becomes the Callan–Symanzik equation in the **quantum** theory:

$$\left[\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \beta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial g_i} + \gamma_j^i \int d^4x \, \varphi_i(x) \frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi_j(x)} \right] \Gamma[\varphi(x), g, \mu] = 0$$

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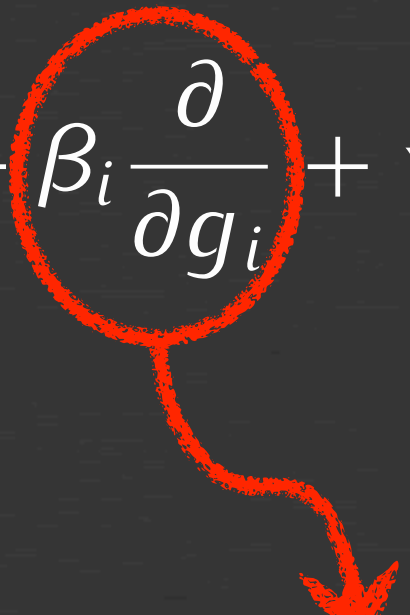
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It seems like the **only** case where we can have scale invariance is in CFTs.

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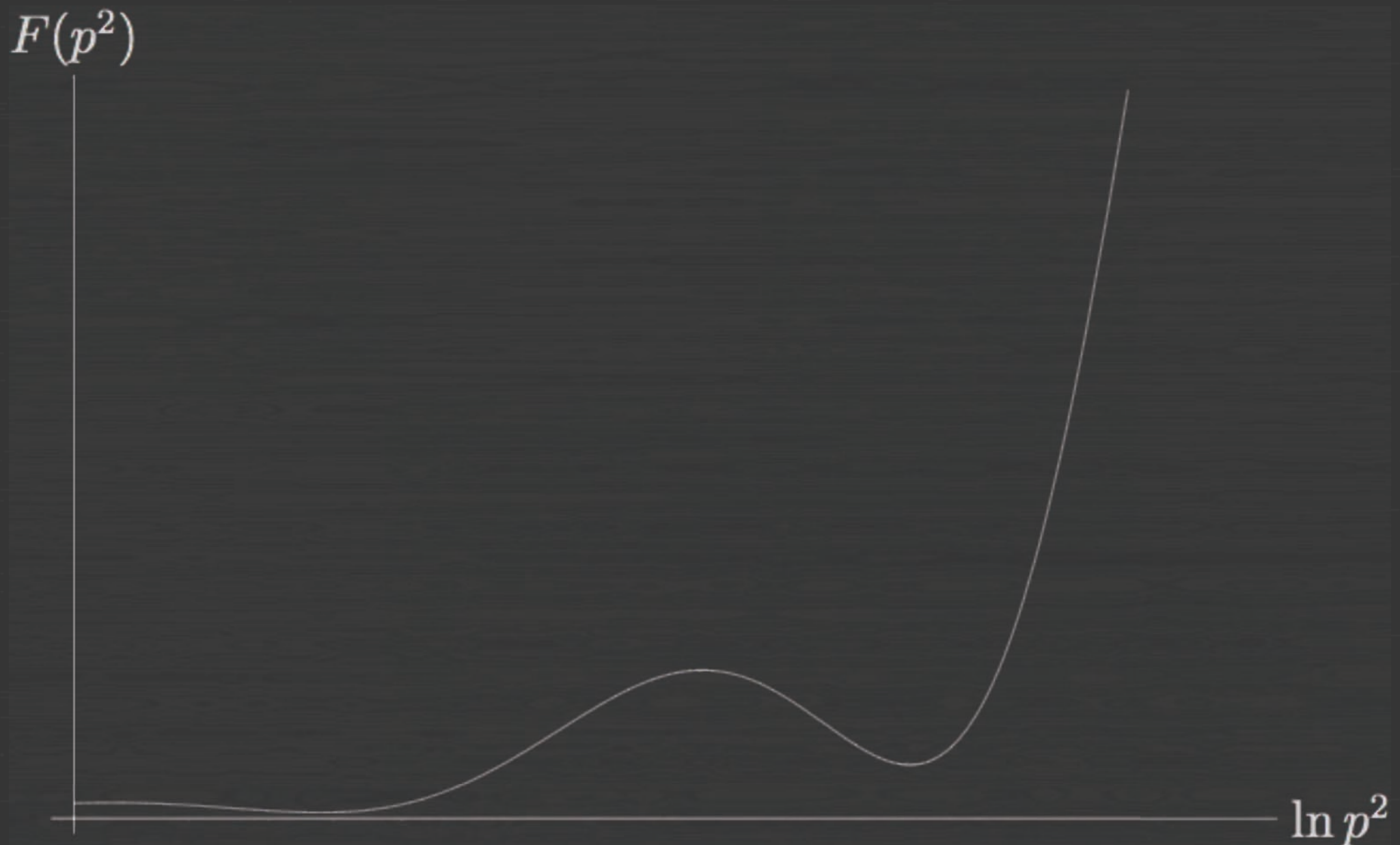
$$\left[\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + (\gamma_j^i + Q_j^i) \int d^4x \varphi_i(x) \frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi_j(x)} \right] \Gamma[\varphi(x), g, \mu] = 0$$

The dilatation generator **can** be redefined to account for these **very special** beta functions too! (Fortin, Grinstein & AS, 2011)

Effects on correlators

The correlators of an SFT are **not** those of a CFT.

They can be studied, also with applications to **unparticle** physics in mind. (Fortin, Grinstein & AS, 2011)



How do generators of dilatations generate dilatations?

$$D = \int d^3x \mathcal{D}^0 = \int d^3x (x_\mu \Theta^{0\mu} - V^0)$$

E.g. in a theory with scalars and fermions

$$[D, \phi_a(x)] = -i(x \cdot \partial + 1)\phi_a(x) - iQ_{ab}\phi_b(x)$$

$$[D, \psi_i(x)] = -i(x \cdot \partial + \frac{3}{2})\psi_i(x) - iP_{ij}\psi_j(x)$$

There are contributions to scaling dimensions **from the beta functions**:

$$\Delta_{ab} = \delta_{ab} + Q_{ab} + \gamma_{ab}$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{3}{2}\delta_{ij} + P_{ij} + \gamma_{ij}$$

RG trajectories in SFTs

If we find a point where the theory is scale-invariant, then there **must** be an RG trajectory through that point.

What is the nature of such a trajectory?

Schematically:

$$-\frac{dg^i}{dt} = Q^i_j g^j$$

The system can be solved, and if Q is antisymmetric or anti-Hermitian we'll get a **periodic** or **quasi-periodic** solution.

Running of the couplings

If we have a scale-invariant point, then **all** points

$$\bar{\lambda}_{abcd}(t) = \hat{Z}_{a'a}(t)\hat{Z}_{b'b}(t)\hat{Z}_{c'c}(t)\hat{Z}_{d'd}(t)\lambda_{a'b'c'd'}(0)$$

$$\bar{y}_{a|ij}(t) = \hat{Z}_{a'a}(t)\hat{Z}_{i'i}(t)\hat{Z}_{j'j}(t)y_{a'|i'j'}(0)$$

where $\hat{Z}_{ab}(t) = (e^{Qt})_{ab}$ and $\hat{Z}_{ij}(t) = (e^{Pt})_{ij}$ are scale-invariant.

Q and P are **constant** and so \hat{Z}_{ab} is **orthogonal** and \hat{Z}_{ij} **unitary**.

Scale invariance \Rightarrow Recurrence

Trajectories that go through scale-invariant points are periodic or quasi-periodic!

We can get both **limit cycles** and **ergodic behavior**. This is behavior first speculated to exist in QFTs by Wilson in 1971!

Such behavior in a field theory **appears to disagree** with expectations derived from the c -theorem.

The usual intuition is that **massless** degrees of freedom are **lost** as one coarse-grains.

This intuition is **violated** on scale-invariant trajectories.

If scale-invariant trajectories exist, then RG flows are **not gradient** flows.

Stability in CFTs

To study stability we **linearize** around the fixed point:

$$\beta(t) = [g(t) - g_*] \left. \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} \right|_{g=g_*} + \dots$$

Very easy to solve:

$$g(t) = g_* + (g_0 - g_*) \exp \left(- \left. \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} \right|_{g=g_*} t \right)$$

The **eigenvalues** of $\left. \partial \beta / \partial g \right|_{g=g_*}$ determine the **nature of the approach** to the fixed point.

Stability in SFTs

To study stability we **linearize** around the trajectory:

$$\beta(t) = \beta|_{g=g_*(t)} + [g(t) - g_*(t)] \left. \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} \right|_{g=g_*(t)} + \dots$$

Non-trivial to solve because everything is RG-time-dependent.

But there **must** be a variable that takes the RG-time-dependence out of $\partial \beta / \partial g|_{g=g_*(t)}$.

Using the **"comoving"** variable $\delta g(t) = [g(t) - g_*(t)]e^{-Qt}$

$$-\frac{d \delta g(t)}{dt} = \delta g(t) S + \dots, \quad S = \left(\left. \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} \right|_{g=g_*(0)} + Q \right)$$

Stability in SFTs

The **eigenvalues** of the stability matrix

$$S = \left(\left. \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} \right|_{g=g_*(0)} + Q \right)$$

tell us if a deformation is attractive or repulsive.

S has scheme-independent eigenvalues.

S always has a **zero eigenvalue** with corresponding eigenvector the beta function on the trajectory.

Scheme changes

Q and P are scheme-independent.

CFTs	SFTs
Existence of fixed point	Existence of SI trajectory
Eigenvalues of γ	Eigenvalues of $\gamma + Q$
Eigenvalues of $\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g}$	Eigenvalues of $\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial g} + Q$
First coefficient in β	(Same)
First coefficient in γ	(Same)

The examples

Scale $\overset{?}{\Rightarrow}$ conformal invariance (Scalars in $d = 4 - \epsilon$)

In multi-flavor ϕ^4 theory the condition for scale invariance becomes

$$\text{from } T^\mu_\mu \longrightarrow \beta_{abcd} \stackrel{(*)}{=} Q_{abcd} \longleftarrow \text{from virial } V_\mu = Q_{ab} \phi_a \partial_\mu \phi_b$$

where $Q_{abcd} = Q_{ae} \lambda_{ebcd} + \text{permutations}$, with Q_{ab} **antisymmetric**.

In $d = 4 - \epsilon$, a solution to $(*)$ is **automatically** a solution that sets both sides to zero. This can be shown at one (Polchinski, 1988) and two loops. (Fortin, Grinstein & AS, 2011)



No possibility for scale without conformal invariance!

Scale [?] \Rightarrow conformal invariance (Scalars and spinors in $d = 4 - \epsilon$)

The condition for scale invariance is

$$\beta_{abcd} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathcal{Q}_{abcd} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{a|ij} \stackrel{(**)}{=} \mathcal{P}_{a|ij}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{a|ij} = \mathcal{Q}_{ab} y_{b|ij} - (P_{ki} y_{a|kj} + i \leftrightarrow j)$ with P_{ij} **anti-Hermitian**.

(*) and (**) are solved at fixed points at **one** loop: (Dorigoni & Rychkov, 2009)

$$\mathcal{P}_{a|ij}^* \mathcal{P}_{a|ij} = \text{Re}(\mathcal{P}_{a|ij}^* \beta_{a|ij}^{(1\text{-loop})}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{a|ij} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_{abcd} \mathcal{Q}_{abcd} = \mathcal{Q}_{abcd} \beta_{abcd}^{(1\text{-loop})} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{abcd} = 0$$

Scale $\overset{?}{\Rightarrow}$ conformal invariance (Scalars and spinors in $d = 4 - \epsilon$)

At **two** loops, however, (Fortin, Grinstein & AS, 2011)

$$\mathcal{P}_{a|ij}^* \mathcal{P}_{a|ij} = \text{Re}(\mathcal{P}_{a|ij}^* \beta_{a|ij}^{(2\text{-loop})}) \neq 0$$

and there's a **chance** that

$$\beta_{abcd} \overset{(*)}{=} \mathcal{Q}_{abcd} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{a|ij} \overset{(**)}{=} \mathcal{P}_{a|ij}$$

have solutions that are **not** fixed points.

Necessary (but **not** sufficient) condition for the existence of scale without conformal invariance is satisfied.

Specific models

With **one** scalar and **any** number of Weyl spinors, scale implies conformal invariance to **all** orders in perturbation theory.

(Fortin, Grinstein & AS, 2011)

We need at least **two** scalars and at least **one** Weyl spinor.

In $d = 4 - \epsilon$ we want to find **well-defined** examples:

- Unitary
- With bounded tree-level scalar potential

Scale $\overset{?}{\Rightarrow}$ conformal invariance (Scalars and spinors in $d = 4 - \epsilon$)

Is there **really** a solution to (*) and (**) with Q and/or P **nonzero**?

Search à la Wilson–Fisher:

$$\lambda_{abcd} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_{abcd}^{(n)} \epsilon^n$$

$$y_{a|ij} = \sum_{n \geq 1} y_{a|ij}^{(n)} \epsilon^{n - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$Q_{ab} = \sum_{n \geq 2} Q_{ab}^{(n)} \epsilon^n$$

$$P_{ij} = \sum_{n \geq 2} P_{ij}^{(n)} \epsilon^n$$

Plug into

$$\beta_{abcd} \stackrel{(*)}{=} Q_{abcd} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{a|ij} \stackrel{(**)}{=} P_{a|ij}$$

and solve **order by order** in ϵ ($\epsilon^{3/2}, \epsilon^2, \dots$).

Scale [?] \Rightarrow conformal invariance

(Scalars and spinors in $d = 4 - \epsilon$)

$$\beta_{abcd} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathcal{Q}_{abcd}$$

$$\beta_{a|ij} \stackrel{(**)}{=} \mathcal{P}_{a|ij}$$

First order:

- System of **coupled nonlinear** equations
- Many solutions
- Throw away “bad” ones

Beyond first order:

- Use solutions of first order
- System of **linear** equations
- Unique solution

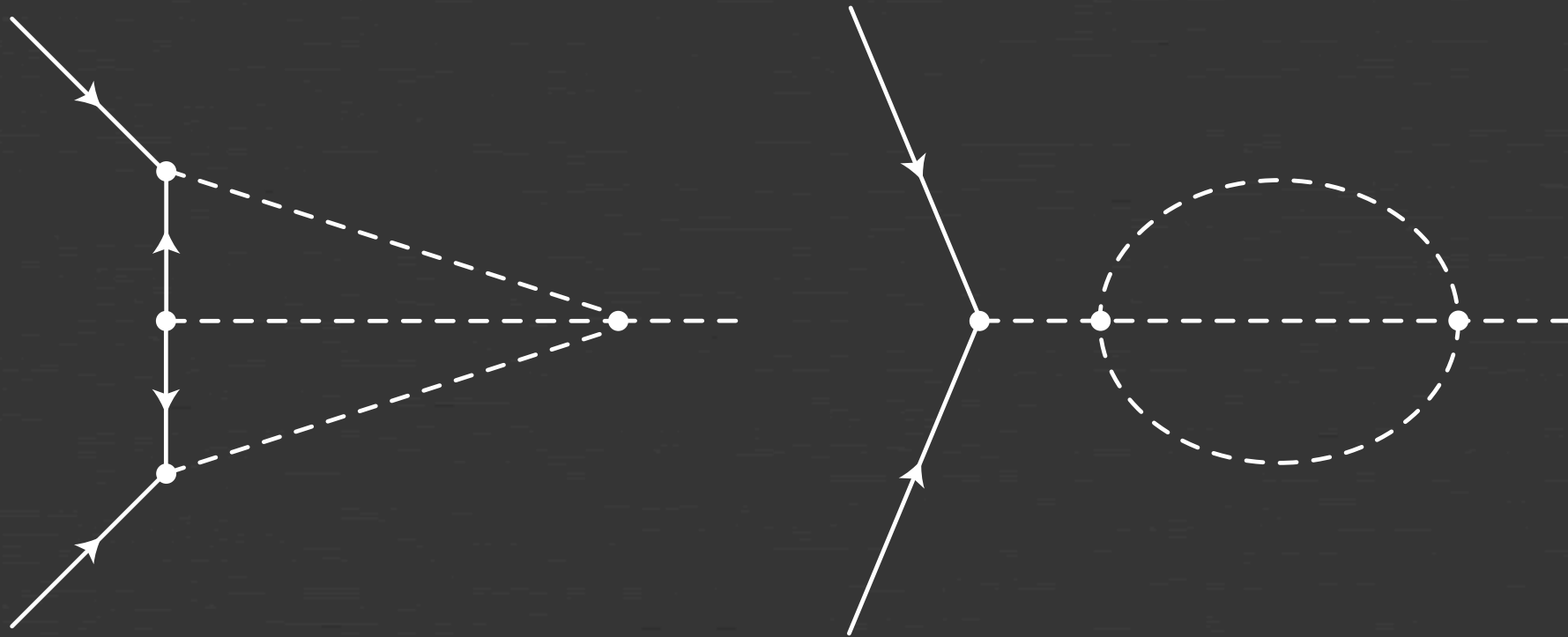
Second order in ϵ

Specific model: 2 scalars and 2 Weyl spinors (17 couplings)

$Q_{12} = q$ and $\text{Im } P_{12} = \text{undetermined}$

7 independent couplings

Do we get a **nonzero** q ?



$$q^{(2)} \propto b_1 + 24b_2$$

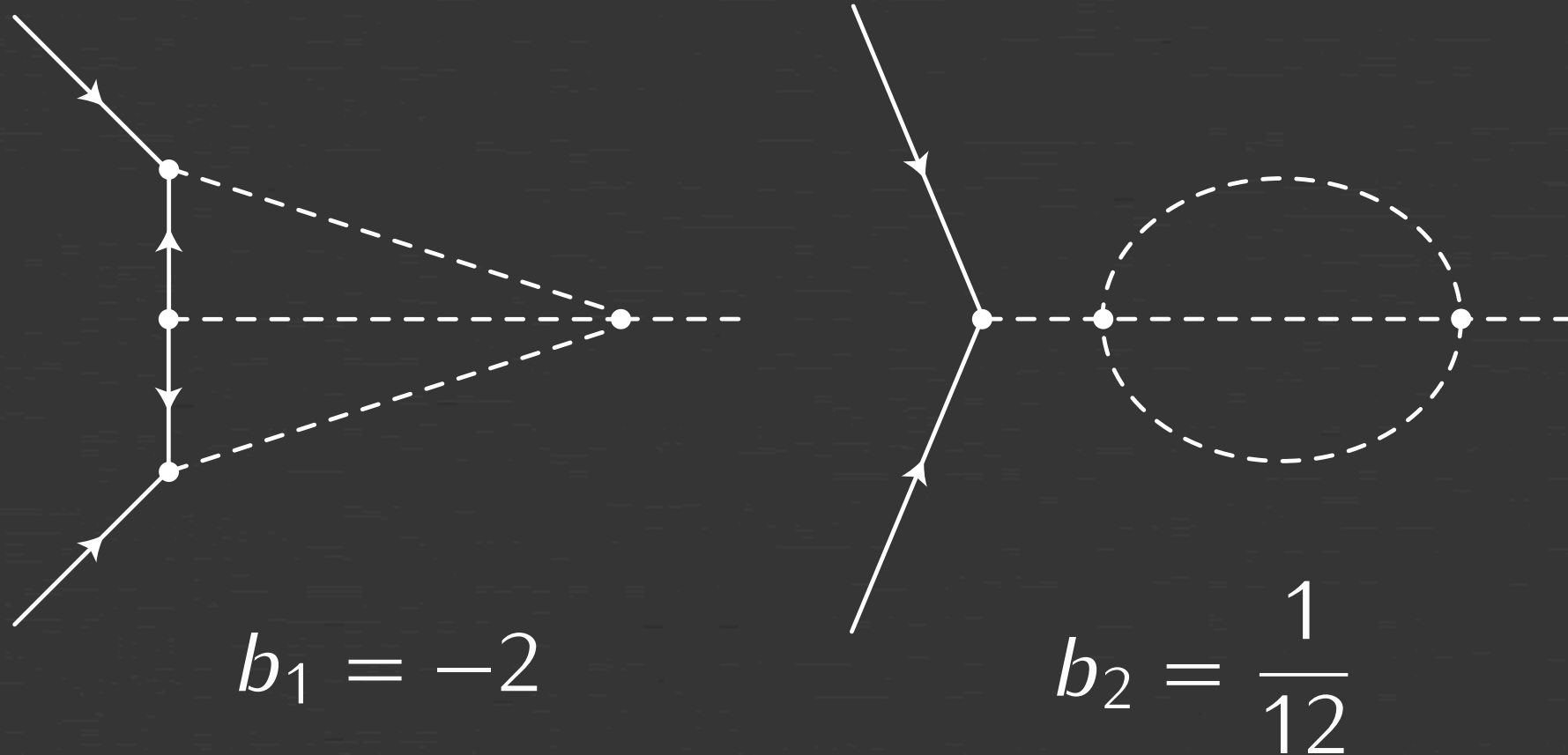
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FRUSTRATING



The image shows two Feynman diagrams. The left diagram, labeled $b_1 = -2$, is a self-energy loop for a fermion line. The right diagram, labeled $b_2 = \frac{1}{12}$, is a vacuum polarization loop for a scalar line. Both diagrams are drawn with solid lines for fermions and dashed lines for scalars.

$$b_1 = -2$$

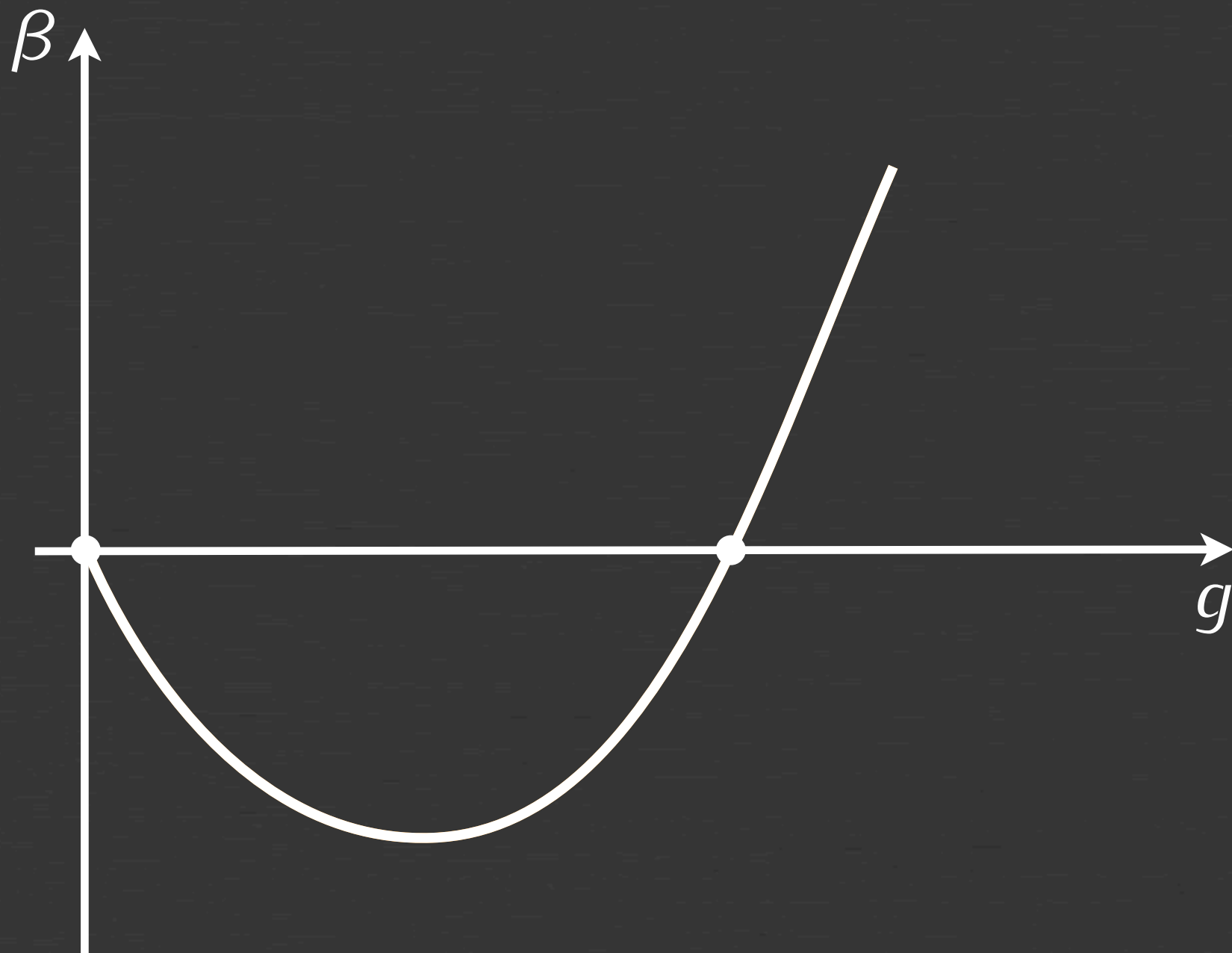
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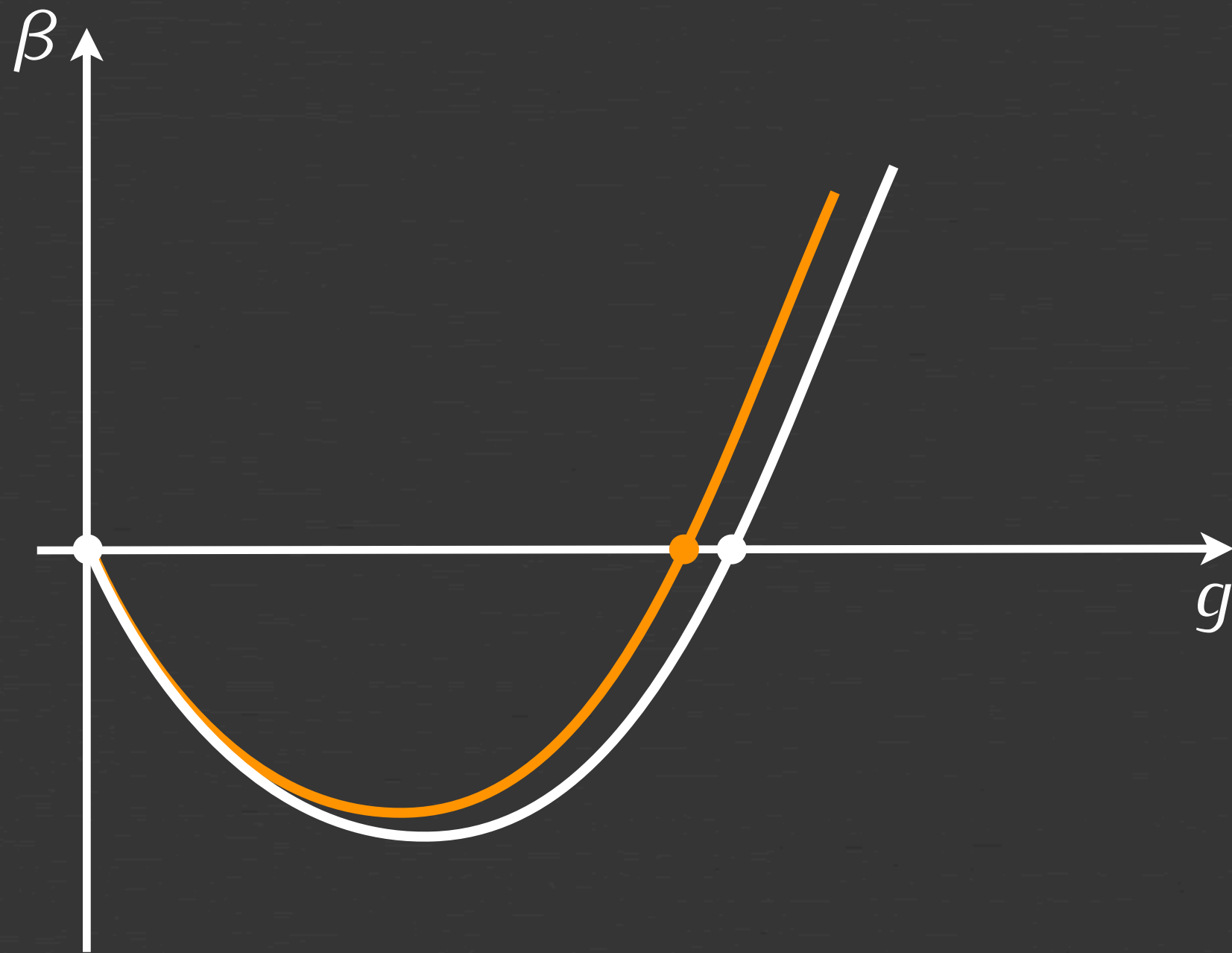
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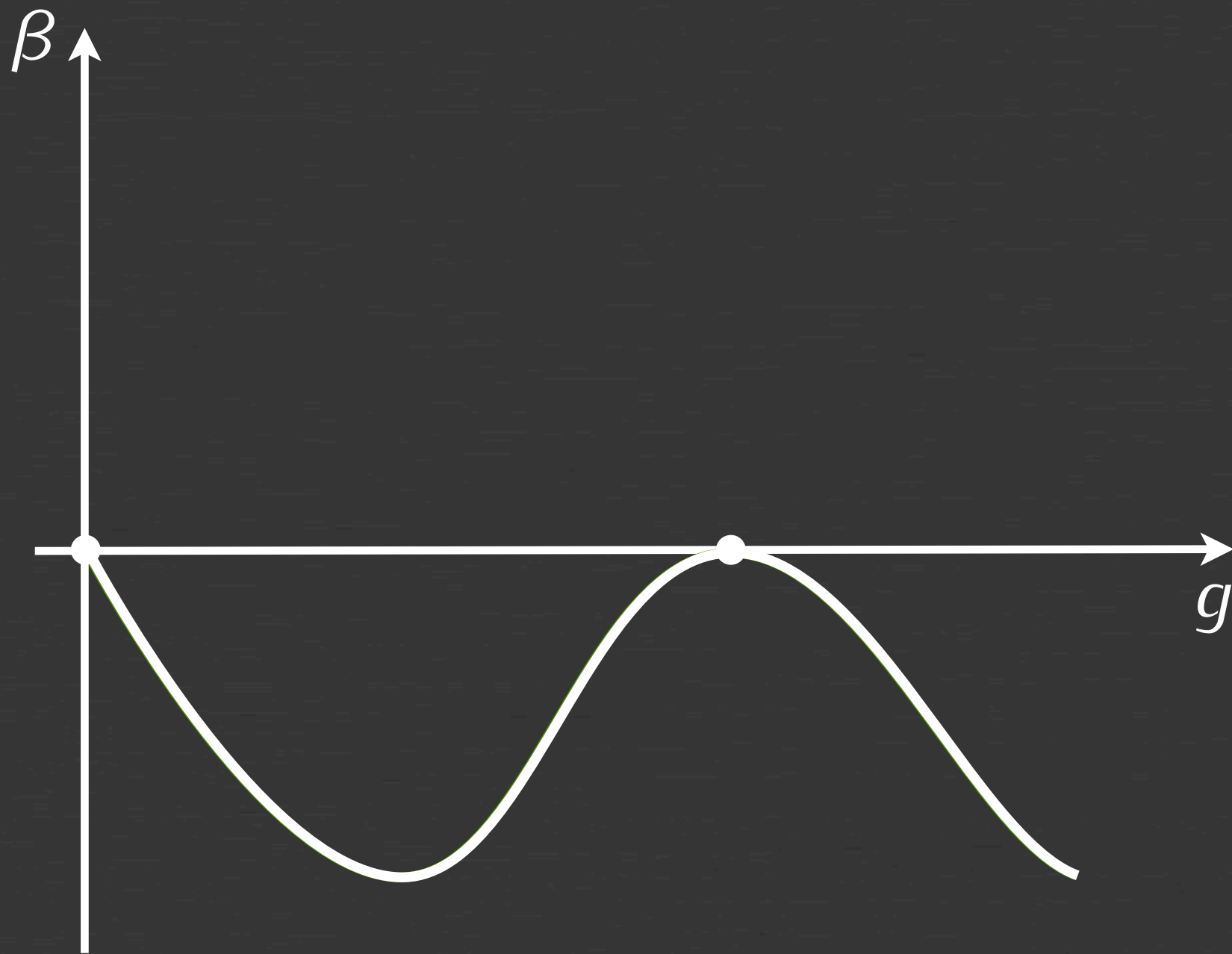
More loops in CFTs



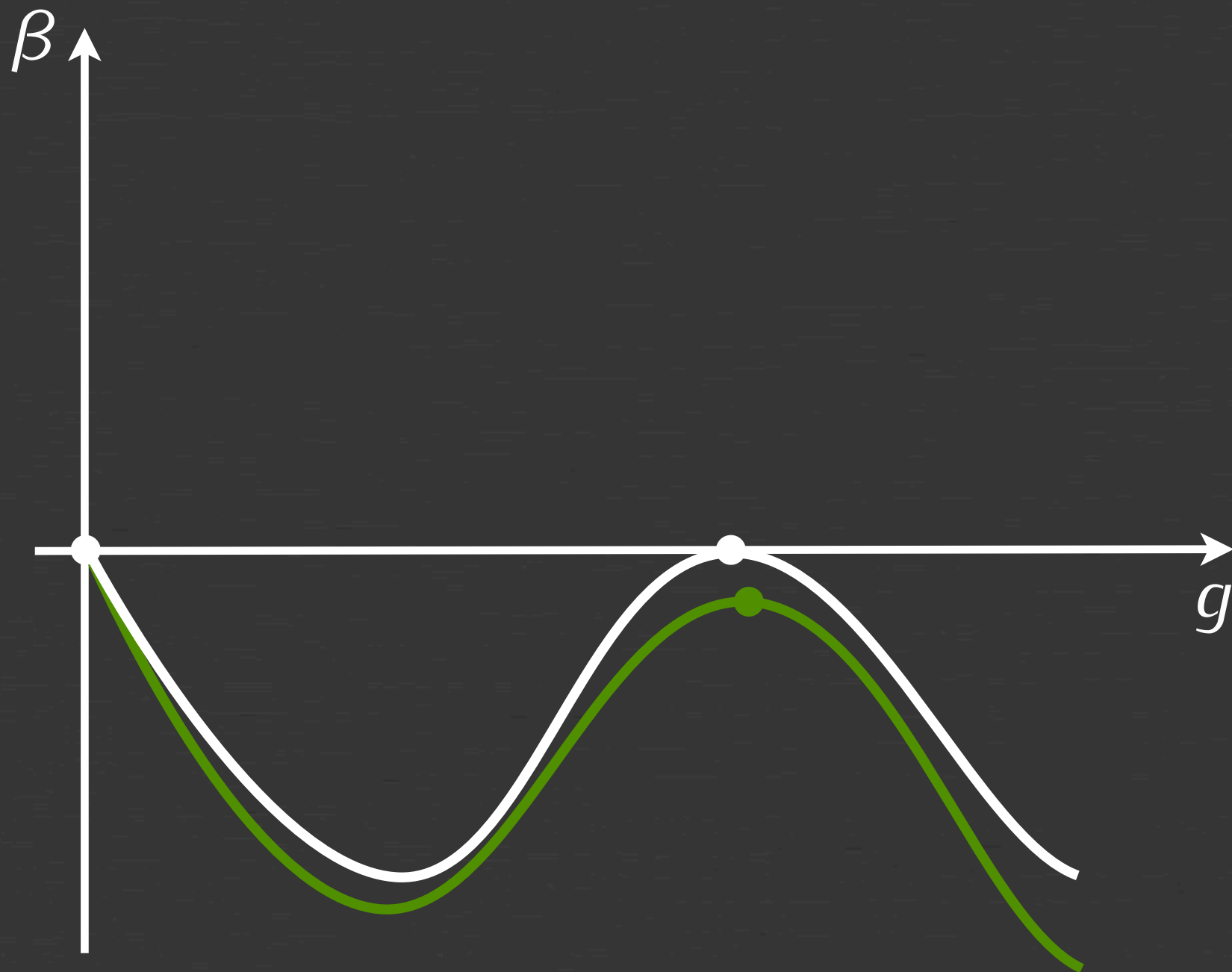
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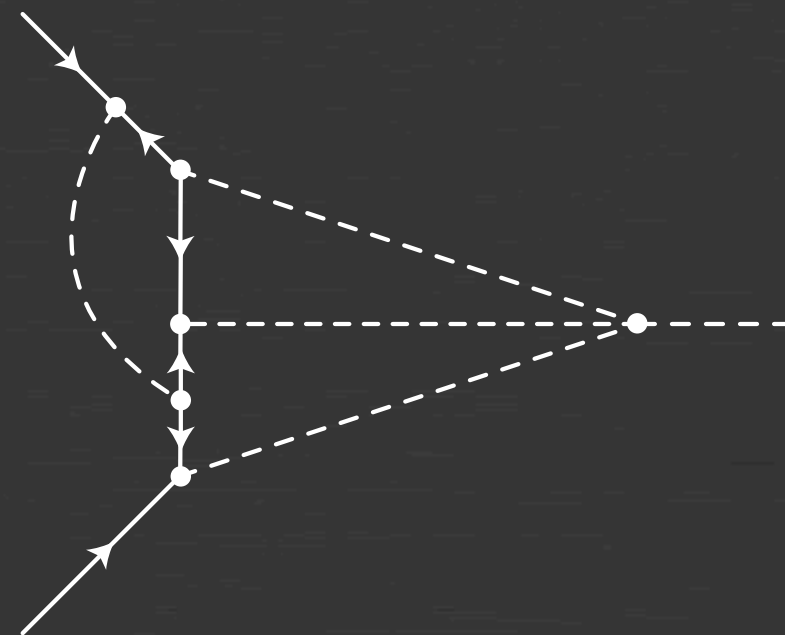
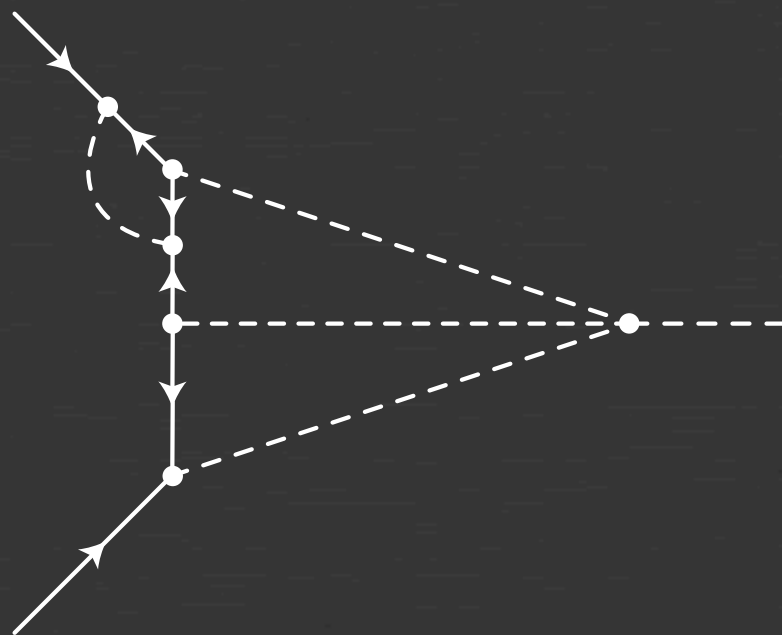
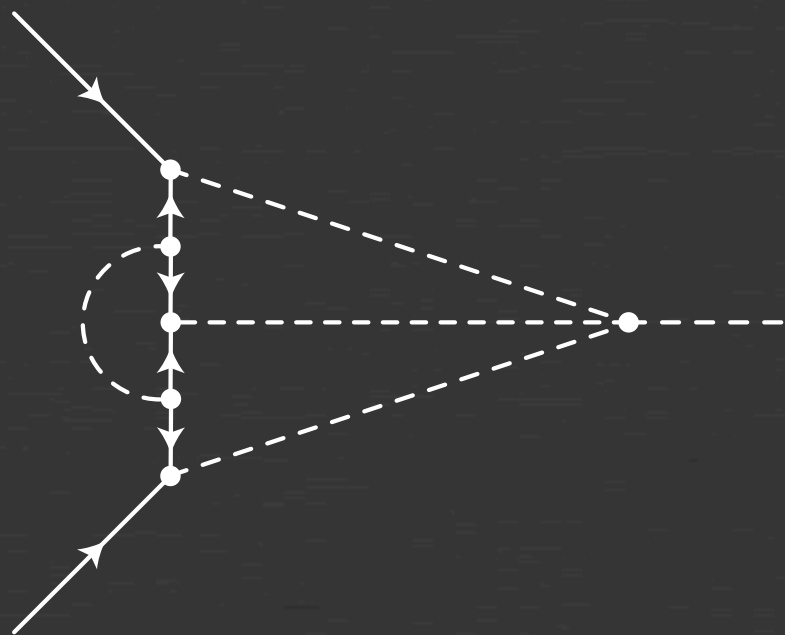


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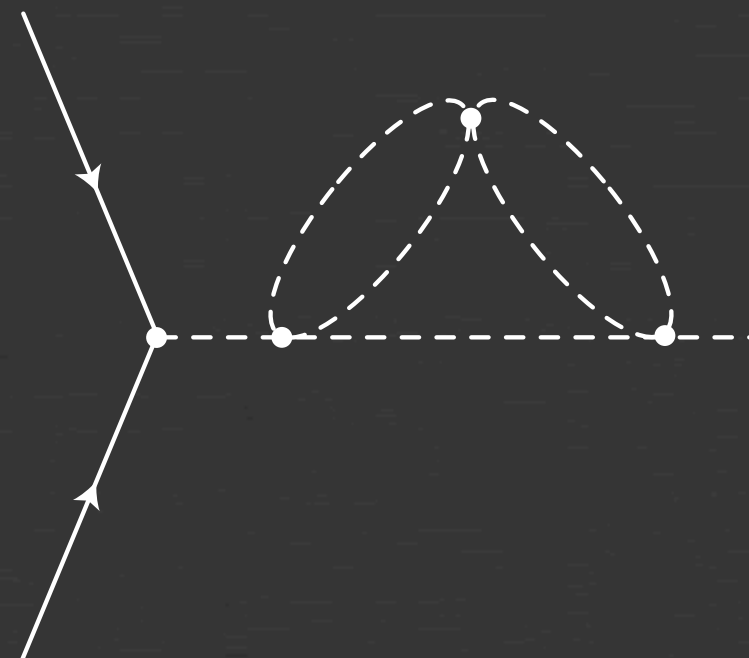
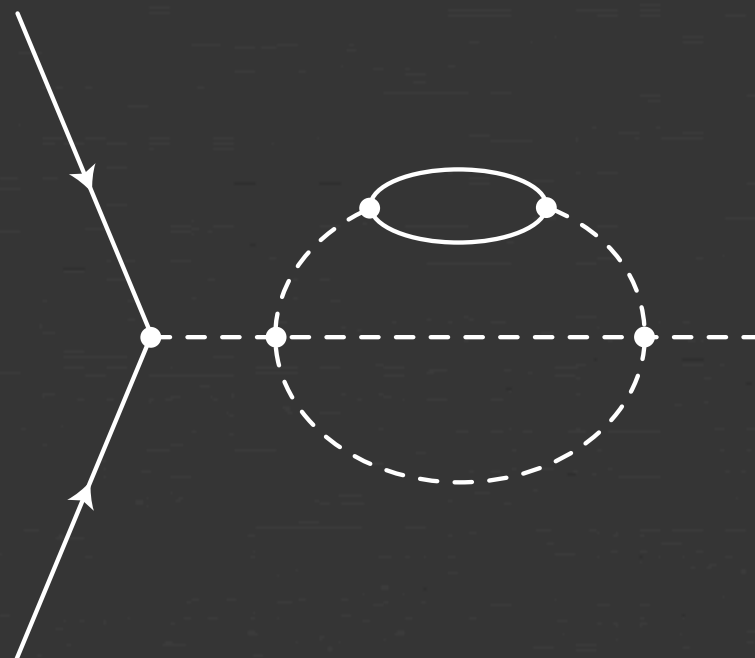
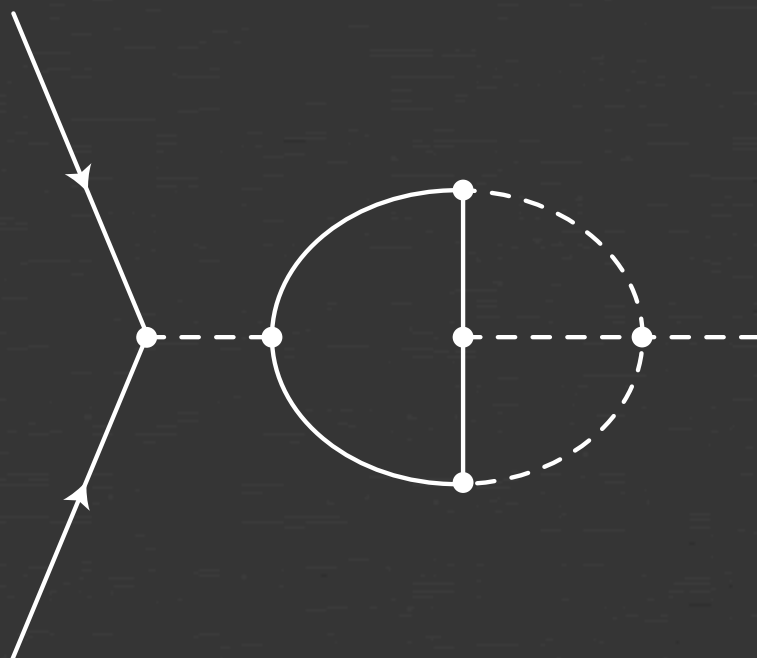


Third order in ϵ

New diagrams contribute to q , e.g.



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Third order in ϵ

12 diagrams in total contribute to q :

$$q^{(3)} \propto -71 + 3(c_1 + 2c_2 + 2c_3 + c_4 + 2c_5 + 4c_6 + 8c_7) + \\ 4(c_8 + 2c_9 + 3c_{10} + 4c_{11} + 58c_{12})$$

We computed these diagrams and

$$q^{(3)} \neq 0$$

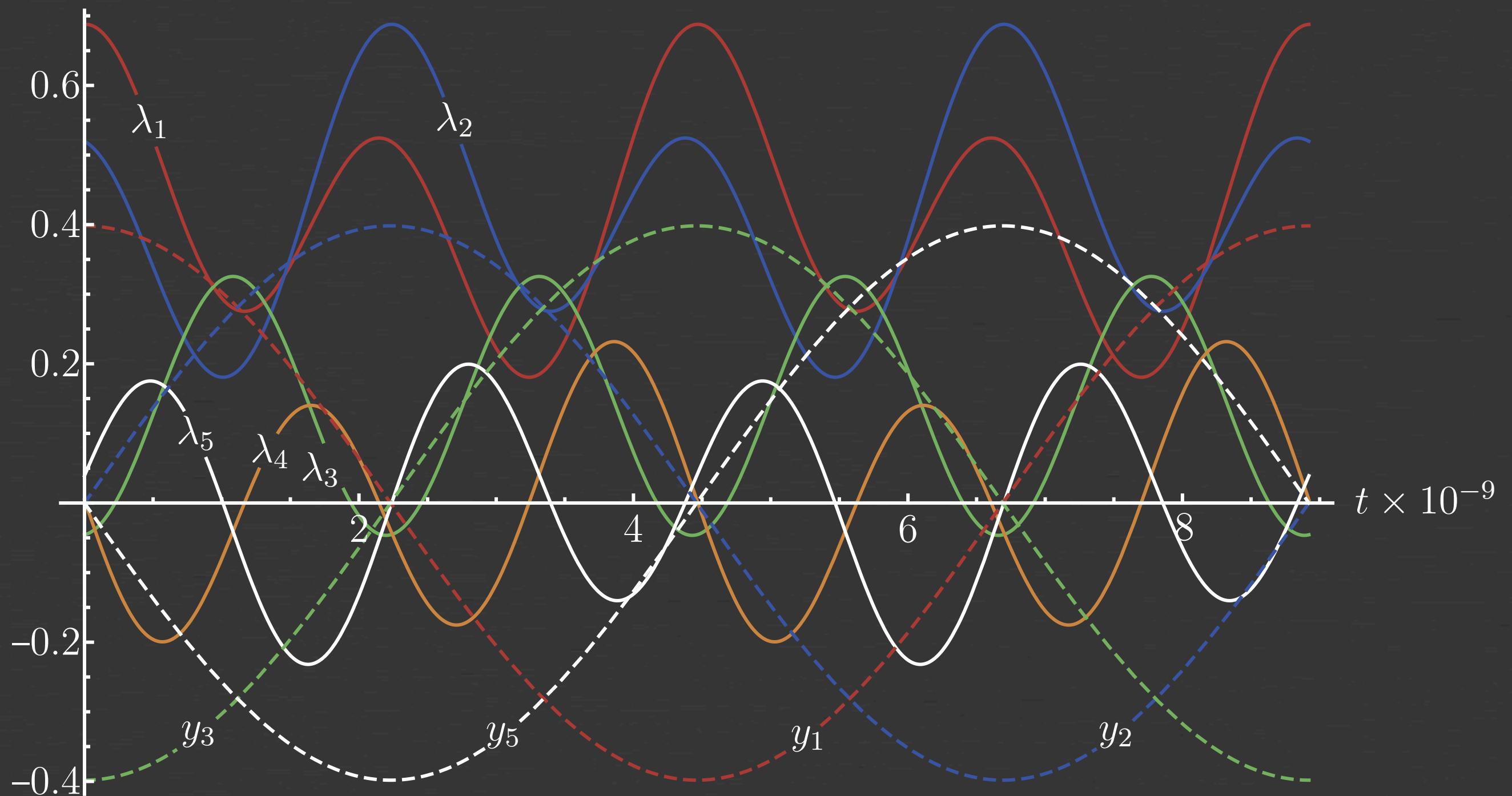
We thus have the **first** example of scale without conformal invariance!

This theory is **unitary** with **bounded-from-below** scalar potential.

We have a **limit cycle** with “frequency” $q^{(3)}$.

The eigenvalues of the stability matrix tell us that there are **5 attractive** and **1 repulsive** direction.

Oscillating couplings



Scale \nRightarrow conformal invariance

Limit cycle is **established!**

For ergodic behavior we need **at least** 4 scalars and 2 spinors (at most 59 couplings).

The solutions have been found in an expansion in ϵ , and they **disappear** when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ (like, e.g., the Wilson–Fisher fixed point).

The $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$ limit leads to **strong** coupling, and so we cannot claim a result in $d = 3$.

Scale $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$ conformal invariance

$d = 4 - \epsilon$ has **always** been useful in the study of properties of the renormalization group.

But we want to study theories in **integer** spacetime dimensions.

In $d = 4$ we can add gauge fields and go to a Banks–Zaks fixed point for the gauge coupling.

Are SFTs possible in $d = 4$?

$$\beta_g = \frac{c_1}{16\pi^2} g^3 + \frac{c_2}{(16\pi^2)^2} g^5 + \dots$$

$$\beta_y = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 y + \dots$$

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Examples in $d = 4$

Take

- $SU(3)$ gauge theory
- **Two** singlet scalars
- **Two** fundamental and **two** antifundamental Weyl spinors
- $(29 - 3\epsilon)/2$ sterile Weyl spinors

In the end we'll take the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$.

Checks on calculation:

- Gauge invariance
- No ABJ-like anomaly for the fermionic part of the virial:

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{P} = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} q^{(3)} \propto & 2061664 + 143986c_1 + 127268c_2 - 735868c_3 + 63634c_4 \\ & - 735868c_5 - 1117968c_6 - 1593120c_7 + 654696c_8 \\ & + 1309392c_9 + 1726320c_{10} + 2146752c_{11} - 25316928c_{12} \\ & + 24431904c_{13} - 863136c_{14} + 4779648c_{15} + 106491c_{16} \\ & - 212982c_{17} + 212982c_{18} + 106491c_{19} - 212982c_{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^{(3)} + p_3^{(3)} \propto & 389632 + 4300c_1 + 50720c_2 - 105124c_3 + 25360c_4 \\ & - 105124c_5 - 94632c_6 - 357744c_7 + 93528c_8 \\ & + 187056c_9 + 276648c_{10} + 276648c_{11} - 3616704c_{12} \\ & + 3490272c_{13} - 155844c_{14} + 862992c_{15} + 15213c_{16} \\ & - 30426c_{17} + 30426c_{18} + 15213c_{19} - 30426c_{20} \end{aligned}$$

We find **gauge invariance** of the answer and **absence** of anomalous dimension of the virial.

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