

$\alpha_i$  integral  $\rightarrow$  linear  $\rightarrow$  no pinch  
but pole may migrate to endpoint  $\alpha_i = 0$   
or maybe  $k^2 - m^2 = 0$

Inside D we have  $\alpha_j (k_j^2(\ell, p) - m^2)$

There are two ways in which it  
can be zero

- 1  $\alpha_j = 0$  : end point singularity
- 2  $k_j^2 = m^2$

To summarize

$$k_j^2 = m^2 \text{ or } \alpha_j = 0$$

$$\sum_{j=\text{loops}} \alpha_j \ell_j \cdot \epsilon_{jS} = 0$$

$\epsilon_{jS} = \pm 1$  when the momentum  $\ell_j$  flows  
in the same (opposite) direction  
as loop momentum  $k_S$

Let us apply this to our 3 pt vertex

$$G = \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 \int d^d l \frac{N(l, p_1, p_2)}{D^3}$$



where  $D = [\alpha_1 l^2 + \alpha_2 (p_1 + l)^2 + \alpha_3 (p_2 - l)^2]$

Landau eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\alpha_1 l^M + \alpha_2 (p_1 + l)^M + \alpha_3 (p_2 - l)^M = 0$$

One sol<sup>n</sup>: corresponding to soft limit  
(if zero gluon ...)

$$l^M = 0, \quad \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} = \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1} = 0$$

Another sol<sup>n</sup>: corresponding to collinear limit  
(if \$l\$ || to \$p\_1/p\_2\$)

±

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad l^M &= -z p_1^M, \quad \alpha_1 z = \alpha_2 (1-z), \quad \alpha_3 = 0 \\ 2) \quad l^M &= z' p_2^M, \quad \alpha_1 z' = \alpha_3 (1-z'), \quad \alpha_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Not hard for simple cases

How do you do it for higher orders?

Coleman & Norton interpretation

Consider a term  $\alpha_j l_j^M$   $\left| \sum \alpha_j k_j^M = 0 \right|$



define  $\Delta x_j^\mu = \lambda \alpha_j k_j^\mu$  with  $\lambda$  some scale

interpret  $\lambda \alpha_j = \frac{\Delta x_j^0}{k_j^0}$  (Lorentz inv.)

s.t.

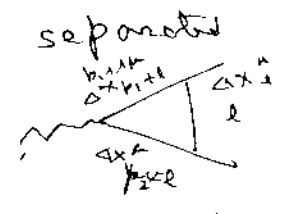
$$\Delta x_j^\mu = \Delta x_j^0 v_j^\mu \quad \left(1, \frac{k_j^i}{k_j^0}\right) \leftarrow 4 \text{ vel.}$$

Landau Eq<sup>n</sup>  $\left| \sum_j \Delta x_j^\mu = 0 \right.$

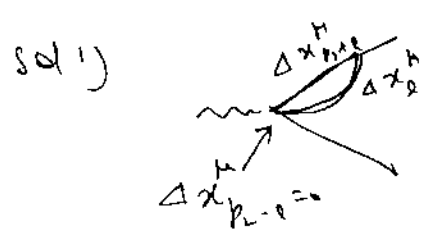
∴ soln 1) needs (with  $\lambda=1$ )

$$\Delta x_\ell^\mu = -\Delta x_{\ell+p_1}^\mu, \quad \Delta x_{\ell-p_1}^\mu = 0$$

Consider the vertices of the original diagram as space time points separated by  $\Delta x_j^\mu$



∴ Sol<sup>n</sup> to Landau eq<sup>n</sup> corresponds to reduced diagrams



⇒ associate a vector  $\Delta x_j^\mu$  with each line then (in (1)) the vectors associated with the two on-shell lines at the pinch satisfy  $\Delta x_{\ell+p_1}^\mu = \Delta x_\ell^\mu$  i.e. are equal

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In the reduced diagram one contracts the single off shell line  $(p_2 - l)$  to a point corresponding to  $\alpha_3 = 0$ , i.e. no propagator for this line

Reduced Diagram : any diagram in

which all off shell lines are contracted to points

→ describe a physical process of freely moving particles → only interaction at the vertices

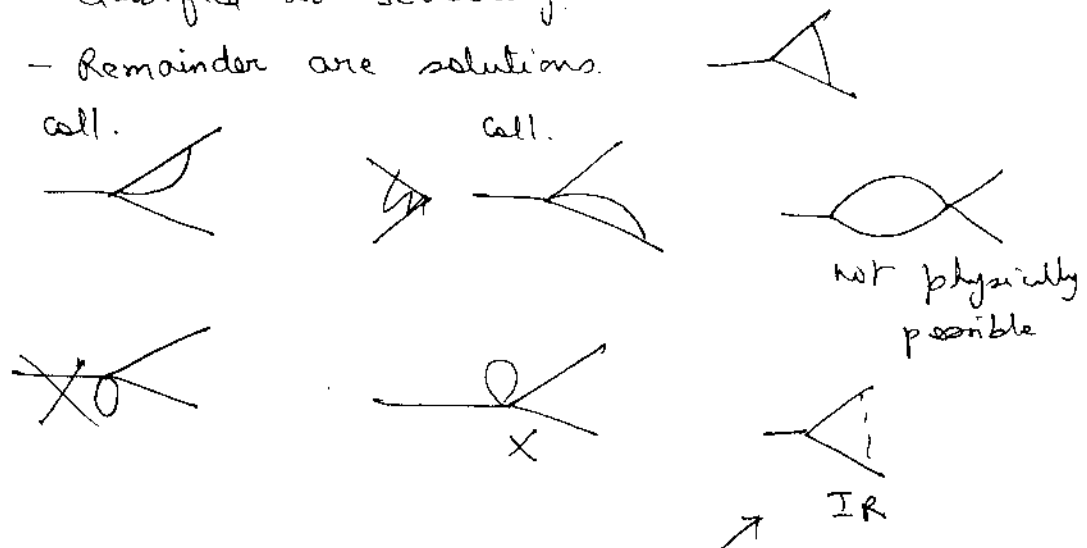
For this pinch the reduced diagram describes a physical process in which two on-shell massless particles of momenta  $l^+ \& (p_1 - l)^+$  are created at vertex 1 & propagate freely to vertex 2 where they combine to form the outgoing massless particle  $p_1$ .

(kinematically possible because lines are massless)

This collinear pinch <sup>surface</sup> describes a <sup>physical</sup> process in which vertices may be identified with points in spacetime between which particles propagate on mass shell

Coleman & Norton (1965) → turn this around.

- Make all possible reduced diagrams
- Discard those that cannot be described by scattering.
- Remainder are solutions.



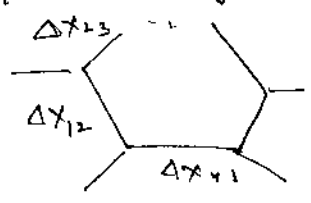
Trivial reduced diagram corresponds to soft sol<sup>n</sup>.

Soft gluons with infinite wave length can attach at any point in spacetime

$$l^\mu = 0 \text{ can be thought of as } \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{q}^\mu}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x_i^\mu = \lambda \alpha_i l^\mu = \lambda \alpha_i \frac{\bar{q}^\mu}{\lambda} \rightarrow 0$$

Generalizat<sup>n</sup> to completely arbitrary diagram requires only schematic subdiagram



$$\Delta x_{12} + \dots + \Delta x_{nr} = 0$$

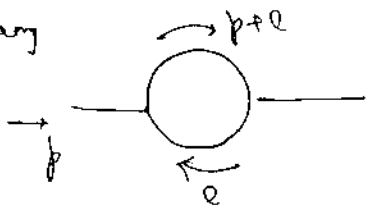
identify  $\Delta x_i^\mu = \alpha_i l_i^\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  Landau condition

# IR power counting

Recall power counting for UV divergences

$\phi^3$  theory


$$\sim \int d^4l \frac{1}{l^2 - m^2} \frac{1}{(p+l)^2 - m^2}$$
$$\sim \int d\Omega_3 \int |l|^3 d|l| \frac{1}{|l|^4}$$
$$\sim \int \frac{d|l|}{|l|}$$

$\omega = 0$

In general  $\omega = 4 - E_b - \frac{3}{2} E_f$

all internal information is removed

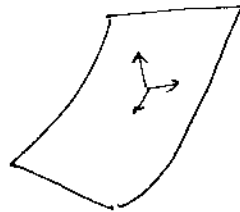
Collinear & IR divergences:

Solutions to Landau equations define surfaces in multi-dimensional loop momentum space.

At each point on such a pinch surface we can choose intrinsic co-ordinates & normal co-ordinate

Intrinsic  $\rightarrow$  co-ordinates that lie in the surface

Normal  $\rightarrow$  co-ordinates that parametrize directions out of the surface



Integrand is a singular function of normal co-ordinates only

→ need to power count only the behaviour of the integral for normal co-ordinates.

let  $k_i \rightarrow$  normal co-ordinate



3 denominators  
 $l^2, (p_1+l)^2, (p_2-l)^2$

Choose a frame  $p_1^\mu = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}} \delta^{\mu+}$   
 $p_2^\mu = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}} \delta^{\mu-}$

$$D_1 = l^2 = 2l^+l^- - l_\perp^2$$

$$D_2 = (p_1+l)^2 = 2p_1^+l^- + 2l^+l^- - l_\perp^2$$

$$D_3 = (p_2-l)^2 = -2p_2^-l^+ + 2l^+l^- - l_\perp^2$$

Soft pinch surface  $\rightarrow D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = 0$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $l^\mu \rightarrow 0$

All four  $l^\mu$ 's are normal co-ordinates  
no intrinsic "

$(D_2 \sim 2p_1^+l^-, D_3 \sim -2p_2^-l^+)$   
 $I \rightarrow \int \frac{d^4l}{l^2 2p_1^+l^- 2p_2^-l^+} \rightarrow$  logarithmic IR div.  
(singular fm. of all four  $l^\mu$ 's)

Collinear pinch surface

for  $l^\mu$  parallel to  $p_1^\mu$  pinch surface

$l^-, l_1^2$  are normal,  $l^+, \phi$  intrinsic  
because

$\rightarrow D_2 \sim 2(p_1^+ + l^+) l^- - l_1^2$

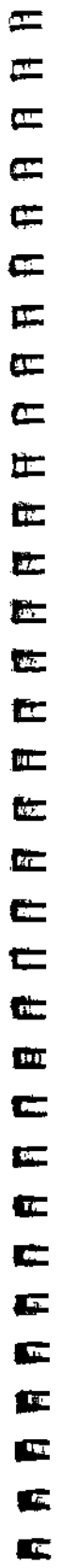
$D_3 \sim -2 p_2^- l^+ \quad (l^+ \parallel p_1^+ \neq 0)$

$I \rightarrow \int \frac{dl^+ dl^- dl_1^2 d\phi}{D_2^2 D_3 (-2 p_2^- l^+)} \rightarrow$  also log. div

(note  $l^+ \parallel p_1^+ \Rightarrow l^+ \neq 0$ )

$\Downarrow$   
singular in  $l^-$  &  $l_1^2$  only.

Use Landau eq's (with Coleman-Norton  
trick) & use power counting for each  
solution to classify all collinear &  
IR div. to all orders  
(Collins, Soper, Sterman)






## Power Counting

- ① - Redefine each of normal variables  $K_j$  in terms of a scaling variable  $\lambda$  (29)

$$K_j = \lambda^{a_j} K_j'$$

- Determine the behaviour of the integral when  $\lambda$  varies for fixed values of the ratios  $\frac{K_j'}{K_j}$

Go back to 

Recall scaling eq<sup>n</sup> = 1) Soft  $\rightarrow k^+ \sim \lambda \sqrt{q^2}$

2) Collinear  $\rightarrow k^\pm \sim \sqrt{q^2}$

$$k^+ \sim \lambda \sqrt{q^2}$$

$$k_\perp \sim \lambda \sqrt{q^2}$$

In the collinear region where  $k$  is in the direction of  $p_1$

$$(p_1 - k)^2 \rightarrow 2p_1 \cdot k \sim p_1^+ k^- \sim \lambda$$

$$k^2 \sim 2k^+ k^- \sim \lambda$$

$$p_2 \cdot k \sim p_2^- k^+ \sim 1$$

for soft scaling  $p_1 \cdot k \sim \lambda$ ,  $p_2 \cdot k \sim \lambda$ ,  $k^2 \sim \lambda^2$

$k^2$  is quadratic  $\neq (p_1 - k)^2$ ,  $(p_2 - k)^2$  are linear

② Given a set of powers  $a_j$  we retain only terms of lowest powers  $\lambda^{A_i}$  in  $\lambda$  for each perturbative denominator

$$k_i^2(k_j, \lambda) - m_i^2 = \lambda^{A_i} f(k_j) + \dots$$

→ homogeneous integral

③ The homogeneous integral for pinch surface  $S$  is proportional to  $\lambda^{n_S}$

$$n_S = \sum_j a_j - \sum_j A_j + S \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{powers of} \\ \lambda \text{ from moments} \\ \text{in numerators} \end{matrix}$$

If  $n_S > 0$  integral is finite

"  $n_S = 0$  logarithmic divergence

"  $n_S < 0$  diverges as a power

④ Check for pinch surfaces in the homogeneous integral if there are further pinch surfaces → find bounds for these regions as well.

