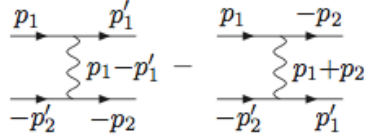


1. Srednicki 59.2

59.2) For $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$, the diagrams are



and the amplitude is

$$\mathcal{T} = e^2 \left[\frac{(\bar{u}'_1 \gamma^\mu u_1)(\bar{v}_2 \gamma_\mu v'_2)}{-t} - \frac{(\bar{v}_2 \gamma^\mu u_1)(\bar{u}'_1 \gamma_\mu v'_2)}{-s} \right]. \quad (59.44)$$

We then have

$$\bar{\mathcal{T}} = e^2 \left[\frac{(\bar{u}_1 \gamma^\nu u'_1)(\bar{v}'_2 \gamma_\nu v_2)}{-t} - \frac{(\bar{u}_1 \gamma^\nu v_2)(\bar{v}'_2 \gamma_\nu u'_1)}{-s} \right]. \quad (59.45)$$

Thus

$$|\mathcal{T}|^2 = e^4 \left[\Phi_{tt}/t^2 + (\Phi_{ts} + \Phi_{st})/ts + \Phi_{ss}/s^2 \right], \quad (59.46)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{tt} &= \text{Tr}[(u_1 \bar{u}_1) \gamma^\nu (u'_1 \bar{u}'_1) \gamma^\mu] \text{Tr}[(v_2 \bar{v}_2) \gamma_\mu (v'_2 \bar{v}'_2) \gamma_\nu], \\ \Phi_{ss} &= \text{Tr}[(u_1 \bar{u}_1) \gamma^\nu (v_2 \bar{v}_2) \gamma^\mu] \text{Tr}[(u'_1 \bar{u}'_1) \gamma_\mu (v'_2 \bar{v}'_2) \gamma_\nu], \\ \Phi_{ts} &= \text{Tr}[(u_1 \bar{u}_1) \gamma^\nu (v_2 \bar{v}_2) \gamma_\mu (v'_2 \bar{v}'_2) \gamma_\nu (u'_1 \bar{u}'_1) \gamma^\mu], \\ \Phi_{st} &= \text{Tr}[(u_1 \bar{u}_1) \gamma^\nu (u'_1 \bar{u}'_1) \gamma_\mu (v'_2 \bar{v}'_2) \gamma_\nu (v_2 \bar{v}_2) \gamma^\mu]. \end{aligned} \quad (59.47)$$

Averaging over initial spins and summing over final spins yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi_{tt} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}_1 + m)\gamma^\nu(-\not{p}'_1 + m)\gamma^\mu] \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}_2 - m)\gamma_\mu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma_\nu] , \\
\langle \Phi_{ss} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}_1 + m)\gamma^\nu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma^\mu] \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}'_1 + m)\gamma_\mu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma_\nu] , \\
\langle \Phi_{ts} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}_1 + m)\gamma^\nu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma_\mu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma_\nu(-\not{p}'_1 + m)\gamma^\mu] , \\
\langle \Phi_{st} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[(-\not{p}_1 + m)\gamma^\nu(-\not{p}'_1 + m)\gamma_\mu(-\not{p}'_2 - m)\gamma_\nu(-\not{p}_2 - m)\gamma^\mu] . \tag{59.48}
\end{aligned}$$

We see that exchanging $p'_1 \leftrightarrow -p_2$, which is equivalent to $t \leftrightarrow s$, exchanges $\langle \Phi_{tt} \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle \Phi_{ss} \rangle$ and $\langle \Phi_{ts} \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle \Phi_{st} \rangle$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi_{tt} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\text{Tr}[\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu] + m^2 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu] \right) \left(\text{Tr}[\not{p}_2 \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu] + m^2 \text{Tr}[\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu] \right) \\
&= 4 \left(p_1^\nu p_1'^\mu + p_1^\mu p_1'^\nu - (p_1 p_1' + m^2) g^{\mu\nu} \right) \left(p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}' + p_{2\nu} p_{2\mu}' - (p_2 p_2' + m^2) g_{\nu\mu} \right) \\
&= 4 \left[2(p_1 p_2')(p_1' p_2) + 2(p_1 p_2)(p_1' p_2') - 2(p_1 p_1')(p_2 p_2' + m^2) - 2(p_2 p_2')(p_1 p_1' + m^2) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 4(p_1 p_1' + m^2)(p_2 p_2' + m^2) \right] . \tag{59.49}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we use

$$\begin{aligned}
p_1 p_2 &= p_1' p_2' = -\frac{1}{2}(s - 2m^2) , \\
p_1 p_1' &= p_2 p_2' = +\frac{1}{2}(t - 2m^2) , \\
p_1 p_2' &= p_1' p_2 = +\frac{1}{2}(u - 2m^2) = \frac{1}{2}(2m^2 - s - t) \tag{59.50}
\end{aligned}$$

and simplify to get

$$\langle \Phi_{tt} \rangle = 2(t^2 + 2st + 2s^2 - 8m^2 s + 8m^4) . \tag{59.51}$$

Swapping $t \leftrightarrow s$ yields

$$\langle \Phi_{ss} \rangle = 2(s^2 + 2st + 2t^2 - 8m^2 t + 8m^4) . \tag{59.52}$$

Next we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi_{ts} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}_2 \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\nu \not{p}_2 \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\nu \not{p}_2 \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} m^2 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} m^4 \text{Tr}[\gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu] . \tag{59.53}
\end{aligned}$$

In the first line, $\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}_2 \gamma_\mu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\nu \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu = 2\not{p}_1 \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\mu \not{p}_2 \not{p}'_1 \gamma^\mu = (2\not{p}_1 \not{p}'_2)(4p_2 p_1')$. In the second line, $\not{p}_1 \gamma^\nu \not{p}'_2 \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu = 4\not{p}_1 p_{2\mu} \gamma^\mu = 4\not{p}_1 \not{p}_2$; the next five lines can be similarly simplified. In the last line, $\gamma^\nu \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma^\mu = 2\gamma_\mu \gamma^\mu = -8$. Taking traces yields

$$\langle \Phi_{ts} \rangle = -8(p_1 p_2')(p_1' p_2) + 4m^2(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_2' - p_1 p_1' - p_2 p_2' + p_1' p_2 + p_1 p_2') - 8m^4 , \tag{59.54}$$

and plugging in eq. (59.50), we find

$$\langle \Phi_{ts} \rangle = -2(u^2 - 8m^2u + 12m^4) . \quad (59.55)$$

Swapping $t \leftrightarrow s$, we get

$$\langle \Phi_{st} \rangle = -2(u^2 - 8m^2u + 12m^4) . \quad (59.56)$$

2. Srednicki 62.2

62.2) Only the photon propagator is changed. Since the one-loop contribution to $\Pi^{\mu\nu}(k)$ does not include a photon propagator, Z_3 is unchanged at one loop. The extra term $(\xi-1)k^\mu k^\nu / (k^2)^2$ in the photon propagator would add an extra term to the electron self-energy of the form

$$i\Delta\Sigma(p) = (\xi-1)e^2 \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\ell(-\not{p}-\not{\ell}+m)\not{\ell}}{((p+\ell)^2+m^2)(\ell^2)^2} - i(\Delta Z_2)\not{p} - i(\Delta Z_m)m, \quad (62.51)$$

where ΔZ_2 and ΔZ_m are the extra contributions to Z_2 and Z_m that are needed to cancel the extra contributions to the divergence. Combining denominators with Feynman's formula yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{((p+l)^2+m^2)(l^2)^2} &= \int dF_3 [x_1(p+l)^2 + x_1m^2 + x_2\ell^2 + x_3\ell^2]^{-3} \\ &= \int dF_3 [\ell^2 + 2x_1\ell \cdot p + x_1p^2 + x_1m^2]^{-3} \\ &= \int dF_3 [(\ell+x_1p)^2 + x_1(1-x_1)p^2 + x_1m^2]^{-3} \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x)[q^2 + D]^{-3}, \end{aligned} \quad (62.52)$$

where $q = \ell + xp$ and $D = x(1-x)p^2 + xm^2$. We set $\ell = q - xp$ in the numerator, and drop terms that are odd in q . Then only the q^2 terms contribute to the divergence. These terms are $x(\not{q}\not{q}\not{p} + \not{q}\not{p}\not{q} + \not{p}\not{q}\not{q}) + \not{q}(-\not{p}+m)\not{q}$, and making the replacement $q^\mu q^\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}q^2 g^{\mu\nu}$ yields $\frac{1}{4}q^2[x(\gamma^\mu\gamma_\mu\not{p} + \gamma^\mu\not{p}\gamma_\mu + \not{p}\gamma^\mu\gamma_\mu) + \gamma^\mu(-\not{p}+m)\gamma_\mu] = \frac{1}{4}q^2[x(-4\not{p} + 2\not{p} - 4\not{p}) - 2\not{p} - 4m] = -\frac{1}{4}q^2[(6x+2)\not{p} + 4m]$. (We can set $d = 4$ because terms of order ε will not contribute to the divergent part.) Then we use

$$\int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{q^2}{(q^2 + D)^3} = \frac{i}{8\pi^2\varepsilon} + \text{finite} \quad (62.53)$$

and $2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x) = 1$ and $2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x)x = \frac{1}{3}$ to get

$$\Delta\Sigma(p) = -(\xi-1)\frac{e^2}{8\pi^2\varepsilon}(\not{p}+m) - (\Delta Z_2)\not{p} - (\Delta Z_m)m, \quad (62.54)$$

Combining this with eqs. (62.34) and (62.35), we get

$$Z_2 = 1 - \xi \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \text{finite} \right) + O(e^4), \quad (62.55)$$

$$Z_m = 1 - (3+\xi) \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \text{finite} \right) + O(e^4). \quad (62.56)$$

To compute the change in Z_1 , we can set external momenta to zero. Then we have

$$i\Delta V^\mu(0,0) = ie\Delta Z_1\gamma^\mu + (\xi-1)e^3 \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\ell(-\ell+m)\gamma^\mu(-\ell+m)\ell}{(\ell^2+m^2)^2(\ell^2)^2}. \quad (62.57)$$

Only the ℓ^4 term in the numerator gives a divergence, so we can replace the numerator with $\ell\ell\gamma^\mu\ell\ell = (\ell^2)^2\gamma^\mu$. The divergent part of the integral is then $i/8\pi^2\varepsilon$, and so the divergent part of ΔZ_1 is $-(\xi-1)e^2/8\pi^2\varepsilon$, leading to

$$Z_1 = 1 - \xi \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \text{finite} \right) + O(e^4). \quad (62.58)$$

We see that $Z_1 = Z_2$ for all ξ , and that $Z_1 = Z_2 = 1 + O(e^4)$ for Lorenz gauge ($\xi = 0$). This will prove very convenient later.