



Renormalization by kinematic subtraction and Hopf algebras

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- van Baalen, Kreimer, Uminsky, Yeats: study of non-perturbative (analytic) Dyson-Schwinger equations [18, 19, 20, 16]

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Such logarithmic divergences are independent of the parameter s and thus renormalizable by a subtraction:

Definition

For a *renormalization point* μ , let $R_\mu := \text{ev}_\mu$ denote the evaluation at $s \mapsto \mu$. The BPHZ- or MOM-renormalized character is

$$\phi_R := (R_\mu \circ \phi)^{\star-1} \star \phi = \phi^{\star-1} \star \phi_s. \quad (1.3)$$

$R_\mu \circ \phi^{\star-1}$ are called the *counterterms*.

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Proof.

Use $S \circ B_+ = -S \star B_+$ and write $L = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\zeta}{s} f\left(\frac{\zeta}{s}\right) \dots$ to deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_R \circ B_+ &= (R_\mu \phi^{\star-1} \star \phi) \circ B_+ = R_\mu \phi^{\star-1} \star \phi B_+ + R_\mu \phi^{\star-1} B_+ \\ &= R_\mu \phi^{\star-1} \star [(\text{id} - R_\mu) \circ \phi \circ B_+] = (\text{id} - R_\mu) \circ L \circ \phi_R. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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$$\phi_{R,S} = \text{ev}_\ell \circ \phi_R, \quad \phi_R : H_R \rightarrow \mathbb{K}[x] \quad \text{where } \ell := \ln \frac{s}{\mu}. \quad (1.5)$$

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Inserting the polynomial $\phi_{R,\zeta}(w) \in \mathbb{K}[\ln \frac{\zeta}{\mu}]$ into

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$$\phi_R \circ B_+ = P \circ F(-\partial_x) \circ \phi_R, \quad (1.6)$$

where $P := \text{id} - \text{ev}_0$ annihilates the constant terms and the analytic input of the kernel f is captured by the operator

$$F(-\partial_x) := -c_{-1} \int_0 + \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n (-\partial_x)^n \in \text{End}(\mathbb{K}[x]) \quad \text{and} \quad (1.7)$$

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Remark

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$$\int_0 : \mathbb{K}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{K}[x], p = \sum_{n \geq 0} p_n x^n \mapsto \int_0^x p(y) dy = \sum_{n > 0} \frac{p_{n-1}}{n} x^n \quad (1.12)$$

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Corollary

$\phi_R = \exp_\star(-x\gamma)$ for the anomalous dimension $\gamma := -\partial_0 \circ \phi_R \in \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{K}}^{H_R} \subset H'_R$.

In other words, $\log_\star(\phi_R) = -x\gamma$ is linear in x ; ϕ_R is completely determined by its linear coefficients γ .

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