

Chapter 4

Divergences

It is apparent that the perturbative expansion given in the previous chapter is *divergent*, term by term. (An entirely separate issue is that of the convergence of the perturbation series.) For example, consider the order λ one-particle irreducible graph in Fig. 3.9, which corresponds to the mass operator (3.111), or in four-dimensional spherical coordinates, $(dl) = d\Omega l^3 dl$, and $\Omega = 2\pi^2$ being the area of a unit four-sphere,

$$\begin{aligned} -12\lambda \int \frac{(dl)}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} &= -\frac{12\lambda\Omega}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} \frac{l^2 dl^2}{l^2 + m^2} \\ &= -\frac{6\lambda\Omega}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\Lambda^2 - m^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m^2} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where we have introduced an ultraviolet momentum cutoff $\Lambda \gg m$. This diagram is *quadratically* divergent. Another example is the contribution to the four-point function given in Fig. 3.6, or in momentum space given in Fig. 4.1. The corresponding momentum-space integral is

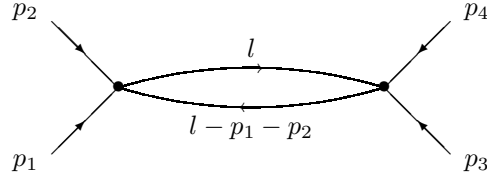


Figure 4.1: A second-order Feynman diagram for the one-particle irreducible four-point function $G^{(4)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ corresponding to Eq. (4.2). All permutations of the momentum labels have to be considered. The arrows indicate the sense of momentum flow.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{(4!\lambda)^2}{2} \int \frac{(dl)}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(l - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2} \\
&= \frac{288\lambda^2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\Lambda l^2 dl^2 \int d\Omega \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(l - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2}. \quad (4.2)
\end{aligned}$$

This is clearly *logarithmically divergent*. However, let us make it more explicit by using a trick due to Schwinger. Write

$$\frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} = \int_0^\infty ds e^{-s(l^2 + m^2)}, \quad (4.3)$$

where the parameter s is called the Euclidean proper time. Then we can write the product of the two denominators in Eq. (4.2) as

$$\frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(l - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2} = \int_0^\infty ds ds' e^{-s'(l^2 + m^2) - s[(l - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2]}. \quad (4.4)$$

Rewrite this by introducing a parameter u by a change of variables,

$$s \rightarrow su, \quad s' \rightarrow s(1 - u), \quad ds ds' \rightarrow s ds du, \quad (4.5)$$

where u ranges from 0 to 1. (The integration variable u is usually called a Feynman parameter, but Feynman acknowledged that he borrowed the idea from Schwinger, just as Schwinger adopted Feynman's propagator.) Then the exponent in Eq. (4.4) is

$$\begin{aligned}
& s'(l^2 + m^2) + s[(l - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2] \\
&= s\{l^2[u + (1 - u)] - 2ul \cdot (p_1 + p_2) + u(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2[u + (1 - u)]\} \\
&= s[l^2 - 2ul \cdot (p_1 + p_2) + u(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2] \\
&= s\{[l - u(p_1 + p_2)]^2 + u(1 - u)(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2\}, \quad (4.6)
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we have completed the square. Therefore, the diagram 4.1 represented by Eq. (4.2) becomes

$$\frac{288\lambda^2}{(2\pi)^4} \int_0^\infty ds s \int_0^1 du \int (dl) e^{-s[l - u(p_1 + p_2)]^2 - s[u(1 - u)(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2]}. \quad (4.7)$$

If it were legitimate to shift the integration variable

$$[l - u(p_1 + p_2)]^2 \rightarrow l^2, \quad (4.8)$$

we would get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int (dl) e^{-sl^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \Omega \int_0^\infty l^2 dl^2 e^{-sl^2} = \frac{\Omega}{2s^2} \\
&= \left[\int_{-\infty}^\infty dl e^{-sl^2} \right]^4 = \frac{\pi^2}{s^2}, \quad (4.9)
\end{aligned}$$

(which proves $\Omega = 2\pi^2$), and the divergence now appears as a singularity at small s :

$$\frac{144\lambda^2}{(2\pi)^4}\Omega \int_{s_0 \rightarrow 0}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \int_0^1 du e^{-s[u(1-u)(p_1+p_2)^2+m^2]}. \quad (4.10)$$

These divergences are a real artifact of field theory—we cannot eliminate them, but only sweep them away with a process called *renormalization*. To deal with them, we must *regulate* the theory, which we can do with cutoffs in large momentum (Λ) or small s (s_0). There are a number of formal techniques (Pauli-Villars, zeta-function regularization), but the most common nowadays is *dimensional regularization*, invented by 't Hooft and Veltman.

4.1 Dimensional Regularization

We use the proper-time representation encountered above, so that the generic momentum (loop) integral we encounter is

$$\int \frac{(dl)}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-s[(l-q)^2+M^2]}. \quad (4.11)$$

What we do is let the number of dimensions go from 4 to d , and then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-s(l^2+M^2)} &= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp e^{-p^2} \right]^d e^{-sM^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi s)^{d/2}} e^{-sM^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Then the loop integral is, according to Eq. (4.3), provided d is chosen so that the integral converges, $d < 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l-q)^2 + M^2} &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{2^d \pi^{d/2} s^{d/2}} e^{-sM^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} (M^2)^{d/2-1} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} t^{1-d/2} e^{-t} \\ &= \frac{M^{d-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(1-d/2), \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

and more generally, if we use Eq. (4.12) again,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l-q)^2 + M^2}^{n+1} &= \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} ds s^n e^{-s(l^2+M^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds s^{n-d/2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} e^{-sM^2} \\ &= \frac{M^{d-2n-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{\Gamma(n+1-d/2)}{\Gamma(n+1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

The essence of dimensional regularization is that these results, derived under the assumption that $d < 2$ so that the integral converge, are taken to be true for all d . This is a type of analytic continuation. We see that a quadratically divergent diagram ($n = 0$) has simple poles at $d = 2, 4, \dots$, while a logarithmically divergent diagram ($n = 1$) has poles at $d = 4, 6, \dots$. Loop integrals with $n > 1$ have no divergences in four dimensions.

One further thing remains to be done. We need to ensure that λ remains dimensionless for all d . Because the dimension of ϕ is

$$[\phi] = \text{Mass}^{d/2-1}, \quad (4.15)$$

which follows from the dimensional character of the free action, we must introduce an arbitrary mass μ into the interaction term in order to make it dimensionless:

$$W_{\text{int}} = \lambda \mu^x \int d^d x \phi^4, \quad \Rightarrow x = 4 - d. \quad (4.16)$$

That is, we replace

$$\lambda \rightarrow \lambda(\mu^2)^{2-d/2}. \quad (4.17)$$

We are now going to evaluate all the $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$, $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$ graphs using dimensional regularization. We start with the 2-point function. The mass operator (3.111) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{(1)} &= -12\lambda(\mu^2)^{2-d/2} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} \\ &= -12\lambda(\mu^2)^{2-d/2} \frac{m^{d-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(1 - d/2) \\ &= -\frac{12\lambda m^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^{2-d/2} \Gamma(1 - d/2), \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

which uses Eq. (4.13). Now expand $\Gamma(1 - d/2)$ about $d = 4$ by introducing $d = 4 - \epsilon$, $|\epsilon| \ll 1$:

$$\Gamma(1 - d/2) = \Gamma(-1 + \epsilon/2) = \frac{1}{-1 + \epsilon/2} \frac{1}{\epsilon/2} \Gamma(1 + \epsilon/2) \approx -\frac{2}{\epsilon} - 1 - \Gamma'(1), \quad (4.19)$$

since $\Gamma(1 + x) = x\Gamma(x)$.

Now we introduce the digamma function,

$$\psi(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma(x) = \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)}, \quad (4.20)$$

with the property

$$\psi(1 + x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma(1 + x) = \frac{d}{dx} [\ln \Gamma(x) + \ln x] = \psi(x) + \frac{1}{x}. \quad (4.21)$$

Then we can rewrite Eq. (4.18) as an infinite part plus a remainder:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{(1)} &= -\frac{12\lambda m^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} + \dots\right) \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \psi(2)\right) \\ &= -\frac{12\lambda m^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} - \psi(2)\right).\end{aligned}\quad (4.22)$$

The finite part is totally arbitrary, since it depends on the arbitrary artificial parameter μ .

Next we turn to the evaluation of the last graph in Fig. 3.10, which is according to Eq. (3.110)

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{(2b)} &= 144\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l^2 + m^2)^2} \int \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \\ &= 144\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} \frac{m^{d-4}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(2-d/2) \frac{m^{d-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \Gamma(1-d/2) \\ &= \frac{144\lambda^2 m^2}{(4\pi)^4} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2}\right)^{4-d} \Gamma\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{9\lambda^2 m^2}{16\pi^4} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2}\right)^\epsilon \left\{ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \psi(1) + \frac{\epsilon}{4} [\psi^2(1) + \psi'(1)] \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ -\frac{2}{\epsilon} - [\psi(1) + 1] - \frac{\epsilon}{4} [2\psi(1) + \psi^2(1) + \psi'(1) + 2] \right\} \\ &= \frac{9\lambda^2 m^2}{16\pi^4} \left\{ -\frac{4}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left[2\psi(1) + 1 + 2 \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} \right] - 2 \ln^2 \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2 [2\psi(1) + 1] \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{2} [2\psi(1) + 1]^2 - \frac{1}{2} [2\psi'(1) + 1] \right\},\end{aligned}\quad (4.23)$$

where, in terms of Euler's constant,

$$\psi(1) = -\gamma = -0.5772156649, \quad \text{and} \quad \psi'(1) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}. \quad (4.24)$$

Here both the coefficient of $1/\epsilon$ and the constant are ambiguous.

Next, let us consider the contribution to the four-point function in Fig. 4.1 given by Eq. (4.7), or in d dimensions

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma^{(4)} &= \frac{288\lambda^2 \mu^{4-d}}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 du \left[\frac{u(1-u)(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2}{4\pi\mu^2} \right]^{d/2-2} \Gamma(2-d/2) \\ &= \frac{288\lambda^2 \mu^\epsilon}{(4\pi)^2} \int_0^1 du \left\{ \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \psi(1) - \ln \left[\frac{u(1-u)(p_1 + p_2)^2 + m^2}{4\pi\mu^2} \right] \right\}.\end{aligned}\quad (4.25)$$

It is easy to carry out the integration, by integrating by parts, and then partial fractioning. We leave the details to the homework. The result is

$$\int_0^1 du \ln \left[u(1-u) \frac{q^2}{m^2} + 1 \right] = -2 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} - 1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} + 1}. \quad (4.26)$$

Thus the graph in question has the value ($q = p_1 + p_2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_2) = & \frac{288\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \mu^\epsilon \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} + \psi(1) + 2 + \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} \right. \\ & \left. - \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} + 1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{q^2}} - 1} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.27)$$

There are actually three similar diagrams contributing to $\Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$, depending on the attachment of the external momenta. In terms of the quantity computed above, we have

$$\Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_2) + \Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_3) + \Gamma^{(4)}(p_1, p_4). \quad (4.28)$$

Finally, we turn to the middle graph in Fig. 3.10,

$$\Sigma^{(2a)}(p) = 96\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(p-l-l')^2 + m^2}, \quad (4.29)$$

according to second line of Eq. (3.110). This diagram has what are called overlapping divergences, and must be handled with care. The standard trick is to insert the factor

$$1 = \frac{1}{2d} \left(\frac{dl^\mu}{dl^\mu} + \frac{dl'^\mu}{dl'^\mu} \right), \quad (4.30)$$

and integrate by parts, dropping the surface term (see below). This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{(2a)}(p) = & -\frac{48\lambda^2}{d} (\mu^2)^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} 2 \left[-\frac{2l^\mu l_\mu}{(l^2 + m^2)^2} \right. \\ & \times \frac{1}{(l'^2 + m^2)[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]} \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{(l^2 + m^2)(l'^2 + m^2)} \frac{2l^\mu(p-l-l')_\mu}{[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

where a factor of two arises from two terms which are identical after the replacement of l by l' . In the first integral, make a shift of variable,

$$l \rightarrow p-l-l', \quad p-l-l' \rightarrow l, \quad (4.32)$$

which amounts to

$$l^2 \rightarrow (p-l-l')^2 = p \cdot (p-l-l') - l \cdot (p-l-l') - l' \cdot (p-l-l'). \quad (4.33)$$

This allows us to write the result with a single denominator,

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{(2a)}(p) &= \frac{48\lambda^2}{d}(\mu^2)^{4-d}4 \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \\ &\quad \times \frac{[(p-l-l')^2 + \frac{1}{2}(p-l-l')^2 + \frac{3}{2}m^2] - \frac{3}{2}m^2 - \frac{1}{2}p \cdot (p-l-l')}{(l^2+m^2)(l'^2+m^2)[(p-l-l')^2+m^2]^2} \\ &= \frac{3}{d}\Sigma^{(2a)}(p) + \frac{96\lambda^2}{d}(\mu^2)^{4-d} [-3m^2 K(p) - p^\mu K_\mu(p)],\end{aligned}\quad (4.34)$$

where

$$K(p) = \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l^2+m^2)^2} \frac{1}{l'^2+m^2} \frac{1}{(p-l-l')^2+m^2}, \quad (4.35a)$$

$$K_\mu(p) = \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l^2+m^2} \frac{1}{l'^2+m^2} \frac{(p-l-l')_\mu}{[(p-l-l')^2+m^2]^2}, \quad (4.35b)$$

so that Eq. (4.34) can be rewritten as

$$\Sigma^{(2a)}(p) = \frac{96\lambda^2}{3-d}(\mu^2)^{4-d} [3m^2 K(p) + p^\mu K_\mu(p)]. \quad (4.36)$$

Integration by parts has resulted in superficially more convergent integrals.

Let us make some remarks about this formula.

- We obtained it by working with d in a region ($d < 3/2$) where the integrals exist. Thus the surface term in the integration by parts is zero there.
- When $p = 0$ the formula may be obtained more simply by differentiation with respect to m^2 : On the one hand, since the mass operator has dimensions of mass-squared, we must have

$$\Sigma^{(2a)}(0) = (m^2)^{d-3}(\mu^2)^{4-d} \times \text{number}, \quad (4.37)$$

where

$$\Sigma^{(2a)}(0) = 96\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d l_1 d^d l_2 d^d l_3}{(2\pi)^{3d}} \frac{(2\pi)^d \delta(l_1 + l_2 + l_3)}{(l_1 + m^2)(l_2 + m^2)(l_3 + m^2)}, \quad (4.38)$$

and so from Eq. (4.35a)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \Sigma^{(2a)}(0) = (d-3) \frac{\Sigma^{(2a)}(0)}{m^2} = -96\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} 3K(0), \quad (4.39)$$

or

$$\Sigma^{(2a)}(0) = 96\lambda^2(\mu^2)^{4-d} \frac{3m^2}{3-d} K(0), \quad (4.40)$$

which is the value given by Eq. (4.36).

Let us now proceed to work out $K(p)$. We first recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(p - l - l')^2 + m^2} &= \int_0^\infty ds s \int_0^1 du e^{-su[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]} e^{-s(1-u)(l'^2 + m^2)} \\ &= \int_0^\infty ds s \int_0^1 du e^{-s[l'^2 + m^2 - 2u l' \cdot (p-l) + u(p-l)^2]} \\ &= \int_0^\infty ds s \int_0^1 du e^{-s\{[l' - u(p-l)]^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2 + m^2\}}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

so that according to Eq. (4.12),

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(p - l - l')^2 + m^2} &= \int_0^1 du \frac{[m^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2]^{d/2-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \\ &\quad \times \Gamma(2 - d/2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

We have one remaining loop integration to perform. Eq. (4.35a) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} K(p) &= \frac{\Gamma(2 - d/2)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l^2 + m^2)^2} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \\ &\quad \times \left[(p-l)^2 + \frac{m^2}{u(1-u)} \right]^{d/2-2} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(2 - d/2)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^\infty ds' s' e^{-s'(l^2 + m^2)} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(2 - d/2)} \int_0^\infty ds'' s''^{1-d/2} e^{-s''\{(p-l)^2 + m^2/[u(1-u)]\}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

Now we let

$$s' = s(1-v), \quad s'' = sv, \quad ds' ds'' = s ds dv, \quad (4.44)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} K(p) &= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^\infty ds s s^{2-d/2} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \int_0^1 dv v^{1-d/2} (1-v) \\ &\quad \times \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-s\{(1-v)(l^2 + m^2) + v[(p-l)^2 + m^2/u(1-u)]\}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

The exponent here can be rewritten as

$$(l - pv)^2 + v(1-v)p^2 + m^2 \left[1 - v + \frac{v}{u(1-u)} \right], \quad (4.46)$$

so using Eq. (4.12) again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K(p) &= \frac{\Gamma(4-d)}{(4\pi)^d} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \int_0^1 dv (1-v) v^{1-d/2} \\ &\quad \times \left[v(1-v)p^2 + m^2 \left(1 - v + \frac{v}{u(1-u)} \right) \right]^{d-4}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.47)$$

We now evaluate this for d near 4. Again we write $d = 4 - \epsilon$, and (the result converges for $\epsilon > 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
K(p) &= \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{4-\epsilon}} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{-\epsilon/2} \int_0^1 dv v^{-1+\epsilon/2} (1-v) \\
&\quad \times \left[v(1-v)p^2 + m^2 \left(1 - v + \frac{v}{u(1-u)} \right) \right]^{-\epsilon} \\
&\approx \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{4-\epsilon}} m^{-2\epsilon} \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.48}$$

Here the $2/\epsilon$ occurs because the v integration is singular as at $v = 0$. The details of the derivation of this result are relegated to the homework.

Next, we calculate $K_\mu(p)$, Eq. (4.35b). First we combine the two denominators containing l' :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]^2} &= \int_0^\infty ds' ds'' s'' e^{-s'(l'^2 + m^2)} e^{-s''[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]} \\
&= \int_0^\infty ds s^2 \int_0^1 du u e^{-s\{(1-u)(l'^2 + m^2) + u[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]\}} \\
&= \int_0^\infty ds s^2 \int_0^1 du u e^{-s\{[l' - u(p-l)]^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2 + m^2\}}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.49}$$

and the corresponding loop integral

$$\int \frac{d^d l'}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l'^2 + m^2} \frac{(p-l-l')_\mu}{[(p-l-l')^2 + m^2]^2} \tag{4.50}$$

is done by first changing variables,

$$l' - u(p-l) \rightarrow l', \quad p-l-l' \rightarrow (p-l)(1-u) - l', \tag{4.51}$$

and then integrating symmetrically on the new l' variable, so that the term linear in l' integrates to zero. According to Eq. (4.12) we are left then with

$$\begin{aligned}
&(p-l)_\mu \int_0^\infty ds s^2 \int_0^1 du u(1-u) \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2} s^{d/2}} e^{-s[m^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2]} \\
&= (p-l)_\mu \frac{\Gamma(3-d/2)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 du u(1-u) [m^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2]^{d/2-3}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.52}$$

Finally we must integrate over l :

$$\begin{aligned}
K_\mu(p) &= \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{l^2 + m^2} (p-l)_\mu \frac{\Gamma(3-d/2)}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 du u(1-u) \\
&\quad \times [m^2 + u(1-u)(p-l)^2]^{d/2-3} \\
&= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{1+d/2-3} \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} (p-l)_\mu \int_0^\infty ds' e^{-s'(l^2 + m^2)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \int_0^\infty ds'' (s'')^{2-d/2} e^{-s''[(p-l)^2+m^2/u(1-u)]} \\
& = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^\infty ds s^{3-d/2} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \int_0^1 dv v^{2-d/2} \\
& \quad \times \int \frac{d^d l}{(2\pi)^d} (p-l)_\mu e^{-s\{(l-vp)^2+v(1-v)p^2+m^2[1-v+v/u(1-u)]\}}. \quad (4.53)
\end{aligned}$$

Again, we change variables,

$$l - vp \rightarrow l, \quad p - l \rightarrow (1-v)p - l, \quad (4.54)$$

so symmetric integration in the new l variable gives

$$\begin{aligned}
K_\mu(p) &= \frac{p_\mu}{(4\pi)^d} \int_0^\infty ds s^{3-d} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \\
& \quad \times \int_0^1 dv v^{2-d/2} (1-v) e^{-s\{p^2 v(1-v)+m^2[1-v+v/u(1-u)]\}} \\
&= \frac{p_\mu}{(4\pi)^d} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{d/2-2} \int_0^1 dv (1-v) v^{2-d/2} \Gamma(4-d) \\
& \quad \times \left[p^2 v(1-v) + m^2 \left(1-v + \frac{v}{u(1-u)} \right) \right]^{d-4} \\
&= \frac{p_\mu \Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{4-\epsilon}} \int_0^1 du [u(1-u)]^{-\epsilon/2} \int_0^1 dv (1-v) v^{\epsilon/2} \\
& \quad \times \left[p^2 v(1-v) + m^2 \left(1-v + \frac{v}{u(1-u)} \right) \right]^{-\epsilon} \\
&\approx \frac{p_\mu \Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{4-\epsilon}} m^{-2\epsilon} \int_0^1 du \int_0^1 dv (1-v) = \frac{p_\mu \Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{4-\epsilon}} \frac{m^{-2\epsilon}}{2} + \mathcal{O}(1) \quad (4.55)
\end{aligned}$$

the details in the last line again being supplied in the homework.

Putting together the results for $K(p)$, Eq. (4.48), and $K_\mu(p)$, Eq. (4.55), we find that Eq. (4.36) becomes ($\epsilon \rightarrow 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma^{(2a)}(p) &\approx \frac{1}{\epsilon-1} 96\lambda^2(\mu^2)^\epsilon \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^4} \left(\frac{4\pi}{m^2} \right)^\epsilon \left[3m^2 \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) + \frac{p^2}{2} \right] \\
&\approx -\frac{3\lambda^2}{8\pi^4} \left\{ \frac{6m^2}{\epsilon^2} \left[1 + \epsilon \left(\frac{3}{2} + \psi(1) + \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m^2} \right) \right] + \frac{p^2}{2\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(1) \right\}. \quad (4.56)
\end{aligned}$$

We now have to deal with the meaning of these explicitly divergent expressions.