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The noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model in the enveloping-algebra formalism and its renormalizability

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Abstract: We discuss the renormalizability of the noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model formulated within the enveloping-algebra approach. We consider both the phase of the model with unbroken gauge symmetry and the phase with spontaneously broken gauge symmetry. We show that against all odds the gauge sector of the model is always one-loop renormalizable at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$, perhaps, hinting at the existence of a new symmetry of the gauge sector of the model. However, we also show that the matter sector of the model is non-renormalizable whatever the phase.

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1. Introduction

At present, there is only one available framework to formulate gauge theories in noncommutative space-time for an arbitrary simple gauge group in an arbitrary representation. This very framework is the only known formalism where one may have fields with arbitrary U(1) charge. The formalism we are referring to was introduced in refs. [1, 2] and [3] and led to the formulation of the noncommutative standard model [4] and some Grand Unification models [5]. Some phenomenological implications of these models have been studied recently [6 – 11], but quite a lot of work remains to be done in view of the coming of the LHC.

As is well known, the Seiberg-Witten map plays a central role in the framework of refs. [1, 2] and [3]. Indeed, the noncommutative gauge fields are defined in terms of the ordinary fields by means of the formal series expansion in powers of the noncommutative matrix parameter $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ that implements the Seiberg-Witten map. The noncommutative gauge fields do not thus belong, in general, to the Lie algebra of the gauge group but are valued in the enveloping algebra –this is why the formalism is called the enveloping-algebra formalism– of that Lie algebra. This is quite at variance with the alternative approach to model building in noncommutative space-time employed in refs. [12 – 14] and [15].

The renormalizability of some noncommutative field theory models constructed within the enveloping-algebra formalism has been studied in a number of papers: see refs. [16 – 21]. In all these papers, and throughout this one, it is assumed that both the quantization procedure and the renormalization program deal with the 1PI functions of the ordinary fields

that define the noncommutative fields via the Seiberg-Witten map. The reader is referred to ref. [22] for an alternative interesting proposal. The models whose UV divergences have been worked out in refs. [16 – 21] only have U(1) and/or SU(N) gauge fields and Dirac fermions in the fundamental representation. It turns out that at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$, and against all odds, the one-loop UV divergences of the Green functions that only involve gauge fields in the external legs are renormalizable in the models that have and have not Dirac fermions. This is quite a surprising result since, as already pointed out in ref. [17], BRST invariance on its own cannot account for it, thus hinting at the existence of an as yet unveiled symmetry of the noncommutative gauge sector of these models. The result in question is even more surprising if one takes into account that the Green functions that carry fermion fields in the external legs cannot all be renormalized, thus rendering non-renormalizable in the enveloping-algebra approach all the noncommutative models studied so far.

The main purpose of this paper is to see whether the results summarized in the previous paragraph also hold when the matter fields are not Dirac fermions but scalar fields –let us recall that the Higgs field is a key ingredient of the Standard Model. The simplest model that captures some of the features of the noncommutative Standard Model and includes both gauge fields and scalar fields is the noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model. This model has a phase where the U(1) symmetry is spontaneously broken and has also a phase where the U(1) symmetry is not broken. The renormalization properties of the noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model have never been studied when formulated within the enveloping-algebra formalism, although they have been analyzed within the standard noncommutative field theory formalism –see ref. [23] for the U(1) Higgs-Kibble model and refs. [24 – 28] for other models with spontaneous symmetry breaking.

The computation we are about to sketch is quite a daunting one since it demands the calculation of 94 1PI Feynman diagrams to tell whether the model is renormalizable in the phase with no symmetry breaking. In this phase, we discuss both the massive and massless cases. To deal with such a large number of Feynman diagrams we have used the algebraic manipulation package `Mathematica` [29]. Then, we shall use the results obtained in the phase with no symmetry breaking to analyze the renormalizablity of the model in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking.

The layout of this paper is as follows. In section 2, we define the classical noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model and work out the action up to first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$. The renormalizability of the model in the phase with unbroken gauge symmetry is discussed in section 3. In section 4, we analyze the renormalizability of the model in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking. A summary of the results obtained in the paper is given in section 5. The Feynman rules and Feynman diagrams quoted in the paper can be found in the appendix.

2. The action. The Seiberg-Witten map

As it was stated in the introduction, our noncommutative field theory model will be the U(1) Higgs-Kibble model. The model contains a noncommutative U(1) gauge field A_μ and

a noncommutative complex scalar field Φ coupled to A_μ. The classical action of the model in terms of the noncommutative fields reads

$$S_{\rm class} = \int d^4x \; -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \star F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \Phi)^* \star D^\mu \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^* \star \Phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^* \star \Phi)^2, \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi - ieA_\mu \star \Phi, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ie[A_\mu, A_\nu]_\star.$$

e denotes the coupling constant of the gauge interaction. μ is the mass parameter and λ stands for the coupling constant of the scalar self-interaction, which we shall take to be positive.

In the enveloping-algebra approach the noncommutative fields are defined in terms of the ordinary fields –the ordinary $\mathrm{U}(1)$ gauge field a_μ and the ordinary complex scalar ϕ with $\mathrm{U}(1)$ charge e– by means of the Seiberg-Witten map. It is the ordinary fields a_μ and ϕ that will be chosen as the field variables to be used to first quantize and then renormalize the theory.

At first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, the most general Seiberg-Witten map reads

$$\begin{aligned}
A_\mu &= a_\mu - \frac{eh}{2} \theta^{\alpha\beta} a_\alpha (2\partial_\beta a_\mu - \partial_\mu a_\beta) + h\partial_\mu H + hS_\mu + O(h^2), \\
\Phi &= \phi - \frac{eh}{2} \theta^{\alpha\beta} a_\alpha \partial_\beta \phi + ihH\phi + hF + O(h^2), \\
H &= x_1 \, \theta^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha a_\beta \\
S_\mu &= \kappa_1 \, \theta^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu f_{\alpha\beta} + \kappa_2 \, \theta_\mu{}^\beta \partial^\nu f_{\nu\beta} + e\kappa_3 \, \theta_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu (\phi^* \phi) + ie\kappa_4 \theta_\mu{}^\nu (D_\nu \phi^* \phi - \phi^* D_\nu \phi), \\
F &= e\kappa_5 \theta^{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha\beta} \phi,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

which has five parameters –four real parameters κ_1, κ_2, κ_3, κ_4 and a complex parameter κ_5– labelling the ambiguity associated with field redefinitions. The real parameter x_1 parametrizes a gauge transformation of the fields.

For convenience, we introduce next the following basis $\{t_i\}_{i=1,\ldots,9}$ of independent, modulo total derivatives, and gauge invariant monomials that are of order one in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$ and have mass dimension equal to four:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
t_1 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha\beta} f_{\rho\sigma} f^{\rho\sigma} & t_2 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha\rho} f_{\beta\sigma} f^{\rho\sigma} & t_3 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} \phi^* \phi \, \Box f_{\alpha\beta} \\
t_4 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} (D_\rho \phi)^* \phi \, \partial^\rho f_{\alpha\beta} & t_5 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} (D_\alpha \phi)^* \phi \, \partial_\rho f_\beta{}^\rho & t_6 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} (D_\rho \phi)^* D^\rho \phi f_{\alpha\beta} \\
t_7 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} (D_\alpha \phi)^* D^\rho \phi f_{\beta\rho} & t_8 = \theta^{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha\beta} \, (\phi^* \phi)^2 & t_9 = \mu^2 \theta^{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha\beta} \, \phi^* \phi.
\end{array} \tag{2.3}$$

Substituting first the Seiberg-Witten map of eq. (2.2) in the action in eq. (2.1) and then expanding in powers of $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, one obtains

$$S_{\rm class} = S^{(0)} + hS^{(1)} + O(h^2), \tag{2.4}$$

where $S^{(0)}$ is the ordinary classical contribution,

$$S^{(0)} = \int d^4x \; -\frac{1}{4} f_{\mu\nu} f^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \phi)^* D^\mu \phi - \mu^2 \phi^* \phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\phi^* \phi)^2, \tag{2.5}$$

–now, $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iea_\mu$– and $S^{(1)}$ has the following form in terms of the t_is defined in eq. (2.3):

$$S^{(1)} = \int d^4x \, \frac{e}{8}\, t_1 - \frac{e}{2}\, t_2 + eC_3\, t_3 + eC_4\, t_4 + eC_5\, t_5 + eC_6 t_6 + eC_7 t_7 + eC_8 t_8 + e\mu^2 C_9 t_9, \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\begin{array}{lll} C_3 = -\kappa_5^* - i\kappa_1 - \frac{i}{2}\,(\kappa_2+\kappa_4) + \frac{1}{2}\,\kappa_3 & C_4 = -\frac{1}{4} + 2i\,\mathrm{Im}\kappa_5 - 2i\kappa_1 & C_5 = -\frac{1}{2} + 2i(\kappa_2+\kappa_4) \\ C_6 = -\frac{1}{4} + 2\,\mathrm{Re}\kappa_5 & C_7 = -1 & C_9 = \frac{1}{4} - 2\,\mathrm{Re}\kappa_5 \\ C_8 = \frac{e^2}{2}\,\kappa_3 - \lambda(\mathrm{Re}\kappa_5 - \frac{1}{16}). & & \end{array} \quad (2.7)$$

3. The model in the phase with unbroken symmetry

In this section we shall show that the gauge sector of the model with unbroken gauge symmetry is one-loop renormalizable at first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, and that the matter sector is not renormalizable.

3.1 Feynman rules and one-loop UV divergences

In the case at hand $\mu^2 \geq 0$, so that the classical vacuum of the theory is the trivial field configuration $\phi = 0$ and $a_\mu = 0$. To quantize the theory at first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, we shall add to the classical action in eq. (2.4) the gauge-fixing, $S_{\rm gf}$, and ghost, $S_{\rm gh}$, terms, to obtain

$$S = S_{\rm class} + S_{\rm gf} + S_{\rm gh} = S^{(0)} + hS^{(1)} + S_{\rm gf} + S_{\rm gh}, \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$S_{\rm gf} = \int d^4x \; -\frac{1}{2\xi}\,(\partial_\mu a^\mu)^2, \quad S_{\rm gh} = \int d^4x\, \bar{c}\partial^2\, c.$$

Recall that it is the ordinary fields a_μ and ϕ that furnish the field variables to be used to carry out the quantization process: in the path integral we shall integrate over a_μ and ϕ. Notice that for our choice of gauge fixing, the ghost fields, c and $\bar{c}$, do not couple either to a_μ or to ϕ, and hence we will dispose of them.

The Feynman rules that the action in eq. (3.1) gives rise to are depicted in figure 1 of the appendix, where the following notation is used for propagators and vertices:

Propagators

$$a_\mu \longrightarrow G^{\mu\nu}(k) = \tfrac{i}{k^2+i\varepsilon}\Big[- g^{\mu\nu} + (1-\xi)\tfrac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2}\Big]$$
$$\phi \longrightarrow G(k) = \tfrac{i}{k^2-m^2+i\varepsilon}$$

Ordinary vertices

$$\Gamma^{t(0)\,\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;p,q] = ie(p^\mu + q^\mu) \;\; \Gamma^{t(0)\,\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;p,q] = 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \;\; \Gamma^{t(0)}_{(0,2)}[r,s;p,q] = -i\lambda$$

Noncommutative vertices

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;p,q] = \\
&e\Big[-2C_3\theta^{\alpha\mu}(p-q)_\alpha(p-q)^2+2C_4\theta^{\alpha\mu}(p-q)_\alpha(p-q)\cdot p-C_5\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha q_\beta(p-q)^\mu \\
&\quad -C_5\theta^{\alpha\mu}p_\alpha(p-q)^2+2C_6\theta^{\alpha\mu}(p-q)_\alpha p\cdot q+C_7\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha(p-q)_\beta q^\mu-C_7\theta^{\alpha\mu}p_\alpha q\cdot(p-q) \\
&\quad +2C_9\mu^2\theta^{\alpha\mu}(p-q)_\alpha\Big] \\
&\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu\nu\eta}_{(3,0)}[p,q,r] = \\
&-\tfrac{e}{2}\Big[2\theta^{\alpha\mu}p_\alpha(q\cdot rg^{\nu\eta}-q^\eta r^\nu)+2\theta^{\alpha\nu}q_\alpha(r\cdot pg^{\eta\mu}-r^\mu p^\eta)+2\theta^{\alpha\eta}r_\alpha(p\cdot qg^{\mu\nu}-p^\nu q^\mu)\Big] \\
&+e\Big[\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha q_\beta(r^\mu g^{\nu\eta}-r^\nu g^{\eta\mu})+\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha r_\beta(q^\mu g^{\nu\eta}-q^\eta g^{\mu\nu})+\theta^{\alpha\beta}q_\alpha r_\beta(p^\nu g^{\mu\eta}-p^\eta g^{\nu\mu}) \\
&\quad -\theta^{\alpha\nu}p_\alpha q^\eta r^\mu-\theta^{\alpha\eta}p_\alpha r^\nu q^\mu-\theta^{\alpha\eta}q_\alpha r^\mu p^\nu-\theta^{\alpha\mu}q_\alpha p^\eta r^\nu-\theta^{\alpha\mu}r_\alpha p^\nu q^\eta-\theta^{\alpha\nu}r_\alpha q^\mu p^\eta \\
&\quad -q_\beta p\cdot r(\theta^{\mu\beta}g^{\nu\eta}+\theta^{\eta\beta}g^{\nu\mu})-r_\beta p\cdot q(\theta^{\mu\beta}g^{\eta\nu}+\theta^{\nu\beta}g^{\eta\mu})-p_\beta q\cdot r(\theta^{\nu\beta}g^{\mu\eta}+\theta^{\eta\beta}g^{\mu\nu}) \\
&\quad +\theta^{\mu\nu}(p\cdot rq^\eta-q\cdot rp^\eta)+\theta^{\mu\eta}(p\cdot qr^\nu-r\cdot qp^\nu)+\theta^{\nu\eta}(q\cdot pr^\mu-r\cdot pq^\mu)\Big] \\
&\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;p,q] = \\
&e^2\Big[C_4(2\theta^{\alpha\nu}s^\mu s_\alpha+2\theta^{\alpha\mu}r^\nu r_\alpha)+C_5(\theta^{\mu\beta}s^\nu s_\beta+\theta^{\nu\beta}r^\mu r_\beta-\theta^{\mu\nu}(s^2-r^2)) \\
&\quad +C_6(2\theta^{\alpha\nu}(q+p)^\mu s_\alpha+2\theta^{\alpha\mu}(q+p)^\nu r_\alpha)+C_7(\theta^{\mu\beta}s_\beta q^\nu-\theta^{\mu\nu}q\cdot s+\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha s_\beta g^{\mu\nu}-\theta^{\alpha\nu}p_\alpha s^\mu \\
&\quad +\theta^{\nu\beta}r_\beta q^\mu+\theta^{\mu\nu}q\cdot r+\theta^{\alpha\beta}p_\alpha r_\beta g^{\mu\nu}-\theta^{\alpha\mu}p_\alpha r^\nu)\Big] \\
&\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,1)}[r,s,t;p,q] = \\
&e^3\Big[4C_6(\theta^{\alpha\rho}g^{\mu\nu}t_\alpha+\theta^{\alpha\nu}g^{\mu\rho}s_\alpha+\theta^{\alpha\mu}g^{\nu\rho}r_\alpha)+C_7(\theta^{\mu\beta}g^{\nu\rho}(t+s)_\beta+\theta^{\nu\beta}g^{\rho\mu}(r+t)_\beta \\
&\quad +\theta^{\rho\beta}g^{\mu\nu}(s+r)_\beta-\theta^{\mu\rho}t^\nu-\theta^{\mu\nu}s^\rho-\theta^{\nu\mu}r^\rho-\theta^{\nu\rho}t^\mu-\theta^{\rho\nu}s^\mu-\theta^{\rho\mu}r^\nu)\Big] \\
&\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;p,q;r,s] = 8eC_8\theta^{\alpha\mu}t_\alpha.
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.2}
$$

C_i, $i=1\ldots9$, have been given in eq. (2.7).

Now, using the fact that the BRST transformations of a_μ and ϕ read $sa_\mu=\partial_\mu c$ and $s\phi=ie\,\phi\,c$, respectively, it is not difficult to conclude that in dimensional regularization the pole part of the one-loop 1PI functional, $\Gamma[a_\mu,\phi]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}$, must be gauge invariant. Hence, up to first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$ this functional should read

$$
\Gamma[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}=\Gamma^{(0)}[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}\;+\;h\,\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole},
\tag{3.3}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\Gamma^{(0)}[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}=\textstyle\int d^4x\;\; -\frac{w_1}{4}f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}+w_2\,(D_\mu\phi)^*\star D^\mu\phi-w_3\,\mu^2\phi^*\phi-w_4\,\frac{\lambda}{4}(\phi^*\phi)^2, \\
&\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}=\textstyle\int d^4x\;\; \frac{e}{8}\,z_1\,t_1-\frac{e}{2}\,z_2\,t_2+\sum_{i=3}^{8}ez_i\,t_i+e\mu^2z_9t_9.
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.4}
$$

The t_is, $i=1\ldots9$, are the nine monomials in eq. (2.3), and w_i, $i=1\ldots4$, and z_i, $i=1\ldots9$, stand for coefficients that are simple poles in $\epsilon=D/2-2$.

Let $\Gamma^{\mu_1\cdots\mu_m}_{(m,n)}[x_k;y_l;z_l]$ denote the 1PI Green function corresponding to m $a_\mu(x)$ fields, n $\phi^*(y)$ and n $\phi(z)$ fields. Ignoring the tree-level ghost contribution, we have that the 1PI

functional reads

$$\Gamma[a_\mu,\phi,\phi^*]=\sum_{m,n}\frac{1}{m!(n!)^2}\int\prod_{k=1}^{m}\prod_{l=1}^{n}d^Dx_kd^Dy_ld^Dz_l\Gamma^{\mu_1\ldots\mu_m}_{(m,n)}[x_k;y_l;z_l]a_{\mu_k}(x_k)\phi^*(y_l)\phi(z_l). \tag{3.5}$$

The computation of the w_is, $i=1,\ldots,4$, in eq. (3.4) is a standard exercise in introductory courses to renormalization theory, so we will just quote the result:

$$w_1=-\frac{e^2}{48\pi^2\epsilon},\ w_2=\frac{e^2}{16\pi^2\epsilon}\,(3-\xi),\ w_3=-\frac{e^2\xi-\lambda}{16\pi^2\epsilon},\ w_4=\frac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon}\left[24\frac{e^4}{\lambda}-4e^2\xi+5\lambda\right]. \tag{3.6}$$

The computation of the z_is, $i=1,\ldots,9$, in eq. (3.4) is, though, a very lengthy and involved computation since the pole part of a large number of topologically inequivalent diagrams –94 altogether– with a single noncommutative vertex –which is in general a long expression– must be worked out. It turns out that to obtain all the z_is one must evaluate the pole part of the one-loop contributions to $\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}$, $\Gamma^{\mu}_{(1,1)}$ and $\Gamma^{\mu}_{(1,2)}$ that are linear in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ –see eq. (3.5) for notation. Let us next display the values of these one-loop pole parts that we shall denote, respectively, by $\Gamma^{(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}[p_1,p_2,-p_1-p_2]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}$, $\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[p_1-p_2;p_1,p_2]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}$ and $\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[p_1+p_3-p_2-p_4;p_1,p_2,p_3,p_4]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}$:

The aaa 1PI Green function $\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}$. There are 4 topologically inequivalent diagrams –see figure 2 in the appendix– contributing to the pole part of this Green function at first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, and they lead to the following result:

$$\Gamma^{(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}[p_1,p_2,-p_1-p_2]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}=-\frac{e^2}{48\pi^2\epsilon}\,\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}[p_1,p_2,-p_1-p_2], \tag{3.7}$$

where $\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}$ is the tree-level contribution given in eq. (3.2) coming from the contributions t_1 and t_2 to $S_{\rm class}$ –see eqs. (2.4) and (2.6).

The $a\phi^*\phi$ 1PI Green function $\Gamma^{\mu}_{(1,1)}$. The pole parts of the 11 topologically inequivalent diagrams in figure 3 of the appendix are to be computed, to obtain the following answer:

$$\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[p_1-p_2;p_1,p_2]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}=\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu}_{(1,1)}[\Delta_3,\Delta_4,\Delta_5,\Delta_6,\Delta_7,\Delta_9;\,p_1-p_2;p_1,p_2], \tag{3.8}$$

where $\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu}_{(1,1)}[\Delta_3,\Delta_4,\Delta_5,\Delta_6,\Delta_7,\Delta_9;\,r;p,q]$ is obtained from $\Gamma^{t(1)\,\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;p,q]$ in eq. (3.2) by replacing C_i with Δ_i, $i=3,4,5,6,7$ and 9, where

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_3&=\tfrac{e^2}{192\pi^2\epsilon}[11+26C_4-13C_5-26C_6+13C_7-4C_3(1+3\xi)-\lambda(-12C_3+6C_4-3C_5-6C_6\\
&\qquad+2C_7)]\\
\Delta_4&=\tfrac{e^2}{32\pi^2\epsilon}[2-C_5+2C_7+2C_4(4-\xi)]\\
\Delta_5&=\tfrac{e^2}{16\pi^2\epsilon}[2(1+C_7)+C_5(3-\xi)]\\
\Delta_6&=\tfrac{e^2}{32\pi^2\epsilon}[-1+C_7+2C_6(4-\xi)]\\
\Delta_7&=\tfrac{e^2}{16\pi^2\epsilon}[4+C_7(7-\xi)]\\
\Delta_9&=\tfrac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon}[8C_8+e^2(-8C_3+4C_4-2C_5-2C_6+2C_7+2C_9(2-\xi))-\lambda(-4C_6+C_7-2C_9)].
\end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

The constants C_i, $i=3,4,5,6,7$ and 9, are defined in eq. (2.7).

The $a\phi^*\phi\phi^*\phi$ 1PI Green function $\Gamma^{\mu}_{(1,2)}$. Let $\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[\Delta_8;\, t;p,q;r,s]$ denote $\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;p,q;r,s]$ in eq. (3.2), once C_8 is replaced with Δ_8. Then, the computation of the pole part of the 79 topologically inequivalent diagrams in figure 4 of the appendix leads to the following equality:

$$\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[p_1+p_3-p_2-p_4;p_1,p_2;p_3,p_4]^{\text{one-pole}}_{\text{pole}} = \Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[\Delta_8;\, p_1+p_3-p_2-p_4;p_1,p_2;p_3,p_4], \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_8 = \tfrac{1}{256\pi^2\epsilon}\,[&-4e^4(-12+4C_3-2C_4+C_5+26C_6-8C_7)+5\lambda^2(4C_6-C_7)\\ &-8e^2\lambda(8C_3-4C_4+2C_5+C_6-C_7)+32e^2C_8(2-\xi)+80\lambda C_8].\end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Taking into account eqs. (3.7), (3.8) and (3.10), one concludes that the z_is, $i=1,\ldots,9$, in eq. (3.4) are given by the following equalities:

$$z_1 = z_2 = -\frac{e^2}{48\pi^2\epsilon},\; z_i = \Delta_i,\; \forall\, i = 3\ldots 9, \quad (3.12)$$

where the Δ_is, $i=3\ldots 9$, are given in eqs. (3.9) and (3.11).

3.2 One-loop renormalization

Let us assume that the fields and parameters of the action in eq. (3.1) are the bare fields and parameters of the model. Then, as usual, we shall say that the model is one-loop multiplicatively renormalizable at first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, if the free coefficients of the counterterm action obtained by introducing the following renormalizations of the fields and parameters of the action in eq. (3.1)

$$\begin{array}{lll} a_\mu = Z_a^{1/2}a_\mu^R & \phi = Z_\phi^{1/2}\phi^R & e = Z_e e^R \\ \mu = Z_\mu^{1/2}\mu^R & \lambda = Z_\lambda\lambda^R & \xi = Z_\xi\xi^R \\ \theta = Z_\theta\theta^R & \kappa_i = \kappa_i^R + \delta\kappa_i,\; i=1,2,3,4 & \text{Re}\kappa_5 = \text{Re}\kappa_5^R + \delta\text{Re}\kappa_5 \\ \text{Im}\kappa_5 = \text{Im}\kappa_5^R + \delta\text{Im}\kappa_5 & & \end{array} \quad (3.13)$$

can be chosen to cancel the UV divergences of the 1PI functional given in eqs. (3.3), (3.4), (3.6) and (3.12).

Let $\delta Z_a = Z_a - 1$, $\delta Z_\phi = Z_\phi - 1$, $\delta Z_e = Z_e - 1$, $\delta Z_\mu = Z_\mu - 1$, $\delta Z_\lambda = Z_\lambda - 1$, $\delta Z_\xi = Z_\xi - 1$ and $\delta Z_\theta = Z_\theta - 1$. Then, the multiplicative renormalization in eq. (3.13), when applied to the action in eq. (3.1), yields the following one-loop counterterm action up to first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$:

$$S_{\text{ct}} \,=\, S^{(0)}_{\text{ct}} \,+\, h\, S^{(1)}_{\text{ct}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(0)}_{\text{ct}} = &\int d^4x\; -\tfrac{1}{4}\delta Z_a f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu} + \delta Z_\phi(\partial_\mu\phi)^*\partial^\mu\phi - (\delta Z_\phi + \delta Z_\mu)\mu^2\phi^*\phi \\ &- ie(\delta Z_\phi + \delta Z_e + \tfrac{1}{2}\delta Z_a)\partial_\mu\phi^* a^\mu\phi + ie(\delta Z_\phi + \delta Z_e + \tfrac{1}{2}\delta Z_a)\phi^* a^\mu\partial_\mu\phi \\ &+ e^2(2\,\delta Z_e + \delta Z_a + \delta Z_\phi)\phi^*\phi a_\mu a^\mu - \tfrac{\lambda}{4}(\delta Z_\lambda + 2\delta Z_\phi)(\phi^*\phi)^2 - \tfrac{1}{2\xi}\,(\delta Z_a - \delta Z_\xi)(\partial_\mu a^\mu)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(1)}_{\text{ct}} = &\int d^4x\; \tfrac{e}{8}\,(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a)t_1 - \tfrac{e}{2}(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a)t_2 + e\textstyle\sum_{i=3}^{7}[\delta C_i + C_i(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi)]t_i \\ &+ e[\delta C_8 + C_8(\delta Z_\theta + 2\delta Z_\phi)]t_8 + e\mu^2[\delta C_9 + C_9(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\mu + \delta Z_\phi)]t_9. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

In the previous equation the fields a_μ and ϕ and the parameters μ^2, e, λ and κ_i, $i = 1, \ldots 4$ are, respectively, the renormalized fields and parameters of eq. (3.13). We have suppressed the superscript "R" to make the notation simpler. To simplify the expression for $S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}$, the identity $\delta Z_a = -2\delta Z_e$, which is a consequence of the BRST invariance of the theory, has been used. Notice that as a consequence of the identities in eq. (2.7) the δC_is in eq. (3.14) are defined by following equalities:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\delta C_3 = -\delta{\rm Re}\kappa_5 + i\delta{\rm Im}\kappa_5 - \frac{i}{2}\,(\delta\kappa_2 + \delta\kappa_4) + \frac{1}{2}\,\delta\kappa_3 - i\delta\kappa_1 & \delta C_4 = 2i\delta{\rm Im}\kappa_5 - 2i\delta\kappa_1 \\
\delta C_5 = 2i(\delta\kappa_2 + \delta\kappa_4) & \delta C_6 = 2\delta{\rm Re}\kappa_5 \\
\delta C_7 = 0 & \delta C_9 = -2\delta{\rm Re}\kappa_5 \\
\delta C_8 = \frac{1}{2}(2e^2\kappa_3\delta Z_e + e^2\delta\kappa_3) - \lambda\delta Z_\lambda({\rm Re}\kappa_5 - \frac{1}{16}) - \lambda\delta{\rm Re}\kappa_5. &
\end{array} \tag{3.15}$$

Of course, δZ_a, δZ_ϕ, δZ_e, δZ_μ, δZ_λ and δZ_ξ are the same as in the ordinary model, and in the MS scheme they read

$$\begin{array}{l}
\delta Z_a = \frac{e^2}{48\pi^2\epsilon} = -2\delta Ze = \delta Z_\xi, \quad \delta Z_\phi = -\frac{e^2(3-\xi)}{16\pi^2\epsilon}, \\
\delta Z_\mu = \frac{3e^2-\lambda}{16\pi^2\epsilon} \quad \delta Z_\lambda = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2\epsilon}\left[24\frac{e^4}{\lambda} - 12e^2 + 5\lambda\right].
\end{array} \tag{3.16}$$

Next, in the MS scheme, δZ_θ and δC_i, $i = 3, \ldots, 9$, of $S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}$ in eq. (3.14) must be chosen – were it possible– so that the sum $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu, \phi, \phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole} + S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}$ vanishes. $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu, \phi, \phi^*]^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm pole}$ is given in eq. (3.4) and the values of its coefficients –the z_is– are summarized in eq. (3.12). We thus conclude that δZ_θ must satisfy the following equalities:

$$-z_1 = \delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a, \quad -z_2 = \delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a, \tag{3.17}$$

whereas for δC_i, $i = 3, \ldots, 9$ the following set of equations must hold:

$$\begin{array}{l}
-z_i \;=\; \delta C_i \;+\; C_i(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi), \quad i = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \\
-z_8 = \delta C_8 \;+\; C_8(\delta Z_\theta + 2\,\delta Z_\phi), \\
-z_9 = \delta C_9 \;+\; C_9(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\mu + \delta Z_\phi).
\end{array} \tag{3.18}$$

Taking into account eqs. (3.12) and (3.16), one concludes that the two equalities in eq. (3.17) hold if, and only if,

$$\delta Z_\theta = 0. \tag{3.19}$$

This equation leads to the conclusion that $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ is not renormalized at the one-loop level in the MS scheme of dimensional regularization.

That the two equalities in eq. (3.17) hold is a necessary and sufficient condition for the gauge sector of our model –no matter fields in the external legs of the Green functions– to be multiplicatively renormalizable at one-loop and at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$. BRST invariance does not imply that eq. (3.17) must be verified, since in our case the most general BRST invariant contribution involving only gauge fields reads up to first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$:

$$\int d^4x \;\; -\frac{1}{4}\,w_1\, f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu} \;+\; h\,\frac{e}{8}\,z_2\,t_1 \;-\; h\,\frac{e}{2}\,z_3\,t_2, \tag{3.20}$$

Mark that the real numbers w_1, z_2 and z_3 are arbitrary. Now, only if $z_2 = z_3$, it is possible to renormalize the $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ dependent part of the functional in the previous equation by means

of the renormalization in eq. (3.13). Of course, we have shown by explicit computation that for our model $z_2 = z_3$. But there is more: we have obtained not only that $z_2 = z_3$, but that $z_2 = z_3 = w_1$. The latter train of equalities has nothing to do with the gauge sector of the model being renormalizable at one loop, but with the fact that $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ is not renormalized at one-loop. We do not believe –following the author of ref. [17]– that this situation –that $z_2 = z_3 = w_1$– is an accident, but that it perhaps hints at the existence of an as yet unknown symmetry that mixes the three monomials in eq. (3.20). This symmetry must depend on $\theta^{\mu\nu}$, for it must relate monomials with different powers in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$. Notice that what we have obtained is that the renormalizability of the gauge sector of the model at one-loop and first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ is governed by the renormalization of the coupling constant e –recall that BRST invariance implies $\delta Z_a = -2\delta Z_e$.

Now, the matter sector of the model in the symmetric phase will be multiplicatively renormalizable –i.e by means of the renormalization transformations in eq. (3.13)– if, and only if, there exist $\delta\kappa_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, 4$, $Re\delta\kappa_5$ and $Im\delta\kappa_5$ such that the set of eqs. (3.18) holds for them. Taking into account the values of the z_is on the l.h.s of eq. (3.18) that are given in eqs. (3.12), (3.9) and (3.11), using the definitions of the δC_is, $i = 1, \ldots, 9$, provided in eq. (3.15), and recalling that the renormalized C_is, $i = 1, \ldots, 9$, are defined in terms of the renormalized κ_i, $i = 1, \ldots, 5$, by the identities in eq. (2.7) and that the values of the δZs are those in eqs. (3.16) and (3.19), one concludes, upon substitution of the previous results, that there is a unique set of parameters $\delta\kappa_i$, $i = 1, \ldots 5$, that solves the system of equations constituted by the first five –$i = 3, 4, 5, 6$ and 7– equalities in eq. (3.18). This set of parameters reads

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta\kappa_1 &= \delta\mathrm{Im}\kappa_5 - \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2\epsilon}(2\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - 2\mathrm{Im}\kappa_5 + \kappa_4) \\
\delta\kappa_2 &= -\delta\kappa_4 \\
\delta\kappa_3 &= \frac{1}{192\pi^2\epsilon}[e^2(6 + 40\kappa_3) - \lambda(1 + 12\kappa_3)] \\
\delta\mathrm{Re}\kappa_5 &= \frac{e^2}{128\pi^2\epsilon}(5 - 8\mathrm{Re}\kappa_5).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

And yet, the full system of equations has no solution for $\mu^2 \neq 0$, as the last equation –the equation with z_9 on the l.h.s– is not satisfied by the $\delta\kappa_i$s, $i = 1, \ldots, 5$ in eq. (3.21). Indeed, upon substitution of those values in this last equation one obtains the constraint $6e^2 - \lambda = 0$. Notice that this constraint is not even renormalization group invariant, so it cannot be imposed in a renormalization group invariant way, precluding the implementation of the reduction-of-the-couplings mechanism of ref. [30] to dispose of the unwanted UV divergences. We thus conclude that the matter sector of the theory is not multiplicatively renormalizable if the scalar field is massive. If $\mu^2 = 0$, the last equality of eq. (3.18) need not be satisfied since, now, terms of the type $\mu^2 t_9$ occur neither in the classical action nor in $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu, \phi, \phi^*]^{\mathrm{one-loop}}_{\mathrm{pole}}$ –see eq. (3.4). Unfortunately, the equation $-z_8 = \delta C_8 + C_8(\delta Z_\theta + 2\delta Z_\phi)$ is not satisfied by the parameters given in eq. (3.21), for its substitution in the latter equation leads to the constraint $204e^2 - 76e^2\lambda + 15\lambda^2 = 0$. Remarkably, all dependence on the arbitrary parameters of the Seiberg-Witten map disappears, but the previous constraint is, of course, not valid for arbitrary e and λ. The constraint is not even renormalization group invariant. In summary, the matter sector of our model is

not multiplicatively renormalizable in the phase with no spontaneous symmetry breaking whatever the value of the mass.

We shall next address the issue of the non-multiplicative renormalizability of the model. We shall show that turning non-multiplicative –but local at every order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$– the relationship between bare and renormalized fields will be of no avail in making the model renormalizable. Let us assume that the bare fields and renormalized fields are not related as in eq. (3.13), but as follows

$$a_\mu = a_\mu^R + \frac{1}{2}\,\delta Z_a\, a_\mu^R + h\delta Z_\mu[a_\mu^R, \phi^R, \phi^{R*}, \partial, \theta^{\mu\nu}]; \quad \phi = \phi^R + \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_\phi\, \phi^R + h\delta Z[a_\mu^R, \phi^R, \phi^{R*}, \partial_\mu, \theta^{\mu\nu}],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta Z_\mu =& x_1\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha\phi^*\phi + x_2\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha(\phi\phi+\phi^*\phi^*) + ix_3\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha(\phi\phi-\phi^*\phi^*) + x_4\theta_\mu{}^\alpha(\partial_\alpha\phi\phi+\partial_\alpha\phi^*\phi^*) \\
&+ ix_5\theta_\mu{}^\alpha(\partial_\alpha\phi\phi-\partial_\alpha\phi^*\phi^*) + x_6\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha a_\rho a^\rho + x_7\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha\partial_\rho a^\rho + x_8\theta_\mu{}^\alpha\partial_\rho a_\alpha a^\rho + x_9\theta_\mu{}^\alpha\partial^2 a_\alpha \\
&+ x_{10}\theta_\mu{}^\alpha\partial_\alpha a_\rho a^\rho + x_{11}\mu^2\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha + \mu x_{12}\theta_\mu{}^\alpha\partial_\alpha(\phi+\phi^*) + i\mu x_{13}\theta_\mu{}^\alpha\partial_\alpha(\phi-\phi^*) \\
&+ \mu x_{14}\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha(\phi+\phi^*) + i\mu x_{15}\theta_\mu{}^\alpha a_\alpha(\phi-\phi^*) + x_{16}\theta^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha a_\beta a_\mu + x_{17}\theta^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\mu a_\alpha a_\beta \\
&+ x_{18}\theta^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha a_\mu a_\beta, \\
\delta Z =& z_1\theta^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha a_\beta\phi^* + z_2\theta^{\alpha\beta}a_\alpha\partial_\beta\phi + z_3\theta^{\alpha\beta}a_\alpha\partial_\beta\phi^* + \mu z_4\theta^{\alpha\beta}f_{\alpha\beta},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

with real x_is and complex z_is. The previous δZ_μ and δZ are the most general polynomials of mass dimension one that are linear in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ and do not contain any contribution that can be removed by modifying the value of the free parameters of the Seiberg-Witten map in eq. (2.2).

δZ_μ and δZ in eq. (3.22) yield the following sum of new counterterms

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{\rm ct}^{(1)\rm new} = \int d^4x\, [&\delta Z_\mu\partial_\rho f^{\rho\mu} - i\delta Z_\mu(D^\mu\phi^*\phi - \phi^* D^\mu\phi) - \delta Z^* D^2\phi - \delta Z D^2\phi^* - \mu^2(\phi^*\delta Z + \phi\delta Z^*) \\
&- \tfrac{\lambda}{2}(\delta Z^*\phi^*\phi^2 + \delta Z\phi\phi^{*2})].
\end{aligned}$$

Now, $S_{\rm ct}^{(1)\rm new}$ must be invariant under the BRST transformations $sa_\mu = \partial_\mu c$, $s\phi = iec\phi$,$s\phi^* = -iec\phi^*$. A lengthy computation shows that $sS_{\rm ct}^{\rm new} = 0$ if, and only if, $x_i = 0$, $\forall i$, and $z_i = 0$, $\forall i$.

4. The model in the phase with spontaneously broken symmetry

In the case $\mu^2 = -m^2 < 0, \lambda > 0$, the classical Poincaré-invariant vacuum of the theory with the action in eq. (2.1) is given by $\phi^*\phi = \frac{2m^2}{\lambda}$. To perform perturbative calculations in the quantum theory we have to expand the fields around a given vacuum configuration. We choose the following parametrization:

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \phi_1 + i\phi_2),$$

with $v = \sqrt{\frac{4m^2}{\lambda}}$ at the classical level and with ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 being real fields that vanish in the classical vacuum.

Since we are interested in the renormalization properties of the model, we shall consider the following family of R_ξ-gauges to quantize it:

$$S_{\rm gf} = \int d^4x \ \frac{1}{2}\xi b^2 \ + \ b(\partial_\mu a^\mu + \xi\rho\phi_2), \quad S_{\rm gh} = \int d^4x \ \overline{c}(-\partial^2 - \xi\rho e(v+\phi_1))c. \tag{4.1}$$

b is an auxiliary real field and c and $\bar{c}$ are the ghost and anti-ghost fields, respectively. Recall that it is most useful to choose $\rho = ev$ at the tree-level.

Now, up to first order in $h\theta^{\mu\nu}$, the action that we shall use to carry out a path integral quantization of the theory reads

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\rm SSB} = S^{(0)}[\phi = 1/\sqrt{2}(v+\phi_1+i\phi_2), a_\mu, \mu^2 = -m^2, \lambda] + S_{\rm gf} + S_{\rm gh} \\ + hS^{(1)}[\phi = 1/\sqrt{2}(v+\phi_1+i\phi_2), a_\mu, \mu^2 = -m^2, \lambda, \theta^{\mu\nu}], \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where $S^{(0)}$ and $S^{(1)}$ have been defined in eqs. (2.5) and (2.6), respectively, and $S_{\rm gf}$ and $S_{\rm gh}$ are given in eq. (4.1). Upon integrating over the auxiliary field b, the previous action leads to the set of Feynman rules depicted in figure 5 of the appendix. The following definitions are needed to turn the Feynman rules into mathematical expressions –notice that $\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(i)\,\mu_1,\mu_2,\ldots,\mu_m}_{(m,n,p,q)}$[momenta], $i = 0, 1$, denotes a tree-level vertex with m fields a_μ, n fields ϕ_1, p fields ϕ_2 and q pairs, $(c, \bar{c})$, of ghost-anti-ghost fields:

Propagators

$$\begin{aligned} a_\mu \longrightarrow G^{\mu\nu}(k) &= \tfrac{-i}{k^2-(ev)^2+i\varepsilon}\Big[g^{\mu\nu} - (1-\xi)\tfrac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2-\xi(ev)^2}\Big] \\ \phi_1 \longrightarrow G_1(k) &= \tfrac{i}{k^2-2m^2+i\varepsilon} \\ \phi_2 \longrightarrow G_2(k) &= \tfrac{i}{k^2-\xi(ev)^2+i\varepsilon} \\ c \longrightarrow G(k) &= \tfrac{i}{k^2-\xi(ev)^2+i\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Ordinary vertices

$$\begin{array}{lll} \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)\,\mu}_{(1,1,1,0)}[r;p;q] = e(p^\mu - q^\mu) & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)\,\mu\nu}_{(2,1,0,0)}[p,q;r] = 2ie^2 v g^{\mu\nu} & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,3,0,0)}[p,q,r] = -\tfrac{3}{2}i\lambda v \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,1,2,0)}[p;q,r] = -\tfrac{1}{2}i\lambda v & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,1,0,2)}[p;q,r] = -i\xi e^2 v & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)\mu\nu}_{(2,2,0,0)}[p,q;r,s] = 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)\mu\nu}_{(2,0,2,0)}[p,q;r,s] = 2ie^2 g^{\mu\nu} & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,4,0,0)}[p,q,r,s] = -\tfrac{3}{2}i\lambda & \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,0,4,0)}[p,q,r,s] = -\tfrac{3}{2}i\lambda \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(0)}_{(0,2,2,0)}[p,q;r,s] = -\tfrac{1}{2}i\lambda & & \end{array}$$

Noncommutative vertices

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1,0,0)}[r;q] &= \frac{v}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;0,q] + \Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-q,0]) + \frac{v^3}{4}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[r;0,q;0,0] \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,0,1,0)}[r;q] &= \frac{-iv}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-q,0] - \Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;0,q]) \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,0,0,0)}[r,s] &= \frac{v^2}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;0,0] \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2,0,0)}[r;p,q] &= \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-p,q] + \Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-q,p]) + \frac{3}{4}v^2\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[r;0,p;0,q] \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,0,2,0)}[r;p,q] &= \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-p,q] + \Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-q,p]) + \frac{1}{4}v^2\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[r;0,p;0,q] \end{aligned}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1,1,0)}[r;q;p] &= -\frac{i}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-p,q]-\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[r;-q,p])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu\eta}_{(3,0,0,0)}[r,s,t] &= \Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\eta}_{(3,0)}[r,s,t]+\frac{v^2}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\eta}_{(3,1)}[r,s,t;0,0]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1,0,0)}[r,s;q] &= \frac{v}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;0,q]+\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-q,0])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,0,1,0)}[r,s;q] &= \frac{-iv}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-q,0]-\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;0,q])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,2,0,0)}[r,s;p,q] &= \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-p,q]+\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-q,p])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,0,2,0)}[r,s;p,q] &= \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-p,q]+\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-q,p])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1,1,0)}[r,s;q,p] &= \frac{-i}{2}(\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-p,q]-\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu}_{(2,1)}[r,s;-q,p])\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,1,0,0)}[r,s,t;q] &= v\Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,1)}[r,s,t;0,q]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,3,0,0)}[s;p,q,r] &= \frac{3v}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[s;0,p;-q,r]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,1,2,0)}[s;p;q,r] &= \frac{v}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[s;0,p;-q,r]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,2,0,0)}[r,s,t;p,q] &= \Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,1)}[r,s,t;-p,q]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0,2,0)}[r,s,t;p,q] &= \Gamma^{t(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,1)}[r,s,t;-p,q]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,4,0,0)}[t;p,q,r,s] &= \frac{3}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;-p,q;-r,s]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,0,4,0)}[t;p,q,r,s] &= \frac{3}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;-p,q;-r,s]\\
\tilde{\Gamma}^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2,2,0)}[t;p,q;r,s] &= \frac{1}{2}\Gamma^{t(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;-p,q;-r,s]
\end{aligned}
$$

with the Γ^ts as given in eq. (3.2), but evaluated at $\mu^2=-m^2$. All momenta are taken as positive when coming out of the vertex.

Before discussing the renormalizablity at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ of the model in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking, we shall just remark the obvious fact that the one-loop UV divergent contributions that do not depend on $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ –i.e., the one-loop UV divergent contributions of the ordinary model– can be multiplicatively renormalized –see refs. [31, 32, 23] for further details– by expressing the bare fields and parameters –denoted by the superscript 0– in terms of the renormalized fields and parameters –labelled with the superscript "R"– as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
a^0_\mu = Z_a^{1/2}a^R_\mu & \phi^0_1 = Z_{\phi_1}^{1/2}\phi^R_1 & \phi^0_2 = Z_{\phi_2}^{1/2}\phi^R_2 & \\
v_0 = Z_{\phi_1}^{1/2}(v^R+\delta v) & e^0 = Z_e e^R & m^0 = Z_m^{1/2}m^R & \\
\lambda^0 = Z_\lambda \lambda^R. & & &
\end{array}
\tag{4.3}
$$

In the MS scheme of dimensional regularization –recall that $D=4+2\epsilon$– one has that $Z_{\phi_1}=Z_{\phi_2}=Z_\phi$, with Z_ϕ given in eq. (3.16), and that Z_a, Z_e, $Z_m=Z_\mu$, Z_λ take the same

values as in the phase with no spontaneous symmetry breaking –see eq. (3.16)–, if

$$\frac{\delta v}{v^R} = \frac{-e^2\xi}{16\pi^2\epsilon}.$$

4.1 One-loop renormalizability of the gauge sector

In dimensional regularization, the pole part of any UV divergent one-loop Feynman integral, I_F, is a polynomial on the external momenta of the integral and the masses of the free internal propagators, if it is besides IR finite by power counting at non-exceptional momenta. Further, if the Feynman integral, say $I_F(m=0)$, that is obtained from I_F by setting to zero all the masses in the denominators is still IR finite by power counting at non-exceptional momenta, there happens that the pole part of I_F that does not depend on the masses is given by the pole part of the integral $I_F(m=0)$.

For the remaining of this subsection, to render both the computations and the subsequent analysis as simple as possible, we shall send to zero the gauge parameter, ξ, that occurs in the Feynman rules of the model –these rules are given in figure 5 of the appendix. This way the interaction vertex involving the ghost fields vanishes. Let $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\text{SSB, one}-\text{loop}}_{\text{pole}}$ denote the one-loop pole part of the 1PI functional of the gauge sector of the model at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ –by definition $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\text{SSB, one}-\text{loop}}_{\text{pole}}$ only depends on a_μ. Taking into account the arguments presented in the previous paragraph, one concludes that the contributions to $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\text{SSB, one}-\text{loop}}_{\text{pole}}$ that do not depend on any dimensionful parameter –that we shall denote with M– are equal to those in the massless theory, which were obtained in the previous section:

$$\begin{array}{l}\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\text{SSB, one}-\text{loop}}_{\text{pole}} = \Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{M-\text{independent}}_{\text{pole}} + \Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{M-\text{dependent}}_{\text{pole}}, \\ \Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{M-\text{independent}}_{\text{pole}} = \int d^4x \ \left(\frac{e}{8}\, z_1\, t_1 - \frac{e}{2}\, z_2\, t_2\right).\end{array} \tag{4.4}$$

t_1 and t_2 were defined in eq. (2.3), and z_1 and z_2 were given in eq. (3.12). $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{M-\text{dependent}}_{\text{pole}}$ –the $M-$dependent contribution to $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\text{SSB, one}-\text{loop}}_{\text{pole}}$– can be obtained from the pole of the M-dependent part of the one-loop 1PI diagrams contributing to $<0|T\{a_\mu(x)a_\nu(y)\}|0>$ and $<0|T\{a_\mu(x)a_\nu(y)a_\rho(z)\}|0>$. The topologically inequivalent diagrams that contribute at first first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ are given in figures 6 and 7 of the appendix. It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{M-\text{dependent}}_{\text{pole}} = \tfrac{(ev)^2}{2}\,\theta^{\alpha\beta}\int d^4x \ \Big(& i\,\Delta_4^{(\xi=0)}\, a_\rho \partial^\rho f_{\alpha\beta} + i\,\Delta_5^{(\xi=0)}\, a_\alpha \partial_\rho f_\beta{}^\rho + \\ & e\,\Delta_6^{(\xi=0)}\, a_\rho a^\rho f_{\alpha\beta} + e\,\Delta_7^{(\xi=0)}\, a_\alpha a_\rho f_\beta{}^\rho\Big),\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

where $\Delta_4^{(\xi=0)}$, $\Delta_5^{(\xi=0)}$, $\Delta_6^{(\xi=0)}$ and $\Delta_7^{(\xi=0)}$ are obtained by substituting $\xi=0$ in Δ_4, Δ_5, Δ_6 and Δ_7, as given in eq. (3.9), respectively.

Let us now show that the UV divergences in eqs. (4.4) and eq. (4.5) can be removed by renormalizing the parameters and fields as in eq. (4.3), if we also introduce the following renormalization of the parameters κ_i, $i=1,\ldots,5$, of the Seiberg-Witten map in eq. (2.2):

$$\kappa_i^0 = \kappa_i^R + \delta\kappa_i,\ i=1,2,3,4, \quad \text{Re}\kappa_5^0 = \text{Re}\kappa_5^R + \delta\text{Re}\kappa_5, \quad \text{Im}\kappa_5^0 = \text{Im}\kappa_5^R + \delta\text{Im}\kappa_5. \tag{4.6}$$

For completeness one should also include the following renormalization of $\theta^{\mu\nu}$: $\theta^{0\,\mu\nu} = \mathrm{Z}_\theta \theta^{R\,\mu\nu}$, but as we shall see the renormalization of the gauge sector implies $Z_\theta = 1$ at the order at which we are working.

The substitution of the definitions in eqs. (4.3) and (4.6) in the action in eq. (4.2) yields the following $\theta^{\mu\nu}-$dependent counterterms involving only gauge fields:

$$
\begin{array}{l}
S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}[a] = \int d^4x \, \left[\, \frac{e}{8} \, (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a) t_1 - \frac{e}{2} (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a) t_2 \, \right] + \\
\frac{(ev)^2}{2} \, \theta^{\alpha\beta} \int d^4x \, \left\{ i \, [\delta C_4 + C_4 (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi)] \, a_\rho \partial^\rho f_{\alpha\beta} \, + i \, [\delta C_5 + C_5 (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi)] \, a_\alpha \partial_\rho f_\beta{}^\rho \right\} + \\
\frac{(ev)^2}{2} \, \theta^{\alpha\beta} \int d^4x \, \left\{ e \, [\delta C_6 + C_6 (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi)] \, a_\rho a^\rho f_{\alpha\beta} \, + \, e \, [\delta C_7 + C_7 (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi)] \, a_\alpha a_\rho f_\beta{}^\rho \right\},
\end{array}
$$

where δC_4, δC_5, δC_6 and δC_7 were defined in eq. (3.15). In obtaining $S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}[a_\mu]$ above, we have used the results: $\delta Z_a = -2\,\delta Z_e$, $\delta v^{(\xi=0)} = 0$.

It is plain that $S^{(1)}_{\rm ct}[a_\mu]$ defined in the MS scheme will cancel $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\rm SSB,\ one-loop}_{\rm pole}$ given by eqs. (4.4) and (4.5) if, and only if,

$$
\begin{array}{rl}
\frac{e^2}{48\pi^2\epsilon} & = \delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_a, \\
-2\Delta_4^{(\xi=0)} + \Delta_5^{(\xi=0)} & = 2\delta C_4 - \delta C_5 + (2C_4 - C_5)(\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi), \\
-\Delta_i^{(\xi=0)} & = \delta C_i \, + \, C_i (\delta Z_\theta + \delta Z_\phi), \quad i = 6, 7.
\end{array}
$$

The previous set of equations is a subset of the set of equalities constituted by eq. (3.17) and the first five equalities in eq (3.18) evaluated at $\xi = 0$. Hence, taking into account that δZ_a and δZ_ϕ have the same value –given in eq. (3.16)– as in the phase with unbroken symmetry but with the choice $\xi = 0$, one concludes first that $\delta Z_\theta = 0$ and second that by choosing $\delta\kappa_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, 5$, as in eq. (3.21) –i.e., as in the symmetric phase– we will be able to remove the UV divergences of the gauge sector at one-loop and at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$.

Let us show next that the one-loop renormalizability of the gauge sector of the model in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking that we have just discussed is a consequence of the two facts: *i)* that the U(1) symmetry is broken spontaneously so that the action in eq. (4.2) is invariant under the following BRST transformations

$$
s a_\mu = \partial_\mu c, \quad s\phi_1 = -ec\,\phi_2, \quad s\phi_2 = ec\,(\phi_1 \, + \, v), \quad sc = 0, \quad s\bar{c} = b, \quad sb = 0
$$

and *ii)* that the pole part of the one-loop 1PI functional that does not depend on v is the same as in the massless model. To use as simple as possible linearized Slavnov-Taylor equations, we shall still keep the gauge-fixing parameter ξ equal to 0. For this value of the gauge-fixing parameter the ghost and anti-ghost fields decouple and, hence, they do not contribute to the dimensionally regularized one-loop 1PI functional, $\Gamma_{\rm SSB}$, obtained from our Feynman rules in figure 5 of the appendix. Since the gauge-fixing equation

$$
\frac{\delta \Gamma_{\rm SSB}}{\delta b} = \xi \, b + \partial_\mu a^\mu + \xi \rho \phi_2
$$

holds for the dimensionally regularized 1PI functional $\Gamma_{\rm SSB}$ obtained from $S_{\rm SSB}$ in eq. (4.2), it turns out that in the gauge $\xi = 0$ the BRST invariance of the model implies that the

one-loop contribution, $\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}$, to $\Gamma_{\rm SSB}$ is a function of $\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+\phi_1+i\phi_2)$ and ϕ^* that must satisfy the following linearized Slavnov-Taylor equation

$$\int d^Dx\, sa_\mu(x)\, \frac{\delta\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}}{\delta a_\mu(x)} \,+\, s\phi(x)\, \frac{\delta\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}}{\delta\phi(x)} + s\phi^*(x)\, \frac{\delta\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}}{\delta\phi^*(x)} \,=\, 0, \qquad (4.7)$$

where $s\phi = iec\phi$ and $s\phi^* = -iec\phi^*$. Eq. (4.7) leads to the conclusion that when $\xi = 0$ the pole part of the one-loop 1PI functional $\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}$ is given by the most general gauge invariant local polynomial which is a functional of a_μ, $\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+\phi_1+i\phi_2)$ and ϕ^* –it must then be a local polynomial of $f_{\mu\nu}$, ϕ and ϕ^* and their gauge covariant derivatives. This result and the analysis carried out in the first paragraph of this subsection implies that for $\xi = 0$ the pole contribution to $\Gamma^{\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}$ that is linear in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$, say $\Gamma^{(1)\,\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}$, reads

$$\Gamma^{(1)\,\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB} = \int d^4x\, \frac{e}{8}\, z_1^{(\xi=0)}\, t_1 - \frac{e}{2}\, z_2^{(\xi=0)}\, t_2 + \sum_{i=3}^{8} e z_i^{(\xi=0)}\, t_i + e r_9(m,v) t_9, \qquad (4.8)$$

where $z_i^{(\xi=0)}$, $i = 1,\ldots,8$, are given by the corresponding z_i in eq. (3.12), upon substituting $\xi = 0$, and t_i, $i = 1,\ldots,9$, are defined as in eq. (2.3) but, now, with $\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+\phi_1+i\phi_2)$. We have thus shown that, for $\xi = 0$, $\Gamma^{(1)\,\rm one-loop}_{\rm SSB}$ is a linear combination of the basis of gauge invariant polynomials given in eq. (2.3) with coefficients such that, when m and $v \to 0$, one recovers the corresponding object for the massless Higgs-Kibble model at $\xi = 0$. Finally, eq. (4.8) leads to $\Gamma^{(1)}[a_\mu]^{\rm SSB,\ one-loop}_{\rm pole}$ as given by eqs. (4.4) and (4.5) upon imposing the condition $\xi = 0$.

4.2 Non-renormalizability of the matter sector

Recall that we are in the phase with spontaneously broken gauge symmetry. Let $\Gamma^{M-\rm independent}_{\rm pole}[a_\mu,\phi_1,\phi_2]$ denote the one-loop pole part of the 1PI functional of the model that does not depend on any dimensionful parameter M for arbitrary ξ. Taking advantage of the discussion carried out in the first paragraph of the previous subsection, one concludes that $\Gamma^{M-\rm independent}_{\rm pole}[a_\mu,\phi_1,\phi_2]$ is equal to the corresponding object computed in the massless model. We have shown in the previous section –section 3– that there is no local way of renormalizing the fields and parameters of the model that removes the UV divergences of the matter sector of the massless model. Hence, in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking, there is also no local way of renormalizing the fields and parameters of the field theory that substracts the $M-$independent UV divergent contributions occurring at the one-loop level in the 1PI functional of the matter sector of the model.

5. Summary and conclusions

In this paper we have shown that the noncommutative U(1) Higgs-Kibble model formulated within the enveloping-algebra formalism of refs. [1, 2] and [3] is non-renormalizable in perturbation theory in the phase with unbroken gauge symmetry, whatever the value of the mass of the complex scalar field. We have also shown that the same result holds when the model is in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking. However, the gauge sector

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of the model is one-loop renormalizable at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$ whatever the phase we look at. This is quite surprising –although in keeping with the results obtained in refs. [17] and [20] for other models– since gauge symmetry -either noncommutative or ordinary– and power counting do not imply it –see discussion in the paragraph below eq. (3.19). This renormalizability of the gauge sector of the model appears even more surprising if we take into account that the matter sector is non-renormalizable and that all the one-loop UV divergent diagrams that contribute to the gauge sector in the phase with unbroken gauge symmetry –see figure 2– have only scalar particles propagating along the loop. The question thus arises as to whether the renormalizability of the gauge sector of all the models studied so far, hints at the existence of an as yet unveiled new symmetry of these gauge models so that the part of the 1PI functional that only depends on the gauge fields is constrained by it. The existence of such a symmetry will be of paramount importance in modifying the matter sector so that it becomes renormalizable. Finally, the results presented in this paper make us confident that all the one-loop UV divergent contributions to the gauge sector of the noncommutative standard model coming from the matter sector of the model are renormalizable, at least at first order in $\theta^{\mu\nu}$. Hence, phenomenological results such as those obtained in ref. [11] are robust due to the one-loop renormalizability of the gauge sector.

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A. Feynman rules and Feynman diagrams with a noncommutative vertex

In this appendix we collect the figures with the Feynman rules and 1PI Feynman diagrams that are referred to in the main text of the paper. In figure 1, the Feynman rules of our noncommutative Higgs-Kibble model in the phase with unbroken gauge symmetry are given. The topologically inequivalent Feynman diagrams contributing to $\Gamma^{(1)\mu\nu\rho}_{(3,0)}[p_1,p_2,-p_1-p_2]^{\text{one-loop}}_{\text{pole}}$, $\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,1)}[p_1-p_2;p_1,p_2]^{\text{one-loop}}_{\text{pole}}$ and $\Gamma^{(1)\mu}_{(1,2)}[t;p,q;r,s]^{\text{one-loop}}_{\text{pole}}$ are depicted in figures 2, 3 and 4. The Feynman rules of our non-commutative Higgs-Kibble model in the phase with spontaneous symmetry breaking are drawn in figure 5. Finally, in figures 6 and 7, the topologically inequivalent Feynman diagrams contributing to the pole part of the M-dependent part of the 1PI functions of the gauge field are shown.

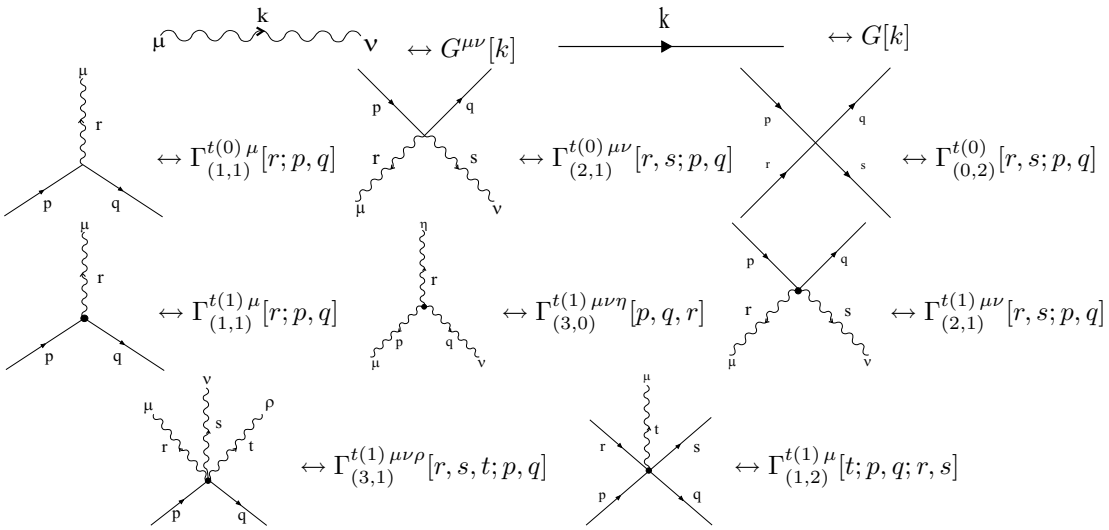
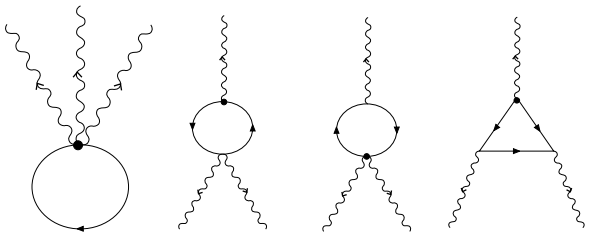


Figure 1: Feynman rules for the phase with unbroken symmetry.



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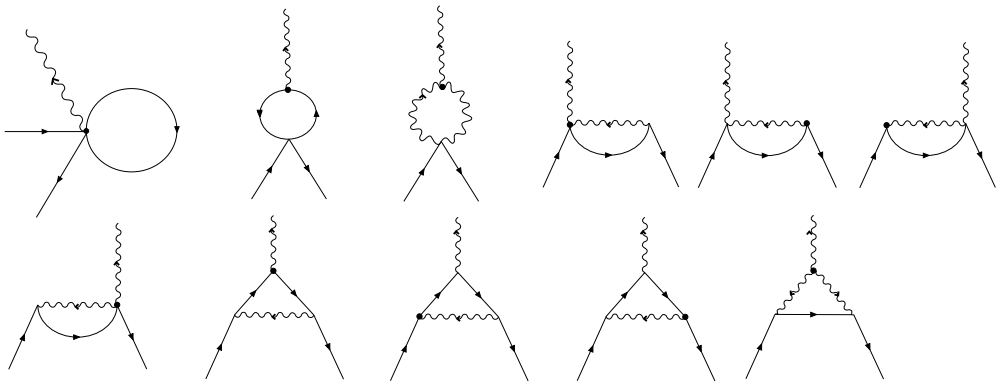

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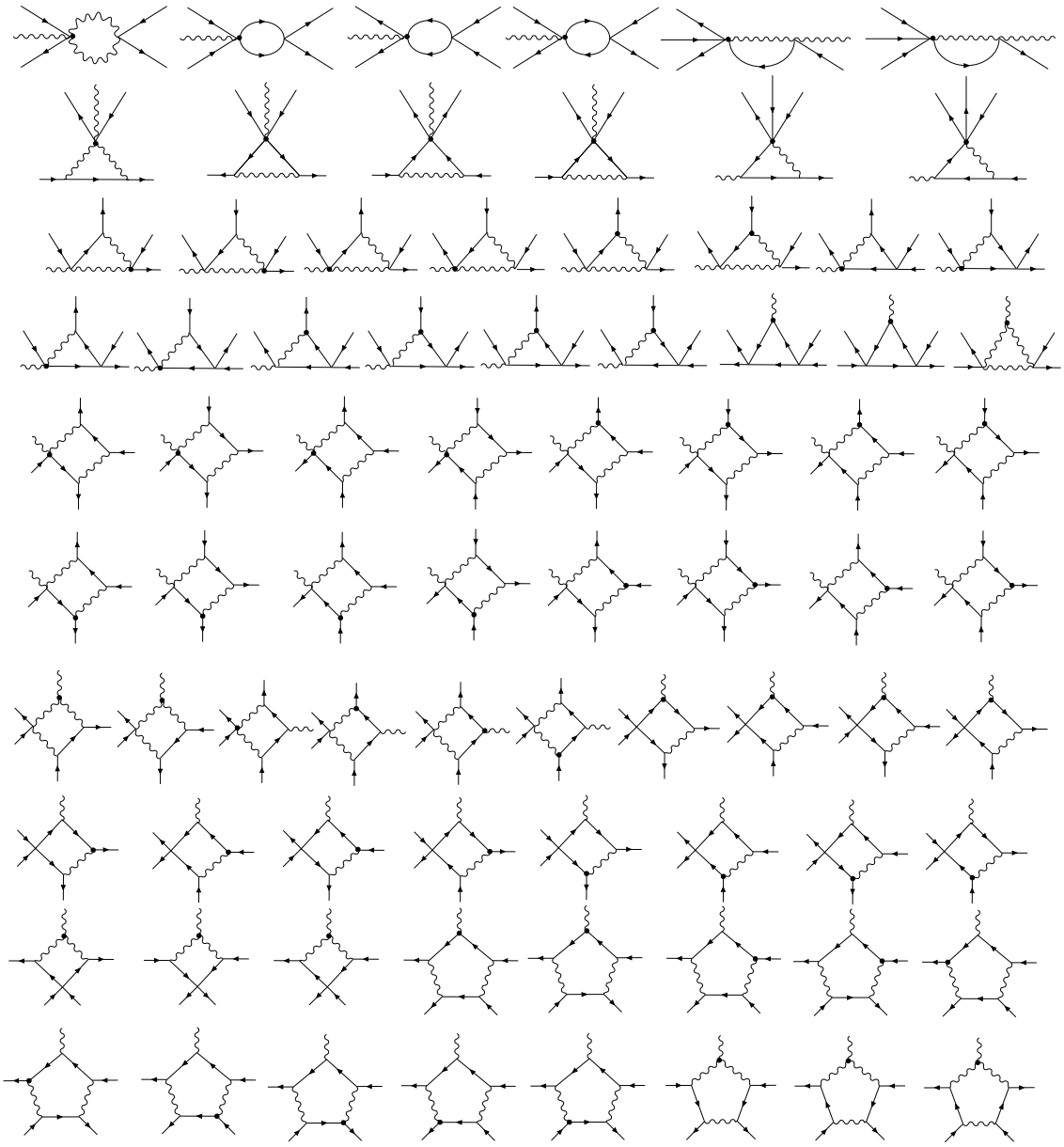

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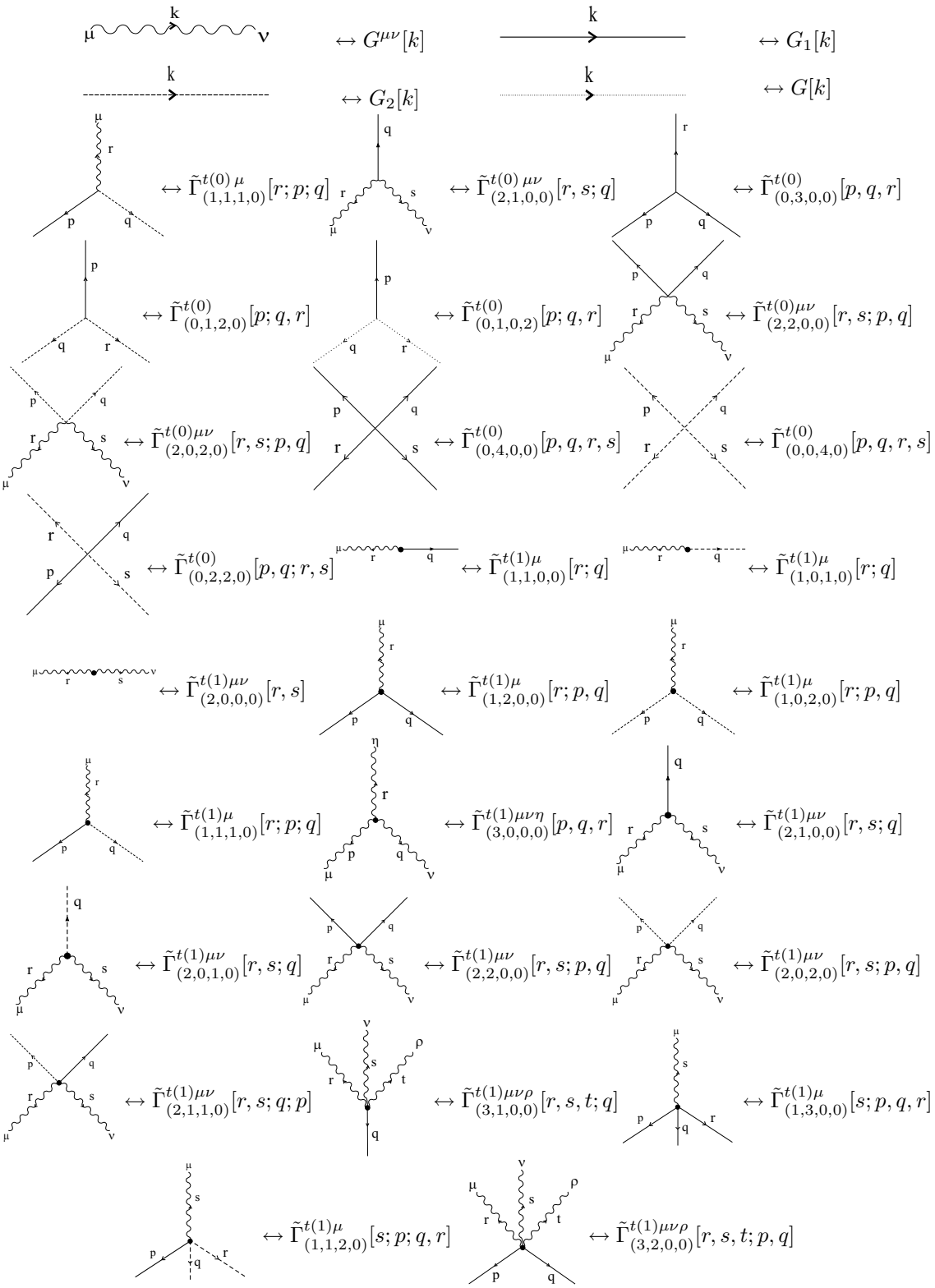

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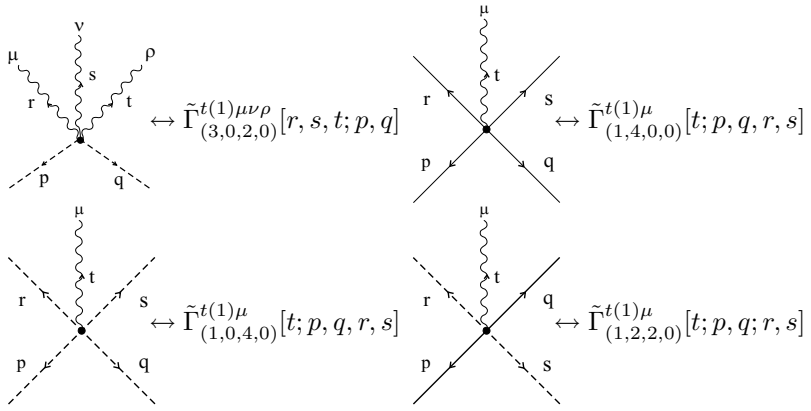

Figure 5: Feynman rules for the phase with spontaneously broken symmetry

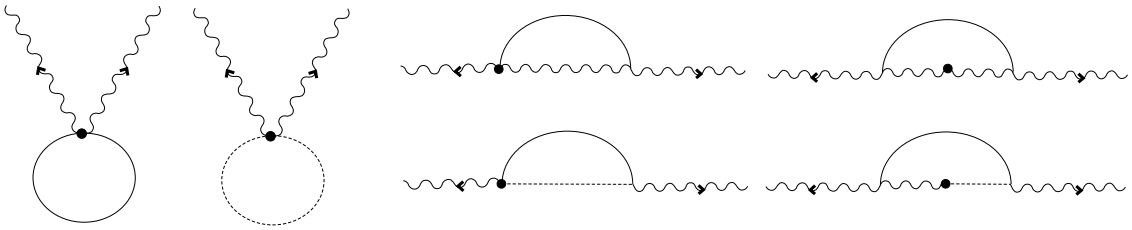

Figure 6: Topologically inequivalent diagrams contributing to the $M-$dependent part of the gauge field two-point function.

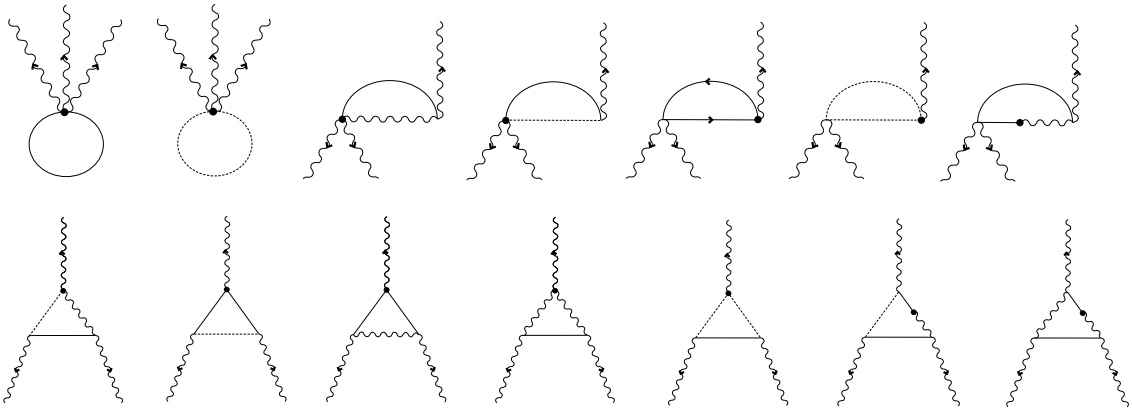

Figure 7: Topologically inequivalent diagrams contributing to the $M-$dependent part of the gauge field three-point function.

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