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Vacuum can be considered as a dielectric medium

$$g^2(\Lambda') = \frac{g^2(\Lambda)}{\varepsilon}$$

where only fields with momenta between Λ' and Λ contribute to ε . $\varepsilon > 1$ — screening, $\varepsilon < 1$ — antiscreening (asymptotic freedom).

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$$g^2(\Lambda') = \left[1 + \beta_0 \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda'^2} \right] g^2(\Lambda)$$

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Massless particles only have $s_z = \pm s$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}} &= (-1)^{2s} \int \frac{V d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[\sqrt{k^2 + g_s s e B} + \sqrt{k^2 - g_s s e B} - 2k \right] \\ &= -(-1)^{2s} V \frac{(g_s s e B)^2}{4} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{k^3} = -(-1)^{2s} V \frac{(g_s s e B)^2}{8\pi^2} \int \frac{dk}{k} \\ &= -2(-1)^{2s} (g_s s)^2 \frac{e^2}{(4\pi)^2} \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda'^2} \cdot \frac{B^2}{2} V\end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{eBV}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sqrt{k_z^2 + 2eBx} dk_z$$

Euler summation formula

Smooth function ($L \gg 1$)

$$\sum_{n=0}^N f\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \approx \int_0^{N+1} f(x) dx$$

Correction?

$$\int_0^{N+1} f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f\left(n + \frac{1}{2} + x\right) dx$$

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Full QED result

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n_s — the number of polarization states: $n_0 = 1$, $n_{s \neq 0} = 2$

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Contribution to β_0 (n_f flavours)

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Pauli paramagnetism $(g_1 \cdot 1)^2 = 4$ is stronger than Landau diamagnetism $-1/3$