

**Exercise - Yukawa theory.**

Consider the theory of a real scalar field  $\phi$  and a fermion  $\psi$  in  $d = 4$  spacetime dimensions with Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 - \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2 + \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - M)\psi + y\phi\bar{\psi}\psi. \quad (1)$$

- For  $m > 2M$  compute the tree-level decay rate for  $\phi \rightarrow \bar{\psi}\psi$ .

The scalar propagator can be written as  $iG(p^2) = i(p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(p^2) + i\varepsilon)^{-1}$ , where  $i\Sigma$  is the 1PI contribution to the two-point function. The counter-terms, necessary to absorb the UV divergencies, contribute as  $i\Sigma_{\text{ct}} = i(p^2\delta_\phi - (\delta_m + \delta_\phi)m^2)$ .

- Compute  $i\Sigma(p^2)$  at one-loop, regularising the theory in dim-reg, fixing the counter-terms in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme.
- For  $m > 2M$  compute the imaginary part of the propagator and check the optical theorem, comparing with the decay rate.
- Compute the difference between the pole and renormalised  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  mass

$$\Delta m^2 \equiv m_P^2 - m^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) = f(m_P, M, \mu). \quad (2)$$

- What happens in the limit  $M \gg m_P$  to the ratio  $\Delta m^2/m_P^2$ ? How can you interpret this result?