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$$S_{tot} = S + S_{g.f} + S_{ghost}$$

↓
gauge fixing term

Example :- Take the gauge fixing fr.

$$\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \partial_\mu A_\nu^a(x)$$

$$S_{tot} = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) F^{\mu\nu a}(x) - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int d^4x \partial^\mu A_\mu^a(x) \partial^\nu A_\nu^a(x) + \int d^4x b_a(x) \square x c_a(x) + g f^{abc} \int d^4x \partial^\mu b_a(x) A_\mu^b(x) c_c(x) + S_{fermion} + S_{scalar} + \text{coupling between fermions \& scalars}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

Step 4 :- Count dimension of each term.

$$S_{free} = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)^2$$

dimension 4

$\Rightarrow A_\nu^a$ has dimension 1.

Identify the term with no coupling constant then we can read out the dim. of the field

(The term $\int d^4x b_a(x) \square x c_a(x)$ tells us)

b_a has dimension $1 + \lambda$
 c_a has dimension $1 - \lambda$ } we'll choose $\lambda = 0$ (for convenience)

look at free fermion & free scalar action \rightarrow det. dim. of ϕ & ψ

this is allowed bcos everywhere we have the comb. of b_a & c_a together

α has dimension zero
 g has dimension zero

$$F_{\mu\nu}^c = \partial_\mu A_\nu^c - \partial_\nu A_\mu^c$$

+ $gf^{abc} A_\mu^a A_\nu^b$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a = (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (\partial^\mu A^{\nu a} - \partial^\nu A^{\mu a})$$

$$+ 2g f^{abc} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^c - \partial_\nu A_\mu^c) A^{\mu a} A^{\nu b}$$

$$+ g^2 f^{abc} f^{a'b'c} A_\mu^a A_\nu^b A^{\mu a'} A^{\nu b'}$$

So g must have dim. zero
 \rightarrow every term should have same dim.

dim. of every op. ≤ 4

(Each term has dimension 4)

All terms have dimension 4 operators.

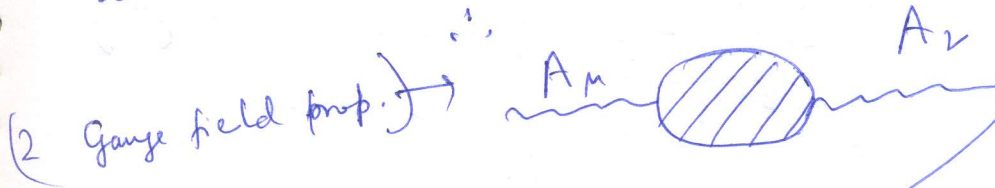
(Here all coupling constants have dim. ≥ 0
 \Rightarrow so all op. have dim. ≤ 4)

\rightarrow First condition of power counting renormalizability is satisfied.

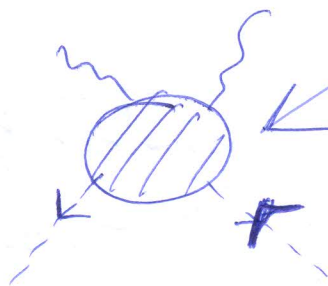
But terms like $\int d^4x A_\mu^a A^{\mu a}$

$\int d^4x b^{abcd} A_\mu^a A_\nu^b A^{\mu c} A^{\nu d}$
 \times contraction of a, b, c, d
 (Kronecker delta or f^{abc})

are not there.



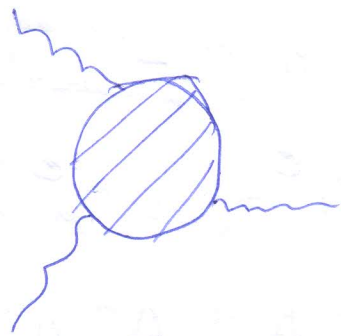
could have uncancelled divergence



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this has an intrinsic div. & not subdivergences which could be cancelled by other counter terms

also 3-pt. coupling (g_X) of gauge fields is related to the 4-pt. coupling (g^2) of gauge fields

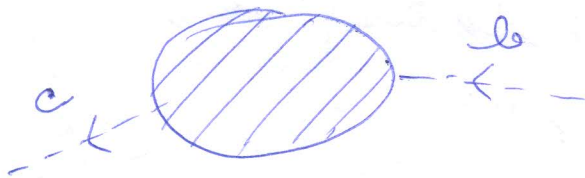


is made finite by adjusting $Z_g \sim Z_A^{3/2}$



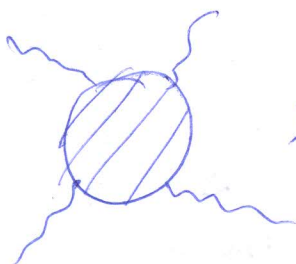
requires adjusting Z_A

(this diagram is quadratically divergent — not only the leading term, but also the term with first derivative w.r.t. k is div. in the Taylor series expn. — adjust the mass term)



requires adjusting $Z_b \sim 1/2$ $Z_c \sim 1/2$

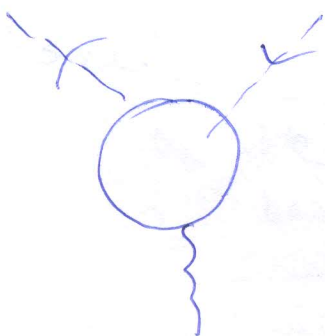
ghost fields should be related to renormalized ghost fields by multiplicative factors



requires adjusting

$Z_A^2 Z_g^2$ (because we had g^2)

(but this has already been det. by making the lower order diag. finite).



requires adjusting

$Z_b \sim 1/2$ $Z_c \sim 1/2$ $Z_A \sim 1/2$ Z_g (because we had a g)

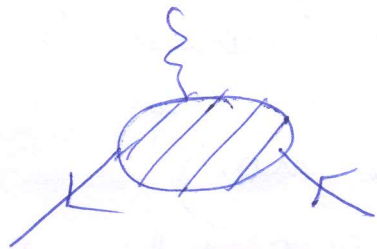
not adjustable

The problem becomes more complicated if we include fermions, scalars, etc.

consider fermions $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ with mass m .



require adjusting $\tilde{Z}_\psi, Z_m \tilde{Z}_\psi$



require adjusting $\tilde{Z}_\psi, \tilde{Z}_A^{1/2}, Z_g$

(Z_A & Z_g can no longer be independently adjusted here)

~~$\tilde{Z}_\psi + \tilde{Z}_m \tilde{Z}_\psi$~~
 \tilde{Z}_ψ & $\tilde{Z}_m \tilde{Z}_\psi$ will be involved

You can write $\tilde{Z}_\psi, \tilde{Z}_\psi$, but they always appear as \tilde{Z}_ψ & \tilde{Z}_ψ comb.
 - So no need to consider them separately

But our original gauge inv. Lagrangian had all terms of dim. ≤ 4 — the problem is

that we are not quantising that action directly — We have broken manifest gauge inv. by gauge fixing, adding ghost fields, etc.
 - Our Feyn. rules don't have the original gauge inv. we began with — the fact that original 3-pt. fn. was related 4-pt. fn., etc. is no longer manifest

Ward identities that we derive from sym. various Green's fns. by certain eqns — so if LHS finite, RHS must be.

We will show that the gauge fixed action is invariant under certain symmetry trs. known as BRST symmetry.

Symmetry trs. parameter ξ is grassman number.

So it will anti-commute with $\psi, \bar{\psi}, b, c^a$ etc.

(not allowed to be trs. of space-time coord. - it's a single no.)

Trs. laws of gauge fields, scalars & fermions are identical to infinitesimal trs. of these fields under a gauge trs. with parameter $\xi c^a(x)$.

e.g. $\rightarrow \partial_\mu t(x)$
 \downarrow replace by
 $\xi \partial_\mu c^a(x)$

$$\therefore \delta c^a(x) = -\frac{1}{2} f^{bca} \xi c^b(x) c^c(x)$$

gauge trs. laws for c^a

~~of the gauge~~

if we choose

$$S_{g.f.} = -\frac{1}{2\alpha} \int d^4x F^a(x) F^a(x)$$

\hookrightarrow fr. of various fields

e.g. $\rightarrow \partial^\mu A_\mu^a(x)$

$$\delta b^a(x) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} F^a(x) \xi$$

Claim :- $\delta(S + S_{g.f.} + S_{ghost}) = 0$
 (invariant part)

Problem Set 2:

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1. Consider an action for a scalar field ϕ coupled to a fermion field ψ :

$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi + \lambda \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi \partial_\mu \phi \right]$$

- (a) Derive the Feynman rules for this theory.
(b) Using these Feynman rules calculate

$$\langle \tilde{\psi}_{\alpha_1}(k_1) \tilde{\psi}_{\alpha_2}(k_2) \tilde{\psi}_{\beta_1}(p_1) \tilde{\psi}_{\beta_2}(p_2) \rangle_c$$

to order λ^2 . Here $\langle \rangle_c$ denotes connected Green's function.

2. In a non-abelian gauge theory based on the gauge group G , consider a gauge transformation of the gauge field B_μ^a by the group valued function $U_2(x)$, followed by another gauge transformation by the group valued function $U_1(x)$. Show that this is equivalent to transforming the original gauge field by the group valued function $U_1(x)U_2(x)$.

all external lines are connected to each other

1. Derive the Feynman rules of quantum electrodynamics if we choose the gauge fixing term in the action to be

$$-\frac{1}{2\alpha} \int d^4x H(x, A)H(x, A)$$

where

$$H(x, A) = \partial^\mu A_\mu + A^\mu A_\mu.$$

2. Consider a parametrization of the SU(2) group element as

$$U = \exp(i\alpha\sigma_3) \exp(i\beta\sigma_1) \exp(i\gamma\sigma_3)$$

where σ_1, σ_2 and σ_3 are Pauli matrices. Find an expression for the Haar measure of the group in terms of the parameters α, β, γ .

3. Consider a field theory of a scalar field ϕ and a fermion field ψ with action:

$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \phi^2 + \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi \right]$$

- (a) Now introduce a new fermion field χ through the relation:

$$\psi = e^{i\lambda\phi} \chi$$

and express the action in terms of the fields ϕ and χ . Here λ is a constant.

- (b) Now forget about the original action and work with this new action regarding ϕ and χ as independent fields, and λ as a small parameter. To order λ , calculate the S-matrix element relevant for computing the decay of a ϕ particle into two χ particles. Assume that $M > 2m$ so that this decay is energetically possible.

4. Consider a field theory of a fermion field ψ and a scalar field ϕ with action:

$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \phi^2 + i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + g \bar{\psi} \psi \phi \right]$$

where g is a coupling constant. Determine the minimal set of other terms you will need to add to the action to make the theory renormalizable.

ψ & ϕ is not there the reality for cond.

1 possible sym: $\psi_R \leftrightarrow \psi_L$
 $\psi_L \rightarrow \psi_R$
 $\psi_R \rightarrow \psi_L$
 $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$
 $\psi \leftrightarrow \psi, \phi \rightarrow -\phi$

not there

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~~QFT~~

$$S_{\text{total}} = S + S_{\text{g.f.}} + S_{\text{ghost}}$$

Consider a gauge theory with gauge group G & fermions ψ_s in representation R_f and scalars ϕ_k in representation R_s .

Infinitesimal gauge trs. \Rightarrow

$$\delta A_\mu^a(x) = -\partial_\mu \theta^a(x) - g f^{bca} \theta^b(x) A_\mu^c(x)$$

$$\delta \psi_s(x) = -i g \theta^a(x) (R_f(\tau^a))_{st} \psi^t(x)$$

$$\delta \phi_R(x) = -i g \theta^a(x) (R_s(\tau^a))_{kl} \phi^l(x)$$

(they together give the symmetry of S)

(It's a sym. of S but not of $S_{\text{g.f.}} + S_{\text{ghost}}$)

Choose

$$S_{\text{g.f.}} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int d^4x F^a(x) F^a(x)$$

↓
same fr. of fields
e.g. $\partial_\mu A^{\mu a}(x)$ (for Lorentz gauge)

(repeated indices are summed over)

Claim :- S_{total} has a BRST symmetry with Grassman valued symmetry trs. parameter ξ .

~~$\psi_\mu^a(x)$~~ , $\psi_\mu^a(x)$, $\Psi_\mu(x)$ & $\Phi_\mu(x)$ transform as if we have an infinitesimal gauge trs. with parameter $\zeta^a(x)$.

$$\delta A_\mu^a(x) = -\partial_\mu(\zeta^a(x)) - g f^{abc} \zeta^c(x) A_\mu^b(x)$$

$$\delta \Psi_\mu(x) = -ig \zeta^a(x) (R_\mu^a)_{st} \Psi^t(x)$$

$$\delta \Phi_R(x) = -ig \zeta^a(x) (R_\mu^a)_{kl} \Phi^l(x)$$

The point, ζ^a is grassman even bcos both ζ & c^a are grassman odd

(Trs. of $b^a(x)$ & $c^a(x)$) \rightarrow (Trs. fixed by f^{abc} , i.e. by the gauge algebra)

$$\delta c^a(x) = -\frac{1}{2} g f^{bca} \zeta^c(x) c^b(x)$$

$$\delta b^a(x) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} F_a(x) \zeta^a$$

(Trs. of b^a depends on the choice of the gauge fixing fr.)

Both LHS & RHS are grassman odd - so Grassman prop. are okay

BRS Trs. is a rigid trs. - global sym. of the gauge fixed action - not a gauge trs.

(Trs. of matter field is as if we are doing a gauge trs. with this strange gauge parameter)

$\delta S = 0$ due to gauge invariance

$$\delta S_{gf} = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \int d^4x F_a(x) \delta F_a(x)$$

(depends only the matter fields - no dep. on ghost fields)

$$= -\frac{1}{\alpha} \int d^4x F_a(x) \int \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \zeta^b(y) d^4y$$

where $F_a^\theta(x)$: Transform of $F_a(x)$ under a gauge trs. θ

$$S_{ghost} = - \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y)$$

It's a functional deriv. & so we have an integral

$F_a^\theta(x)$ - It's actually an infinite no. of θ

→ Matrix in the a, b -space as well as in the xy -space

δS_{ghost}

$$= - \int d^4x d^4y \delta b^a(x) \left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(x)$$

$$- \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \delta \left(\left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x d^4y F_a(x) \left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y)$$

$$- \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \delta \left(\left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y) \right)$$

the first term of δS_{ghost} cancels δS_{gh}

Hence,
$$\delta S_{total} = - \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \delta \left(\left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S_{total} = - \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \left[\delta \left(\left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} c^b(y) \right) + \left. \frac{\delta F_a^\theta(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right|_{\theta=0} \delta c^b(y) \right]$$

depends on matter fields & gauge fields

$$\Rightarrow \delta S_{\text{total}} = - \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \left[\int \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \left(\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right) \Big|_{\phi=0} \right] \zeta^d(z) d^4z \zeta^b(y) \\ + \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\phi=0} \left(-\frac{1}{2} g f^{dcb} \zeta^c(y) \zeta^d(y) \right)$$

where $\left(\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\phi=0} \right)^\phi$ is the transform of $\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\phi=0}$ under a gauge trs. ϕ

$\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)}$ involves 2 successive gauge trs.

$\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)}$ involves a single deriv. — single gauge trs.

\rightarrow in general single & double deriv. aren't related

But commutator of gauge trs. = a single gauge trs.

bcos " " 2 generators = a single generator

$$\therefore \delta S_{\text{total}} = - \int d^4x d^4y d^4z b^a(x) \zeta^d(z) \zeta^b(y) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \left(\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \right) \Big|_{\phi=0} \right]^\phi \Big|_{\phi=0} \\ - \frac{\delta}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \left(\frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \Big|_{\phi=0} \right)^\phi \Big|_{\phi=0} \\ - \int d^4x d^4y \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\phi=0} \left(-\frac{1}{2} g f^{dcb} \zeta^c(y) \zeta^d(y) \right)$$

\rightarrow antisym. under simultaneous exchange of $b \leftrightarrow d, z \leftrightarrow y$
 $\phi = 0$

(The commutator of the 2 double derivs. can be regarded as a single deriv.)

Given any quantity Q ,

$$\int d^4z \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{P}^a(x)}{\delta \mathcal{O}^b(y)} \right) \bigg|_{\phi=0} \right] \xi^d(x) \eta^b(y) d^4z d^4y = 0$$

localised at z (pointing to the derivative) localised at y (pointing to the field derivative)

$$\int d^4z \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \mathcal{O}^b(z)} \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{P}^a(x)}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \right) \bigg|_{\phi=0} \right] \xi^d(x) \eta^b(y) d^4z d^4y = 0$$

~~$$\int d^4z \left[\frac{\delta \mathcal{P}^a}{\delta \mathcal{O}^b} \right]_{\phi=0} \xi^a(x) \eta^b(x)$$~~

$$= \int d^4w \left[\frac{\delta \mathcal{P}^a}{\delta \mathcal{O}^a(w)} \right]_{\phi=0} \xi^a(w)$$

for some $\xi^a(x)$ independent of Q

but ~~ξ^a~~ depends

ξ, η on $(y, z), b, Q$

We are trying to prove these things in general irrespective of the choice of $F^a(x)$ — otherwise we could, for e.g., directly put $F^a = \partial_\mu A^a$ & show that the terms cancel

The simplest choice of Q is fermion ^{or scalar} fields because it doesn't involve derivs. — for gauge fields, trs. involves derivatives.

Take $Q = \psi^\dagger(\psi)$

~~$$\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi) \Big|_0 = -ig \int \theta^a(x) dx (R_f(T^a))_{st} \psi^\dagger(x)$$~~

$$\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi) \Big|_0 = -ig \theta^a(x) (R_f(T^a))_{st} \psi^\dagger(x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi)}{\delta \theta^a} \Big|_{\theta=0} = -ig (R_f(T^a))_{st} \psi^\dagger(x) \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

$$\text{Now } \delta \left(\frac{\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi)}{\delta \theta^a(x)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right)^\phi = -ig (R_f(T^a))_{st} (-ig) (R_f(T^b))_{st'} \psi^\dagger(x) \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \left(\frac{\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi)}{\delta \theta^a(x)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right)^\phi \Big|_{\phi=0} = -g^2 (R_f(T^b) R_f(T^d))_{st'} \psi^\dagger(x) \delta^{(4)}(x-z) \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \left(\frac{\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi)}{\delta \theta^a(x)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right)^\phi \right)_{\phi=0} = \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \left(\frac{\delta \psi^\dagger(\psi)}{\delta \phi^d(z)} \Big|_{\phi=0} \right) \right]_{\phi=0}$$

$$= -g^2 [R_f(T^b), R_f(T^d)]_{st'} \psi^\dagger(x) \delta^{(4)}(x-z) \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

$$\text{(RHS)} \rightarrow = -g^2 (i f^{abc}) (R_f(T^a))_{st'} \psi^\dagger(x) \delta^{(4)}(x-z) \delta^{(4)}(x-y)$$

$$= g f^{bda} \underbrace{(-ig R_f(T^a)_{st} \psi^t(u))}_{\delta \psi_s(u) |_0} \delta^{(4)}(u-z) \times \delta^{(4)}(u-y)$$

∴ it is a gauge trs. with

$$E^a(u) = g f^{bda} \delta^{(4)}(u-z) \delta^{(4)}(u-y)$$

or

$$\tilde{E}^a(u) = \int g f^{bda} \delta^{(4)}(u-z) \delta^{(4)}(u-y) \xi^d(z) \eta^d(y) d^4z d^4y$$

(as per requirement)

$$\frac{\delta \psi^t(u)}{\delta \theta^a(u)} = -ig R_f(T^a)_{st} \psi^t(u) \delta^{(4)}(u-w)$$

with $E^a(u) = g f^{bda} \delta^{(4)}(u-z) \delta^{(4)}(u-y) \delta^{(4)}(u-w)$

$$E^a(w) = g f^{bda} \delta^{(4)}(w-z) \delta^{(4)}(w-y)$$

(we can choose $\xi^d(z)$ $\eta^d(y)$ equal to Dirac delta & Kronecker delta)

→ satisfies

$$\int \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^a(z)} \left(\frac{\delta g^a}{\delta \theta^a(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right) \phi \right]_{\phi=0} = \int \left[\frac{\delta}{\delta \theta^a(y)} \left(\frac{\delta g^a(z)}{\delta \phi^a(z)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right) \right]_{\theta=0}$$

$$= \int d^4w \left(\frac{\delta g^a}{\delta \theta^a(w)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right) E^a(w)$$

$\epsilon^a \rightarrow$ prop. of the group & it doesn't depend on what quantity you are applying on

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta S_{\text{total}} &= - \int d^4x d^4y d^4z b^a(x) \zeta c^d(x) c^b(y) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\int d^4w \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^e(w)} \Big|_{\theta=0} g f^{bde} \delta^{(4)}(w-z) \delta^{(4)}(w-y) \right] \\
 &\quad + \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \left(+ \frac{1}{2} g f^{dcb} \zeta c^c(y) c^d(y) \right) \\
 &= - \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \zeta c^d(x) c^b(y) \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^e(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \times g f^{bde} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x d^4y b^a(x) \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} g f^{dcb} \zeta c^c(y) c^d(y) \\
 &= 0 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad g \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^e(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} f^{dcb} \zeta c^b(y) c^d(y) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad = g \frac{\delta F_a^0(x)}{\delta \theta^e(y)} \Big|_{\theta=0} f^{bde} \zeta c^d(y) c^b(y) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} b \leftrightarrow d \\ (-)^2 \text{ of anti-sym.} \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$