

11.3 The Gross-Neveu model. The Gross-Neveu model is a model in two spacetime dimensions of fermions with a discrete chiral symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_i i \not{\partial} \psi_i + \frac{1}{2} g^2 (\bar{\psi}_i \psi_i)^2$$

with $i = 1, \dots, N$. The kinetic term of two-dimensional fermions is built from matrices γ^μ that satisfy the two-dimensional Dirac algebra. These matrices can be 2×2 :

$$\gamma^0 = \sigma^2, \quad \gamma^1 = i\sigma^1,$$

where σ^i are Pauli sigma matrices. Define

$$\gamma^5 = \gamma^0 \gamma^1 = \sigma^3;$$

this matrix anticommutes with the γ^μ .

(a) Show that this theory is invariant with respect to

$$\psi_i \rightarrow \gamma^5 \psi_i,$$

and that this symmetry forbids the appearance of a fermion mass.

(b) Show that this theory is renormalizable in 2 dimensions (at the level of dimensional analysis).