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Relation between the Algebra of Currents
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Abstract

We consider anomalous commutators between the charge density and any component of the gauge current in chiral gauge theories. This is done using the BJL definition of commutators, and without quantizing the gauge field. We study the relation between the vacuum expectation value (VEV) of these commutators for the case of consistent and covariant gauge currents. We obtain a simple relation valid for any dimension and gauge group. This relation shows that the difference between the VEV of the commutators for the consistent and covariant gauge currents depends only on the difference between the VEV of the corresponding currents.

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I. Introduction

The breakdown of classical symmetries by quantization is manifested in quantum field theory by the existence of anomalies. In an anomalous gauge theory (AGT) the current coupled to the gauge field, the gauge current, is not covariantly conserved when one considers the gauge field as external. A theory of fermions where its chirality components are differently coupled to a gauge field is an AGT unless its fermion content is carefully adjusted. Whether a chiral gauge theory (CGT) with arbitrary fermion content can be consistently quantized or not is still an open question. In 1+1 space time dimensions we have a CGT, the chiral Schwinger model, that can be consistently quantized.¹ For other CGT's the

problem consists in finding a consistent quantization method. In this respect, since we are dealing with gauge theories, it seems important to understand the structure of their constraints.² Such a question is not trivial due to the fact that anomalies change the classical canonical algebra to a different anomalous algebra.

One important ingredient of this understanding are the commutators between charge densities. These commutators have been calculated by various methods; one of them is the BJL limit.³ In this respect it is important to remember that given a classical quantity involving products of fields in the same point one gets in general many quantum composite operators associated to that quantity. For the case of the gauge current in CGTs, two of such operators have been considered, the so called "consistent" and "covariant" currents. A precise and simple relation has been found⁴ between the vacuum expectation values (VEV) of these currents in an external gauge field.

The purpose of this work is to look for an analogous relation between the VEVs of the commutators for consistent currents and covariant currents, defined via the BJL method. We also deal with the influence of regularization on the results for these commutators.

This is done by deriving Ward identities for the temporal ordered product (TOP) of two consistent and two covariant currents, and then looking to the restrictions that these identities impose on the difference of the above mentioned commutators.

This paper is organized as follows. Section II deals with the relation between the consistent covariant gauge currents. In section III the Ward identities and the transformation properties of the TOP of two consistent and two covariant currents are derived. Section IV gives the desired relation between commutators using the results of the previous section and also considers the dependence on the regularization of these commutators. Section V presents our conclusions.

II. The relation between the consistent and covariant gauge currents.

Let us consider a non abelian chiral gauge theory in an even dimensional spacetime. Regarding the gauge field as external, the Lagrangian density for this theory is,

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi} D \psi = i \left[\bar{\psi} \partial \psi + j_a^\mu A_\mu^a \right] \quad (2.1)$$

and the notation we use in (2.1) is the following,

$$D = \partial + A P_L, \quad A_\mu = A_\mu^a \lambda^a, \quad \lambda^a = -(\lambda^a)^t, \quad [\lambda^a, \lambda^b] = f^{abc} \lambda^c$$

$$A = A_\mu \gamma^\mu, \quad P_L = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \gamma^5), \quad \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}, \quad \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5\} = 0, \quad \gamma^5 = \gamma^{5t}. \quad (2.2)$$

The classical current $j_a^\mu(x)$ appearing in (2.1) is,

$$j_a^\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu P_L \lambda_a \psi(x) \quad (2.3)$$

For further use and in order to fix the notation we recall the main steps of the derivation that relates the VEVs of the consistent and covariant gauge currents.⁴

We start considering the generating functional,

$$Z[A] = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \right\} \quad (2.4)$$

and the effective action,

$$W[A] = -\ln Z[A] \quad (2.5)$$

Denoting by j_a^μ the operator of the consistent gauge current (CGC), and by J_a^μ its VEV, we have the definition,

$$J_a^\mu(x) = \langle 0 | j_a^\mu(x) | 0 \rangle = \langle J_a^\mu(x) \rangle = \frac{\delta W[A]}{\delta A_\mu^a(x)} \quad (2.6)$$

The lack of gauge invariance of $W[A]$ leads to the anomalous divergence of the CGC,

$$T_\Lambda W[A] = \int d^4x \frac{\delta W}{\delta A_\mu^a(x)} [A] T_\Lambda A_\mu^a(x) = \int d^4x j_a^\mu(x) D_\mu A^a(x)$$

$$= - \int d^4x A^a(x) D_\mu j_a^\mu(x) = \int d^4x A^a(x) G_a(x) \quad (2.7)$$

i.e.,

$$D_\mu j_a^\mu(x) + G_a(x) = 0 \quad (2.8)$$

The Wess-Zumino consistence condition⁵ states that,

$$[T_\Lambda, T_\Lambda] W[A] = T[A, A'] W[A] \quad (2.9)$$

which in view of (2.7) tell us that,

$$\int d^4x \left[A'^a(x) T_\Lambda G_a(x) - A^a(x) T_\Lambda G_a(x) \right] = \int d^4x [A, A']^a G_a(x) \quad (2.10)$$

In order to obtain the gauge transformation law for this current, we also consider the condition,

$$[\delta_B, T_\Lambda] W[A] = \delta[B, A] W[A] \quad (2.11)$$

where δ_B means a general variation of the gauge field, i.e.,

$$\delta_B A_\mu^a(x) = B_\mu^a(x) \quad (2.12)$$

The transformation law that results from (2.11) is,

$$\int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) T_\Lambda J_\Lambda^\mu(x) = \int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) [J^\mu(x), \Lambda(x)]_a + \int d^4x \Lambda^a(x) \delta_B G_a(x), \quad (2.13)$$

where we see that the last term breaks the covariant transformation law.

The covariant gauge current (CGC) operator is defined as,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu = J_a^\mu + \hat{X}_a^\mu, \quad (2.14)$$

where $\hat{X}_a^\mu$ is an operator whose transformation properties are such that cancel the anomalous gauge variation of J_a^μ . If we consider only VEV's of the operators, we obtain,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu = J_a^\mu + X_a^\mu \quad (2.15)$$

where X_a^μ must have the transformation law,

$$\int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) T_\Lambda \hat{X}_a^\mu(x) = \int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) [X^\mu(x), \Lambda(x)]_a - \int d^4x \Lambda^a(x) \delta_B G_a(x). \quad (2.16)$$

Then, by (2.13), (2.15) and (2.16) we have,

$$T_\Lambda \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) = [\tilde{J}^\mu(x), \Lambda(x)]_a \quad (2.17)$$

Equation [2.16] can be solved for X^μ .⁴ The anomalous divergence of the CGC has been evaluated.⁶ The CGC can be modified by adding counterterms to $W[A]$.⁷ If we adjust them so that the CGC have the minimal anomalous divergence, we obtain,

$$G_a(x) = -\frac{1}{24\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[\lambda^a \partial_\mu (A_\nu \partial_\rho A_\sigma + \frac{1}{2} A_\nu A_\rho A_\sigma) \right] \quad (2.18)$$

$$X_a^\mu(x) = \frac{1}{48\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[\lambda^a \partial_\mu (A_\nu F_{\rho\sigma} + F_{\rho\sigma} A_\nu - A_\nu A_\rho A_\sigma) \right] \quad (2.19)$$

Now we look for the effect of the counterterms in the relation (2.15). If we start with the current of minimal anomalous divergence and change it by a counterterm in $W[A]$,

$$J_a^\mu(x) \rightarrow J_a^\mu(x) + \delta J_a^\mu(x) \quad (2.20)$$

then by (2.8) the anomaly (2.18) will be changed to,

$$G_a(x) \rightarrow G_a(x) + \delta G_a(x) \quad (2.21)$$

where,

$$\delta G_a(x) = -D_\mu \delta J_a^\mu(x) \quad (2.22)$$

then, by [2.16], there will be a change in $X_a^\mu(x)$,

$$X_a^\mu(x) \rightarrow X_a^\mu(x) + \delta X_a^\mu(x) \quad (2.23)$$

Hence, by the relation (2.15) we obtain,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) = J_a^\mu(x) + [X_a^\mu(x) + \delta J_a^\mu(x) + \delta X_a^\mu(x)] \quad (2.24)$$

and using the fact that there is a unique solution X_a^μ for (2.16), we see from (2.24) that,

$$\delta J_a^\mu(x) + \delta X_a^\mu(x) = 0 \quad (2.25)$$

i.e., under a change in the regularization of $W[A]$ both J_a^μ and X_a^μ will be altered, but $\tilde{J}_a^\mu(x)$ will remain the same.

Now we look for a relation between the expectation values of the currents, but in presence of external fermionic sources.

We start defining the generating functional,

$$Z[A, \eta, \bar{\eta}] = \int \bar{\psi} \psi \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \left[\mathcal{L} + \bar{\eta} \psi + \bar{\psi} \eta \right] \right\} \quad (2.26)$$

with $\mathcal{L}$ given by [2.1].

Then the expectation value of the CGC is,

$$J_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = - Z^{-1}[A, 0, 0] \frac{\delta}{\delta A_a^\mu(x)} Z[A, \eta, \bar{\eta}] \quad (2.27)$$

which can be evaluated doing the quadratic integral in (2.26), leading to,

$$J_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = \left[J_a^\mu(A) + i \int d^4y d^4z \bar{\eta}(y) \frac{\delta}{\delta A_a^\mu(x)} D^{-1}(y, z) \eta(z) \right] \exp \left\{ -i \int d^4y d^4z \bar{\eta}(y) D^{-1}(y, z) \eta(z) \right\} \quad (2.28)$$

where,

$$D(x, y) = \delta(x-y) D(x) \quad (2.29)$$

and $J_a^\mu(A)$ is the VEV defined in (2.6). The inverse of D , as usual, can be calculated by a perturbation expansion.

For the CGC we adopt the following definition,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} Z^{-1}[A, 0, 0] \int \bar{\psi} \psi \bar{\psi}(x-) \gamma^\mu P_L \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \lambda^a, \phi(x-, x+) \right\} \psi(x+) \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \left[\mathcal{L} + \bar{\psi} \eta + \bar{\eta} \psi \right] \right\} \quad (2.30)$$

where,

$$x^\pm = x \pm \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \quad (2.31)$$

$\phi(x-, x+)$ is the corresponding phase factor that assures the gauge invariance of the regularization⁸; and a symmetrical limit is understood.

Ed. (2.24) can be rewritten as,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr} \left[\gamma^\mu P_L \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \lambda^a, \phi(x-, x+) \right\} S(x+, x-) \right] \quad (2.32)$$

where S is the fermion propagator in an external A -field and in presence of the fermionic sources.

Taking the symmetrical limit in (2.32) we obtain,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = \left[\tilde{J}_a^\mu(A) + i \int d^4y d^4z \bar{\eta}(y) \frac{\delta}{\delta A_a^\mu(x)} D^{-1}(y, z) \eta(z) \right] \exp \left\{ -i \int d^4y d^4z \bar{\eta}(y) D^{-1}(y, z) \eta(z) \right\} \quad (2.33)$$

Then, combining [2.28] and [2.33], we obtain,

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) - J_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) \equiv X_a^\mu(A, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = X_a^\mu(A) \times \exp \left\{ -i \int d^4y d^4z \bar{\eta}(y) D^{-1}(y, z) \eta(z) \right\} \quad (2.34)$$

i.e., the difference between the VEV's of the currents in the presence of fermionic sources is simply related to the difference when the sources are turned off.

III. Ward identities and transformation properties of the TOPs.

The connected part of the TOP of two consistent currents is obtained deriving twice the functional $W[A]$,

$$\langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = - \frac{\delta^2 W[A]}{\delta A_a^\mu(x) \delta A_b^\nu(y)} \quad (3.1)$$

In order to obtain a Ward identity for this TOP, we rewrite eq. (2.13) using the following relations,

$$\int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) T_\Lambda J_a^\mu(x) = - \int d^4x d^4y B_\mu^a(x) \Lambda^b(y) \left[D_\nu^y \right]_d^b \left[\frac{\delta^2 W}{\delta A_\mu^a(x) \delta A_\nu^b(y)} \right], \quad (3.2)$$

$$\int d^4x B_\mu^a(x) \left[J_a^\mu(x), \Lambda(x) \right]_a = \int d^4x d^4y B_\mu^a(x) \Lambda^b(y) \delta(x-y) f^{abc} J_c^\mu(x), \quad (3.3)$$

$$\int d^4x \Lambda^a(x) \delta G_a(x) = \int d^4x d^4y B_\mu^a(x) \Lambda^b(y) \frac{\delta G_b(y)}{\delta A_\mu^a(x)}, \quad (3.4)$$

then, from (2.13), (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4), we obtain,

$$\left[D_\mu^x \right]_d^a \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \delta(x-y) f^{abc} J_c^\nu(x) + \frac{\delta G_a(x)}{\delta A_b^\nu(y)} \quad (3.5)$$

Now, we derive the transformation law for the TOP of two CGC. For this purpose, note that starting with the relation,

$$\langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = - \frac{\delta J_a^\nu(x)}{\delta A_b^\nu(y)} \quad (3.6)$$

we see that,

$$T_\Lambda \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = - \left[T_\Lambda \frac{\delta}{\delta A_b^\nu(y)} \right] J_a^\mu(x) - \frac{\delta}{\delta A_b^\nu(y)} T_\Lambda J_a^\mu(x) \quad (3.7)$$

and by (2.13),

$$T_\Lambda \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \langle T_\Lambda J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle + \langle J_a^\mu(x) [T_\Lambda J_b^\nu(y)] \rangle +$$

$$+ \int d^4z \Lambda^c(z) \frac{\delta^2 G^c(z)}{\delta A_\mu^a(x) \delta A_\nu^b(y)} \quad (3.8)$$

If the anomaly is given by (2.18), along but direct calculation shows that,

$$\frac{\delta^2 G^c(z)}{\delta A_\mu^a(x) \delta A_\nu^b(y)} = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

then, in the same case we obtain,

$$T_\Lambda \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \langle T_\Lambda J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(y) \rangle + \langle J_a^\mu(x) [T_\Lambda J_b^\nu(y)] \rangle, \quad (3.10)$$

i.e., the regularization of $W[A]$ that leads to the minimal consistent anomaly also assures the transformation law (3.10). In general there will be extra terms in the rhs of eq. (3.10), so we can say that the minimal regularization leads to a "minimal" transformation law for the TOP.

For the connected part of the TOP of $\tilde{CGC}$, we adopt the definition,

$$\langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \lim_{\epsilon_1 \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0} \langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x|1\epsilon_1) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(y|1\epsilon_2) \rangle \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$\tilde{J}_a^\mu(x|1\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x-) \gamma^\mu P_L \left\{ \lambda_a, \phi(x-, x+) \right\} \psi(x+) \quad (3.12)$$

and symmetrical limits are understood.

Doing a gauge transformation in the fermionic fields of (2.32), and employing a gauge covariant regularization for the anomalous Jacobian⁹ we obtain the Ward identity satisfied by the TOP of $\tilde{CGC}$,

$$\left[D_\mu^x\right]_d^a \langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \delta(x-y) f^{abc} J_c^\nu(x) \quad (3.13)$$

For the transformation law of this TOP, we perform a gauge transformation in the fermionic and gauge fields in the rhs of (3.12) (before taking the symmetrical limit), obtaining,

$$T_\Lambda \langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(y) \rangle = \langle T_\Lambda \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \rangle + \langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) [T_\Lambda \tilde{J}_b^\nu(y)] \rangle \quad (3.14)$$

IV. Relation between different commutators

For the sake of completeness we give here the definition of the BJL limit. If one wishes to know the equal time commutator (ETC) between the operators $A(o, \bar{x})$ and $B(o, \bar{o})$, one starts with any matrix element of the TOP,

$$t(x) = \langle \alpha | T A(x) B(o) | \beta \rangle \quad (4.1)$$

then, one defines the Fourier transform,

$$T(q) = \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} t(x) \quad (4.2)$$

and the matrix element of the ETC between the same states will be defined by,

$$\langle \alpha | [A(o, \bar{x}), B(o)] | \beta \rangle = \oint \frac{dq^0}{(2\pi)} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot \bar{x}} T(q) \quad (4.3)$$

where the q^0 - integral is taken over a circumference of infinite radius in the complex q^0 - plane.

Note that the q^0 - integral will get contributions only from the singularities in the q^0 - dependence of $T(q)$. It is easy to see that these singularities correspond to non local terms in $t(x)$.¹⁰

Now we look for the relation between the ETC of covariant and consistent gauge currents. We define,

$$X_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \langle \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \rangle - \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) \rangle \quad (4.4)$$

which by (3.5) and 3.13) will satisfy,

$$\left[D_\mu^x\right]_d^a X_{db}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \delta(x) f^{ab} X_c^\nu(x) - \frac{\delta G_a(x)}{\delta A_b^c(o)} \quad (4.5)$$

We will call $\bar{X}_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(x)$ to the difference between "complete" TOPs (i.e., not onl the connected part),

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(x) &= \langle 0 | T \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | T J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \theta(x_o) \left[\langle 0 | \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle \right] + \\ &+ \theta(-x_o) \left[\langle 0 | \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | J_b^\nu(o) J_a^\mu(x) | 0 \rangle \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Taking the covariant derivative on both sides of (4.6),

$$\begin{aligned} \left[D_\mu^x\right]_d^a \bar{X}_{db}^{\mu\nu}(x) &= \delta(x_o) \left[\langle 0 | [\tilde{J}_a^o(x), \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o)] | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | [J_a^o(x), J_b^\nu(o)] | 0 \rangle \right] \\ &+ \langle 0 | T D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | T D_\mu J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

and noting that,

$$X_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \bar{X}_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(x) - \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) + J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) \quad (4.8)$$

we obtain,

$$\left[D_\mu^x\right]_d^a X_{db}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \delta(x_o) \left[\langle 0 | [\tilde{J}_a^o(x), \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o)] | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | [J_a^o(x), J_b^\nu(o)] | 0 \rangle \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left[\langle 0 | T D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle - \left[D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \right] \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \right] - \\
& - \left[\langle 0 | T D_\mu J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle - \left[D_\mu J_a^\mu(x) \right] J_b^\nu(o) \right] \quad (4.9)
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, one can see that,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 0 | T D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle &= \left[D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) \right] \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \\
\langle 0 | T D_\mu J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) | 0 \rangle &= \left[D_\mu J_a^\mu(x) \right] J_b^\nu(o) \quad (4.10)
\end{aligned}$$

as follows from the Ward identity,⁹

$$\langle D_\mu \tilde{J}_a^\mu(x) + \tilde{G}_a(x) + i \psi(x) P_R \lambda_a \eta(x) - i \bar{\eta}(x) \lambda_a P_L \psi(x) \rangle = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

which implies that inserting a current operator the last two terms give zero by charge conservation (an identical proof holds for the CGC).

Thus we obtain,

$$\left[D_\mu \right]_d^a X_{db}^{\mu\nu} = \delta(x_o) \left[\langle 0 | \left[\tilde{J}_a^\nu(x), \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \right] | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | \left[J_a^\nu(x), J_b^\nu(o) \right] | 0 \rangle \right] \quad (4.12)$$

with the lhs given by (4.5).

But (2.16) allows us to show that,

$$\left[D_\mu \right]_d^a X_{db}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \left[\left[D_\mu \right]_d^b \frac{\delta X_a^\nu(x)}{\delta A_\mu^d(y)} \right]_{y=0} \quad (4.13)$$

so we have obtained the relation between the ETCs in terms of the difference of the VEVs;

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(x_o) \left[\langle 0 | \left[\tilde{J}_a^\nu(x), \tilde{J}_b^\nu(o) \right] | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | \left[J_a^\nu(x), J_b^\nu(o) \right] | 0 \rangle \right] = \\
\left[\left[D_\mu \right]_d^b \frac{\delta X_a^\nu(x)}{\delta A_\mu^d(y)} \right]_{y=0} \quad (4.14)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider the effect of a change in the regularization, on the ETC of CGC. A change in the regularization will produce a variation ΔW in $W[A]$,

$$W[A] \rightarrow W[A] + \Delta W[A] \quad (4.15)$$

which will be a local polynomial in the gauge fields and their derivatives.⁷ Then, by (3.1),

$$\langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) \rangle \rightarrow \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) \rangle + \Delta \langle J_a^\mu(x) J_b^\nu(o) \rangle \quad (4.16)$$

where the variation will also be a local polynomial.

As the TOP changes by a local polynomial, its Fourier transform will change by a polynomial in q , which will not contribute to the BJL.

V. Conclusions

In section IV we have shown that the ETC between CGCs does not depend upon the regularization of the effective action. As the ETC between $\tilde{C}GC$ s can be obtained from ETC between CGCs (eq. (4.14)), we see that the former ETC will depend on the regularization, because X_a^μ does. This, together with eq. (2.25) tell us that the VEV of the CGCs will be regularization independent (RI); and the VEV of the $\tilde{C}GC$ will be RI but their ETC will be regularization dependent (RD).

Regarding the transformation properties of the TOPs, we have shown that the TOP of $\tilde{C}GC$ is covariant and that this transformation property is RI, on the contrary the TOP of CGC is

not covariant and this transformation property is RD.

As a final remark, note that the above statements do not depend on the space time dimensionality nor on the gauge group.

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