To be, or not to be finite?

The Higgs potential in Gauge Higgs Unification

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Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the finiteness of the Higgs effective potential in a $SU(N)$ Gauge-Higgs Unification (GHU) model defined on $M^4 \times S^1$. We obtain the Higgs effective potential at the two-loop level and find that it is finite. We also discuss that the Higgs effective potential is generically divergent for three- or higher-loop levels. As an example, we consider a $SU(N)$ gauge theory on $M^5 \times S^1$, where the one-loop corrections to the four-Fermi operators are divergent. We find that the Higgs effective potential depends on their counter terms at the three-loop level.
I. INTRODUCTION

The Higgs mechanism is one of the essential ingredients in the standard model (SM) of particle physics. It generates masses for the gauge bosons and the fermions, which were forbidden by the gauge symmetries of the standard model. Consequently, all the masses are described by the Higgs vacuum expectation value (VEV) and the couplings, which is now in good agreement with the Higgs coupling measurements at Large Hadron Collider [1, 2].

In spite of the importance of the mechanism, the nature of the Higgs boson has not been understood well. It has been discussed for a long time that a scalar field is very sensitive to a UV cutoff scale, such as the Planck scale or the grand unification scale, and it is not natural that the Higgs VEV lies around the electroweak (EW) scale. If the Higgs boson is really a fundamental scalar field, one needs to protect the Higgs mass term from dangerous quantum corrections, which is greatly achieved by supersymmetry [3–7]. Alternatively, one can assume that the Higgs boson originates from fields with non-zero spins. One such example is composite Higgs models [8–14], where the Higgs boson appears as a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson in association with the condensation of fermions. Another example, which is relevant to this paper, is the gauge-Higgs unification (GHU) [15–20], where the four dimensional gauge fields and the Higgs field are unified into gauge fields in higher dimensional spacetime.

In the GHU, we consider gauge theories defined on non-simply connected spacetime and identify the Yang-Mills Aharonov-Bohm (AB) phases as Higgs bosons. Their tree level potential is protected because the Lagrangian has to be invariant under gauge transformations. Since the transformation variables need to be single-valued, not all of the gauge transformations are consistent with the compactification of the extra-dimensions. Thus, quantum corrections, which are sensitive to the global structure of the spacetime, generate a Higgs potential that is scaled by the compactification scale. It stabilizes the Higgs boson and breaks the gauge symmetry dynamically. This is called the Hosotani mechanism [18, 20].

Although gauge theories are generically non-renormalizable in more than four dimensional spacetime, the Higgs potential might not depend on UV-theory and might be completely determined within the framework of the GHU, as conjectured in [21–23]. In fact, it has been explicitly shown that the Higgs potential is finite at the one-loop level in generic GHU models [18, 20, 24] and at the two-loop level in an Abelian GHU model [25, 26]. However,
it has not been clear whether the Higgs potential is finite at all orders.

In this paper, we investigate the finiteness of the Higgs potential using an $SU(N)$ gauge theory defined on $M^4 \times S^1$. Here, $M^4$ represents the four dimensional Minkowski spacetime and $S^1$ represents a compactified extra-dimension. Although it is the simplest manifold to realize the GHU, it is straightforward to extend our discussion to other cases.

To overcome technical difficulties that appear in perturbative calculation, we discuss a method, compactification by superposition, which greatly simplifies the calculation of the Higgs potential in a non-Abelian GHU model. A similar method has been used in the literature [27–30] for Abelian cases. In this method, momentum sums and integrals in $M^4 \times S^1$ are expressed as superposition of momentum integrals in $M^5$, i.e. five dimensional Minkowski spacetime. Thus, all the AB phases can be “gauged away” from each integral. All the information about the AB phases is then recovered when we superpose the results after the integration. Another virtue of this method is that the periodicity of the Higgs potential is manifest during the calculation, which would become obscure if we adopted a straightforward calculation with the Kaluza-Klein (KK) decomposition.

Using the method, we obtain the Higgs potential at the one-loop level and that at the two-loop level, which turn out to be finite. We confirm that the one-loop results agree with the previous works [18, 20, 24] and the two-loop results are consistent with those for an Abelian model [25, 26]. The two-loop finiteness in a non-Abelian model is highly non-trivial and is one of the new results in this work.

To investigate the finiteness at higher-loop levels, we increase the spacetime dimension and consider $M^5 \times S^1$, which allows divergences to appear in an earlier stage of loop expansions. We find that the four-Fermi operators are divergent at the one-loop level and their counter terms contribute to the Higgs potential at the three-loop level. Thus, the Higgs potential inevitably depends on UV-theory, which falsifies the conjecture for this model.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we briefly review our setup and the Hosotani mechanism. In Section III, we explain our method to calculate the Higgs potential. The one-loop and the two-loop calculations of the Higgs potential are presented in Section IV. Then, we discuss the finiteness of the Higgs potential at higher-loop orders in Section V. Finally, we summarize in Section VI.
II. DYNAMICAL SYMMETRY BREAKING BY HOSOTANI MECHANISM

In this section, we review the Hosotani mechanism in an $SU(N)$ gauge theory defined on $M^4 \times S^1$. Here, $M^4$ is the four-dimensional Minkowski spacetime, whose coordinates are denoted by $x^\mu$ with $\mu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The fifth dimension is compactified on $S^1$ with radius $R$, whose coordinate is denoted by $y \in [0, 2\pi R)$. The gauge sector is described by a gauge coupling constant, $g$, gauge bosons, $A^a_M$, and its field strength, $F^a_{MN}$, where the capital indices, $M$ and $N$, run over $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 5\}$ and $a$ is the group index. We also introduce massless Dirac fermions, $\psi_\ell$, in arbitrary representations of $SU(N)$. In the Hosotani mechanism, $A^a_5$ plays the role of the Higgs boson in the SM and its VEV is denoted as

$$\langle A^a_5 \rangle = \frac{\theta^a}{2\pi R g},$$

where $\theta^a$’s are constants.

In this paper, we use the background field methods \cite{31} in order to evaluate the effective potential of $\theta^a$’s. For this purpose, we separate $A^a_5$ into the quantum and background fields as

$$A^a_5 \rightarrow A^a_5 + \frac{\theta^a}{2\pi R g}.$$

The Lagrangian we consider is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^a_{MN} F^{aMN} + \sum_\ell \bar{\psi}_\ell \gamma^M D_M \psi_\ell + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}},$$

where the gauge fixing terms are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}^a \mathcal{F}^a,$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}^a = \partial^M A^a_M + \frac{f^{abc}}{2\pi R} A^b_5 \theta^c.$$

Here, $f^{abc}$ is the structure constant of $SU(N)$. The corresponding Faddeev-Popov (FP) ghost terms are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}} = -\bar{c}^a \left[ \partial^M D^a_M - \frac{f^{ace} f^{bed}}{2\pi R} \theta^c \left( \frac{\theta^d}{2\pi R} + g A^d_5 \right) \right] c^b.$$
Here, the covariant derivative for an adjoint representation is given by

\[ D_M c \equiv \left( \partial_M - ig A^a_M T^a - i \frac{\theta^a T^a}{2\pi R} \delta^5_M \right) c, \]  

(7)

where \([T^a]_{bc} = -if^{abc}\), and that for a fermion is given by

\[ D_M \psi_\ell \equiv \left( \partial_M - ig A^a_M \tau^a_\ell - i \frac{\theta^a \tau^a_\ell}{2\pi R} \delta^5_M \right) \psi_\ell, \]  

(8)

where \(\tau^a_\ell\) depends on the representation of \(\psi_\ell\).

Throughout this paper, we adopt the following boundary conditions for simplicity:

\[ A^a_M(x^\mu, y + 2\pi R) = A^a_M(x^\mu, y), \]  

(9)

\[ \psi_\ell(x^\mu, y + 2\pi R) = e^{i\beta_\ell} \psi_\ell(x^\mu, y), \]  

(10)

where \(\beta_\ell\)'s are arbitrary phase factors.

Let us briefly explain the Hosotani mechanism using this setup. Without the boundary conditions, we could gauge away \(\theta^a\)'s by

\[ A_5(x^\mu, y) \rightarrow e^{-i \frac{\theta^a}{2\pi R} g A_5(x^\mu, y)} e^{i \frac{\theta^a}{2\pi R} g} - \frac{\theta^a T^a}{2\pi R g}, \]  

(11)

\[ \psi_\ell(x^\mu, y) \rightarrow e^{-i \frac{\theta^a}{2\pi R} g} \psi_\ell(x^\mu, y), \]  

(12)

where \(A_M = A^a_M T^a\). With the boundary conditions, however, we can gauge away \(\theta^a\)'s only when

\[ e^{i\theta^a T^a} = I, \]  

(13)

where \(I\) is the identity matrix. Due to this constraint, \(\theta^a\)'s become physical degrees of freedom living in a compact space labeled by \(e^{i\theta^a T^a}\). Since the tree level Lagrangian is still invariant under the transformation described by Eqs. (11) and (12), \(\theta^a\)'s do not have a potential at the tree level. As we will see later, they obtain an effective potential at the one-loop level and are stabilized. If some of \(\theta^a\)'s are non-zero at the minimum of the effective potential, they dynamically break the gauge symmetry and generate gauge boson masses.
III. COMPACTIFICATION BY SUPERPOSITION

In the usual computation of quantum corrections in a theory with compactified extra-dimensions, we use the KK decomposition and evaluate four-dimensional loop integrals for each KK mode. For example, in an Abelian case, a typical integral at the one-loop level is given by

\[ I \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_{n=\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ k^\mu k_\mu - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right]^{-s} , \tag{14} \]

where \( s \) is a positive constant and \( n/R \) is the momentum along \( S^1 \), which labels the KK modes.

Although the KK decomposition is useful in many cases, it is not in the calculation of the effective potential of \( \theta \), i.e. the Higgs boson in the GHU. Since the Higgs boson is intrinsically the AB phase, its effects can only be seen by particles that go around \( S^1 \) and interfere with themselves. In the KK decomposition, however, it is difficult to define the number of times the particles go around \( S^1 \) since the KK modes are momentum eigenstates.

In this paper, we discuss another way to decompose quantum fluctuations, which has been used in [27–30] for Abelian cases. The new decomposition is related to the KK decomposition by the Poisson resummation formula

\[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi \delta \left( k_5 - \frac{n}{R} \right) = 2\pi R \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i2\pi Rmk_5} . \tag{15} \]

Using this identity, Eq. (14) becomes

\[ I = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi Rmk_5} \left[ k^\mu k_\mu - \left( k_5 + \frac{\theta}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right]^{-s} . \tag{16} \]

It implies that a loop integral in \( M^4 \times S^1 \) can be reproduced by superposition of loop integrals in \( M^5 \). Since the phase factor is the shift operator of \( (x^\mu, y) \to (x^\mu, y - 2\pi Rm) \), we call \( m \) the winding number.

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Since the AB phase can be “gauged away” in $M^5$, we can further simplify the integral as

$$I = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\theta m} \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i\omega R mk_5} \left[ k^M k_M \right]^{-s},$$

by shifting $k_5$. In this expression, all the $\theta$-dependences appear as phase factors in association with the superposition and we can execute the loop integrals independently of $\theta$. Furthermore, the periodicity of $\theta$ is manifest.

The above decomposition is very powerful especially in a non-Abelian case, where we have the following identity;

$$\frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} S \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\theta m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_5}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega R k_5 m} S(k_5),$$

where $\Theta$ is a Hermitian matrix and $S(\ldots)$ is an analytic function or its extension to a matrix function (we call it as an “analytic function” in short). We provide its proof in Appendix A. It removes all the matrix-valued objects from momentum integrals and simplifies the calculation enormously.

In this paper, we do not try to construct the Feynman rules that generate the final expressions directly. Instead, we first use the KK decomposition and then convert the expressions by Eq. (18).

IV. HIGGS EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL UP TO TWO-LOOP LEVEL

In this section, we calculate the one-loop and the two-loop effective Higgs potentials explicitly and show that they are finite.
A. One-loop Effective Potential

At the one-loop level, the quantum corrections to the Higgs effective potential from the gauge bosons, the FP ghosts and the fermions can be calculated from

\[ V_{1L,A,\text{eff}}(\theta) = -\frac{5i}{2} \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_n \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \ln \left[ k^2 - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a T^a}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right], \]

\[ V_{1L,c,\text{eff}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_n \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \ln \left[ k^2 - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a T^a}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right], \]

\[ V_{1L,F,\text{eff}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_\ell \sum_n \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \ln \left[ k^2 - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a_\ell - \beta_\ell}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right], \] (19)

respectively. Here after, all the sums except for those of the flavor index, \( \ell \), are taken from \(-\infty \) to \( \infty \) if not explicitly specified. We convert them with Eq. (18) as

\[ \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_n \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \ln \left[ k^2 - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right] = -\lim_{s \to 0} \frac{d}{ds} \int \sum_n \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} e^{-i2\pi Rmk^5} (k^M k_M)^{-s}, \] (20)

where \( \Theta = \theta^a T^a \) or \( \Theta = \theta^a \tau^a_\ell - \beta_\ell \). The loop integrals are executed in Appendix B and we get

\[ \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{d}{ds} \sum_m \text{tr} e^{i\Theta m} \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi Rmk^5} (k^M k_M)^{-s} = \frac{3i}{128|m|^5 \pi^5 R^5}, \] (21)

for \( m \neq 0 \). Thus, we get

\[ V_{1L,\text{eff}}(\theta) = -\frac{9}{256\pi^7 R^5} \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{1}{|m|^5} \text{tr} e^{i\theta^a T^a m} + \frac{3}{64\pi^7 R^5} \sum_\ell \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{1}{|m|^5} \text{tr} e^{i(\theta^a \tau^a_\ell - \beta_\ell)m} + C, \] (22)

where \( C \) represents the \( \theta \)-independent divergent terms, i.e. the contributions from \( m = 0 \). The \( \theta \)-dependent part is finite and consistent with the previous works [18, 20, 24].
B. Two-loop Effective Potential

At the two-loop level, we need to work a little more because we can not directly use Eq. (18) to convert expressions. In the calculation, we often face the following expression;

\[
\frac{1}{(k+p)^\mu(k+p)_\mu} \left( \frac{n+n'}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a - \beta}{2\pi R} \right)^2 k^\mu k_\mu - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a - \beta}{2\pi R} \right)^2,
\]

where \( \tau^a \)'s are generators of \( SU(N) \). It is not an analytic function of \( \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a - \beta}{2\pi R} \right) \) since we have \( \tau^b \) in the middle. To remove \( \tau^b \), we use

\[
S(\theta^a \tau^a)\tau^b = \tau^c \left[ S(\theta^a \tau^a + \theta^a T^a) \right]_{cb},
\]

where \( S(\ldots) \) is an arbitrary analytic function. Here, the indices in the subscript is those for \( T^a \), not for \( \tau^a \). Its proof is given in Appendix A.2 Then, the expression becomes

\[
\tau^c \left[ \frac{1}{(k+p)^\mu(k+p)_\mu} \left( \frac{n+n'}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a + \theta^a T^a}{2\pi R} \right)^2 k^\mu k_\mu - \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a - \beta}{2\pi R} \right)^2 \right]_{cb}.
\]

Now, the inside of the square brackets can be seen as an analytic function of \( \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\theta^a \tau^a - \beta}{2\pi R} \right) \) for each \((c, b)\) and we can apply Eq. (18).

There are four diagrams at the two-loop level. After applying Eq. (18), we obtain the following expressions.

i) A fermion loop with a gauge boson ladder:

\[
V_{F,\text{eff}}^{2L}(\theta) = i \quad \includegraphics{fermion_loop} = 6g^2 \sum_{m_1,m_2} G_\ell(m_1, m_2) \int \frac{d^5 p}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R(p_m m_1 + k_m m_2)}
\]

\[
\times \frac{(k+p)^M k_M}{p_N(p+k)^L(k+p)_L k^N k_N},
\]

where

\[
G_\ell(m_1, m_2) \equiv [e^{i\theta^a T^a m_1}]_{ba} \text{tr}[e^{i(\theta^c \tau^c - \beta) m_2 \tau^a \tau^b}].
\]

\[2\] It becomes more visible if we diagonalize \( \theta^a T^a \).
ii) A ghost loop with a gauge boson ladder:

\[ V_{c,\text{eff}}^{2L}(\theta) = i \quad \text{\begin{tikzpicture}[baseline=0.5ex]
\draw[thick,->] (0,0) -- (0.4,0);
\draw[thick,-] (0.4,0) -- (0.8,0);
\draw[thick,->] (0.8,0) -- (1.2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (1.2,0) -- (1.6,0);
\draw[thick,->] (1.6,0) -- (2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2,0) -- (2.4,0);
\draw[thick,->] (2.4,0) -- (2.8,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2.8,0) -- (3.2,0);
\end{tikzpicture}} \quad = -\frac{1}{2}g^2 \sum_{m_1,m_2} G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2) \int \frac{d^5 p}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R(p_5 m_1 + k_5 m_2)} \]

\[ \times \frac{(k + p)^M k_M}{p^N p_N (k + p)^L (k + p)_L k^K k_K}, \]  

\[ (28) \]

where

\[ G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2) \equiv [e^{i\theta^a T^a m_1}]_{ba} \text{ tr} [e^{i\theta^b T^b m_2} T^a T^b]. \]  

\[ (29) \]

iii) A gauge boson loop with a gauge boson ladder:

\[ V_{A1,\text{eff}}^{2L}(\theta) = i \quad \text{\begin{tikzpicture}[baseline=0.5ex]
\draw[thick,->] (0,0) -- (0.4,0);
\draw[thick,-] (0.4,0) -- (0.8,0);
\draw[thick,->] (0.8,0) -- (1.2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (1.2,0) -- (1.6,0);
\draw[thick,->] (1.6,0) -- (2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2,0) -- (2.4,0);
\draw[thick,->] (2.4,0) -- (2.8,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2.8,0) -- (3.2,0);
\end{tikzpicture}} \quad = 2g^2 \sum_{m_1,m_2} G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2) \int \frac{d^5 p}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R(p_5 m_1 + k_5 m_2)} \]

\[ \times \frac{k^M k_M + k^M p_M + p^M p_M}{p^N p_N (k + p)^L (k + p)_L k^K k_K}. \]  

\[ (30) \]

iv) Gauge boson loops connected by a four-point vertex:

\[ V_{A2,\text{eff}}^{2L}(\theta) = i \quad \text{\begin{tikzpicture}[baseline=0.5ex]
\draw[thick,->] (0,0) -- (0.4,0);
\draw[thick,-] (0.4,0) -- (0.8,0);
\draw[thick,->] (0.8,0) -- (1.2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (1.2,0) -- (1.6,0);
\draw[thick,->] (1.6,0) -- (2,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2,0) -- (2.4,0);
\draw[thick,->] (2.4,0) -- (2.8,0);
\draw[thick,-] (2.8,0) -- (3.2,0);
\end{tikzpicture}} \quad = -5g^2 \sum_{m_1,m_2} G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2) \int \frac{d^5 p}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R(p_5 m_1 + k_5 m_2)} \]

\[ \times \frac{1}{k^M k_M p^N p_N}. \]  

\[ (31) \]

These loop integrals can be decomposed as

\[ \int \frac{d^5 p}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R(p_5 m_1 + k_5 m_2)} \frac{a k^M k_M + 2 b k^M p_M + c p^M p_M}{p^N p_N (k + p)^L (k + p)_L k^K k_K} \]

\[ = -b F(m_1) F(m_2) - (a - b) F(m_1 - m_2) F(m_2) - (c - b) F(m_1) F(m_2 - m_1), \]  

\[ (32) \]

where

\[ F(m) \equiv i \int \frac{d^5 k}{(2\pi)^5} e^{-i2\pi R k^m} \frac{1}{k^K k_K}, \quad m \neq 0, \]

\[ 0, \quad m = 0. \]  

\[ (33) \]

These integrals are executed in Appendix B where we also show that \( F(0) \) should vanish if
we use a regularization that is consistent with gauge invariance.

In Appendix A.3 we see that $G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2)$ and $G_\ell(m_1, m_2)$ are symmetric under $m_1 \leftrightarrow m_2 - m_1$, and that $G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2)$ is also symmetric under $m_1 \leftrightarrow -m_2$.

Using these, we get the two-loop effective potential as

\[
V_{\text{eff}}^{2L}(\theta) = -3g^2 \sum_\ell \sum_{m_1, m_2} G_\ell(m_1, m_2)[2F(m_1)F(m_2) - F(m_1)F(m_2 - m_1)]
+ \frac{9}{4} g^2 \sum_{m_1, m_2} G_{\text{adj}}(m_1, m_2)F(m_1)F(m_2).
\] (34)

As we can see, the result is finite. The Abelian case can be obtained by $T^a \to 0$ and $\tau_\ell^a \to Q_\ell$ with $Q_\ell$ being the $U(1)$-charge of $\psi_\ell$. The result is consistent with the previous works [25, 26].

V. DIVERGENCES AT HIGHER-LOOP LEVEL

In the previous section, we have seen that the Higgs effective potential is finite up to the two-loop level. At the one-loop level, the results are finite because we need a non-zero winding number to get $\theta$-dependent contributions. At the two-loop level, it is because of the gauge invariance for the gauge boson self-energy. However, there seems to be no reason that divergences should vanish at higher-loop levels. Since the theory is non-renormalizable, we need infinite number of counter terms, such as that for the four-Fermi operators. Connecting the external lines of such counter terms, one can easily get $\theta$-dependent contributions. Thus, if there is no non-trivial cancellation, the Higgs effective potential depends on such counter terms and hence on UV-theory. In this section, we show an example of such divergences.

Since gauge theory in $M^4 \times S^1$ lies around the boundary of renormalizable and non-renormalizable theories, the divergences appear at rather higher-loop levels and it is a little hard to test the finiteness explicitly. Thus, we increase the spacial dimension and consider $M^5 \times S^1$. To improve visibility, we consider only one massless Dirac fermion and suppress the flavor index, $\ell$. The one-loop and the two-loop contributions are parallel to the previous discussion and can be shown to be finite.

In this example, we concentrate on the four-Fermi operator and show that the Higgs effective potential depends on its counter term. The one-loop corrections to the four-Fermi
operator are log-divergent and the divergent part is calculated as

\[ \frac{-ig^4}{768\pi^3} \left[ \gamma^L \gamma^N \gamma^M \tau^a \tau^c \right]_{\alpha\beta} \left[ \gamma_M \gamma_N \gamma_L \tau^a \tau^c - \gamma_L \gamma_N \gamma_M \tau^a \tau^c \right]_{\gamma\delta} - (\alpha \leftrightarrow \gamma), \]

(35)

where \( \alpha \) and \( \gamma \) are spin indices of \( \bar{\psi} \), and \( \beta \) and \( \delta \) are those of \( \psi \). Here, (crossed) represents the same diagrams with the fermion lines being crossed. We have used the dimensional regularization and \( \epsilon = 3 - D/2 \) with \( D \) being the spacetime dimension.

To subtract the divergence, we need the following counter term;

\[ \mathcal{L}_{CT} = \frac{\delta_4 F}{2} \left[ \bar{\psi} \gamma^M \gamma^N \gamma^L \gamma^a \gamma^b \psi \right] \left[ \bar{\psi} \left( \gamma_M \gamma_N \gamma_L \tau^a \tau^b - \gamma_L \gamma_N \gamma_M \tau^b \tau^a \right) \psi \right], \]

(36)

where

\[ \delta_4 F = \frac{g^4}{768\pi^3} + \delta_{4F}^{\text{fin}}. \]

(37)

Here, \( \delta_{4F}^{\text{fin}} \) represents finite renormalization and is determined by UV-theory.

By connecting the fermion lines of the counter term, we get a finite contribution to the Higgs effective potential as

\[ V_{CT}(\theta) = \sum_{m_1 \neq 0} \sum_{m_2 \neq 0} \frac{\delta_{4F}^{\text{fin}}}{{8\pi^4}^2 R^4 m_1^2 m_2^5} \times \left\{ 2 \text{tr} \left[ \tau^a e^{i(\theta_{a} - \beta)m_1} \right] \text{tr} \left[ \tau^a e^{i(\theta_{b} - \beta)m_2} \right] + \text{tr} \left[ \tau^a e^{i(\theta_{a} - \beta)m_1} \tau^a e^{i(\theta_{b} - \beta)m_2} \right] \right\}. \]

(38)

It is non-vanishing and has non-trivial \( \theta \)-dependence. Thus, the Higgs effective potential inevitably depends on UV-theory. It falsifies the conjecture of all-order finiteness in this model.

The above example implies that there is no special mechanism that prevents the Higgs effective potential to diverge. Since there are infinite number of counter terms, we expect that the effective potential is generically divergent at three- or higher-loop levels also in other models.

\[ \text{Footnote 3: This result is not strong enough to rule out the all-order finiteness for an Abelian case since } V_{CT}(\theta) \text{ vanishes identically.} \]
Although the Higgs effective potential seems to be divergent, it is notable that the divergence is suppressed at least at the tree-loop level. Since the gauge theory is non-renormalizable, we expect that it is UV-completed at a scale that is not so far from $1/R$. Thus, such a higher-loop suppression can be strong enough to explain the little hierarchy between these scales.

VI. SUMMARY

In this paper, we have investigated the finiteness of the Higgs effective potential in a non-Abelian GHU model defined on $M^4 \times S^1$. Although the model is non-renormalizable, the Higgs effective potential is known to be finite at the one-loop level and it has been conjectured that it might be free from divergences at all orders in perturbative expansions. However, the calculation of the effective potential beyond the one-loop level has been a technical challenge and only the two-loop calculation in an Abelian model is available in the literature [25, 26].

To overcome the technical difficulties, we presented a powerful method to calculate the loop integrals in the GHU, compactification by superposition. We express a loop integral and sum in $M^4 \times S^1$ as a superposition of loop integrals in $M^5$, which allows us to remove all the matrix valued objects from the integrals. The Higgs dependence of the potential is then expressed as phase factors in association with the superposition, where the periodicity of the Higgs potential is manifest.

Using the method, we have determined the effective potential up to the two-loop level in the non-Abelian model, which turned out to be finite.

We have also discussed that the Higgs effective potential are generically divergent at the three- or higher-loop levels. As an example, we have considered a $SU(N)$ gauge theory on $M^5 \times S^1$. We have seen that the one-loop correction to the four-Fermi operator is divergent and we need a counter term to renormalize the theory. Then, we have explicitly shown that the Higgs effective potential depends on the counter term at the three-loop level, which falsifies the conjecture of the all-order finiteness for this model. It seems that that this feature is generic since there are infinite number of counter terms and one can easily generate the Higgs potential by connecting the their legs.

Although the effective potential seems to be divergent, it is found to be suppressed at least
at the three-loop level. Such higher-loop suppression is still useful to explain the hierarchy between the scale of the GHU and that of a UV cutoff.

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Appendix A: Proof of Identities

1. Proof of Eq. (18)

Let $\Theta$ be a Hermitian matrix. Then, for an arbitrary analytic function, $S(\ldots)$, the following identity holds:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} S\left(\frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R}\right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\Theta n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_5}{2\pi} S(k_5) e^{-ik_5n}. \quad (A1)$$

Proof

We first diagonalize $\Theta$ as

$$U^{-1} \Theta U = \text{diag} \left(v_1, v_2, \cdots\right), \quad (A2)$$

with unitary matrix $U$. Since $S(\ldots)$ is an analytic function, we have

$$S\left(\frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R}\right)_{ab} = U_{ac} S\left(\frac{n}{R} + \frac{v_c}{2\pi R}\right) U^{-1}_{cb}. \quad (A3)$$

Inserting an identity, we get

$$S\left(\frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R}\right)_{ab} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_5}{2\pi} S(k_5) U_{ac} 2\pi \delta\left(k_5 - \frac{n}{R} - \frac{v_c}{2\pi R}\right) U^{-1}_{cb}. \quad (A4)$$
Since we have
\[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi \delta \left( p - \frac{n}{R} \right) = 2\pi R \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i2\pi R \rho n}, \quad (A5) \]
we get
\[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ S \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) \right]_{ab} = 2\pi R \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_5}{2\pi} S(k_5) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} U_{ae} e^{-i2\pi R \left( k_5 - \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) n} U_{eb}^{-1}. \quad (A6) \]

Using
\[ e^{-i2\pi R \left( k_5 - \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) n} \delta_{cd} = \left[ e^{-i2\pi R \left( k_5 - \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) n} \right]_{cd}, \quad (A7) \]
we get
\[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} S \left( \frac{n}{R} + \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) = 2\pi R \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_5}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i2\pi R \left( k_5 - \frac{\Theta}{2\pi R} \right) n} S(k_5). \quad (A8) \]

2. Proof of Eq. (24)

Let \( \tau^a \)'s be an arbitrary representation of \( SU(N) \), \( \lambda^a \)'s be constants and \( S(\ldots) \) be an arbitrary analytic function. Then, the following identity holds;
\[ S(\lambda^a \tau^a) \tau^b = \tau^c [S(\lambda^a \tau^a + \lambda^a T^a)]_{cb}, \quad (A9) \]
where the indices in the subscript are those for \( T^a \), not for \( \tau^a \).

Proof

Since \( S(\ldots) \) can be expanded locally, it is enough to prove for the case where \( S(\ldots) \) is a monomial function. Since we have
\[ [\lambda^a \tau^a, \tau^b] = \tau^c (\lambda^a T^a)_{cb}, \quad (A10) \]
we have
\[ (\lambda^a \tau^a)^n \tau^b = (\lambda^a \tau^a)^{n-1} \tau^c [\delta^{cb} \lambda^a \tau^a + \lambda^a T^a] \]
\[ = \ldots = \tau^c [\lambda^a \tau^a + \lambda^a T^a]_c^n. \quad (A11) \]
Since the above holds for each term of the Taylor series, the same holds for \( S(\ldots) \).
3. Symmetries of $G_{\text{adj}}$ and $G_{\ell}$

Let $\tau$ be an arbitrary representation of $SU(N)$ and $\lambda^a$'s and $\bar{\lambda}^a$'s be constants. Then, the following identities hold:

\[ [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^a \tau^b] = [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^a \tau^b], \quad (A12) \]

\[ [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} T^a T^b] = [e^{-i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{-i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} T^a T^b]. \quad (A13) \]

**Proof**

The first identity can be shown by using the identity of Appendix A 2. We have

\[ [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^a \tau^b] = [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c}]_{da} \text{tr} \left[ \tau^d e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^b \right] \]

\[ = [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} [e^{-i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c}]_{ad} \text{tr} \left[ \tau^d e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^b \right] \]

\[ = [e^{i(\bar{\lambda}^c - \lambda^c) T^c}]_{db} \text{tr} \left[ e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} \tau^b \tau^d \right]. \quad (A14) \]

The second identity can be shown as

\[ [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} \text{tr} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c} T^a T^b] = [e^{i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ba} [e^{i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c}]_{cd} T^a T^b e^{i(\bar{\lambda}^c - \lambda^c) T^c} \]

\[ = [e^{-i\lambda^c T^c}]_{ab} [e^{-i\bar{\lambda}^c T^c}]_{dc} T^c T^d \]

\[ = [e^{-i\lambda^c T^c}]_{dc} \text{tr} \left[ e^{-i\lambda^c T^c} T^c T^d \right]. \quad (A17) \]

**Appendix B: Momentum Integrals**

1. Momentum Integrals with a Spacial Shift Operator

In this appendix, we calculate

\[ \mathcal{I} = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} (-k^M k_M + 2p^M k_M + m^2 - i\epsilon)^{-s} e^{-i2k^M x_M}. \quad (B1) \]

From the definition of the gamma function, we have

\[ W^{-s} = \frac{i^s}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dt \, e^{-iWt} t^{s-1}, \quad (B2) \]
for \( \text{Im}(W) < 0 \) and \( \text{Re}(s) > 0 \). Using this, we have
\[
I = \frac{i^s}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{s-1}}{2\pi} \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} e^{i(k M x_M - 2p M x_M - m^2 + i\epsilon)t - i2k M x_M}
\]
\[
= \frac{i^s}{\Gamma(s)} e^{-i2p M x_M} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{s-1}}{2\pi} \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} e^{i\frac{m^2}{2\epsilon}t - \epsilon t - i} \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} e^{ik M k M t}
\]
\[
= \frac{i^{s-D/2+1}}{\Gamma(s)(4\pi)^{D/2}} e^{-i2p M x_M} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{s-D/2-1}}{2\pi} e^{-i\frac{M}{\epsilon} t - i(p M p M + m^2)t - \epsilon t}.
\] (B3)

The integral can be evaluated as
\[
\lim_{\delta \to +0} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{r-1}}{2\pi} e^{-iBt + i\frac{C}{\epsilon}t - \frac{i}{\epsilon}} = 2(-i)^{r/2} \frac{C^{r/2}}{[i(B - i\epsilon)]^{r/2}} K_r \left( -2i^{3/2} \sqrt{iC(B - i\epsilon)} \right),
\] (B4)

for \( \epsilon > 0, C > 0 \), where \( K_n(z) \) is the modified Bessel function of the second kind. Here, we introduced a regulator \( \delta > 0 \).

When \( 0 < \text{Re}(s) \) and \( p M p M + m^2 \neq 0 \), the integral is convergent and is evaluated as
\[
I = \frac{2i^{s-D/4+1}}{(4\pi)^{D/2}\Gamma(s)} e^{-i2p M x_M} \frac{(B8)}{\Gamma(s)(4\pi)^{D/2}} e^{i\frac{m^2}{2\epsilon}t - \epsilon t - i} \epsilon t - i2p M x_M + m^2 - i\epsilon)(-x M x_M)\).
\] (B5)

Notice that
\[
K_{n+1/2}(x) = K_{-n-1/2}(x) = \left( \frac{\pi}{2x} \right)^{1/2} e^{-x} \sum_{r=0}^{n} \frac{(n + r)!}{r!(n - r)!}(2x)^{-r},
\] (B6)

with \( n \) being a positive integer.

When \( p M p M + m^2 = 0 \), we need to take \( B \to 0 \) before \( \epsilon \to 0 \), which gives
\[
\lim_{B \to 0} \lim_{\delta \to +0} \int_0^\infty dt \frac{t^{r-1}}{2\pi} e^{-iBt + i\frac{C}{\epsilon}t - \frac{i}{\epsilon}} = C^{r}(-i)^{r}\Gamma(-r) + O(\epsilon).
\] (B7)

When \( 0 < \text{Re}(s) < \frac{D}{2} \) and \( p M p M + m^2 = 0 \), it becomes
\[
I = \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2} - s\right)}{\Gamma(s)} e^{-i2p M x_M} (-x M x_M)^{s-D/2}.
\] (B8)
2. Proof of $F(0) = 0$

We assume a regularization that has the following features.

- All the integrals become finite.
- Invariance under the shifts of loop momenta.
- Independence of the signs of loop momenta.
- Gauge invariance, $p_\mu \Pi^{\mu\nu}(p) = 0$.

Then, the following identity holds;

$$F(0) \equiv i \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} \frac{1}{K_k K_k} = 0.$$ (B9)

**Proof**

Let us define

$$\Lambda^3 \equiv -iF(0) = \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} \frac{1}{K_k K_k},$$ (B10)

$$\Xi(p) \equiv \int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} \frac{1}{(k + p/2)^M(k + p/2)_M(k - p/2)^N(k - p/2)_N}.$$ (B11)

Then, we have the following relations;

$$\int \frac{d^5p}{(2\pi)^5} \Xi(p) = (\Lambda^3)^2,$$ (B12)

$$\int \frac{d^5k}{(2\pi)^5} \frac{k^M k^N}{(k + p/2)^L(k + p/2)_L(k - p/2)^K(k - p/2)_K} = \left( \frac{1 + x}{5} \eta^{MN} - x \frac{p^M p^N}{p^L p^L} \right) \left[ \Lambda^3 - \frac{p^L p^L}{4} \Xi(p) \right],$$ (B13)

where $x$ is a constant, which will be determined later.

At the one-loop level, the divergent corrections to the gauge boson self-energy are given
by

\[
\text{div} \left[ T^{a T^d} \right] = \frac{g^2}{2} \Xi(p) \text{tr} \left[ T^{a T^d} \right] \left[ 3 \left( \frac{1 + x}{5} \eta^{MN} p^L p_L - x p^M p^N \right) + 4 \left( \eta^{MN} p^L p_L - p^M p^N \right) \right]_{db} + 3g^2 \Lambda^3 \text{tr} \left[ T^{a T^d} \right] \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1 + x}{5} \eta^{MN} - x \frac{p^M p^N}{p^L p_L} \right) - \eta^{MN} \right]_{db} + 3g^2 \Lambda^3 \text{tr} \left[ T^{a T^d} \right] \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1 + x}{5} \eta^{MN} - x \frac{p^M p^N}{p^L p_L} \right) - \eta^{MN} \right]_{db},
\]

where the external lines have indices of \((M,a)\) and \((N,b)\) and

\[p^M = (p_\mu, p_5 + \frac{g^2 T^a}{2\pi R})\]
is the

external momentum.

The gauge invariance requires

\[p^2 \Xi(p)(4x - 1) - 2(3 + 8x)\Lambda^3 = 0.\]  \hspace{1cm} (B15)

Its possible solutions, which are also consistent with Eq. (B12), are

\[\Lambda^3 = 0, \ x = \frac{1}{4},\]  \hspace{1cm} (B16)

\[\Xi(p) = \frac{\Lambda^3}{p^M p_M}, \ x = -\frac{7}{12},\]  \hspace{1cm} (B17)

\[\Xi(p) = 0, \ \Lambda^3 = 0.\]  \hspace{1cm} (B18)

The second one does not regularize the integral for \(p = 0\) and thus is not suitable for regularization. The last one is a special case of the first one.

Thus, we conclude

\[\Lambda^3 = 0, \ x = \frac{1}{4}.\]  \hspace{1cm} (B19)
Notice that, if we use the dimensional regularization, $\Lambda^3$, $x$ and $\Xi(p)$ are explicitly calculated as

$$\Lambda^3 = 0, \quad x = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \Xi(p) = -\frac{i}{128\pi}\sqrt{-p^M p_M}.$$

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