Corrections to the sixth-order anomalous magnetic moment of the muon

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The contribution to the sixth-order muon anomaly from fourth-order electron vacuum polarization is determined analytically to order m_e/m_{μ} . The result including the contribution from graphs containing two second-order lepton vacuum polarization subgraphs is $(\alpha/\pi)^3 \{(2/9) \ln^2(m_{\mu}/m_e) + (403/108 - 4\pi^2/9) \times \ln(m_{\mu}/m_e) + \zeta(3)/2 + 2\pi^2/27 + 5/27 + [383\pi^2/135 - 16\pi^2\ln(2)/9 - 13\pi^3/18]m_e/m_{\mu}\}$.

In sixth order, the difference between the muon and electron magnetic moments can be expressed, for $m_{\mu}/m_{e} \gg 1$, as

$$a_{\mu}^{(6)} - a_{e}^{(6)} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3} \left[A \ln^{2}(m_{\mu}/m_{e}) + B \ln(m_{\mu}/m_{e}) + C + D(m_{e}/m_{\mu}) + O((m_{e}/m_{\mu})^{2} \ln^{2}(m_{\mu}/m_{e}))\right].$$
(1)

A and B are completely known analytically^{1,2}:

 $A = \frac{2}{9},$ $B = \frac{31}{27} + 7\pi^2/9 - \frac{2\pi^2}{3}\ln 2 + \zeta(3).$ (2)

All contributions to *C*, except the light-by-light contribution $C^{(\gamma\gamma)}$, are also known analytically³ $(C^{(\gamma\gamma)})$ is known numerically^{4,5}):

$$C = \frac{1075}{216} - \frac{25}{18}\pi^2 + \frac{5}{3}\pi^2 \ln 2 - 3\zeta(3) + 3C_4 + C^{(\gamma\gamma)},$$

where

$$C_4 = \frac{11}{648}\pi^4 - \frac{2}{27}\pi^2 \ln^2 2 - \frac{1}{27}\ln^4 2 - \frac{8}{9}a_4 \tag{3}$$

and

 $a_4 = \sum_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n n^4}$.

The only contribution to D which is known analytically is the double-bubble contribution⁶ [diagram (d) of Fig. 1]

$$D^{(d)} = -4\pi^2/45.$$
 (4)

The contribution to D due to the other diagrams of Fig. 1 is known numerically:

$$D^{(a+b+c)} = -5.677\,6256 , \qquad (5)$$
$$D^{(e+f)} = 0.$$

In this paper we present an analytic calculation of $D_{(a+b+c)}$, the contribution to D from fourth-order electron vacuum polarization [the proper diagrams (a), (b), and (c) of Fig. 1].

This quantity is given by the following expression 7,8 :

$$D^{(a+b+c)} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\pi \int_{0}^{1} \frac{dx \, x}{(1-x^{2})^{3/2}} \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \, \operatorname{Im}\pi^{*(4)}(x) - \frac{1}{\pi} \, \operatorname{Im}\pi^{*(4)}(1) \right] / \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^{2}, \tag{6}$$

FIG. 1. Feynman diagrams representing the fourth-order vacuum polarization contribution to the sixth-order muon anomaly.

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where

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$$\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im}\pi^{*(4)}(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{2} \left\{ \left(-\frac{5}{8}x - \frac{3}{8}x^{3}\right) + x\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}x^{2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{64x^{4}}{(1-x^{2})^{3}}\right) + \left(\frac{11}{16} + \frac{11}{24}x^{2} - \frac{7}{48}x^{4}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}x^{2} - \frac{1}{6}x^{4}\right) \ln\left(\frac{(1+x)^{3}}{8x^{2}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}x^{2} - \frac{1}{6}x^{4}\right) \left[4\Phi\left(-\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) + 2\Phi\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) + \frac{\pi^{2}}{2}\right] \right\}$$

$$(7)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \pi^{*(4)}(1) = \frac{1}{4} (\alpha / \pi)^2 .$$

So we can write

$$D^{(a+b+c)} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\pi \left[R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \frac{dx \, x}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}} \right],\tag{9}$$

where the five R_i correspond to the five terms in Eq. (7). It is easy to see that $R_2 + R_3$, R_4 , and R_5 are finite and the combination

$$R_1' = R_1 - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(1 - x^2)^{3/2}}$$
(10)

is also finite.

We now evaluate the integrals. Our results are as follows:

$$R_1' = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\pi}{32}, \tag{11}$$

$$R_2 + R_3 = \pi \ln 2 - \frac{211}{288} \pi , \qquad (12)$$

and

$$R_4 + R_5 = \frac{13}{36}\pi^2 - \frac{\pi}{9}\ln 2 - \frac{15}{216}\pi .$$
 (13)

Adding the terms in Eqs. (11), (12), and (13) and substituting into Eq. (9), we obtain our result

$$D^{(a+b+c)} = -\frac{13}{18}\pi^3 - \frac{16}{9}\pi^2 \ln 2 + \frac{79}{27}\pi^2$$

= -5.6776257. (14)

This is in excellent agreement with the numerical value in Eq. (5). It is interesting that, although the term proportional to π cancels out, there remains a π^3 term. This is the first time an odd power of π occurs in a g-2 contribution.

Using Eqs. (4), (5), and (14), the contribution to D from all the graphs of Fig. 1 can be written:

$$D^{(a+b+c)} + D^{(d)} + D^{(a+f)} = -\frac{13}{18}\pi^3 - \frac{16}{9}\pi^2 \ln 2 + \frac{383}{135}\pi^2 .$$
(15)

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