where ε (not to be confused with ϵ) is a positive infinitesimal constant and ϵ is related to the number of spacetime dimensions via

$$g^{\mu\nu}g_{\mu\nu} = n \equiv 4 - 2\epsilon \,.$$

In addition, we shall define

$$\int \frac{d^n q}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{1}{(q^2)^r} \equiv 0,$$

which corresponds to setting $p^2 = m^2 = 0$ in the first integral above under the assumption that $\epsilon < 2 - r$. However, in the dimensional regularization procedure, we shall adopt the above definition for all r.

We can expand about $\epsilon = 0$ by using

$$\Gamma(-N+\epsilon) = \frac{(-1)^N}{N!} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \psi(N+1) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] ,$$

where N is a non-negative integer, $\psi(x) \equiv \Gamma'(x)/\Gamma(x)$ with $\Gamma'(x) \equiv d\Gamma(x)/dx$,

$$\psi(1) = -\gamma,$$
 $\psi(N+1) = -\gamma + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{1}{k},$

and $\gamma = -\Gamma'(1) = 0.5772 \cdots$ is the Euler-Mascheroni constant. If the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ terms are needed, then one must use $x\Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x+1)$ until $\Gamma(1+\epsilon)$ is reached, and then use

$$\log \Gamma(1+\epsilon) = -\gamma \epsilon + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-\epsilon)^k}{k} \zeta(k),$$

where $\zeta(k)$ is the Riemann zeta function.

When fermions are involved, we need to consider the Dirac matrix algebra in n-dimensions. The Dirac gamma matrices are denoted by $\gamma^0, \gamma^1, \gamma^2, \ldots, \gamma^{n-1}$. The n-dimensional analog of γ_5 is somewhat problematical, although we shall treat it as anticommuting with all the other gamma matrices. The following n-dimensional gamma matrix relations must be used:

1.
$$\{\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

2.
$$\{\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma_{5}\} = 0$$

3.
$$(\gamma_5)^2 = 1$$

4.
$$\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}=n$$

5.
$$\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\mu} = (2-n)\gamma^{\alpha}$$

6.
$$\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\mu} = 4g^{\alpha\beta} + (n-4)\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}$$

7.
$$\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\rho}\gamma^{\mu} = -2\gamma^{\rho}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\alpha} + (4-n)\gamma^{\alpha}\gamma^{\beta}\gamma^{\rho}$$

8. Trace formulae are unchanged. In particular, $\text{Tr}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu} = 4g^{\mu\nu}$.

The 4 in the last trace formula is purely conventional. However, note that it is crucial to use $g^{\mu\nu}g_{\mu\nu}=n$ in all calculations in *n*-dimensions before taking the $\epsilon \to 0$ limit.

Finally, we record some of the Feynman parameter formulae:

$$\frac{1}{A^{\alpha}B^{\beta}} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 dx \, \frac{x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}}{\left[xA+(1-x)B\right]^{\alpha+\beta}}$$

$$\frac{1}{A^{\alpha}B^{\beta}C^{\delta}} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\delta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 x \, dx \, \int_0^1 dy \, \frac{x^{\alpha+\beta-2} y^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\delta-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1}}{\left[xyA + x(1-y)B + (1-x)C\right]^{\alpha+\beta+\delta}}$$

and more generally,

$$\frac{1}{A_1^{\alpha_1} A_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots A_N^{\alpha_N}} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_N)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2) \cdots \Gamma(\alpha_N)} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \cdots \int_0^1 dx_N \, \delta\left(\sum_{j=1}^N x_j - 1\right)$$

$$\times \frac{x_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} x_2^{\alpha_2 - 1} \cdots x_N^{\alpha_N - 1}}{(x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \cdots + x_N A_N)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_N}}$$