Matching heavy-quark fields in QCD and HQET at three loops

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Abstract

The relation between the heavy-quark field in QCD and the corresponding field in HQET is derived up to three loops.

QCD problems with a single heavy quark Q can be treated in a simpler effective theory — HQET, if there exists a 4-velocity v such that the heavy-quark momentum is p = mv + k (m is the on-shell mass) and the characteristic residual momentum is small: $k \ll m$. QCD operators can be written as series in 1/m via HQET operators; the coefficients in these series are determined by matching on-shell matrix elements in both theories. For example, the heavy– light quark currents have been considered at the leading (zeroth) order in 1/mup to three-loop accuracy [1,2].

Here we shall consider the heavy-quark field Q. At the tree level, it is related to the corresponding HQET field Q_v (satisfying $\psi Q_v = Q_v$) by [3–6]

$$Q(x) = e^{-imv \cdot x} \left(1 + \frac{i \not D_\perp}{2m} + \cdots \right) Q_v(x) , \quad D_\perp^\mu = D^\mu - v^\mu v \cdot D .$$
 (1)

The matrix elements of the bare fields between the on-shell quark with momentum p = mv + k and the vacuum in both theories are given by the on-shell wave-function renormalization constants:

$$<0|Q_0|Q(p)> = (Z_Q^{\text{os}})^{1/2} u(p), \quad <0|Q_{v0}|Q(p)> = (\tilde{Z}_Q^{\text{os}})^{1/2} u_v(k)$$
(2)

(HQET renormalization constants are denoted by \tilde{Z}). The Dirac spinors are related by the Foldy–Wouthuysen transformation

$$u(mv+k) = \left[1 + \frac{k}{2m} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{k^2}{m^2}\right)\right] u_v(k) \,.$$

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Therefore, the bare fields are related by

$$Q_0(x) = e^{-imv \cdot x} \left[z_0^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{i \not D_\perp}{2m} \right) Q_{v0}(x) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m^2} \right) \right], \qquad (3)$$

where the bare matching coefficient is

$$z_0 = \frac{Z_Q^{\text{os}}(g_0^{(n_l+1)}, a_0^{(n_l+1)})}{\tilde{Z}_Q^{\text{os}}(g_0^{(n_l)}, a_0^{(n_l)})}$$
(4)

(we use the covariant gauge: the gauge-fixing term in the Lagrangian is $-(\partial_{\mu}A_{0}^{a\mu})/(2a_{0})$, and the free gluon propagator is $(-i/p^{2})(g_{\mu\nu} - (1 - a_{0})p_{\mu}p_{\nu}/p^{2})$; the number of flavours in QCD is $n_{f} = n_{l} + 1$). The $\mathcal{O}(1/m)$ matching coefficient in (3) is equal to the leading one, z_{0} ; this reflexes the reparametrization invariance [7]. The $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalized fields are related by the formula similar to (3), with the renormalized decoupling coefficient

$$z(\mu) = \frac{\tilde{Z}_Q(\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu), a^{(n_l)}(\mu))}{Z_Q(\alpha_s^{(n_l+1)}(\mu), a^{(n_l+1)}(\mu))} z_0.$$
 (5)

If there are no massive flavours except Q, then $\tilde{Z}_Q^{os} = 1$ because all loop corrections are scale-free. The QCD on-shell renormalization constant Z_Q^{os} contains the single scale m in this case; it has been calculated [8] up to three loops. The three-loop $\overline{\text{MS}}$ anomalous dimensions of Q_v [8,9] and Q [10] are also known. We have to express all three quantities $Z_Q^{os}(g_0^{(n_l+1)}, a_0^{(n_l+1)})$, $Z_Q(\alpha_s^{(n_l+1)}(\mu), a^{(n_l+1)}(\mu)), \tilde{Z}_Q(\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu), a^{(n_l)}(\mu))$ via the same variables, say, $\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu), a^{(n_l)}(\mu)$, see [11]. An explicit formula expressing $\alpha_s^{(n_l+1)}(\mu)$ via $\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)$ and $L = 2\log(\mu/m)$ (m is the on-shell mass) can be found in [12]. The corresponding relation between $a^{(n_l+1)}(\mu)$ and $a^{(n_l)}(\mu)$ is

$$\frac{a^{(n_l+1)}(\mu)}{a^{(n_l)}(\mu)} = 1 - \left[\frac{4}{3}L + \frac{6L^2 + \pi^2}{9}\varepsilon + \frac{2L^3 + \pi^2L - 4\zeta_3}{9}\varepsilon^2 + \cdots\right]T_F \frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)}{4\pi}
- \left[C_A L^2 + (4C_F + 5C_A)L + 15C_F - \frac{13}{12}C_A + \left(C_A L^3 + (4C_F + 5C_A)L^2 + \left(30C_F + \frac{\pi^2 - 13}{6}C_A\right)L + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{31}{2}\right)C_F + \frac{5\pi^2 + 169}{12}C_A\right)\varepsilon + \cdots\right]T_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)}{4\pi}\right)^2 + \cdots$$
(6)

Our main result is the renormalized matching coefficient

$$z(\mu) = 1 - (3L+4)C_F \frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)}{4\pi} + \left(z_{22}L^2 + z_{21}L + z_{20}\right)C_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)}{4\pi}\right)^2 + \left(z_{33}L^3 + z_{32}L^2 + z_{31}L + z_{30}\right)C_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu)}{4\pi}\right)^3 + \cdots$$
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$$\begin{aligned} z_{22} &= \frac{9}{2}C_F - \frac{11}{2}C_A + 2T_F n_l, \\ z_{21} &= \frac{27}{2}C_F - \frac{215}{6}C_A + \frac{38}{3}T_F n_l + 2T_F, \\ z_{20} &= \left(16\pi^2 \log 2 - 24\zeta_3 - 13\pi^2 + \frac{241}{8}\right)C_F \\ &+ \left(-8\pi^2 \log 2 + 12\zeta_3 + 5\pi^2 - \frac{1705}{24}\right)C_A \\ &+ \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{113}{6}\right)T_F n_l + \left(-\frac{16}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{947}{18}\right)T_F, \\ z_{33} &= -\frac{9}{2}C_F^2 + \frac{33}{2}C_F C_A - \frac{121}{9}C_A^2 - 6C_F T_F n_l \\ &+ \frac{88}{9}C_A T_F n_l + \frac{1}{3}a^{(n_l)}(\mu)C_A T_F - \frac{16}{9}T_F^2 n_l^2, \\ z_{32} &= -\frac{45}{2}C_F^2 + 135C_F C_A - \frac{2671}{18}C_A^2 - 42C_F T_F n_l - 4C_F T_F \\ &+ \frac{938}{9}C_A T_F n_l - \left(\frac{13}{6}a^{(n_l)}(\mu) + 1\right)C_A T_F - \frac{152}{9}T_F^2 n_l^2 + \frac{8}{3}T_F^2, \\ z_{31} &= \left[-48\pi^2 \log 2 + 72\zeta_3 + 39\pi^2 - \frac{783}{8}\right]C_F^2 \\ &+ \left[\frac{424}{3}\pi^2 \log 2 - 224\zeta_3 - \frac{331}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{13307}{24}\right]C_F C_A \\ &+ \left[\left(-\frac{2}{45}\pi^4 + \frac{9}{4}\zeta_3 + \frac{1}{4}\right)a^{(n_l)}(\mu) \\ &- \frac{176}{3}\pi^2 \log 2 + \frac{325}{4}\zeta_3 - \frac{2}{15}\pi^4 + \frac{110}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{73981}{108}\right]C_A^2 \\ &+ \left(-\frac{128}{3}\pi^2 \log 2 + 16\zeta_3 - \frac{92}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{613}{6}\right)C_F T_F n_l + \left(16\pi^2 - \frac{1013}{6}\right)C_F T_F \\ &+ \left(\frac{64}{3}\pi^2 \log 2 + 16\zeta_3 - \frac{32}{9}\pi^2 + \frac{10816}{27}\right)C_A T_F n_l \\ &+ \left(\frac{121}{18}a^{(n_l)}(\mu) - \frac{352}{9}\pi^2 + \frac{11278}{27}\right)C_A T_F \\ &- \left(\frac{32}{9}\pi^2 + \frac{1336}{27}\right)T_F^2 n_l^2 + \left(\frac{128}{9}\pi^2 - \frac{3908}{27}\right)T_F^2 n_l - \frac{20}{9}T_F^2, \\ \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} a_{30} &= \left[-1792a_4 - \frac{224}{3} \log^4 2 + 96\pi^2 \log^2 2 + \frac{3568}{3} \pi^2 \log 2 - 20\zeta_5 \right. \\ &\quad + 8\pi^2 \zeta_3 - 1256\zeta_3 - \frac{76}{15} \pi^4 - \frac{4801}{9} \pi^2 - \frac{3023}{12} \right] C_F^2 \\ &\quad + \left[-\frac{32}{3} a_4 - \frac{4}{9} \log^4 2 - \frac{1448}{9} \pi^2 \log^2 2 - \frac{2752}{9} \pi^2 \log 2 + 580\zeta_5 \right. \\ &\quad - 180\pi^2 \zeta_3 - \frac{2312}{3} \zeta_3 + \frac{6697}{270} \pi^4 + \frac{2137}{9} \pi^2 + \frac{24131}{72} \right] C_F C_A \\ &\quad + \left[\left(-\frac{7}{6} \zeta_5 - \frac{4}{9} \pi^2 \zeta_3 + \frac{13}{4} \zeta_3 - \frac{17}{432} \pi^4 + \frac{1}{4} \pi^2 + \frac{13}{12} \right) a^{(n_1)}(\mu) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1360}{3} a_4 + \frac{170}{9} \log^4 2 + \frac{508}{9} \pi^2 \log^2 2 - \frac{1300}{9} \pi^2 \log 2 - \frac{787}{2} \zeta_5 \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{340}{3} \pi^2 \zeta_3 + \frac{23311}{36} \zeta_3 - \frac{20429}{2160} \pi^4 - \frac{8705}{108} \pi^2 - \frac{1656817}{1944} \right] C_A^2 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1024}{3} a_4 + \frac{128}{9} \log^4 2 + \frac{256}{9} \pi^2 \log^2 2 - \frac{1504}{9} \pi^2 \log 2 \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1096}{3} \zeta_3 - \frac{916}{135} \pi^4 + \frac{904}{9} \pi^2 + \frac{1120}{9} \right] C_F T_F n_l \\ &\quad + \left[768a_4 + 32 \log^4 2 - 32\pi^2 \log^2 2 + \frac{1088}{9} \pi^2 \log 2 \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{466}{9} \zeta_3 + \frac{124}{45} \pi^4 - \frac{8848}{81} \pi^2 - \frac{16811}{54} \right] C_F T_F \\ &\quad + \left[-\frac{512}{3} a_4 - \frac{64}{9} \log^4 2 - \frac{128}{9} \pi^2 \log^2 2 + \frac{752}{9} \pi^2 \log 2 \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{280}{9} \zeta_3 + \frac{152}{135} \pi^4 + \frac{52}{3} \pi^2 + \frac{111791}{243} \right] C_A T_F n_l \\ &\quad + \left[\left(\frac{8}{3} \zeta_3 - \frac{2461}{108} \right) a^{(n_1)}(\mu) - 512a_4 - \frac{64}{3} \log^4 2 + \frac{64}{3} \pi^2 \log^2 2 + \frac{5120}{81} \pi^2 \log 2 \right] \right] C_A T_F n_l \\ &\quad + \left[\left(\frac{8}{3} \zeta_3 - \frac{2461}{3} \right) a^{(n_1)}(\mu) - 512a_4 - \frac{64}{3} \log^4 2 - \frac{634}{3} \pi^2 + \frac{100627}{81} \right] C_A T_F \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{224}{9} \zeta_3 + \frac{304}{27} \pi^2 + \frac{11534}{243} \right) T_F^2 n_l^2 + \left(\frac{208}{9} \pi^2 - \frac{18884}{81} \right) T_F^2 n_l \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{448}{3} \zeta_3 - \frac{128}{45} \pi^2 - \frac{16850}{81} \right) T_F^2 \end{split}$$

(here $a_4 = \text{Li}_4(1/2)$). Gauge dependence first appears at three loops, as in Z_Q^{os} [8]. The requirement of finiteness of the renormalized matching coefficient (5) at $\varepsilon \to 0$ has allowed the authors of [8] to extract \tilde{Z}_Q from their result for Z_Q^{os} .

It would not be too difficult to take into account a lighter massive flavour, say,

 $m_c \neq 0$ in *b*-quark HQET. \tilde{Z}_Q^{os} is no longer equal to 1, but is known at three loops [13]; Z_Q^{os} contains two scales, and is a non-trivial function of m_c/m_b [14]. Both \tilde{Z}_Q^{os} and Z_Q^{os} have no smooth limit at $m_c \to 0$, but the discontinuity cancels in the ratio (4).

Now let's consider $z(\mu)$ in the large- β_0 limit (see Chapter 8 in [15] for a pedagogical introduction):

$$z(\mu) = 1 + \int_0^\beta \frac{d\beta}{\beta} \left(\frac{\gamma(\beta)}{2\beta} - \frac{\gamma_0}{2\beta_0} \right) + \frac{1}{\beta_0} \int_0^\infty du \, e^{-u/\beta} S(u) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \,, \quad (8)$$

where $\beta = \beta_0 \alpha_s / (4\pi)$, $\gamma = \gamma_0 \alpha_s / (4\pi) + \cdots$ (differences of n_l -flavour and $(n_l + 1)$ -flavour quantities can be neglected at the $1/\beta_0$ order). The difference of the QCD and HQET anomalous dimensions $\gamma = \gamma_Q - \tilde{\gamma}_Q$ and the Borel image S(u) can be expressed as

$$\gamma(\beta) = -2\frac{\beta}{\beta_0}F(-\beta, 0), \quad S(u) = \frac{F(0, u) - F(0, 0)}{u}, \tag{9}$$

where the function $F(\varepsilon, u)$ has been calculated in [1] (see also [15]):

$$F(\varepsilon, u) = -2C_F \left(\frac{\mu}{m}\right)^{2u} e^{\gamma_E \varepsilon} \frac{\Gamma(1+u)\Gamma(1-2u)}{\Gamma(3-u-\varepsilon)} D(\varepsilon)^{u/\varepsilon-1} \times (3-2\varepsilon)(1-u)(1+u-\varepsilon),$$
(10)
$$D(\varepsilon) = 6e^{\gamma_E \varepsilon} \Gamma(1+\varepsilon) B(2-\varepsilon, 2-\varepsilon) = 1 + \frac{5}{3}\varepsilon + \cdots$$

The anomalous dimension difference [1] is gauge invariant at this order:

$$\gamma(\beta) = 2C_F \frac{\beta}{\beta_0} \frac{(1+\beta)(1+\frac{2}{3}\beta)}{B(2+\beta,2+\beta)\Gamma(3+\beta)\Gamma(1-\beta)};$$
(11)

the Borel image is [16,15]

$$S(u) = -6C_F \left[e^{(L+5/3)u} \frac{\Gamma(u)\Gamma(1-2u)}{\Gamma(3-u)} (1-u^2) - \frac{1}{2u} \right].$$
 (12)

This Borel image has infrared renormalon poles at each positive half-integer u and at u = 2. Therefore, the integral in (8) is not well defined. Comparing its residue at the leading pole u = 1/2 with the residue of the static-quark self-energy at its ultraviolet pole u = 1/2 [17], we can express the renormalon ambiguity of $z(\mu)$ as

$$\Delta z(\mu) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Delta \Lambda}{m} \tag{13}$$

 $(\bar{\Lambda} \text{ is the ground-state meson residual energy})$. This ambiguity is compensated in physical matrix elements by ultraviolet renormalon ambiguities in the leading 1/m correction (matrix elements of both local and bilocal dimension-5/2 operators), see [16].

The matching coefficient is gauge invariant at the order $1/\beta_0$. Expanding $\gamma(\beta)$ and S(u) and integrating, we obtain

$$z(\mu) = 1 - C_F \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \Biggl\{ 3L + 4 + \Biggl[\frac{3}{2}L^2 + \frac{19}{2}L + \pi^2 + \frac{113}{8} \Biggr] \frac{\beta_0 \alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} + \Biggl[L^3 + \frac{19}{2}L^2 + \Biggl(2\pi^2 + \frac{167}{6} \Biggr) L + 14\zeta_3 + \frac{19}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{5767}{216} \Biggr] \Biggl(\frac{\beta_0 \alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \Biggr)^2 + \Biggl[\frac{3}{4}L^4 + \frac{19}{2}L^3 + \Biggl(3\pi^2 + \frac{167}{4} \Biggr) L^2 + \Biggl(36\zeta_3 + 19\pi^2 + \frac{2903}{36} \Biggr) L + \frac{71}{40}\pi^4 + \frac{467}{4}\zeta_3 + \frac{167}{6}\pi^2 + \frac{103933}{1728} \Biggr] \Biggl(\frac{\beta_0 \alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \Biggr)^3 + \cdots \Biggr\}.$$

$$(14)$$

Thus we have confirmed the contributions with the highest power of n_l in each term in (7), and predicted such a contribution at α_s^4 .

Numerically, the matching coefficient (7) in the Landau gauge at $\mu = m$ and $n_l = 4$ can be written as

$$z(m) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi} - (1.9996\beta_0 - 4.5421) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^2 - (2.2091\beta_0^2 + 5.1153\beta_0 - 61.5397) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^3 - (3.3755\beta_0^3 + \cdots) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^4 + \cdots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi} - (16.6629 - 4.5421) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^2 - (153.4076 + 42.6271 - 61.5397) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^3 - (1953.4013 + \cdots) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^4 + \cdots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi} - 12.1208 \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^2 - 134.4950 \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^3 - (1953.4013 + \cdots) \left(\frac{\alpha_s^{(4)}(m)}{\pi}\right)^4 + \cdots$$

 $(\beta_0 \text{ is for } n_l = 4 \text{ flavours})$. Naive nonabelianization [1] works rather well at two and three loops (in the latter case the $\mathcal{O}(\beta_0)$ and $\mathcal{O}(1)$ terms partially compensate each other, similarly to [2]). Therefore, we can expect that the

estimate of the α_s^4 term is also reasonably good. Numerical convergence of the series is very poor; this is related to the infrared renormalon at u = 1/2.

In QED, the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalized electron field is related to the Bloch–Nordsieck electron field by the gauge-invariant matching coefficient

$$z(\mu) = 1 - (3L+4)\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} + \left(\frac{9}{2}L^2 + \frac{31}{2}L + 16\pi^2\log 2 - 24\zeta_3 - \frac{55}{3}\pi^2 + \frac{5957}{72}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 - \left[\frac{9}{2}L^3 + \frac{143}{6}L^2 + \left(48\pi^2\log 2 - 72\zeta_3 - 55\pi^2 + \frac{19363}{72}\right)L + 1024a_4 + \frac{128}{3}\log^4 2 - 64\pi^2\log^2 2 - \frac{11792}{9}\pi^2\log 2 + 20\zeta_5 - 8\pi^2\zeta_3 + \frac{9494}{9}\zeta_3 + \frac{104}{45}\pi^4 + \frac{259133}{405}\pi^2 + \frac{249887}{324}\right] \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^3 + \cdots$$
(16)

where $\alpha \approx 1/137$ is in the on-shell scheme.

In conclusion: we have derived the QCD/HQET matching coefficient for the heavy-quark field with three-loop accuracy (7), and the corresponding QED coefficient (16).

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