

Finally we can ask about the Schwinger action principle for local symmetries, then we will derive the gauge Ward Identities. As usual perform a change of integration variables corresponding to a gauge transformation (note: the ϕ - π fields do not transform under gauge transformations)

$$Z[J, J_\mu, \xi, \bar{\xi}] = \int [dA_\mu^{a'}] [d\psi^{\alpha'}] [dc_a] [d\bar{c}_a] \times \\ \times e^{i \int dx [L(\psi', A_\mu', c, \bar{c}) + J_\alpha \psi^{\alpha'} + J_\mu A^{\mu a'} + \bar{\xi}^a c_a + \bar{c}_a \xi^a]}$$

Now let

$$A_\mu^{a'} = A_\mu^a + \partial_\mu \omega^a + f_{abc} \omega^b A_\mu^c \\ = A_\mu^a + \delta_Q(\omega) A_\mu^a \\ \psi^{\alpha'} = \psi^\alpha - i \omega^a (T^a)^\alpha_\beta \psi^\beta \\ = \psi^\alpha + \delta_Q(\omega) \psi^\alpha$$

and recall that $[dA_\mu^{a'}] = [dA_\mu^a]$; $[d\psi^{\alpha'}] = [d\psi^\alpha]$
 that is we still integrate over all field configurations and

$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi', A'_\mu, c, \bar{c}) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c}) + \delta_Q(\omega) \mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c})$$

So

$$Z[\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J}_\mu, \mathcal{J}_3, \bar{\mathcal{J}}_3] = \int [dA'_\mu] [d\varphi'] [dc] [d\bar{c}] \times \\ \times e^{i \int dx [\mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c}) + \mathcal{J}_\alpha \varphi^\alpha + \mathcal{J}_\mu^a A^{a\mu} + \bar{\mathcal{J}}_3^a c_a + \bar{c}_a \mathcal{J}_3^a]}$$

$$\times e^{i \int dx [\delta_Q(\omega) \mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c}) + \mathcal{J}_\alpha \delta_Q(\omega) \varphi^\alpha + \mathcal{J}_\mu^a \delta_Q(\omega) A^{a\mu}]}$$

Since ω^a is infinitesimal we expand the exponential as usual to find

$$Z[\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J}_\mu, \mathcal{J}_3, \bar{\mathcal{J}}_3] = Z[\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J}_\mu, \mathcal{J}_3, \bar{\mathcal{J}}_3]$$

$$+ \int [dA'_\mu] [d\varphi'] [dc] [d\bar{c}] \times$$

$$\times \left[i \int dx [\delta_Q(\omega) \mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c}) + \mathcal{J}_\alpha \delta_Q(\omega) \varphi^\alpha + \mathcal{J}_\mu^a \delta_Q(\omega) A^{a\mu}] \right]$$

$$\times e^{i \int dx [\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{J}\varphi + \mathcal{J}_\mu A^\mu + \bar{\mathcal{J}}c + \bar{c}\mathcal{J}]}$$

Then we find the gauge Ward identity

$$0 = \int d^4x \left[\delta_Q(\omega) \mathcal{L}(\varphi, A_\mu, c, \bar{c}) + J_\alpha \delta_Q(\omega) \varphi^\alpha + J_\mu^a \delta_Q(\omega) A^{\mu a} \right] Z[J, J_\mu, \bar{\xi}, \xi]$$

Where in the above notation it is understood that $\delta_Q(\omega) \mathcal{L}$, $\delta_Q(\omega) \varphi^\alpha$, $\delta_Q(\omega) A^{\mu a}$ are to be written in terms of derivatives with respect to the appropriate sources $J, J_\mu, \bar{\xi}, \xi$.

First note that this WI or action principle is local that is $\omega^a = \omega^a(x)$ is an arbitrary function of x^μ thus we can functionally differentiate w.r.t. it and obtain a local identity Z obeys. If ω^a is constant this reduces to the global G WI. Let's check the structure of this identity more closely.

first lets recall that $L_{int}(\psi, A_\mu)$ is gauge invariant thus

$$\delta_Q(\omega) L = \delta_Q(\omega) L_f + \delta_Q(\omega) L_{\text{ext}}$$

Now

$$\delta_Q(\omega) L_f = -f_a \delta_Q(\omega) f_a$$

$$\delta_Q(\omega) L_{\text{ext}} = \int d^4y \bar{c}_a(x) (\delta_Q(\omega) M_f^{ab}(x,y)) c_b(y)$$

recall that

$$\frac{\delta_Q(\omega) f_a(x)}{\delta \omega^b(y)} \equiv M_f^{ab}(x,y)$$

thus

$$\delta_Q(\omega) f_a(x) = \int d^4y M_f^{ab}(x,y) \omega^b(y)$$

for infinitesimal $\omega^a(x)$.

So we find

$$\delta_Q(\omega) L_f = - \int d^4y f_a(x) M_f^{ab}(x,y) \omega^b(y)$$

$$\delta_Q(\omega) L_{\text{ext}} = \int d^4y \bar{c}_a(x) (\delta_Q(\omega) M_f^{ab}(x,y)) c_b(y)$$

Thus we find the Gauge WI

$$\int d^4x \left[J_2 \delta_Q(\omega) \phi^2 + J_\mu^a \delta_Q(\omega) A^{a\mu} \right] Z[J, \bar{J}, \xi, \bar{\xi}]$$

$$= \int d^4x d^4y \left[f_a(x) M_{f(x,y)}^{ab} \omega^b(y) - \bar{C}_a(x) (\delta_Q(\omega) M_{f(x,y)}^{ab}) C_b(y) \right] \times Z[J, \bar{J}, \xi, \bar{\xi}]$$

If a theory is to be gauge invariant the generating functional must obey this gauge WI and then the S-matrix will exhibit this local gauge invariance.

Of course this is messy compared to a global WI since the RHS is not zero for a gauge invariant theory
 i.e. $\delta_Q(\omega) \phi \neq 0,$