

Five-Loop Calculations with FORM

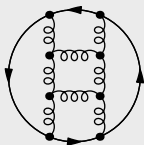
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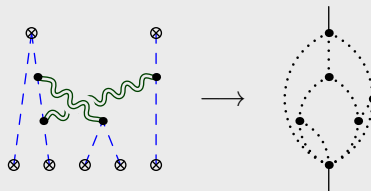
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Massive vacuum diagrams



- QCD decoupling
- Moments of vacuum polarisation
- Anomalous dimensions

Massless propagators



- Gravitational potential

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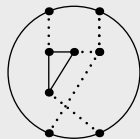
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- 6 Renormalise (**FORM**)

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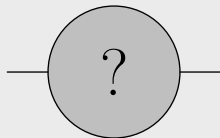
Decoupling / gluon propagator



Step	# Output Terms [10^6]	CPU Time [1000 s]
Insert Feynman Rules	25	1
Compute Traces	5	21
Expand in q	23	4
Reduce Tensor Integrals	7	0.5
Expand in ϵ	3	3
Cancel Scalar Products	2	1

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Gravitational potential beyond static sources

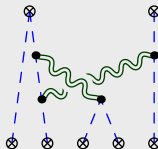


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Insert Feynman Rules	76	???
Expand in ϵ	6	???
Expand in velocity	2	???
Resolve energy integrals	1	< 583
Cancel Scalar Products	2	$\lesssim$ 120

Hardest family so far does not finish within a few months

Gravitational potential

Energy integrals



- $\otimes \propto \int dt_i \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\vec{p}\vec{x}_a(t_i) - ip_0 t_i} [1 + \mathcal{O}(v_a(t_i)^2)]$
- Evaluate energy integrals:

$$\int \frac{dp_0}{(2\pi)^d} p_0^n e^{ip_0(t_i - t_j)} \longrightarrow \delta^{(n)}(t_i - t_j)$$

- Repeated integration by parts in $t_i \longrightarrow$ single integral

$$\int dt \int \frac{d^{d-1} q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} e^{i\vec{q}(\vec{x}_1(t) - \vec{x}_2(t))} V(\vec{q}, x_a(t), v_a(t), a_a(t), \dots)$$

Time-consuming integration by parts over dummy variables



My Wishlist



- Traces
- Index relabelling via graph canonisation [cf. Symbolica]
- Parallelisation diagnostics
- Quality of life, especially encapsulation

Traces

Built-in rules

- 1 Traces with odd number of γ vanish
- 2 Replace $\gamma_\mu \gamma^\mu \rightarrow \delta_\mu^\mu$, $\not{p}^2 \rightarrow p^2$
- 3 Find pairs $\gamma_\mu \cdots \gamma^\mu$ or $\not{p} \cdots \not{p}$ with **minimum** distance.
 - ▶ Repeatedly anticommute until next to each other
 - ▶ Apply rule 2.

Can generate large intermediate expressions:

$25 \cdot 10^6$ terms $\rightarrow$ **$361 \cdot 10^6$ terms** $\rightarrow 5 \cdot 10^6$ terms

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- Work towards uniform length of traces in different terms: start with longest traces
- Interleave index renumbering: $\gamma_\mu \gamma_\rho \gamma^\mu - \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma^\nu = 0$

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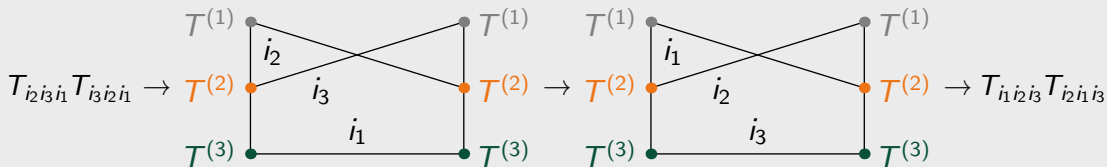
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Alternative: graph canonisation [cf. Symbolica]



- Straightforward parallelisation one of the most important (T)FORM features
- `moduleoption` annotations needed for dollar variables:
FORM will veto the use of multiple threads/processors for modules in which dollar variables obtain values [...]
 - ▶ Helpful diagnostics: which dollar variables block parallel execution?
 - ▶ `on parallel diagnostics;`?

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Ideas:

- Allow moduleoption local \$...; and similar earlier in module?
- Alternative: make local etc. part of dollar variable declaration?
 ↪ next slides

Quality of Life

Encapsulation

Example from nuca1c code:

```
#do i=1,'$num'P''
  #$reduction'i' = [nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::sp]('P''i','P''i') - [nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::sp]('$P''i','$P''i');
  #inside $reduction'i'
    id [nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::sp]([nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::p],[nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::q]) = [nuca1cReduceScalarProd
    #do L1={'?L'}
      #do L2={'?L'}
        id 'L1'.L2' = [nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::sp]('L1', 'L2');
      #enddo
    #enddo
  #endinside
#enddo

#define EQS "$reduction1"
#do i=2,'$num'P''
  #redefine EQS "'EQS',$reduction'i'"
#enddo

#call RSPSolveLinear([nuca1cReduceScalarProducts::sp],'EQS')
```

- Evil hack: Perl script creating package-local variable name from [:sp] etc.
- Manual prefix for package-internal procedure: `RSPSolveLinear`
- Both original and generated code hard to read

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Encapsulation

```
#package PACKAGE  
  
* code here  
  
#endpackage
```

and then

- name mangling

```
#package PACKAGE  
  
  symbols x,y,z;  
  
  #procedure PROC  
  #endprocedure  
  
  #define $var (local)  
  
#endpackage  
  
#call PACKAGE@PROC  
#importprocedure PROC = PACKAGE@PROC  
#call PROC
```

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- or new keyword for internal objects, cf. `static` in C/C++
 - ↪ hard to implement for variables

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Asking for the Moon



FORM as a library

Support for Language Server Protocol

Conclusions

- FORM is a central ingredient in five-loop setup:
 - ▶ Colour factors
 - ▶ Feynman rules, index contractions
 - ▶ Traces
 - ▶ Series expansions
 - ▶ ...
- Looking forward to future developments