New Methods for Feynman Integrals

Feynman Integral Reduction

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Reduction problem for Feynman integrals

A given Feynman graph $\Gamma \to$ tensor reduction $\to$ various scalar Feynman integrals that have the same structure of the integrand with various distributions of powers of propagators

$$F(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \;=\; \int \cdots \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^d k_1 \ldots \mathrm{d}^d k_h}{E_1^{a_1} \ldots E_n^{a_n}} \, .$$

$d = 4 - 2\epsilon$; the denominators E_r are either quadratic or linear with respect to the loop momenta $p_i = k_i, \; i = 1, \ldots, h$ or to the independent external momenta $p_{h+1} = q_1, \ldots, p_{h+N} = q_N$ of the graph.

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Manual reduction example

Massless one-loop propagator Feynman integrals

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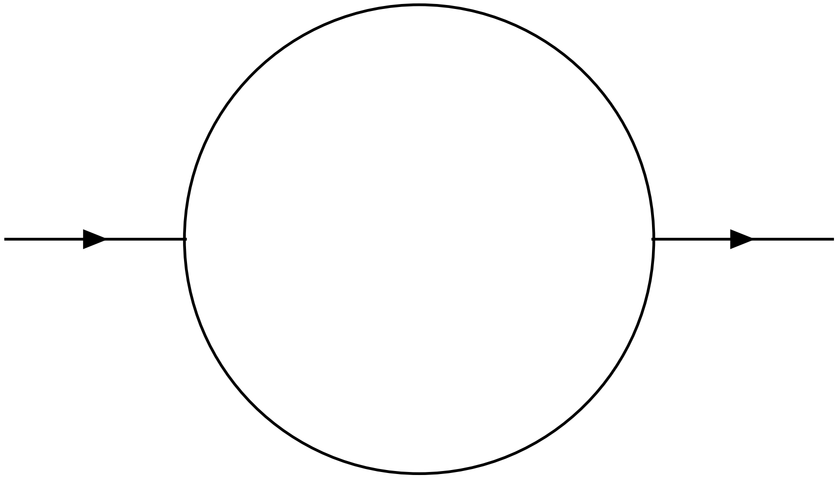

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$$F(a_1, a_2) \quad = \quad -\frac{1}{(a_2-1)q^2}\left[(d - 2a_1 - a_2 + 1)F(a_1, a_2 - 1)\right.$$
$$\left. -(a_2 - 1)F(a_1 - 1, a_2)\right]$$

when $a_2 \neq 1$

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Substituting the symmetry condition into the IBP used above we obtain:

$$F(a_1, 1) = -\frac{d - a_1 - 1}{(a_1 - 1)q^2} F(a_1 - 1, 1)$$

for $a_1 \geq 1$
Any integral can be recursively represented as a coefficient times $F(1, 1)$

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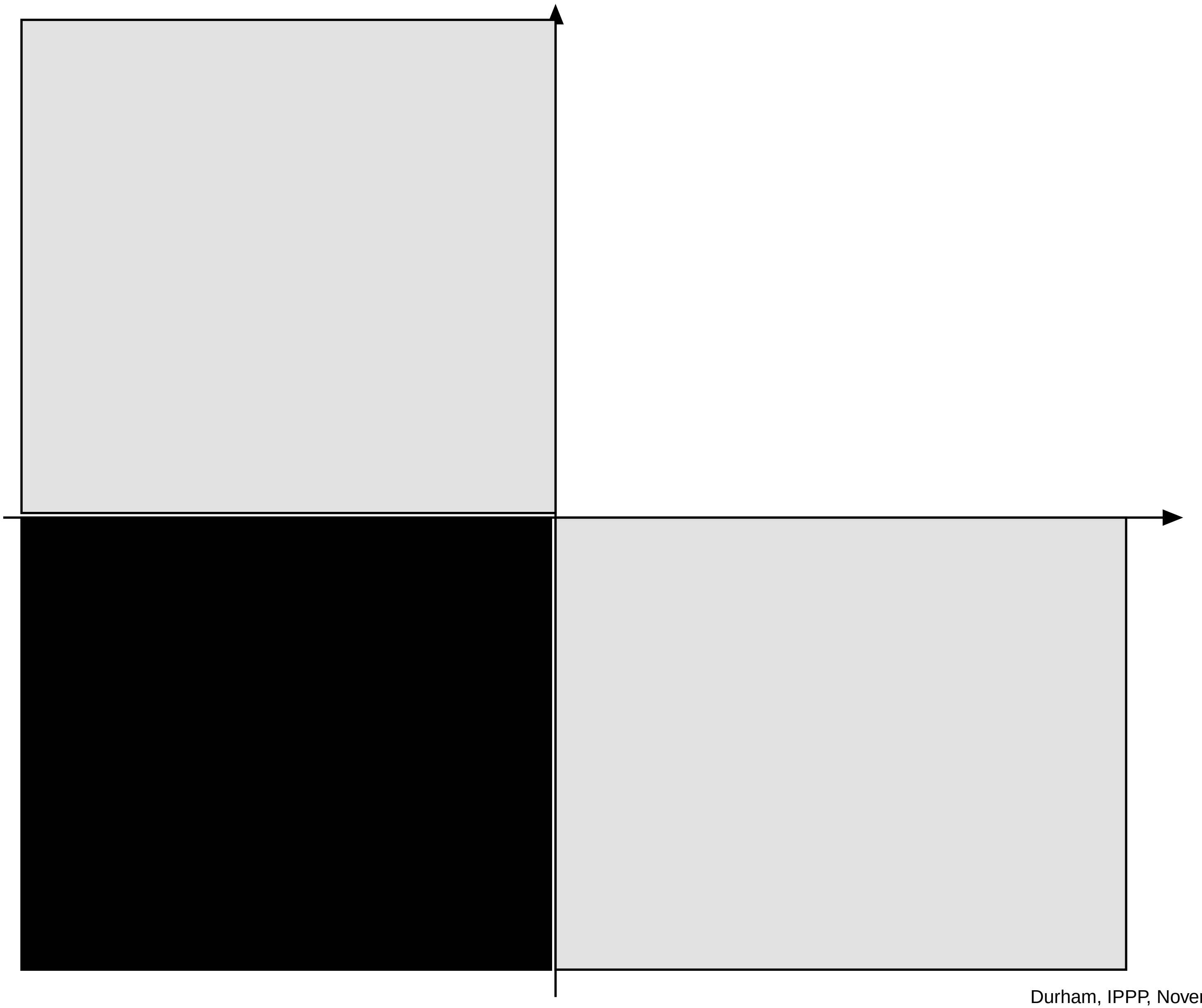

Laporta algorithm

[S. Laporta and E. Remiddi'96; S. Laporta'00; T. Gehrmann and E. Remiddi'01]

'When increasing the total power of the denominator and numerator, the total number of IBP equations grows faster than the number of independent Feynman integrals. Therefore this system of equations sooner or later becomes overdetermined, and one obtains the possibility to perform a reduction to master integrals'

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- new public version FIRE [A.Smirnov'08]
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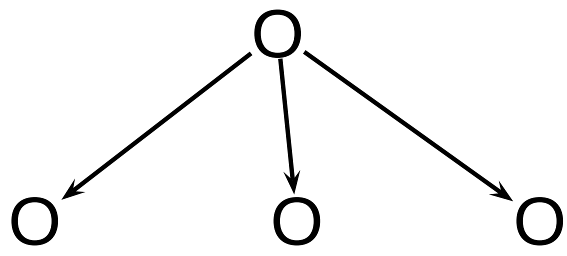

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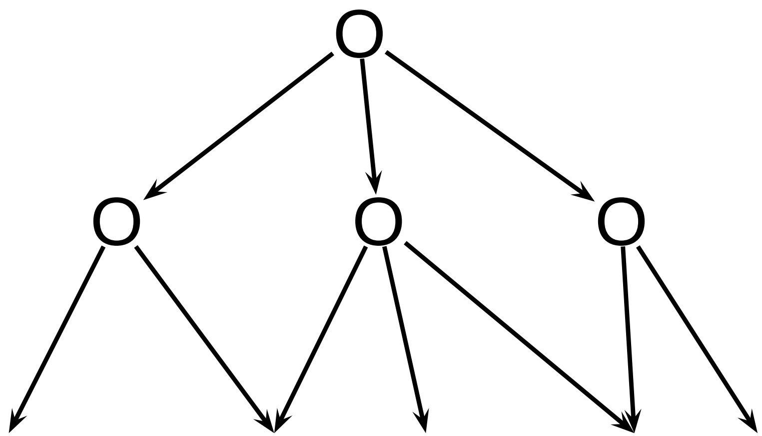

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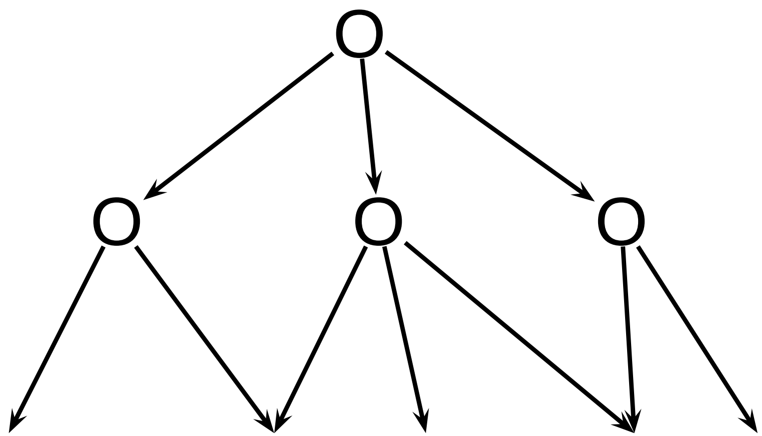

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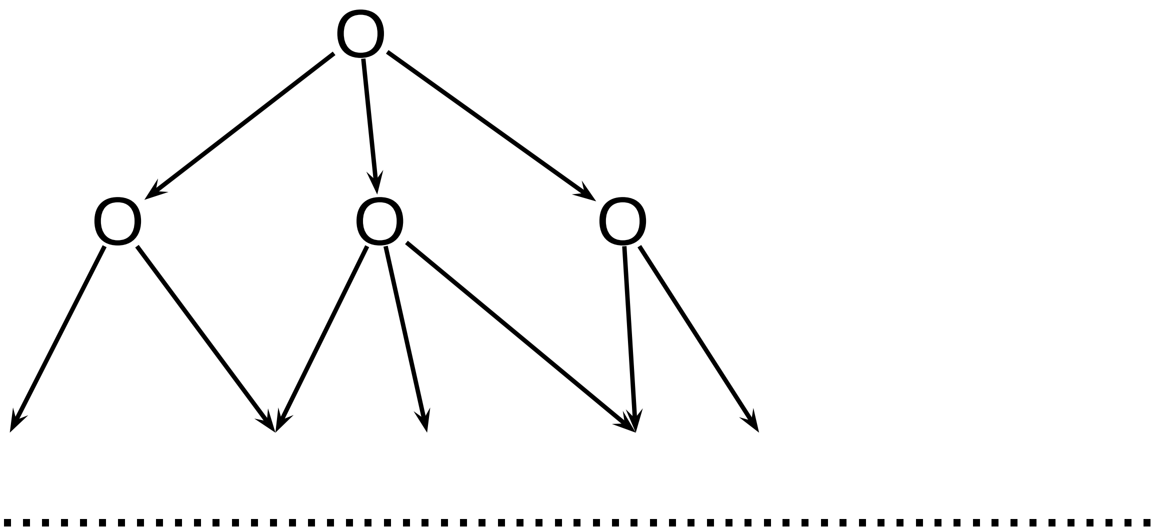

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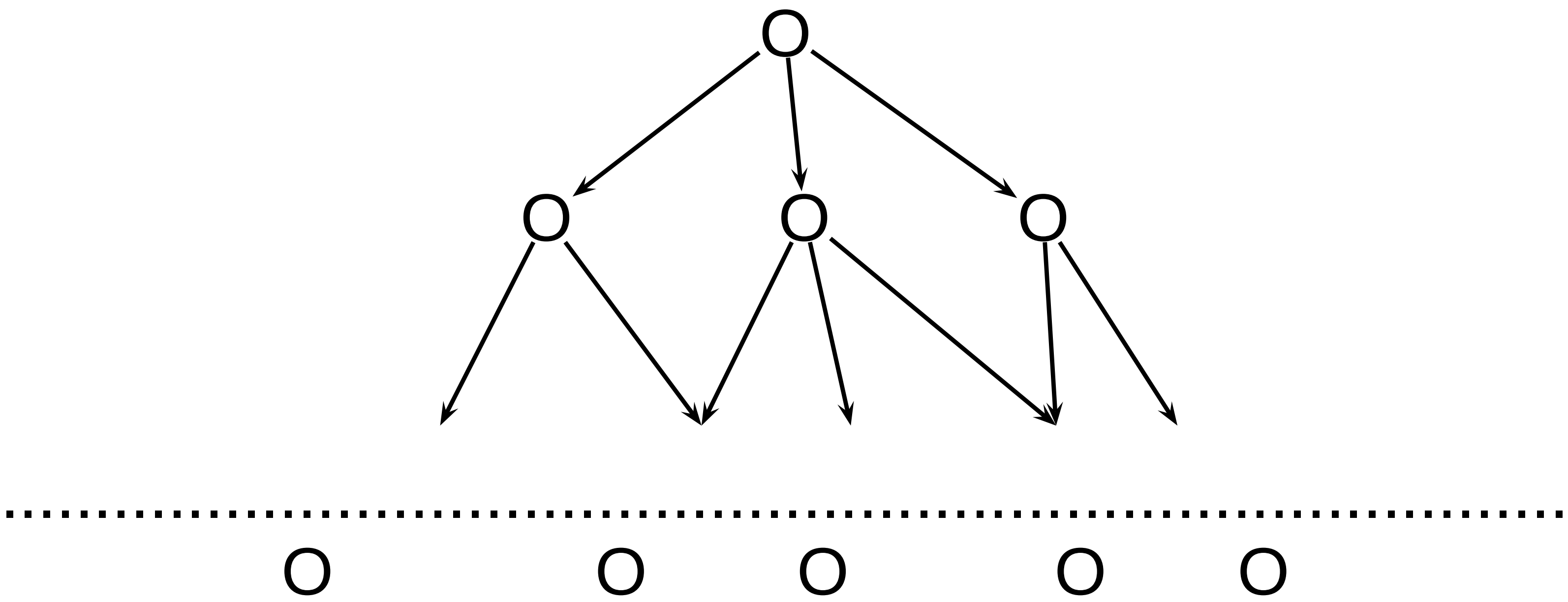

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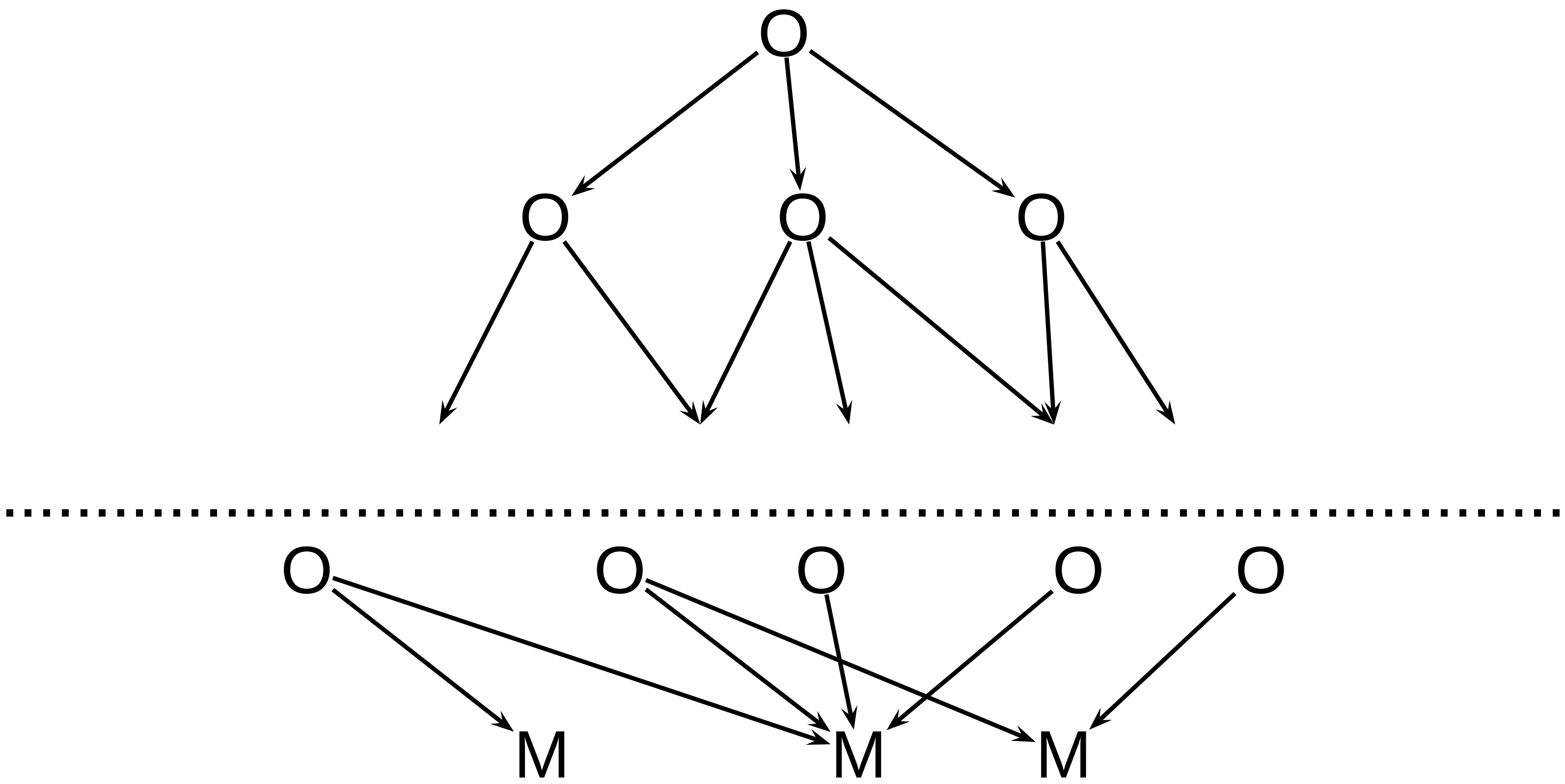

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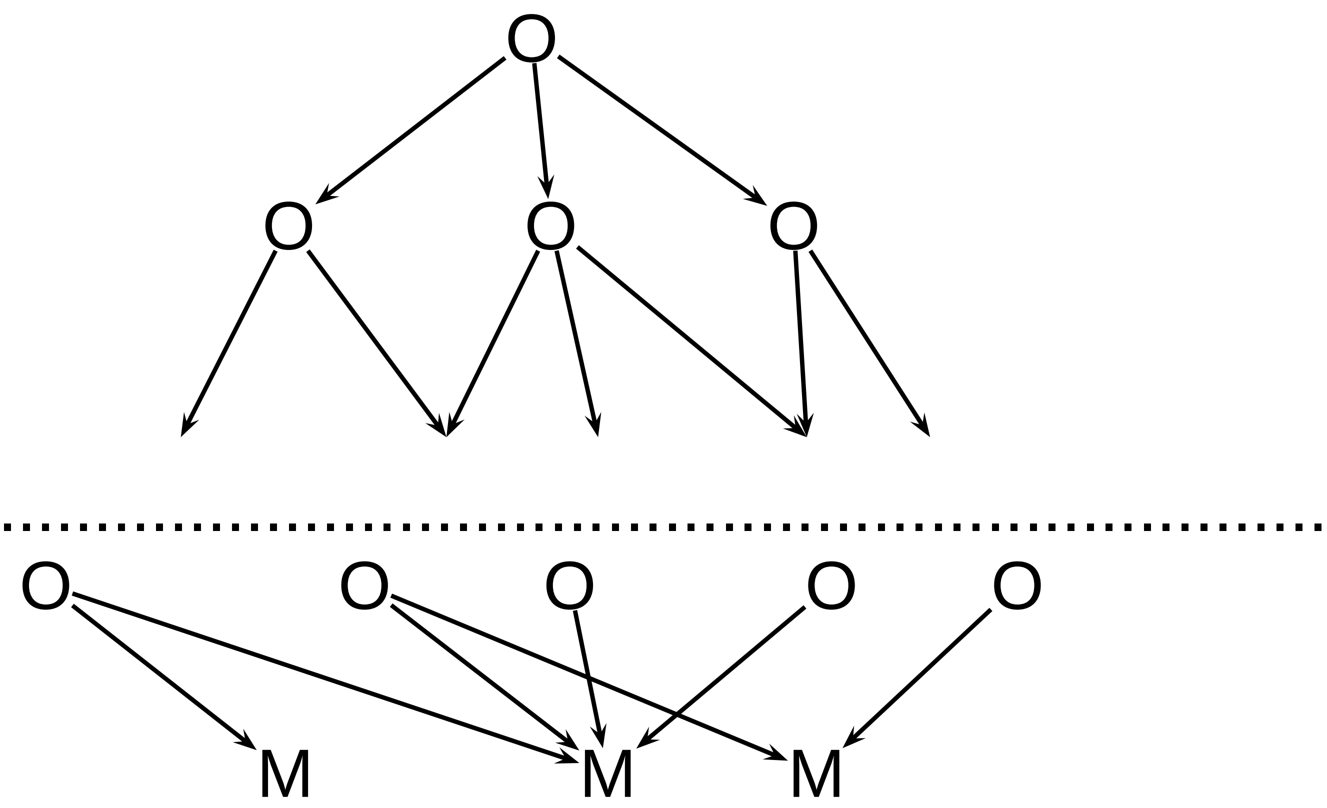

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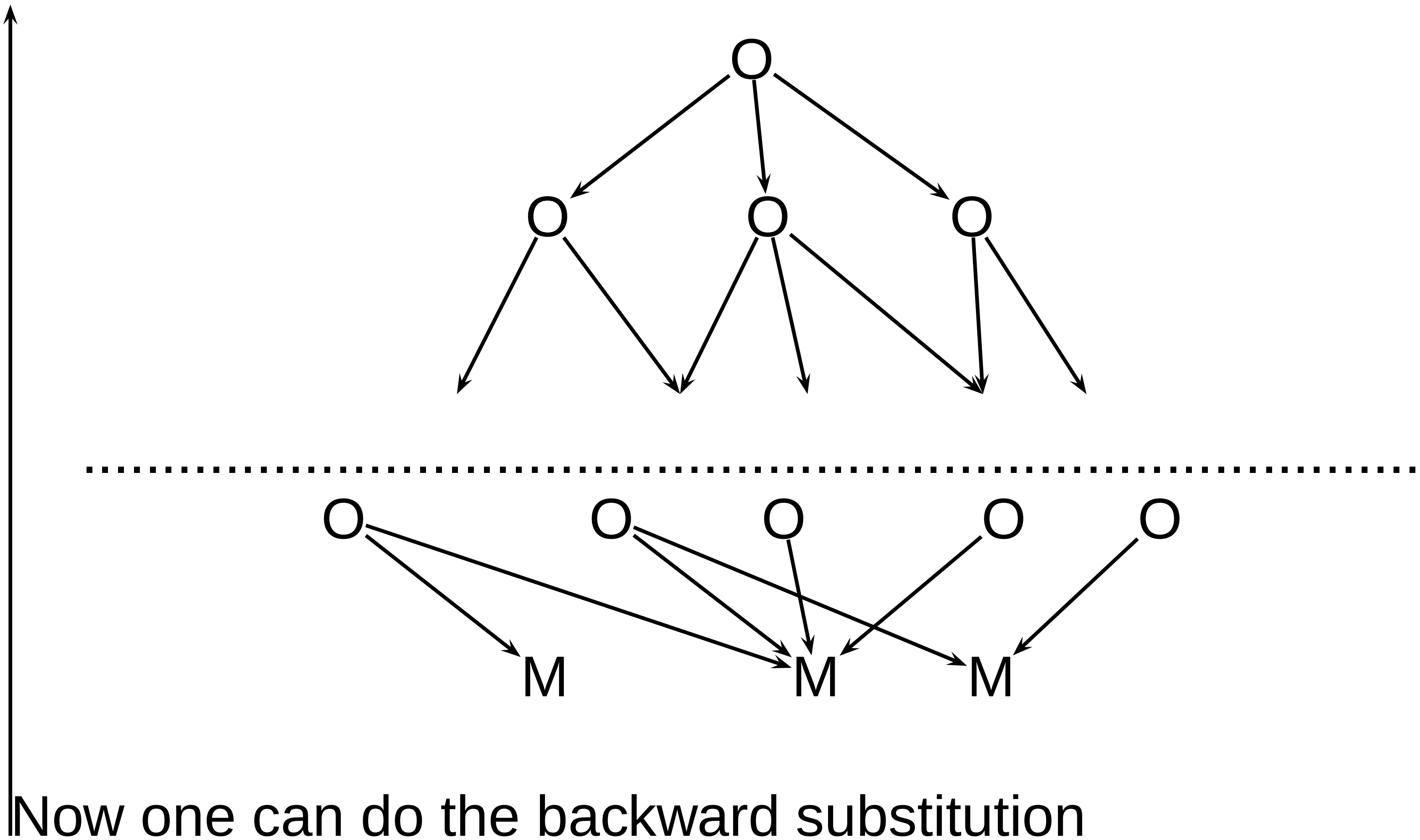

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But still... what are s-bases and how to construct them?

Let's try to give an idea...

Although I would need several lectures like that to explain comprehensively what Gröbner bases are

Suppose first that we are interested in expressing any integral in the positive sector $\sigma_{\{1,\ldots,n\}}$ as a linear combination of a finite number of integrals in it.

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Thus, one can choose certain elements f_i corresponding to IBP relations and write

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The choice is not unique, we will get rid of Y_i^-

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$$F(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = \sum c_{i_1,\ldots,i_n} F(i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_n)\,,$$

where integrals on the right-hand side are “master integrals”.

To do the reduction we need an ordering of monomials of operators Y_i or, similarly, an ordering of points $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ in the sector:

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$(M_1 \cdot F)(1, \ldots, 1) \succ (M_2 \cdot F)(1, \ldots, 1)$ if and only if $M_1 \succ M_2$

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An ordering can be defined by a matrix.

Lexicographical, degree-lexicographical and reverse degree-lexicographical ordering for $n = 5$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Moreover, we must keep in mind that we are interested in integrals not only in the positive sector.

Our algorithm [A.S.& V.S'05] : to build a set of special bases of the ideal of IBP relations (s-bases).

- sectors
  $\sigma_\nu = \{(a_1, \ldots, a_n) : a_i > 0 \text{ if } i \in \nu\,, \quad a_i \leq 0 \text{ if } i \notin \nu\}$
- In the sector $\sigma_{\{1,\ldots,n\}}$, consider Y_i as basic operators.
  In the sector σ_ν, consider Y_i for $i \in \nu$ and Y_i^- for other i as basic operators.
- Construct sector bases (s-bases), rather than Gröbner bases for all the sectors.
  An s-basis for a sector σ_ν is a set of elements of a basis which provides the possibility of a reduction to master integrals *and* integrals whose indices lie in *lower* sectors, i.e. $\sigma_{\nu'}$ for $\nu' \subset \nu$. (It is most complicated to construct s-bases for minimal sectors.)

- The construction — close to the Buchberger algorithm but it can be terminated when the ‘current’ basis already provides us the needed reduction.
- The basic operations are the same, i.e. calculating S-polynomials and reducing them modulo current basis, with a chosen ordering.

After constructing s-bases for all non-trivial sectors one obtains a recursive (with respect to the sectors) procedure to evaluate $F(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ at any point and thereby reduce a given integral to master integrals.

Description of the algorithm (implemented in `Mathematica`): [A.V. Smirnov, JHEP 0604 (2006) 026]

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