

Multiloop Integrand Reduction via Multivariate Polynomial Division

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- 3 Integrand reduction via polynomial division
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Introduction and motivation

Motivation

- Understanding the basic **analytic and algebraic structure** of **integrand**s and **integrals** of **scattering amplitudes**
- Exploration of methods for obtaining theoretical predictions in **perturbative Quantum Field Theory** at higher orders
- **Automation** of the computation of loop integrals

We developed a coherent framework for the **integrand decomposition** of Feynman integrals

- based on simple concepts of **algebraic geometry**
- applicable at all loops

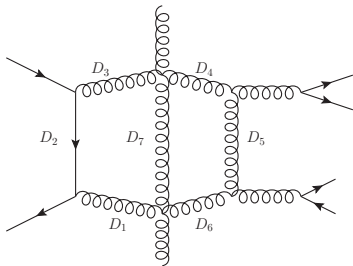
Integrand reduction

- Generic ℓ -loop integral:

- is a **rational function** in the components of the **loop momenta** q_i
- **polynomial numerator** $\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}$

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \int d^d q_1 \dots d^d q_\ell \mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n}, \quad \mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}}$$

- **quadratic polynomial denominators** D_i
 - they correspond to Feynman loop propagators



$$D_i = \left(\sum_j (-)^{s_{ij}} q_j + p_i \right)^2 - m_i^2$$

Integrand reduction

The idea

Manipulate the **integrand** and **reduce** it to a linear combination of “simpler” integrands.

- The **integrand-reduction algorithm** leads to

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} = \frac{\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\Delta_{i_k}}{D_{i_k}} + \Delta_{\emptyset}$$

- The **residues** $\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_k}$ are **irreducible** polynomials in q_i
 - can't be written as a combination of denominators $D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_k}$
 - **universal** topology-dependent **parametric form**
 - the **coefficients** of the parametrization are process-dependent

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- By **integrating** the integrand decomposition

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 \Rightarrow **reduction to MIs** \equiv **polynomial fit** of the **residues**

The one-loop decomposition

At one loop the result is well known:

- the **integrand** decomposition

[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2007); Ellis, Giele, Kunstz, Melnikov (2008)]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} &= \sum_{j_1 \dots j_5} \frac{\Delta_{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4 j_5}}{D_{j_1} D_{j_2} D_{j_3} D_{j_4} D_{j_5}} + \sum_{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4} \frac{\Delta_{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4}}{D_{j_1} D_{j_2} D_{j_3} D_{j_4}} \\ &+ \sum_{j_1 j_2 j_3} \frac{\Delta_{j_1 j_2 j_3}}{D_{j_1} D_{j_2} D_{j_3}} + \sum_{j_1 j_2} \frac{\Delta_{j_1 j_2}}{D_{j_1} D_{j_2}} + \sum_{j_1} \frac{\Delta_{j_1}}{D_{j_1}} \end{aligned}$$

- the **integral** decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_{4,0} \text{ (square) } + c_{3,0} \text{ (triangle) } + c_{2,0} \text{ (circle) } + c_{1,0} \text{ (circle) } \\ &+ c_{4,4} \text{ (square, } d+4 \text{) } + c_{3,7} \text{ (triangle, } d+2 \text{) } + c_{2,9} \text{ (circle, } d+2 \text{) } \end{aligned}$$

Integrand reduction and polynomials

- At ℓ -loops we want to achieve the **integrand decomposition**:

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} = \underbrace{\frac{\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\Delta_{i_k}}{D_{i_k}}}_{\text{they must be irreducible}} + \Delta_\emptyset$$

- We trade (q_1, \dots, q_ℓ) with their coordinates $\mathbf{z} \equiv (z_1, \dots, z_m)$
 \Rightarrow numerator and denominators \equiv **polynomials** in \mathbf{z}

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}(\mathbf{z})}{D_{i_1}(\mathbf{z}) \dots D_{i_n}(\mathbf{z})}$$

- \Rightarrow **Integrand reduction** \equiv problem of **multivariate polynomial division**

The problem of the determination of the residues of a generic diagram has been **solved**. [Y. Zhang (2012), P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, G. Ossola, T.P. (2012)]

Residues via polynomial division

Y. Zhang (2012), P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, G. Ossola, T.P. (2012)

- Define the **Ideal** of polynomials

$$\mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n} \equiv \langle D_{i_1}, \dots, D_{i_n} \rangle = \left\{ p(\mathbf{z}) : p(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_j h_j(\mathbf{z}) D_j(\mathbf{z}), h_j \in P[\mathbf{z}] \right\}$$

- Take a **Gröbner basis** $G_{\mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}$ of $\mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n}$

$$G_{\mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n}} = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \quad \text{such that} \quad \mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle$$

- Perform the **multivariate polynomial division** $\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n} / G_{\mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}$

$$\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}(\mathbf{z}) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n}(\mathbf{z}) D_{i_k}(\mathbf{z})}_{\text{quotient} \in \mathcal{J}_{i_1 \dots i_n}} + \underbrace{\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}(\mathbf{z})}_{\text{remainder}}$$

- The **remainder** $\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ is **irreducible** \Rightarrow can be identified with the **residue**

Recursive Relation for the integrand decomposition

P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, G. Ossola, T.P. (2012)

The recursive formula

$$\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n} D_{i_k} + \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}} = \sum_k \mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n} + \frac{\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n}}{D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_n}}$$

- **Fit-on-the-cut** approach
 - from a generic \mathcal{N} , get the **parametric form** of the residues Δ
 - determine the **coefficients** sampling on the **cuts** (impose $D_i = 0$)
- **Divide-and-Conquer** approach
 - generate the \mathcal{N} of the process
 - compute the residues by **iterating** the **polynomial division** algorithm

Fit-on-the-cut approach

[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2007)]

The decomposition of the numerator

$$\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n} + \sum_k \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n} D_{i_k} + \dots$$

- Fit the **coefficients** of the residues sampling on the **multiple cuts**

- First step: n -ple cut

- impose $D_{i_1} = \dots = D_{i_n} = 0$

$$\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n}$$

- Further steps: k -ple cut

- impose $D_{i_1} = \dots = D_{i_k} = 0$ for any subset $\{i_1 \dots i_k\}$

$$\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_k} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n} - \text{higher-point contributions}}{\prod_{h \neq i_1, \dots, i_k} D_h}$$

Fit-on-the-cut approach: The reducibility criterion

What happens if a cut has no solution?

The reducibility criterion

- If a cut $D_{i_1} = \dots = D_{i_k} = 0$ has no solutions, the associated residue vanishes. In other words, **any** numerator is completely reducible.
- This generally happens with overdetermined systems i.e. when the number of cut denominators is higher than the one of loop coordinates.
- When $D_{i_1} = \dots = D_{i_k} = 0$ has no solution:

$$\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_k} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{no need to perform the fit}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n} D_{i_k}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \sum_k \mathcal{I}_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_n}$$

Fit-on-the-cut approach: The maximum-cut theorem

The maximum-cut theorem

- We define **maximum-cut**, a cut where

$$\#(\text{cut-denominators}) \equiv \#(\text{components-of-loop-momenta})$$



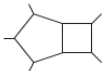


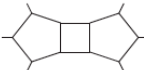
- In non-special kinematic configurations it has a finite number of solutions

$$\#(\text{coefficients-of-the-residue}) = \#(\text{solutions-of-the-cut})$$

- The **fit-on-the-cut approach** therefore gives a number of equations which is equal to the number of unknown coefficients.

Fit-on-the-cut approach: The maximum-cut theorem

Examples:

diagram	Δ	n_s	diagram	Δ	n_s
	c_0	1		$c_0 + c_1 z$	2
	$\sum_{i=0}^3 c_i z^i$	4		$\sum_{i=0}^3 c_i z^i$	4
	$\sum_{i=0}^7 c_i z^i$	8		$\sum_{i=0}^7 c_i z^i$	8

Fit-on-the-cut approach

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 denominator of degree > 2
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OBSERVATION:
 these issues are **not** present
 in the **divide-and-conquer approach**
 which instead can be applied to
any integrand

$$\prod_{h \neq i_1, \dots, i_k} D_h$$

One-loop decomposition from polynomial division

P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, G. Ossola, T.P. (2012)

- Start from the most general one-loop amplitude in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$
 - Apply the recursive formula for the integrand decomposition
 - ⇒ it reproduces the OPP result
[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2007); Ellis, Giele, Kunstz, Melnikov (2008)]
 - Drop the spurious terms
- ⇒ Get the most general integral decomposition (well known result)

The diagrammatic equation shows the decomposition of a one-loop amplitude with a dashed line (represented by a circle with seven external lines, one dashed) into several Feynman diagrams:

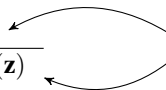
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One-loop decomposition from polynomial division

At one loop in $4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions:

- **5 coordinates** $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5)$
 - 4 components (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) of q w.r.t. a 4-dimensional basis
 - $z_5 = \mu^2$ encodes the (-2ϵ) -dependence on the loop momentum
- we start with

$$\mathcal{I}_n \equiv \mathcal{I}_{1\dots n} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{1\dots n}(\mathbf{z})}{D_1(\mathbf{z}) \dots D_n(\mathbf{z})}$$


 most general 1-loop numerator
 generic 1-loop denominators

- if $m > 5$ **any** integrand $\mathcal{I}_{i_1\dots i_m}$ is reducible (**reducibility criterion**)

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_1\dots i_m} = \sum_k \mathcal{I}_{i_1\dots i_{k-1}i_{k+1}\dots i_m}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta_{i_1\dots i_m} = 0 \quad \text{for } m > 5$$

- for $m \leq 5$ the **polynomial-division algorithm** gives the already-known **parametric form** of the residues $\Delta_{ijk\dots}$

- Choice of 4-dimensional basis for an m -point residue

$$e_1^2 = e_2^2 = 0, \quad e_1 \cdot e_2 = 1, \quad e_3^2 = e_4^2 = \delta_{m4}, \quad e_3 \cdot e_4 = -(1 - \delta_{m4})$$

- Coordinates: $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) \equiv (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \mu^2)$

$$q_{4\text{-dim}}^\mu = -p_{i_1}^\mu + x_1 e_1^\mu + x_2 e_2^\mu + x_3 e_3^\mu + x_4 e_4^\mu, \quad q^2 = q_{4\text{-dim}}^2 - \mu^2$$

- Generic numerator

$$\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_m} = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_5} \alpha_j z_1^{j_1} z_2^{j_2} z_3^{j_3} z_4^{j_4} z_5^{j_5}, \quad (j_1 \dots j_5) \text{ such that } \text{rank}(\mathcal{N}_{i_1 \dots i_m}) \leq m$$

- Residues

$$\Delta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} = c_0$$

$$\Delta_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = c_0 + c_1 x_4 + \mu^2 (c_2 + c_3 x_4 + \mu^2 c_4)$$

$$\Delta_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = c_0 + c_1 x_3 + c_2 x_3^2 + c_3 x_3^3 + c_4 x_4 + c_5 x_4^2 + c_6 x_4^3 + \mu^2 (c_7 + c_8 x_3 + c_9 x_4)$$

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$$\Delta_{i_1} = c_0 + c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + c_3 x_3 + c_4 x_4$$

- It can be easily **extended** to **higher-rank** numerators

Fit-on-the-cut at 1-loop

Integrand decomposition:

$$\text{Bubble} = \Sigma \text{Pentagon} + \Sigma \text{Square} + \Sigma \text{Triangle} + \Sigma \text{Circle} + \Sigma \text{Circle}$$

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fit m -point residues on
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⇒ see P. Mastrolia's talk for more details

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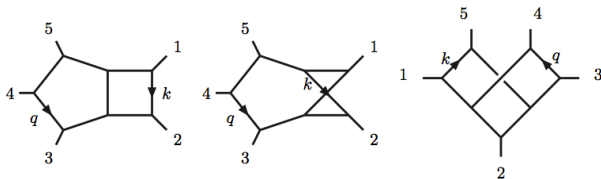
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- ... we are moving the first steps in this direction

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA amplitudes

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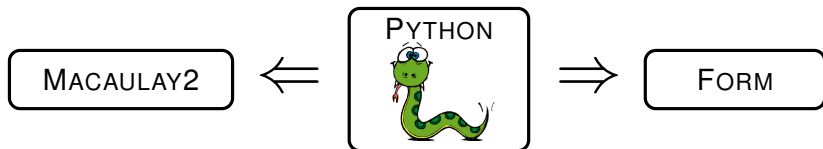
- Examples in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA amplitudes ($d = 4$)
 - generation of the integrand
 - graph based [Carrasco, Johansson (2011)]
 - unitarity based [U. Schubert (Diplomarbeit)]
 - **fit-on-the-cut** approach for the reduction
- Results:
 - $\mathcal{N} = 4$ linear combination of 8 and 7-denominators MIs
 - $\mathcal{N} = 8$ linear combination of 8, 7 and 6-denominators MIs

Divide-and-Conquer approach

P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, G. Ossola, T.P. (2013)

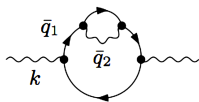
The **divide-and-conquer** approach to the integrand reduction

- does **not** require the knowledge of the **solutions of the cut**
- can **always** be used to perform the reduction in a finite number of **purely algebraic operations**
- has been automated in a PYTHON package which uses MACAULAY2 and FORM for algebraic operations



- also works in special cases where the fit-on-the-cut approach is not applicable (e.g. in presence of **double denominators**)

Divide-and-Conquer approach: a simple example



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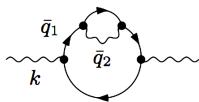
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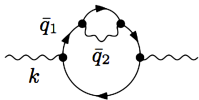
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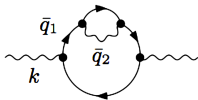
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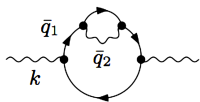
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Divide-and-Conquer approach: a simple example

- after a further step (division $\mathcal{N}_{i_1 i_2 i_3} / \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{J}_{i_1 i_2 i_3}}$) no quotient remains

$$\mathcal{N}_{11234} = \Delta_{11234} + \Delta_{1234}D_1 + \Delta_{1134}D_2 + \Delta_{1124}D_3 + \Delta_{1123}D_4 + \Delta_{234}D_1^2 + \Delta_{114}D_2D_3 + \Delta_{113}D_2D_4$$

- the integrand decomposition becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{11234} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{11234}}{D_1^2 D_2 D_3 D_4} &= \frac{\Delta_{11234}}{D_1^2 D_2 D_3 D_4} + \frac{\Delta_{1234}}{D_1 D_2 D_3 D_4} + \frac{\Delta_{1134}}{D_1^2 D_3 D_4} + \frac{\Delta_{1124}}{D_1^2 D_2 D_4} \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta_{1123}}{D_1^2 D_2 D_3} + \frac{\Delta_{234}}{D_2 D_3 D_4} + \frac{\Delta_{114}}{D_1^2 D_4} + \frac{\Delta_{113}}{D_1^2 D_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_{11234} = 16m^2 (k^2 + 2m^2 - k^2\epsilon),$$

$$\Delta_{1234} = 16 [(q_2 \cdot k)(1 - \epsilon)^2 + m^2],$$

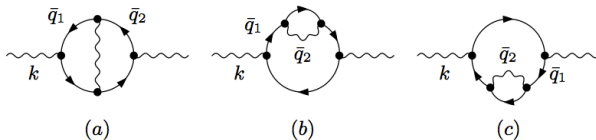
$$\Delta_{1124} = -\Delta_{1123} = 8(1 - \epsilon) [k^2(1 - \epsilon) + 2m^2],$$

$$\Delta_{1134} = -16m^2(1 - \epsilon),$$

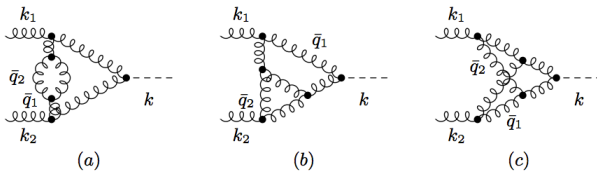
$$\Delta_{113} = -\Delta_{114} = \Delta_{234} = 8(1 - \epsilon)^2.$$

Examples of divide-and-conquer approach

- Photon self-energy in massive QED, $(4 - 2\epsilon)$ -dimensions



- Diagrams entering $gg \rightarrow H$, in $(4 - 2\epsilon)$ -dimensions



Conclusions and Outlook

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- We developed a general framework for the **reduction at the integrand level**
 - can be applied to any amplitude in any QFT, at every loop order
- At **one loop**
 - naturally reproduces known results (OPP)
 - allows to express any amplitude in terms of **known MIs**
 - can be improved with the Laurent-expansion approach (**NINJA**)
- At **higher loops**
 - it gives a **recursive formula** for the **integrand decomposition**
 - generates the form of the **residue** for every **cut**
 - can decompose **any integrand** with purely **algebraic operations** (**divide-and-conquer** approach)

• Outlook

- application to a full 2-loop QED/QCD process
- combine **integrand reduction** with other techniques (e.g. IBP)

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