

Five-point two-loop master integrals in QCD

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Introduction

1-loop NLO established in the last decade as the new standard for high-multiplicity processes. **BlackHat, Gosam, OpenLoops, NJet ...**

2-loop NNLO is the current frontier

- $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes calculated recently ($\gamma\gamma$, ZZ , $Z\gamma$, $W\gamma$, WW , $t\bar{t}$, Hj , Wj , jj)
[Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Ferrera, Grazzini, Gehrmann, G.-De Ridder, Glover, Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, Rathlev, Chen, Jaquier, Melnikov, Caola, Schulze, Tejada-Yeomans, Huss, Morgan, Boughezal, Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello, Williams ...]
Many recent results on $pp \rightarrow HH$ [Munich+OpenLoops (DeFlorian et al.); Mass effects (NLO): Gosam+SecDec (Borowka et al.), DeGrassi, Giardino, Gröber]
- **$2 \rightarrow 3$ computations are still an open field**
E.g.: $pp \rightarrow 3j$ is an important process for precise α_s determination.

Introduction

Among NNLO bottle-necks:
two-loop scattering amplitudes \longrightarrow **purely virtual contribution.**

At one-loop Feynman diagrams can be decomposed
into a small set of **master integrals** (MIs), all of which are known.



At two-loop much larger set of MIs \rightarrow extends to higher multiplicities.

2-loop five-point planar integrals

I present the computation of the full set of planar master integrals at 5-pt

$$G_{\{a_1, \dots, a_{11}\}} = \int \frac{d^D k_1 d^D k_2}{(i\pi^{D/2})^2} \frac{D_9^{-a_9} D_{10}^{-a_{10}} D_{11}^{-a_{11}}}{D_1^{a_1} D_2^{a_2} D_3^{a_3} D_4^{a_4} D_5^{a_5} D_6^{a_6} D_7^{a_7} D_8^{a_8}}$$

$$D_1 = -k_1^2,$$

$$D_2 = -(k_1 + p_1)^2,$$

$$D_3 = -(k_1 + p_1 + p_2)^2,$$

$$D_4 = -(k_1 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2,$$

$$D_5 = -k_2^2,$$

$$D_6 = -(k_2 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2,$$

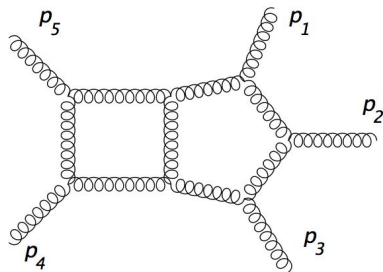
$$D_7 = -(k_2 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4)^2,$$

$$D_8 = -(k_1 - k_2)^2,$$

$$D_9 = -(k_1 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4)^2,$$

$$D_{10} = -(k_2 + p_1)^2,$$

$$D_{11} = -(k_2 + p_1 + p_2)^2$$



$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

$$\vec{x} = \{s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}\}$$

Also calculated by [\[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever\]](#)

Integration-by-part identities and differential equations

Given a Feynman integral

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \int \prod_{j=1}^l \frac{d^D k_j}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{a_1} \dots D_n^{a_n}}, \quad \text{where } D_i = (k_j - p_i, - \dots)^2$$

Integration by part identities

$$\int \prod_{j=1}^l \frac{d^D k_j}{i\pi^{D/2}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^\mu} v^\mu \frac{1}{D_1^{a_1} \dots D_n^{a_n}} \right) = 0$$

(v^μ is appropriately chosen vector, e.g. $k_j^\mu - p_1^\mu$)

→ terms with same denominators D_i , but different indices a_1, a_2, \dots

relate different integrals \implies we can reduce them to MIs. [Laporta alg.]

AIR [Anastasiou, Lazopoulos], Fire [Smirnov], Reduze [Studerus, Manteuffel], LiteRed [Lee]

Integration-by-part identities and differential equations

Derivatives w.r.t external kinematic invariants, e.g. $s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{12}} \int \prod_{j=1}^l \frac{d^D k_j}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{a_1} \dots D_n^{a_n}} = \int \prod_{j=1}^l \frac{d^D k_j}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{2s_{12}} \left((p_1 + p_2)^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial (p_1 + p_2)^\mu} \right) \frac{1}{D_1^{a_1} \dots D_n^{a_n}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \sum_{c_{s_{12}; b_1, \dots, b_n}} \int \prod_{j=1}^l \frac{d^D k_j}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{b_1} \dots D_n^{b_n}}$$

on the R.H.S.:

same D_i s, but different indices: same topology + its subtopologies appear

reduced to master integrals using IBP relations

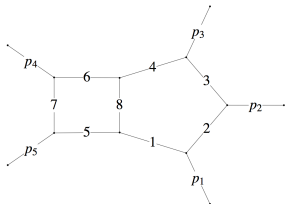
\Rightarrow differential equations for MIs.

[Gehrmann, Remiddi]

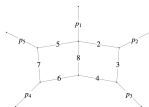
Codes used: Fire [Smirnov], Reduze [von Manteuffel]

2-loop five-point planar integrals

61 MIs



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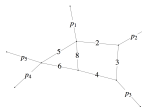
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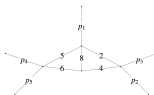
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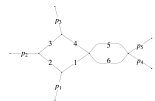
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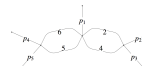
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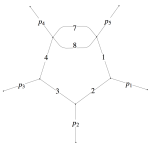
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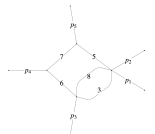
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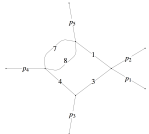
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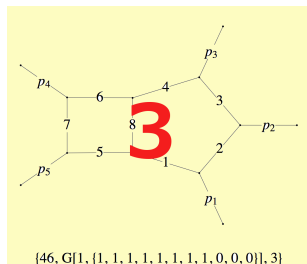
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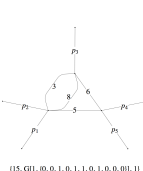
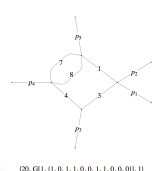
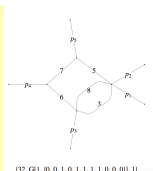
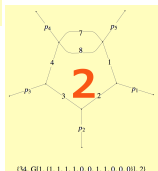
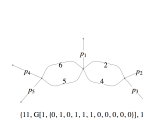
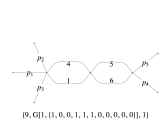
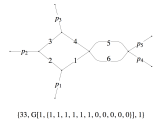
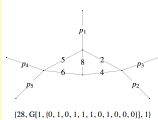
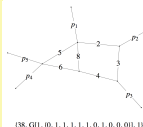
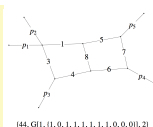
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2-loop five-point planar integrals

61 MIs , 10 new



≤ 4 point MIs known
[Gehrmann, Remiddi (2001)]



Integration-by-part identities and differential equations

MI's basis is not unique. Suitable choice considerably simplifies diff. eqs.:

$\partial_{x_i} \vec{f} = A_i(x, \epsilon) \vec{f} \longrightarrow \partial_{x_i} \vec{f} = \epsilon \tilde{A}_i(x) \vec{f}$ can be integrated order by order in ϵ .

$$\vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \vec{f}_0(x) + \epsilon \vec{f}_1(x) + \epsilon^2 \vec{f}_2(x) + \dots \quad \text{[J. Henn]}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \partial_{x_i} \vec{f}_0(x) = 0 & \vec{f}_0(x) = \vec{f}_0 \\ \partial_{x_i} \vec{f}_1(x) = \tilde{A}_i(x) \vec{f}_0 & \implies \vec{f}_1(x) = \int dx A(x) \vec{f}_0 \\ \partial_{x_i} \vec{f}_2(x) = \tilde{A}_i(x) \vec{f}_1(x) & \vec{f}_2(x) = \int dx A(x) \vec{f}_1(x) \\ \dots & \dots \end{array}$$

Transcendental weight = number of successive integrations

Starting from $\vec{f}_0(x) = \vec{f}_0 \rightarrow$ weight-0 constant

\implies each order in ϵ has **uniform transcendental weight**.

The alphabet

Further simplification:

$$d\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d \left[\sum_k a_k \log \alpha_k(\vec{x}) \right] \vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon)$$

a_k constant matrices. The list of functions $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is the **alphabet**.

Alphabet of 26 letter

$$\left\{ v_1, v_3 + v_4, v_1 - v_4, v_1 + v_2 - v_4, \Delta, \frac{a - \sqrt{\Delta}}{a + \sqrt{\Delta}} \right\} + \text{cyclic}$$

with $a = v_1 v_2 - v_2 v_3 + v_3 v_4 - v_1 v_5 - v_4 v_5 = \text{tr}[\not{p}_4 \not{p}_5 \not{p}_1 \not{p}_2]$ ($v_i \equiv s_{i,i+1}$)

Gram determinant $\Delta = |2p_i \cdot p_j| = (\text{tr}_5)^2$ with $\text{tr}_5 = \text{tr}[\gamma_5 \not{p}_4 \not{p}_5 \not{p}_1 \not{p}_2]$.

Chen-Iterated integrals

At each order in ε the solution of the differential equation

$$d\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d \left[\sum_k a_k \log \alpha_k(\vec{x}) \right] \vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon)$$

is expressed in terms of Chen Iterated Integrals [Chen ('77)]

$$CII[\alpha_i] = \int_{\gamma} d \log \alpha_i \longrightarrow \log |\alpha_i|$$

$$CII[\alpha_i, \alpha_j] = \int d \log \alpha_j \int d \log \alpha_i$$

$$CII[\alpha_i, \alpha_j, \alpha_k] = \int d \log \alpha_k \int d \log \alpha_j \int d \log \alpha_i$$

$$\longrightarrow \int_{0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < 1} dt_1 \dots dt_n \frac{d}{dt_1} \log \alpha_i(t_1) \dots \frac{d}{dt_n} \log \alpha_j(t_n)$$

Chen-Iterated integrals

Given their definition via differential of logarithms, each entry of the C.I.I. satisfies

$$CII[\dots, \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_j}, \dots] = CII[\dots, \alpha_i, \dots] - CII[\dots, \alpha_j, \dots]$$

and form a **shuffle algebra**

$$CII[\vec{\alpha}] CII[\vec{\beta}] = \sum_{\gamma \in \alpha_{\text{III}} \beta} CII[\vec{\gamma}].$$

E.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} CII[\alpha_i] &= \log |\alpha_i| \\ CII[\alpha_p, \alpha_q] + CII[\alpha_q, \alpha_p] &= CII[\alpha_p] CII[\alpha_q] = \log |\alpha_p| \log |\alpha_q| \end{aligned}$$

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: weights 1 & 2

At **weight 1** : only logarithms of the Mandelstam invariant can appear

$$f_{1,1}^{(i)} = CII[v_i] = \log(-v_i), \quad i = 1 \dots 5$$

as other letters would give rise to un-physical singularities.

At **weight 2** :

$$f_{2,1}^{(i)} = CII \left[\frac{v_i}{v_{i+2}}, \frac{v_{i+2} - v_i}{v_{i+2}} \right] \rightarrow \text{Li}_2 \left(1 - \frac{v_i}{v_{i+2}} \right), \quad i = 1 \dots 5$$

are the only weight-2 functions appearing.

$$\text{Li}_n(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt_n}{t_n} \int_0^{t_n} \frac{dt_{n-1}}{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \frac{dt_1}{1-t_1} = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{z^k}{k^n}$$

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 3-pt @ w3

At **weight 3** :

the new independent functions appearing are

$$f_{3,1} = CII[x_1, 1+x_1, 1+x_1] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_3(1+x_1)$$

$$f_{3,2} = CII[x_2, 1+x_2, 1+x_2] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_3(1+x_2)$$

$$f_{3,3} = CII[x_1, 1+1/x_1, 1+1/x_1] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_3(1+1/x_1)$$

$$f_{3,4} = CII[x_1, 1+1/x_2, 1+1/x_2] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_3(1+1/x_2)$$

It is useful to define the ratios:

$$[x_1 = -v_1/v_4, \quad x_2 = -v_2/v_4] \quad \text{and cyclic}$$

E.g.:

$$-\frac{\alpha_6}{\alpha_4} = -\frac{v_1-v_4}{v_4} \rightarrow 1+x_1$$

$$\frac{\alpha_9}{\alpha_4} = \frac{v_4-v_2}{v_4} \rightarrow 1+x_2$$

$$\frac{\alpha_6}{\alpha_1} = \frac{v_1-v_4}{v_4} \rightarrow 1+1/x_1$$

$$-\frac{\alpha_9}{\alpha_2} = -\frac{v_4-v_2}{v_2} \rightarrow 1+1/x_2$$

$$-\frac{\alpha_{11}}{\alpha_4} = -\frac{v_1+v_2-v_4}{v_4} \rightarrow 1+x_1+x_2$$

$$-\frac{\alpha_{16}}{\alpha_4} = -\frac{v_1+v_2}{v_4} \rightarrow x_1+x_2$$

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 4-pt @ w3

At **weight 3** the 4-pt integrals require the letter $1 + x_1 + x_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{3,5} &= CII[x_1, 1 + x_1, x_2] + CII[x_2, 1 + x_2, x_1] \\
 &\quad - CII[x_1, 1 + x_1, 1 + x_1 + x_2] - CII[x_2, 1 + x_2, 1 + x_1 + x_2] \\
 &\quad + CII[x_1, x_2, 1 + x_1 + x_2] + CII[x_2, x_1, 1 + x_1 + x_2] \\
 &\quad - \zeta_2 CII[1 + x_1 + x_2]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow & -\text{Li}_3(-x_1) - \text{Li}_3(-x_2) - \text{Li}_3\left(\frac{1+x_1+x_2}{x_1}\right) - \text{Li}_3\left(\frac{1+x_1+x_2}{x_2}\right) \\
 & + \log(-x_2)\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1+x_1+x_2}{x_1}\right) + \log(-x_1)\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1+x_1+x_2}{x_2}\right) + 3\zeta_3
 \end{aligned}$$

together with their cyclic permutations.

These are the only 4-pt functions appearing at weight-3.

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 5-pt @ w3

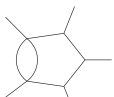
At weight 3 there is only **one genuine 5-point function** appearing

$$f_{3,6} \equiv \Phi_5 = \frac{2}{3}d_{37,3} + \left\{ CII[\alpha_1/\alpha_3, \alpha_4/\alpha_8, \alpha_{21}] - CII[\alpha_4/\alpha_1, \alpha_3/\alpha_6, \alpha_{21}] \right. \\ \left. + \zeta_2 CII[\alpha_{21}] + \text{cycl.} \right\} \left[\alpha_{21} = \frac{a_1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{a_1 - \sqrt{\Delta}} \right]$$

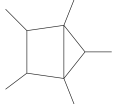
The first two integrations can be easily performed analytically

$$\rightarrow \frac{2}{3}d_{37,3} + \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \int_0^1 dt \partial_t \left(\log \frac{\tilde{a}_1 + \sqrt{\tilde{\Delta}}}{\tilde{a}_1 - \sqrt{\tilde{\Delta}}} \right) \left[\log(-\tilde{v}_1) \log(-\tilde{v}_4) \right. \\ \left. - \log(-\tilde{v}_4) \log(-\tilde{v}_3) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2(-\tilde{v}_3) - \frac{1}{2} \log^2(-\tilde{v}_1) + \zeta_2 \right. \\ \left. + \text{Li}_2(1 - \tilde{v}_1/\tilde{v}_3) - \text{Li}_2(1 - \tilde{v}_4/\tilde{v}_1) \right], \quad \tilde{v}_i = -1 - t(v_i - 1)$$

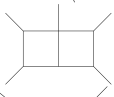
Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 5-pt @ w3



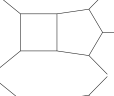
$$I_{37}^{(4)} = 3\Phi_5/2$$



$$I_{41,45,47}^{(4)} = 3\Phi_5$$



$$I_{51,58}^{(4)} = -\Phi_5$$



$$I_{59}^{(4)} = \Phi_5/2$$



$$I_{61}^{(4)} = -\Phi_5/2$$

all other five-point integrals can be written using four-point functions.

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 3-pt @ w4

Besides the products of lower weight functions and the Li_4 functions

$$f_{4,1} = CII[x_1, 1+x_1, 1+x_1, 1+x_1] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_4(1+x_1)$$

$$f_{4,2} = CII[x_2, 1+x_2, 1+x_2, 1+x_2] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_4(1+x_2)$$

$$f_{4,3} = CII[x_1, 1+1/x_1, 1+1/x_1, 1+1/x_1] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_4(1+1/x_1)$$

$$f_{4,4} = CII[x_1, 1+1/x_2, 1+1/x_2, 1+1/x_2] \longrightarrow -\text{Li}_4(1+1/x_2)$$

The additional functions appears

$$f_{4,5} = CII[x_1, x_1, x_1, x_1] - 2CII[x_1, x_1, x_1, 1+x_1]$$


$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \log^3(-x_1) \left[-\log(1+1/x_1) - \log(1+x_1) \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \log^2(-x_1) \left[-\text{Li}_2(-1/x_1) + \text{Li}_2(-x_1) \right]$$

$$+ \log(-x_1) \left[\text{Li}_3(-1/x_1) + \text{Li}_3(-x_1) \right] + \text{Li}_4(-1/x_1) - \text{Li}_4(-x_1)$$

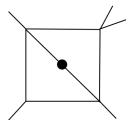
Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 4-pt @ w4

For 4-point topologies $\text{Li}_{2,2}$ functions are needed



$$\rightarrow \text{Li}_{2,2}(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k_1 > k_2 \geq 1} \frac{z_1^{k_1}}{k_1^2} \frac{z_2^{k_2}}{k_2^2}$$

The letter $v_1 + v_2$ makes its appearance only at weight 4 and only in \rightarrow which also contains $\text{Li}_{2,2}$ function



A useful representation for the four-points integrals is

$$\int_0^1 dt \partial_t \log \alpha_i(t) [\text{analytic w3 function}](t)$$

Representation as of C.I.I & Polylogarithms: 5-pt @ w4

In some 5-point integrals Δ does not appear as a letter.

They all however depend on the 21th through 25th letters of the alphabet

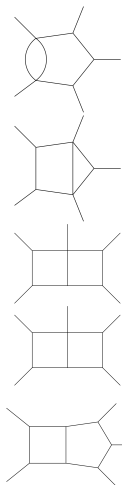
$$r_i = \frac{a_i - \sqrt{\Delta}}{a_i + \sqrt{\Delta}} \quad i = 1, \dots, 5 \quad \text{and}$$

$$a_i = \text{Cyclic}_i \left[v_1 v_2 - v_2 v_3 + v_3 v_4 - v_1 v_5 - v_4 v_5 \right]$$

can be written in terms of the functions

$$f_{4,8}^{(i)} = \int d \log r_i \Phi_5, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5$$

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$$I_{38}^{(4)} = \frac{3}{2}f_{4,8}^{(4)} + \dots$$

$$I_{40,44,46}^{(4)} = \frac{3}{2} \left(f_{4,8}^{(p)} - f_{4,8}^{(p+2)} \right) + \dots \quad [p = 5, 1, 3]$$

$$I_{49,56}^{(4)} = -f_{4,8}^{(p)} - f_{4,8}^{(p+1)} + \dots \quad [p = 5, 2]$$

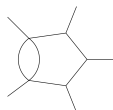
$$I_{50,57}^{(4)} = 2 \left(f_{4,8}^{(p)} + f_{4,8}^{(p+1)} - f_{4,8}^{(p+3)} \right) + \dots \quad [p = 5, 2]$$

$$I_{60}^{(4)} = 2f_{4,8}^{(4)} - f_{4,8}^{(1)} - f_{4,8}^{(2)} + \dots$$

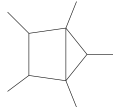
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The remaining 5-point integrals depend on the 26th letter of our alphabet Δ through

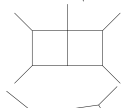
$$f_{4,9} = \int d \log \Delta \Phi_5$$



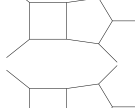
$$I_{37}^{(4)} = \frac{3}{2}f_{4,9} + \dots$$



$$I_{41,45,47}^{(4)} = 3f_{4,9} + \dots$$



$$I_{51,58}^{(4)} = \frac{1}{2}f_{4,9} + \dots$$



$$I_{59}^{(4)} = -f_{4,9} + \dots$$



$$I_{61}^{(4)} = -\frac{1}{2}f_{4,9} + \dots$$

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Due to the 1-fold integral representation of Φ_5 the functions

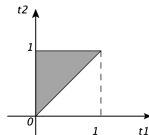
$$\int d \log r_i \Phi_5, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5 \quad \text{and} \quad \int d \log \Delta \Phi_5,$$

come about as 2-fold integrals

$$\int_0^1 dt_2 \partial_{t_2} \log \alpha_i(t_2) \int_0^{t_2} dt_1 \partial_{t_1} \log \alpha_j(t_1) [\text{analytic w2 function}](t_1)$$

by exchanging order of integration it easily becomes a 1-fold integral

[Henn, Caron-Huot]



$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 dt_1 \partial_{t_1} \log \alpha_j(t_1) [\text{analytic w2 function}](t_1) \left[\int_{t_1}^1 dt_2 \partial_{t_2} \log \alpha_i(t_2) \right]$$

Representation as Goncharov Polylogarithms

Goncharov Polylogarithms: very well suited for numerical evaluation

[Goncharov, implemented in C++ within GiNaC by Vollinga, Weinzierl]

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n; x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t),$$

with $G(x) = 1$, $G(0) = 0$ and $G(\vec{0}_n; x) = \frac{1}{n!} \log^n x$.

Simple examples:

$$G(\vec{a}_n; x) = \frac{1}{n!} \log^n \left(1 - \frac{x}{a}\right)$$

$$G(\vec{0}_{n-1}, a; x) = -\text{Li}_n\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

$$G(\vec{0}_{n-1}, \vec{a}_p; x) = (-1)^p S_{n,p} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

$$G(0, 1, 0, 1/y; x) = \text{Li}_{2,2}(x, y)$$

Representation as Goncharov Polylogarithms

With a suitable parametrization (Momentum Twistor variables) [Hodges (2009)]

$$v_1 = x_1 ,$$

$$v_2 = x_1 x_2 x_4 ,$$

$$v_3 = (x_1/x_2) [x_3 (x_4 - 1) + x_2 x_4 + x_2 z_3 (x_4 - x_5)] ,$$

$$v_4 = x_1 x_2 (x_4 - x_5) ,$$

$$v_5 = x_1 x_3 (1 - x_5)$$

the Gram determinant becomes a perfect square

$$\sqrt{\Delta} = -x_1^2 \left[x_2 x_4 (x_5 - 1) + x_3 \left(1 + x_2 x_5 + x_4 (-2 - x_2 + x_5) \right) \right]$$

After partial-fractioning

$$d\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d \left[\sum_k a_k \log \alpha_k(\vec{x}) \right] \vec{f}(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) \longrightarrow \partial_{x_i} \vec{f} = \varepsilon \sum_k \frac{\tilde{a}_k}{x_i - x_{i,k}} \vec{f}$$

the solution can be expressed in terms of Goncharov Polylogs.

Representation as Goncharov Polylogarithms

Integration path: polygonal chain along x_i axes $\longrightarrow \{x_2, x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1\}$.

- x_2 is the first variable to be integrate to avoid the appearance of additional square roots from partial fractioning.

$$\partial_{x_2} I_W^m(x_2; \{x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.}) = \sum_{j,k} \frac{a_{2,j,k}}{x_2 - x_{2,k}(\{x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.})} I_{W-1}^j(x_2; \{x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.})$$

$$\partial_{x_5} I_W^m(x_2, x_5; \{x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.}) = \sum_{j,k} \frac{a_{5,j,k}}{x_5 - x_{5,k}(x_2; \{x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.})} I_{W-1}^j(x_2, x_5; \{x_3, x_4, x_1\} \text{B.})$$

- we integrate x_1 last as the diff. eq. takes a simple diagonal form

$$\partial_{x_1} I_W^m(x_2, x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1) =$$

$$\sum_{j,k} \frac{a_{1,j,k}}{x_1 - x_{1,k}(x_2, x_5, x_3, x_4)} I_{W-1}^j(x_2, x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1) = -\frac{2}{x_1} I_{W-1}^n(x_2, x_5, x_3, x_4, x_1)$$

Representation as Goncharov Polylogarithms

The integration leads to expressions in terms of Goncharov polylogarithms

$$\int_{x_{i,B.}}^{x_i} \frac{dx'_i}{x'_i - x_{i,pole}} G(\dots; x'_i) = G(x_{i,pole}, \dots; x_i) - G(x_{i,pole}, \dots; x_{i,B.})$$

Since parts of the integration path fall outside of the Euclidean region, a sign prescription to cancel imaginary parts is necessary:

$$\begin{aligned} G(\dots; x_1) , G(\dots; -1) &\longrightarrow - \\ G(\dots; x_2) , G(\dots; \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) &\longrightarrow - \\ G(\dots; x_3) , G(\dots; 1) &\longrightarrow + \\ G(\dots; x_4) , G(\dots; \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) &\longrightarrow - \\ G(\dots; x_5) , G(\dots; 0) &\longrightarrow + \end{aligned}$$

Boundary conditions

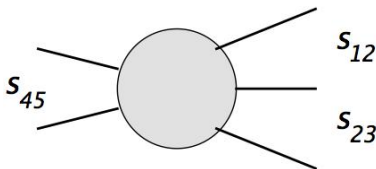
Boundary values can be obtained from physical conditions, in kinematic limits with **singular diff. eq.** but **regular integrals.**

No singularities in the Euclidean region $s_{i,i+1} < 0$.

Un-physical singularities appear in the limit

$$s_{45} \rightarrow s_{12} + s_{23}$$

and they need to cancel.



→ no need to compute any additional integrals.

Boundary conditions

$\Delta = 0$ defines hypersurface where divergencies need to cancel.

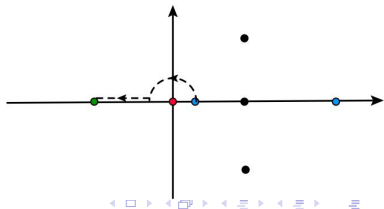
The symmetric point $\vec{x}_{sym} = \{-1, -1, -1, -1, -1\}$

is connected to the $\Delta = 0$ surface by

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \epsilon) = P \exp \left[\epsilon \int_{\gamma} dA \right] \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0, \epsilon)$$

path $\gamma = \left\{ -\frac{y}{(1-y)^2}, -1, -1, -1, -1 \right\} \longrightarrow$ reduced alphabet .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sym. pt} &\rightarrow y = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \\ \Delta = 0 &\rightarrow y = -1 \end{aligned}$$



Applications: All-plus amplitude

We have applied our integrals to the **all-plus amplitude** (leading-colour).

[Badger, Frellesvig, Zhang (2013)]

$$\mathcal{A}_5(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) |_{\text{leading colour}} =$$

$$g_s^7 N_c^2 c_{\Gamma}^2 \sum_{\sigma \in S_5} \text{tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} T^{a_{\sigma(2)}} T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} T^{a_{\sigma(4)}} T^{a_{\sigma(5)}}) \sum_{\text{cycl}} A_5^{(2)}(\sigma(1)^+, \sigma(2)^+, \sigma(3)^+, \sigma(4)^+, \sigma(5)^+)$$

At one loop we have

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower]

$$A^{(1)}(1^+ 2^+ 3^+ 4^+ 5^+) = \frac{-i\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \left(2(2-\varepsilon) \text{tr}_5 I_{[5;12345]}^{[10-2\varepsilon]}[1] \right.$$

$$\left. + s_{12}s_{23} I_{4;1234}^{[8-2\varepsilon]}[1] + s_{23}s_{34} I_{4;2345}^{[8-2\varepsilon]}[1] + s_{34}s_{45} I_{4;3451}^{[8-2\varepsilon]}[1] + s_{45}s_{51} I_{4;5123}^{[8-2\varepsilon]}[1] \right)$$

$$\varepsilon^0 \rightarrow \frac{i}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \left(-\frac{1}{6} F_5^{(1)} \right), \quad F_5^{(1)} = v_1 v_2 + v_2 v_3 + v_3 v_4 + v_4 v_5 + v_5 v_1 + \text{tr}_5$$

Applications: All-plus amplitude

The infrared and ultraviolet structure is described by the one-loop amplitude

$$A_{5\text{plus}}^{(2)} = A_{5\text{plus}}^{(1)} \left[- \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{-v_i} \right)^\epsilon \right] + \frac{i}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \left(-\frac{1}{6} F_5^{(2)} \right) + O(\epsilon),$$

For the finite remainder we find: $(v_i = s_{i,i+1})$ [\[arXiv:1511.05409 \[hep-ph\]\]](#)

$$F_5^{(2)} = \frac{5\pi^2}{12} F_5^{(1)} + \sum_{i=0}^4 \sigma^i \left\{ \frac{v_5 \text{tr} \left[(1 - \gamma_5) \not{p}_4 \not{p}_5 \not{p}_1 \not{p}_2 \right]}{(v_2 + v_3 - v_5)} I_{23,5} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\text{tr} \left[(1 + \gamma_5) \not{p}_4 \not{p}_5 \not{p}_1 \not{p}_2 \right]^2}{v_1 v_4} + \frac{10}{3} v_1 v_2 + \frac{2}{3} v_1 v_3 \right\}$$

with $I_{23,5}$ one-loop two-mass easy box function in six dimensions.

$$I_{23,5} = \zeta_2 - \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{v_5 - v_3}{v_2} \right) - \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{v_5 - v_2}{v_3} \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{(v_5 - v_2)(v_5 - v_3)}{v_2 v_3} \right)$$

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Checked against numerical results of [Badger, Frellesvig, Zhang (2013)]

Double and single pole cancellation provides non-trivial check.

Factorization properties of scattering amplitudes in the soft and **collinear limit** allow to connect provides a way to check them. When $p_4 || p_5$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_5^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) \rightarrow & \text{Split}^{P \rightarrow 45(1)}(P^-, 4^+, 5^+) A_4^{(1)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, P^+) \\
 & + \text{Split}^{P \rightarrow 45(1)}(P^+, 4^+, 5^+) A_4^{(1)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, P^-) \\
 & + \text{Split}^{P \rightarrow 45(0)}(P^-, 4^+, 5^+) A_4^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, P^+).
 \end{aligned}$$

Ingredients: Bern,Dixon,Kosower (2014), Badger,Glover (2014), Bern,DeFreitas,Dixon (2002)

Recomputed by [Dunbar, Perkins (2016)] using on-shell recursions

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