

All-Loop Scattering

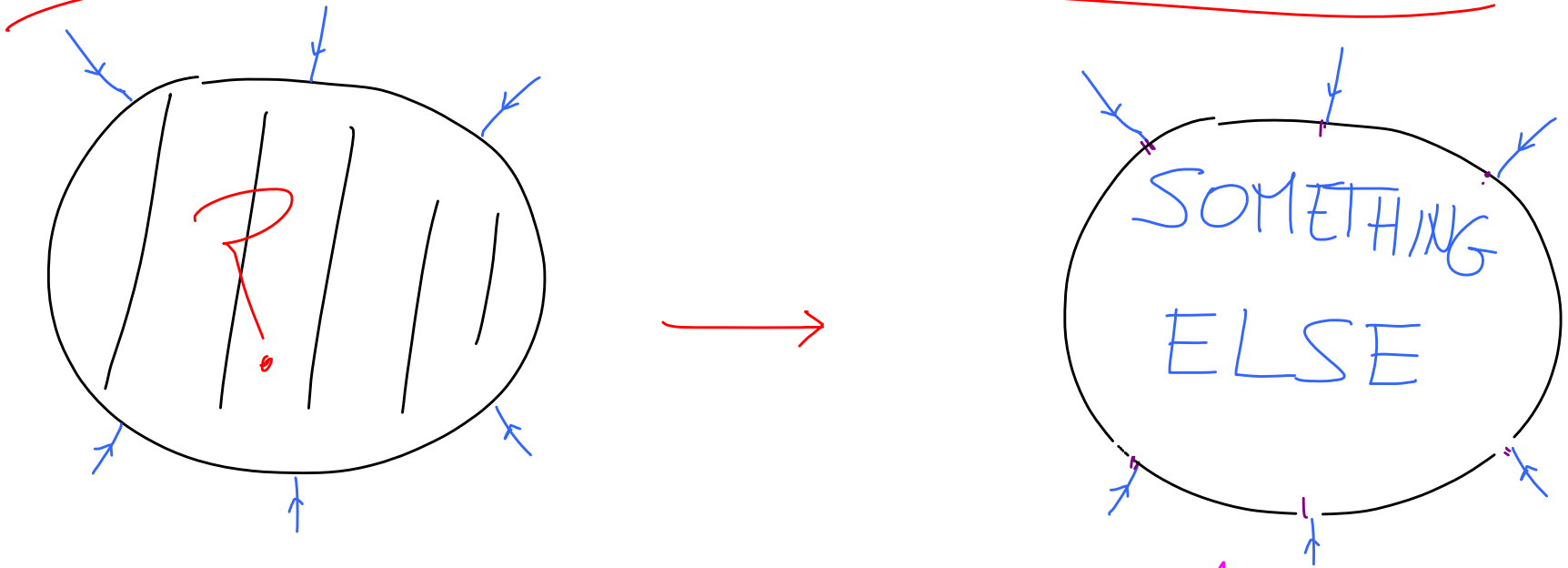
as a

Counting Problem

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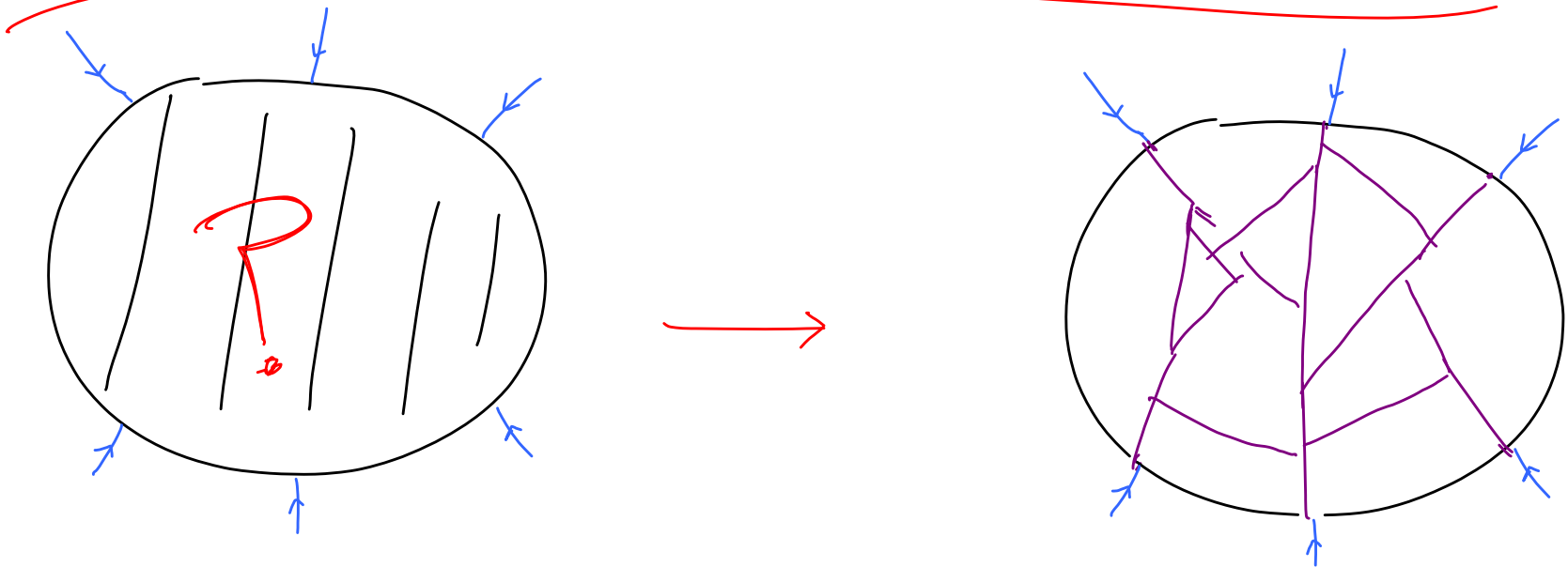
What is the Q to which A is the Answer?



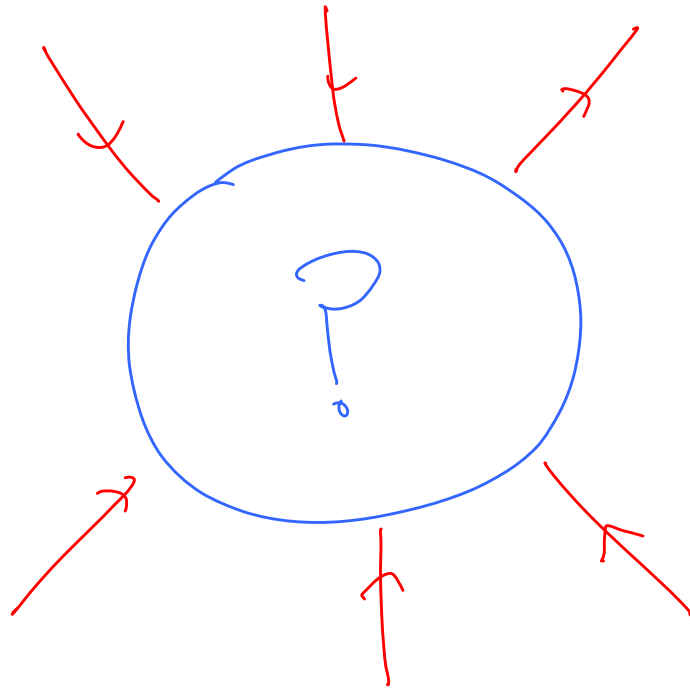
+ see how

"something else" gives rise to the properties
of Amplitudes we ordinarily ascribe to ST+QM!

What is the Q to which A is the Answer?



Local, Unitary Evolution
in Space time



Emerging Pictures:

Combinatorics

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Positive Geometry

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Canonical Forms

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Functions/Symbols

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Non-Pert-Amplitudes

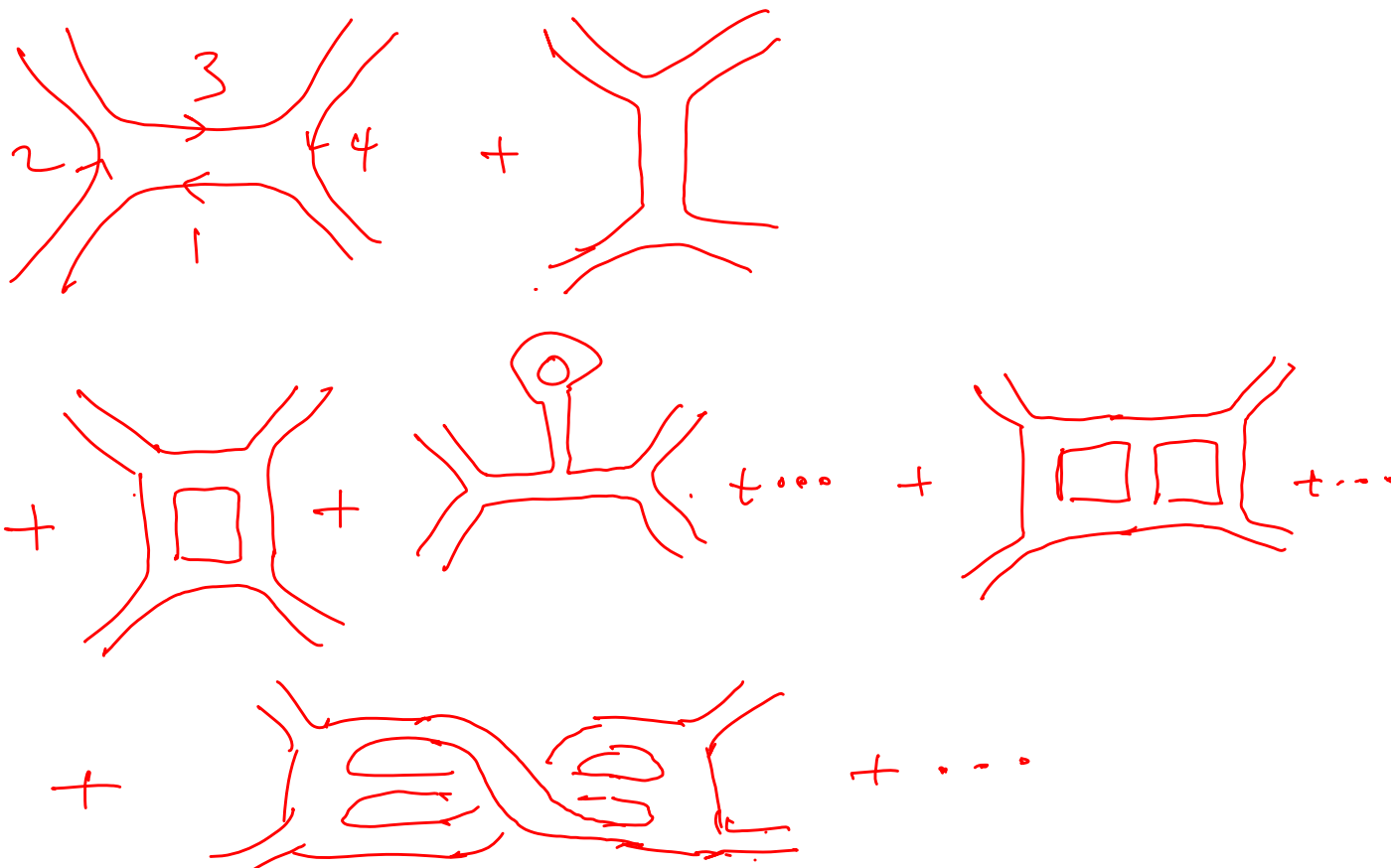
* Amplituhedra, Associahedra, Cosmological Polytopes,

* Describes REAL WORLD PHYSICS in reasonable approximation, exposes hidden symmetries + new mathematical structures

* Pure magic in physics right under our noses!

Simplest Theory of Colored Scalars

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{tr}(\partial\phi)^2 + g \text{tr} \phi^3$$



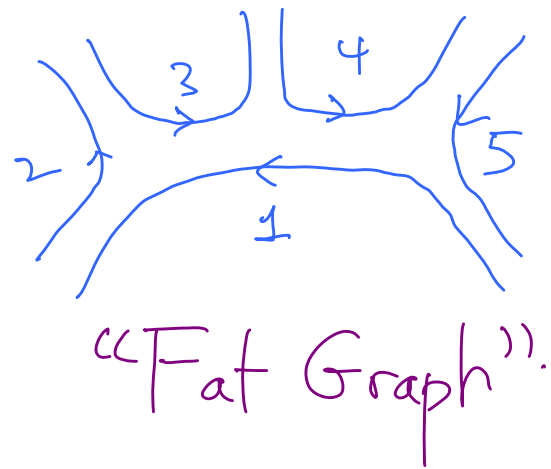
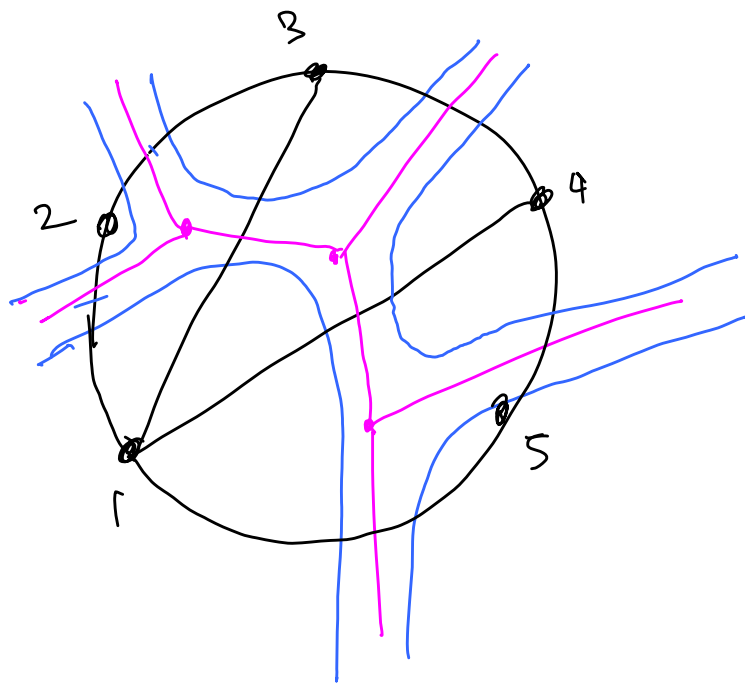
All Tree + 1-loop Amplitudes

$$A_n^{\text{tree}} = \int_{\mathcal{S}^{n-4}} \frac{\langle t d^{n-4} t \rangle}{\left[\sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \sum_{j=i+2}^n 2 p_i \cdot p_{j-1} f_{ij} + \sum_{j=3}^{n-1} t_j (X_{j+1}^2) \right]^{n-3}}$$

$$A_n^{\text{1-loop}} = \int_{\substack{\mathcal{S}^{n-1} \\ \sum_i t_i \geq 0}} \frac{\langle t d^{n-1} t \rangle}{\left(\sum_i \alpha_i \right)^{D/2} \left[\sum_{ij} \alpha_i \alpha_j X_{ij} + \sum_k \alpha_k \left(m^2 \sum_i \alpha_i + \sum_{ij} f_{ij} 2 p_i \cdot p_j + \sum_i T f_{i,i+n} + B f_{i,i+n} \right) \right]^{n-D/2}}$$

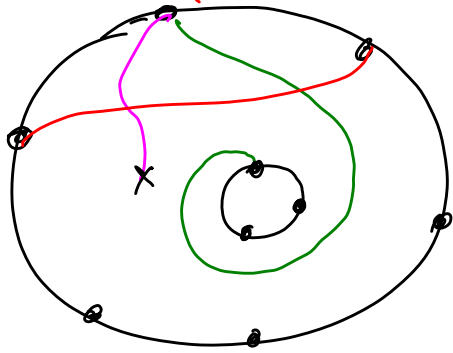
Where $X_{ij} = (p_i + \dots + p_{j-1})^2$; $f_{ij} = \max(0, t_j, t_j + t_{j-1}, \dots, t_j + \dots + t_{i-1})$; $\alpha_i = f_{i,i+n} - f_{i,i+n+1}$

Color Diagram \longleftrightarrow Triangulation of Surface.

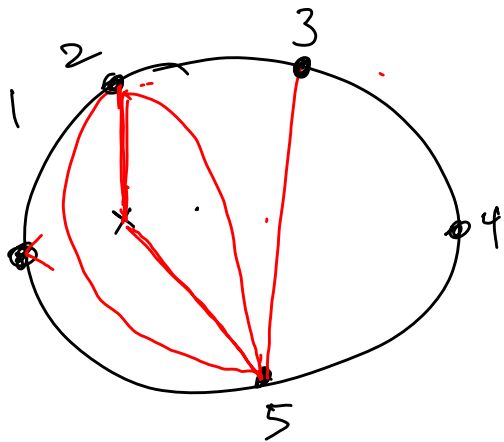


ONE FAT GRAPH DEFINES
AN (ORIENTABLE) SURFACE,
BY GIVING A TRIANGULATION

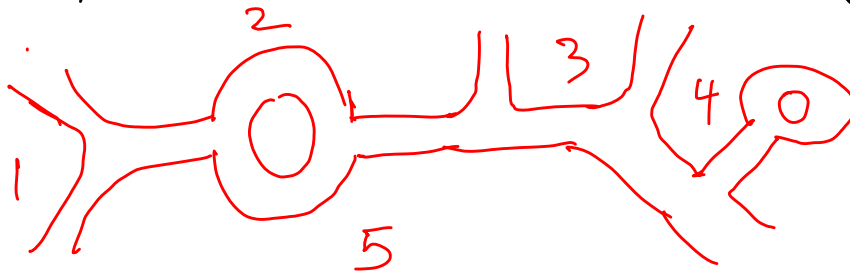
Kinematic Space ⁽⁰⁾



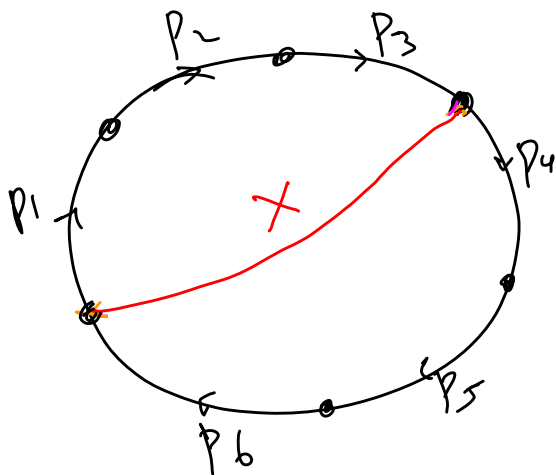
Propagators \leftrightarrow chords on Surface.



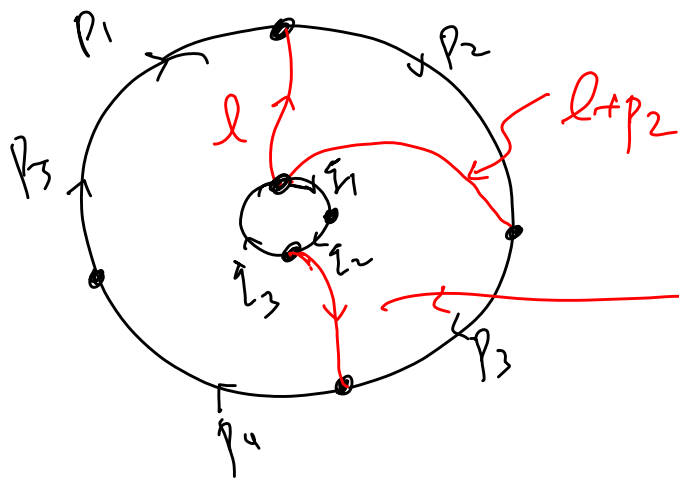
Feynman Diagram \leftrightarrow Maximal set of non-intersecting curves = Triangulation.



Momenta \leftrightarrow Homology

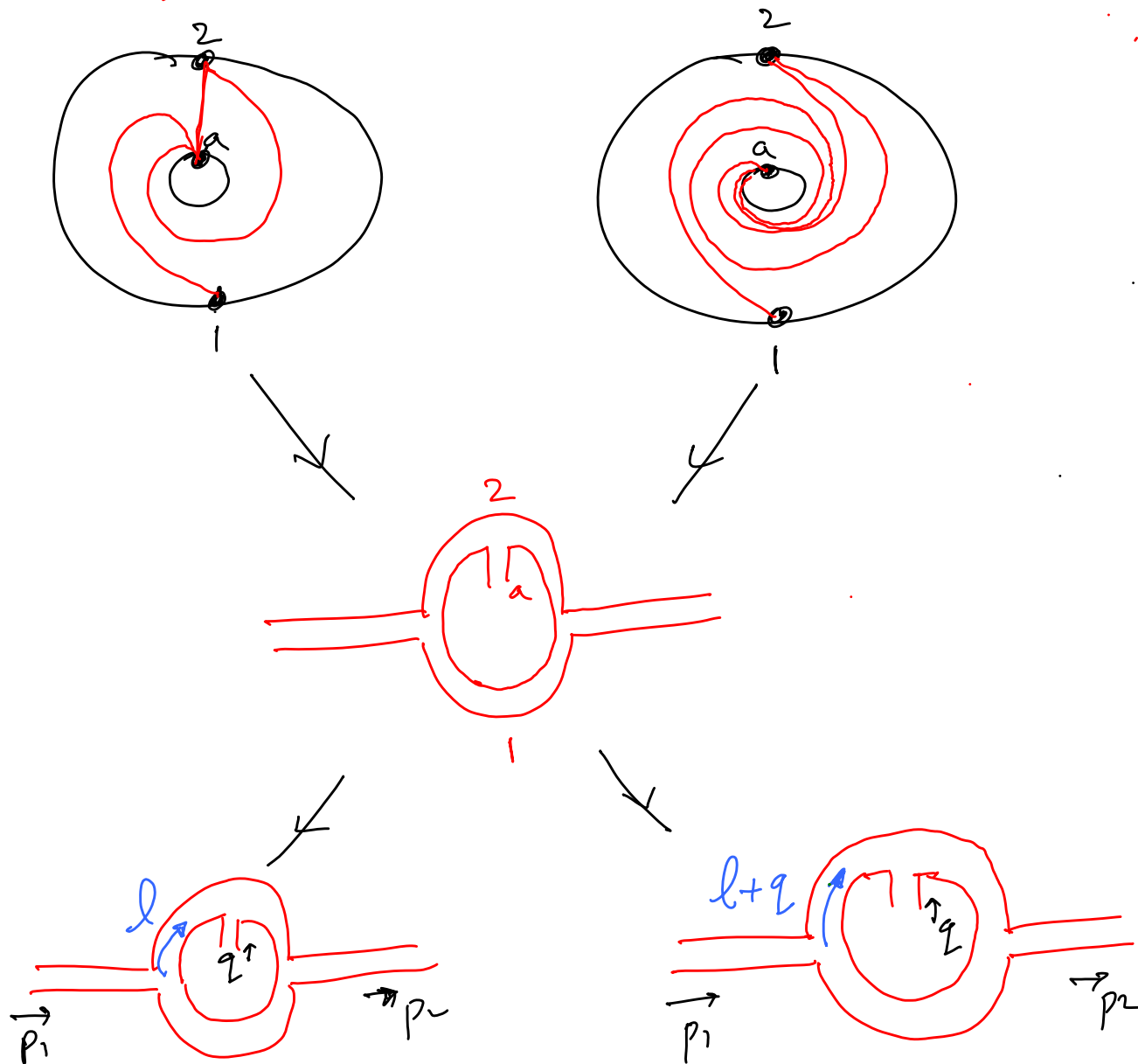


$$P_X^2 = (p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2$$

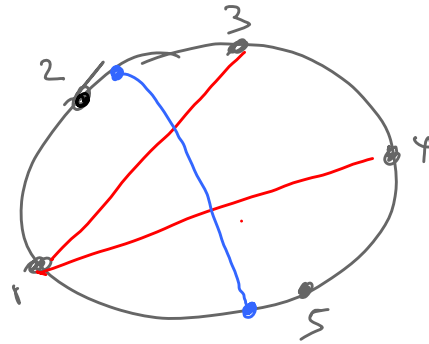
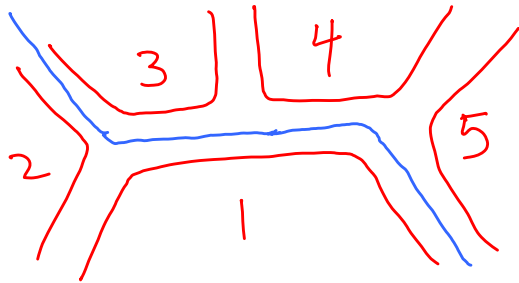


$$(l + p_2 + p_3 + q_1 + q_2)$$

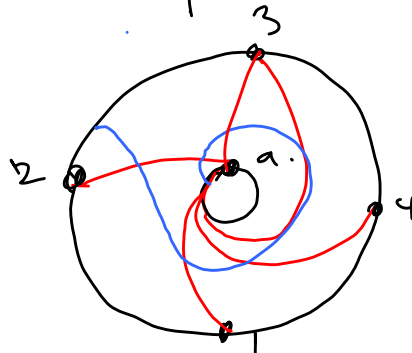
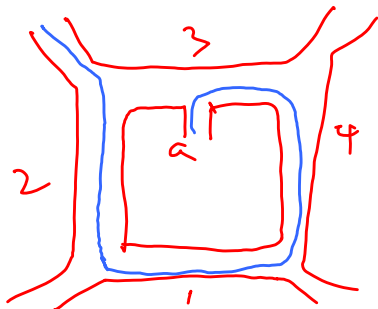
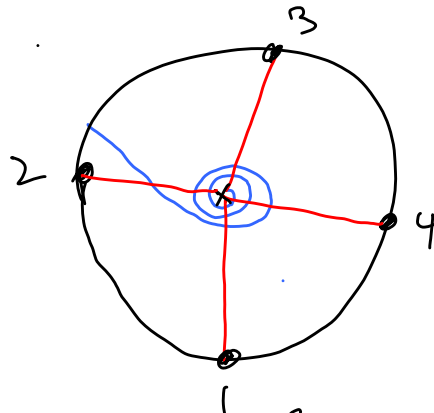
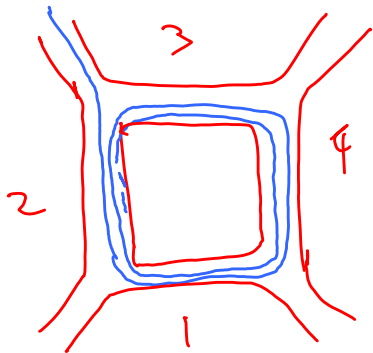
Infinitely Many Curves / MCG




Kinematic Space: Trips Through Fat Graph



"Lamination"
"Curve"



ST + QM.



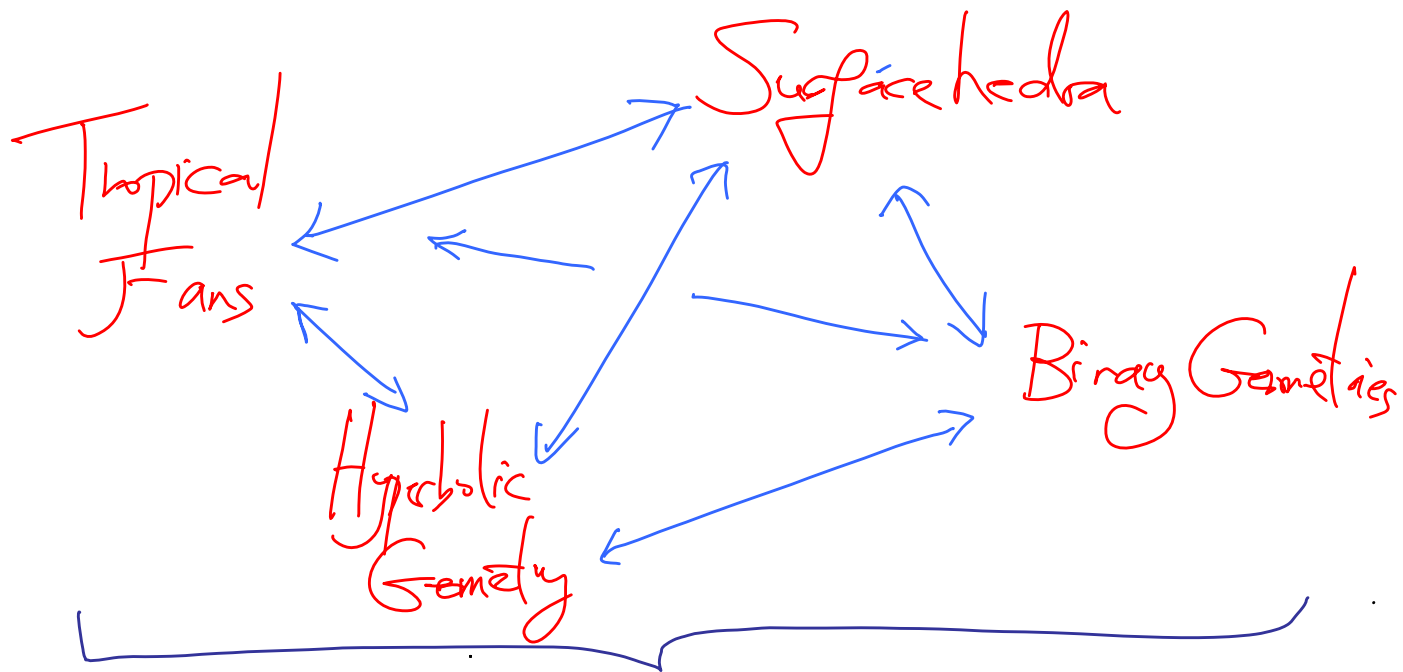
Why should we consider triangulations of the surface
(= F.D. = ST processes), and sum over
all of them (= QM)?

Answer is lying in plain sight when we think
concretely about labels for curves / kin. space!

* This will give us new [of course much more efficient] ways of computing amplitudes — with no reference to the diagrams at all — exposing hidden symmetries

* This picture — fundamentally about particles with the 2D surface just about combinatorics of FD — hands us the generalization particles \rightarrow "strings", with no reference to a worldsheet, CFT, Vertex Ops —
Fundamentally Combinatorial description of
Particles + "Strings"

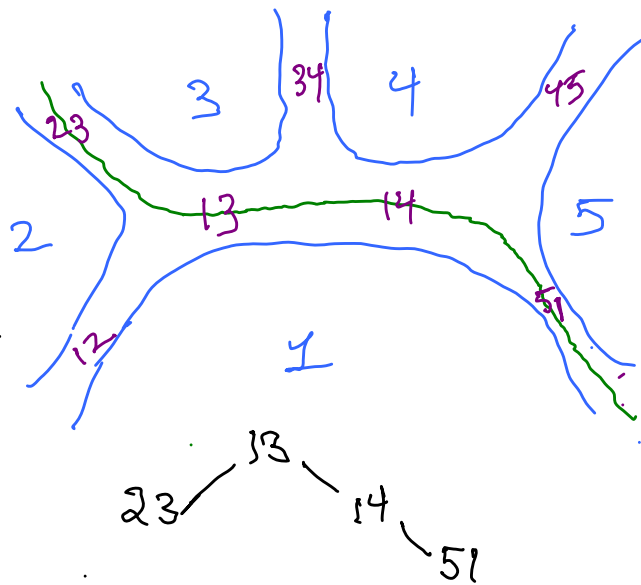
There are many inter-related views of these ideas :



COUNTING PROBLEM.
IN KINEMATIC SPACE

[CATEGORIES OF QUIVER REPRESENTATIONS]

Curves as Words

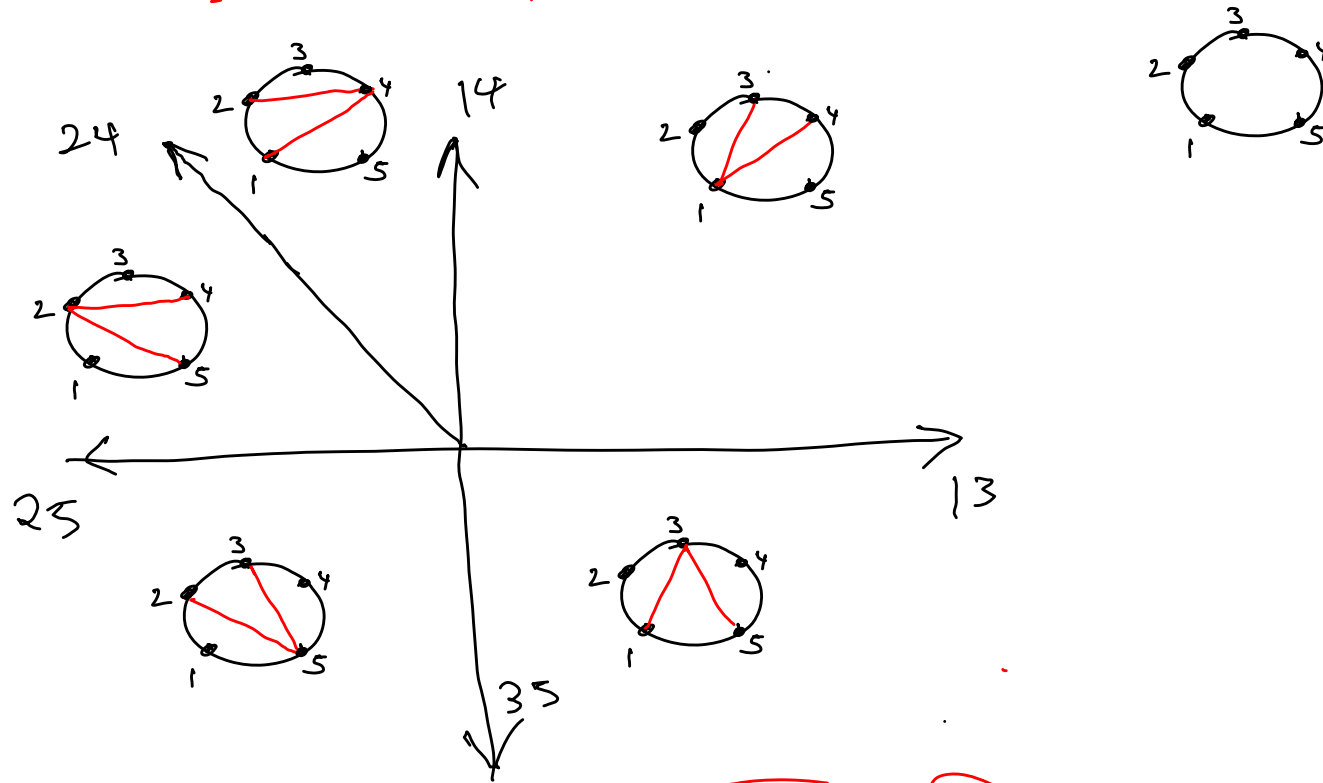


"Google Navigate"
of Trip Through:
Fat Graph.

- 13 : 12-13-34
- 14 : 12-13-14-45
- 24 : 23-13-14-45
- 25 : 23-13-14-51
- 35 : 34-14-51

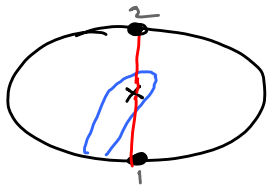
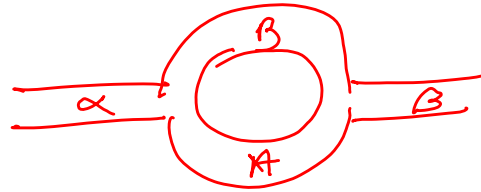
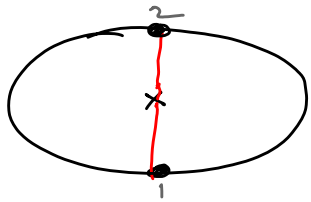
- 12 : 12-23
- 23 : 23-13-34
- 34 : 34-14-45
- 45 : 45-51
- 51 : 51-14-13-12

Complete Fan!

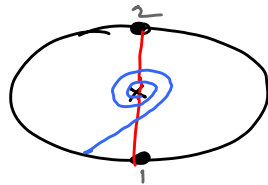


* $\text{Cones} = \text{Triang} = \text{Feyn. Diagrams},$
Completely Cover Entire Space

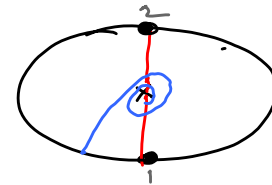
Spacetime + Quantum Mechanics.



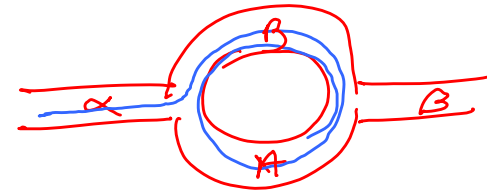
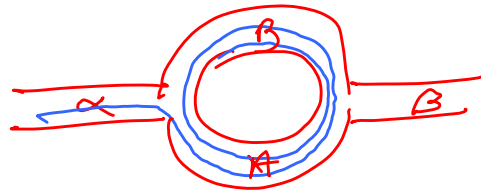
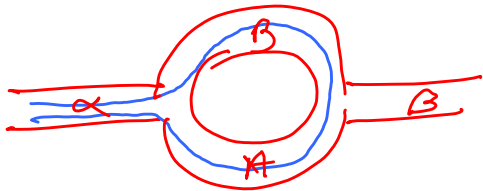
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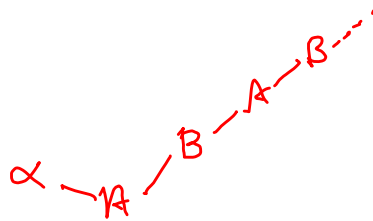
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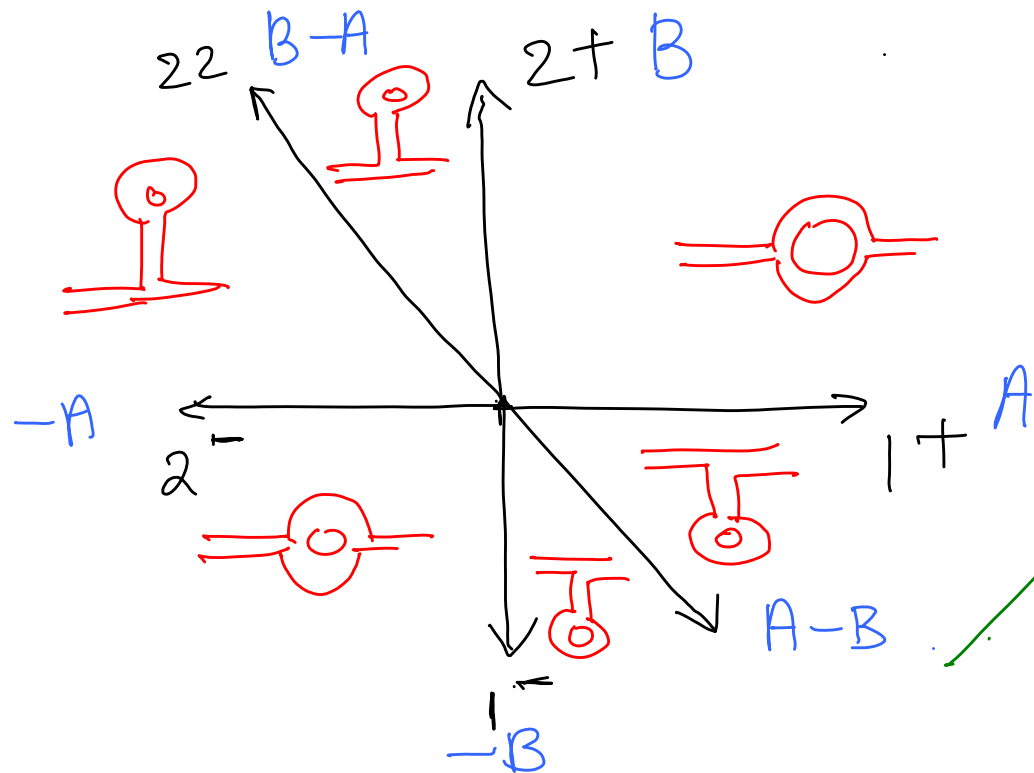
$A-B$



A

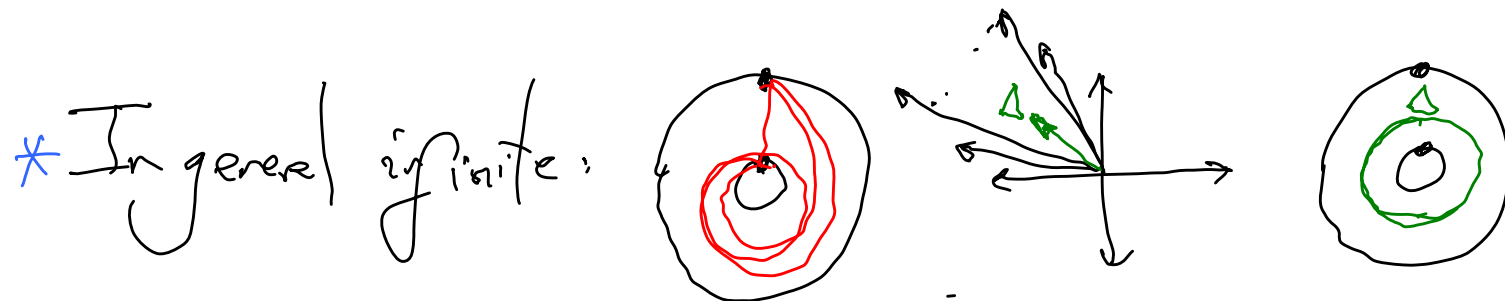


$-B$



Just this
half
has
everything!

Fan Generalities



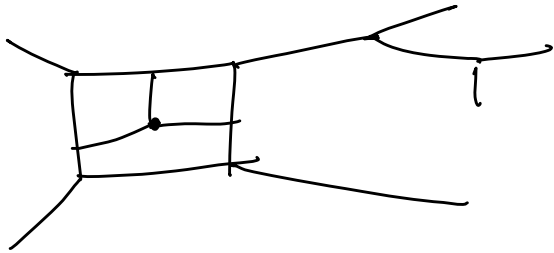
* All cones/diagrams "fit together" \Rightarrow hidden symmetry:

$$\Omega = \sum_{\substack{\text{cones} \\ C}} \prod_{\substack{X_i \\ C}} d\log X_i \cdot \text{sgn} |\vec{g}_{X_1} \cdots \vec{g}_{X_n}| \quad \text{is "projectively"} \\ \text{invariant"}$$

* Also $|\vec{g}_{X_1} \cdots \vec{g}_{X_n}| = \pm 1!$ So, setting $X_i = \vec{g}_i \cdot \vec{x} + d_i$,

$$\Omega|_H = d^d x_i \cdot \text{Integrand}$$

Reminder on Schwinger Parameterization



$$\frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} = \int_0^\infty d\alpha e^{-\alpha(p^2 + m^2)}$$

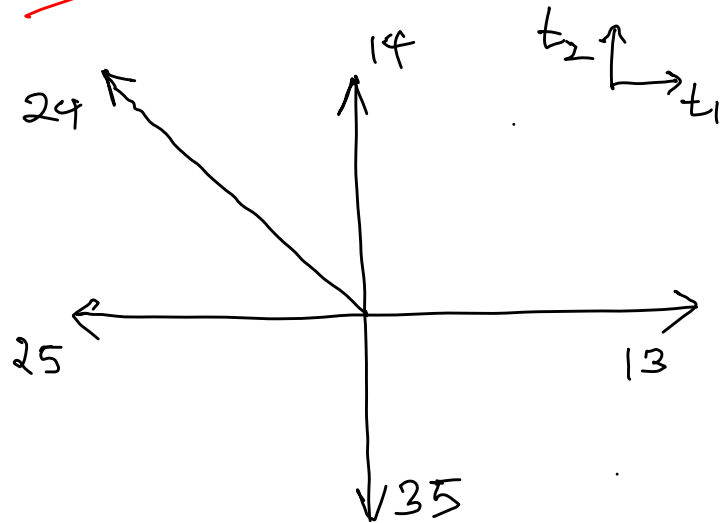
Loop integration is Gaussian:

$$I_G = \int d^E \alpha_E \frac{1}{U_G(\alpha)^{D/2}} e^{-\text{TF}(\alpha)/U(\alpha)}$$

$$U_G = \sum_{\text{all ways of cutting } G \text{ to a tree}} \Pi \alpha, \quad \text{TF}_G = \sum_{\text{all ways cutting } G \text{ to two trees}} (P_{T_1}^2) \Pi \alpha$$

Graph Symmetry Polynomials

Complete Fan \rightarrow Unified Schwinger Representation.



$$-u_x^t [g_y] = \delta_{xy}$$

(Piecewise-Linear on Fan)

$$\text{Then } \alpha'^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_1 dt_2 \frac{\pi}{x} e^{\alpha' X_{xy}} = \frac{1}{X_{13} X_{14}} + \text{cyclic} = \text{Amp}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \alpha'^2 \int dt_1 dt_2 e^{-\alpha' (u_{14} X_{14} + u_{24} X_{24})} &\xrightarrow{\text{fan}} \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_{14} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_{24} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \alpha'^2 \int_0^{\infty} d\alpha_{14} d\alpha_{24} e^{-\alpha' (\alpha_{14} X_{14} + \alpha_{24} X_{24})} = \frac{1}{X_{14} X_{24}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Unified Schwinger for Any Surface.

Put $\hat{U}_X = e^{a_X^t}$, $-a_X^t [g_X] = \delta_X \tau$

Integrand = $\alpha'^n \int d^n t \frac{\pi}{X} \tilde{U}_X^{a' X}$

As usual w/ Schwinger param - loop integrals Gaussian:

$$A = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{d^N t}{\text{MCG}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{U}^{D/2}} e^{-\mathbb{F}/\mathcal{U}} = \int_{S^{N-1}} \frac{\langle t d^{N-1} t \rangle}{\text{MCG}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{U}^{D/2(L+1)-N}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}^{\frac{N-D}{2}}}$$

\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{F} : "Surface Symmetrized Polynomials"

Surface Symmetrization Polynomials

For each [hom. class. of...] curve X , assign:
[schw. parameter] α_X .

* For every choice of L α_{X_i} that cuts surface to disk:

$$P_{X_i} = M_i^j l_j + P_i^{\text{bdy}},$$

$$\mathcal{U}_S = \sum_{\text{all cutting}} \prod_i \alpha_{X_i} (\det M)^2$$

* For every choice of $(L+1)$ α_{X_i} cutting to two disks

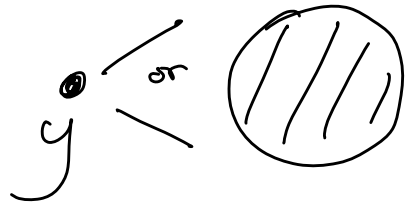
$$\overline{\mathcal{U}}_S = \sum_{\text{all cutting}} \prod_i \alpha_{X_i} \cdot (\det M)^2 \cdot \left(\sum P_X \right)^2$$

↑ any L of $L+1$
↑ Any one disk.

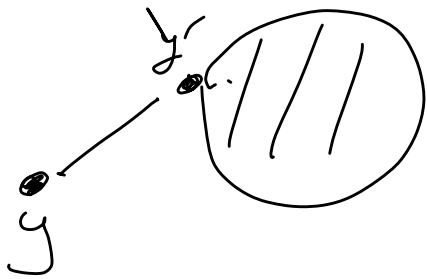
... But naively, finding $u_X^\varepsilon(g_Y) = \delta_{XY}$
is just as hard as enumerating all
Feynman Diagrams! True of "generic fan"...

We will find u_X^ε directly from
a Counting problem associated
with the word for X !!

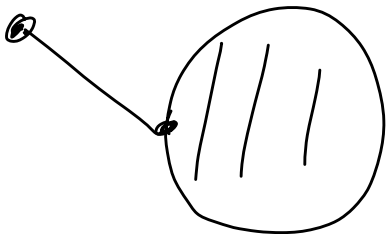
Recursion for $F[W]$



$$F = F^{Yes} + F^{No}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} F^Y \\ F^N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y f^Y + y f^N \\ f^N \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{M^{\uparrow}(y)} \begin{pmatrix} f^Y \\ f^N \end{pmatrix}$$

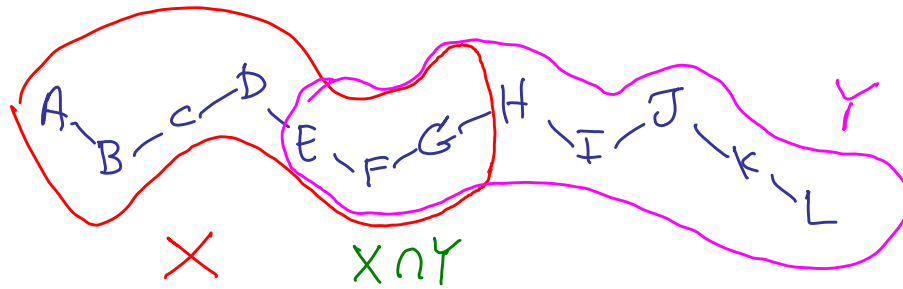


$$\begin{pmatrix} F^Y \\ F^N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y f^Y \\ f^N + f^Y \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{M^{\downarrow}(y)} \begin{pmatrix} f^Y \\ f^N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M[\text{Word}] = M^{\circ}[y_1] M^{\circ}[y_2] \dots M^{\circ}[y_{n-1}] M^{\uparrow}[y_n] = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = F^Y + F^N = B + D$$

Word Identifies



$$F_X \cdot F_Y = F_{X \cup Y} \cdot F_{X \cap Y}$$

$$+ \prod_{y \in X \cap Y} y \cdot Q(y)$$

... But $Q(y)$ is not in general simple ...

$$F \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ A \quad \textcircled{///} \quad B \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \quad \quad \quad \beta \end{array} \right] \cdot F \left[\textcircled{///} \right] = F \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ A \quad \textcircled{///} \\ \diagup \\ \quad \quad \quad \beta \end{array} \right] F \left[\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{///} \quad \beta \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \quad \quad \quad B \end{array} \right]$$

$$+ \prod_{y \in \textcircled{///}} y$$

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$$- \prod_{y \in \alpha \diagup A \textcircled{///}} y$$

$$F \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ A \quad C \quad B \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \quad \quad \quad \beta \end{array} \right] = 1 + c F \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \diagdown \\ A \end{array} \right] F \left[\begin{array}{c} \beta \\ \diagup \\ B \end{array} \right]$$

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$$Q \subseteq U[\text{Word}] \subseteq I$$

$$U \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \swarrow \quad \searrow \beta \\ A \text{---} \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right] = \frac{F \left[\begin{array}{c} A \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right] F \left[\begin{array}{c} B \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right]}{F \left[\begin{array}{c} A \quad B \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right] F \left[\textcircled{11} \right]}$$

$$U \left[\begin{array}{c} \alpha \swarrow \quad \searrow \beta \\ \quad \quad A \text{---} \textcircled{11} \quad B \end{array} \right] = \frac{F \left[\begin{array}{c} \quad \quad A \\ \quad \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \quad \quad \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right] F \left[\begin{array}{c} \quad \quad B \\ \quad \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \quad \quad \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right]}{F \left[\begin{array}{c} \quad \quad A \quad B \\ \quad \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \quad \quad \textcircled{11} \end{array} \right] F \left[\textcircled{11} \right]}$$

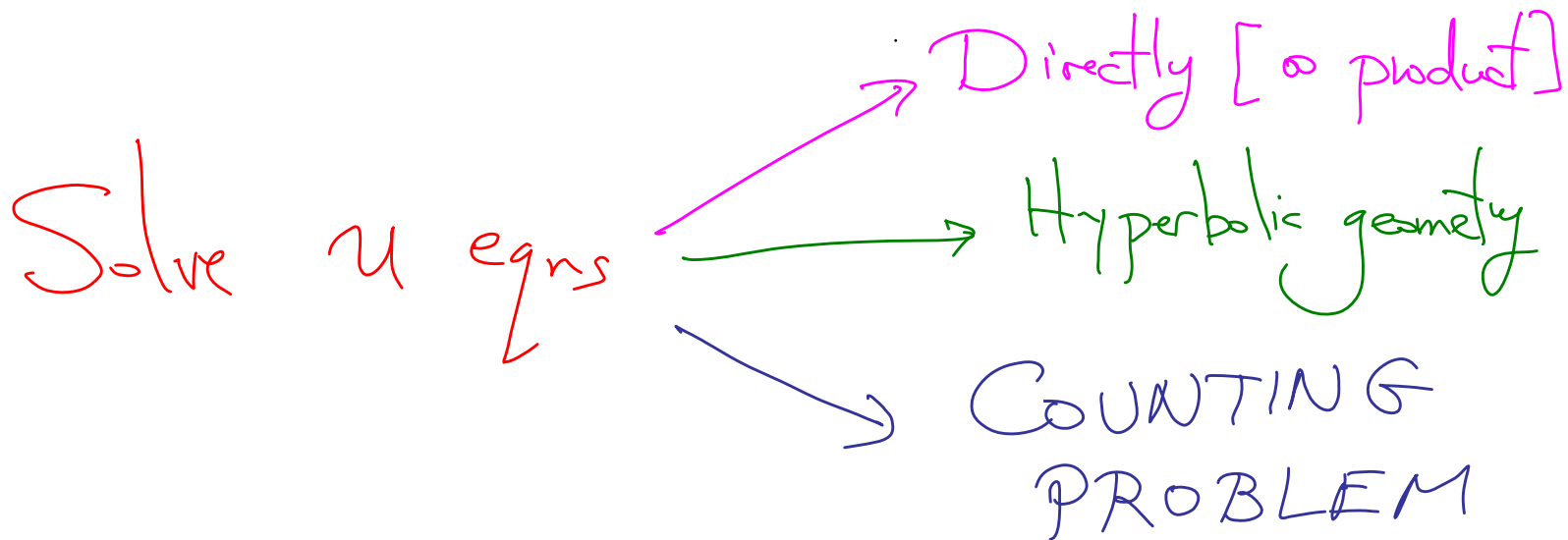
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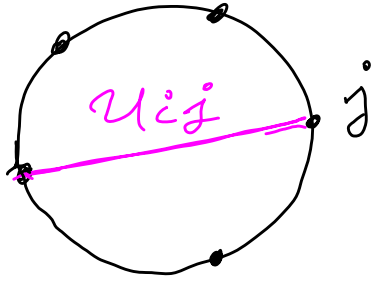
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Binary Geometry

$u_x \rightarrow 0$
All incomp. !
 $u_y \rightarrow 1$

$$u_x + \prod_y u_y = 1 \quad \#(x,y)$$





$$u_{ij} + \prod_{\substack{\text{crossing} \\ ij}} u_{kl} = 1.$$

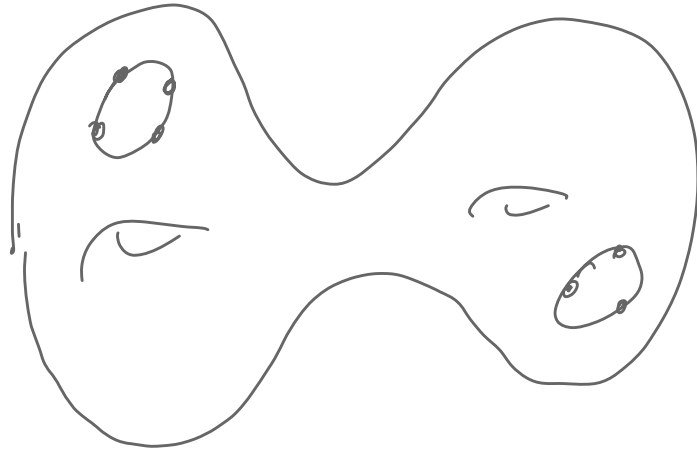
• Remarkably give a variety of correct dim!

• Positivity: $u_{ij} \geq 0 \rightarrow u_{ij} \leq 1$

If $u_{ij} \rightarrow 0$, all u 's for crossing chords $\rightarrow 1$!

"Binary" geometry of compatibility combinations

Binary Realization For All Surfaces



$$U_X + \prod_Y^{int\#(X,Y)} U_Y = 1$$

* "Global" description of compactification of Teichmüller-space
(c.f. "local" description of Fock-Goncharov!)

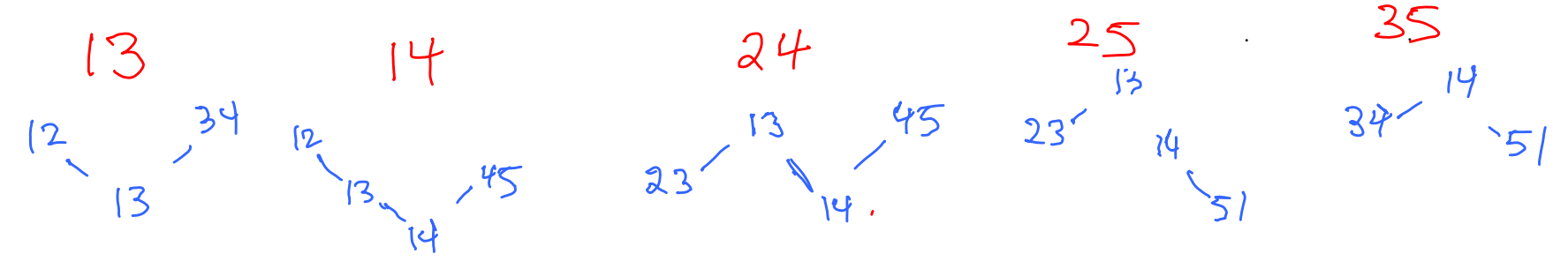
$$\text{Tropical } \mathcal{U}_X = \mathcal{U}_X^t!$$

$\mathcal{U}_X [y_i]$, put $y_i = e^{-t_i}$. Go to $|\vec{t}| \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mathcal{U}_X [y_i \rightarrow e^{-t_i}] \rightarrow e^{(\text{Trop } \mathcal{U}_X)(\vec{t})}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_X^t(\vec{t}) \equiv \text{Trop } \mathcal{U}_X(\vec{t})!$$

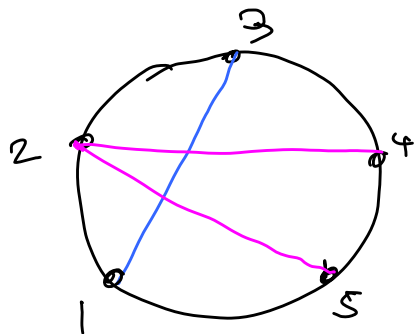
Ex: 5-pt tree



$$u_{13} = \frac{y_{13} F[\cdot] F[\cdot]}{F[13] F[\cdot]} = \frac{y_{13}}{1+y_{13}}, \quad u_{14} = \frac{y_{14} F[13] F[\cdot]}{F[\begin{smallmatrix} 13 \\ 14 \end{smallmatrix}] F[\cdot]} = \frac{y_{14}(1+y_{13})}{1+y_{14}+y_{13}y_{14}}$$

$$u_{24} = \frac{F[\begin{smallmatrix} 13 \\ 14 \end{smallmatrix}] F[\cdot]}{F[13] F[14]} = \frac{(1+y_{14}+y_{14}y_{13})}{(1+y_{14})(1+y_{13})}$$

$$u_{25} = \frac{F[\cdot] F[14]}{F[\begin{smallmatrix} 13 \\ 14 \end{smallmatrix}] F[\cdot]} = \frac{(1+y_{14})}{1+y_{14}+y_{13}y_{14}}, \quad u_{35} = \frac{F[\cdot] F[\cdot]}{F[14] F[\cdot]} = \frac{1}{1+y_{14}}$$



$$u_{13} + u_{24}u_{25} = 1 + \text{cyclic.}$$

$$u_{13} = \frac{y_{13}}{1+y_{13}}$$

$$u_{14} = \frac{(1+y_{13})y_{14}}{1+y_{14}+y_{13}y_{14}}$$

$$u_{24} = \frac{1+y_{14}+y_{14}y_{13}}{(1+y_{14})(1+y_{13})}$$

$$u_{25} = \frac{(1+y_{14})}{(1+y_{14}+y_{14}y_{13})}$$

$$u_{35} = \frac{1}{(1+y_{14})}$$

+ note when $y_{13}y_{14} > 0$

$$0 < u_{13} \leq 1$$

Tropical Limit

Now, let's put $y_{13} = e^{-t_{13}}$, $y_{14} = e^{-t_{14}}$

As $|E| \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\underbrace{(1 + y_{14} + y_{14}y_{13})}_F \rightarrow \exp \left[\underbrace{\max(0, -t_{14}, -t_{14}-t_{13})}_{\text{Trop } F} \right]$$

And so $u_X \rightarrow \exp [\text{Trop } u_X] \dots$

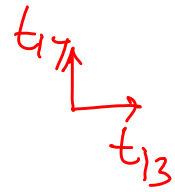
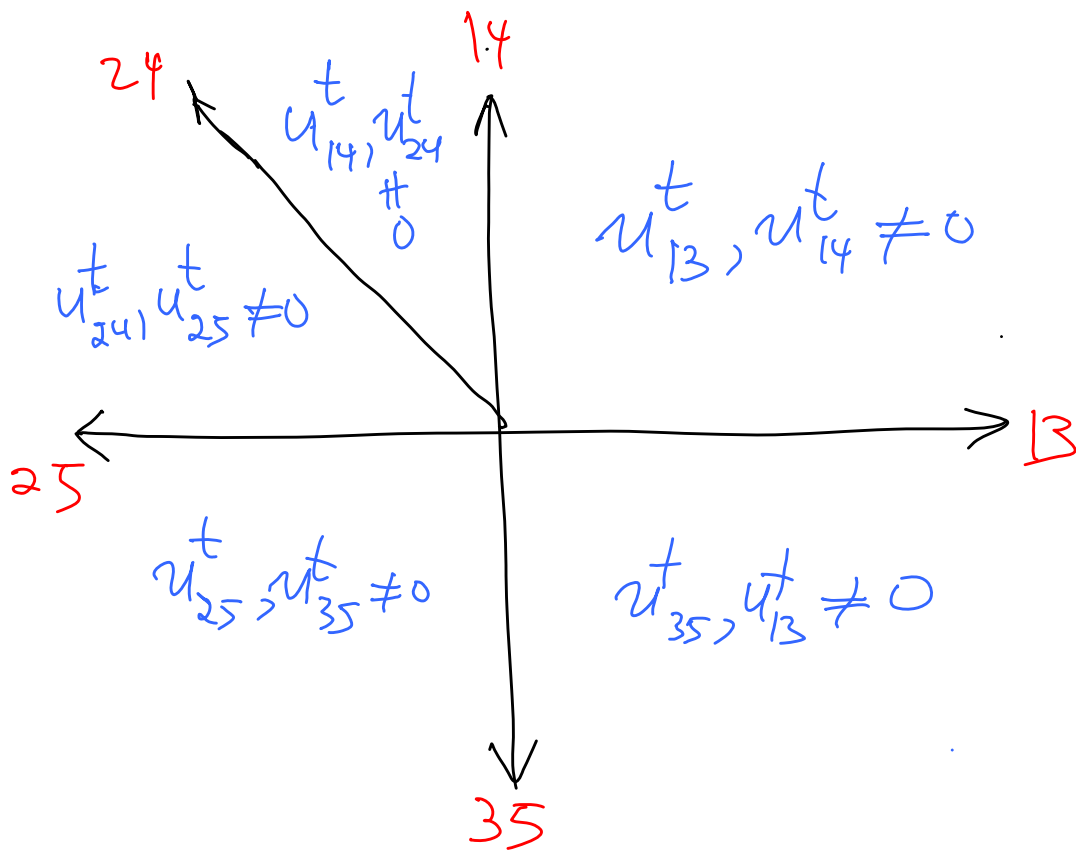
$$u_{13} = \frac{y_{13}}{1+y_{13}} \longrightarrow u_{13}^t = -t_{13} - \max(0, -t_{13})$$

$$u_{14} = \frac{(1+y_{13})y_{14}}{1+y_{14}+y_{13}y_{14}} \longrightarrow u_{14}^t = -t_{14} + \max(0, -t_{13}) - \max(0, -t_{14}, -t_{14}-t_{13})$$

$$u_{24} = \frac{1+y_{14}+y_{14}y_{13}}{(1+y_{14})(1+y_{13})} \longrightarrow u_{24}^t = \max(0, -t_{14}, -t_{14}-t_{13}) - \max(0, -t_{14}) - \max(0, -t_{13})$$

$$u_{25} = \frac{(1+y_{14})}{(1+y_{14}+y_{14}y_{13})} \longrightarrow u_{25}^t = \max(0, -t_{14}) - \max(0, -t_{14}, -t_{14}-t_{13})$$

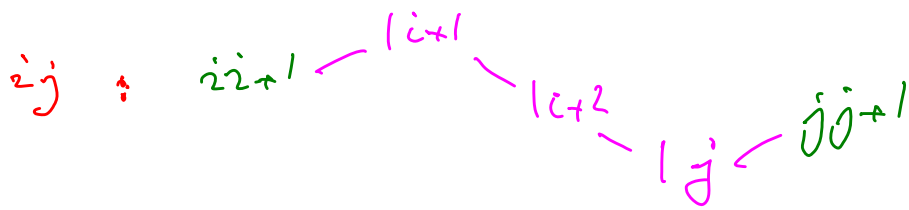
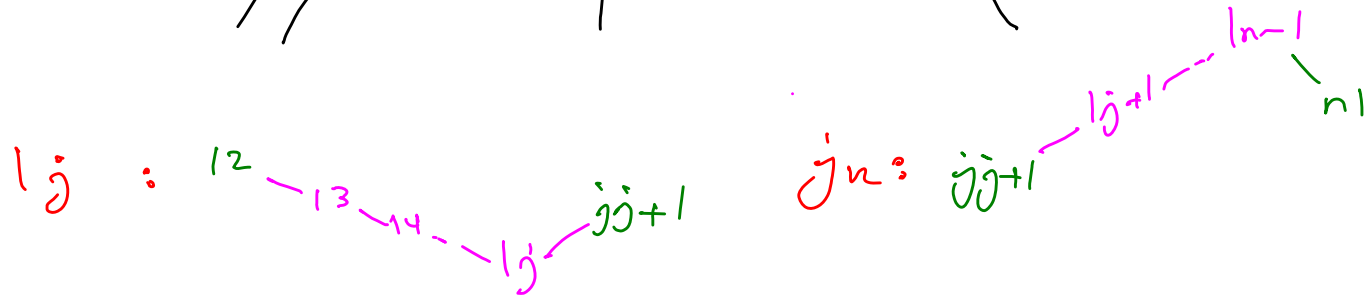
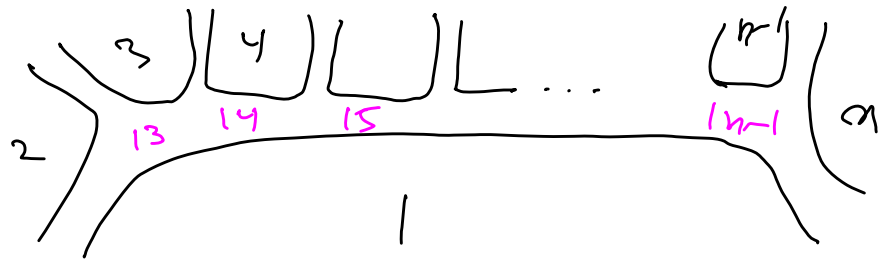
$$u_{35} = \frac{1}{(1+y_{14})} \longrightarrow u_{35}^t = -\max(0, -t_{14})$$

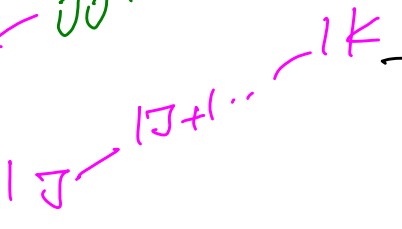


$$-u_{xy}^t [g_Y] = \delta_{xy}$$

Unified Schw.
 Param.

Trees for general n



Only $F[W]$ is $F[$  $]$.

$$t_{\text{top } F} = \max(0, -t_j, -t_j - t_{j+1}, \dots, -t_j - \dots - t_k)$$

F 's $\sim n^2$, # Cones/Diag $\sim 4^n !!$

All-Loop Amplitude.

$$A = \alpha'^N \int \frac{dt_1 \dots dt_N d^D l_1 \dots d^D l_L}{\text{MCG}}$$

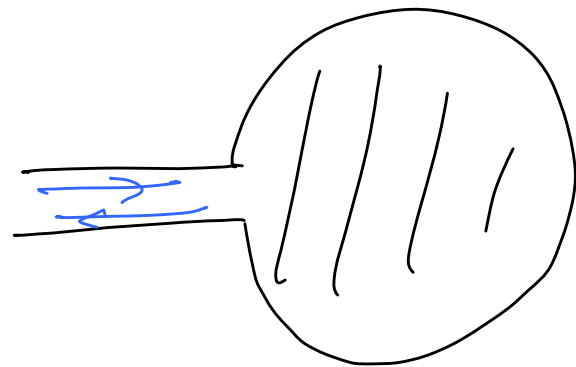
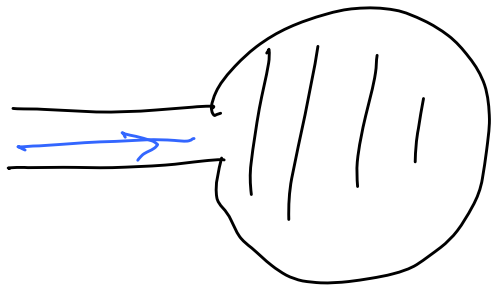
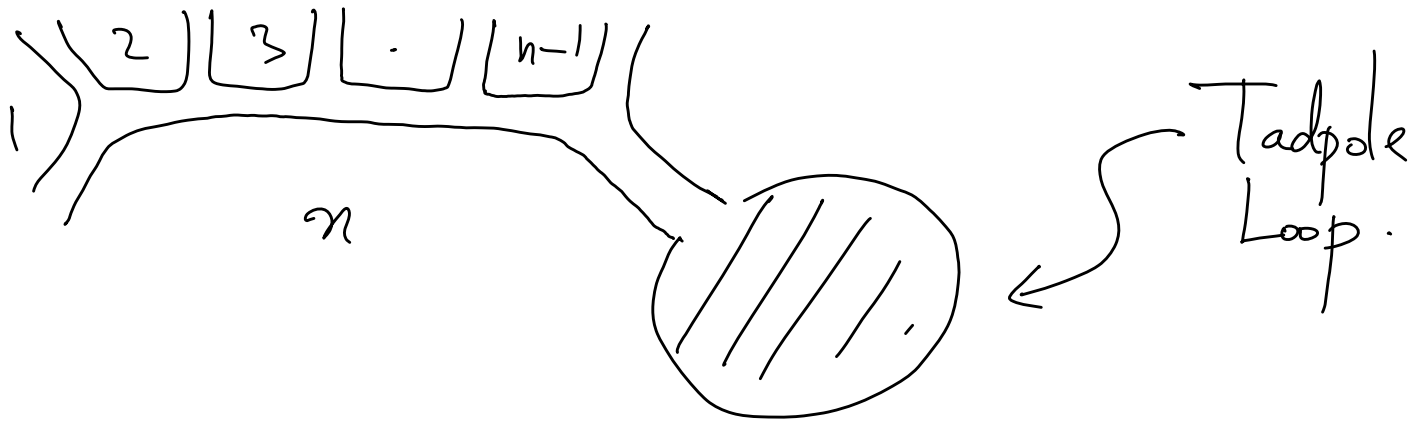
\prod
All Curves
X

$$e^{\int \text{Tr} \log U_X(t) [P_X^2 + m^2]}$$

$$= \int_{S^{N-1}} \frac{\langle t d^{N-1} t \rangle}{\text{MCG}} \frac{1}{\bigcup \frac{D}{2} (L+1) - N (u_X^t)} \frac{1}{\prod (u_X^t)^{N - \frac{D}{2}}}$$

... Just need "Fundamental Domain" ...

All-Loop Tree-Tadpole "Factorization"



Particle Amplitudes

$$A = \alpha'^k \int \frac{dt_1 \dots dt_N d^D l_1 \dots d^D l_L}{MCG}$$

\prod
All Curves
X

$$e^{-\alpha' \int \text{tr} \mathcal{U}_X(t) [P_X^2 + m^2]}$$

String Amplitudes!

$$A = \alpha'^k \int \frac{dt_1 \dots dt_N d^D l_1 \dots d^D l_L}{MCG}$$

\prod
 Really All Curves
 \rightarrow
 \times

$\cup_X [P_X^2 + m^2]$

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 j -wound
 closed curves
 Δ_j

$\cup_j \cdot 2$
 Δ_j

(including self-int. curves! Don't affect F-T limit)

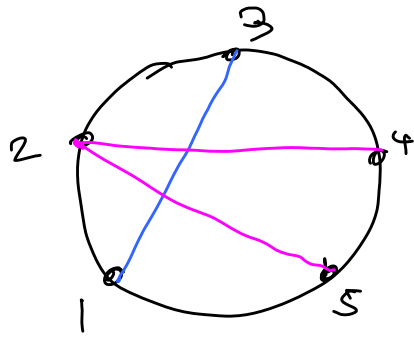
This preserves all correct (external) factorizations.
even @ finite α' , thanks to
Binary Property: singularities only
as $u_x \rightarrow 0$, but incompatible
 $u_y \rightarrow 1$ so drop out!

$$A[\text{pentagon}, \alpha'] \rightarrow \frac{1}{P_{ij}^2} A[\text{trapezoid}, \alpha'] A[\text{triangle}, \alpha']$$

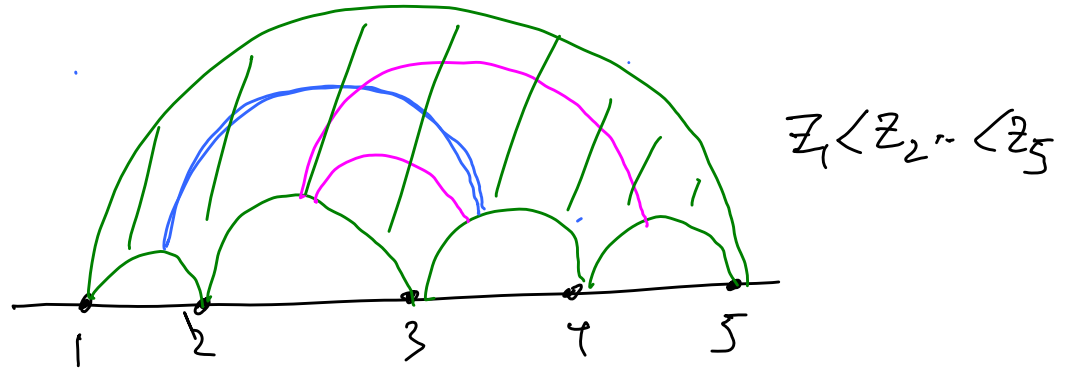
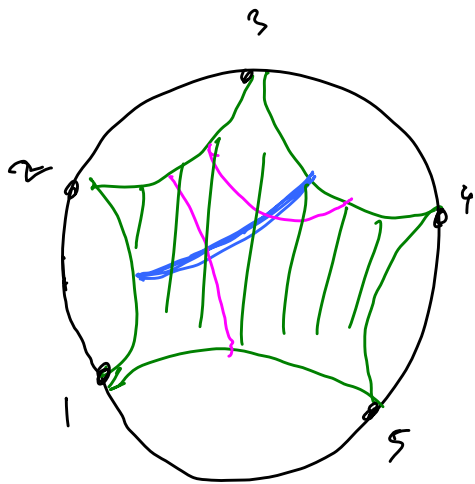
localizes
to $u_{ij} \rightarrow 0$



Factorizes @ finite α'
because all incomp.
 $u_{kl} \rightarrow 1$



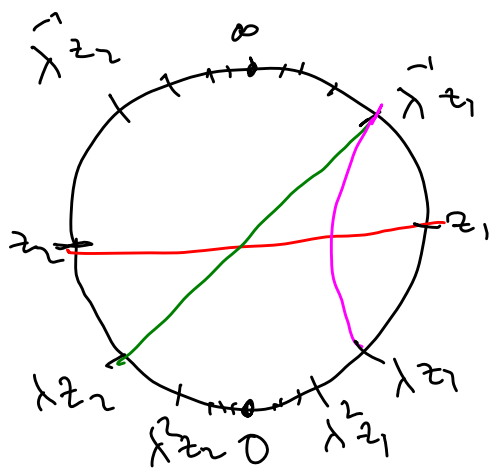
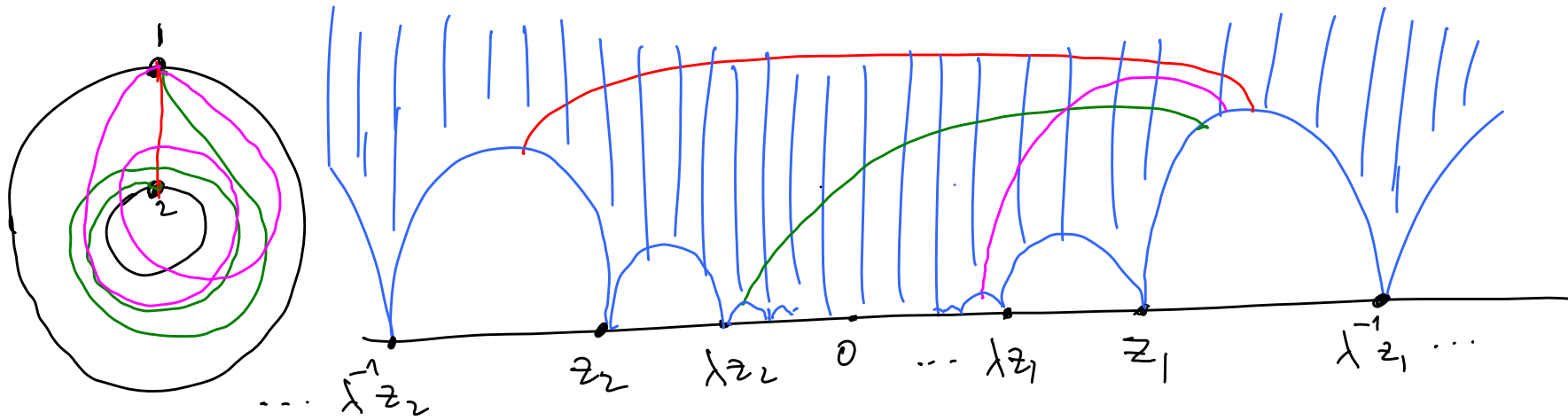
$u_{13} + u_{24}u_{25} = 1 + \text{cyclic.}$
 Can Check : solved by



$z_1 < z_2 < z_5$

$$u_{ij} = \frac{(z_{i-1} - z_j)(z_i - z_{j-1})}{(z_{i-1} - z_{j-1})(z_i - z_j)}$$

Connection to Hyperbolic geometry + worldsheet



" ∞ -gon"

$$z_j = \lambda^j z_1, z_j = \lambda^j (-z_2)$$

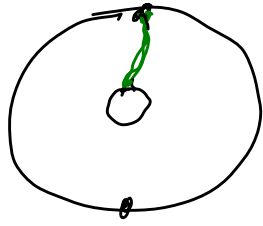
$$u_{ab} = u_{a+1 b+1}$$

Binary equations for disk + identifications

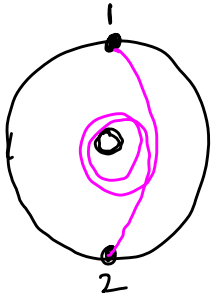
\Rightarrow "maximal" binary equations for annulus!

$$u_x + \prod_y u_y = 1$$

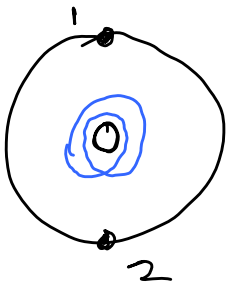
int # [x, Y]



$$A = \int d^D \ell \quad \omega_{d \log} \quad u_{Y_1}^{\frac{1}{2} \ell^2 - 1} \quad u_{Y_2}^{\frac{1}{2} (\ell + k_1)^2 - 1}$$



$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} u_{12,n}^{\frac{1}{2} k_1^2 - 1} \quad u_{21,n}^{\frac{1}{2} k_2^2 - 1} \quad \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{11,n}^{\frac{1}{2} 0 - 1} \quad u_{22,n}^{\frac{1}{2} 0 - 1} \quad \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} u \cdot j^2 \right)^A$$



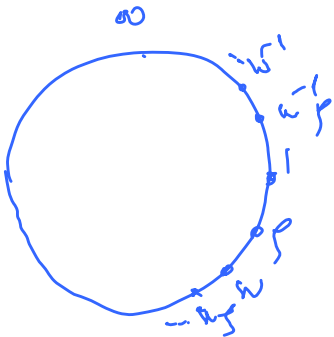
$$= \int \frac{dw ds}{w^2 (1-s)^2} \left(\frac{-2\pi}{\log w} \right)^{D/2} e^{-\frac{\log s^2}{\log w}}$$

$$\text{Jacobi} \left[\prod_j \frac{(1-w^j s)(1-w^j/s)}{(1-w^j)^2} \right] \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1-w^j) \right)^A \quad \text{Ded. } \eta$$

Enforce log sing. as $w \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow A = -24, \quad D = 26$$

Bosonic String



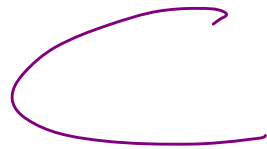
Some Immediate Questions/Generalizations

- * Amplitude is clearly counting something —
what is it?
- * General theories — is there "typical/magic" in Numerators?
- * Simplification as n particles $\rightarrow \infty$!

Associated \subset Tree Amplitudes.

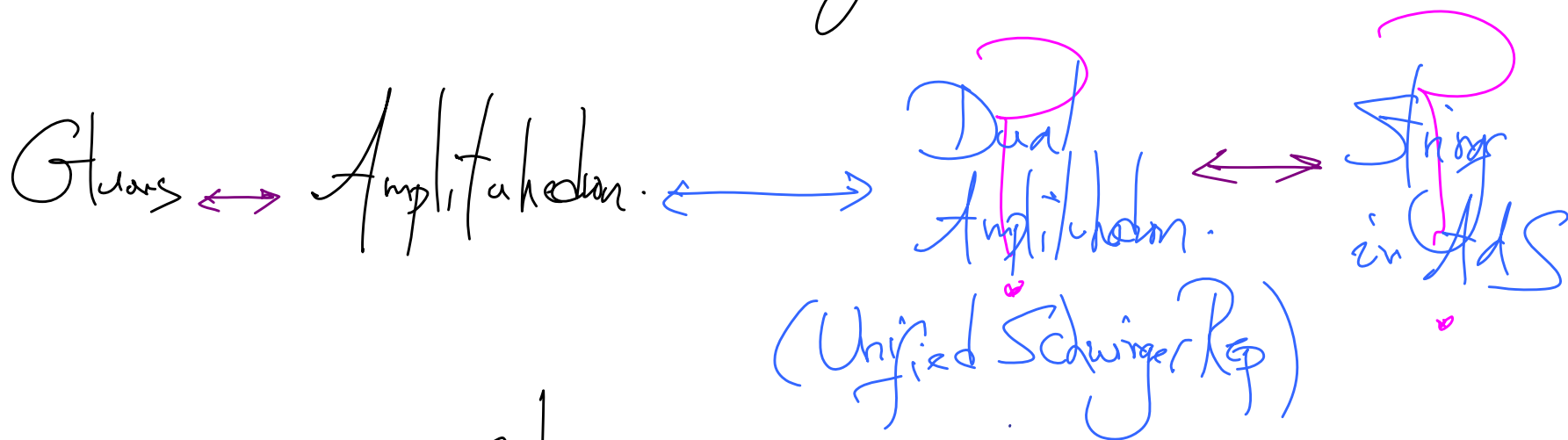


Surface
all orders in $1/N$



Non-planar
Amplitudes?

$N=4$ Fantasy



Here.

