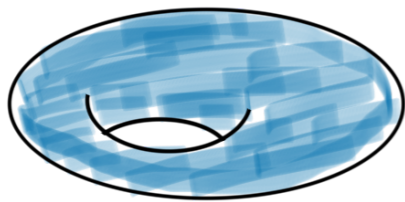
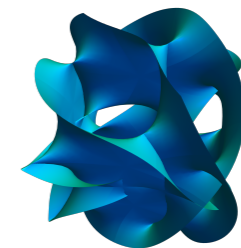


ϵ -Factorized Differential Equations Beyond Polylogarithms



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*"On a procedure to derive ϵ -factorised differential equations beyond polylogarithms" [1],
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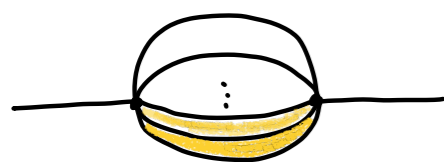
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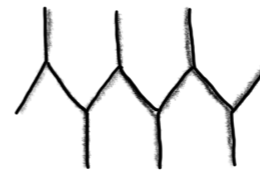
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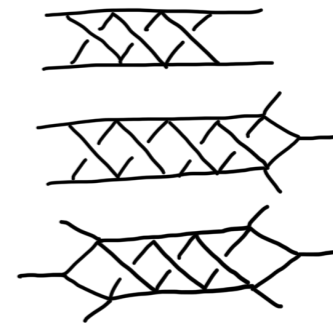
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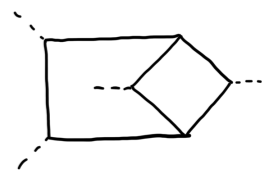


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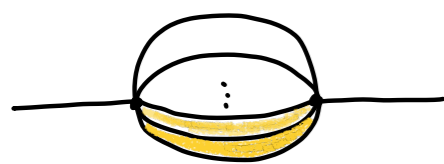
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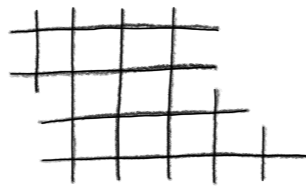
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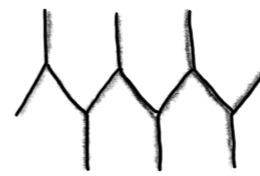
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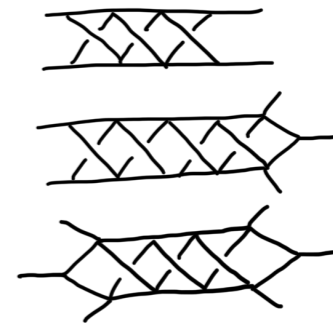
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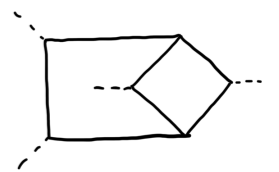


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- The ϵ -expansion can easily be solved if the GM system is **ϵ -factorized**:

[Henn]

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Get as many orders in ϵ -expansion as we want in a controlled way.

- So far, there is **no general method** known to get this form, in particular for geometries beyond polylogarithms. What "canonical-form" means is also only clear for polylogarithms.

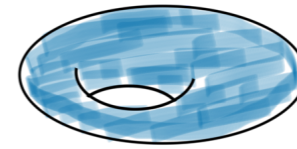
- Quite recent, algorithm for equal-mass banana graphs. [Pögel, Wang, Weinzierl]

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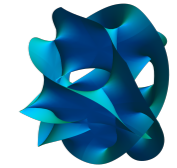
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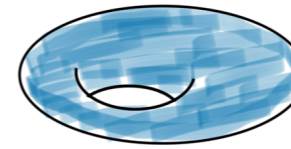
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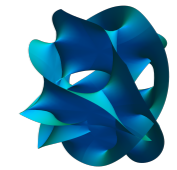
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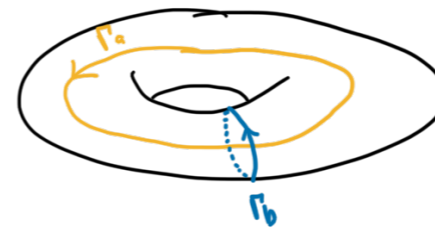
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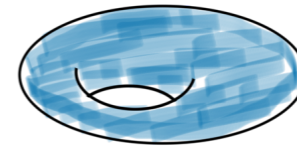
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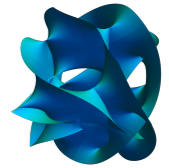
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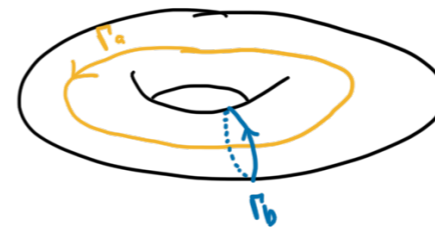
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Point of maximal unipotent monodromy:
hierarchical logarithmic structure

$\varpi_0 =$ power series in z

$$\varpi_1 = \varpi_0 \log(z) + \Sigma_1$$

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- Can write the solutions for $\epsilon = 0$ in terms of **iterated period integrals**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CY}} I(z) = \text{Inhom}(z)$$



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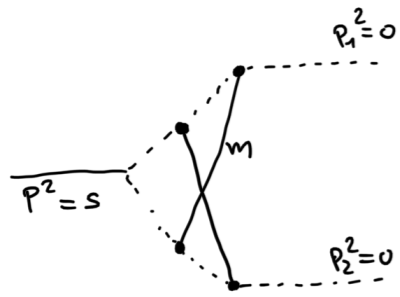
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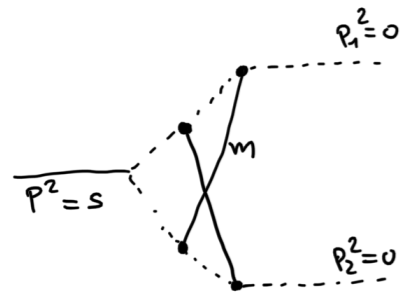
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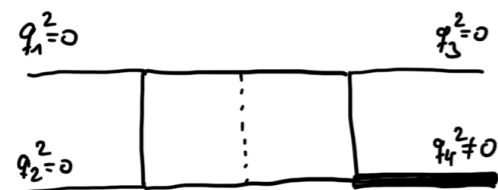
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- Double box:

Contains a 4x4 elliptic block in the sector below the top sector.



[Bonciani et al. Primo, Tancredi]

I_1, I_2 are standard elliptic integrals.

I_3 is an integral of third kind.

I_4 is chosen s.t. it vanishes in $d = 4$.

$$\mathbf{GM}_{\text{box,s}}^{d=4} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ F1(s, t, M) & F2(s, t, M) & 0 & 0 \\ R1(s, t, M) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R2(s, t, M) & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Non-planar graph:

Contains a 6x6 elliptic block in the sector below the top sector.



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I_3 from factorization of PF operator.

I_4, I_5, I_6 are residues with unit leading singularity.

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- ⦿ This step generalizes the normalization with leading singularities. "afterwards we have pure functions"
- ⦿ Take homogeneous diff. eq. in every minimally coupled block in $d = d_0$.
The corresponding Wronskian satisfies the same system.

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- ⦿ Take homogeneous diff. eq. in every minimally coupled block in $d = d_0$.
The corresponding Wronskian satisfies the same system.

$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} I_{1,\max} \\ \vdots \\ I_{r,\max} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{GM}(z) \begin{pmatrix} I_{1,\max} \\ \vdots \\ I_{r,\max} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dz} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{GM}(z) \mathbf{W}$$

- ⦿ Split the Wronskian into a **semi-simple** (leading singularities) and **unipotent** (logs) part:

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W}_{\text{ss}} \mathbf{W}_{\text{u}} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{d}{dz} \mathbf{W}_{\text{u}} = \widehat{\mathbf{GM}}(z) \mathbf{W}_{\text{u}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{GM}}^k(z) = 0 \quad (\text{nilpotent})$$

- ⦿ Splitting is not unique. Normalize diagonal of unipotent part to be unity.

- ⦿ For Calabi-Yau manifolds the nilpotent matrix is known:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{GM}}_{\text{CY}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Y_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ⦿ Use **relations** from **Griffiths transversality** to simplify the semi-simple part.
For example for the three-loop banana (K3) we can remove ϖ_0'' in \mathbf{W}_{ss} .

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_2(z) & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2}G_2(z)^2 & -G_2(z) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{G_1(z)}{\epsilon} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_1(z) = \int_0^z dz' \frac{(2(1-8z')(1+8z')^3)}{z'^2(1-4z')^2(1-16z')^2} \varpi_0^2(z')$$

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(ii) **Between** minimally coupled blocks:

Non-planar

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ G_1(s,t) & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2G_2(s,t) & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ G_2(s,t)^2 - \frac{G_1(s,t)^2}{4} & -\frac{G_1(s,t)}{2} & 0 & G_2(s,t) & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

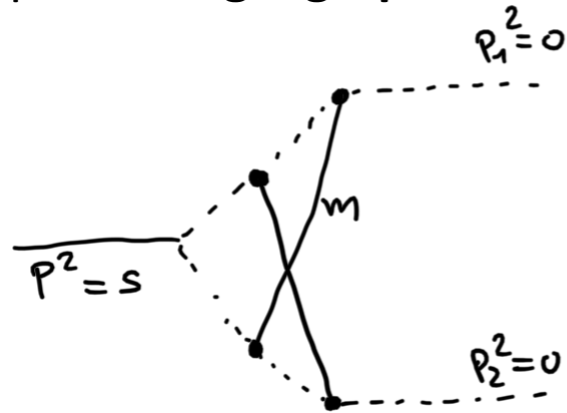
related to integrals of third kind

$$G_1(s,t) = - \int_0^t dt' R1(s,t) \varpi_0(s,t')$$

$$G_2(s,t) = - \int_0^t dt' R2(s,t) \varpi_0(s,t')$$

Examples

● Example: Triangle graph



$$d = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

$$z = s/m^2$$

18 master integrals

elliptic top sector
with residue

$$T(z, \epsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$T_{\text{new objects}}$

$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3}(z+1)\varpi_0(z) & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{24}(5z^2 - 44z - 76)\varpi_0(z)^2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$T_{\text{tot. deri.}}$

$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon^4 \\ 0 & \epsilon^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$T_{\epsilon\text{-scalings}}$

$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\varpi_0(z)} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{8}(z-8)(z+1)(\varpi_0(z) + z\varpi_0'(z)) & \frac{1}{4}(z-8)(z+1)\varpi_0(z) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

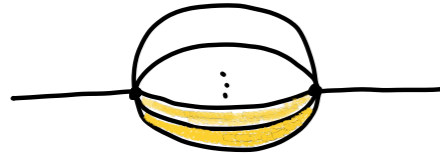
T_{ss}^{-1}

$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

T_{initial}

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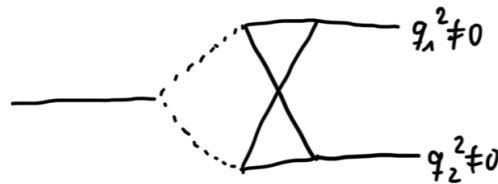
- So far, we found the ϵ -form for many graphs having **different geometries** and **number of parameters**: [1,2]



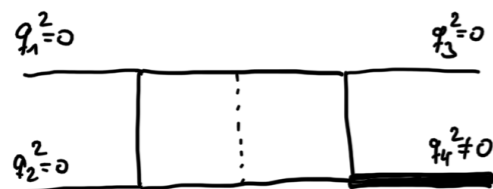
achieved ϵ -form up to five loops (CY four-fold), same form as [Pögel, Wang, Weinzierl] also two- and three-mass configuration for elliptic case



up to five loops, top sector contains two CYs



analyzed many triangles with different mass configurations and multi-parameter



double box including all subsectors and topsector



non-planar double box including all subsectors and topsector

- More examples are coming!

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- Nevertheless, there are some parts we want to understand better:
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 - What are the properties of the new functions G ? Can we predict how many we need?
They are iterated integrals. In elliptic case they are related to integrals of the third kind.
For CYs they have integer expansions (magnetic modular forms). Pole structure?
 - Limitations of our procedure? Can we rigorously prove why our method works?
- Outlook: Use our bases to try to understand the analytic structure of amplitudes associated to non-trivial geometries.

**Thank you for
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