

# Symbol Alphabets from the Landau Singular Locus

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Goal: Find alphabet from integral representation instead of differential equations

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[Klausen, '21]


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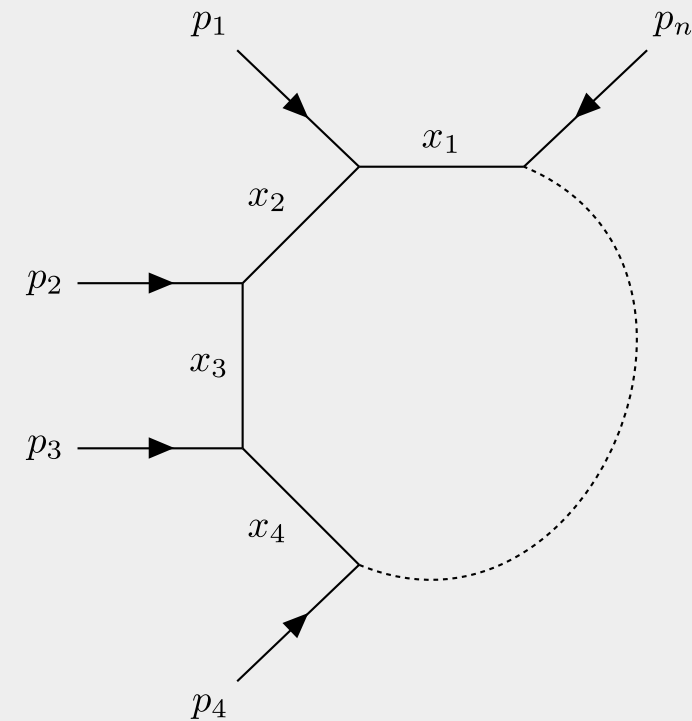
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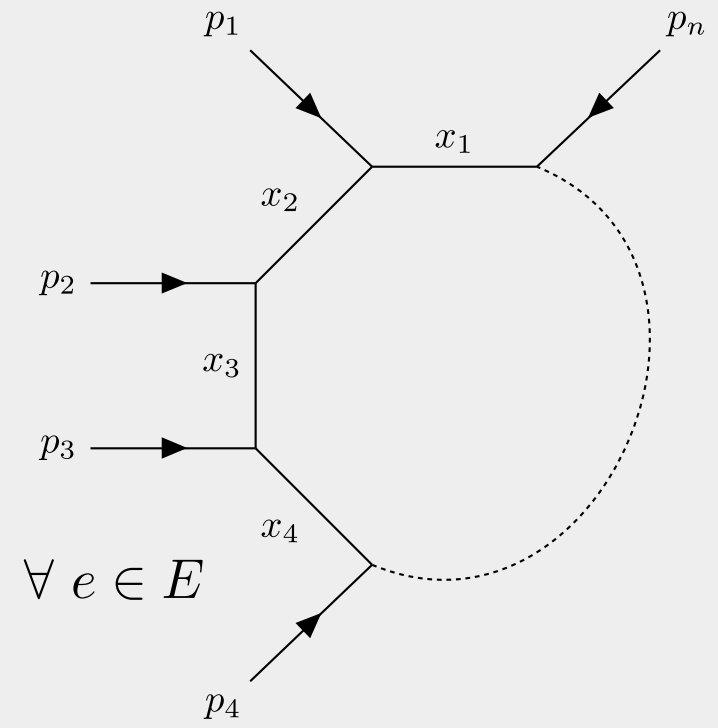
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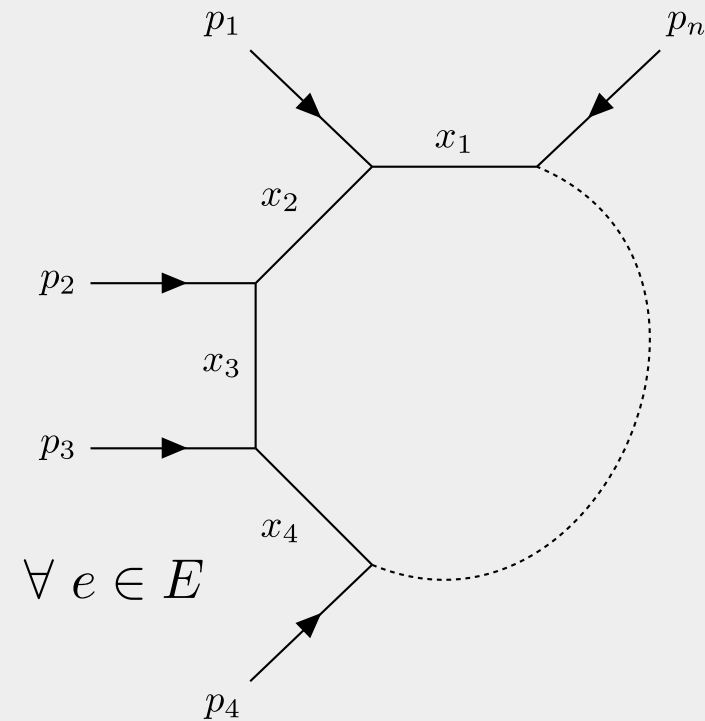


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- Space of kinematic variables for which there is a solution:

$$\overline{\left\{ s_{ij}, m_i^2 \mid \mathbf{V} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}_h}{\partial x_0}, \dots, \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}_h}{\partial x_n} \right) \neq \emptyset \right\}} \iff \boxed{\det(\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{G}_h)) = 0}$$

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- triangle in even dimensions:

$$\log W_{(i),j,(k)} = \log W_{(i),(j),k} + \log W_{i,(j),(k)}$$

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# Differential equations:

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Gram determinant

Cayley determinant

# Comparison with the literature

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- Symbol alphabet
- Differential equations

Caron-Huot, Pokraka, '21

## 1) Diagrammatic coaction:

[Abreu, Britto, Duhr, Gardi, '17]



only next-to-next-to  
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also: [Caron-Huot,  
Pokraka, '21]

## 2) Baikov representation:

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  - expect also to work for symbol alphabet [Abreu, Britto, Duhr, Gardi, '17]  
[Chen, Ma, Yang, '22]

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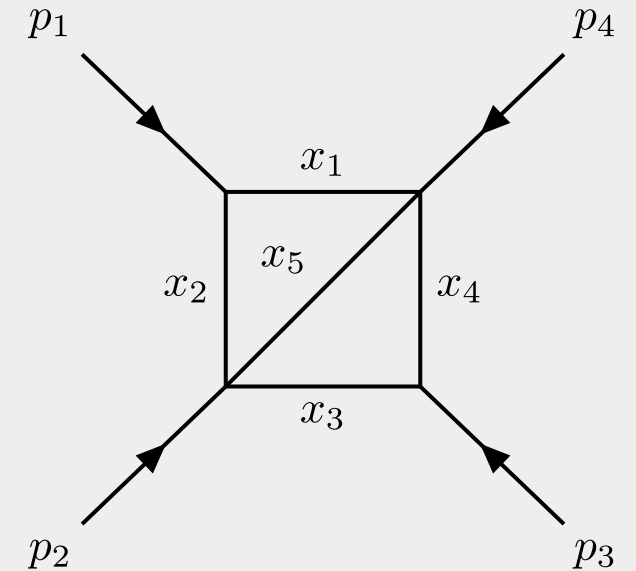
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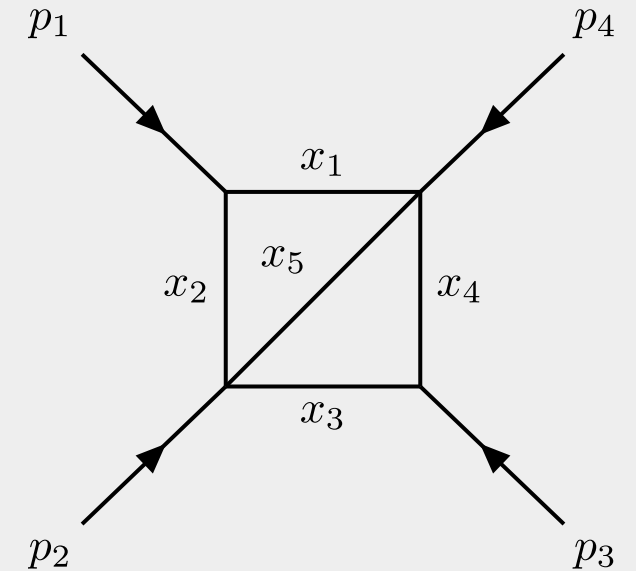
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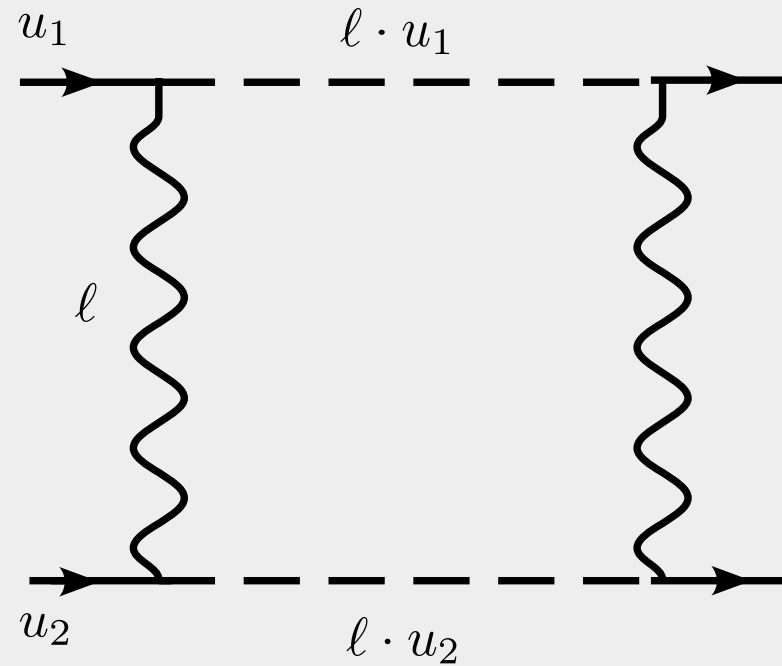
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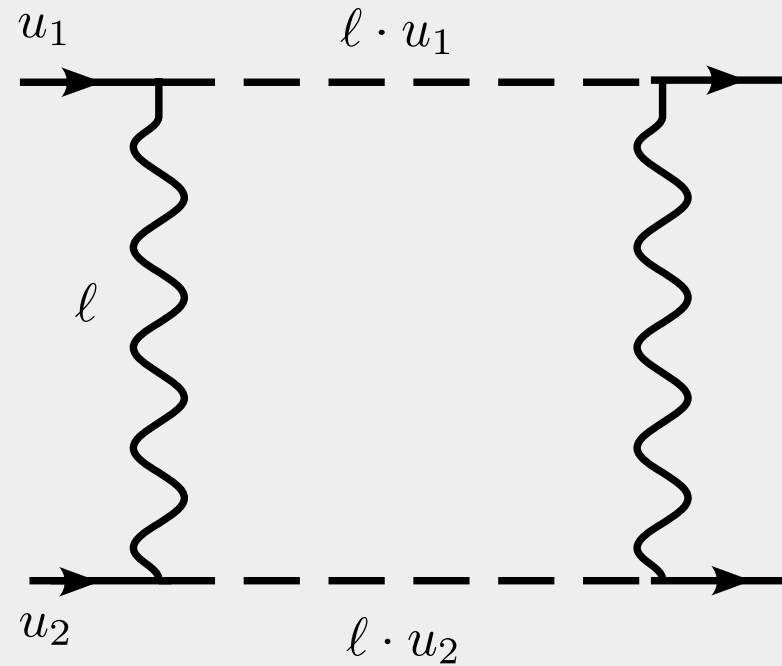
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# Waveform integrals

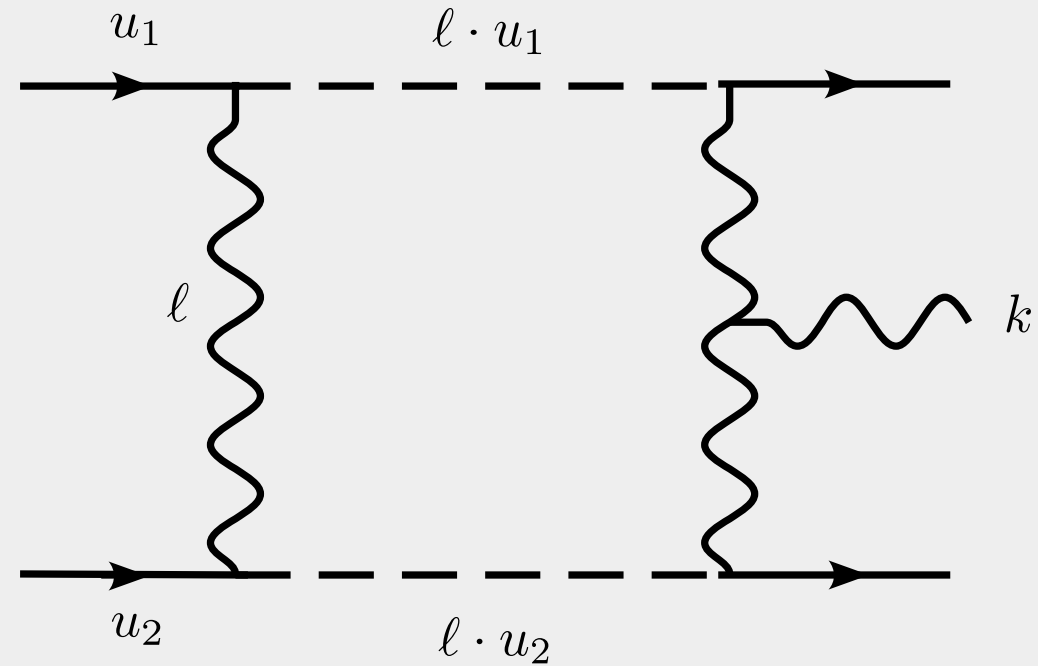
- Sub-topologies easy

$$\log \left( \frac{w_1 - \sqrt{w_1^2 - q_2^2}}{w_1 + \sqrt{w_1^2 - q_2^2}} \right),$$

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- Top-topology requires further study

- non-generic mass configuration
- beyond next-to-next-to maximal cut

[Brandhuber, Brown, Chen, De Angelis, Gowdy, Travaglini, '23 /  
 Herderschee, Roiban, Teng, '23 /  
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# Summary

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- Construction of symbol alphabet from the principal  $A$ -determinant
  - rational letters
  - square-root letters through re-factorization
- One loop
  - re-factorization through Jacobi identities
  - verification through canonical DEs (up to ten legs)
- Unique limits
- Higher loops
- One-loop gravity