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Systematic evaluation of dimensionally regularized Feynman integrals (in particular, systematic resolution of the singularities in  $\epsilon$ ) [V.A. Smirnov'99, J.B. Tausk'99]

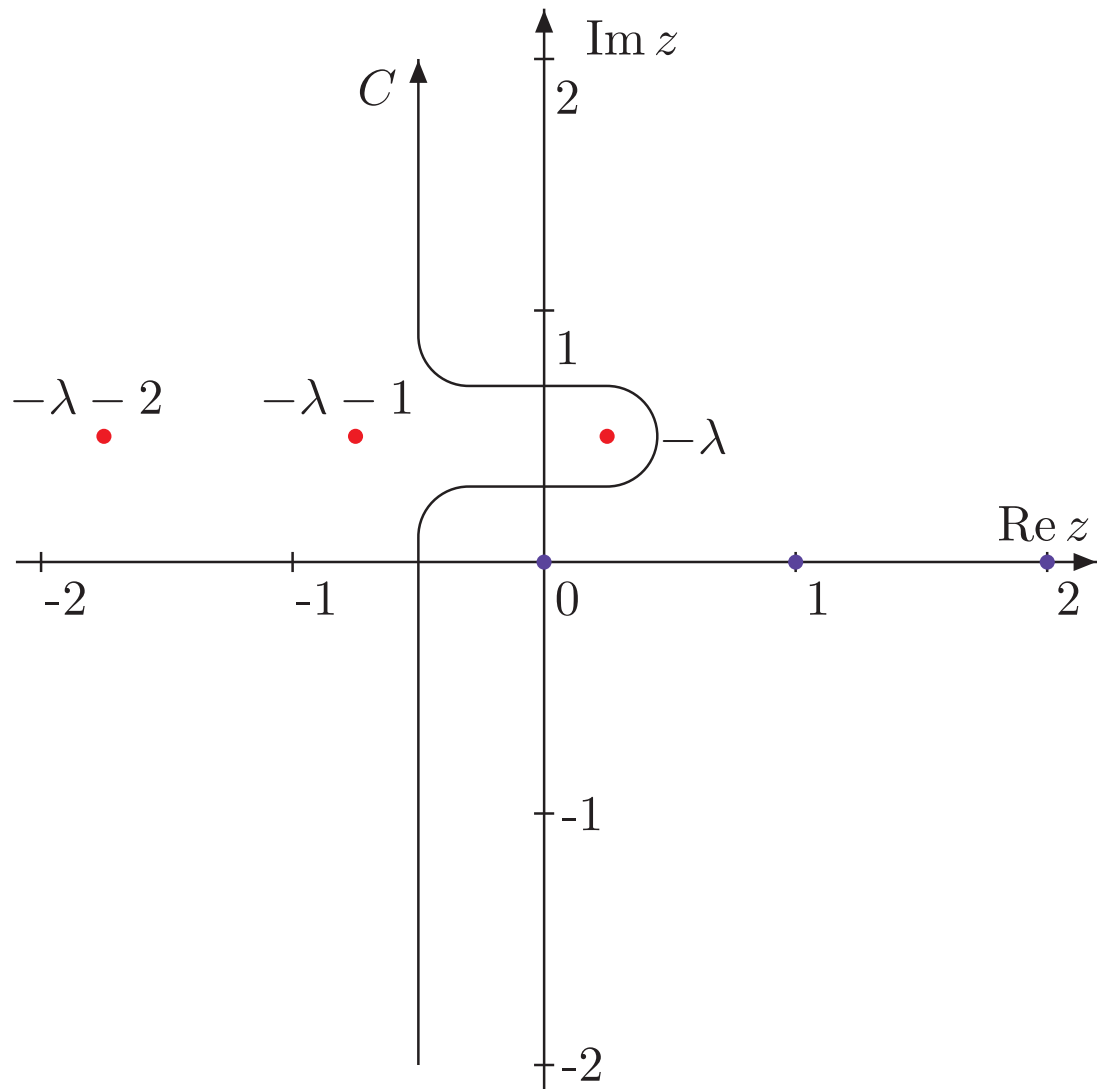
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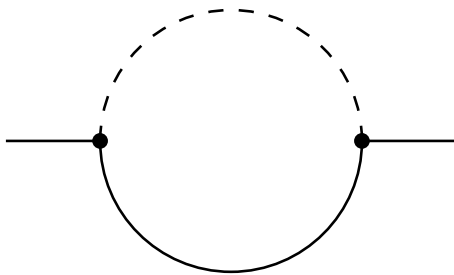
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$$G(a_1, a_2) = \frac{\Gamma(a_1 + a_2 + \epsilon - 2) \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_1) \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_2)}{\Gamma(a_1) \Gamma(a_2) \Gamma(4 - a_1 - a_2 - 2\epsilon)}$$

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Unambiguous prescriptions for contours:

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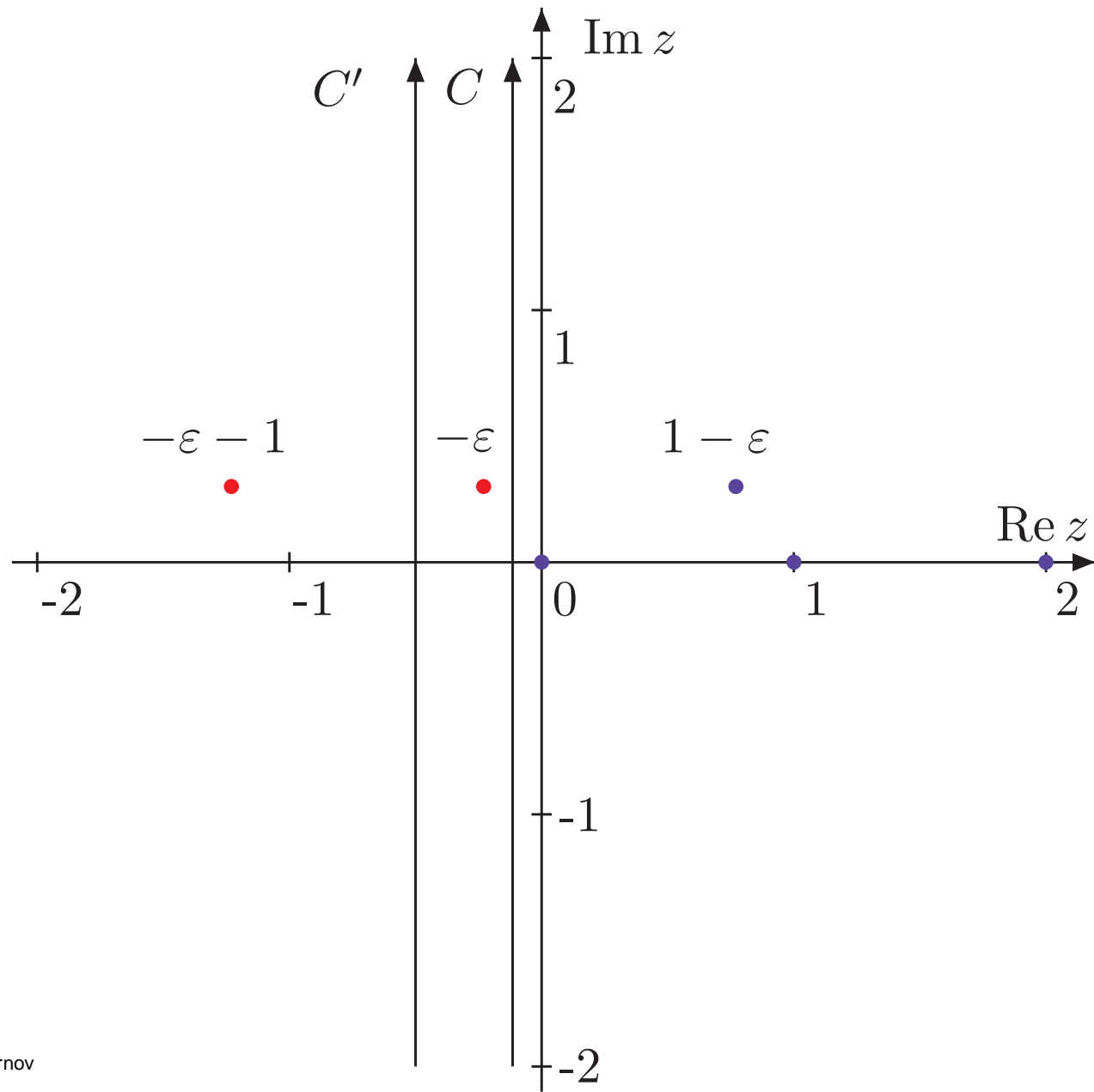


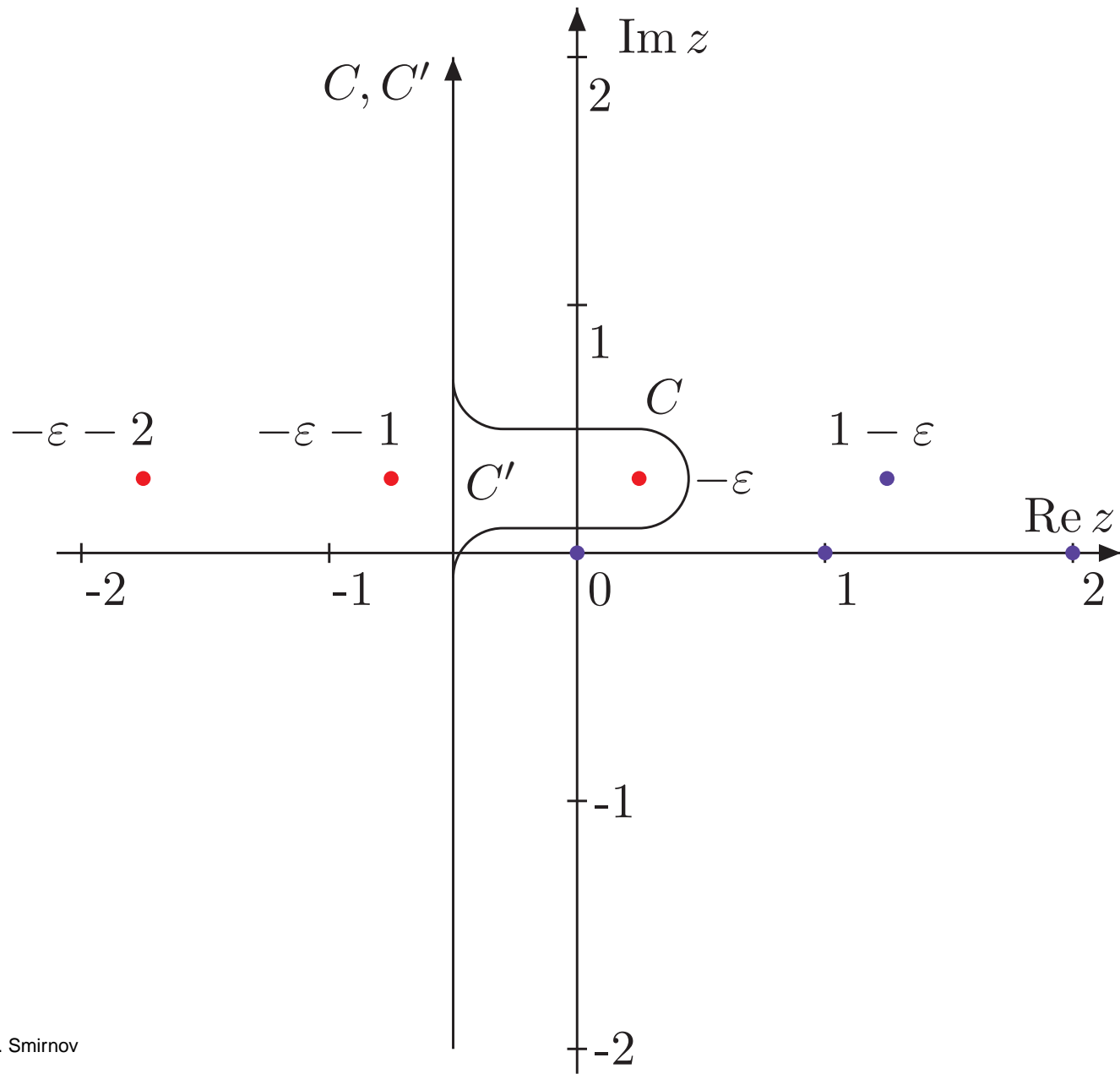
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**NB:**

$$\Gamma(\epsilon + z) \Gamma(1 - \epsilon - z) = -\Gamma(1 + \epsilon + z) \Gamma(-\epsilon - z)$$

The integral can be expanded in  $\epsilon$ , e.g., the value at  $\epsilon = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C'} f(z) dz &= - \sum_{n=0} \operatorname{res}_{z=n} f(z) \\
 &= + \sum_{n=1} \operatorname{res}_{z=n} f(z) \\
 &= 1 - \left(1 - \frac{m^2}{q^2}\right) \ln \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{m^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f(z) = \left(\frac{m^2}{-q^2}\right)^z \frac{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(-z)\Gamma(1-z)}{\Gamma(2-z)} = \left(\frac{m^2}{-q^2}\right)^z \frac{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(-z)}{(1-z)}$$

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$$\Gamma(\epsilon + z) \rightarrow \Gamma^{(1)}(\epsilon + z)$$

$\Gamma^{(1)}(\epsilon + z)$  means that the rule  $\operatorname{Re}(\epsilon + z) > 0$  when crossing the real axis is changed to  $-1 < \operatorname{Re}(\epsilon + z) < 0$

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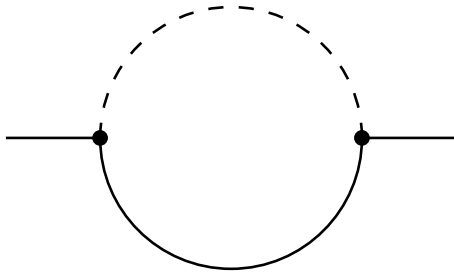
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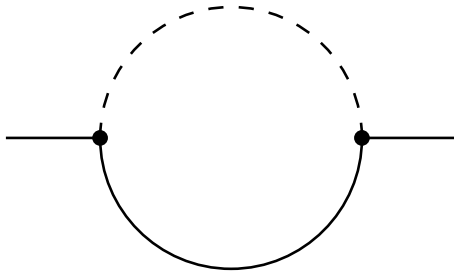


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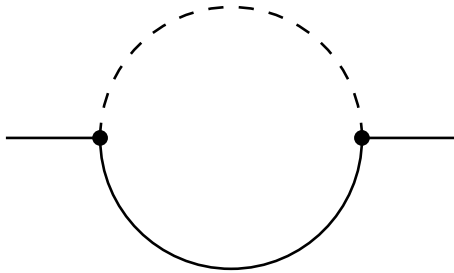


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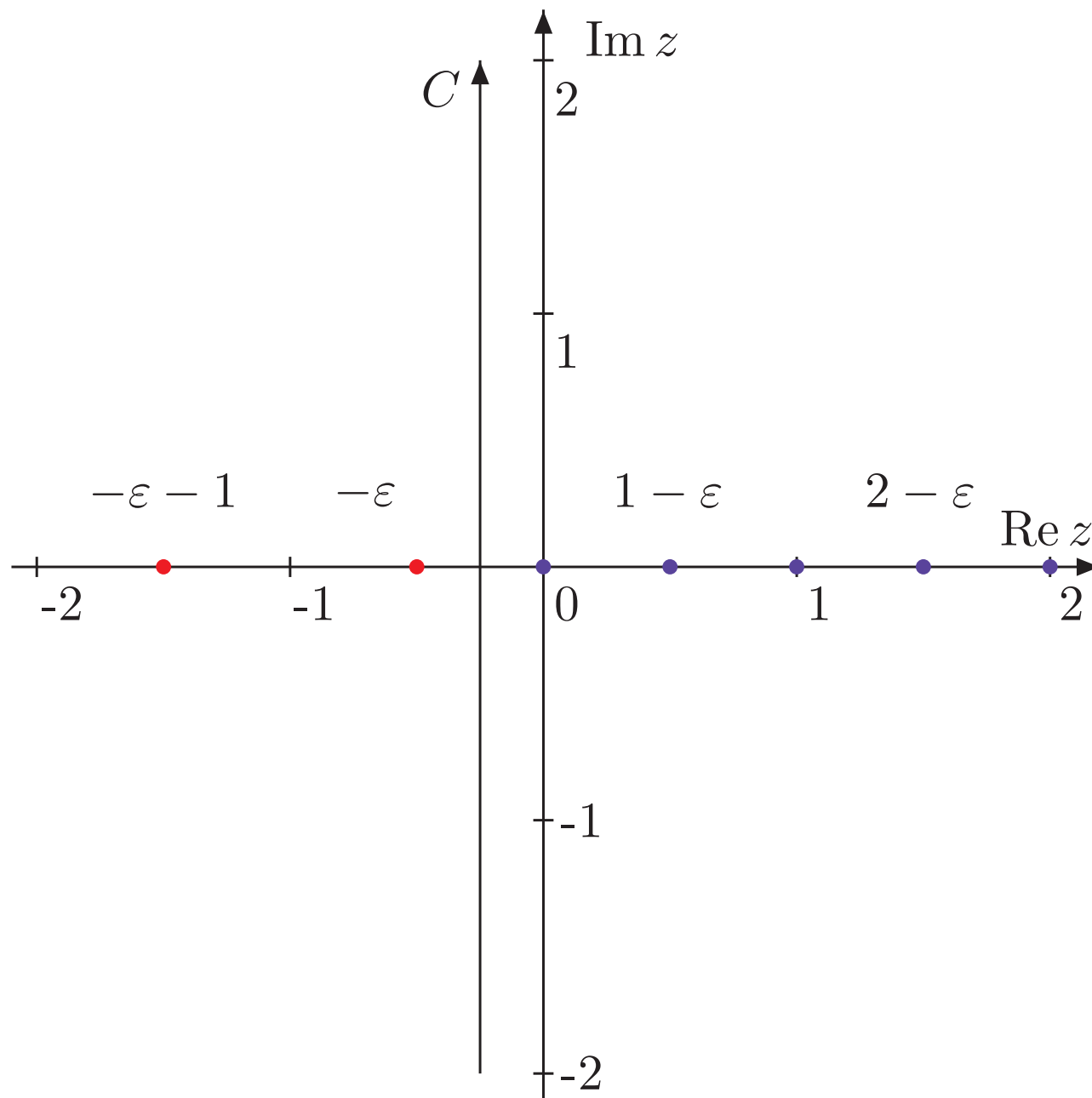
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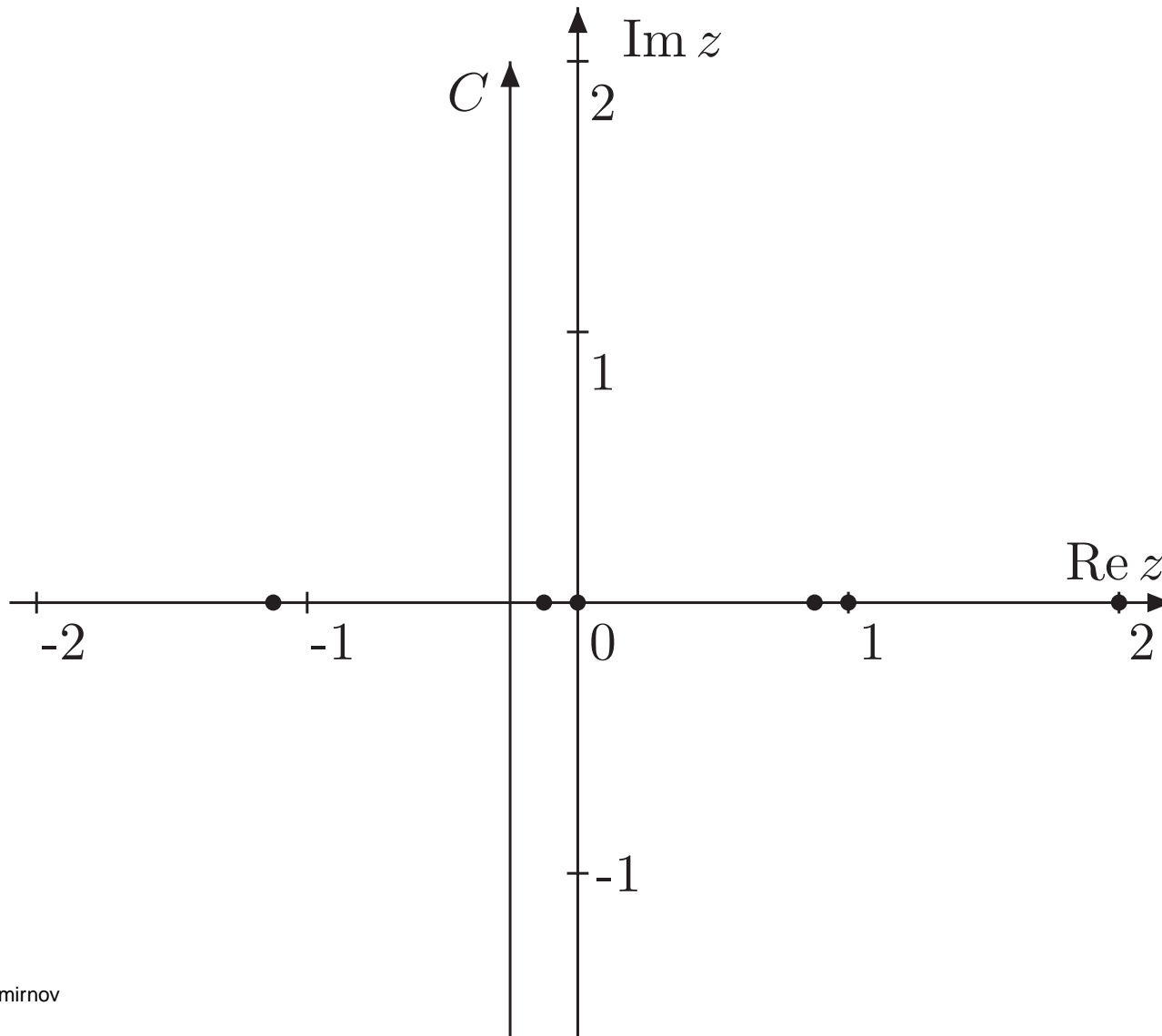
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be the numerator of a multiple MB integral

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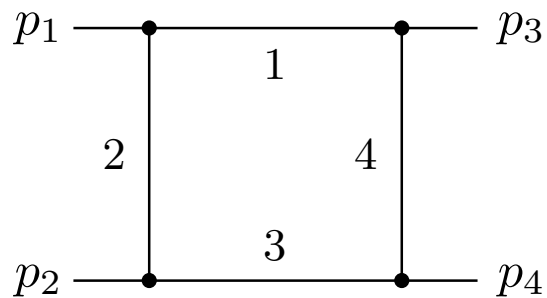
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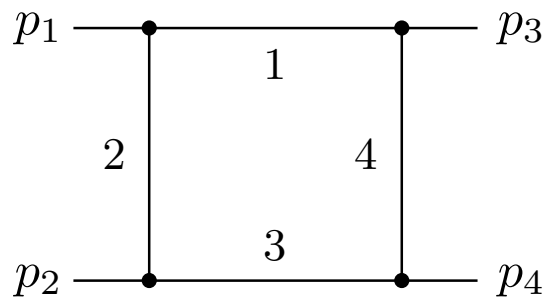
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where  $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$  and  $t = (p_1 + p_3)^2$

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Introduce new variables by  $\alpha_1 = \eta_1 \xi_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \eta_1(1 - \xi_1)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \eta_2 \xi_2$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \eta_2(1 - \xi_2)$ , with the Jacobian  $\eta_1 \eta_2$

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\times & \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\xi_1^{a_1-1} (1 - \xi_1)^{a_2-1} \xi_2^{a_3-1} (1 - \xi_2)^{a_4-1}}{[-s\xi_1\xi_2 - t(1 - \xi_1)(1 - \xi_2) - i0]^{a+\epsilon-2}} d\xi_1 d\xi_2
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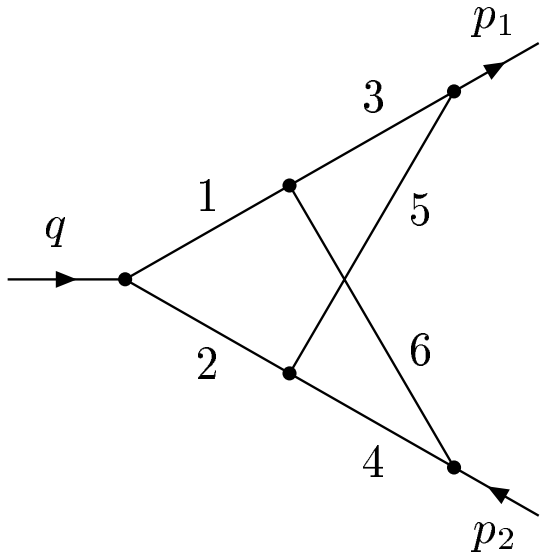
Change the order of integration over  $z$  and  $\xi$ -parameters,  
evaluate parametric integrals in terms of gamma functions

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\Gamma}(s, t; a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, d) &= \frac{i\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a) \prod \Gamma(a_l) (-s)^{a+\epsilon-2}} \\
&\times \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathbf{d}z \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^z \Gamma(a + \epsilon - 2 + z) \Gamma(a_2 + z) \Gamma(a_4 + z) \Gamma(-z) \\
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$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\Gamma}(s, t; 1, 1, 1, 1, d) &= \frac{i\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon) (-s)^{2+\epsilon}} \\
&\times \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathbf{d}z \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^z \Gamma(2 + \epsilon + z) \Gamma(1+z)^2 \Gamma(-1 - \epsilon - z)^2 \Gamma(-z)
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.** Non-planar two-loop massless vertex diagram  
 with  $p_1^2 = p_2^2 = 0$ ,  $Q^2 = -(p_1 - p_2)^2 = 2p_1 \cdot p_2$



$$F_{\Gamma}(Q^2; a_1, \dots, a_6, d) = \int \int \frac{d^d k d^d l}{1 \left[ (k+l)^2 - 2p_1 \cdot (k+l) \right]^{a_1} \left[ (k+l)^2 - 2p_2 \cdot (k+l) \right]^{a_2} (k^2 - 2p_1 \cdot k)^{a_3} (l^2 - 2p_2 \cdot l)^{a_4} (k^2)^{a_5} (l^2)^{a_6}}$$

$$\frac{1}{(k^2 - 2p_1 \cdot k)^{a_3} (k^2)^{a_5}} = \frac{(-1)^{a_3+a_5} \Gamma(a_3 + a_5)}{\Gamma(a_3) \Gamma(a_5)} \times \int_0^1 \frac{d\xi_1 \xi_1^{a_3-1} (1 - \xi_1)^{a_5-1}}{[-(k - \xi_1 p_1)^2 - i0]^{a_3+a_5}}$$

and, similarly, for the second pair, with the replacements

$$\xi_1 \rightarrow \xi_2, p_1 \rightarrow p_2, k \rightarrow l, a_3 \rightarrow a_4, a_5 \rightarrow a_6$$

Change the integration variable  $l \rightarrow r = k + l$  and integrate over  $k$  by means of our massless one-loop formula



$$\int \frac{d^d k}{[-(k - \xi_1 p_1)^2]^{a_3+a_5} [-(r - \xi_2 p_2 - k)^2]^{a_4+a_6}}$$

$$= i\pi^{d/2} \frac{\Gamma(a_3 + a_5, a_4 + a_6)}{[-(r - \xi_1 p_1 - \xi_2 p_2)^2]^{a_3+a_4+a_5+a_6+\epsilon-2}}$$

Apply Feynman parametric formula to the propagators 1 and 2 and the propagator arising from the previous integration, with a resulting integral over  $r$  evaluated in terms of gamma functions:

$$\int \frac{d^d r}{[-(r^2 - Q^2 A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4))]^{a+\epsilon-2}}$$

$$= i\pi^{d/2} \frac{\Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4)}{\Gamma(a + \epsilon - 2)} \frac{1}{(Q^2)^{a+2\epsilon-4} A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4)^{a+2\epsilon-4}}$$

where  $a = a_1 + \dots + a_6$  and

$$A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4) = \xi_3 \xi_4 + (1 - \xi_3 - \xi_4)[\xi_2 \xi_3 (1 - \xi_1) + \xi_1 \xi_4 (1 - \xi_2)]$$

Gonsalves'83:

$$F_{\Gamma}(Q^2; a_1, \dots, a_6, d) = \frac{(-1)^a \left(i\pi^{d/2}\right)^2 \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{35}) \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{46})}{(Q^2)^{a+2\epsilon-4} \prod \Gamma(a_l) \Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a_{3456})}$$

$$\times \Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4) \int_0^1 d\xi_1 \dots \int_0^1 d\xi_4 \xi_1^{a_3-1} (1 - \xi_1)^{a_5-1} \xi_2^{a_4-1} (1 - \xi_2)^{a_6-1}$$

$$\times \xi_3^{a_1-1} \xi_4^{a_2-1} (1 - \xi_3 - \xi_4)_+^{a_{3456} + \epsilon - 3} A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4)^{4-2\epsilon-a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4)}{[\eta\xi(1 - \xi) + (1 - \eta)(\xi\xi_2(1 - \xi_1) + (1 - \xi)\xi_1(1 - \xi_2))]^{a+2\epsilon-4}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathbf{d}z_1 \frac{\Gamma(-z_1) \eta^{z_1} \xi^{z_1} (1 - \xi)^{z_1}}{(1 - \eta)^{a+2\epsilon-4+z_1}} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4 + z_1)}{[\xi\xi_2(1 - \xi_1) + (1 - \xi)\xi_1(1 - \xi_2)]^{a+2\epsilon-4+z_1}}
\end{aligned}$$

The last line  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathbf{d}z_2 \frac{\Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4 + z_1 + z_2) \Gamma(-z_2) \xi^{z_2} \xi_2^{z_2} (1 - \xi_1)^{z_2}}{(1 - \xi)^{a+2\epsilon-4+z_1+z_2} \xi_1^{a+2\epsilon-4+z_1+z_2} (1 - \xi_2)^{a+2\epsilon-4+z_1+z_2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{\Gamma}(Q^2; a_1, \dots, a_6, d) &= \frac{(-1)^a \left(i\pi^{d/2}\right)^2 \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{35})}{(Q^2)^{a+2\epsilon-4} \Gamma(6 - 3\epsilon - a) \prod \Gamma(a_l)} \\
&\times \frac{\Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{46})}{\Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a_{3456})} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz_1 dz_2 \Gamma(a + 2\epsilon - 4 + z_1 + z_2) \\
&\quad \times \Gamma(-z_1) \Gamma(-z_2) \Gamma(a_4 + z_2) \Gamma(a_5 + z_2) \Gamma(a_1 + z_1 + z_2) \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{12} - z_1) \Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon + a_2 - a - z_2)}{\Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a_{1235} - z_1) \Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a_{1246} - z_1)} \\
&\quad \times \Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon + a_3 - a - z_1 - z_2) \Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon + a_6 - a - z_1 - z_2) ,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_{3456} = a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6$ , etc.

The massless box diagram with two legs on shell,  
 $p_3^2 = p_4^2 = 0$ , and two legs off shell,  $p_1^2, p_2^2 \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{1100} &= i\pi^{d/2} \frac{\Gamma(a + \epsilon - 2)}{\prod \Gamma(a_l)} \\
 &\times \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty \left( \prod_{l=1}^4 \alpha_l^{a_l - 1} d\alpha_l \right) \delta \left( \sum_{l=1}^4 \alpha_l - 1 \right) \\
 &\times (-s\alpha_1\alpha_3 - t\alpha_2\alpha_4 - p_1^2\alpha_1\alpha_2 - p_2^2\alpha_2\alpha_3 - i0)^{2-a-\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

Apply

$$\frac{1}{(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^\lambda} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{n-1}} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \dots \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz_2 \dots dz_n \prod_{i=2}^n X_i^{z_i} \\ \times X_1^{-\lambda - z_2 - \dots - z_n} \Gamma(\lambda + z_2 + \dots + z_n) \prod_{i=2}^n \Gamma(-z_i)$$

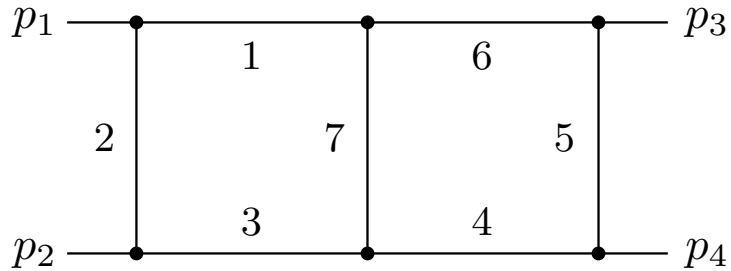
Separate terms with  $p_1^2$  and  $p_2^2$ , turn to new variables by

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and evaluate integrals over parameters to obtain a three fold MB representation

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{1100} &= \frac{i\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(4 - 2\epsilon - a) \prod \Gamma(a_l) (-s)^{a+\epsilon-2}} \\
&\times \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^3} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz_2 dz_3 dz_4 \frac{(-p_1^2)^{z_2} (-p_2^2)^{z_3} (-t)^{z_4}}{(-s)^{z_2+z_3+z_4}} \\
&\times \Gamma(a + \epsilon - 2 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4) \Gamma(a_2 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4) \Gamma(a_4 + z_4) \\
&\times \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{234} - z_3 - z_4) \Gamma(2 - \epsilon - a_{124} - z_2 - z_4) \\
&\times \Gamma(-z_2) \Gamma(-z_3) \Gamma(-z_4) .
\end{aligned}$$

## Double box with irreducible numerator $(k + p_1 + p_2 + p_4)^2$



$$\begin{aligned}
 B_2(s, t; a_1, \dots, a_8, \epsilon) &= \int \int \frac{\mathbf{d}^d k \mathbf{d}^d l}{(k^2)^{a_1} [(k + p_1)^2]^{a_2} [(k + p_1 + p_2)^2]^{a_3} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{[(k + p_1 + p_2 + p_4)^2]^{-a_8}}{[(l + p_1 + p_2)^2]^{a_4} [(l + p_1 + p_2 + p_4)^2]^{a_5} (l^2)^{a_6} [(k - l)^2]^{a_7}}
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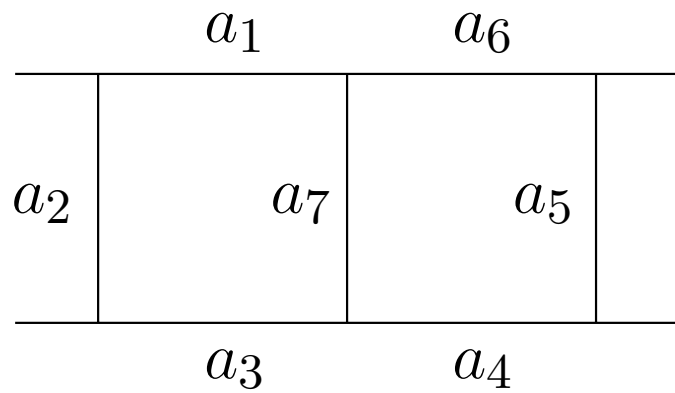
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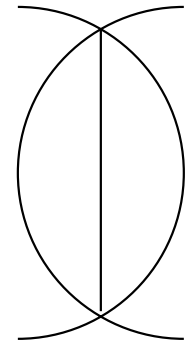
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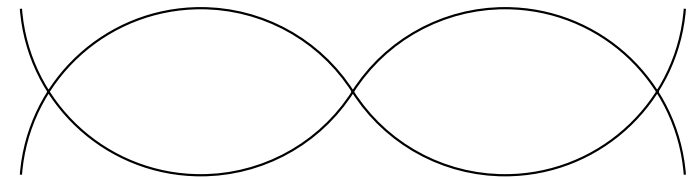
## How to check a given MB representation



$$a_1, a_3, a_4, a_6 \rightarrow 0$$



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## How to evaluate MB integrals after expanding in $\epsilon$

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### Multiple corollaries, e.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz \Gamma(\lambda_1 + z) \Gamma^*(\lambda_2 + z) \Gamma(-\lambda_2 - z) \Gamma(\lambda_3 - z) \\ &= \Gamma(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \Gamma(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) [\psi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) - \psi(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz}{z} \Gamma(\lambda_1 + z) \Gamma(\lambda_2 + z) \Gamma(\lambda_3 - z) \Gamma(\lambda_4 - z) \\
& \quad = \frac{\Gamma(2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_3) \Gamma(1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3) \Gamma(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 - 1) \Gamma(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)}{\Gamma(1 - \lambda_1) \Gamma(1 - \lambda_2)} \\
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## The second Barnes lemma

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_1 + z) \Gamma(\lambda_2 + z) \Gamma(\lambda_3 + z) \Gamma(\lambda_4 - z) \Gamma(\lambda_5 - z)}{\Gamma(\lambda_6 + z)} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_1 + \lambda_4) \Gamma(\lambda_2 + \lambda_4) \Gamma(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \Gamma(\lambda_1 + \lambda_5)}{\Gamma(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \Gamma(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_2 + \lambda_5) \Gamma(\lambda_3 + \lambda_5)}{\Gamma(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)}, \quad \lambda_6 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5
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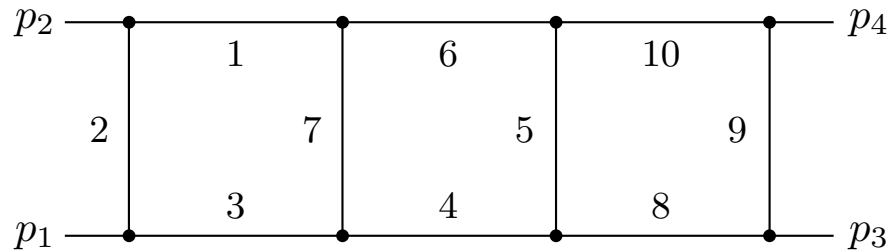
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The general planar triple box Feynman integral

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\times \frac{1}{[(k + p_1 + p_2)^2]^{a_3} [(l + p_1 + p_2)^2]^{a_4} [(r - l)^2]^{a_5} [l^2]^{a_6} [(k - l)^2]^{a_7}} \\
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 &\times \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^7} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dw \prod_{j=2}^7 dz_j \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^w \frac{\Gamma(a_2 + w) \Gamma(-w) \Gamma(z_2 + z_4) \Gamma(z_3 + z_4)}{\Gamma(a_1 + z_3 + z_4) \Gamma(a_3 + z_2 + z_4)} \\
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& T(1, 1, \dots, 1; s, t; \epsilon) \\
&= \frac{(i\pi^{d/2})^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)(-s)^{4+3\epsilon}} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^7} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathbf{d}w \prod_{j=2}^7 \mathbf{d}z_j \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^w \frac{\Gamma(1+w)\Gamma(-w)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon+w-z_4)} \\
&\times \frac{\Gamma(-\epsilon+z_2)\Gamma(-\epsilon+z_3)\Gamma(1+w-z_4)\Gamma(-z_2-z_3-z_4)\Gamma(1+\epsilon+z_4)}{\Gamma(1+z_2+z_4)\Gamma(1+z_3+z_4)} \\
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## Result

[V.A. Smirnov'03]

$$T(1, 1, \dots, 1; s, t; \epsilon) = -\frac{\left(i\pi^{d/2}e^{-\gamma_E\epsilon}\right)^3}{s^3(-t)^{1+3\epsilon}} \sum_{j=0}^6 \frac{c_j(x, L)}{\epsilon^j},$$

where  $x = -t/s$ ,  $L = \ln(s/t)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} c_6 &= \frac{16}{9}, \quad c_5 = -\frac{5}{3}L, \quad c_4 = -\frac{3}{2}\pi^2, \\ c_3 &= 3(H_{0,0,1}(x) + LH_{0,1}(x)) + \frac{3}{2}(L^2 + \pi^2)H_1(x) - \frac{11}{12}\pi^2L - \frac{131}{9}\zeta_3, \\ c_2 &= -3(17H_{0,0,0,1}(x) + H_{0,0,1,1}(x) + H_{0,1,0,1}(x) + H_{1,0,0,1}(x)) \\ &\quad -L(37H_{0,0,1}(x) + 3H_{0,1,1}(x) + 3H_{1,0,1}(x)) - \frac{3}{2}(L^2 + \pi^2)H_{1,1}(x) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{23}{2}L^2 + 8\pi^2\right)H_{0,1}(x) - \left(\frac{3}{2}L^3 + \pi^2L - 3\zeta_3\right)H_1(x) + \frac{49}{3}\zeta_3L - \frac{1411}{1080}\pi^4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 = & 3(81H_{0,0,0,0,1}(x) + 41H_{0,0,0,1,1}(x) + 37H_{0,0,1,0,1}(x) + H_{0,0,1,1,1}(x)) \\
& + 33H_{0,1,0,0,1}(x) + H_{0,1,0,1,1}(x) + H_{0,1,1,0,1}(x) + 29H_{1,0,0,0,1}(x) \\
& + H_{1,0,0,1,1}(x) + H_{1,0,1,0,1}(x) + H_{1,1,0,0,1}(x)) + L(177H_{0,0,0,1}(x) + 85H_{0,0,1,1}(x) \\
& + 73H_{0,1,0,1}(x) + 3H_{0,1,1,1}(x) + 61H_{1,0,0,1}(x) + 3H_{1,0,1,1}(x) + 3H_{1,1,0,1}(x)) \\
& + \left(\frac{119}{2}L^2 + \frac{139}{12}\pi^2\right)H_{0,0,1}(x) + \left(\frac{47}{2}L^2 + 20\pi^2\right)H_{0,1,1}(x) \\
& + \left(\frac{35}{2}L^2 + 14\pi^2\right)H_{1,0,1}(x) + \frac{3}{2}(L^2 + \pi^2)H_{1,1,1}(x) \\
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c_0 = & - (951H_{0,0,0,0,0,1}(x) + 819H_{0,0,0,0,1,1}(x) + 699H_{0,0,0,1,0,1}(x) + 195H_{0,0,0,1,1,1}(x) \\
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