A unitarity compatible integrand basis at two loops

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Methods

Over the last decade or so modern methods of

- on-shell recursion relations (Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten,...)

and

- unitarity methods (Bern, Dixon, Kosower, ..., Ossola, Pittau, Papadopoulos, ..., Badger,.....)

overtaken to a large extent traditional Feynman diagrammatic approach, including one-loop calculations

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$$I_n \propto \int \frac{d^D\ell}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(\ell^2 - m_1^2)((\ell - K_1)^2 - m_2^2)((\ell - K_1 - K_2)^2 - m_3^2)\cdots((\ell + K_n)^2 - m_n^2)}$$

$$\Delta A^{1-\text{loop}} = \sum_j \sum_{\mathbf{K}=\{K_1,\ldots,K_j\}} c_j(\mathbf{K}) \Delta I_j(\mathbf{K})$$

One loop

Basis is known (independently of the given one-loop process), and include (scalar) integrals: boxes, triangles, bubbles and tadpoles

$$\int d^d q \frac{1}{D_1 D_2 \ldots D_n}$$

- Kallen, Toll (1965): triangles (n=3) $\rightarrow$ bubbles (in 2 dim)
- Melrose (later van Neerven and Vermaseren): pentagon (n=5) $\rightarrow$ boxes (in 4 dim),
- Lorentz invariance + Passarino and Veltman: tensor n-PF $\rightarrow$ m-PF scalar integrals ($m \leq n$)

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Knowledge of (scalar) basis and their analytic structure allowed to focus and find coefficients of reductions:

- Complex integration and contour deformation (Weinzierl, Soper, Nagy,...)
- On-shell and generalised unitarity methods (OPP, Kosower, ..., Mastrolia,...), integrand reduction techniques (Ellis, Giele, Kunszt,Melnikov, Tramontano, Heinrich, Reiter)

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- Automation through a public software AIR, FIRE, Reduze, (plus IdSolver, etc)

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(i) IBPs create doubled ("dotted") propagators

e.g.

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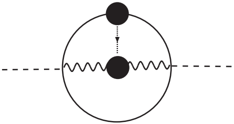

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So better if we avoid them, also in the unitarity approach.

Moreover, in the unitarity approach

(ii) Coefficients c_j are functions of the external spinors (depend on ϵ in addition)

$$\text{Amplitude} = \sum_{j \in \text{Basis}} \text{c}_j(\epsilon, ...) * \text{Integral}_j + \text{Rational}$$

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(iii) At two loops number of master integrals for a given topology often depend on the number and arrangement of external massive legs, in general

Even more: dependence from relations among masses of external legs

Integral	#MIs
$P^{**}_{2,2}$	=2
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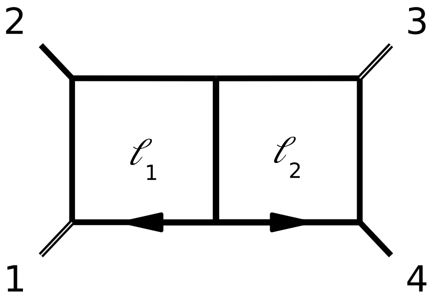

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Our aim is to reduce any high-multiplicity two-loop integral (including numerators) to the above classes of basis integrals, which are free of higher powers of propagators.

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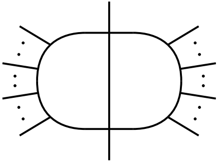

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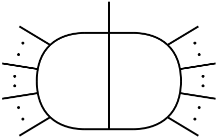

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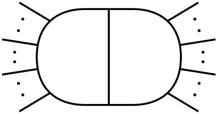

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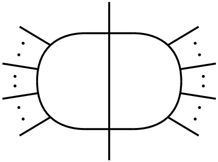

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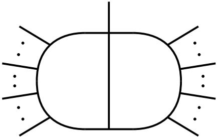

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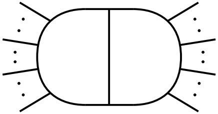

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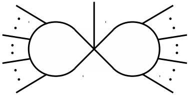

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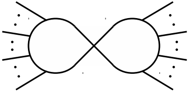

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\begin{aligned}
P^*_{n_1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+1}) &= P_{n_1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+1},0)\,, \\
P^{**}_{n_1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2}) &= P^*_{n_1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{n_1},0,K_{n_1+1},\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2})\,.
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At one loop

$$G\begin{pmatrix} p_1, \cdots, p_l \\ q_1, \cdots, q_l \end{pmatrix} \equiv \det_{i,j \in l \times l}(2p_i \cdot q_j)\,,$$

We can expand each of the four-dimensional vectors v_j in a basis of four chosen external momenta b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4,

$$\begin{aligned} v_j^\mu &= \frac{1}{G(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4)}\left[G\begin{pmatrix} v, b_2, b_3, b_4 \\ b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 \end{pmatrix} b_1^\mu + G\begin{pmatrix} b_1, v, b_3, b_4 \\ b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 \end{pmatrix} b_2^\mu \right. \\ &+ \left. G\begin{pmatrix} b_1, b_2, v, b_4 \\ b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 \end{pmatrix} b_3^\mu + G\begin{pmatrix} b_1, b_2, b_3, v \\ b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 \end{pmatrix} b_4^\mu \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We can express v_j by b_i, then $\ell \cdot b_i$ are all reducible, e.g.

$$\ell \cdot b_1 = \frac{1}{2}\left[(\ell - K)^2 - (\ell - K - b_1)^2 + (K + b_1)^2 - K^2\right]$$

I. Reduction of High-Multiplicity Integrals with Non-Trivial Numerators

At two loops, for $n_1 \geq 4$, tensor integrals ($\ell \equiv \ell_1, \ell_2$) $P_{n_1,n_2}[\ell \cdot v_1 \, \ell \cdot v_2 \cdots \ell \cdot v_n]$ can be similarly expanded with the external momenta $b_1, \ldots, b_4$ chosen amongst the first n_1 momenta. Then $\ell_1 \cdot K_j$, $1 \leq j \leq n_1$, are reducible

$$\ell_1 \cdot K_j = \frac{1}{2}\Big[\underbrace{(\ell_1 - K_{1\cdots(j-1)})^2 - (\ell_1 - K_{1\cdots j})^2}_{e.g.\ P_{n_1-1,n_2}} + \underbrace{K_{1\cdots j}^2 - K_{1\cdots(j-1)}^2}_{simpler\ \ tensors}\Big]$$

Similarly for ℓ_2. We end up with basis containing $P^{\natural,*,**}_{n_1 \leq 4, n_2 < n_1}$ and (scalar, reducible or irreducible numerators) or general (n_1, n_2) but with trivial numerators (without ℓ_i)

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$n \geq 6$. In general, (external momenta are 4 dimensional)

$$G\begin{pmatrix} \ell,1,2,3,4 \\ 5,1,2,3,4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

so

$$I_n\left[G\begin{pmatrix} \ell,1,2,3,4 \\ 5,1,2,3,4 \end{pmatrix}\right] = 0 \,, \qquad (n \geq 6)$$

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\begin{aligned}
G\begin{pmatrix} \ell, 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad = \quad & -\ell^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} + (\ell - K_1)^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, K_{12}, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
& -(\ell - K_{12})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 1, K_{23}, 4 \end{pmatrix} + (\ell - K_{123})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 1, 2, K_{34} \end{pmatrix} \\
& +(\ell - K_{1234})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 1, 2, 3, K_{45} \end{pmatrix} - (\ell - K_{12345})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
& -K_1^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, K_{12}, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} + K_{12}^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 1, K_{23}, 4 \end{pmatrix} - K_{123}^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 5, 1, 2, K_{34} \end{pmatrix} \\
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I_n(K_1,\ldots,K_n) &= c_1 I_{n-1}(K_{n1},K_2,\ldots,K_{n-1}) + c_2 I_{n-1}(K_{12},K_3,\ldots,K_n) \\
&+ c_3 I_{n-1}(K_1,K_{23},K_4,\ldots,K_n) + c_4 I_{n-1}(K_1,K_2,K_{34},K_5,\ldots,K_n) \\
&+ c_5 I_{n-1}(K_1,\ldots,K_{45},\ldots,K_n) + c_6 I_{n-1}(K_1,\ldots,K_{56},\ldots,K_n)
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
e.g. \quad c_1 &= \frac{1}{c_0}\, G\begin{pmatrix}1,2,3,4\\5,2,3,4\end{pmatrix}, c_2 = \ldots \\
c_0 &= -K_1^2\, G\begin{pmatrix}1,2,3,4\\5,K_{12},3,4\end{pmatrix} + K_{12}^2\, G\begin{pmatrix}1,2,3,4\\5,1,K_{23},4\end{pmatrix} - K_{123}^2\, G\begin{pmatrix}1,2,3,4\\5,1,2,K_{34}\end{pmatrix} \\
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&+c_3 P_{n_1-1,n_2}(K_1,K_{23},K_4,\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+2}) + c_4 P_{n_1-1,n_2}(K_1,K_2,K_{34},K_5,\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+2}) \\
&+c_5 P_{n_1-1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{45},\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+2}) + c_6 P_{n_1-1,n_2}(K_1,\ldots,K_{56},\ldots,K_{n_1+n_2+2}),
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We arrived at: P_{n_1,n_2} with $n_2 \leq n_1 \leq 4$

III. Truly Irreducible Numerators and IBPs.

Avoiding dotted propagators.

For $P_{n_1<4,n_2\le n_1}$, which can still include truly irreducible numerators, the IBP machinery has to be used.

As already discussed, we want to avoid simultanously appearance of doubled propagators in the basis.

$$\int \frac{d^d\ell_1}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d^d\ell_2}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_{\mu_j}} \frac{v^\mu}{D(\ell_1,\ell_2,\{K_i\})},$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_\mu} \frac{1}{(\ell-K)^2} = 2\frac{(\ell-K)^\mu}{[(\ell-K)^2]^2}$$

First idea: we can choose vectors whose dot product with the numerator resulting from differentiating any propagator vanishes

$$v \cdot (\ell - K) = 0$$

However, it is a too strong constraint, it is sufficient to require that

$$v \cdot (\ell - K) \propto (\ell - K)^2$$

We impose this constraint for every propagator ($\sigma_j = \pm 1, 0$)

$$\left[\sigma_{j1} v_1 + \sigma_{j2} v_2\right] \cdot (\sigma_{j1}\ell_1 + \sigma_{j2}\ell_2 - K_j) + u_j\, (\sigma_{j1}\ell_1 + \sigma_{j2}\ell_2 - K_j)^2 = 0$$

$$u_j = Polyn\{\ell \cdot b\}$$

IBP-generating vectors

$$\left[\sigma_{j1} v_1 + \sigma_{j2} v_2\right] \cdot (\sigma_{j1}\ell_1 + \sigma_{j2}\ell_2 - K_j) + u_j (\sigma_{j1}\ell_1 + \sigma_{j2}\ell_2 - K_j)^2 = 0$$

$$v_i^\mu = c_i^{(\ell_1)} \ell_1^\mu + c_i^{(\ell_2)} \ell_2^\mu + \sum_{b \in B} c_i^{(b)} b^\mu$$

Each of the coefficients $c_i^{(x)}$ is again a polynomial in the various independent Lorentz invariants
$V = \{\ell_1^2, \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2, \ell_2^2, \{\ell_1 \cdot b\}_{b\in B}, \{\ell_2 \cdot b\}_{b\in B}, s_{12}\}$, e.g. for dim. 2

$$c_i^{(p)} \quad = \quad c_{i,1}^{(p)} s_{12} + \sum_{b\in B} c_{i,b1}^{(p)} \ell_1 \cdot b + \sum_{b \in B} c_{i,b2}^{(p)} \ell_2 \cdot b + c_{i,2}^{(p)} \ell_1^2 + c_{i,3}^{(p)} \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 + c_{i,4}^{(p)} \ell_2^2$$

where $c_{i,1}^{(p)}$ depends on $\chi_{ij} = \frac{s_{ij}}{s_{12}}, \chi_{i\ldots j} = \frac{s_{i\ldots j}}{s_{12}}, \mu_i = \frac{m_i^2}{s_{12}},$

We can assemble the set of equations into a single matrix equation

$$\tilde{c}E = 0$$

where $\tilde{c}$ (rows) gathers all coefficients $(c_1^{\ell_1}, ..., c_1^{b_4}, c_2^{\ell_1}, ..., c_2^{b_4}, u_1, ..., u_n)$ and E is $(2n_B + 4 + n_d) \times n_d$ matrix, which depends on chosen topology [propagators]
For the planar double box

$$v_i^\mu = c_i^{(\ell_1)} \ell_1^\mu + c_i^{(\ell_2)} \ell_2^\mu + c_i^{(1)} k_1^\mu + c_i^{(2)} k_2^\mu + c_i^{(4)} k_4^\mu$$

where e.g.

$$c^{(\ell_1)}(\underbrace{\{\ell_1^2\,, \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2, \ell_2^2\,, \ell_1 \cdot k_1\,, \ell_1 \cdot k_2\,, \ell_1 \cdot k_4\,, \ell_2 \cdot k_1\,, \ell_2 \cdot k_3\,, \ell_2 \cdot k_4\,, s_{12}\}}_{symbols})$$

vector:

$$\tilde{c} = \left(c_1^{(\ell_1)}\, c_1^{(\ell_2)}\, c_1^{(1)}\, c_1^{(2)}\, c_1^{(4)}\, c_2^{(\ell_1)}\, c_2^{(\ell_2)}\, c_2^{(1)}\, c_2^{(2)}\, c_2^{(4)}\, u_{1\ldots7}\right)$$

$$E=8\begin{pmatrix}
\ell_1^2 & -k_1\cdot\ell_1+\ell_1^2 & -k_1\cdot\ell_1-k_2\cdot\ell_1+\ell_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ell_1^2+\ell_1\cdot\ell_2 \\
\ell_1\cdot\ell_2 & -k_1\cdot\ell_2+\ell_1\cdot\ell_2 & k_3\cdot\ell_2+k_4\cdot\ell_2+\ell_1\cdot\ell_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ell_1\cdot\ell_2+\ell_2^2 \\
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k_4\cdot\ell_1 & k_4\cdot\ell_1-\chi_{14}s_{12}/2 & k_4\cdot\ell_1+s_{12}/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & k_4\cdot\ell_1+k_4\cdot\ell_2 \\
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\ell_1^2/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \ell_1^2/4-k_1\cdot\ell_1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ell_1^2/4+s_{12}/4-k_1\cdot\ell_1/2-k_2\cdot\ell_1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ell_2^2/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_4\cdot\ell_2/2+\ell_2^2/4 & 0 & 0 \\
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0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ell_1^2/4+\ell_1\cdot\ell_2/2+\ell_2^2/4
\end{pmatrix}.$$

Coefficients found (syzygies) using Gröbner basis (another algorithm by Robert Schabinger)

In this way, e.g. for $P^{**}_{2,2}$, the IBP generating vectors (of dim. 2) are:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{1;1} &= -2(k_4\cdot\ell_1+\ell_1^2)k_1^\mu-\ell_1^2k_2^\mu+(2k_1\cdot\ell_1-\ell_1^2)k_4^\mu \\ &+ (4k_1\cdot\ell_1+2k_2\cdot\ell_1+2k_4\cdot\ell_1-s_{12})\ell_1^\mu\,, \\ v_{1;2} &= 2(\ell_2^2-k_4\cdot\ell_2)k_1^\mu+\ell_2^2k_2^\mu+(2k_1\cdot\ell_2+\ell_2^2)k_4^\mu \\ &+ (2k_3\cdot\ell_2-2k_1\cdot\ell_2-s_{12})\ell_2^\mu\,; \end{aligned}$$

There are another two pairs of solutions of dim. 4.

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\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_1^\mu}\left[\frac{v_{1;1}}{\ell_1^2(\ell_1-K_{12})^2(\ell_1+\ell_2)^2\ell_2^2(\ell_1-k_1)^2(\ell_2-K_{34})^2}\right] \\
= \quad & \frac{1}{\ell_1^2(\ell_1-K_{12})^2(\ell_1+\ell_2)^2\ell_2^2(\ell_1-k_1)^2(\ell_2-K_{34})^2} \\
\times \quad & (2dk_1\cdot\ell_1 - 2k_3\cdot\ell_1 - s_{12}) - (8k_1\cdot\ell_1 - 8k_3\cdot\ell_1 - 4s_{12} + s_{14}) \\
{\color{blue}+} \quad & {\color{blue}\frac{4}{(\ell_1+\ell_2)^2}}(2k_1\cdot\ell_2 k_1\cdot\ell_1 - 2k_1\cdot\ell_1 k_4\cdot\ell_2 + k_1\cdot\ell_2\ell_1^2 \\
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\end{aligned}
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_2^\mu}\left[\frac{v_{1;2}}{\ell_1^2(\ell_1-K_{12})^2(\ell_1+\ell_2)^2\ell_2^2(\ell_1-k_1)^2(\ell_2-K_{34})^2}\right]$$

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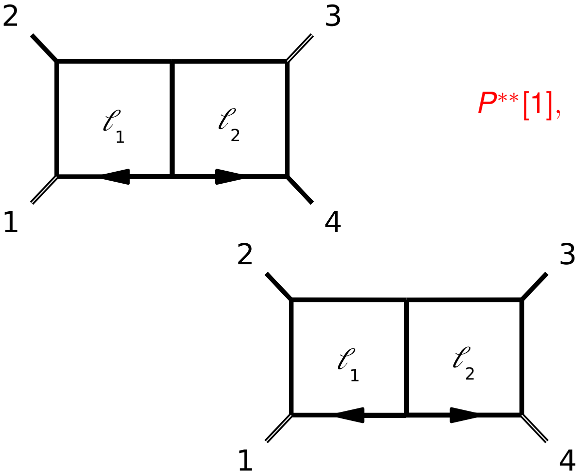

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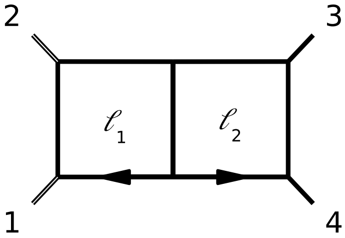

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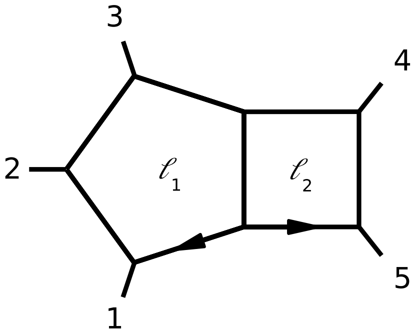
- Four-mass double box: four integrals: e.g. $P^{**}_{2,2}[1]\,, P^{**}_{2,2}[k_1\cdot\ell_2]\,, P^{**}_{2,2}[k_4\cdot\ell_1]\,, P^{**}_{2,2}[k_1\cdot\ell_2 k_4\cdot\ell_1]$
- massless pentabox (six IBP-gen. vectors of dim. 4, three of dim. 6, fixed numerically): three integrals



$$P^{**}_{3,2}[1], \quad P^{**}_{3,2}[k_1\cdot\ell_2], \quad P^{**}_{3,2}[k_5\cdot\ell_1]$$

d-dimensional and 4-dim basis, exploring Gram determinants. I. Pentagons

At one loop, in d dimensions, they are independent basis elements.
Expanding in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$, only the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ terms are independent, so that the integral can be eliminated from the basis.

$$G\begin{pmatrix} \ell_1, 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell_1, 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

then also

$$I_5[G(\ell, 1, 2, 3, 4)] = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

[Integral itself is UV finite by power counting and vanishes in all regions that give rise to soft and collinear singularities, where also Gram determinant vanishes]

$$G\begin{pmatrix} \ell_1, 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell_1, 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} =$$
$$\underbrace{d_0}_{pentagon} + \underbrace{d_1 \ell^2 + d_2(\ell - K_1)^2 + d_3(\ell - K_{12})^2 + d_4(\ell - K_{123})^2 + d_5(\ell - K_{1234})^2}_{boxes}$$
$$-\ell^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell, 2, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} + (\ell - K_1)^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell, K_{12}, 3, 4 \end{pmatrix} - (\ell - K_{12})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell, 1, K_{23}, 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$+(\ell - K_{123})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell, 1, 2, K_{34} \end{pmatrix} - (\ell - K_{1234})^2\, G\begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \ell, 1, 2, 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

rest (two last rows) is proportional to odd powers of ℓ and vanishes in d-dimensions

Insert this into the numerator of a five-point integral to obtain a relation relating it to five box integrals, up to terms of $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

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These kind of Gram determinants all vanish when either loop momentum approaches a potential (on-shell) collinear or soft configuration, thereby removing the corresponding divergences from the integral, and rendering it finite. In addition, the Gram determinants vanish when both loop momenta are four-dimensional, so that the integrals are of $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.

Procedure

We first solve all *d*-dimensional IBP equations, and use the solutions of those equations (in analytical or numerical form) to reduce the integrals obtained from inserting Gram determinants into the numerator; this will provide additional identities to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ between the independent master integrals.

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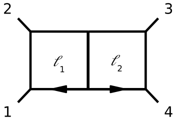

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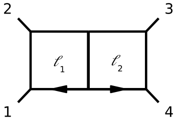

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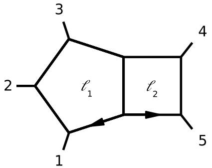

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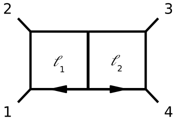

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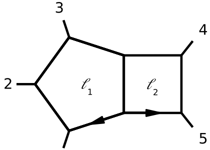

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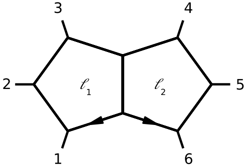

Application: maximal generalized unitarity approach[1]

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[1] different approaches based on OPP generalization by Ossola, Mastrolia and another method based on Gram determinants by S. Badger et al, see also next talk by I. Malamos

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Chiral double boxes as basis at two loops (Caron-Huot, Larsen, 1205.0801)

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Backup slides

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$$\int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4}\, \mathrm{N}_F \delta\big(\ell^2\big)\delta\big((\ell-k_1)^2\big)\delta\big((\ell-k_1-k_2)^2\big)\delta\big((\ell+k_4)^2\big) \equiv$$

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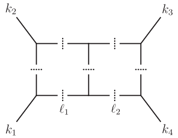
T_Q: four-torus encircling the solutions to the on-shell eqns.

E.g. at two loops



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$$\times\delta\big(\ell_2^2\big)\delta\big((\ell_2-k_4)^2\big)\delta\big((\ell_2-K_{34})^2\big)\,,$$

On-shell constraints:

$$\ell_1^2=0\,(\ell_1-k_1)^2=0\,,(\ell_1-K_{12})^2=0\,\ell_2^2=0\,,(\ell_2-k_4)^2=0\,,$$
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