

# Numerical Calculations of Multiple Polylog functions

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# ● Motivation

- Multiple Polylog functions are often appered in the higher loop calculations.
- Fast and numerically stable evaluation for MPLs is highly desireble.

ex. S. Moch [arXiv:math-ph/0509057v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/math-ph/0509057v1)

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# Multiple-Sum Representation of MPL

$$Li(w_1, \dots, w_n; X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{0 < i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n}^{\infty} \frac{X_1^{i_1}}{i_1^{w_1}} \frac{X_2^{i_2}}{i_2^{w_2}} \dots \frac{X_n^{i_n}}{i_n^{w_n}}$$

Weight:  $w = w_1 + \dots + w_n$       depth:  $n$

A.B. Goncharov Math. Res. Lett. 5, 497 (1998)

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# Multiple Polylogarithm

## Z-sums

We define the Z-sums by

$$Z(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0, \\ 0, & n < 0, \end{cases}$$
$$Z(n; m_1, \dots, m_k; x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_1^i}{i^{m_1}} Z(i-1; m_2, \dots, m_k; x_2, \dots, x_k),$$

$k$  is called the depth,  $w = m_1 + \dots + m_k$  the weight. An equivalent definition is given by

$$Z(n; m_1, \dots, m_k; x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_k > 0} \frac{x_1^{i_1}}{i_1^{m_1}} \cdots \frac{x_k^{i_k}}{i_k^{m_k}}.$$

# Z-sum, MPL and other functions

For  $n = \infty$  the  $Z$ -sums are the multiple polylogarithms of Goncharov [5]:

$$Z(\infty; m_1, \dots, m_k; x_1, \dots, x_k) = \text{Li}_{m_k, \dots, m_1}(x_k, \dots, x_1).$$

For  $x_1 = \dots = x_k = 1$  the definition reduces to the Euler-Zagier sums [9, 10]:

$$Z(n; m_1, \dots, m_k; 1, \dots, 1) = Z_{m_1, \dots, m_k}(n).$$

For  $n = \infty$  and  $x_1 = \dots = x_k = 1$  the sum is a multiple  $\zeta$ -value [6]:

$$Z(\infty; m_1, \dots, m_k; 1, \dots, 1) = \zeta(m_k, \dots, m_1).$$

The  $S$ -sums reduce for  $x_1 = \dots = x_k = 1$  (and positive  $m_j$ ) to harmonic sums [12]:

$$S(n; m_1, \dots, m_k; 1, \dots, 1) = S_{m_1, \dots, m_k}(n).$$

## Relation to simpler functions

$$\text{Li}_0(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}, \quad \text{Li}_1(x) = -\ln(1-x)$$

$$\text{Li}_n(x) = \int_0^x dt \frac{\text{Li}_{n-1}(t)}{t}.$$

Nielsen's generalized polylog

$$S_{n,p}(x) = \text{Li}_{1,\dots,1,n+1}(\underbrace{1,\dots,1}_{p-1}, x),$$

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# Harmonic polylog (Remidi & Vermaseren)

$$H_{m_1, \dots, m_k}(x) = \text{Li}_{m_k, \dots, m_1}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k-1}, x).$$

$$H_0(x) = \ln(x)$$

$$H_1(x) = -\ln(1-x)$$

$$H_{-1}(x) = \ln(1+x)$$

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# Integration Representation of MPL

We first define the notation for iterated integrals

$$\int_0^\Lambda \frac{dt}{a_n - t} \circ \dots \circ \frac{dt}{a_1 - t} = \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dt_n}{a_n - t_n} \int_0^{t_n} \frac{dt_{n-1}}{a_{n-1} - t_{n-1}} \times \dots \times \int_0^{t_2} \frac{dt_1}{a_1 - t_1}.$$

We further use the following short hand notation:

$$\int_0^\Lambda \left( \frac{dt}{t} \circ \right)^m \frac{dt}{a-t} = \int_0^\Lambda \underbrace{\frac{dt}{t} \circ \dots \circ \frac{dt}{t}}_{m \text{ times}} \circ \frac{dt}{a-t}.$$

The integral representation for  $\text{Li}_{m_k, \dots, m_1}(x_k, \dots, x_1)$  reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{m_k, \dots, m_1}(x_k, \dots, x_1) = & \int_0^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k} \left( \frac{dt}{t} \circ \right)^{m_1 - 1} \frac{dt}{x_2 x_3 \dots x_k - t} \\ & \circ \left( \frac{dt}{t} \circ \right)^{m_2 - 1} \frac{dt}{x_3 \dots x_k - t} \circ \dots \circ \left( \frac{dt}{t} \circ \right)^{m_k - 1} \frac{dt}{1 - t}. \end{aligned}$$

# ● Example of MPL Integral Formula

$$Li(2,1,2,3 ; X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) =$$

$$\frac{\int_0^1 dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_3 \int_0^{t_3} dt_4 \int_0^{t_4} dt_5 \int_0^{t_5} dt_6 \int_0^{t_6} dt_7 \int_0^{t_7} dt_8}{t_1 t_4 t_6 t_7 \left(t_2 - \frac{1}{X_1}\right) \left(t_3 - \frac{1}{X_1 X_2}\right) \left(t_5 - \frac{1}{X_1 X_2 X_3}\right) \left(t_8 - \frac{1}{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4}\right)}$$

# Pre-Modification

- Integrated by the last variable
- Separate singular variable using partial fractioning

$$\int_0^1 dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_3 \int_0^{t_3} dt_4 \int_0^{t_3} dt_5 \int_0^{t_5} dt_6 \int_0^{t_6} dt_7$$

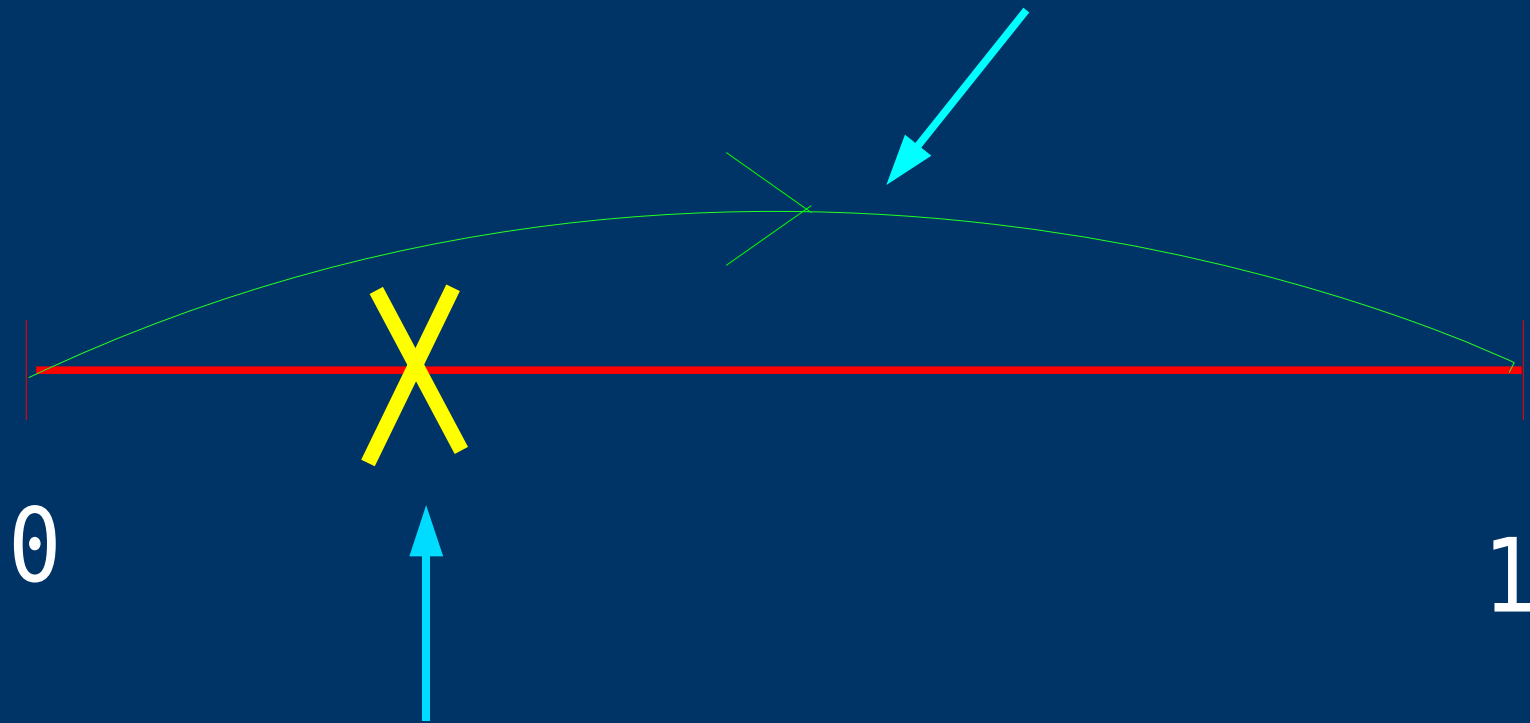
$$x_1 x_2 x_3 \text{Log}[1 - t_7 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4]$$

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$$t_1 t_4 t_6 t_7 (t_2 - t_3 x_2) (-1 + t_3 x_1 x_2) (t_3 - t_5 x_3)$$

# Numerical Contour Integral

Integration Contour



Singular point ( $\pm i\varepsilon$ )

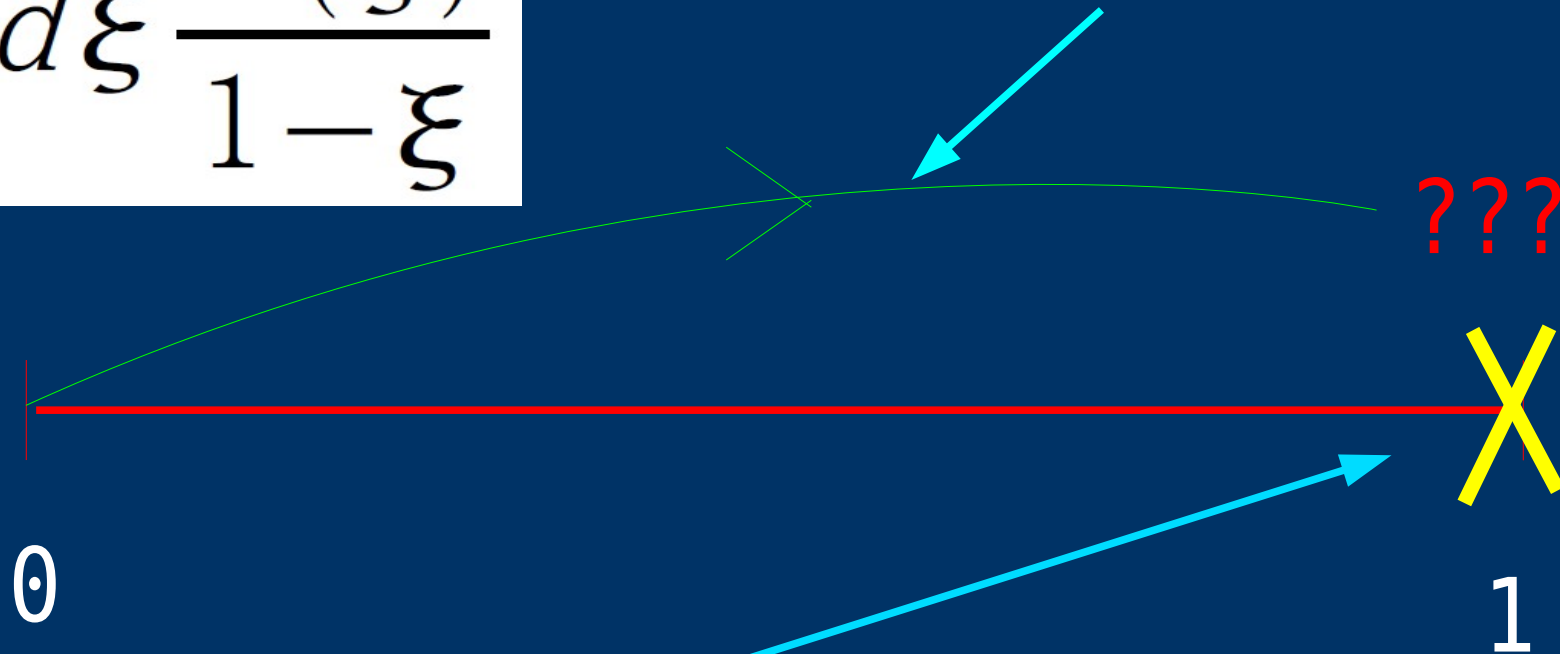
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# Numerical Contour Integral

$$\int_0^1 d\xi \frac{f(\xi)}{1-\xi}$$

Integration Contour



Singular point



$$\int_0^1 dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_3 \int_0^{t_3} dt_4 \int_0^{t_3} dt_5 \int_0^{t_5} dt_6$$

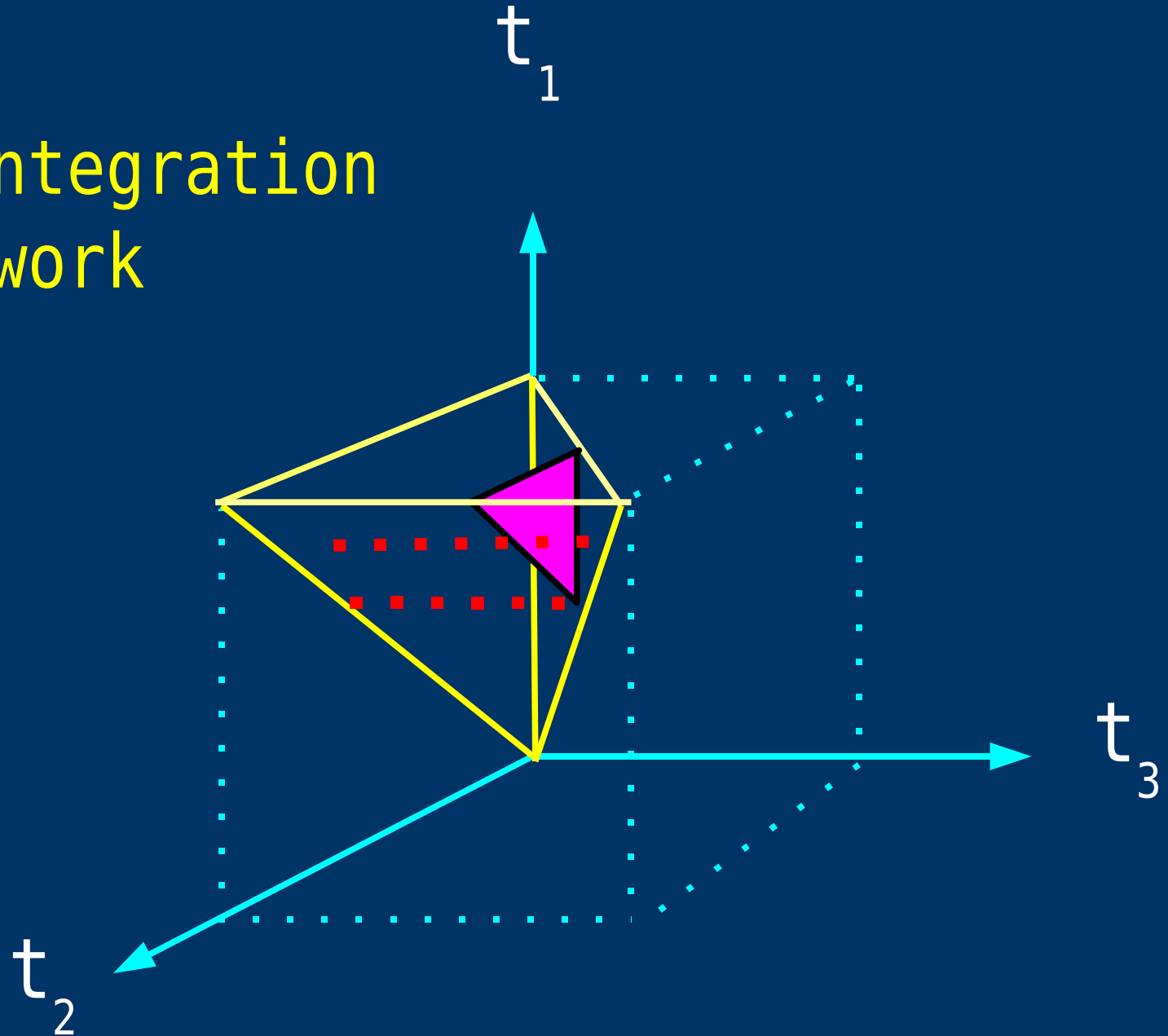
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# 3-dimensional explanation

Simple integration  
doesn't work



# ● Transformation

$$t_1 = \xi_1 (1 - \xi_k) + \xi_k$$

$$t_2 = \xi_2 (1 - \xi_k) + \xi_k$$

...

$$t_{k-1} = \xi_{k-1} (1 - \xi_k) + \xi_k$$

$$t_k = \xi_k$$

$$t_{k+1} = \xi_{k+1} \xi_k$$

...

$$t_n = \xi_n \xi_k$$

$$\frac{d\vec{t}}{d\vec{\xi}} = \xi_k^{n-k} (1 - \xi_k)^{(k-1)}$$

$$0 \leq \xi_j \leq \xi_{j-1} \text{ for } j \neq 1, k, k+1$$

$$0 \leq \xi_j \leq 1 \text{ for } j = 1, k, k+1$$

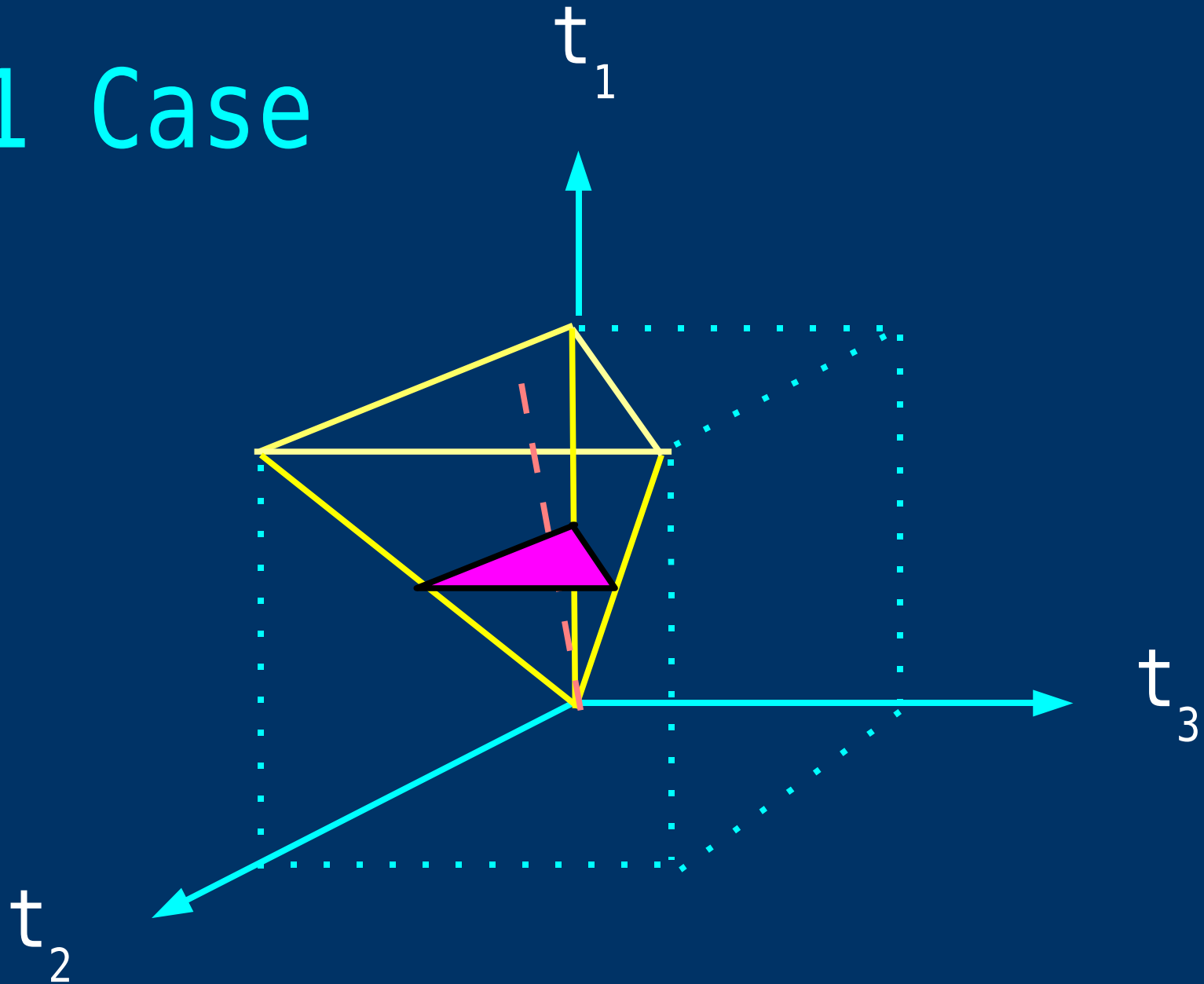
n: Integration dimension

k: Target variable

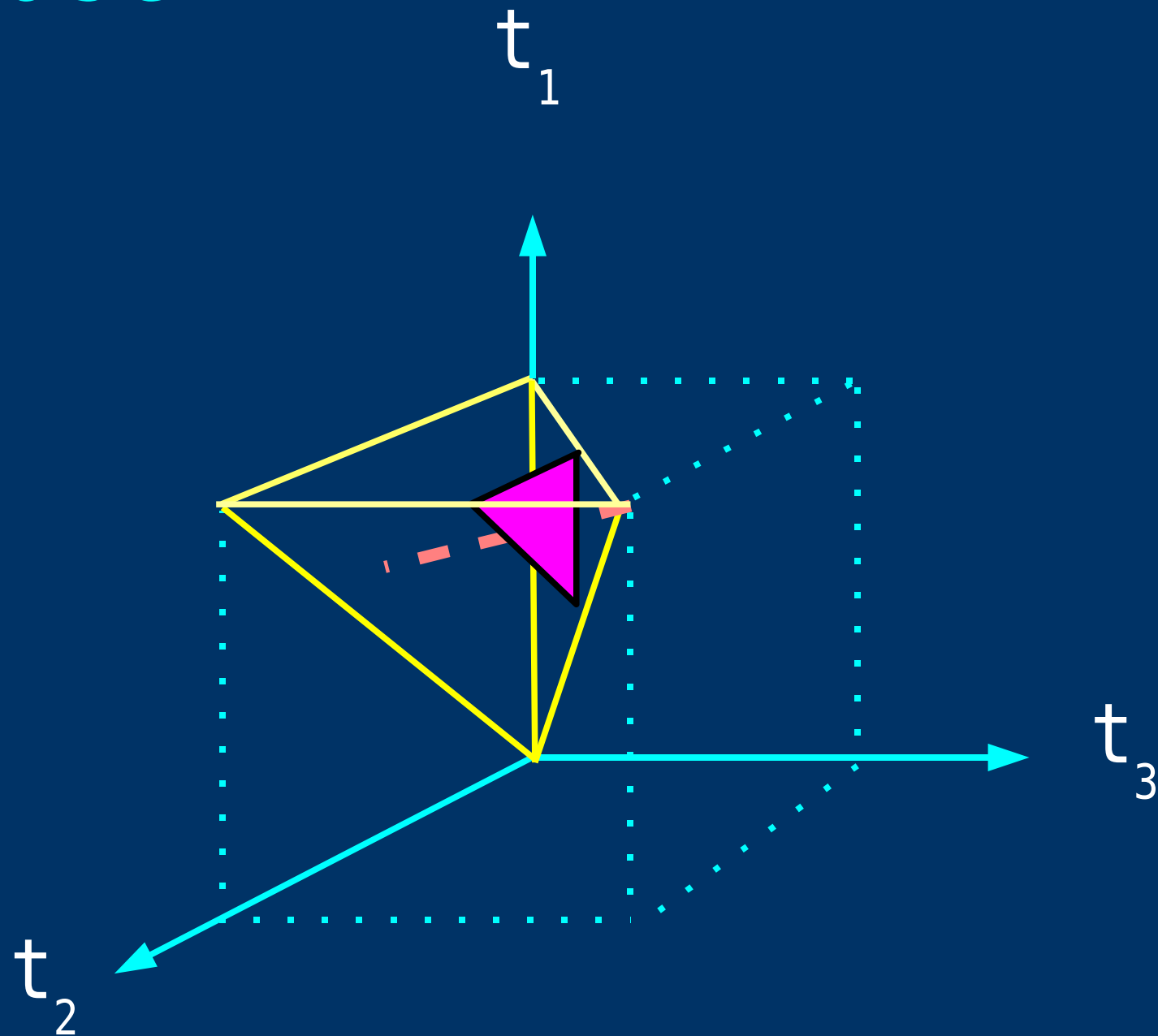


# 3-dimensional explanation

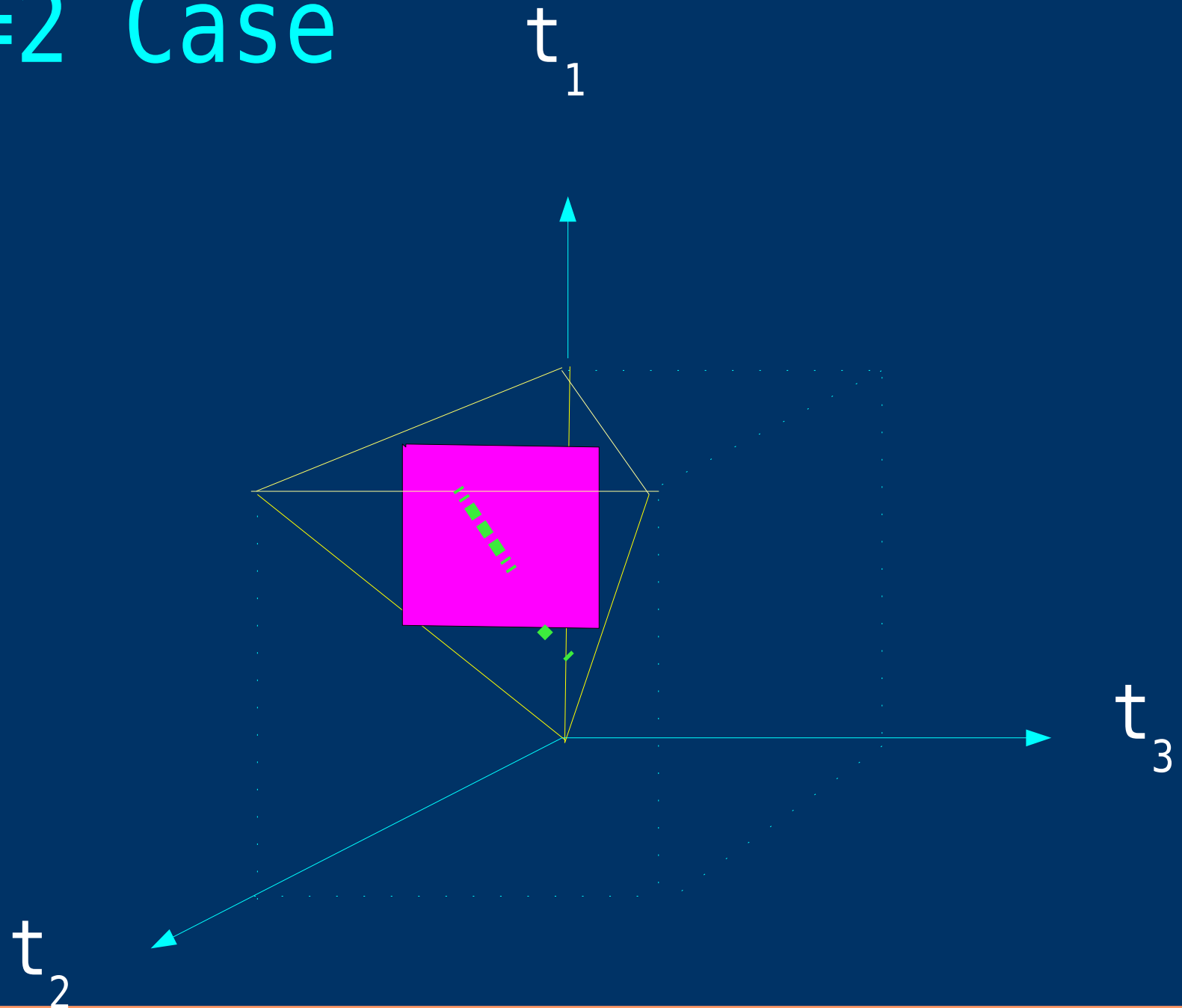
$k=1$  Case



# $k=3$ Case



# k=2 Case



# ● Procedure

## Mathematica

- Generation of MPL formula
- Integrate first variable
- Partial Fractioning
- Transformation

## Fortran (BASES)

- Numerical Integratin of NCI





# Numerical Results

Preliminary

Li		NCI		GiNaC (*)	
w	x	Real	Imag	Real	Imag
1,1	8/3,1/5	-0.82059	-0.70103	-0.8205920	-0.7010261
2,2,1	0.1,0.2,0.3	3.5544E-07	0	3.55437E-07	0
2,2,1	3.0,2.0,0.2	-0.7889	0.5792	-0.78907	0.57917
2,3,2	0.1,0.2,0.3	1.7734E-07	0	1.77328E-07	0
2,3,2	2.0,3.0,4.0	-10.043	2.123	-	-
2,1,2,3	0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4	1.621E-10	0	1.62105E-10	0
2,1,2,3	2,3,4,5	75.38	-72.26	-	-

\* J. Vollinga & S. Weinzierl hep-ph/0410259

## ● Summary

- MPLs often appear in higher order calculations in high energy physics.
  - Numerical evaluation of MPLs is necessary.
  - The **NCI** method can be used to calculate MPLs for physical region (w/ higher wight, higher depth).
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