

Sector Decomposition via Computational Geometry

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Sector decomposition

- References
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 - see also: G. Heinrich, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A23 (2008) 1457
- Purpose
 - Separation of IR divergent parts from multi-loop integration in $(4-2\varepsilon)$ space-time dimension:
Extract poles of $1/\varepsilon$ with IR finite coefficients (numerical integration)

Sector decomposition

- Example of separation of a divergence

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 dx x^{-1-\epsilon} f(x) \quad \text{for } f(0) : \text{finite}, \quad \epsilon < 0, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow -0, \\ &= \int_0^1 dx x^{-1-\epsilon} f(0) + \int_0^1 dx x^{-1-\epsilon} (f(x) - f(0)) \\ &= -\frac{f(0)}{\epsilon} + \int_0^1 dx (x^{-\epsilon} f'(x) + \frac{1}{2} x^{1-\epsilon} f''(x) + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The first term has a pole. The second term is **finite**.

- Problems :
 - How IR diverging part is factored out for multi-dimensional integration?
- Answer : **Sector Decomposition Method**
 - **Decomposes** the integration domain into several sectors.
 - Finds good **variables** in each sector for the integration.
 - The integrand is **factorized** in each sector.

Sector decomposition

- Procedure

1. Start from Feynman parameter representation of a loop integration.
2. Primary sector decomposition: integration with δ -function.
3. Factorization of the integrand
 - Iterated sector decomposition :
 - ➔ iteration of sector decomposition finding new variables
 - Our problem
4. Separation of $1/\varepsilon$ poles (expansion and analytical integration)
5. Integration of coefficients (usually numerical method)

Sector Decomposition

1. Feynman parameter representation

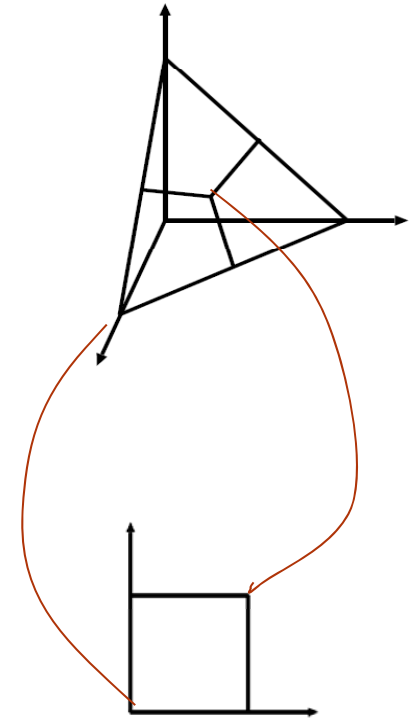
$$G = (-1)^{N_\nu} \frac{\Gamma(N_\nu - LD/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_0^\infty d^N x x^{\nu-1} \delta\left(1 - \sum_{l=1}^N x_l\right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{N_\nu - (L+1)D/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{N_\nu - LD/2}},$$

- L is the number of loops,
- $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ is the dimension of the space-time,
- N is the dimension of the integration,
- ν_j ($j = 1, \dots, N$) is the power of the propagator corresponding to the Feynman parameter x_j ,
- $N_\nu := \sum_{j=1}^N \nu_j$,
- \mathcal{U} is a homogeneous polynomial of $\{x_j\}$ of degree L , and all the coefficients of the monomials of \mathcal{U} are equal to 1.
- \mathcal{F} is a homogeneous polynomial of $\{x_j\}$ of degree $L+1$, and the coefficients of the monomials of \mathcal{F} consist of kinematic and mass parameters.

Sector decomposition

2. Primary sector decomposition

- (Sector l) = $\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \mid x_j \leq x_l, \forall j \neq l\}$
- Change variables
$$x_j = x_l \times \begin{cases} t_j & \text{for } j < l \\ 1 & \text{for } j = l \\ t_{j-1} & \text{for } j > l \end{cases}$$
- Integrate over x_l with δ -function
- Results



$$G = (-1)^{N_\nu} \frac{\Gamma(N_\nu - LD/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma(\nu_j)} \sum_{l=1}^N G_l,$$

$$G_l = \int_0^1 d^{N-1}t t^{\nu_l - 1} \mathcal{U}_l^\gamma(t) \mathcal{F}_l^\beta(t),$$

$$\beta = -(N_\nu - LD/2),$$

$$\gamma = N_\nu - (L + 1)D/2,$$

- IR singularities : boundary \rightarrow some of variables = 0.

$$\mathcal{U}_l(t) = 0 \text{ or } \mathcal{F}_l = 0 \text{ for some of } t_j = 0.$$

Sector decomposition

3. Factorization of the integrand

Find a sector decomposition satisfying the following conditions
(let us call it a **polynomial sector decomposition**)

1. **Divide** integration domain into finite number of sectors
2. In each sector, new **variables** are defined $z = (z_1, \dots, z_{N-1})$.
 1. An original variable is expressed by a **monomial** of a new variable.
 2. Jacobean consists of **one term** (new polynomial does not emerge)
 3. Integration domain for the new variable is a **unit cube**.
3. In each sector, polynomials in the integrand are expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_l &= C_a z^{b_a} (1 + H_a(z)), & H_a(0) &= 0 \\ \mathcal{F}_l &= C'_a z^{b'_a} (1 + H'_a(z)), & H'_a(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Sector decomposition

3. Factorization of the integrand (cont.)

Once polynomial sector decomposition is obtained:

$$G_l = \sum_a C_a'' \int_0^1 d^{N-1} z z^{c_a + b_a' \beta + b_a \gamma} (1 + H_a(z))^\gamma (1 + H_a'(z))^\beta$$

IR diverging factors are separated.

4. Separation of $1/\varepsilon$ poles : similar to the first example

Expand $(1 + H_a(z))^\gamma (1 + H_a'(z))^\beta$ in terms of z

(γ and β are linear function of ε).

\Rightarrow integrand = (IR diverging term) + (IR finite part)

Integrate (IR diverging term) analytically.

\Rightarrow Separation of poles

Sector decomposition

How can we construct a polynomial sector decomposition?

- Iterated sector decomposition :

Repeat the following steps while S is not empty:

1. Determine a minimal set of parameters, say $S = \{t_{\alpha_1}, \dots, t_{\alpha_r}\}$, such that \mathcal{U}_l , respectively \mathcal{F}_l , vanish if the parameters of S are set to zero. S is generally not unique.
2. Decompose the corresponding r -cube into r subsectors:

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \theta(1 \geq t_{\alpha_j} \geq 0) = \sum_{k=1}^r \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^r \theta(t_{\alpha_k} \geq t_{\alpha_j} \geq 0)$$

3. Remap the variables to the unit cube in each new subsector by substituting

$$t_{\alpha_j} \rightarrow \begin{cases} t_{\alpha_k} t_{\alpha_j}, & j \neq k, \\ t_{\alpha_k}, & j = k. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Jacobian} = t_{\alpha_k}^{r-1} .$$

Sector decomposition

- This procedure may fall into infinite loop.
- Improvement : **strategy** for selecting a set of parameters in each iteration.
Avoid infinite loop of iterations
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- How many sectors? Depends on the strategy of iterated sector decomposition.

Diagram	A	B	C	S	X
Box	12	12	12	12	12
Double box	755	586	586	362	293
Triple box	M	114256	114256	22657	10155
D420	8898	564	564	180	F

(A.V. Smirnov and M.N. Tentyukov)

⇒ Integration should be **repeated** for all decomposed sectors : efficiency

Geometric method

- Observations

$$\mathcal{F}_l = C'_a z^{b'_a} (1 + H'_a(z))$$

- Diverging factor corresponds to one of terms of the polynomial.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_l(t) &= -s_{23}t_2t_3 - s_{12}t_1 - s_4t_1t_3 = t_2t_3 \left(-s_{23} - s_{12}\frac{t_1}{t_2t_3} - s_4\frac{t_1}{t_2} \right) \\ &= z_2z_3(-s_{23} - s_{12}z_1 - s_4z_1z_3) \\ t_2 &= z_2, \quad t_3 = z_3 \quad t_1 = z_1z_2z_3,\end{aligned}$$

- Such a term **dominates** other terms for the limit $t \rightarrow 0$ **on some path** in the integration domain.
- ➔ There will be a **sub-domain** (possibly empty) in which a specific term dominates others around 0.

Geometric method

- Asymptotic behavior of polynomial $P(t)$ around $t \rightarrow 0$
 - Change variable $t_j = e^{-y_j}$
 - Non-negative integer vector of powers of a monomial

$$t^b = t_1^{b_1} t_2^{b_2} \cdots t_{N-1}^{b_{N-1}} = e^{-(b,y)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = (b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_{N-1})$$

- Let Z^P be the set of such vectors corresponding to the terms of a polynomial $P(t)$. That is:

$$P(t) = \sum_{b \in Z^P} a_b t^b = \sum_{b \in Z^P} a_b e^{-(b,y)}$$

Geometric method

$$P(t) = \sum_{b \in Z^P} a_b t^b = \sum_{b \in Z^P} a_b e^{-(b,y)}$$

- Consider a **limit** $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$ for $y_j = \lambda u_j \rightarrow +\infty$ with non-negative real fixed vector u .

A term with power vector b dominates others in this limit when

$$(b, y) \leq (c, y), \quad \forall c \in Z^P$$

- Conversely, let us **fix** b and **vary** y (or u).

This term with b **dominates** others in the sub-domain:

$$\Delta_b^P := \{y \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{N-1} \mid (b, y) \leq (c, y), \quad \forall c \in Z^P\}$$

$$P(t(y)) = \sum_{b \in Z^P} \theta(y \in \Delta_b^P) e^{-(b,y)} \left[a_b + \sum_{c \in Z^P \setminus \{b\}} a_c e^{-(c-b,y)} \right]$$

Geometric method

- Our integral is (with $\Delta_{bb'} := \Delta_b^{\mathcal{U}_l} \cap \Delta_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_l}$, pick up non-empty set)

$$G_l = \sum_{b \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l}} \sum_{b' \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l}} \int_0^\infty d^{N-1}y \theta(y \in \Delta_{bb'}) e^{-(\nu' + \gamma b + \beta b', y)}$$

$$\times \left[1 + \sum_{c \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l} \setminus \{b\}} e^{-(c-b, y)} \right]^\gamma \left[a_{b'} + \sum_{c' \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l} \setminus \{b'\}} a_{c'} e^{-(c'-b', y)} \right]^\beta$$

- We call this decomposition an **exponential sector decomposition**.
 - This decomposition **classifies the asymptotic behavior** of polynomials around the origin of t -space.
 - ➔ polynomial sector decomposition **should have more sectors**.

Geometric method

- How can we construct ?

$$\Delta_b^P := \{y \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{N-1} \mid (b, y) \leq (c, y), \forall c \in Z^P\}$$

→ Combinatorial or computational geometry.

- **Convex polyhedral cone** for a finite set S in n -dimensional Euclidean space:

$$C(S) := \{\sum_{v \in S} r_v v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid r_v \geq 0, \forall v \in S\}$$

- **Dual cone** of a convex polyhedral cone C :

$$C(S)^\vee := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (v, y) \geq 0, \forall v \in C(S)\}$$

A dual cone is also a **convex polyhedral cone**.

- Our case:

$$\Delta_b^P := C(Z_b^P)^\vee \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{N-1}, \quad \text{with } Z_b^P := \{c - b \in \mathbb{Z}^{N-1} \mid c \in Z^P\}$$

$$\Delta_{bb'} = C(Z_b^{\mathcal{U}l})^\vee \cap C(Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}l})^\vee \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{N-1}$$

These objects are obtained by algorithms in computational geometry.

Geometric method

- Find new variables \rightarrow **Triangulation**
- Example from one-loop box:

$$\mathcal{U}_l(t) = 1 + t_1 + t_2 + t_3,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_l(t) = -s_{12}t_1 - s_{23}t_2t_3 - s_4t_1t_3.$$

$$Z^{\mathcal{U}_l} = \{b_0 = (0, 0, 0), b_1 = (1, 0, 0), b_2 = (0, 1, 0), b_3 = (0, 0, 1)\},$$

$$Z^{\mathcal{F}_l} = \{b'_0 = (1, 0, 0), b'_1 = (0, 1, 1), b'_2 = (1, 0, 1)\}.$$

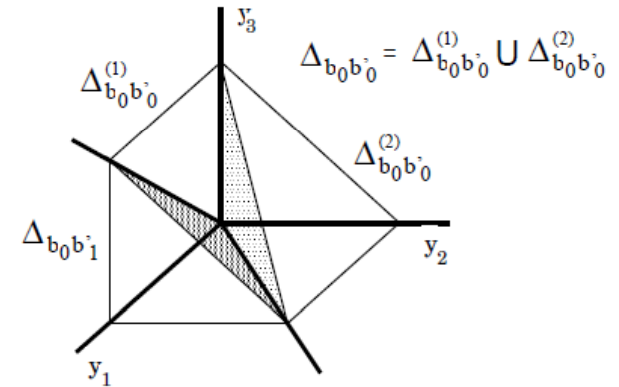
$$\Delta_{b_0b'_0} = \{x_1(1, 1, 0) + x_2(1, 0, 1) + x_3(0, 1, 0) + x_4(0, 0, 1) \mid x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0\},$$

$$\Delta_{b_0b'_1} = \{x_1(1, 0, 0) + x_2(1, 1, 0) + x_3(1, 0, 1) \mid x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0\},$$

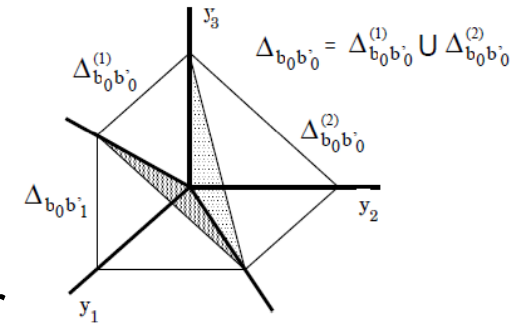
$$\Delta_{b_0b'_2} = \emptyset.$$

- We want to change variable form y to x . However $\Delta_{b_0b'_0}$ has 4 parameters in 3 dimensional space

Too many parameters \rightarrow triangulate it (**not unique**).



Geometric method



- Integration domain is divided into 3 sector

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_0}^{(1)} = \{x_1(1, 1, 0) + x_2(1, 0, 1) + x_4(0, 0, 1) \mid x_1, x_2, x_4 \geq 0\}$$

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_0}^{(2)} = \{x_1(1, 1, 0) + x_3(0, 1, 0) + x_4(0, 0, 1) \mid x_1, x_3, x_4 \geq 0\}$$

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_1} = \{x_1(1, 0, 0) + x_2(1, 1, 0) + x_3(1, 0, 1) \mid x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0\}$$

- Change variables :

$$t_j \Rightarrow y_j = -\log t_j \Rightarrow x_i \Rightarrow z_i = e^{-x_i}$$

- Integration domain of z is the **unit cube**.
- We obtain **polynomial sector decomposition**:

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_0}^{(1)} : t_1 = z_1 z_2, t_2 = z_1, t_3 = z_2 z_4 : \mathcal{F}_l(t) = z_1 z_2 (-s_{12} - s_{23} z_4 - s_4 z_2 z_4)$$

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_0}^{(2)} : t_1 = z_1, t_2 = z_1 z_3, t_3 = z_4 : \mathcal{F}_l(t) = z_1 (-s_{12} - s_{23} z_3 z_4 - s_4 z_4),$$

$$\Delta_{b_0 b'_1} : t_1 = z_1 z_2 z_3, t_2 = z_2, t_3 = z_3 : \mathcal{F}_l(t) = z_2 z_3 (-s_{12} z_1 - s_{23} - s_4 z_1 z_3)$$

Geometric method : triangulation

- Convex polyhedral cone $C(V)$ is **simplicial** when V is a set of $(N - 1)$ linear independent vectors: $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_{N-1}\}$

Set V is regarded as a **matrix** with element $V_{ij} = (v_j)_i$.

- Cone $\Delta_{bb'}$ is triangulated when

$$\Delta_{bb'} = \bigcup_{V \in S_{bb'}} C(V)$$

where $S_{bb'}$ is a finite set of $(N - 1)$ linear independent vectors.

- Our integral is

$$G_l = \sum_{b \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l}} \sum_{b' \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l}} \sum_{V \in S_{bb'}} \int_0^\infty d^{N-1}y \theta(y \in C(V)) e^{-(\nu' + \gamma b + \beta b', y)}$$

$$\times \left[1 + \sum_{c \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l} \setminus \{b\}} e^{-(c-b, y)} \right]^\gamma \left[a_{b'} + \sum_{c \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l} \setminus \{b'\}} a_c e^{-(c-b', y)} \right]^\beta.$$

Geometric method : triangulation

- A point $y = (y_i) \in C(V)$ parameterized with **barycentric coordinate**: $y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (v_j)_i x_j, \quad (x_j \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$
- Change variable : $y \Rightarrow x$ (Jacobian = $|\det V|$) $\Rightarrow z_j = e^{-x_j}$
- Original variable : $t_j = e^{-y_j} = e^{-(Vx)_j} = \prod_k z_k^{(v_k)_j}$
- Our polynomial sector decomposition is:

$$G_l = \sum_{b \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l}} \sum_{b' \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l}} \sum_{V \in S_{bb'}} |\det V| \int_0^1 d^{N-1} z \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} z_j^{(v' + \gamma b + \beta b', v_j) - 1} \\ \times \left[1 + \sum_{c \in Z^{\mathcal{U}_l} \setminus \{b\}} \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} z_j^{(c-b, v_j)} \right]^\gamma \left[a_{b'} + \sum_{c \in Z^{\mathcal{F}_l} \setminus \{b'\}} a_c \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} z_j^{(c-b', v_j)} \right]^\beta.$$

- Set $S_{bb'}$ (result of triangulation, set of matrices) carries all the information about decomposed sectors.

Geometric method : summary

- Identity

$$\Delta_{bb'} = C(Z_b^{\mathcal{U}_i})^\vee \cap C(Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_i})^\vee \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{N-1} = C(Z_b^{\mathcal{U}_i} \cup Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_i} \cup E^{N-1})^\vee,$$
$$E^{N-1} = \{(1, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 1)\},$$
$$\mathbb{R}^{N-1} = C(E^{N-1}) = C(E^{N-1})^\vee$$

- Our algorithm

1. Construct point sets: $Z^{\mathcal{U}_i}, Z^{\mathcal{F}_i}, \{Z_b^{\mathcal{U}_i}\}, \{Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_i}\}, Z_b^{\mathcal{U}_i} \cup Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_i} \cup E^{N-1}$
2. Construct cone : $C(Z_b^{\mathcal{U}_i} \cup Z_{b'}^{\mathcal{F}_i} \cup E^{N-1})$
3. Construct dual cone $\Delta_{bb'}$
4. Triangulate $\Delta_{bb'}$: $S_{bb'}$ is obtained.
→ Sectors and new variables are obtained.

Test implementation

- **Convex hull algorithm** (eliminate points inside a cone, analyze the structure of a cone)
 - Incremental algorithm
 - Compared with `qhull` package
- **Dual cone**
 - Construct normal vectors.
- **Triangulation**
 - Our own simple algorithm. Neither unique, nor optimum.
 - Check : computation of the integration volume
- **Implementation**
 - `Python` program: arbitrary long integer arithmetic
 - Input : obtained by a package by T. Ueda and J. Fujimoto (last ACAT)
 - Output : integrand (factorized polynomials), passed to the same package.
 - Check : integrated value for some processes.

Test implementation

- Result

Diagram	A	B	C	S	X	H	This method	Exponential S.D.
Bubble	2	2	2	2*	2		2	2
Triangle	3	3	3	3*	3		3	3
Box	12	12	12	12	12		12	8
Tbubble	58	48	48	48*	48		48	36
Double box, $p_i^2 = 0$	775	586	586	362	293	282	266	106
Double box, $p_4^2 \neq 0$	543*	245*	245*	230*	192*	197	186	100
Double box, $p_i^2 = 0$ nonplanar	1138	698	698	441*	395		360	120
D420	8898	564	564	180	F		168	100
3 loop vertex (A8)	4617*	1196*	1196*	871*	750*	684	684	240
Triple box	M	114256	114256	22657	10155		6568	856

- “H” : G. Heinrich, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A23 (2008) 1457.
- “A”, “B”, “C”, “S”, “X” (without “*”) is cited from Borger & Weinzierl, and Smirnov & Tentyukov.
- “*” added by private communication with A. V. Smirnov.
- “Exponential S.D.” : before triangulation.

Conclusion

- We propose a **geometric method** which corresponds to iterative sector decompositions.
- Based on the classification of the **asymptotic behavior** of polynomials around 0.
- It is realized by employing algorithms developed in **computational geometry**.
- It is guaranteed **not to fall into an infinite loop**.
- The **number of produced sectors** depends on triangulation method.
- A **test implementation** shows that less number of sectors is produced than currently available algorithms of iterative sector decomposition.