

# Transcendental Functions & Integrability

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# I.1 Feynman Integrals & Transcendentals

[De Calan et al.]

**Step 1: Mellin-Barnes representation of Feynman integral**

$$\frac{1}{(X + Y)^\mu} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} ds \frac{Y^s}{X^{\mu+s}} \Gamma(\mu + s) \Gamma(-s)$$

**Step 2: Evaluate Mellin-Barnes integral with Cauchy's theorem**

**Pick poles of  $\Gamma$  functions**

**Sum over poles**

$$\sum_{k_1, \dots, k_{n+m}} \prod_{a,b} \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^m A_{ai} k_i + B_a)}{\Gamma(\sum_{j=1}^n C_{bj} k_j + D_b)} x_1^{k_1} \cdots x_{m+n}^{k_{n+m}}$$

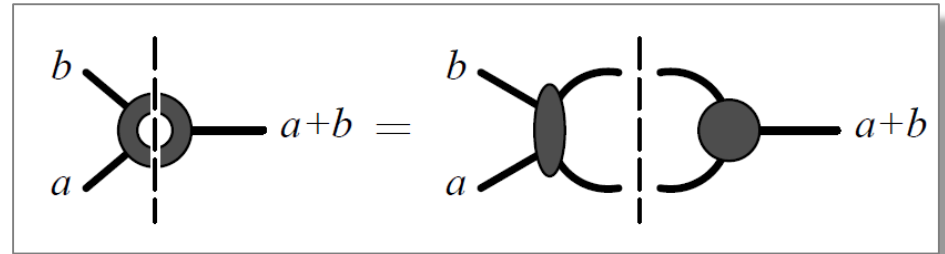
**kinematic invariants**

**Step 3: expand in regulator  $\epsilon$**

**$ABCD = ABCD(\mu, \epsilon)$  linear**

# I.2 Transcendentals and Polylogarithms

**Example: one-loop  
splitting amplitude.**



[Bern et al] [Kosower, Uwer]

involves 
$$\int \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon} p}{p \cdot q} \frac{1}{p^2(p - k_a)^2(p - k_a - k_b)^2} \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 z} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} 1, -\epsilon \\ 1 - \epsilon \end{matrix}; 1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)$$

**Expand in regulator  $\epsilon$  using**

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} 1, -\epsilon \\ 1 - \epsilon \end{matrix}; x\right) = 1 + \ln(1 - x)\epsilon - \text{Li}_2(x)\epsilon^2 - \text{Li}_3(x)\epsilon^3 + \dots$$

**more generally use [Moch,Uwer,Weinzierl]..**

# I.3 Higher Transcendental Functions

Lauricella functions  $F_C^{(N)}$  appear for  $N-1$  loop massive scalar self-energy diagrams with  $N$  propagators.

[Berends, Böhm, Buza, Scharf]

Lauricella functions are wave functions of a particle in semi-infinite tetrahedron with exponential wall  $A_N$  Calogero-Sutherland

[Shimeno, Tamaoka 2018]

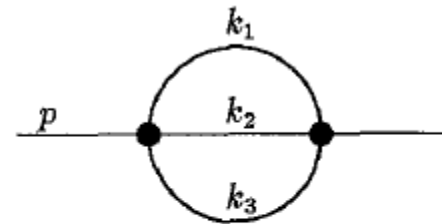
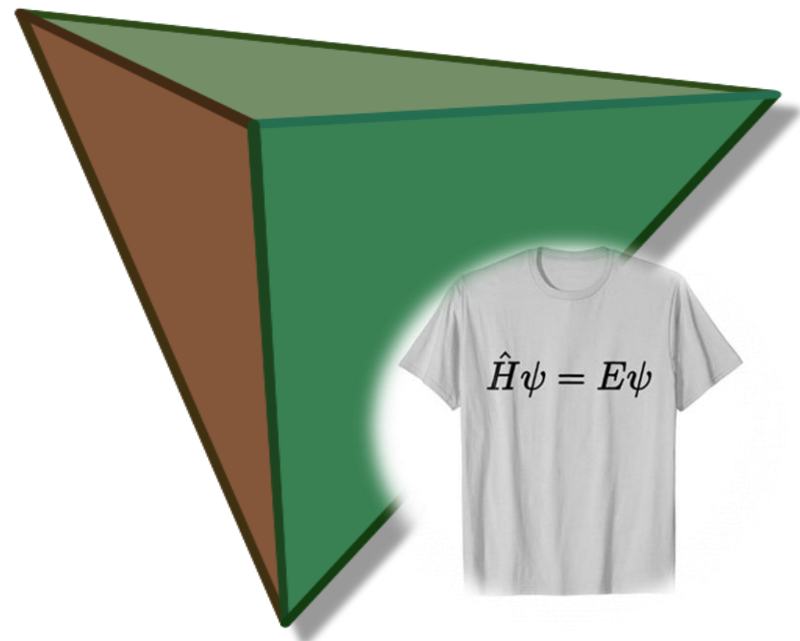


Fig. 1. The London transport diagram



# I.4 Outline



**Modern theory of hypergeometric functions [1987.... ]  
is intimately linked to integrable quantum mechanics**

- 1. Revisiting Gaussian Hypergeometric Function**
- 2. Multivariate Extensions and KZ-type Equations**

# Gaussian Hypergeometric Function

# 2.1 Hypergeometrics & Poeschl-Teller

Hamiltonian of single Poeschl-Teller particle on half-line

$$H_{\text{PT}}^{(a,b)} = -\frac{d^2}{du^2} - \frac{ab}{\sinh^2 \frac{u}{2}} + \frac{(a+b)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{\sinh^2 u}$$

Wave functions with energy  $E = -\lambda^2$  given by Gaussian hypergeometric function as

$$\psi(\lambda; u) \sim {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a + 1/2 + \lambda, a + 1/2 - \lambda \\ 1 + a - b \end{matrix}; -\sinh^2 \frac{u}{2}\right) \sim {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} \alpha, \beta \\ \gamma \end{matrix}; z\right)$$

**Note: QM couplings, eigenvalues ~ QFT exponents, regulator**

**QM particle coordinates ~ QFT kinematic invariants**

## 2.2 Integrability of Poeschl-Teller

On reflection symmetric functions Poeschl-Teller  $H_{PT}$

is a square  $H_{PT} = \nabla^2$ ,

$$R\psi(u) = \psi(-u)$$

$$\nabla = \partial_u + \left[ \frac{2b}{1 - e^{-u}} - \frac{2a + 2b + 1}{1 - e^{-2u}} \right] R$$

**Dunkl operator**

**Rem:**  $\nabla, R, x = e^u$  generate dDAHA = Heisenberg/Weyl algebra for system with reflection symmetry  $u \rightarrow -u$

**Rem:** Obtain wave functions from solution of KZ eqn:

$$\frac{d}{dx} F = \left[ \frac{1}{x} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 2a - 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} + \frac{(a - b + \frac{1}{2})}{1 - x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{(a + b + \frac{1}{2})}{1 + x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] F$$



## 2.3 Formal Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov Eqs.

Consider following Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov type eqn.

$$\frac{dG}{dz} = \left[ \overset{\text{matrices}}{\frac{\varrho(X)}{z} + \frac{\varrho(Y)}{1-z}} \right] G$$

It possesses fundamental system of solutions of form

$$G = \sum_W Li(W; z) \varrho(W)$$
$$\frac{d}{dz} Li(XW; z) = \frac{\varrho(X)}{z} Li(W; z)$$
$$\frac{d}{dz} Li(YW; z) = \frac{\varrho(Y)}{1-z} Li(W; z)$$

In application to Poeschl-Teller wave functions choose

$$\varrho(X) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 1 - \gamma \end{pmatrix} \quad \varrho(Y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & \alpha + \beta + 1 - \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

# 2.4 Harmonic Polylogs from Integrability

${}_2F_1$  admits convergent expansion in regime  $|t_X| < 1/2$

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} \alpha, \beta \\ \gamma \end{matrix}; w\right) = 1 + \alpha\beta \sum_{k,n,s>0} G_0(k, n, s; w) t^{k-n-s} t_{\alpha\beta}^{n-s} t_{\alpha}^s t_{\beta}^s$$

$$t = 1 - \gamma \quad t_{\alpha\beta} = \alpha + \beta + 1 - \gamma$$

$$t_{\alpha} = \alpha + 1 - \gamma \quad t_{\beta} = \beta + 1 - \gamma$$

[Shu Oi, 2009]

$$G_0(k, n, s; w) = \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_n = k \\ k_1 \geq 2, k_i \geq 1 \\ \#\{i | k_i \geq 2\} = s}} Li_{k_1, \dots, k_n}(z)$$

$k = |w| = \# \text{ of letters} = \text{weight}$

$n = d(w) = \# \text{ of letters } y = \text{depth}$

$s = h(w) = \# \text{ of } yx + 1 = \text{height}$

→ Formulas (75) of Moch et al.

# Multivariate Extensions

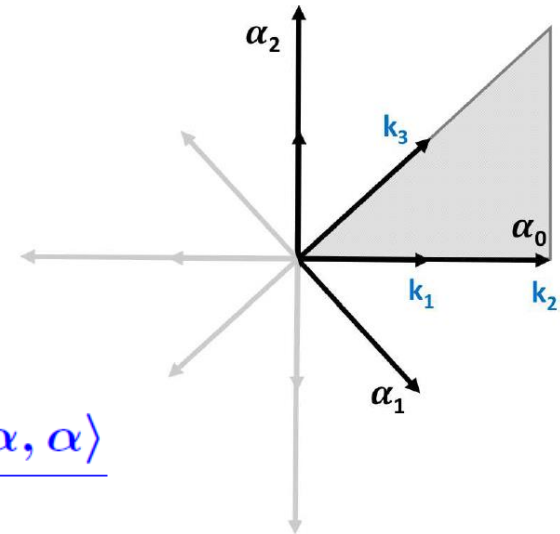
# 3.1 Calogero-Sutherland Models

[Calogero 71] [Sutherland 72]

Integrable multi-particle generalization of Poeschl-Teller model

Associated with root systems  $\Sigma$

$$H_{CS} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{d^2}{du_i^2} + \sum_{\alpha \in \Sigma^+} \frac{k_\alpha (k_\alpha + 2k_{2\alpha} - 1) \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}{4 \sinh^2 \frac{\langle \alpha, u \rangle}{2}}$$



Poeschl-Teller appears as special case  $\Sigma_{PT}^+ = \{e_1, 2e_1\}$   
 $k_1 = -2b \quad k_2 = a + b + \frac{1}{2}$

Scattering states  $\psi(\lambda, k; u)$  with momentum  $\lambda$  given by Heckmann-Opdam hypergeometrics [Heckman, Opdam]...

## 3.2 Integrability and KZ-Equations

On Weyl symmetric functions, Calogero-Sutherland  $H_{CS}$  takes form  $H_{CS} = \sum_j \nabla_j^2$  with commuting  $\nabla_j$ , i. e.  $[\nabla_i, \nabla_j] = 0$

$$\nabla_j = \partial_j - \sum_{\alpha \in \Sigma^+} \frac{k_\alpha \langle \alpha, e_j \rangle}{1 - e^{-\langle \alpha, u \rangle}} R_\alpha$$

**Dunkl operators**  
**Weyl reflection**

**HO Hypergeometrics obtained from solution of system of matrix Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov equations**

**N variables,  $|\Sigma^+| + N$  singularities,  $|W|$  components**

**From  $\nabla_j$  one can also build differential shift operators**  
**shift parameters  $k_a$**

**→ Differential reduction**

# 3.3 Bispectral-Duality and Recurrence

**Rem:**  $\nabla_j, R_\alpha, x_i = e^{u_i}$  generate dDAHA = Heisenberg/Weyl algebra for system with Weyl reflection symmetry

**Free particle: Heisenberg algebra is symmetric  $x \leftrightarrow \partial$**

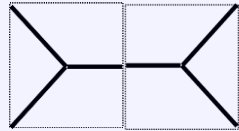
Heckman-Opdam hypergeometrics satisfy higher order integrable difference eqs in the eigenvalues  $\lambda$ , e.g.

$$\sum_{j=1,2} [v_j(\lambda)(\psi_{\lambda+e_j} - \psi_\lambda) + v_j(-\lambda)(\psi_{\lambda-e_j} - \psi_\lambda)] = 4 \sum_{j=1,2} \sinh^2 u_i/2 \psi_\lambda.$$

$$v_j(\lambda) = \frac{(\lambda_j + a + 1/2)(\lambda_j - b + 1/2) (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \epsilon/2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \epsilon/2)}{\lambda_j(\lambda_j + 1/2) (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}$$

**and further recurrence equations involving shifts of  $k_a$   
contiguous relations**

# 4.1 Outlook: Hypergeometrics and CFT



$$= G_{\Delta,l}(z, \bar{z}) \sim$$

$$\mu = \frac{x_{10}}{x_{10}^2} - \frac{x_{20}}{x_{20}^2} \quad \tilde{\mu} = \frac{x_{40}}{x_{40}^2} - \frac{x_{30}}{x_{30}^2}$$

$$\sim \int d^d x_0 x_{10}^{l+a-\Delta} x_{20}^{l-a-\Delta} x_{30}^{l-b+\Delta-d} x_{40}^{l+b+\Delta-d} (|\mu||\tilde{\mu}|)^l Y_l^d \left( \frac{\mu \cdot \tilde{\mu}}{|\mu||\tilde{\mu}|} \right)$$

**Geodesic Witten diagram**

**Zonal spherical functions**

**Dolan-Osborn Casimir differential equation for CPW  
is eigenvalue equation for CS Hamiltonian (for  $BC_2$ )**

**[Isachenkov,VS]**

**Through connection with CS we can construct CPWs  
for external long multiplets 4D supersymmetric CFTs**

# 4.2 Conclusions & Open Questions

**Modern mathematical theory of HO Hypergeometrics provides rich class functions satisfying KZ-equations & recurrence relations ....** **much is known**

**Does this beautiful theory possess non-trivial applications in perturbative quantum field theory ?**