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Introduction

In the present lectures we give a description of the method for analytical calculation of multiloop Feynman diagrams. It is called the "method of uniqueness" and is aimed at exact calculation of massless Feynman integrals depending on a single dimensional variable (momentum or coordinate). Integrals of the type, on the one hand, can be evaluated exactly and on the other hand many problems like determination of anomalous dimensions of the operators and of renormalization group functions, calculation of total cross section of e^+e^- annihilation and of structure functions of deep-inelastic scattering can be reduced to the calculation of the very integrals.

Remarkable property of the described method is that it involves neither integration of elementary or special functions, nor expansion in and summation of infinite series of any kind. Rather it is based on a number of simple and obvious formulas and is reduced to the manipulation with the diagrams. Below we give the examples of its efficiency.

Lecture I. Basic Notions of the Method of Uniqueness

1.1. Notation

All the calculations will be performed in the coordinate space of dimension D . The dependence of the integral on external argument is determined on pure dimensional grounds and is power-like. The aim of the calculation is the coefficient function $F(D)$. For $D=4-2\epsilon$ it is the Laurent series in ϵ , and of interest, as a rule, are the coefficients of negative powers of ϵ .

The integration is held over all internal vertices of a diagram. The lines of the graphs are associated with simple powers like $1/(x-y)^{2\alpha}$, α being called the index of a line and depicted above the line:

$$\overset{\alpha}{\text{---}x \text{---} y \text{---}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{[(x-y)^2]^\alpha}$$

The index of ordinary line is $\frac{D-2}{2}$ due to the well-known Fourier-transform

$$\int \frac{d^D p e^{ipx}}{p^2} = \frac{\pi^{D/2} 2^{D-2}}{[x^2]^{D/2}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{D}{2}-1)}{\Gamma(1)}. \quad (1.1)$$

where Γ is Euler Γ -function. For arbitrary index ν eq. (1.1) reads:

$$\int \frac{d^D p e^{ipx}}{[p^2]^\nu} = \frac{\pi^{D/2} 2^{D-2\nu}}{[x^2]^{D/2-\nu}} a(\nu); a(\nu) = \frac{\Gamma(D/2-\nu)}{\Gamma(\nu)}. \quad (1.2)$$

Here $\nu \neq D/2, D/2+1, \dots$. In x -space zero index means the absence of the line.

We will also need the concept of the index of a vertex, of a triangle and of a diagram - the sum of indices of constituent lines. The line, vertex, and triangle will be called "unique" if their indices are equal to 0, D , and $D/2$, respectively.

1.2. Integration of chains and simple loops

Simple loops in x -space contrary to the p -space do not contain any integration being an ordinary product of propagators. The following graphical identity is valid:

$$\text{Diagram: a loop with two vertices labeled } d_1 \text{ and } d_2 \text{ on the lines} = \text{Diagram: a single line labeled } d_1 + d_2 \quad (1.3)$$

As for the chains, they should be integrated. To do this we note that they are ordinary products in p -space. Performing transformation to p -space for every line and multiplying them there, we go back to x -space. Namely:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram: a chain with two vertices } x, y \text{ and an internal vertex } z, \text{ with indices } d_1, d_2 \text{ on the lines} &\equiv \int \frac{d^D z}{[(x-z)^2]^{d_1} [(z-y)^2]^{d_2}} = \int \frac{d^D z d^D p d^D q}{[p^2]^{D/2-d_1} [q^2]^{D/2-d_2}} a(d_1) a(d_2) \\ &\cdot \frac{\pi^{-D}}{2^{2d_1+2d_2}} e^{ip(x-z)+iq(z-y)} = \int \frac{d^D p e^{ip(x-y)}}{[p^2]^{D-d_1-d_2}} \frac{a(d_1) a(d_2)}{2^{2d_1+2d_2-D}} \\ &= \frac{\pi^{D/2} a(d_1) a(d_2) a(D-d_1-d_2)}{[(x-y)^2]^{d_1+d_2-D/2}} \equiv \frac{d_1+d_2-D/2}{x} \frac{D/2}{y} \pi^{D/2} a(d_1) a(d_2) \cdot a(D-d_1-d_2), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used eq. (1.2). Hence, we have the following graphical equality:

$$\overline{d_1 d_2} = V(d_1, d_2, d_3) \overline{d_1 + d_2 - D/2}, \quad (1.4)$$

$$V(d_1, d_2, d_3) = \pi^{D/2} \prod_{i=1}^3 a(d_i), \quad d_3 = D - d_1 - d_2.$$

Any diagram consisting of a sequence of chains and simple loops can be calculated due to eqs. (1.3), (1.4). For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram 1} &= \text{Diagram 2} = V(d_1 + d_2, d_3, D - d_1 - d_2 - d_3) \cdot V(d_4, d_5, \\ &D - d_4 - d_5) \cdot \text{Diagram 3} = V(d_1 + d_2, d_3, D - d_1 - d_2 - d_3) V(d_4, d_5, D - d_4 - d_5) \cdot \\ &\quad \overline{d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 + d_5 - D} \end{aligned}$$

1.3. Uniqueness relation

Consider a triple vertex with arbitrary indices. It corresponds to the integral

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ d_1 \quad d_2 \quad d_3 \\ \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ x_2 \quad x_3 \end{array} \equiv \int \frac{d^D x}{[(x-x_1)^2]^{d_1} [(x-x_2)^2]^{d_2} [(x-x_3)^2]^{d_3}} \quad (1.5)$$

Calculation is straightforward if some index $d_i = 0$, i.e., when one of the lines is unique. However it is not the only case. The integral is exactly calculated as well if the vertex is unique. In this case the following identity holds:

$$\begin{array}{c} d_1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ d_2 \quad d_3 \end{array} \stackrel{\sum d_i = D}{=} V(d_1, d_2, d_3) \cdot \begin{array}{c} D/2 - d_3 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ D/2 - d_1 \quad D/2 - d_2 \end{array} \quad (1.6)$$

which is called the uniqueness relation. In the r.h.s. of (1.6) there is a simple product of propagators, connecting the points x_1 , x_2 and x_3 with the indices being the Fourier-transform of initial ones. The triangle obtained is also unique. So, the uniqueness relation connects a unique vertex with a unique triangle. It is also called the "star-triangle" relation.

Uniqueness relation can be obtained in the following way: Shifting the integration variable in (1.5) $x_\mu \rightarrow x'_\mu + x_{1\mu}$, we perform the inversion $x'_\mu \rightarrow x''_\mu / (x''^2)^{1/2}$. Now, the integral becomes

$$\int \frac{d^D x [x^2]^{d_1 + d_2 + d_3}}{[x^2]^D \left[x + \frac{x_1 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_2)^2} \right]^{d_2} \left[x + \frac{x_1 - x_3}{(x_1 - x_3)^2} \right]^{d_3} [(x_1 - x_2)^2]^{d_2} [(x_1 - x_3)^2]^{d_3}}$$

If $\sum d_i = D$ the integral is simplified and according to eq. (1.4) is equal to

$$V(d_1, d_2, d_3) = \frac{1}{[(x_1 - x_2)^2]^{D/2 - d_3} [(x_1 - x_3)^2]^{D/2 - d_2} [(x_2 - x_3)^2]^{D/2 - d_1}}.$$

In the case when the diagram contains a unique vertex or unique triangle it can be immediately reduced. Consider, for example, the diagram with the unique vertex:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram with unique vertex } d_5 \text{ (a circle with a vertical line through the center, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & \xrightarrow{d_1 + d_2 + d_5 = D} V(d_1, d_2, d_5) \\ & = \text{Diagram with two vertices } d_4, d_3 \text{ (a circle with two internal lines meeting at a point, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & = \text{Diagram with one vertex } d_5 \text{ (a circle with a single internal line, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & = V(d_1, d_2, d_5). \end{aligned}$$

For a unique triangle we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram with unique triangle } d_5 \text{ (a circle with a vertical line through the center, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & \xrightarrow{d_2 + d_3 + d_5 = \frac{D}{2}} V(d_2, d_3, d_5) \\ & = \text{Diagram with two vertices } d_1, d_4 \text{ (a circle with two internal lines meeting at a point, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & = \text{Diagram with one vertex } d_5 \text{ (a circle with a single internal line, segments } d_1, d_2 \text{ on top, } d_4, d_3 \text{ on bottom, and } d_5 \text{ in the middle)} \\ & = V(d_2, d_3, d_5). \end{aligned}$$

The remained diagrams are easily integrated due to eqs. (1.3), (1.4).

1.4. Integration by parts

For a vertex which is not unique of great use is the following equality obtained by integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram with vertex } d_1 \text{ (a triangle with segments } d_1, d_2, d_3 \text{)} \\ & = \frac{1}{D - 2d_1 - d_2 - d_3} \left\{ d_2 \left(\text{Diagram with vertex } d_1 - 1 \text{ (a triangle with segments } d_1 - 1, d_2 + 1, d_3 \text{)} - \text{Diagram with vertex } d_1 \text{ (a triangle with segments } d_1, d_2 + 1, d_3 \text{)} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + d_3 \left(\text{Diagram with vertex } d_1 - 1 \text{ (a triangle with segments } d_1 - 1, d_2, d_3 + 1 \text{)} - \text{Diagram with vertex } d_1 \text{ (a triangle with segments } d_1, d_2, d_3 + 1 \text{)} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

This equality is valid for arbitrary indices and enables us to change them by unity. Eq. (1.7) by itself does not provide us with the calculation of the integral. However, the resulting diagrams may contain unique elements, that is what we need. This happens when the diagram contains the elements with the indices deviating by unity from uniqueness. We call it one-step deviation from uniqueness.

1.5. One-step from uniqueness

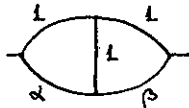
The line, vertex, and triangle are called one-step deviating from uniqueness if their indices are equal to 1, $D-1$, and $D/2+1$, respectively. For a vertex one-step deviating from uniqueness eq. (1.7) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 \\ | \\ \alpha_2 \text{---} \alpha_3 \end{array} & \stackrel{\Sigma \alpha_i = D-1}{=} - \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1-1} \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1-1 \\ | \\ \alpha_2+1 \text{---} \alpha_3 \end{array} - \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1-1} \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1-1 \\ | \\ \alpha_2 \text{---} \alpha_3+1 \end{array} \\
 & + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 U(\alpha_1, \alpha_2+1, \alpha_3+1) \cdot \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1-1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha_2+1 \quad \alpha_3+1 \\ \text{---} \\ D/2-d_1 \end{array}
 \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

For the triangle one-step deviating from uniqueness an analogous equality holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \\ \triangle \\ \alpha_3 \end{array} & \stackrel{\Sigma \alpha_i = \frac{D}{2}+1}{=} - \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1-1} \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1-1 \quad \alpha_2 \\ \triangle \\ \alpha_3+1 \end{array} - \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_2-1} \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2-1 \\ \triangle \\ \alpha_3+1 \end{array} \\
 & + \frac{U(\alpha_1-1, \alpha_2-1, \alpha_3)}{(\alpha_1-1)(\alpha_2-1)} \cdot \begin{array}{c} \frac{D}{2}-\alpha_3 \\ | \\ \alpha_1-1 \quad \alpha_2-1 \\ \text{---} \\ D/2-d_1+1 \end{array}
 \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

Eqs. (1.7-1.9) enable us to calculate the diagrams if their elements one-step deviate from uniqueness. As an example, consider the diagram with three lines one-step deviating from uniqueness



Application of eq. (1.7) to the lower vertex gives

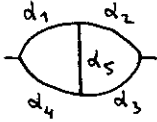
$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \alpha \text{---} \beta \end{array} & = \frac{1}{D-2-d-\beta} \left\{ \alpha \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 1 \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \alpha+1 \quad \beta \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \alpha+1 \text{---} \beta \end{array} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + \beta \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 1 \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \alpha \quad \beta+1 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \alpha \text{---} \beta+1 \end{array} \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Resulting diagrams are reduced to a sequence of chains and simple loops and are easily calculated. The result is

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \alpha \text{---} \beta \end{array} = \frac{1}{D-2-d-\beta} U(1, 1, D-2) \left\{ \alpha U(\alpha+1, \beta, D-d-\beta-1) - \right.$$

$$- \alpha V(\alpha+1, \beta+2-\frac{D}{2}, \frac{3D}{2}-\alpha-\beta-3) + \beta V(\alpha, \beta+1, D-\alpha-\beta-1) - \beta V(\alpha+2-\frac{D}{2}, \beta+1, \frac{3D}{2}-\alpha-\beta-3) \} \quad (1.10)$$

Consider now a diagram with two triangles and one vertex one-step deviating from uniqueness:



$$\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 \equiv S_2 = D-1 ;$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 \equiv t_1 = \frac{D}{2}+1 ;$$

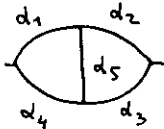
$$\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_5 \equiv t_2 = \frac{D}{2}+1 .$$

Applying eq. (1.8) to the lower vertex we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram} = - \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha_5-1} \text{Diagram} - \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_5-1} \text{Diagram} \\ & + \alpha_3 \alpha_4 V(\alpha_5, \alpha_3+1, \alpha_4+1) \text{Diagram} \end{aligned}$$

The first diagram is now easily evaluated due to uniqueness of right triangle, the second one due to uniqueness of left triangle, and the third one is reduced to the chains and simple loops.

The example of application of eq. (1.9) comes from the diagram with two vertices and one triangle one-step deviating from uniqueness:



$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_5 \equiv S_1 = D-1 ;$$

$$\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 \equiv S_2 = D-1 ;$$

$$\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_5 \equiv t_2 = \frac{D}{2}+1 .$$

Using eq. (1.9) for the right triangle, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram} = - \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_2-1} \text{Diagram} - \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_3-1} \text{Diagram} + \\ & + \frac{V(\alpha_2-1, \alpha_3-1, \alpha_5)}{(\alpha_2-1)(\alpha_3-1)} \text{Diagram} \end{aligned}$$

The resulting diagrams are again easily evaluated due to arisen uniquenesses.

Thus, in the presence of one uniqueness the diagram is immediately reduced. In the presence of simultaneously three one-step deviations from uniqueness the diagram is reduced after integration by parts.

1.6. Transformation of indices

In a real calculation, when using dimensional regularization, space-time dimension is $D=4-2\varepsilon$. The indices of ordinary line, triple vertex and triangle are then $1-\varepsilon$ and $3-3\varepsilon$, that differs by an order of ε from the values corresponding to one-step deviation from uniqueness, i.e., 1 , $3-2\varepsilon$, $3-\varepsilon$, respectively. As we have already seen, one can change the index by unity using integration by parts. The change of the index by an order of ε can be achieved with the help of transformations forming a group including the following elements:

a) Insertion of a point into a line. Inserting a point into some line of a diagram and using the uniqueness relation, we come to a diagram with changed values of indices. For example,

$$\begin{array}{c} 1+\varepsilon \quad 1-\varepsilon \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ | \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1+\varepsilon \end{array} = \frac{1}{V(1, 2, 1-2\varepsilon)} \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \quad 1-\varepsilon \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ | \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1+\varepsilon \end{array} =$$

We fit the index of a new line (equal to 2) in such a way as to create the unique vertex. Now, we have

$$= \frac{V(1-\varepsilon, 1-\varepsilon, 2)}{V(1, 2, 1-2\varepsilon)} \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 1 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ | \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

The resulting diagram now has three lines one-step deviating from uniqueness and is easily evaluated.

b) Conformal transformation of inversion. Fixing external arguments we perform the inversion $x_\mu \rightarrow x_\mu/x^2$ of all integration variables and of external coordinate. The propagators remain unchanged

$$\begin{aligned} [(x-y)^2]^\alpha &\rightarrow \left[\left(\frac{x}{x^2} - \frac{y}{y^2} \right)^2 \right]^\alpha = \left[\frac{x^2}{x^4} - \frac{2xy}{x^2y^2} + \frac{y^2}{y^4} \right]^\alpha = \\ &= \frac{[(x-y)^2]^\alpha}{[x^2]^\alpha [y^2]^\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

and the measure is transformed as $d^D x \rightarrow \frac{d^D x}{[x^2]^D}$. Finally, we come to a diagram with changed indices. For example,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} d_1 \quad x \quad d_2 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ d_4 \quad y \quad d_3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c} D-S_1 \quad d_2 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ D-S_2 \quad d_3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} ; \\
 \begin{array}{c} 1-3\varepsilon \quad 1+\varepsilon \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 1+\varepsilon \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1-3\varepsilon \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} ; \quad D = 4-2\varepsilon .
 \end{array}$$

The equality is always assumed in a sense of coefficient functions.

c) Transition to a dual diagram. Performing the Fourier-transform of coordinate diagram, one can treat the obtained momentum diagram as a coordinate one with changed indices. This trick always works for planar diagrams because in this case the propagators in P -space are the inverse squares of the difference of two momenta. The obtained diagram is called a dual one (in a sense of Fourier-transform). Arising multiplier is equal to the product of multipliers associated with the Fourier-transform of the lines divided by inverse transformation of the diagram itself. For example,

$$\begin{array}{c} d_1 \quad d_2 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ d_4 \quad d_3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^5 a(d_i)}{a(\sum d_i - D)} \begin{array}{c} D/2 \quad d_2 \quad D/2 - d_3 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ D/2 - d_1 \quad D/2 - d_4 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array}$$

This transformation is extremely useful for the diagram with ordinary lines. Indeed

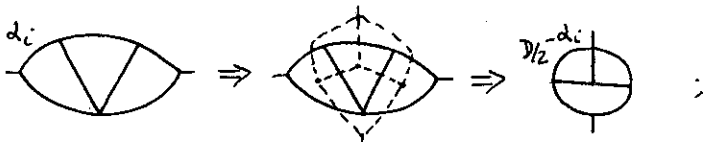
$$\begin{array}{c} 1-\varepsilon \quad 1-\varepsilon \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1-\varepsilon \quad 1-\varepsilon \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} = \frac{\Gamma^5(1) \Gamma(1-3\varepsilon)}{\Gamma^5(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+2\varepsilon)} \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 1 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad 1 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} ,$$

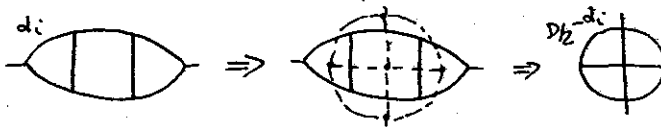
i.e., we create the needed one-step deviations from uniqueness at once. This expression is valid in all orders in ε .

For arbitrary planar diagram the dual one is constructed according to the following rule:

Put a point inside every loop of the diagram, and two points outside it. Connect all the points by the lines so that every line of the initial diagram be crossed only once. New lines produce the dual diagram with the indices dual to that of the crossed old lines.

We demonstrate this rule by examples:





The transformation of indices listed above enables us to change their values creating the needed uniquenesses or one-step deviations from uniqueness. After that the diagrams are evaluated due to eqs. (1.3), (1.4), (1.6-1.9).

1.7. Examples of two- and three-loop calculations

Thus, the procedure of calculation by the method of uniqueness is the following:

i) To be sure whether there are any uniquenesses. If so, the diagram is immediately simplified.

ii) If not, to be sure whether there are any one-step deviations from uniqueness. If they are, the diagram is simplified after integration by parts.

iii) If there is neither uniqueness nor one-step deviations from uniqueness, one should try to create them artificially using the transformation of indices.

iv) If one has not succeeded to do this, then extremely useful is the implementation of the tables. We will describe this in the next lecture.

To give some examples of concrete calculations, we consider the φ^4 theory. To find the β -function in three- and four-loop approximation, one has to calculate, in particular, the following vertex diagrams:



We are interested in singular (in ε) contributions. Symbolically

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sing } \text{Diagram 1} &= \text{Sing } \text{Diagram 2} = \frac{1}{3\varepsilon} \text{ Finite } \text{Diagram 3} , \\ \text{Sing } \text{Diagram 4} &= \text{Sing } \text{Diagram 5} = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \text{ Finite } \text{Diagram 6} . \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we are interested in finite parts (in ε) of two- and three-loop integrals. This means that we can take the indices of the lines to be $1+d_i$, choosing d_i in order to create the needed one-step

deviations from uniqueness. Clearly, for our purposes in a given case it is useful to have all the indices equal to 1. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1} = (\text{eq. (1.10)}, \alpha = \beta = 1) = 6\zeta(3) + O(\varepsilon); \\
 & \text{Diagram 2} = (\text{eq. (1.7) for the left upper vertex}) = \\
 & = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \left\{ \text{Diagram 3} - \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} - \text{Diagram 6} \right\} = \\
 & = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \left\{ \psi(1, 2, 1-2\varepsilon) \text{Diagram 7} - \psi(1+2\varepsilon, 2, 1-4\varepsilon) \text{Diagram 8} \right\} = \\
 & = (\text{eq. (1.10)}) = 20\zeta(5) + O(\varepsilon).
 \end{aligned}$$

We have used here the well-known expansion of Γ -function:

$$\Gamma(1+x) = \exp \left\{ -\gamma x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-)^n}{n} \zeta(n) x^n \right\}, \quad (1.11)$$

where γ is the Euler constant and $\zeta(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n}$ is the Riemann ζ -function.

So,

$$KR^1 \text{Diagram 9} = \frac{1}{3\varepsilon} 6\zeta(3),$$

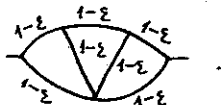
$$KR^1 \text{Diagram 10} = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} 20\zeta(5).$$

Lecture II

CALCULATION OF COMPLICATED DIAGRAMS

2.1. Three-, four-, and five-loop integrals

Consider now more complicated integrals than in the first lecture. For example, the same V-like diagram with ordinary lines



This diagram arises from the above considered four-loop diagram when we are interested not only in the singular part of it but in the finite part as well. The following five-loop diagrams can be also reduced to it:



In both cases one has to know the V -like diagram with $O(\epsilon)$ precision. Hence, one cannot choose the indices of the lines but has to perform the transformation.

In a given case it is useful first to go to the dual diagram

$$\begin{array}{c} 1-\epsilon \\ \diagup \\ \text{Diagram} \\ \diagdown \\ 1-\epsilon \end{array} = \frac{\Gamma^2(4) \Gamma(1-4\epsilon)}{\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon) \Gamma(1+3\epsilon)} \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \text{Diagram} \\ | \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Now, applying eq. (1.7) to the central vertex, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram} &= -\frac{1}{2\epsilon} 2 \left\{ \text{Diagram}_1 - \text{Diagram}_2 \right\} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} V(1, 2, 1-2\epsilon) \left\{ \text{Diagram}_3 - \text{Diagram}_4 \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The second diagram is easily calculated due to eq. (1.10). As for the first one, it is a problem. This is because it has no uniquenesses or one-step deviations from uniqueness and it is impossible to create them by index transformations. Thus, the described methods do not give us exact calculation of V -like diagram. However, we are not interested in exact calculation, rather in the expression with $O(\epsilon)$ accuracy, i.e., one has to know the two-loop diagram up to ϵ^3 . (The reduction of every loop is equivalent to two orders in ϵ). To calculate the obtained diagram up to $O(\epsilon^3)$ we use the method of the tables.

2.2. Tables for multiloop calculations.

To illustrate the idea of table implementation to multiloop calculations, consider the diagram

$$\text{Diagram (2.1)} \equiv \frac{F_{\epsilon}(1+a_1)}{[x^2]^{1+21+a_1}} \quad (2.1)$$

This diagram is easily calculated exactly (i.e., in all orders in ϵ) for $a=0, -1, -2, -3$. These correspond to the set of three one-step deviations from uniqueness. Consider the Taylor expansion of $F_{\epsilon}(1+a\epsilon)$. It is not an expansion over a because ϵ is contained in the measure of integration as well. However, the coefficients will be polynomials in a of the power less or equal to that of ϵ . We have

$$F_{\epsilon}(1+a\epsilon) = c_0 + (c_1 a + c_2)\epsilon + (c_3 a^2 + c_4 a + c_5)\epsilon^2 + (c_6 a^3 + c_7 a^2 + c_8 a + c_9)\epsilon^3 + O(\epsilon^4). \quad (2.2)$$

With the value of $F_{\epsilon}(1+a\epsilon)$ for four values of a , we find out four terms of ϵ -expansion, i.e., the coefficients $c_0 \div c_9$. The result is

$$F_{\epsilon}(1+a\epsilon) = \frac{1}{1-2\epsilon} \left\{ 6\zeta(3) + 9\zeta(4)\epsilon + [21(a+1)(a+2) - 6a(a+3)]\zeta(5)\epsilon^2 + [45(a+1)(a+2) - \frac{15}{2}a(a+3)]\zeta(6)\epsilon^3 - [23(a+1)(a+2) - 8a(a+3)] \cdot \zeta^2(3)\epsilon^3 + O(\epsilon^4) \right\}. \quad (2.3)$$

Thus, without knowing how to calculate the function $F_{\epsilon}(1+a\epsilon)$ for $a=1$, we can find its value up to ϵ^3 using eq. (2.3) as a table. In an analogous way one can obtain more general table for the diagram

$$\text{Diagram (2.4)} \quad (2.4)$$

up to ϵ^3 for arbitrary $a_1 \div a_5$. We will write it down below.

With the help of this table one can also construct the table for more complicated three-loop diagrams with $O(\epsilon)$ accuracy. They are

$$\text{Diagram} = \frac{\exp[-3(\gamma\epsilon + \frac{\zeta(2)}{2}\epsilon^2)]}{1-2\epsilon} \left\{ 20\zeta(5) + \epsilon [50\zeta(6) + (20 + 6(a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7))\zeta^2(3)] + O(\epsilon^2) \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{c} 1+a_1\varepsilon \\ 1+a_2\varepsilon \\ 1+a_3\varepsilon \\ 1+a_4\varepsilon \end{array} = \frac{\exp[-3(\gamma\varepsilon + \frac{\zeta(2)}{2}\varepsilon^2)]}{1-2\varepsilon} \left\{ 20\zeta(5) + \right. \\
 & \left. + \varepsilon [50\zeta(6) - (4 + 6(a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_7))\zeta(3)] + O(\varepsilon^2) \right\} \quad (2.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

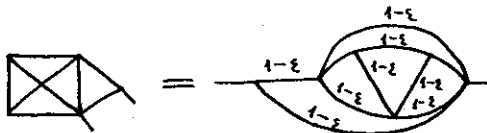
This accuracy is quite enough for calculations up to 4-5 loops in scalar theories. Note, that the exponents in front of the braces in (2.5), (2.6) do not give any contribution in what follows and can be omitted.

2.3. Examples of table application

As an example of application of the obtained tables we consider the following diagram



We are interested in the contribution to the renormalization constant, i.e., in pole terms proportional to $1/\varepsilon^2$ and $1/\varepsilon$. Due to the independence of KR' for the diagram in \overline{MS} scheme of external lines, it is equivalent to the calculation of polar terms of the following diagram



Hence, to find polar terms one has to know the V -like diagram with $O(\varepsilon)$ accuracy. This is exactly what the table (2.5) does. After that we have a sequence of chains and simple loops, that gives

$$(C_0 + C_1\varepsilon) \frac{\Gamma(4\varepsilon) \Gamma(1) \Gamma(1-5\varepsilon) \Gamma(5\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(2-5\varepsilon) \Gamma(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+4\varepsilon) \Gamma(2-6\varepsilon)},$$

where C_0 and C_1 are given by eq. (2.5) and are equal to

$$C_0 + C_1\varepsilon = \frac{1}{1-2\varepsilon} \left[20\zeta(5) + \varepsilon (50\zeta(6) - 4\zeta(3)) \right].$$

Subtracting the divergent subgraph, we finally find for the KR'

$$KR' \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \square \\ \diagdown \end{array} = -\frac{4\zeta(5)}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{3\zeta(5) + \frac{5}{2}\zeta(6) - \frac{4}{5}\zeta(3)}{\varepsilon} \quad (2.7)$$

2.4. Functional equations

Up to now all the calculations have been performed due to the fact that after some transformations including integration by parts, uniqueness relation, transformation of indices, the diagrams in the r.h.s. have been reduced to the sequence of chains and simple loops. However, sometimes it cannot be done, especially when the number of loops is large enough (≥ 5). Otherwise, the obtained equality can be treated as a functional equation for the coefficient function. Solving this equation, we can find the function of interest.

We demonstrate this possibility by an example of already discussed two-loop diagram with an arbitrary central line

$$\text{Diagram: a circle with a vertical line through the center, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right side. All four external lines are labeled } 1. \equiv F_z(1+a).$$

Perform with the diagram the following transformation

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{inversion}} \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1-2\varepsilon-a, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1-2\varepsilon-a. \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{insertion of a point in external line}} \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+\varepsilon+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1-3\varepsilon, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1+\varepsilon+a. \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{inversion}} \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1-3\varepsilon \text{ on the right and } -a \text{ on the left. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain the first equation for $F_z(1+a)$:

$$F_z(1+a) = F_z(1-3\varepsilon-a). \quad (2.8)$$

To get another equation we apply integration by parts (1.7) to the upper vertex. This gives

$$\text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. = -\frac{1}{a+\varepsilon} \left\{ \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 2, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. - \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 2, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. \right\} \quad (2.9)$$

Using the same eq. (1.7) but with another isolated line, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. \\ & = \frac{1}{1-2\varepsilon-a} \left\{ \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 2, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. + a \cdot \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a+1 \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. - \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right and } -1 \text{ on the left. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. - a \cdot \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. \right\} \quad (2.10) \end{aligned}$$

Combining eqs. (2.9) and (2.10), we come to the equation

$$\text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. = \frac{1-2\varepsilon-a}{a+\varepsilon} \cdot \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. + \frac{1}{a+\varepsilon} \cdot \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } 1+a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 2, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 1. - \frac{1}{a+\varepsilon} \cdot \text{Diagram: circle with vertical line, labeled } a \text{ on the right. External lines: top-left } 1, \text{ top-right } 1, \text{ bottom-left } 1, \text{ bottom-right } 2. \quad (2.11)$$

or analytically

$$F_{\xi}(1+a) = \frac{1-2\xi-a}{a+\xi} F_{\xi}(a) + \frac{2(2a-1+3\xi)\Gamma(-a-\xi)\Gamma(a+2\xi)\Gamma^2(1-\xi)}{(a+\xi)\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(2-3\xi-a)\Gamma^2(1)} \quad (2.12)$$

where we have used eqs. (1.3) and (1.4). Eqs. (2.8) and (2.12) are the desired functional equations for $F_{\xi}(1+a)$.

2.5. Solution of functional equations

To simplify the inhomogeneous part of eq. (2.12), we make the substitution

$$F_{\xi}(1+a) = 2 \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\xi)\Gamma(-a-\xi)\Gamma(a+2\xi)}{\Gamma^2(1)\Gamma(1+a)\Gamma(1-a-3\xi)} G_{\xi}(1+a) \quad (2.13)$$

where the function $G_{\xi}(1+a)$ obeys the equations

$$G_{\xi}(1+a) = G_{\xi}(1-a-3\xi) \quad (2.14)$$

$$G_{\xi}(1+a) = -\frac{a}{a-1+3\xi} G_{\xi}(a) + \frac{1}{a-1+3\xi} \left(\frac{1}{a+\xi} + \frac{1}{a-1+2\xi} \right).$$

To find the solution, consider the analytical properties of G_{ξ} . It is known, e.g., on the basis of α -representation, that the function $F_{\xi}(1+a)$ is a meromorphic function, regular at $a=0$ with simple poles at $a=\pm k-2\xi$ and $a=\pm k-\xi$, where $k=1,2,\dots$. The same conclusion follows from the inhomogeneous term in eq. (2.12). The function G_{ξ} obtains additional poles due to the Γ -functions in denominator of eq. (2.13). That is why we look for the solution of eqs. (2.14) in the form of infinite series of poles

$$G_{\xi}(1+a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \left(\frac{1}{n+a+\xi} + \frac{1}{n-2-2\xi} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_n \left(\frac{1}{n+a} + \frac{1}{n-a-3\xi} \right) \quad (2.15)$$

where we have automatically satisfied eq. (2.8). Substituting now eq. (2.15) into eq. (2.14) and equalizing residues at the poles, we get the equations for f_n and ϕ_n :

$$f_n = -f_{n+1} \frac{n+\xi}{n+1-2\xi} \quad , \quad \phi_n = -\phi_{n+1} \frac{n}{n+1-3\xi}.$$

Their solution is

$$f_n = (-)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1-2\xi)}{\Gamma(n+\xi)} c_1(\xi) \quad , \quad \phi_n = (-)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1-3\xi)}{\Gamma(n)} c_2(\xi) \quad (2.16)$$

The inhomogeneous part of eq. (2.14) fixes C_1 :

$$C_1(\varepsilon) = \frac{\Gamma(\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\varepsilon)}.$$

To find C_2 we compare the obtained solution with the known one for particular value of a . As has already been mentioned, the function $F_\varepsilon(1+a)$ is known exactly for $a=0$. Comparison of eqs. (2.13), (2.15) and (2.16) with $F_\varepsilon(a)$ gives

$$C_2(\varepsilon) = - \frac{\Gamma(\varepsilon) \Gamma(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\varepsilon) \Gamma(1-2\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+2\varepsilon)}.$$

As a result we have

$$F_\varepsilon(1+a) = 2 \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(-a-\varepsilon) \Gamma(a+2\varepsilon) \Gamma(\varepsilon)}{\Gamma^2(1) \Gamma(1+a) \Gamma(1-a-3\varepsilon) \Gamma(2-2\varepsilon)} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1-2\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)} \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{1}{n+a+\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{n-a-2\varepsilon} \right) - \frac{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+2\varepsilon)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1-3\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n)} \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{1}{n+a} + \frac{1}{n-a-3\varepsilon} \right) \right\}. \quad (2.17)$$

For the ultimate conclusion about the validity of solution (2.17), one has to be convinced that it is impossible to add an arbitrary solution of homogeneous equation. Indeed, such a solution vanishes at integer points, is an analytic function and exponentially bounded at imaginary axis. Hence, due to the Carlson theorem it is identically zero.

The last sum in (2.17) is equal to $-\Gamma(1+a) \Gamma(1-a-3\varepsilon)$. Thus, $F_\varepsilon(1+a)$ can be also rewritten as

$$F_\varepsilon(1+a) = 2 \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(\varepsilon)}{\Gamma^2(1) \Gamma(2-2\varepsilon)} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(-a-\varepsilon) \Gamma(a+2\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(1+a) \Gamma(1-a-3\varepsilon)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+1-2\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n+\varepsilon)} \right. \\ \left. \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n+a+\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{n-a-2\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{\Gamma(1-\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+\varepsilon) \Gamma(-a-2\varepsilon) \Gamma(a+2\varepsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\varepsilon) \Gamma(1+2\varepsilon)} \right\}. \quad (2.18)$$

For $\varepsilon=0$ eq. (2.17) gives

$$F_0(1+a) = \frac{2}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^n \left[\frac{1}{(n+a)^2} - \frac{1}{(n-a)^2} \right] = \\ = -8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{n}{(n^2-a^2)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \left[\beta'(1+a) - \beta'(1-a) \right], \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$\beta(1+x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\psi\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}+\frac{x}{2}\right) \right].$$

So, solving the functional equations we find the coefficient function not yielded by other calculation methods. For $\xi=0$, we succeeded in setting the closed expression. Analogous equations can be also obtained for more complicated diagrams. The solution is presented in the form of one-fold series like (2.17). These solutions happen to be very usefull, enlarging the class of exactly calculable diagrams. We demonstrate this by an example of calculation of the most complicated diagram in the five-loop approximation of the ϕ^4 -theory.

2.6. Five-loop calculations in the ϕ^4 theory

The most complicated for calculation is the following vertex diagram:



To evaluate it one has to find an N-like diagram



up to $O(1)$. Hence, we can choose the indices of the lines in a suitable way. Choosing them in the following we apply eq. (1.7) to the lower triple vertex:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} \left\{ \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \right. \\
 & - \left. \text{Diagram 4} - \text{Diagram 5} \right\} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} \left\{ 2V(1, 2, 1-2\xi) \right. \\
 & \cdot \text{Diagram 6} - V(2, 1+\xi, 1-3\xi) \cdot \text{Diagram 7} - \\
 & \left. - V(2, 1, 1-2\xi) \cdot \text{Diagram 8} \right\}. \quad (2.20)
 \end{aligned}$$

We have used here eqs. (1.3), (1.4), and (1.6). Now for the calculation of N -like diagram up to $O(4)$ we have to calculate three V -like diagrams up to $O(\xi^2)$ or several two-loop diagrams up to $O(\xi^4)$. Unfortunately, not all of them can be explicitly calculated by the method of uniqueness. As for the tables (2.5), (2.6) they contain expansions up to $O(\xi)$ and $O(\xi^3)$, respectively. So, we need to expand the tables by one order in ξ . For this purpose, we use the obtained solution of functional equations (2.17).

Return to the two-loop diagram (2.1). The expansion of $F_{\xi}(1+a\xi)$ over ξ up to ξ^4 contains three structures (we take into account the symmetry properties (2.8)): (cf. eq. (2.3))

$$F_{\xi}(1+a\xi) = \frac{1}{1-2\xi} \left\{ 6\zeta(3) + \dots + \xi^4 [C_{10}(a+1)(a+2) + C_{11}a(a+3) + C_{12}a(a+1)(a+2)(a+3)] + O(\xi^5) \right\}. \quad (2.21)$$

The known expressions for $F_{\xi}(1+a\xi)$ for $a=0, -1$ give us the coefficients C_{10} and C_{11} . As for the C_{12} , it is not determined from the particular values of a . However, as is easy to see, it is equal to

$$C_{12} = \frac{1}{4!} \frac{d^4 F_0(1+a)}{da^4} \Big|_{a=0}.$$

To find it, we expand the function $F_0(1+a)$ (2.19) into a series in a^2 . We have

$$F_0(1+a) = 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{2n} (n+1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \right) \zeta(2n+3), \quad (2.22)$$

that leads to

$$C_{12} = \frac{189}{8} \zeta(7).$$

The number obtained enables us to complete expansion (2.21) and also to construct the expansion up to $O(\xi^4)$ for an arbitrary two-loop diagram (2.4) and up to $O(\xi^2)$ for an arbitrary V -like diagram, i.e., to continue the tables obtained earlier by one order of ξ . They are

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram} = \frac{\exp[-2(\gamma\xi + \frac{\zeta(2)}{2}\xi^2)]}{1-2\xi} \left\{ A_0 \zeta(3) + \right. \\ & + A_1 \zeta(4)\xi + A_2 \zeta(5)\xi^2 + A_3 \zeta(6)\xi^3 - A_4 \zeta(3)^2 \xi^3 + \\ & \left. + A_5 \zeta(7)\xi^4 - A_6 \zeta(3)\zeta(4)\xi^4 + O(\xi^5) \right\}, \quad (2.23) \end{aligned}$$

$$A_0 = 6,$$

$$A_1 = 9,$$

$$A_2 = 42 + 30(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 45a_5 + 10(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) \\ + 15a_5^2 + 15a_5(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 10(a_1a_2 + a_3a_4 + a_1a_4 + \\ + a_2a_3) + 5(a_1a_3 + a_2a_4),$$

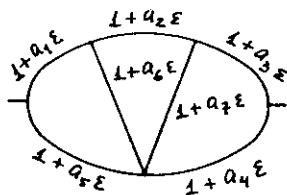
$$A_3 = \frac{5}{2}(A_2 - 6),$$

$$A_4 = 46 + 42(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 45a_5 + 14(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) \\ + 15a_5^2 + 33a_5(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 50(a_1a_2 + a_3a_4) + 31(a_1a_3 \\ + a_2a_4) + 14(a_1a_4 + a_2a_3) + 6a_5(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) + 6a_5^2 \cdot \\ (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 24a_5(a_1a_2 + a_3a_4) + 12a_5(a_1a_3 + a_2a_4) \\ + 12(a_1a_2a_3 + a_1a_2a_4 + a_1a_3a_4 + a_2a_3a_4) + 12(a_1^2a_2 + a_2^2a_1 \\ + a_3^2a_4 + a_4^2a_3) + 6(a_1^2a_3 + a_3^2a_1 + a_2^2a_4 + a_4^2a_2),$$

$$A_5 = 294 + 402(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + \frac{2223}{4}a_5 + 260(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) \\ + \frac{3183}{8}a_5^2 + 516a_5(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + 386(a_1a_2 + a_3a_4 + a_1a_4 + a_2a_3) \\ + \frac{575}{2}(a_1a_3 + a_2a_4) + 84(a_1^3 + a_2^3 + a_3^3 + a_4^3) + \frac{567}{4}a_5^3 + 168 \cdot \\ (a_1^2a_2 + a_2^2a_1 + a_3^2a_4 + a_4^2a_3 + a_1^2a_4 + a_4^2a_1 + a_2^2a_3 + a_3^2a_2) + \frac{441}{4} \cdot \\ (a_1^2a_3 + a_3^2a_1 + a_2^2a_4 + a_4^2a_2) + \frac{945}{4}a_5(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) + 252a_5^2 \cdot \\ (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + \frac{693}{2}a_5(a_1a_2 + a_3a_4 + a_1a_4 + a_2a_3) + \frac{945}{4}a_5 \cdot \\ (a_1a_3 + a_2a_4) + 210(a_1a_2a_3 + a_1a_2a_4 + a_1a_3a_4 + a_2a_3a_4) + \\ + 14(a_1^4 + a_2^4 + a_3^4 + a_4^4) + \frac{189}{8}a_5^4 + 42a_5(a_1^3 + a_2^3 + a_3^3 + a_4^3) \\ + \frac{189}{4}a_5^3(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) + \frac{525}{8}a_5^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2) + \frac{357}{4}a_5^2 \cdot \\ (a_1a_2 + a_3a_4 + a_1a_4 + a_2a_3) + \frac{105}{2}a_5^2(a_1a_3 + a_2a_4) + 84a_5 \cdot$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot (a_1^2 a_2 + a_2^2 a_1 + a_3^2 a_4 + a_4^2 a_3 + a_1^2 a_4 + a_4^2 a_1 + a_2^2 a_3 + a_3^2 a_2) + \\
& + \frac{189}{4} a_5 (a_1^2 a_3 + a_3^2 a_1 + a_2^2 a_4 + a_4^2 a_2) + \frac{357}{4} a_5 (a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_1 a_3 a_4 \\
& + a_1 a_3 a_4 + a_2 a_3 a_4) + 28 (a_1^3 a_2 + a_2^3 a_1 + a_3^3 a_4 + a_4^3 a_3 + \\
& + a_1^3 a_4 + a_4^3 a_1 + a_2^3 a_3 + a_3^3 a_2) + 14 (a_1^3 a_3 + a_3^3 a_1 + a_2^3 a_4 \\
& + a_4^3 a_2) + 42 (a_1^2 a_2^2 + a_3^2 a_4^2 + a_1^2 a_4^2 + a_2^2 a_3^2) + \frac{189}{8} \cdot \\
& \cdot (a_1^2 a_3^2 + a_2^2 a_4^2) + 42 (a_1^2 a_2 a_3 + a_1^2 a_2 a_4 + a_1^2 a_3 a_4 + \\
& + a_2^2 a_1 a_4 + a_2^2 a_1 a_3 + a_2^2 a_3 a_4 + a_3^2 a_1 a_4 + a_3^2 a_2 a_4 + a_3^2 a_1 a_2 \\
& + a_4^2 a_2 a_3 + a_4^2 a_1 a_3 + a_4^2 a_1 a_2) + \frac{315}{4} a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4,
\end{aligned}$$

$$A_6 = 3(A_4 - 1);$$



$$= \frac{\exp[-3(\gamma\epsilon + \frac{\xi(2)}{2}\epsilon^2)]}{1 - 2\epsilon}$$

$$\left\{ 20\zeta(5) + \epsilon \left[50\zeta(6) + \left(20 + 6(a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7) \right) \zeta(3) \right] \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \epsilon^2 \left[\zeta(7) \cdot 7 \left(\frac{380}{7} + 24(a_1 + a_3) + 32a_2 + 17(a_4 + a_5) \right. \right. \\
& + 33(a_6 + a_7) + 6(a_1^2 + a_3^2) + 8a_2^2 + 4(a_4^2 + a_5^2) \\
& + 8(a_6^2 + a_7^2) + 8(a_1 + a_3)a_2 + 2(a_1a_4 + a_3a_5) \\
& + 6(a_1a_5 + a_3a_4) + 10(a_1a_6 + a_3a_7) + 6(a_1a_7 + \\
& + a_3a_6) + 4a_1a_3 + 4(a_4 + a_5)a_2 + 12(a_6 + a_7)a_2 + \\
& + 2a_4a_5 + 4(a_4a_6 + a_5a_7) + 6(a_4a_7 + a_5a_6) \left. \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 10 a_6 a_7 + \frac{1}{4} (a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7) + \\
& + \frac{1}{8} (a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7)^2 \Big) + \\
& + \zeta(3) \zeta(4) \cdot 3 \left(20 + 6 (a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7) \right) \Big] + \\
& + O(\varepsilon^3) \Big\}. \tag{2.24}
\end{aligned}$$

Eq. (2.24) enables us to complete the calculation of the \mathcal{N} -like diagram (2.20). The result is

$$\text{Diagram} = \frac{441}{8} \zeta(7). \tag{2.25}$$

Expansions (2.23), (2.24) obtained once can be used further like tables for the calculation of multiloop integrals. The task is only to reduce the integral of interest to the table one. This can be achieved with the help of a number of tricks of the method of uniqueness as we have demonstrated above.

The method of uniqueness happened to be an extremely useful and powerful technique and enables us to complete the five-loop calculations of the β -function in the φ^4 theory. It became possible to calculate the diagrams that are not yielded by other methods. For the β -function the following expression has been obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_{\text{MS}}(h) = & \frac{3}{2} h^2 - \frac{17}{6} h^3 + \left(\frac{145}{16} + 6 \zeta(3) \right) h^4 \quad \left(\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = - \frac{16\pi^2}{4!} h \varphi^4 \right) \\
& - \left(\frac{3499}{96} + 39 \zeta(3) - 9 \zeta(4) + 60 \zeta(5) \right) h^5 \\
& + \left(\frac{767261}{4608} + \frac{7965}{32} \zeta(3) - \frac{1177}{16} \zeta(4) + \frac{2049}{4} \zeta(5) \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{771}{4} \zeta(6) + \frac{45}{2} \zeta^2(3) + \frac{1323}{2} \zeta(7) \right) h^6 + O(h^7). \tag{2.26}
\end{aligned}$$

2.7. Discussion

In the present lectures we described the basic notions of the method of uniqueness, demonstrated its relative simplicity and efficiency. The method enables us to get the result for multiloop Feynman integrals without complicated integration and/or summation. This is true not only for scalar theories but also for vector and spinor ones with the nominators in the propagators. Here, we usually reduce the integral to the scalar one using the corresponding projectors. The obtained scalar integral is calculated by the method of uniqueness.

There are, however, direct generalizations of the formulas to the case of nominators. Thus, for instance, uniqueness relation (1.6) and integration by part, eq. (1.7), have the following generalizations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: a vertex with three external lines labeled } d_1, d_2, d_3 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \underline{\underline{\sum d_i = D+1}} \quad U(d_1, d_2, d_3) \left(\frac{D}{2} - d_1 \right) \cdot \\
 & \left\{ \left(\frac{D}{2} - d_3 \right) \cdot \text{Diagram: triangle with } d_1, d_2, d_3 \text{ on sides and } \frac{D}{2} - d_2 \text{ on top side} \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \left. + \left(\frac{D}{2} - d_2 \right) \cdot \text{Diagram: triangle with } d_1, d_2, d_3 \text{ on sides and } \frac{D}{2} - d_1 + 1 \text{ on bottom side} \right\}, \quad (2.27)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: a vertex with three external lines labeled } d_1, d_2, d_3 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \\
 & \quad = \frac{1}{D+1-2d_1-d_2-d_3} \left\{ d_2 \left(\text{Diagram: vertex with } d_1, d_2+1, d_3 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \left. - \text{Diagram: vertex with } d_1, d_2, d_3+1 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \right) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad + d_3 \left(\text{Diagram: vertex with } d_1+1, d_2, d_3 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \left. - \text{Diagram: vertex with } d_1, d_2, d_3+1 \text{ (arrows pointing out)} \right) \left. \right\}, \quad (2.28)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the arrow on the line means the corresponding four-vector. Maybe these formulas will be useful for the calculations in gauge theories.

In spite of wide possibilities the method of uniqueness has natural limitations. When the number of loops is large it is not always possible to create the needed uniquenesses in all diagrams. Very useful here are the tables, but the problem arises to reduce the integrals to the table ones. All that contains an element of skill and needs a separate consideration of every diagram. One should

note, however, that multiloop calculations always represent some puzzle. The method of uniqueness helps us to solve many of them.

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