

INTEGRATION BY PARTS IDENTITIES

for parametrized Feynman integrals

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MOTIVATIONS

PREVIOUSLY IN THIS ROOM

48 hours ago

- How can we use symmetries to reduce the number of Feynman diagrams to compute
- Bootstrapping integrals and correlators (in presence of a Wilson line)

Today

- Techniques for solving large sets of Feynman integrals
- Testing an **alternative approach** based on a parametric representation of Feynman integrals



WHY FEYNMAN INTEGRALS

- For particle scattering

Graded transcendental functions: an application to four-point amplitudes with one off-shell leg

Thomas Gehrmann, Johannes Henn, Petr Jakubčík, Jungwon Lim, Cesare Carlo Mella et al. (Oct 24, 2024)

e-Print: [2410.19088](#) [hep-th]

- For gravitational physics

Gravitational scattering and beyond from extreme mass ratio effective field theory

Clifford Cheung (Caltech), Julio Parra-Martinez (IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette), Ira Z. Rothstein (Carnegie Mellon U.), Nabha Shah (Caltech), Jordan Wilson-Gerow (Caltech) (Jun 20, 2024)

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Classifying post-Minkowskian geometries for gravitational waves via loop-by-loop Baikov

Hjalte Frellesvig (Bohr Inst.), Roger Morales (Bohr Inst.), Matthias Wilhelm (Bohr Inst.) (May 27, 2024)

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- For cosmology

Algebraic Approaches to Cosmological Integrals

Claudia Fevola, Guilherme L. Pimentel, Anna-Laura Sattelberger, Tom Westerdijk

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WHY FEYNMAN PARAMETRIZATION

The Monodromy Rings of a Class of Self-Energy Graphs

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Abstract. The monodromy rings of self-energy graphs, with two vertices and an arbitrary number of connecting lines, are determined.

§ 1. Introduction

This paper is the first of a series of publications in which we hope to elucidate in a systematic way the properties of Feynman integrals. The motivation for this work is clear: we hope to develop sufficiently the methods of investigating functions of several complex variables defined by integrals to give a basis for the determination of the analytic structure of the S -matrix itself. This is admittedly not an easy task and one whose outcome we cannot guarantee. An ideal research program should be carried out in three steps:




WHY FEYNMAN PARAMETRIZATION

Generalized Cuts of Feynman Integrals in Parameter Space

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Feynman integral relations from parametric annihilators

Thomas Bitoun¹ · Christian Bogner² · René Pascal Klausen² · Erik Panzer³ 


Two-loop helicity amplitudes for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ with full top-quark mass effects

Bakul Agarwal,^a Stephen P. Jones,^{b,c} and Andreas von Manteuffel^b

Feynman Integral Relations from GKZ Hypergeometric Systems

Henrik J. Munch^{a,b,*}

D -module techniques for solving differential equations in the context of Feynman integrals

Johannes Henn¹  · Elizabeth Pratt² · Anna-Laura Sattelberger^{3,4} · Simone Zoia^{5,6,7}



FEYNMAN PARAMETERS and NOTATION

LOOP INTEGRALS AND FEYNMAN TRICK

Working in d dimensions, with $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$, and allowing for the possibility of raising propagators to integer powers ν_i we associate to each graph G a family of **Feynman integrals**

$$I_G(\nu_i, d) = (\mu^2)^{\nu - ld/2} \int \prod_{r=1}^l \frac{d^d k_r}{i\pi^{d/2}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(-q_i^2 + m_i^2)^{\nu_i}}$$

The integration over loop momenta can be performed in full generality by means of the **Feynman parameter technique**, using the identity

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(-q_i^2 + m_i^2)^{\nu_i}} = \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{\prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j\right) \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1}}{(\sum_{j=1}^n z_j (-q_j^2 + m_j^2))^{\nu}}$$



SYMANZIK POLYNOMIALS [Weinzierl '22]

$$I_G(\nu_i, d) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu - ld/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \delta \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu - ld/2}}$$

co-tree $\mathcal{T}_G \subset \mathcal{I}_G$

set of internal lines of G such that the lines in its complement $\overline{\mathcal{T}}_G \subset \mathcal{I}_G$ form a spanning tree

cut $\mathcal{C}_G \subset \mathcal{I}_G$

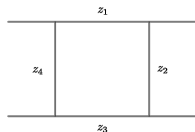
subset $\mathcal{C}_G \subset \mathcal{I}_G$ with the property that, upon omitting the lines of \mathcal{C}_G from G , the graph becomes a disjoint union of two connected subgraphs.

$$\mathcal{U} = \sum_{\mathcal{T}_G} \prod_{i \in \mathcal{T}_G} z_i$$

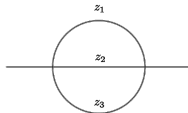
$$\mathcal{F} = \sum_{\mathcal{C}_G} \frac{\hat{s}(\mathcal{C}_G)}{\mu^2} \prod_{i \in \mathcal{C}_G} z_i - \mathcal{U} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_G} \frac{m_i^2}{\mu^2} z_i$$



SYMANZIK POLYNOMIALS



a)



b)

a One-loop equal-mass box

$$\mathcal{U} = z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{s}{\mu^2} z_1 z_3 + \frac{t}{\mu^2} z_2 z_4 - \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} (z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4)^2$$

b Two-loop equal-mass sunrise

$$\mathcal{U} = z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_1 z_3$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{p^2}{\mu^2} z_1 z_2 z_3 - \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} (z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_1 z_3) (z_1 + z_2 + z_3)$$

CONSISTENCY RELATIONS [DA, Magnea '23]

The definitions of the Symanzik polynomials already provide linear relations among integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \, \delta \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu - ld/2}} = \\
 &= \int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \, \delta \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \left(\mathcal{U} \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - 1 - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu - ld/2}} \\
 &= \int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \, \delta \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \left(\mathcal{F} \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{1 + \nu - ld/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

For example

$$I(1, 1, 1, 3\epsilon) = p^2 I(2, 2, 2, 3\epsilon) - 3m^2 I(2, 1, 1, 1 + 3\epsilon)$$



PROJECTIVE FORMS and INTEGRATION BY PARTS

PROJECTIVE VOLUME FORMS [Regge '67]

$$\omega_A = dz_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_a},$$

The volume form ω_A can be ‘integrated’

$$\eta_A = \sum_{i \in A} \epsilon_{i, A-i} z_i \omega_{A-i}$$

meaning that

$$d\eta_A = a \omega_A.$$

As an example, consider $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$: the form η_A is then given by

$$\eta_{\{1,2,3\}} = z_1 dz_2 \wedge dz_3 - z_2 dz_1 \wedge dz_3 + z_3 dz_1 \wedge dz_2,$$



PROJECTIVE FORMS

Affine q -forms

$$\psi_q = \sum_{|A|=q} R_A(z_i) \omega_A$$

where R_A is a homogeneous rational function of the variables z_i with degree $-|A| = -q$.

Projective form

Affine form that can be identically re-written as a linear combination of the ‘integrated’ forms η_A

$$\psi_q = \sum_{|B|=q+1} T_B(z_i) \eta_B$$

where the homogeneous functions $T_B(z_i)$ are obtained by suitably combining the functions $R_A(z_i)$ with appropriate factors of z_i arising from the definition of η_A



PROJECTIVE FORMS

Affine q -forms

$$\psi_2(\nu_i, \lambda, r) = \frac{z_1^{\nu_1} z_2^{\nu_2-1} z_3^{\nu_3-1} (z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_3 z_1)^\lambda}{(r z_1 z_2 z_3 - (z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_3 z_1)(z_1 + z_2 + z_3))^{\frac{2\lambda+\nu}{3}}} dz_2 \wedge dz_3$$

Projective form

$$\psi_2(\nu_i, \lambda, r) = \frac{z_1^{\nu_1-1} z_2^{\nu_2-1} z_3^{\nu_3-1} (z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_3 z_1)^\lambda}{(r z_1 z_2 z_3 - (z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_3 z_1)(z_1 + z_2 + z_3))^{\frac{2\lambda+\nu}{3}}} \eta_{\{1,2,3\}}$$

FEYNMAN INTEGRALS

$$\int_{z_j \geq 0} d^n z \delta \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu - ld/2}} =$$

$$\int_{S_{n-1}} \eta_{n-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n z_j^{\nu_j - 1} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu - (l+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu - ld/2}}$$

Theorem

Given two integration domains, $O, O' \in \mathbb{C}^n$, if their image in \mathbb{PC}^{n-1} is the same simplex S_{n-1} , then

$$\int_O \alpha_{n-1} = \int_{O'} \alpha_{n-1}.$$



CHENG-WU THEOREM [Cheng, Wu '87]

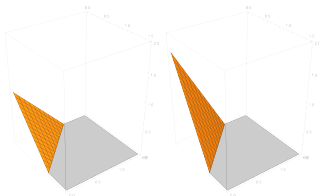
Theorem

Given two integration domains, $O, O' \in \mathbb{C}^n$, if their image in $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ is the same simplex, then $\int_O \alpha_{n-1} = \int_{O'} \alpha_{n-1}$.

Proof.

This follows immediately from the fact that

- i) α_{n-1} is a closed form;
- ii) η_{n-1} is null on each surface defined by $z_i = 0$



THE CORE THEOREM [Regge '67][DA, Magnea '23]

Theorem

The boundary of a projective form is itself projective.

$$d \circ p + p \circ d = 0$$

$$p : \sum_{|A|=q} R_A(z_i) \omega_A \rightarrow \sum_{|A|=q} R_A(z_i) \eta_A$$



THE CORE THEOREM - PROOF [DA, Magnea '23]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d \circ p + p \circ d) \psi_q &= \sum_{j \in A, i \notin A} \frac{\partial R_A}{\partial z_i} z_j \left((-1)^{|A_i|} (-1)^{|(A \cup i)_j|} + (-1)^{|A_j|} (-1)^{|(A-j)_i|} \right) \omega_{A \cup i - j} \\
 &+ \sum_{j \in A, i=j} R_A \delta_{i,j} \omega_A + \sum_{i \in D} \frac{\partial R_A}{\partial z_i} z_i \omega_A = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

As an example, consider

$$\psi_2 = \frac{z_1 + z_3}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_1 \wedge dz_2,$$

which implies

$$d\psi_2 = \frac{1}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge dz_3 \longrightarrow (p \circ d) \psi_2 = \frac{1}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} \eta_{\{1,2,3\}}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d \circ p) \psi_2 &= d \left(\frac{z_1(z_1 + z_3)}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_2 - \frac{z_2(z_1 + z_3)}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_1 \right) \\
 &= - \frac{z_3}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_1 \wedge dz_2 - \frac{z_1}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_2 \wedge dz_3 + \frac{z_2}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} dz_1 \wedge dz_3 \\
 &= - \frac{1}{(z_1 + z_2)^3} \eta_{\{1,2,3\}},
 \end{aligned}$$



PHYSICAL MEANING [DA, Magnea '23]

This theorem implies that if we consider a **Feynman integrand** (*i.e.* a projective form),

$$\omega_{n-2} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \eta_{\{z\}-z_i} \frac{H_i(z)}{(P-1)(D(z))^{P-1}}$$

then the differentiation of this form is still made of Feynman integrands

$$d\omega_{n-2} = \frac{1}{(P-1)(D(z))^{P-1}} \eta_{\{z\}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial H_i(z)}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\eta_{\{z\}}}{(D(z))^P} \sum_{i=1}^n H_i \frac{\partial D(z)}{\partial z_i}$$

This creates linear relations between Feynman integrals in parameter space.



REMEMBER YOUR BOUNDARIES

$$d\omega_{n-2} = \frac{1}{(P-1)(D(z))^{P-1}} \eta_{\{z\}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial H_i(z)}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\eta_{\{z\}}}{(D(z))^P} \sum_{i=1}^n H_i \frac{\partial D(z)}{\partial z_i}$$

The integral of the form $d\omega_{n-2}$ is not trivially zero (as boundary terms in the momentum space approach): the boundary of S_{n-1} consists in n copies of S_{n-2} ! Stokes theorem leads to integral over S_{n-2} with a parameter set to zero.

Physically, this correspond to shrinking a line in the diagram to a point.



EXAMPLE: ONE-LOOP FIVE-POINT DIAGRAM

[Bern, Dixon, Kosower'93]

We derive the **dimensional-shift relation** for the one-loop pentagon by considering the equations generated by terms as

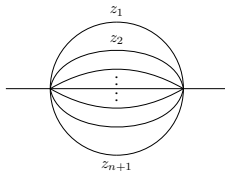
$$\omega_3 = -\eta_{\{z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5\}} \frac{(z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4 + z_5)^{2\epsilon}}{(2 + \epsilon) \mathcal{F}(z)^{2+\epsilon}}$$

generating non-vanishing boundary terms corresponding to box-integrals

$$2(2 + \epsilon) I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1; 1 + 2\epsilon) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{s_{13}s_{24} - s_{13}s_{25} - s_{14}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{35} - s_{24}s_{35}}{s_{13}s_{14}s_{25}} I_{\text{box}}^{(1)} \\ & - \frac{s_{13}s_{24} + s_{13}s_{25} - s_{14}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{35} - s_{24}s_{35}}{s_{13}s_{24}s_{25}} I_{\text{box}}^{(2)} \\ & - \frac{s_{13}s_{24} - s_{13}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{25} - s_{14}s_{35} + s_{24}s_{35}}{s_{13}s_{24}s_{35}} I_{\text{box}}^{(3)} \\ & + \frac{s_{13}s_{24} - s_{13}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{25} - s_{14}s_{35} - s_{24}s_{35}}{s_{14}s_{24}s_{35}} I_{\text{box}}^{(4)} \\ & - \frac{s_{13}s_{24} - s_{13}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{25} + s_{14}s_{35} - s_{24}s_{35}}{s_{14}s_{25}s_{35}} I_{\text{box}}^{(5)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 18/26$$

MULTILOOP EXAMPLES [Laporta, Remiddi '04]

We tested our method on equal-mass 2-point banana diagrams up to 4-loops with a naive **seeding**.



- **2-loop:** 302 equations \rightarrow < 10 used
- **3-loop:** 968 equations \rightarrow < 70 used
- **4-loop:** 3749 equations \rightarrow < 150 used

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r}{3} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} I(1, 1, 1; 0) + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{r-9} + \frac{1}{3(r-1)} \right) \frac{d}{dr} I(1, 1, 1; 0) \\ - \left(\frac{1}{4(r-9)} + \frac{1}{12(r-1)} \right) I(1, 1, 1; 0) = \frac{2}{(r-1)(r-9)} \end{aligned}$$

AVAILABLE TOOLS

- Laporta algorithm

[Laporta '01]

- Computer programs with finite field reduction (Kira, FIRE, LiteRed ...)

[Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer, Klappert, Lange, Smirnov, Lee..]

- Non-linear algebra based packages (NeatIBP)

[Wu, Bohem, Ma, Xu, Zhang '23]

- **bypassing the problem: intersection theory**

[Mastrolia, Mizera '19][Frellesvig et al. '19]



NON-LINEAR ALGEBRA ENTERS THE ROOM

A DIRECTION FOR SIMPLER INTEGRALS

Staring at the IBP equation, we notice that it relates integrals of denominator power P with integrals of denominator power $P - 1$

$$d\omega_{n-2} = \frac{1}{(P-1)(D(z))^{P-1}} \eta_{\{z\}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial H_i(z)}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\eta_{\{z\}}}{(D(z))^P} \sum_{i=1}^n H_i \frac{\partial D(z)}{\partial z_i}$$

This means we can reduce **more complicated integrals** to simpler ones, provided that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i \frac{\partial D(z)}{\partial z_i} = Q(z)$$

is the numerator of the integral we want to reduce (\rightarrow similar to **sygyzy** idea [Agarwal, Jones, von Manteuffel '21])



POLYNOMIAL IDEALS [Michalek, Sturmfels '20]

Definition:

Consider R the ring of polynomials in the variables $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. An ideal $I \subset R$ in a non-empty subset such that

1 if $f \in R$ and $g \in I$, then $fg \in I$

2 if $f \in I$ and $g \in I$, then $f + g \in I$

The set of polynomials

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i \frac{\partial D(z)}{\partial z_i}$$

is the **ideal** generated from the derivative of the second Symanzik polynomials



SUNRISE REVISITED [DA, Magnea wip]

Consider the reduction for the 2-loop sunrise integral (~ 300 naive equations, only ~ 10 used). The whole reduction problem amounts to finding the $Q_i(z)$ for

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 Q_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(z)}{\partial z_i} = z_1^2 z_2 z_3$$

this is not a trivial problem, but can be solved via the software *Singular* giving

$$\begin{aligned} Q2[1, 1] &= -4 / (3*y^2 - 30*y + 27) * x[1] * x[2] + (2*y^2 - 3*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[2]^2 - \\ &1 / 3 * x[1] * x[3] + (2*y^2 - 10*y + 6) / (3*y^4 - 30*y^3 + 27*y^2 + 27*y) * x[2] * x[3] + \\ &(y^4 - 8*y^2 + 2*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[3]^2; \\ Q2[2, 1] &= (y^4 + 6*y - 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[1] * x[2] + (-y^4 + 5*y - 2) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[2]^2 + \\ &(-2*y^3 + 19*y^2 - 16*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[1] * x[3] + \\ &(y^4 - 11*y^3 + 32*y^2 - 21*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[2] * x[3] + \\ &(-y^3 + 8*y^2 - 2*y - 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[3]^2; \\ Q2[3, 1] &= (-y^2 - 6*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[1] * x[2] + \\ &(-2*y^2 + 3*y - 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[2]^2 + \\ &(2*y^3 - 19*y^2 + 16*y - 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[1] * x[3] + \\ &(2*y^3 - 3*y^2 - 6*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[2] * x[3] + (-5*y + 3) / (3*y^4 - 33*y^3 + 57*y^2 - 27*y) * x[3]^2; \end{aligned}$$

SUNRISE SOLUTION (and more)

The clever choice of the polynomials solves the reduction in one step, immediately giving the correct decomposition

$$B(3, 2, 2, 3\epsilon + 1) = \frac{(y^2(\epsilon + 1) + 10y\epsilon - 9(3\epsilon + 1)) B(2, 1, 1, 3\epsilon + 1) + (y - 3)(3\epsilon + 1)B(1, 1, 1, 3\epsilon)}{2(y - 9)(y - 1)y(\epsilon + 1)} +$$

+ boundary terms

The reduction for the **3-loop banana integral** was solved in 2 *Singular* calls with this method. However, the second call also needed to investigate the structure of the ideal via **Gröbner basis** determination.



OUTLOOK

TOWARDS STATE OF THE ART

- Feynman parametrization is now automatized in `pySecDEC`
- Graph polynomials best encode the symmetries of the integral
- By using properties of projective forms, we built linear relations among parametric integrals
- Non-linear algebra tools led to an extremely efficient solution for banana integrals
- The integrals analyzed so far belong to interesting families of functions, but their reduction is easy to deal with
- A study of a two-loop four-point integral is under way to pave the way towards state of the art calculations



OTHER DIRECTIONS

Sector Decomposition [Heinrich '08]

- The integrals appearing in the sector decomposition (numerical) integration method are still integrals of similar kind
- Linear relation among sector integrals may offer performance improvement

Cutting Propagators [Britto '23s]

- Being able to *cut* propagators (*i.e.* putting them on-shell) is a crucial improvement in other algorithms
- Recent papers have analyzed the meaning of cutting propagators in parameter space and an extension of our relations to cut integrals may be of use



THANK YOU!