Bootstrapping amplitudes

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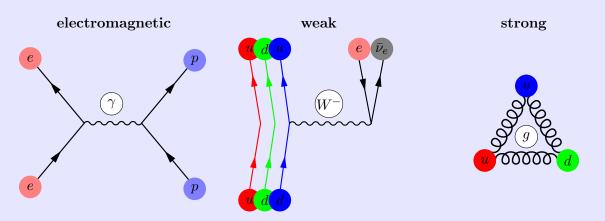
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• Introduction

Introduction

Motivation of particle physics: identify what makes up the world, explain physical phenomena from particle interactions (3/4 forces explained by quantum field theory).



Introduction

Quantum field theory (without Feynman diagrams):

Physical system
$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\phi, \dot{\phi}, ...)$$

 $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \dot{\phi}, ...) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\phi, \pi, ...)$

Lagrangian Hamiltonian

$$\{\phi(\mathbf{x}), \pi(\mathbf{y})\}_{\text{Poisson}} = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}(\hat{\phi}, \hat{\pi}, ...)$$
$$\{\phi(\mathbf{x}), \pi(\mathbf{y})\}_{\text{Poisson}} = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow [\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{y})] = i\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$
$$\phi(t) \rightarrow \langle 0|T\{\hat{\phi}(x)\hat{\phi}(y)\}|0\rangle$$

Quantisation

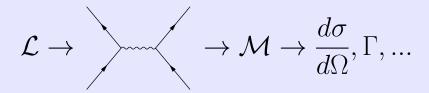
LSZ, Schwinger-Dyson, Wick's
$$\rightarrow \langle \mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2 ... | \mathcal{S} | \mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2 ... \rangle$$

 $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$
 $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow d\sigma/d\Omega, \Gamma, ...$

Scattering

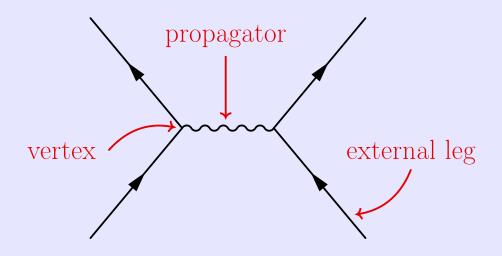
Introduction

Quantum field theory (with Feynman diagrams):



Given Feynman rules, can interpret diagrams to get \mathcal{M} . Hooray, everything is great! Or is it?...

Feynman diagrams



Feynman diagrams

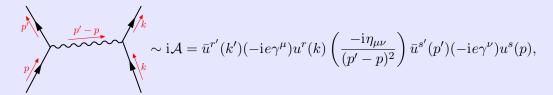
ϕ^4 theory	Quantum ElectroDynamics
$\mathcal{L}_{\phi^4} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^2 + \bar{\Psi} \left(i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - m\mathbb{1} \right) \Psi$
$=-\mathrm{i}\lambda$	$ = -ie\gamma^{\mu} $
	$=\frac{\mathrm{i}\left(\gamma^{\alpha}p_{\alpha}+m\mathbb{1}\right)}{p^{2}-m^{2}}$
	$=\frac{-\mathrm{i}\eta_{\mu\nu}}{q^2}$
= 1	$= u^s(p)$
	$ = \epsilon^{\mu}(q) $

Feynman diagrams

Additional rules:

- ▶ Impose momentum conservation at each vertex.
- ► Integrate over undetermined loop momentum.
- ▶ Divide by symmetry factor.
- ► Account for fermion minus sign.

Example:



Parke-Taylor formula

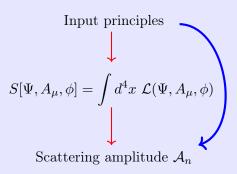
Bootstrap

"Pull yourself up by your bootstraps"





Bootstrap



Bootstrap toolkit

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Dimensional
                                 Mass dimension [A_n] = D + n - Dn/2.
                Rational
                                 \mathcal{A}_n is a finite polynomial in momenta, polarisations.
                                 \mathcal{A}_n(e_I^-(p) \text{ going in}) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n(e_R^+(-p) \text{ going out}).
Crossing symmetry
                                 \mathcal{A}_n = \mathcal{A}_n(\{p_i \cdot p_i\}, \{p_i \cdot \varepsilon_i\}, \{\varepsilon_i \cdot \varepsilon_i\}).
 Lorentz invariance
                                 Feynman diagrams may depend on gauge, but not A_n.
   Gauge invariance
        Spin-statistics
                                 For fermions/bosons \mathcal{A}_n(12\ldots n) = \pm \mathcal{A}_n(21\ldots n).
            Analyticity
                                 At most simple poles in Mandelstam invariants, e.g. A \neq s^{-2}(\cdots).
        Soft theorems
                                 \lim_{p\to 0} \mathcal{A}_n(\ldots p\ldots) \sim p^{\sigma}.
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Spinor-helicity formalism

Complexified Lorentz group is $SO(3,1)_{\mathbb{C}} \cong SL(2,\mathbb{C}) \times SL(2,\mathbb{C})$ so that, in chiral rep,

$$\begin{split} \gamma^{\mu} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\sigma^{\mu}) \\ (\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ (\gamma^{\mu})_{a\dot{b}} &= (\sigma^{\mu})_{a\dot{b}}, \qquad (\gamma^{\mu})^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} = (\bar{\sigma}^{\mu})^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \end{split}$$

with $a = 1, 2, \dot{a} = \dot{1}, \dot{2}$, vectors transform as

$$\begin{split} \not\!\!p &= p_\mu \gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_{a\dot{b}} \\ p^{\dot{a}b} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ p_{a\dot{b}} &= p_\mu (\sigma^\mu)_{a\dot{b}}, \qquad p^{\dot{a}b} &= p_\mu (\bar{\sigma}^\mu)^{\dot{a}b}. \end{split}$$

For massless particle, $p_{a\dot{a}}$ has rank 1 so that

$$\det(p_{a\dot{a}}) = p_{\mu}p^{\mu} = 0 \implies p_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}.$$

From now: restrict discussion to massless particles, or equivalently high-energy regime.

Spinor-helicity formalism

We now express momenta in terms of

- ▶ angle brackets $\langle ij \rangle = \epsilon^{ab} \lambda_{i,a} \lambda_{j,b}$,
- square brackets $[ij] = \epsilon^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \tilde{\lambda}_{i,\dot{a}} \tilde{\lambda}_{j,\dot{b}}$.

For example,

$$\langle 12 \rangle [12] = \epsilon^{ab} \lambda_{1,a} \lambda_{2,b} \epsilon^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \tilde{\lambda}_{1,\dot{a}} \tilde{\lambda}_{2,\dot{b}} = \dots = 2p_1 \cdot p_2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = s_{12}.$$

Example in scalar Yukawa:

$$\mathcal{A}_4(\phi \bar{f}^+ f^- \phi) = -g^2 \frac{\langle 3|p_1 + p_2|2|}{(p_1 + p_2)^2} + (1 \leftrightarrow 4)$$
$$= -g^2 \frac{-\langle 31\rangle[12]}{\langle 12\rangle[12]} + (1 \leftrightarrow 4)$$
$$= -g^2 \left(\frac{\langle 13\rangle}{\langle 12\rangle} + \frac{\langle 34\rangle}{\langle 24\rangle}\right).$$

Thus

$$|\mathcal{A}_4|^2 = \left(\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} + \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 24 \rangle}\right) \left(\frac{[13]}{[12]} + \frac{[34]}{[24]}\right) = \dots = g^4 \frac{(s-t)^2}{st}.$$

Little group

Subgroup of $SO(3,1)_{\mathbb{C}}$ which leaves momenta p_i invariant:

$$\lambda_{i,a} \to t_i \lambda_{i,a}, \qquad \tilde{\lambda}_{i,\dot{a}} \to t_i^{-1} \tilde{\lambda}_{i,\dot{a}}.$$

If $p_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ then $|t_i| = 1$, otherwise just $t_i \in \mathbb{C}$. What about $\varepsilon_{\pm}^{\mu}(p)$? Polarisations in spinor-helicity notation:

$$\varepsilon_{a\dot{a}}^{+}(p) = \frac{\eta_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}}{\langle \eta \lambda \rangle}, \qquad \varepsilon_{a\dot{a}}^{-}(p) = \frac{\lambda_a \tilde{\eta}_{\dot{a}}}{[\tilde{\eta}\tilde{\lambda}]}.$$

Freedom to choose $\eta \neq \lambda$ since Ward identity identifies

$$\varepsilon^{\mu}(p) \longleftrightarrow \varepsilon^{\mu}(p) + cp^{\mu}$$

and $\eta_a \to \alpha \eta_a + \beta \lambda_a$ induces

$$\varepsilon_{a\dot{a}}^{+}(p) \longrightarrow \varepsilon_{a\dot{a}}^{+}(p) + \frac{\beta}{\alpha \langle \eta \lambda \rangle} p_{a\dot{a}}.$$

Little group scaling

h	polarisation	LG weight
0	1	0
$\pm 1/2$	$u_{\pm} \sim \lambda$	∓ 1
± 1	$arepsilon_\pm^\mu$	∓ 2
$\pm 3/2$	$u_{\pm} \overline{\varepsilon}_{\pm}^{\mu}$	∓ 3
± 2	$arepsilon_\pm^\mu arepsilon_\pm^{\overline{ u}}$	∓ 4

$$\mathcal{A}_n(1^{h_1}2^{h_2}\dots n^{h_n}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Lg}} \left(\prod_i t_i^{-2h_i}\right) \mathcal{A}_n(1^{h_1}2^{h_2}\dots n^{h_n})$$

Bootstrap in action

Q: What is $A_3(1^{h_1}2^{h_2}3^{h_3})$?

A: Start by noticing $\langle 12 \rangle [12] = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (-p_3)^2 = 0$ so either

$$\implies [12] = [23] = [31] = 0,$$

 $[12] \neq 0 \text{ but } \langle 31 \rangle [12] = -\langle 32 \rangle [22] - \langle 33 \rangle [32] = 0$

$$\implies \langle 12 \rangle = \langle 23 \rangle = \langle 31 \rangle = 0.$$

But A_3 must be a rational function of $\langle ij \rangle$, [ij] so

$$\mathcal{A}_{3}(1^{h_{1}}2^{h_{2}}3^{h_{3}}) = g \times \begin{cases} \langle 12 \rangle^{n_{3}} \langle 23 \rangle^{n_{1}} \langle 31 \rangle^{n_{2}} & \text{and } [12] = [23] = [31] = 0, \\ [12]^{n_{3}}[23]^{n_{1}}[31]^{n_{2}} & \text{and } \langle 12 \rangle = \langle 23 \rangle = \langle 31 \rangle = 0. \end{cases}$$

Bootstrap in action

$$\mathcal{A}_3(1^{h_1}2^{h_2}3^{h_3}) = g\langle 12\rangle^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2}\langle 23\rangle^{h_1 - h_2 - h_3}\langle 31\rangle^{h_2 - h_1 - h_3}$$

Helicity amplitudes

The following tree amplitudes for n gluon scattering vanish:

$$A_n(1^+2^+ \dots n^+) = 0,$$

 $A_n(1^-2^+ \dots n^+) = 0.$

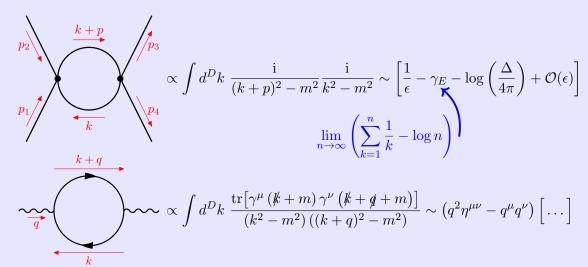
Maximally helicity violating (MHV) amplitudes are given by:

Parke-Taylor formula

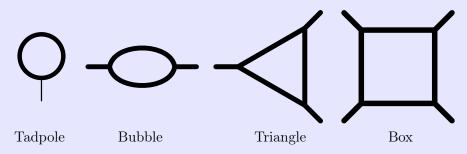
$$\mathcal{A}_n(1^-2^-\dots i^+\dots j^+\dots n^-) = \frac{\langle ij\rangle^4}{\langle 12\rangle\langle 23\rangle\cdots\langle n1\rangle}$$

3 Loop amplitudes

In order to isolate divergences, use dimensional regularisation with $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$:



We can express any one-loop Feynman integral in terms of the first four scalar integrals



which correspond to a basis of integrals called master integrals

$$I_n^D(\{p_i \cdot p_j\}; m_i^2; \epsilon) \equiv e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \int \frac{d^D k}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{(k-p_1)^2 - m_1^2} \frac{1}{(k-p_1-p_2)^2 - m_2^2} \cdots$$

and ϵ is the dimensional regularisation parameter such that $D=4-2\epsilon$.

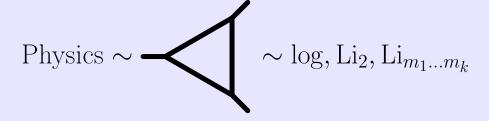
If $D=2\lceil \frac{n}{2}\rceil - 2\epsilon$, it turns out that all one-loop Feynman integrals are basically logarithms!

$$\begin{split} \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} &= -e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \left(m^2 \right)^{-\epsilon} \Gamma\left(\epsilon \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \left(m^2 \right) - \frac{1}{12} \epsilon \left(6 \log^2(m^2) + \pi^2 \right) + \frac{1}{12} \epsilon^2 \left(2 \log^3(m^2) + \pi^2 \log \left(m^2 \right) + 4\zeta(3) \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{480} \epsilon^3 \left(-160\zeta(3) \log \left(m^2 \right) - 20 \log^4(m^2) - 20\pi^2 \log^2(m^2) - 3\pi^4 \right) + O\left(\epsilon^4 \right), \end{split}$$

$$- - = -\frac{2}{\epsilon} \frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \Gamma(1 - \epsilon)^2 \Gamma(1 + \epsilon)}{\Gamma(1 - 2\epsilon)} (-p^2)^{-1 - \epsilon}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log(-p^2) - \frac{1}{12} \epsilon \left(6 \log^2(-p^2) - \pi^2\right) + \frac{1}{12} \epsilon^2 \left(2 \log^3(-p^2) - \pi^2 \log(-p^2) + 28\zeta(3)\right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{1440} \epsilon^3 \left(-3360\zeta(3) \log(-p^2) - 60 \log^4(-p^2) + 60\pi^2 \log^2(-p^2) + 47\pi^4\right) + O\left(\epsilon^4\right).$$



Multiple polylogarithms

All one-loop integrals can be expressed in terms of multiple polylogarithms (MPLs). The sum representation with weight $n_1 + \ldots + n_k$ is

$$\operatorname{Li}_{n_1...n_k}(z_1,\ldots,z_k) = \sum_{m_1>...>m_k}^{\infty} \frac{z_1^{m_1}}{m_1^{n_1}} \cdots \frac{z_k^{m_k}}{m_k^{n_k}}.$$

Some familiar special cases are

the ordinary logarithm
$$\text{Li}_1(z) = -\log(1-z),$$
 classical polylogarithms $\text{Li}_n(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m^n}.$

Coaction

If we let \mathcal{A} denote the \mathbb{Q} -vector space of MPLs, then $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{A}/(i\pi\mathcal{A})$ can be endowed with a coproduct $\Delta: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ which is a coassociative homomorphism.

Explicitly, the coproduct acts as follows for

the ordinary logarithm
$$\Delta(\log(z)) = 1 \otimes \log(z) + \log(z) \otimes 1$$
,
classical polylogarithms $\Delta(\text{Li}_n(z)) = 1 \otimes \text{Li}_n(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} \text{Li}_{n-k}(z) \otimes \log^k(z)$.

Examples of coproducts

$$\Delta \left(\text{Li}_2(z) \right) = 1 \otimes \text{Li}_2(z) + \text{Li}_2(z) \otimes 1 - \log(1-z) \otimes \log(z)$$

$$\Delta\left(\mathrm{Li}_3(z)\right) = 1 \otimes \mathrm{Li}_3(z) + \mathrm{Li}_3(z) \otimes 1 + \mathrm{Li}_2(z) \otimes \log(z) - \frac{1}{2}\log(1-z) \otimes \log^2(z)$$

Symbol map

Coassociativity $\Rightarrow \Delta$ can be uniquely iterated.

The maximal iteration of the coproduct is called the symbol S:

$$S: \mathcal{H}_n \to \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_1$$

This means:

 $\mathcal{S}(MPL \text{ of weight } n) = \text{Linear combination of tensor products of } n \text{ MPLs of weight one.}$

The symbol map

To find the symbol of an MPL of weight n:

- 1. Iteratively apply the coproduct to the MPL n-1 times.
- 2. Extract the terms in which all entries have weight one (i.e. the ordinary logarithms).

Symbol map

Some simple examples:

$$\Delta\left(\mathrm{Li}_2(z)\right) = 1 \otimes \mathrm{Li}_2(z) + \mathrm{Li}_2(z) \otimes 1 - \log(1-z) \otimes \log z$$

$$\Rightarrow S(\text{Li}_2(z)) = -\log(1-z) \otimes \log z$$

$$(\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta)\Delta\left(\mathrm{Li}_{3}(z)\right) = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \mathrm{Li}_{3}(z) + 1 \otimes \mathrm{Li}_{3}(z) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \mathrm{Li}_{2}(z) \otimes \log(z) + \mathrm{Li}_{2}(z) \otimes 1 \otimes \log(z) + \mathrm{Li}_{2}(z) \otimes \log(z) \otimes 1 - \frac{1}{2}1 \otimes \log(1-z) \otimes \log^{2}z - \frac{1}{2}\log(1-z) \otimes 1 \otimes \log^{2}z - \frac{1}{2}\log(1-z) \otimes \log^{2}z \otimes 1 - \log(1-z) \otimes \log z \otimes \log z$$

$$\Rightarrow S(\text{Li}_3(z)) = -\log(1-z) \otimes \log z \otimes \log z$$

In [Abr+17], a recursive formula for the symbol entries, which relates words with n letters to words with n+1 letters is presented. For example, the bubble has

$$S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right] = \epsilon S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right] \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right)^{(1)}$$

$$+ \epsilon S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right] \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right)^{(1)}$$

$$+ \epsilon S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_{2} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right] \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} e_{1} \\ e_{2} \end{array}\right)^{(1)}.$$

If we know the cut integrals and pinched symbols, we have all of the information!

Examining the recursion allows us to predict the alphabet and dictionary. Let us look at the bubble with one massive propagator whose symbol has the three-letter words



1st letter	2nd letter	3rd letter
m^2	m^2	m^2
m^2	m^2	p^2
m^2	m^2	$(m^2 - p^2)$
m^2	p^2	p^2
m^2	p^2	$(m^2 - p^2)$
m^2	$(m^2 - p^2)$	p^2
m^2	$(m^2 - p^2)$	$(m^2 - p^2)$
$(m^2 - p^2)$	p^2	p^2
$(m^2 - p^2)$	p^2	$(m^2 - p^2)$
$(m^2 - p^2)$	$(m^2 - p^2)$	p^2
$(m^2 - p^2)$	(m^2-p^2)	$(m^2 - p^2).$

Why?

(Work done under Prof. Britto with Eliza Somerville, Mikey Whelan.) For the bubble with $m_2^2 = 0$, the recursion reads

$$S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \hline \end{array}\right] = \epsilon S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \hline \end{array}\right] \left(\otimes p^2 - \otimes (m^2 - p^2)^2\right) \\ + \epsilon S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \hline \end{array}\right] \left(\frac{1}{2} \otimes m^2 - \frac{1}{2} \otimes p^2\right).$$

The base of the recursion involves the coefficients of ϵ^{-1} in the respective Laurent series of

$$S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \hline \end{array}\right]^{(-1)} = -\frac{1}{2}, \qquad S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \hline \end{array}\right]^{(-1)} = -1$$

such that the order ϵ^0 symbol words of the bubble with one massive propagator are

$$S\left[\begin{array}{c} e_1 \\ \\ \end{array}\right]^{(-1)} = \otimes (m^2 - p^2) - \frac{1}{2} \otimes m^2 + \frac{1}{2} \otimes p^2 - \frac{1}{2} \otimes p^2.$$

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Diagram	Alphabet	Dictionary
p^2 p^2	$\{m^2, p^2, m^2 - p^2\}$	 ▶ Only the letter m² can precede m². ▶ The letter p² cannot come first.

Thank you!

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Questions

One-mass bubble letters:

$$A_1 = m_1^2, \qquad A_2 = m_2^2, \qquad A_3 = \frac{p^2}{\lambda(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)},$$

$$A_4 = \frac{-m_1^2 - m_2^2 - p^2 - \sqrt{\lambda(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)}}{-m_1^2 - m_2^2 - p^2 + \sqrt{\lambda(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)}}, \qquad A_5 = \frac{-m_1^2 - m_2^2 + p^2 - \sqrt{\lambda(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)}}{-m_1^2 - m_2^2 + p^2 + \sqrt{\lambda(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2)}},$$