

# Modern amplitude techniques

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# 1 3 point amplitudes bootstrapping

Three particle amplitudes are special since they can be completely determined by their little group scaling. From momentum conservation as well as on-shell massless kinematics we have

$$p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = \langle 12 \rangle [21] = p_3^2 = 0 \\ s_{13} = (p_1 + p_3)^2 = \langle 13 \rangle [31] = p_2^2 = 0 \\ s_{23} = (p_2 + p_3)^2 = \langle 23 \rangle [32] = p_1^2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

For complex momenta we can treat  $\langle p |$  and  $[p |$  as independent and so for the above relations to be satisfied we need either

$$[12] = [23] = [13] = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \langle 12 \rangle = \langle 23 \rangle = \langle 13 \rangle = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

Denoting the helicity of the  $i$ 'th particle by  $h_i$  the following result for the 3 point amplitude can be obtained by using the fact that under a little group scaling, the amplitudes transforms with weight according to that particles helicity:

$$A(1^{h_1}, 2^{h_2}, 3^{h_3}) = \begin{cases} \langle 12 \rangle^{h_3-h_2-h_1} \langle 23 \rangle^{h_1-h_2-h_3} \langle 13 \rangle^{h_2-h_3-h_1}, & \sum_i h_i \leq 0 \\ [12]^{h_1+h_2-h_3} [23]^{h_2+h_3-h_1} [13]^{h_1+h_3-h_2}, & \sum_i h_i \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where the two cases arise because of *locality*, which means that only terms that show up in a local Lagrangian such as  $AA\partial A$  (from gauge term  $\text{Tr}[F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}]$ ) can contribute. The condition is then there to get the correct mass dimension, meaning only amplitudes with dimensions according to local lagrangian interaction terms.

## 2 Recursion Relations

*On-shell recursion is a systematic procedure for relating an amplitude to its values at singular kinematics. In order to probe these kinematic configurations we define a momentum shift, which is a one-parameter deformation of the external momenta engineered to sample various kinematic limit.*

A shift of the form

$$p_i \rightarrow p_i(z) = p_i + zq_i, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (2.1)$$

Not all momenta have to be shifted and we restrict the shifted momenta to satisfy momentum conservation as well as being on-shell

$$\sum_i p_i(z) = 0, \quad p_i(z)^2 = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

This implies the following for the shifts  $q_i$

$$\sum_i q_i = 0, \quad q_i^2 = q_i p_i = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

These conditions preserve the kinematics of the corresponding shifted amplitude

$$A \rightarrow A(z) \quad (2.4)$$

We can obtain the original amplitude from the residue

$$A(0) = \oint_{z=0} dz \frac{A(z)}{z}. \quad (2.5)$$

One can think of the contour integral as a deltafunction in the point  $z = 0$ .

Using Cauchy's theorem this can be expressed as minus the sum of all the other residues

$$A(0) = - \sum_I \text{Res}_{z=z_I} \left[ \frac{A(z)}{z} \right] + B_\infty, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $B_\infty$  is a boundary term that vanishes when  $A(z) \rightarrow 0$  for  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . This will be another condition on what variables we shift.

If we take a subset of momenta  $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$  and define the sum over these

$$P_I \equiv \sum_{i \in I} p_i, \quad (2.7)$$

then we can also defined the shifted momenta  $P_I(Z)$

$$P_I(z) = \sum_{i \in I} p_i(z) = P_I + zQ_I, \quad \text{with } Q_I = \sum_{i \in I} q_i \quad (2.8)$$

For simplicity we will assume  $q_i q_j = 0$  leading to  $Q_I^2 = 0$ . In this case  $P_I(z)^2$  is linear in  $z$

$$P_I(z)^2 = (P_I + zQ_I)^2 = P_I^2 + zP_I Q_I = -\frac{P_I^2}{z_I}(z - z_I), \quad (2.9)$$

where we have defined  $z_I \equiv -\frac{P_I^2}{2P_I Q_I}$ .

**For some reason** the amplitude should factorize into a product of two lower point on-shell amplitudes when  $z = z_I$  and  $P_I^2(z)$  goes on-shell

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_I} A(z) = A_L(z_I) \frac{1}{P_I^2(z)} A_R(z_I) = -\frac{z_I}{z - z_I} A_L(z_I) \frac{1}{P_I^2} A_R(z_I) \quad (2.10)$$

Using this to take the residue at  $z = z_I$

$$= - \text{Res}_{z=z_I} \left[ \frac{A(z)}{z} \right] = \text{Res}_{z=z_I} \left[ \frac{z_I}{z(z - z_I)} A_L(z_I) \frac{1}{P_I^2} A_R(z_I) \right] \quad (2.11)$$

The residue is found by multiplying by  $(z - z_I)$  and setting  $z = z_I$ . Summing over all residues we find the amplitude

$$A(0) = \sum_I A_L(z_I) \frac{1}{P_I^2} A_R(z_I) + B_\infty \quad (2.12)$$

The boundary contribution  $B_\infty$  has no similar general expression in terms of lower-point amplitudes and the simplest way to make it vanish is by requiring

$$A(z) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow \infty \quad (2.13)$$

If this holds then

$$A = \sum_I A_L(z_I) \frac{1}{P_I^2} A_R(z_I) = \sum_{\text{Diagrams } I} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \text{L} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\hat{P}_I} \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \text{R} \end{array} \quad (2.14)$$

## 2.1 BCFW-recursion

A particular recursion technique used often is called BCFW recursion. In four dimensions this can be implemented in the spinor-helicity basis. Denoting the shifted variables by a hat, the shifts that we will employ are

$$|\hat{i}\rangle = |i\rangle + z|j\rangle, \quad |\hat{j}\rangle = |j\rangle, \quad |\hat{i}\rangle = |i\rangle, \quad |\hat{j}\rangle = |j\rangle - z|i\rangle \quad (2.15)$$

It can be shown that for Yang-Mills the amplitude vanishes at  $z \rightarrow \infty$  for the following helicity configurations

$$[i, j] \quad [-, -] \quad [-, +] \quad [+, +] \quad [+, -] \quad (2.16)$$

$$A_n(z) \sim \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{z} & \frac{1}{z} & \frac{1}{z} & z^3 \end{array} \quad (2.17)$$

The first 3 types of shifts will be referred to as *good shifts*.

## 2.2 Example of BCFW-recursion

As an example, let us calculate the amplitude  $A_5(1_g^+, 2_g^-, 3_g^+, 4_g^-, 5_g^-)$ . Since we are dealing with an  $\overline{\text{MHV}}$  amplitude we can immediately read off the good shift since the shifts

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow |\hat{1}\rangle = |1\rangle + z|5\rangle \quad (2.18)$$

$$|5\rangle \rightarrow |\hat{5}\rangle = |5\rangle - z|1\rangle \quad (2.19)$$

will shift the amplitude by

$$A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) = \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][34][45][51]} \rightarrow \frac{\langle ([13] + z[53])^4 \rangle}{([12] + z[52])[23][34][45]} \sim z^3$$

While the shifts

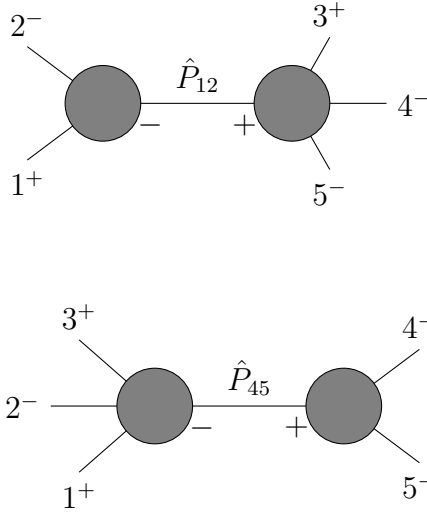
$$|5\rangle \rightarrow |\hat{5}\rangle = |5\rangle + z|1\rangle \quad (2.20)$$

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow |\hat{1}\rangle = |1\rangle - z|5\rangle \quad (2.21)$$

will shift the amplitude by

$$A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) = \frac{[13]}{[12][23][34][45][51]} \rightarrow \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][34]([45] + z[41])(\underbrace{[51] + z[11]}_0)} \sim \frac{1}{z}$$

Now since we want  $A \rightarrow 0$  for  $z \rightarrow \infty$  the *good shift* is the second one, meaning  $[5] |1\rangle$  which corresponds to a  $[-, +]$  shift in Elvangs notation. We could have seen the good shifts by little group scaling of the amplitude since leg one has little group weight 1 and so will the amplitude under a shift will scale like  $z$  if we shift the square brackets. The corresponding diagrams are



Looking at the first diagram we see that it contains a 3-point MHV amplitude

$$A_3(1^+, 2^-, -\hat{P}_{12}^-) = \frac{\langle 2\hat{P}_{12} \rangle^3}{\langle \hat{1}2 \rangle \langle \hat{P}_{12} \hat{1} \rangle} \quad (2.22)$$

Since we impose that the propagating momentum is on shell we see that

$$0 = \hat{P}_{12} = \langle \hat{1}2 \rangle [\hat{1}2] = \langle \hat{1}2 \rangle [12]$$

So the only way to impose on shell conditions is by setting  $\langle \hat{1}2 \rangle = 0$  similarly one can show that the numerator vanishes and we must have

$$A_3(1^+, 2^-, -\hat{P}_{12}^-) = 0$$

which means the first diagram doesn't contribute. For the second diagram we also have a 3-point MHV amplitude, but in this case the shift is in  $[5]$  so the sub-diagram isn't zero.

We can then proceed to calculate the second diagram explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) &= A_3(\hat{P}_{45}^+, 4^-, \hat{5}^-) \frac{1}{P_{45}^2} A_4(\hat{1}^+, 2^-, 3^+, -\hat{P}_{45}^-) \\ &= \frac{\langle 4\hat{5} \rangle^3}{\langle \hat{P}_{45} 4 \rangle \langle \hat{5} \hat{P}_{45} \rangle} \frac{1}{\langle 45 \rangle [45]} \frac{[\hat{1}3]^4}{[\hat{1}2][23][3\hat{P}_{45}][\hat{P}_{45}\hat{1}]} \end{aligned}$$

Since the shift is in  $[5, 1]$  we can remove the hat on all but the  $P$ 's:

$$\begin{aligned} A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) &= \frac{\langle 45 \rangle^3}{\langle \hat{P}_{45} 4 \rangle \langle 5 \hat{P}_{45} \rangle} \frac{1}{\langle 45 \rangle [45]} \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][3\hat{P}_{45}][\hat{P}_{45}1]} \\ &= \frac{\langle 45 \rangle^3}{\langle \hat{P}_{45} 4 \rangle \langle 5 \hat{P}_{45} \rangle} \frac{1}{\langle 45 \rangle [45]} \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][3\hat{P}_{45}][\hat{P}_{45}1]} \end{aligned}$$

We can then rewrite the  $\hat{P}$  terms in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{P}_{45} 4 \rangle [\hat{P}_{45} 1] &= -\langle 4 \hat{P}_{45} \rangle [\hat{P}_{45} 1] = \langle 4 | \hat{P}_{45} | 1 \rangle = \langle 4 | 4 + \hat{5} | 1 \rangle = \langle 4 | \hat{5} | 1 \rangle = -\langle 4\hat{5} \rangle [\hat{5} 1] = -\langle 45 \rangle [51] \\ \langle 5 \hat{P}_{45} \rangle [3 \hat{P}_{45}] &= -\langle 5 \hat{P}_{45} \rangle [\hat{P}_{45} 3] = \langle 5 | \hat{P}_{45} | 3 \rangle = \langle 5 | 4 + \hat{5} | 3 \rangle = \langle 5 | 4 | 3 \rangle + \langle 5 | \hat{5} | 3 \rangle \\ &= -\langle 54 \rangle [43] - \langle 5\hat{5} \rangle [\hat{5} 3] = -\langle 54 \rangle [43] = -\langle 45 \rangle [34] \end{aligned}$$

where we in the first terms have used the fact that  $|\hat{5}\rangle = |5\rangle$  and  $[\hat{5}1] = [51] + z[11] = [51]$ , while in the second term using  $\langle 5\hat{5} \rangle = \langle 55 \rangle = 0$ . Inserting this into the amplitude we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) &= \frac{[13]^4 \langle 45 \rangle^3}{[12][23][45] \langle 45 \rangle^3 [51][34]} \\ &= \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][34][45][51]} \end{aligned}$$

which is the expected result.

### 2.3 Soft limit factorization

The soft-limit factorization for tree amplitudes is that for  $k_s \rightarrow 0$  we can write an  $n$ -point amplitude as

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, a, s^\pm, b, \dots, n) = \mathcal{S}(a, s^\pm, b) \times A_{n-1}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, a, b, \dots, n) \quad (2.23)$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}(a, s^+, b) = \frac{\langle ab \rangle}{\langle as \rangle \langle sb \rangle}, \quad \mathcal{S}(a, s^-, b) = -\frac{[ab]}{[as][sb]} \quad (2.24)$$

Here this gets us

$$A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) = -\frac{[41]}{[45][51]} \times \frac{[13]^4}{[12][23][34][41]}$$

which is a valid factorization of the full result.

## 2.4 Co-linear limit

In the co-linear limit for leg 1 and 2 we have the two momenta  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  that become parallel with intermediate momentum  $k_P$ . The spinors also have the following relations

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_a &\simeq \sqrt{z}\lambda_P, & \lambda_b &\simeq \sqrt{1-z}\lambda_P \\ \tilde{\lambda}_a &\simeq \sqrt{z}\tilde{\lambda}_P, & \tilde{\lambda}_b &\simeq \sqrt{1-z}\tilde{\lambda}_P\end{aligned}$$

taking the amplitude we calculated in part a and shifting it in this limit gives

$$A_5(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-) \rightarrow \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}[12]} \frac{[P3]^4}{[P3][34][45][5P]}$$

which is the result we expected from Dixon:

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(\dots, a^{\lambda_a}, b^{\lambda_b}, \dots) \rightarrow \sum_{\lambda_p=\pm} \text{Split}_{-\lambda_p}(a^{\lambda_a}, b^{\lambda_b}; z) A_{n-1}^{\text{tree}}(\dots, P^{\lambda_P}, \dots) \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$\text{Split}_-(a^+, b^-) = \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}[ab]} \quad (2.26)$$

## 3 Unitarity

### 3.1 Loops in general

*Feynman rules require momentum conservation at each vertex of a Feynman diagram. At tree-level, this fixes all momenta of the internal lines in terms of the external momenta. At loop-level, momentum conservation leaves one momentum undetermined per loop and one must integrate over all such unfixed momenta. Thus in  $D$ -dimensions, one has a  $D$ -dimensional loop-integral for each loop.*

## 4 Unitarity

Take a general analytic function of some variable  $x$

$$f(x) = \beta(x) + i\alpha(x) \quad (4.1)$$

Defining the discontinuity of this function as  $\text{Disc}[f(x)] = if(x+i\epsilon) - if(x-i\epsilon)$  we find as we let  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}if(x+i\epsilon) - if(x-i\epsilon) &= i\beta(x+i\epsilon) - \alpha(x+i\epsilon) - i\beta(x-i\epsilon) - \alpha(x-i\epsilon) \\ &= -2(\alpha(x) + i\beta(i\epsilon)) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \\ &= -2\alpha(x) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\ &= -2\text{Im}[f(x)]\end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$



The scattering matrix is unitary

$$S = \mathbb{1} + iT \quad (4.3)$$

Taking

$$\begin{aligned} S^\dagger S &= (\mathbb{1} - iT^\dagger)(\mathbb{1} + iT) = 1 \\ &= \mathbb{1} - i(T - T^\dagger) - T^\dagger T = 1 \\ \Rightarrow T^\dagger T &= i(T^\dagger - T) = i[(\text{Re}[T] - i\text{Im}[T]) - (\text{Re}[T] + i\text{Im}[T])] \\ &= 2\text{Im}[T] = -\text{Disc}[iT] \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Expanding this order by order in perturbation theory we have for instance at four and five point

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 &= g^2 T_4^{(0)} + g^4 T_4^{(1)} + g^6 T_4^{(2)} \\ T_5 &= g^3 T_5^{(0)} + g^5 T_5^{(1)} + g^7 T_5^{(2)} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

with  $T_n^{(L)}$  being the  $n$ -point gluon amplitude at  $L$ -loop. By inserting these into the equation for the discontinuity we find first to order  $g^2$

$$\text{Disc}[T_4^{(0)}] = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

Since we cant construct the amplitude from the product of two other amplitudes. This simply states that tree level amplitudes have no branch cuts. At order  $g^4$  we have

$$\text{Disc}[T_4^{(1)}] = T_4^{(0)\dagger} T_4^{(0)} \quad (4.7)$$

This is equivalent to cutting to lines in the one loop diagram and obtaining two four point tree-level diagrams with an on-shell propagator in between, which momentum obviously must depend on the loop momentum  $\ell$ .

Using the optical theorem the Discontinuity of a function is related directly to the scattering cross-section.

## 5 Generalized unitarity

When we take the momenta in the scattering amplitudes to be complex and use the unitarity method, we get *generalized unitarity*. The inclusion of complex momenta opens up the possibility of cutting more than two lines. e.g. the three-point amplitudes are only non-zero for complex momenta, so for the four-point one-loop amplitude we could cut four lines and end up with a product of four three-point amplitudes.

In general we will in fact only be able to cut up to four lines since we need momentum conservation at the vertices as well as having the cut momentum being on-shell. This imposes one new condition for every cut, and since  $\ell^\mu$  has four components we need 4 equations.

## 6 Exterior derivatives and forms

An  $n$ -form  $F_{(n)}$  is a completely antisymmetric tensor

$$F_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_n} = -F_{\mu_1 \mu_3 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} = F_{\mu_3 \mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} \quad (6.1)$$

On this  $n$ -form, we can define an exterior derivative, which is an  $(n+1)$  form:

$$dF_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_n} = (n+1)\partial_{[\mu_1} F_{\mu_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_n]}, \quad (6.2)$$

where the square brackets just mean that we antisymmetrize in the indices, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} dF_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{(1+1)}{2!} (\partial_\mu F_\nu - \partial_\nu F_\mu) \\ &= \partial_\mu F_\nu - \partial_\nu F_\mu, \\ dF_{\mu\nu\rho} &= \frac{(2+1)}{3!} (\partial_\mu F_{\nu\rho} - \partial_\nu F_{\rho\mu} - \partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\nu F_{\rho\mu} - \partial_\rho F_{\nu\mu} + \partial_\mu F_{\rho\nu}) \\ &= \partial_\mu F_{\nu\rho} + \partial_\nu F_{\rho\mu} + \partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

Furthermore we have the property

$$d^2 F = 0 \quad (6.4)$$

And the following nomenclature

- *Exact form*: if we can write  $F = dG$
- *Closed form*: if  $dF = 0$
- $\Rightarrow$  All exact forms are closed.

We also define the wedge product of forms. Given two forms  $F_{(n)}$  and  $G_{(m)}$ , we can define the  $n+m$  form  $F \wedge G$

$$(F \wedge G)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{n+m}} = \frac{(n+m)!}{n!m!} F_{[\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} G_{\mu_{n+1} \dots \mu_{n+m}]} \quad (6.5)$$

For instance

$$\begin{aligned} F_\mu \wedge G_\nu &= \frac{(1+1)!}{1!1!} (F_\mu G_\nu - F_\nu G_\mu) \\ &= 2[F_\mu, G_\nu] \end{aligned} \quad (6.6)$$

Lastly we can define the *Hodge dual*, as the  $(D-n)$ -form

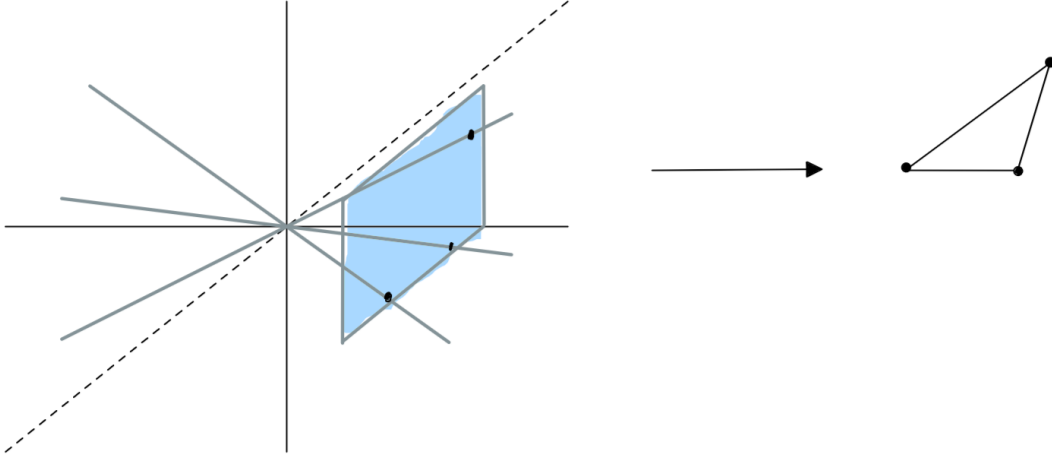
$$*F^{\mu_{n+1} \mu_{n+2} \dots \mu_D} = \frac{1}{n!} F_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n \mu_{n+1} \mu_{n+2} \dots \mu_D} \quad (6.7)$$

Using this notation we can write the source-less Maxwell equations as:

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= 0 \\ d*F &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

## 7 Projective spaces

We will start by considering  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Any geometric questions that do not involve distance are best thought of projectively. All lines that intersect the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be thought of as points crossing a plane



If we denote the points by  $Z_I = \begin{pmatrix} Z_0 \\ Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix}$  these can always be rescaled by some factor  $t$  while still preserving the geometry of the points in the plane. This means that we really have two degrees of freedom per point (which should not surprise since we have a plane), so that  $Z_I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . The space has an  $\text{SL}(3) = \text{Translations} + \underbrace{\text{Rotations}}_{\text{SL}(2)}$  symmetry, meaning all symmetries that map straight lines to straight lines.

The only invariant tensor is  $\epsilon_{IJK}$ .

**Example: straight line** A straight line obeys the following equation

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad (7.1)$$

This can be written using the  $Z_I$  variables

$$Z_I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad W^I = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z_I W^I = 0 \quad (7.2)$$

where  $W$  is a line. Take e.g.  $Z^1 = \{1, x^1, y^2\} = \{1, 1, 0\}$  and  $Z^2 = \{1, x^2, y^2\} = \{1, 10, 10\}$ . We check that this gives the expected result

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In[403]:= ClearAll["Global`*"]
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(\*Below we define two points from which we then find the line\*)

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In[404]:= Z1 = {1, x1, y1};
Z2 = {1, x2, y2};
a = (y2 - y1)/(x2 - x1);
W = Z1 . LeviCivitaTensor[3] . Z2;
s = Collect[Solve[W . {1, x, y} == 0, y], x][[1]][[1]];
Equal @@ s;
y = (x (y1 - y2))/(x1 - x2) + (-x2 y1 + x1 y2)/(x1 - x2);
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In[411]:= (*Testing against the usual formula*)
x1 = 1; x2 = 10; y1 = 0; y2 = 10;
yy = a x + (y2 - a x2);
yy == y
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Out[413]= True
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Similarly the point where two lines cross is given by

$$Z_I = \epsilon_{IJK} W_1^J W_2^K \quad (7.3)$$

## 8 Polytopes

Let us define the five-bracket

$$[i, j, k, l, m] \equiv \frac{\delta^4(\chi_{iA} \langle jklm \rangle + \text{cyclic})}{\langle ijkl \rangle \langle jklm \rangle \langle klmi \rangle \langle lmi j \rangle \langle mij k \rangle} \quad (8.1)$$

with  $\langle ijkl \rangle \equiv \epsilon_{IJKL} Z_i^I Z_j^J Z_k^K Z_l^L$  and the  $Z_i^I$ 's are the bosonic component of the momentum supertwistors  $Z_i^I = (|i\rangle, [\mu_i])$ . One can write the five-bracket completely in terms of bosonic parts by introducing a five vector  $Z_i^{\mathcal{I}}$ ,

$$Z_i^{\mathcal{I}} = \begin{pmatrix} Z_i^I \\ \chi_i \cdot \psi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{I} = 1, \dots, 5 \quad (8.2)$$

with the  $\psi$  being an auxiliary Grassmann valued field. The five-bracket can then be written only in terms of the five-vectors by integrating out the fermionic auxiliary field.

$$[i, j, k, l, m] = \frac{1}{4!} \int d^4\psi \frac{\langle ijklm \rangle^4}{\langle 0ijkl \rangle \langle 0jklm \rangle \langle 0klmi \rangle \langle 0lmi j \rangle \langle 0mij k \rangle} \quad (8.3)$$

where we have introduced the auxiliary reference spinor

$$Z_0^{\mathcal{I}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8.4)$$

Focusing on the integrand, it is invariant under  $Z_i^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow t_i Z_i^{\mathcal{I}}$  and hence appear projectively which means they can be thought of as points in  $\mathbb{CP}^4$  with the reference vector introduced being the only thing that breaks projective invariance. This is similar to the map between the dual momentum coordinates and the momentum twistors

$$y_{ij}^2 = \frac{\langle i-1, i, j-1, j \rangle}{\langle I_0, i-1, i \rangle \langle I_0, j-1, j \rangle}, \quad I_0^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{ab} \end{pmatrix} \quad (8.5)$$

where the  $I_0$  is known as infinity twistor that is inserted to break  $SL(4)$  conformal invariance and gives a definition of distance. The fact that the reference spinor appears five times in equation (8.1) is analogous to how  $I_0$  appears twice to give the distance between  $i$  and  $j$ , and can be regarded as giving the volume of a simplices.

## 8.1 Definitions and examples

*Simplex*: Generalization of the notion of a triangle or tetrahedron to arbitrary dimensions

*n-simplex*: Convex hull of a set of  $n + 1$  points. E.g. 2-simplex is a triangle.

*Polygon*: Triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon etc.

*Tetrahedron*: Solids with polygons on each face, e.g. cubes, pyramids etc.

*Convex set  $C$* : Has property that any line between two points lies inside the set (a star would not be convex).

*Convex hull*: Given a set of points  $S$ , the convex hull of  $S$  is the intersection of all convex sets containing  $S$ . The convex hull of three points is a triangle. One could add one more point. If the added point is inside the triangle the convex hull is the same triangle, while it is a convex quadrilateral if the point is outside the triangle.

The area of a triangle in a 2 dimensional plane can be computed through the determinant

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{triangle}} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [-x_2 y_1 + x_3 y_1 + x_1 y_2 - x_3 y_2 - x_1 y_3 + x_2 y_3] \end{aligned} \quad (8.6)$$

using  $y_1 = y_3$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{triangle}} &= \frac{1}{2} [(x_3 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\text{base} \times \text{height}] \end{aligned} \quad (8.7)$$

The redundancy created by the ones in the determinant can be used as a feature by defining vectors

$$Z_0^I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W_{iI} = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8.8)$$

The triangles area is then computed by

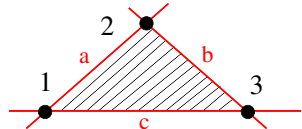
$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{triangle}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle 123 \rangle}{(Z_0 \cdot W_1)(Z_0 \cdot W_2)(Z_0 \cdot W_3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon^{IJK} W_{1I} W_{2J} W_{3K}}{(Z_0 \cdot W_1)(Z_0 \cdot W_2)(Z_0 \cdot W_3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [-x_2 y_1 + x_3 y_1 + x_1 y_2 - x_3 y_2 - x_1 y_3 + x_2 y_3] \end{aligned} \quad (8.9)$$

This version is projectively invariant. To rewrite everything in terms of angle brackets we define coordinates,  $W$ , and lines,  $Z$ , that satisfy

$$Z^I W_I = 0 \quad (8.10)$$

with two lines crossing at a point defined by

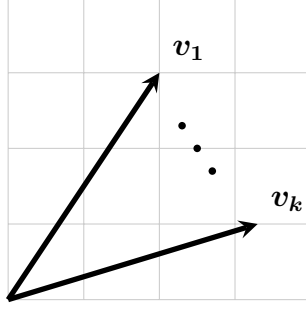
$$W_{1,I} = \epsilon_{IJK} Z_c^J Z_a^K \quad (8.11)$$



$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} W_1 &= \langle *, Z_c, Z_a \rangle \\ W_2 &= \langle *, Z_a, Z_b \rangle \\ W_3 &= \langle *, Z_b, Z_c \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (8.12)$

## 9 Grassmanian

The Grassmanian  $G(k, n)$  is the space of  $k$ -planes going through the origin in  $n$  dimensions. It can be thought of as a generalization of  $P^{n-1}$  which is the space of



lines going through the origin in  $n$ -dimensions since  $G(1, n) = P^{n-1}$ . One can e.g. take  $k$  vectors in  $n$  dimensions. The span of these vectors give me the  $k$ - plane. If we stack them we get

$$k \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ \vdots \\ V_k \end{bmatrix} \equiv C_{\alpha a}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, k \quad a = 1, \dots, n \quad (9.1)$$

These are in general not unique since there is a  $GL(k)$  redundant.

$$C_{\alpha a} \sim L_{\alpha}^{\beta} C_{\beta a} \quad (9.2)$$

The dimensionality of the Grassmanian is

$$\dim G(k, n) = \overbrace{k \times n}^{k \times n \text{ matrix}} \underbrace{-k^2}_{GL(k) \text{ red}} \quad (9.3)$$

The redundancy means that we can gaugefix the matrix using a linear transformation by setting any  $k \times k$  block to the identity. This is equivalent to the rescaling of vectors in projective space to  $(1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4 \dots)$ . Taking e.g.  $G(3, 5)$ , we have six degrees of freedom:

$$G(3, 5) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_4 & x_5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_4 & y_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_4 & z_5 \end{array} \right] \quad (9.4)$$

The dimensionality of the Grassmanian are symmetric under  $n \leftrightarrow k$ . This is because there is a bijection between the Grassmanian:  $k$  and  $n - k$  planes in  $n$  dimensions, since these planes are orthogonal. In the case above  $C^{\perp}$  is a 2-plane in 5 dimensions, so

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_4 & x_5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_4 & y_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_4 & z_5 \\ \hline -x_4 & -y_4 & -z_4 & 1 & 0 \\ -x_5 & -y_5 & -z_5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (9.5)$$

With the bottom part just being the negative transpose of the  $x, y$  and  $z$  coordinates in the upper right corner.

$\text{SL}(k)$  invariant are determinants of any  $k$  columns of the matrix (the minors), labeling these by their indices:

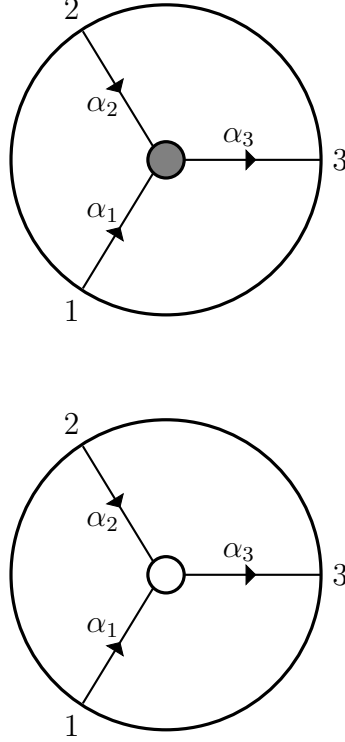
$$(a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_k) \tag{9.6}$$



## 10 On-shell diagrams

### 10.1 Using three point on shell functions

The three-point vertex can be found from the following MHV and  $\overline{\text{MHV}}$  diagrams



These produce the two following  $C$  matrices, respectively

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.1)$$

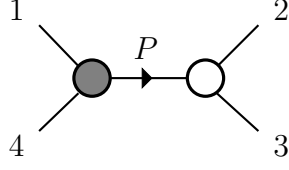
$$C = (\alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \ 1)$$

Note that as opposed to what we will see in the four-point case, here we have no choice in what starting points we take, since e.g. in the MHV ( $k = 2$ ) case, we have to pick 1 and 2. Because of momentum conservation and little group invariance, the solution of the delta functions in this case leads to

$$A_3^{\text{MHV}}(1, 2, 3) = \frac{\delta^8(\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \tilde{\eta}_i) \delta^4\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i\right)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} \quad (10.2)$$

$$A_3^{\overline{\text{MHV}}}(1, 2, 3) = \frac{\delta^4([12] \tilde{\eta}_3 + [23] \tilde{\eta}_1 + [31] \tilde{\eta}_2) \delta^4\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i\right)}{[12][23][31]}$$

We start by constructing the simplest possible diagram out of two opposite helicity ( $k = 1$  and  $k = 2$ ) amplitudes, see figure below:



To construct the four-point diagram we then glue the two three-point amplitudes together by integrating over the internal degrees of freedom through

$$\prod_I \int d^4 \tilde{\eta}_I \int \frac{d^2 \lambda_I d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_I}{GL(1)} \quad (10.3)$$

Explicitly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\tilde{\eta}_P \int \frac{d^2 \lambda_P d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_P}{GL(1)} & \frac{\delta^8(\lambda_1 \tilde{\eta}_1 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\eta}_4 + \lambda_P \tilde{\eta}_P) \delta^4(\lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 + \lambda_P \tilde{\lambda}_P)}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle 4P \rangle \langle P1 \rangle} \\ & \times \frac{\delta^4([23] \tilde{\eta}_P + [3P] \tilde{\eta}_2 + [P3] \tilde{\eta}_3) \delta^4(\lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 - \lambda_P \tilde{\lambda}_P)}{[23][3P][P2]} \end{aligned} \quad (10.4)$$

First we solve the delta-function constraint by projecting along  $\lambda_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 + \lambda_P \tilde{\lambda}_P &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}_P &= \frac{\langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 1P \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_4 \end{aligned} \quad (10.5)$$

Similarly we use the other delta-function and project using  $\tilde{\lambda}_3$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 - \lambda_P \tilde{\lambda}_P &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda_P &= \frac{[23]}{[P3]} \lambda_2 \end{aligned} \quad (10.6)$$

combining these we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\lambda}_P \lambda_P &= \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{\langle 41 \rangle [23]}{\langle 1P \rangle [P3]} = \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{[23]}{[43]} \\ &= \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{\langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (10.7)$$

where we have used  $P = -1 - 4 = 2 + 3$  in the last two equalities. Solving this collapses the momentum conservation delta function as well as giving a Jacobian factor of  $\frac{1}{\langle 23 \rangle [32]}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_P &= \lambda_2 \\ \tilde{\lambda}_P &= \lambda_4 \frac{\langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} = \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{[23]}{[43]} \end{aligned} \quad (10.8)$$

We then use these in one of the grassmann delta-functions

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\eta}_P &= \frac{-[3P]\tilde{\eta}_2 - [P2]\tilde{\eta}_3}{[23]} \\
&= -\frac{1}{[23]} \times \frac{[34][23]}{[43]} \times \tilde{\eta}_2 - \frac{1}{[23]} \times \frac{[42]\langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \times \tilde{\eta}_3 \\
&= \tilde{\eta}_2 + \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \times \tilde{\eta}_3
\end{aligned} \tag{10.9}$$

This can be obtained from contracting

$$\lambda_P \tilde{\eta}_P = \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\eta}_3 \tag{10.10}$$

with  $\lambda_1$ , since  $\lambda_P = \lambda_2$ . Using this in the other grassmann delta function we get  $[23]^4 \delta^8(\sum_i \lambda_i \tilde{\eta}_i)$ . Finally we take the solutions (10.8) and insert them into the bosonic delta-function

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 + \lambda_P \tilde{\lambda}_P \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{[23]}{[43]} \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \left( \lambda_4 + \lambda_2 \frac{[23]}{[43]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \left( \frac{\lambda_4 [43] + \lambda_2 [23]}{[43]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \left( \frac{(2+4)[3]}{[43]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 - \tilde{\lambda}_4 \left( \frac{\lambda_1 [13]}{[43]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \left( \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{[13]}{[34]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \left( \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1 [34] + \tilde{\lambda}_4 [13]}{[34]} \right) \\
&= \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_3 \frac{[14]}{[34]}
\end{aligned} \tag{10.11}$$

Since  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ , and  $\tilde{\lambda}_3 \neq 0$  this leads to  $[14] = 0$  which in turn gives us

$$(p_1 + p_4)^2 = \langle 14 \rangle [41] = 0 \tag{10.12}$$

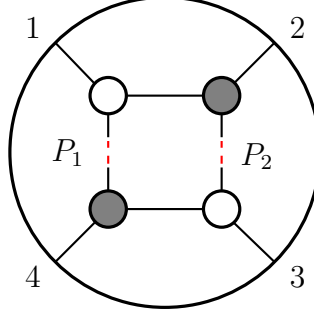
Now we only need the kinematic part of the integrand. Including the Jacobians and using  $\langle 1P \rangle [P3] = \langle 12 \rangle [23]$  and  $\langle 4P \rangle [P2] = \langle 43 \rangle [32]$  we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle 4P \rangle \langle P1 \rangle} \times \frac{1}{[23][3P][P2]} \times \frac{[23]^4}{\langle 23 \rangle [23]} = \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \tag{10.13}$$

Such that we in total have the amplitude

$$\frac{\delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \delta^4(P)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \delta((p_1 + p_4)^2) \quad (10.14)$$

Continuing this approach, we then look at the four-point on-shell diagram. We bridge together two of the diagrams just obtained



We have the following integral

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d\eta_{P_1} d\eta_{P_2} \int \frac{d^2 \lambda_{P_1} d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1} d^2 \lambda_{P_2} d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2}}{\text{Vol}(GL(1)) \times \text{Vol}(GL(1))} \times \Omega(1, 2, P_2, P_1) \times \Omega(P_1, P_2, 3, 4) \\ & \int d\eta_{P_1} d\eta_{P_2} \int \frac{d^2 \lambda_{P_1} d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1} d^2 \lambda_{P_2} d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2}}{\text{Vol}(GL(1)) \times \text{Vol}(GL(1))} \\ & \times \frac{\delta^8(\lambda_1 \tilde{\eta}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2 + \lambda_{P_1} \tilde{\eta}_{P_1} + \lambda_{P_2} \tilde{\eta}_{P_2}) \delta^4(\lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_{P_2} \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2} - \lambda_{P_1} \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1})}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 2P_2 \rangle \langle P_2 P_1 \rangle \langle P_1 1 \rangle} \delta(\langle 1P_1 \rangle [P_1 1]) \\ & \times \frac{\delta^8(\lambda_3 \tilde{\eta}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\eta}_4 + \lambda_{P_1} \tilde{\eta}_{P_1} + \lambda_{P_2} \tilde{\eta}_{P_2}) \delta^4(\lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 - \lambda_{P_2} \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2} + \lambda_{P_1} \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1})}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 4P_1 \rangle \langle P_1 P_2 \rangle \langle P_2 3 \rangle} \delta(\langle 4P_1 \rangle [P_1 4]) \end{aligned} \quad (10.15)$$

We use the bosonic delta-function to solve for  $\lambda_{P_i}$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_{P_i}$  while assuming  $[P_1 1] = [P_1 4] = 0$  so that the delta-function forcing the amplitude on the s-channel simplifies, while keeping the integrand from blowing up. Contracting with  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_4$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 12 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \langle 1P_2 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2} - \langle 1P_1 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1} &= 0 \\ \langle 43 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_3 - \langle 4P_2 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2} + \langle 4P_1 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10.17)$$

Solving for the  $\lambda$ 's we find

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\lambda}_{P_1} &= \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_3 \langle 1P_2 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle - \tilde{\lambda}_2 \langle 12 \rangle \langle 4P_2 \rangle}{\langle 1P_2 \rangle \langle 4P_1 \rangle - \langle 1P_1 \rangle \langle 4P_2 \rangle} = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_3 \langle 1P_2 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle - \tilde{\lambda}_2 \langle 12 \rangle \langle 4P_2 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle P_2 P_1 \rangle} \\ \tilde{\lambda}_{P_2} &= \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_3 \langle 1P_1 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle - \tilde{\lambda}_2 \langle 12 \rangle \langle 4P_1 \rangle}{\langle 1P_2 \rangle \langle 4P_1 \rangle - \langle 1P_1 \rangle \langle 4P_2 \rangle} = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_3 \langle 1P_1 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle - \tilde{\lambda}_2 \langle 12 \rangle \langle 4P_1 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle P_2 P_1 \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (10.18)$$

Similar we can contract with  $\tilde{\lambda}_2$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_3$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1[12] + \lambda_{P_2}[P_2 2] - \lambda_{P_1}[P_1 2] &= 0 \\ \lambda_3[34] - \lambda_{P_2}[P_2 4] + \lambda_{P_1}[P_1 4] &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{10.19}$$

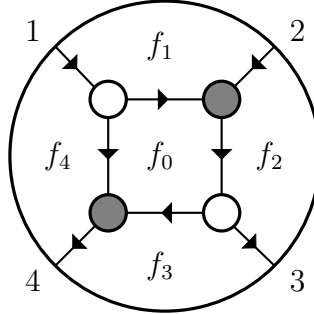
to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{P_1} &= \frac{\lambda_3[2P_2][34] + \lambda_2[4P_2][12]}{[2P_2][4P_1] - [2P_1][4P_2]} = \frac{\lambda_3[2P_2][34] + \lambda_2[4P_2][12]}{[24][P_2 P_1]} \\ \lambda_{P_2} &= \frac{\lambda_3[2P_1][34] + \lambda_2[4P_1][12]}{[2P_2][4P_1] - [2P_1][4P_2]} = \frac{\lambda_3[2P_2][34] + \lambda_2[4P_2][12]}{[24][P_2 P_1]}\end{aligned}\tag{10.20}$$

The grassmann integral is easily seen to just produce  $\delta^8(\sum_i \lambda_i \tilde{\eta}_i)$  while the bosonic delta functions collapse the spinor products into a single delta-function  $\delta^4(\sum_i \lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i)$ . Finally

## 10.2 Four-point directly from C(2,4) matrix

The calculation this C-matrix can be performed either using face or edge variables. We are going to do both for good measure. The four-point diagram with face-variables looks like this



While the

$$C_{ab} = - \sum_{\Gamma(a \rightarrow b)} \prod_j (-f_j), \quad \text{on the right}\tag{10.21}$$

with the constraint

$$\prod_j f_j = -1\tag{10.22}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & f_0 f_3 f_4 & f_4(1 - f_0) \\ 0 & 1 & -f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4 & f_0 f_1 f_4 \end{pmatrix}\tag{10.23}$$

Note that  $f_2$  doesn't show up, which means that according to (10.22) we can take the remaining  $f$ 's as independent.

Positivity (all minors are positive) then demands that

$$f_0 < 0, \quad f_1 > 0, \quad f_2 < 0, \quad f_3 < 0,\tag{10.24}$$

While the perpendicular C-matrix satisfying  $C \cdot C^\perp = 0$  is easily obtained

$$C^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} -f_0 f_3 f_4 & f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4 & 1 & 0 \\ -f_4(1-f_0) & -f_0 f_1 f_4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.25)$$

we can then find the form through

$$d\Omega = \frac{df_0}{f_0} \frac{df_1}{f_1} \frac{df_3}{f_3} \frac{df_4}{f_4} \delta(C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta(C^\perp \cdot \lambda) \delta(C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \quad (10.26)$$

First let us look at the delta-functions, such that we can specify the face-variables in terms of the spinor products. We start by looking at  $C \cdot C^\perp = 0$ , from which we can two equations

$$C^\perp \cdot \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -\lambda_1 f_0 f_3 f_4 + \lambda_2 f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4 + \lambda_3 & = 0 \\ -\lambda_1 f_4(1-f_0) - \lambda_2 f_0 f_1 f_4 + \lambda_4 & = 0 \end{cases} \quad (10.27)$$

By multiplying the first equation by  $\tilde{\lambda}_2$  one obtains  $f_0 f_3 f_4 = -\frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle}$ . Similarly multiplying the second equation by  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  we get  $f_0 f_1 f_4 = \frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle}$ . Combining these two,

$$f_1 = -\frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle} f_3 \quad (10.28)$$

Then multiplying the first equation by  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  we have  $f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4 = -\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle}$  together with the previous result, this leads to

$$f_3 = -\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad f_1 = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle} \quad (10.29)$$

The other equations are solved similarly and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= -\frac{\langle 14 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \\ f_4 &= -\frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (10.30)$$

Let us now evaluate the two remaining delta-functions. From  $C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}$  we get two equations.

$$0 = \tilde{\lambda}_1 + f_0 f_3 f_4 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + f_4(1-f_0) \tilde{\lambda}_4 = \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \frac{\langle 32 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \frac{\langle 42 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_4 \quad (10.31)$$

and

$$0 = \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_4 \quad (10.32)$$

where we have used a Schouten identity for the coefficient of  $\tilde{\lambda}_4$

$$\langle 41 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle + \langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle = \langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle \quad (10.33)$$

We see that these equations can all be obtained from a momentum conservation delta-function by contracting it with  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$

$$\delta^4(\lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4) \equiv \delta^4(P) \quad (10.34)$$

For the last delta-function we get the exact same thing except for replacing  $\tilde{\lambda}_i \rightarrow \tilde{\eta}_i$

$$\delta^8(\lambda_1 \tilde{\eta}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\eta}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\eta}_4) \equiv \delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \quad (10.35)$$

Note that we get an extra factor of  $\frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle^4}$  from re-writing the delta-functions by projecting along  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Finally we get a Jacobian.

$$J = |J_{ij}| = f_0^2 f_1 f_3 f_4^3 = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle^2 \langle 13 \rangle} \quad (10.36)$$

where

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial f_j} = \begin{pmatrix} f_3 f_3 & 0 & f_0 f_3 & f_0 f_4 \\ f_1 f_3 f_4 & f_0 f_3 f_4 & f_0 f_1 f_4 & f_0 f_1 f_3 \\ f_4 & 0 & 0 & 1 - f_0 \\ f_1 f_4 & f_0 f_4 & 0 & f_0 f_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.37)$$

and

$$E_1 = f_0 f_3 f_4, \quad E_2 = f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4, \quad E_3 = f_4(1 - f_0), \quad E_4 = f_0 f_1 f_3 \quad (10.38)$$

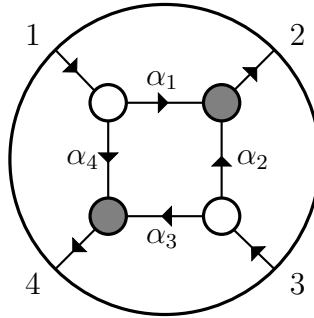
Now using

$$f_0 f_1 f_3 f_4 = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} \quad (10.39)$$

We can put it all together to obtain the form

$$d\Omega = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \times \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^2 \langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \times \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle^4} \times \delta^4(P) \delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) = \frac{\delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \delta^4(P)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \quad (10.40)$$

For the edge-variable case let us try a different orientation



Here the  $C$ -matrix is now giving by

$$C_{ab} = \sum_{\Gamma(a \rightarrow b)} \prod_j \alpha_j \quad (10.41)$$

SO we get the following

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & 0 & \alpha_4 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 1 & \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.42)$$

With the inverse

$$C^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_1 & 1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ -\alpha_4 & 0 & -\alpha_3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.43)$$

$$C^\perp \cdot \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -\alpha_1 \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \alpha_3 \lambda_3 & = 0 \\ -\alpha_4 \lambda_1 - \alpha_2 \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 & = 0 \end{cases} \quad (10.44)$$

turns into

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 21 \rangle - \alpha_2 \langle 31 \rangle &= 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_2 = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \\ \alpha_1 \langle 12 \rangle - \alpha_3 \langle 23 \rangle &= 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle} = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (10.45)$$

Similarly we find

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{\langle 43 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \quad (10.46)$$

For the other delta functions  $C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}$  gives us two equations. The first one is

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \alpha_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 = \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \frac{\langle 43 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_4 \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= \langle 13 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \langle 23 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \langle 43 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_4 \end{aligned} \quad (10.47)$$

While the second one is found similarly

$$0 = \langle 21 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \langle 31 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \langle 41 \rangle \tilde{\lambda}_4 \quad (10.48)$$

We see that the two equations can be obtained from a single momentum conservation equation by contracting with  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_1$  respectively. I.e. we have

$$\delta^4(\lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4) \equiv \delta^4(P) \quad (10.49)$$

For the last delta-function we get the exact same thing except for replacing  $\tilde{\lambda}_i \rightarrow \tilde{\eta}_i$

$$\delta^8(\lambda_1 \tilde{\eta}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\eta}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\eta}_4) \equiv \delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \quad (10.50)$$

Note that we get an extra factor of  $\frac{1}{\langle 13 \rangle^4}$  from re-writing the delta-functions in by projecting along  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_3$ . Finally we have

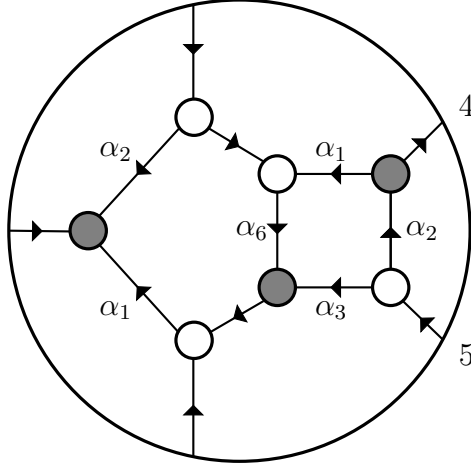
$$\frac{1}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4} = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \quad (10.51)$$

We can now calculate the form

$$d\Omega = \frac{\delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \delta^4(P)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \quad (10.52)$$



### 10.3 Five point



Each vertex can fix one edge-variable, however you cannot do it in such a way that all variables in a vertex is fixed. The  $C$  matrix is

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\alpha_6 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_3\alpha_6 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_5\alpha_6\alpha_2 & \alpha_5\alpha_6 & \alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_5\alpha_6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.53)$$

with the inverse being

$$C^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} -(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2\alpha_6) & 1 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_5\alpha_6\alpha_2 \\ -\alpha_6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\alpha_5\alpha_6 \\ -\alpha_3\alpha_6 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -(\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_5\alpha_6) \end{pmatrix} \quad (10.54)$$

The amplitude is found through

$$d\Omega = \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \frac{d\alpha_3}{\alpha_3} \frac{d\alpha_4}{\alpha_4} \frac{d\alpha_5}{\alpha_5} \frac{d\alpha_6}{\alpha_6} \delta^{2 \times 2}(C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{2 \times 3}(C^\perp \cdot \lambda) \delta^{4 \times 2}(C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \quad (10.55)$$

Using the delta-function  $\delta^{2 \times 3}(C^\perp \cdot \lambda)$  to solve for the  $\alpha$ 's we obtain after contracting with  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_3$ , and  $\lambda_5$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{\langle 45 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_6 = \frac{\langle 35 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} \quad (10.56)$$

From which we see that we get a Jacobian of  $\frac{1}{\langle 15 \rangle^2 \langle 13 \rangle}$ . Plugging these  $\alpha$ 's back into  $(\delta^{2 \times 2} C \cdot \tilde{\lambda})$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \frac{\langle 25 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} + \tilde{\lambda}_3 \frac{\langle 35 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{\langle 45 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} \\ 0 &= \tilde{\lambda}_2 \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} + \tilde{\lambda}_3 \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} + \tilde{\lambda}_4 \frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} + \tilde{\lambda}_5 \end{aligned} \quad (10.57)$$

where we have used Schouten identities on the  $\tilde{\lambda}_2$  term in the first equation and  $\tilde{\lambda}_4$  term in the second equation. We easily see that

$$\delta^{2 \times 2}(C \cdot \lambda) = \langle 15 \rangle^2 \delta^{2 \times 2}(P) \quad (10.58)$$

Then we plug the  $\alpha$ 's into the Grassmann delta function. This will of course give a similar result with the exchange of  $\tilde{\lambda} \rightarrow \tilde{\eta}$ , although with the Jacobian factor now being  $\frac{1}{\langle 15 \rangle^4}$ . Finally we calculate

$$\prod_i \frac{1}{\alpha_i} = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 15 \rangle^2 \langle 35 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \quad (10.59)$$

We are now easily able to get the form

$$d\Omega = \frac{\delta^8(\mathcal{Q}) \delta^4(P)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \quad (10.60)$$

### Five-point through loop kinematics

We have the following relations among the helicity variables

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 \propto \lambda_\ell \propto \lambda_{\ell-1}, \quad \lambda_3 \propto \lambda_q \propto \lambda_{q-3}, \quad \lambda_{q+4} \propto \lambda_{\ell-1-5} \propto \lambda_{-q+3+2+\ell} \\ \tilde{\lambda}_{\ell-1} \propto \tilde{\lambda}_5 \propto \tilde{\lambda}_{\ell-1-5}, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_4 \propto \tilde{\lambda}_q \propto \tilde{\lambda}_{q+4}, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_{q-3-2} \propto \tilde{\lambda}_{q-3-2-\ell} \propto \tilde{\lambda}_\ell \propto \tilde{\lambda}_2 \propto \tilde{\lambda}_{q-3} \end{aligned} \quad (10.61)$$

First we write the loop momentum in the box as

$$\begin{aligned} \ell &= \alpha \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_2 = -\frac{[15]}{[25]} \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_2 \\ \ell - 1 &= \lambda_1 \left( \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha \tilde{\lambda}_2 \right) = \frac{\lambda_1}{[25]} \left( \tilde{\lambda}_1 [25] + \tilde{\lambda}_2 [15] \right) = -\frac{[12]}{[25]} \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_5 \\ \ell - 1 - 5 &= \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_5}{[25]} ([21] \lambda_1 + [25] \lambda_5) = \frac{\langle \cdot | 1 + 5 | 2 \rangle}{[25]} \tilde{\lambda}_5 \end{aligned} \quad (10.62)$$

where we found  $\alpha = -\frac{[15]}{[25]}$  through the on-shell condition

$$0 = (\ell - 1 - 5)^2 = \alpha \langle 15 \rangle [52] + \langle 15 \rangle [51] \quad (10.63)$$

For the pentagon loop momenta we have

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \beta \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_4 = -\frac{[23]}{[24]} \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \\ q - 3 &= \frac{\lambda_3}{[24]} \left( \tilde{\lambda}_4 [23] + \tilde{\lambda}_3 [24] \right) = -\frac{[34]}{[24]} \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_2 \\ q - 3 - 2 &= \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_2}{[24]} ([34] \lambda_3 + [24] \lambda_2) = \frac{\langle \cdot | 1 + 5 | 4 \rangle}{[24]} \tilde{\lambda}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (10.64)$$

Finally we have the momentum shared by the two loops

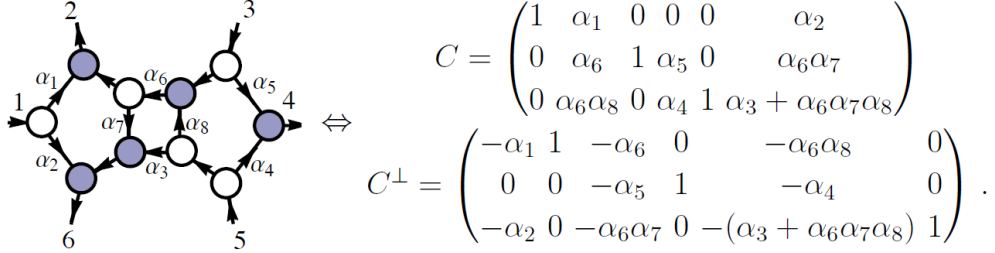
$$q - 3 - 2 - \ell = \frac{[45] \langle \cdot | 1 + 5 | 2 \rangle}{[25] [24]} \tilde{\lambda}_2 \quad (10.65)$$

From this we have the following subamplitudes

$$\begin{aligned} A_4(q + 4, 5, 1, q - 3 - 2) &= \frac{1}{[q + 4, 5] [51] [1, q - 3 - 2] [q - 3 - 2, q + 4]} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{[45]}{[24]} [51] \frac{[12] [24]}{[24]^2}} \\ &= \frac{[24]^3}{[12] [45] [51]} \end{aligned} \quad (10.66)$$

### Six-point NMHV

We first look at the 4+4 diagram



$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_2 \\ 0 & \alpha_6 & 1 & \alpha_5 & 0 & \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \\ 0 & \alpha_6 \alpha_8 & 0 & \alpha_4 & 1 & \alpha_3 + \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \alpha_8 \\ -\alpha_1 & 1 & -\alpha_6 & 0 & -\alpha_6 \alpha_8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\alpha_5 & 1 & -\alpha_4 & 0 \\ -\alpha_2 & 0 & -\alpha_6 \alpha_7 & 0 & -(\alpha_3 + \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \alpha_8) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_1 & 1 & -\alpha_6 & 0 & -\alpha_6 \alpha_8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\alpha_5 & 1 & -\alpha_4 & 0 \\ -\alpha_2 & 0 & -\alpha_6 \alpha_7 & 0 & -(\alpha_3 + \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \alpha_8) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Figure 1.**

We then use the following combination of equation from the  $C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}$  and  $C_\perp \cdot \lambda$  delta functions

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\langle 34 \rangle + \alpha_4 \langle 35 \rangle \\ 0 &= -(\alpha_5 \langle 35 \rangle) + \langle 45 \rangle \\ 0 &= [12] - \alpha_2 [26] \\ 0 &= [16] + \alpha_1 [26] \\ 0 &= -[23] - \alpha_5 [24] - \alpha_6 \alpha_7 [26] \\ 0 &= \alpha_6 [26] + [36] + \alpha_5 [46] \\ 0 &= -(\alpha_4 [24]) - [25] - (\alpha_3 + \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \alpha_8) [26] \\ 0 &= \alpha_6 \alpha_8 [26] + \alpha_4 [46] + [56] \end{aligned} \quad (10.67)$$

to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= -\frac{[16]}{[26]}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{[12]}{[26]}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{s_{345}}{\langle 5 | Q_{345} | 6 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{\langle 45 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \\ \alpha_6 &= \frac{\langle 5 | Q_{345} | 6 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle [26]}, \quad \alpha_7 = -\frac{\langle 5 | Q_{345} | 2 \rangle}{\langle 5 | Q_{345} | 6 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_8 = -\frac{\langle 3 | Q_{345} | 6 \rangle}{\langle 5 | Q_{345} | 6 \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_{ijk} = p_i + p_j + p_k$ . For the other delta functions we get

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \tilde{\eta}_1 - \frac{[16]}{[26]} \tilde{\eta}_2 + \frac{[12]}{[26]} \tilde{\eta}_6 \\
0 &= \frac{\langle 5|Q_{345}|6\rangle}{\langle 35\rangle [26]} \tilde{\eta}_2 + \tilde{\eta}_3 + \frac{\langle 45\rangle}{\langle 35\rangle} \tilde{\eta}_4 - \frac{\langle 5|Q_{345}|2\rangle}{\langle 35\rangle [26]} \tilde{\eta}_6 \\
0 &= -\frac{\langle 3|Q_{45}|6\rangle}{\langle 35\rangle [26]} \tilde{\eta}_2 + \frac{\langle 34\rangle}{\langle 35\rangle} \tilde{\eta}_4 + \tilde{\eta}_5 + \frac{s_{345} \langle 35\rangle [26] + \langle 3|Q_{345}|6\rangle \langle 5|Q_{345}|2\rangle}{\langle 5|Q_{345}|6\rangle} \tilde{\eta}_5
\end{aligned} \tag{10.68}$$

The Jacobian from the delta functions is

$$J = \frac{1}{[26]^3 \langle 35\rangle^3 \langle 5|Q_{345}|6\rangle^2} \tag{10.69}$$

and we get the form

$$d\Omega = \frac{\delta(\sum P) \delta(\tilde{\eta}_1[26] + \tilde{\eta}_2[61] + \tilde{\eta}_6[12])}{s_{345} \langle 34\rangle \langle 45\rangle [12][16] \langle 3|Q_{345}|6\rangle \langle 5|Q_{345}|2\rangle} \tag{10.70}$$

We later realized that we changed the bcfw bridge scheme in making the next diagram. To match the schemes we permute all labels in this form by 1

$$d\Omega_1 = \frac{\delta(\sum P) \delta(\tilde{\eta}_5[16] + \tilde{\eta}_6[15] + \tilde{\eta}_1[56])}{s_{234} \langle 23\rangle \langle 34\rangle [61][56] \langle 2|Q_{234}|5\rangle \langle 4|Q_{234}|1\rangle} \tag{10.71}$$

Looking at the 5+3 diagram we use the following C-matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 \alpha_5 & \alpha_3 \alpha_5 & 0 & 1 & \alpha_6 & 0 \\ \alpha_8(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \alpha_5) & \alpha_3 \alpha_5 \alpha_8 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
C_\perp &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_2 \alpha_5 & 0 & -\alpha_8(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \alpha_5) \\ 0 & 1 & -\alpha_3 - \alpha_4 & -\alpha_3 \alpha_5 & 0 & -\alpha_3 \alpha_5 \alpha_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_6 & 1 & -\alpha_7 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned} \tag{10.72}$$

From the delta functions  $\delta(C \cdot \tilde{\lambda})$  and  $\delta(C_\perp \cdot \lambda)$ , we use the following equations

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \langle 26 \rangle - (\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) \langle 36 \rangle - \alpha_3 \alpha_5 \langle 46 \rangle \\
0 &= -\langle 45 \rangle + \alpha_7 \langle 46 \rangle \\
0 &= -\alpha_6 \langle 46 \rangle + \langle 56 \rangle \\
0 &= -(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) [12] - [13] \\
0 &= \alpha_2 [12] - [23] \\
0 &= \alpha_2 \alpha_5 [12] - [24] - \alpha_6 [25] \\
0 &= -\alpha_3 \alpha_5 \alpha_8 [12] - \alpha_7 [15] - [16] \\
0 &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \alpha_5) \alpha_8 [12] - \alpha_7 [25] - [26]
\end{aligned} \tag{10.73}$$

to obtain solutions for the edge-variables

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= \frac{s_{456}}{\langle 4|Q_{456}|1\rangle}, & \alpha_2 &= \frac{[23]}{[12]}, & \alpha_3 &= \frac{[23]\langle 6|Q_{456}|1\rangle}{[12]\langle 6|Q_{456}|2\rangle}, & \alpha_4 &= \frac{\langle 6|Q_{456}|3\rangle}{\langle 6|Q_{456}|2\rangle}, \\ \alpha_5 &= \frac{\langle 6|Q_{456}|2\rangle}{\langle 46\rangle[23]}, & \alpha_6 &= \frac{\langle 56\rangle}{\langle 46\rangle}, & \alpha_7 &= \frac{\langle 45\rangle}{\langle 46\rangle}, & \alpha_8 &= \frac{\langle 4|Q_{456}|1\rangle}{\langle 6|Q_{456}|1\rangle}.\end{aligned}\quad (10.74)$$

Here the Jacobian from the delta functions is

$$J = \frac{1}{[12]^3 \langle 46\rangle^3 \langle 6|Q_{456}|2\rangle^2} \quad (10.75)$$

and we get the form

$$d\Omega = \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_1[26] + \tilde{\eta}_2[61] + \tilde{\eta}_3[12])}{s_{456} \langle 45\rangle \langle 56\rangle [12][23]\langle 4|Q_{456}|1\rangle\langle 6|Q_{456}|3\rangle} \quad (10.76)$$

Again we have to permute by 2 to obtain the correct recursion scheme

$$d\Omega_2 = \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_3[45] + \tilde{\eta}_4[35] + \tilde{\eta}_5[34])}{s_{612} \langle 12\rangle \langle 16\rangle [34][35]\langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle\langle 2|Q_{612}|5\rangle} \quad (10.77)$$

The final diagram can be found by permuting by 2 and exchanging square and angle brackets while permuting by 1:

$$d\Omega_3 = \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_1[23] + \tilde{\eta}_2[13] + \tilde{\eta}_3[12])}{s_{456} \langle 45\rangle \langle 56\rangle [23][12]\langle 4|Q_{456}|1\rangle\langle 6|Q_{456}|3\rangle} \quad (10.78)$$

In total we have

$$\begin{aligned}& d\Omega_1 + d\Omega_2 + d\Omega_3 \\ &= \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_5[16] + \tilde{\eta}_6[15] + \tilde{\eta}_1[56])}{s_{234} \langle 23\rangle \langle 34\rangle [61][56]\langle 2|Q_{234}|5\rangle\langle 4|Q_{234}|1\rangle} + \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_3[45] + \tilde{\eta}_4[35] + \tilde{\eta}_5[34])}{s_{612} \langle 12\rangle \langle 16\rangle [34][35]\langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle\langle 2|Q_{612}|5\rangle} \\ &+ \frac{\delta(\sum P)\delta(\tilde{\eta}_1[23] + \tilde{\eta}_2[13] + \tilde{\eta}_3[12])}{s_{456} \langle 45\rangle \langle 56\rangle [23][12]\langle 4|Q_{456}|1\rangle\langle 6|Q_{456}|3\rangle}\end{aligned}\quad (10.79)$$

Then using the fact that

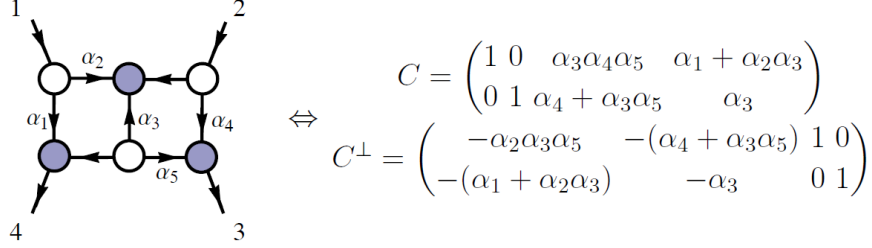
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}^{(0),\text{MHV}} R_{j,j+3,j+5} &= \\ &= \frac{\delta^{(8)}(\sum \lambda_i \eta_i^A)}{\langle j(j+1)\rangle \langle (j+1)(j+2)\rangle [(j+3)(j+4)] [(j+4)(j+5)]} \\ &\times \frac{\delta^{(4)}(\eta_{j+3}^A [(j+4)(j+5)] + \eta_{j+4}^A [(j+5)(j+3)] + \eta_{j+5}^A [(j+3)(j+4)])}{\langle j|K_{j+1,j+2}|(j+3)\rangle \langle (j+2)|K_{j+3,j+4}|(j+5)\rangle s_{j,j+1,j+2}}.\end{aligned}\quad (10.80)$$

such that

$$A_6^{\text{NMHV}} = A_6^{\text{MHV}} (R_{251} + R_{413} + R_{635}) \quad (10.81)$$

## 10.4 2 loop four-point

We have the diagram



**Figure 2.**

Solving the bosonic delta-functions

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \alpha_4 \langle 12 \rangle + \alpha_3 \alpha_5 \langle 12 \rangle - \langle 13 \rangle \\ 0 &= \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_5 \langle 12 \rangle - \langle 23 \rangle \\ 0 &= \alpha_3 \langle 12 \rangle - \langle 14 \rangle \\ 0 &= -((\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3) \langle 12 \rangle) - \langle 24 \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{10.82}$$

we find

## 10.5 Calculating $\mathcal{N} < 4$ amplitudes

### 10.5.1 The measure

The important difference between this and the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  case is that the diagrams are necessarily oriented unlike in the maximally supersymmetric forms where the perfect orientations only played an auxiliary role for constructing the C-matrix. In addition, for perfect orientations with closed internal loops we have to add an extra factor,  $\mathcal{J}$ , in the measure,

$$d\Omega = \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \dots \frac{d\alpha_m}{\alpha_m} \mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{N}-4} \cdot \delta(C \cdot Z) \tag{10.83}$$

If there is a collection of closed orbits bounding "faces"  $f_i$ , with disjoint pairs  $(f_i, f_j)$ , disjoint triples  $(f_i, f_j, f_k)$  etc., then the Jacobian  $\mathcal{J}$  can be expressed as,

$$\mathcal{J} = 1 + \sum_i f_i + \sum_{\substack{\text{disjoint} \\ \text{pairs } i,j}} f_i f_j + \sum_{\substack{\text{disjoint} \\ \text{pairs } i,j,k}} f_i f_j f_k + \dots \tag{10.84}$$

First we note that each face is defined as clockwise-oriented product of edge-variables, such that a counter clockwise "face"  $f$ , gives a Jacobian contribution of  $f^{-1}$ . As an example see for instance the following diagram with four internal loops

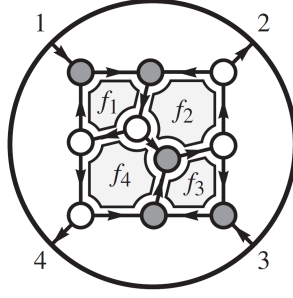


Figure 3.

Here we have three loops containing one phase variable, contributing each  $f_1, f_2^{-1}, f_3$ . Further we have the disjoint pair  $f_1 f_3$ . Lastly we have a close loop containing both  $f_2$  and  $f_4$ , i.e. we have in total

$$\mathcal{J} = 1 + f_1 + f_3 + f_2^{-1} + f_2^{-1} f_4^{-1} + f_1 f_3 \quad (10.85)$$

### 10.5.2 4 pt $\mathcal{N} = 0$

In this case we have two diagrams

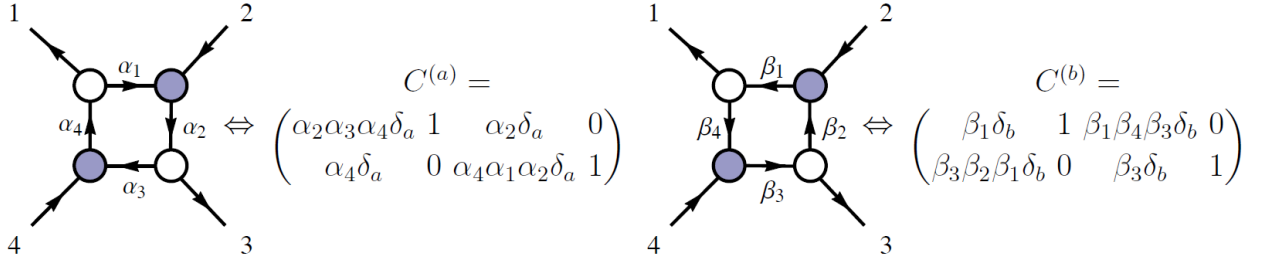


Figure 4.

where the  $\delta$ 's are defined by

$$\delta_a = \frac{1}{1 - \prod_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i} \quad (10.86)$$

Solving the  $C_\perp$  delta-function, we get the following equations after contracting with  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_4$  (which gives a Jacobian of  $\langle 24 \rangle^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle 12 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_4 \langle 24 \rangle}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4} \\ 0 &= \langle 14 \rangle - \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \langle 24 \rangle}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4} \\ 0 &= -\langle 23 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \langle 24 \rangle}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4} \\ 0 &= \langle 34 \rangle - \frac{\alpha_2 \langle 24 \rangle}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4} \end{aligned} \quad (10.87)$$

from which we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= -\frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, & \alpha_2 &= \frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle}, \\ \alpha_3 &= -\frac{\langle 14 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, & \alpha_4 &= -\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle},\end{aligned}\tag{10.88}$$

along with a Jacobian factor from rewriting the delta functions of  $\frac{\langle 24 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle^2 \langle 34 \rangle^2}$ . The procedure to find this factor can be found by eg the first line of (10.88), which after insertion of the  $\delta_a = \frac{1}{1-\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4}$  reads

$$0 = \langle 12 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_4 \langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}\tag{10.89}$$

Since this is really a delta-function, we can write this as

$$\delta\left(\frac{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \left[\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle} + \alpha_4\right]\right) = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle} \delta\left(\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle} + \alpha_4\right)\tag{10.90}$$

i.e. the Jacobian from this factor is  $\frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle}$ . We can further find an expression for  $\delta_a$  through this

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \langle 12 \rangle + \alpha_4 \langle 24 \rangle \delta_a \\ \Rightarrow \delta_a &= -\frac{1}{\alpha_4} \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 24 \rangle} = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle}\end{aligned}\tag{10.91}$$

Taking these solutions and inserting into the other delta functions, and multiplying by  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_3$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= [12] + \frac{\langle 34 \rangle [13]}{\langle 24 \rangle}, & 0 &= [23] + \frac{\langle 14 \rangle [13]}{\langle 24 \rangle} \\ 0 &= [14] + \frac{\langle 23 \rangle [13]}{\langle 24 \rangle}, & 0 &= [34] + \frac{\langle 12 \rangle [13]}{\langle 24 \rangle}\end{aligned}\tag{10.92}$$

Which we can write as

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \langle 42 \rangle [21] + \langle 43 \rangle [31] = \langle 4|P|1], & 0 &= \langle 42 \rangle [23] + \langle 41 \rangle [13] = \langle 4|P|3] \\ 0 &= \langle 24 \rangle [41] + \langle 23 \rangle [31] = \langle 2|P|1], & 0 &= \langle 24 \rangle [43] + \langle 21 \rangle [13] = \langle 2|P|3]\end{aligned}\tag{10.93}$$

Which we can combine into  $\delta^4(P) \langle 24 \rangle^2$ . Finally the Jacobian is

$$\mathcal{J}_a = 1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 = \delta_a^{-1} = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}\tag{10.94}$$

The procedure is the same for the other diagram and here we just summarize the results

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &= \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle}, & \beta_2 &= \frac{\langle 21 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \\ \beta_3 &= \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle}, & \beta_4 &= \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle},\end{aligned}\tag{10.95}$$



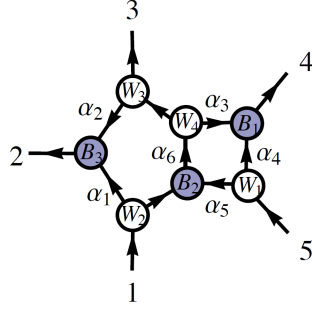
$$\mathcal{J}_b = 1 - \beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4 = \delta_b^{-1} = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle} \quad (10.96)$$

Combining all these factors with  $\prod_i \alpha_i = \frac{\langle 41 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}$  and  $\prod_i \beta_i = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle}$ , as well as using taking the Jacobians to the  $-4$ 'th power, we have the form

$$\begin{aligned} d\Omega &= \left( \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle^2 \langle 34 \rangle^2} \frac{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 41 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle} \left[ \frac{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \right]^{-4} + \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^4}{\langle 14 \rangle^2 \langle 23 \rangle^2} \frac{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \left[ \frac{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 14 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle} \right]^{-4} \right) \delta(P) \\ &= \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4 \langle 34 \rangle^4 + \langle 14 \rangle^4 \langle 23 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 13 \rangle^4 \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (10.97)$$

### 10.5.3 Five-point $\mathcal{N} = 0$

We will once again look at the following diagram



**Figure 5.**

We already solved this in section ....., here we obtained the following edgevariables after contracting with  $\lambda_1, \lambda_3$ , and  $\lambda_5$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{\langle 45 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_6 = \frac{\langle 35 \rangle}{\langle 15 \rangle} \quad (10.98)$$

and a Jacobian of  $\frac{\langle 15 \rangle^2}{\langle 35 \rangle^2 \langle 13 \rangle}$ . For this diagram we have two negative helicity particles 1 and 5 which is seen from the incoming arrows at those points. The orientation of these external legs do not yield an internal orientation with a closed cycle, and so this is the only diagram we have to take into account and there is no extra Jacobian factor. Using  $\prod_i \alpha_i = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle \langle 15 \rangle \langle 35 \rangle^2}$  The form then yields the amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} A_5(1^-, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^-) &= \frac{\langle 15 \rangle^2}{\langle 35 \rangle^2 \langle 13 \rangle} \frac{\delta(P)}{\prod_i \alpha_i} \\ &= \frac{\langle 15 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \delta(P) \end{aligned} \quad (10.99)$$

### 10.5.4 Six-point $\mathcal{N} = 0$

Here we start by treating the same diagram as we did in section ...

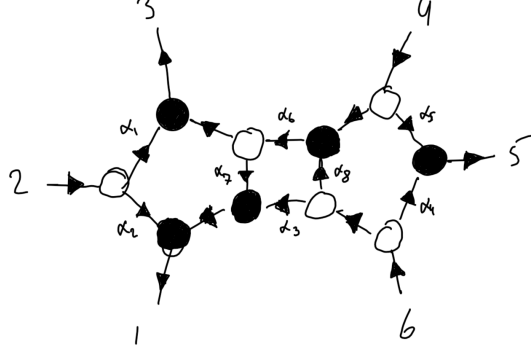


Figure 6.

where we obtained

$$\alpha_1 = -\frac{[65]}{[15]}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{[61]}{[15]}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{s_{234}}{\langle 4|Q_{234}|5 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 24 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 24 \rangle},$$

$$\alpha_6 = \frac{\langle 4|Q_{234}|5 \rangle}{\langle 24 \rangle [15]}, \quad \alpha_7 = -\frac{\langle 4|Q_{234}|1 \rangle}{\langle 4|Q_{234}|5 \rangle}, \quad \alpha_8 = -\frac{\langle 2|Q_{234}|5 \rangle}{\langle 4|Q_{234}|5 \rangle}.$$

The Jacobian from the delta functions is

$$J = \frac{[15] \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 4|Q_{234}|5 \rangle^2} \quad (10.100)$$

such that the form is

$$d\Omega_{4+4} = \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^4 [15]^4}{s_{234} \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 2|Q_{234}|5 \rangle \langle 4|Q_{234}|1 \rangle [61] [56]} \quad (10.101)$$

For the 5+3 diagram we once again use the results from the previous section. The diagram is

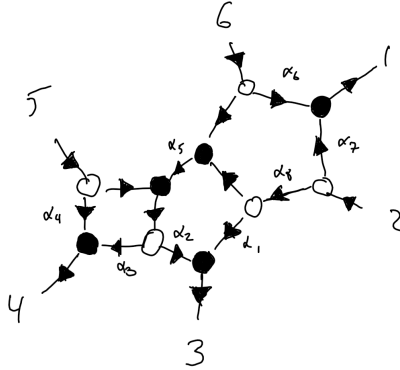


Figure 7.

With the following edgevariables

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= \frac{s_{612}}{\langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle}, & \alpha_2 &= \frac{[45]}{[34]}, & \alpha_3 &= \frac{[45]\langle 2|Q_{612}|3\rangle}{[34]\langle 2|Q_{612}|4\rangle}, & \alpha_4 &= \frac{\langle 2|Q_{612}|5\rangle}{\langle 2|Q_{612}|4\rangle}, \\ \alpha_5 &= \frac{\langle 2|Q_{612}|4\rangle}{\langle 62\rangle[45]}, & \alpha_6 &= \frac{\langle 12\rangle}{\langle 62\rangle}, & \alpha_7 &= \frac{\langle 61\rangle}{\langle 62\rangle}, & \alpha_8 &= \frac{\langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle}{\langle 2|Q_{612}|3\rangle}.\end{aligned}\tag{10.102}$$

Here the Jacobian from the delta functions is

$$J = \frac{[35]^4 \langle 62\rangle}{[34]^3 \langle 2|Q_{612}|4\rangle \langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle}\tag{10.103}$$

The form is

$$d\Omega_{5+3} = \frac{\langle 26\rangle^4 [35]^4}{s_{612} \langle 12\rangle \langle 16\rangle \langle 6|Q_{612}|3\rangle \langle 2|Q_{612}|5\rangle [34][45]}\tag{10.104}$$

### 10.5.5 Jacobian from solving delta-function

The following property holds for the  $\delta$ -functions

$$\delta(kx) = \frac{1}{k} \delta(x)\tag{10.105}$$

which means that for instance when multiplying a deltafunction by a spinor one has

$$\delta(\lambda_i) = \lambda_j \delta(\lambda_j \lambda_i)\tag{10.106}$$

Or, using spinor helicity bracket notation

$$\delta(\lambda_i) \delta(\lambda_j) = \langle kl \rangle \delta(\lambda_k \lambda_i) \delta(\lambda_l \lambda_j)\tag{10.107}$$

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