

Multi-Leg Amplitudes at One Loop

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Lectures 3 and 4

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 - Amplitude organization
 - Reduction of one-loop N-point scalar integrals
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 - Reduction of one-loop N-point tensor integrals
 - Numerical evaluation of Feynman diagrams
 - Summary and Outlook

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\Rightarrow "pinched" graphs of rank $r - 1$ plus rest:

$$I_N^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} = \sum_{j=1}^N C_j^{\mu_1} I_{N-1,j}^{\mu_2 \dots \mu_r} + T_{\text{Remainder}}$$

$$T_{\text{Rem.}} = \int d^n \kappa \frac{Q^{\mu_1} k^{\mu_2} \dots k^{\mu_r}}{\prod_{j=1}^N D_j}$$

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- First term = 0 \Leftrightarrow $\boxed{\sum_l S_{jl} C_l^{\mu} + r_j^{\mu} = 0}$
- Second term leads to higher dim. integral \Rightarrow IR finite!

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- Last term is also IR finite !
- Reduction induces IR subtractions !

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$$C_j^\mu = - \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \left[H_{jl} r_l^\mu - K_{jl} w_l \frac{w \cdot H \cdot r^\mu}{w \cdot K \cdot w} \right], \quad j \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$$

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Reduction of $N \geq 6$ point tensor integrals trivial:

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Formfactor representation for the case $N = 5$ ($j_l \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_5^{\mu_1} &= \sum T_{j_1}^{5,1} r_{j_1}^{\mu_1} \\
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$T_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{5,r}$ only needed for $j_1 \leq j_2 \leq \dots \leq j_r$.

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Apply formalism and use $g^{\mu\nu}|_{d=4} = \sum_{jl} (b_l b_j - 2(S^{-1})_{lj}) r_l^\mu r_j^\nu$

$$T_{00}^{5,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j b_j I_{4,j}^{n+2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{j_1 j_2}^{5,2} &= \sum_l ((S^{-1})_{lj_1} b_{j_2} + (S^{-1})_{lj_2} b_{j_1} - 2(S^{-1})_{j_1 j_2} b_l + b_j (S_j^{-1})_{j_1 j_2}) I_{4,j}^{n+2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_l \sum_{m \in \{1, \dots, 5\} / \{l\}} ((S^{-1})_{lj_2} (S_j^{-1})_{mj_1} + (S^{-1})_{lj_1} (S_j^{-1})_{mj_2}) I_{3,m,k}^n \end{aligned}$$

$[S_j^{-1}]$ is 5 by 5 matrix with j th column and row = 0

and remaining entries filled with $minor(j, S)^{-1}$.]

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- "Basis" integrals needed for $r \leq 3$ only
- Formalism has no inverse Gram determinants
- IR divergences isolated in 3-point functions
- Ideal starting point for numerical evaluation

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Notations now as later used in FORM code:

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The two linear operators

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 \mathcal{P} \cdot \mathcal{R} &= 0 \quad , \quad \mathcal{P}\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P} \quad , \quad \mathcal{R} \cdot r = 1 \quad , \quad tr(\mathcal{P}) = (n - 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

can be used to project tensor integrals onto form factors:

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 TC21(1, n, s, m_1^2, m_2^2) &= \mathcal{R}_\mu I_2^\mu \\
 TC22(0, 0, n, s, m_1^2, m_2^2) &= \frac{1}{n-3} \mathcal{P}_{\mu\nu} I_2^{\mu\nu} \\
 TC22(1, 1, n, s, m_1^2, m_2^2) &= \left(\mathcal{R}_\mu \mathcal{R}_\nu - \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{n-3} \mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu} \right) I_2^{\mu\nu}
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The projection operators and their properties are ($j \in 1, 2$, $H = G^{-1}$)

$$\mathcal{R}_j^\mu = 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 r_i^\mu H_{ij} \quad , \quad \mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu} = \left[g^{\mu\nu} - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^2 r_i^\mu H_{ij} r_j^\nu \right]$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{R}_\nu = 0 \quad , \quad \mathcal{P}_\rho^\mu \mathcal{P}^{\rho\nu} = \mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu} \quad , \quad tr(\mathcal{P}) = (n - 2) \quad , \quad \mathcal{R}_j^\mu r_{l\mu} = \delta_{jl}$$

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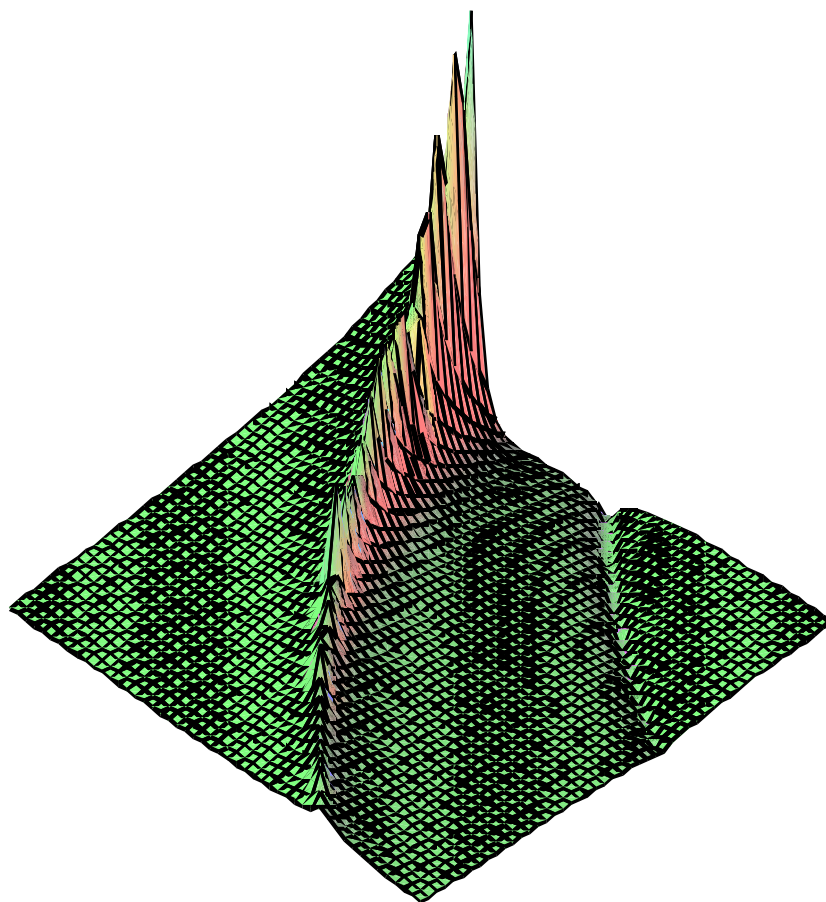
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Illustration for an 2-dim. integrable singularity:

Typically:

square root singularity: $dz_1 / \sqrt{z_1 - f(z_2, \dots, z_N)}$

logarithmic singularity: $dz_1 \log(|z_1 - f(z_2, \dots, z_N)|)$



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$$J_l(N, D, j_1, \dots, j_r) = \int_0^1 d^{N-1} t \left(\sum_{j=1}^N T_j \right)^{N-D-r} \frac{T_{j_1} \dots T_{j_r}}{\left(T \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot T/2 - i\delta \right)^{N-D/2}}$$

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$$\int_0^1 d^{N-1}t f(\vec{t}) = \int_0^1 d^{N-1}t \det \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t_j} \right) f(\vec{t} - i\vec{\tau}(\vec{t}))$$

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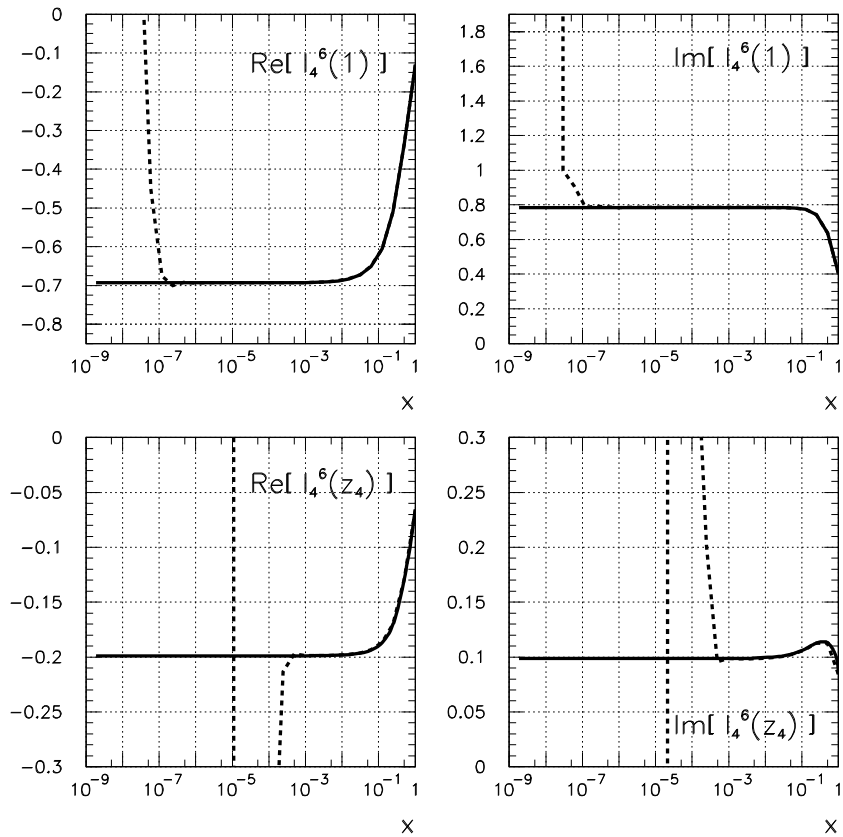
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Consider the following $2 \rightarrow 2$ kinematics:

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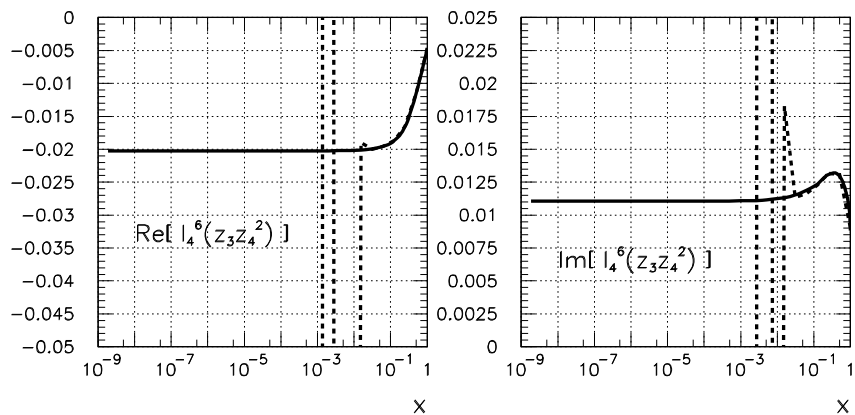
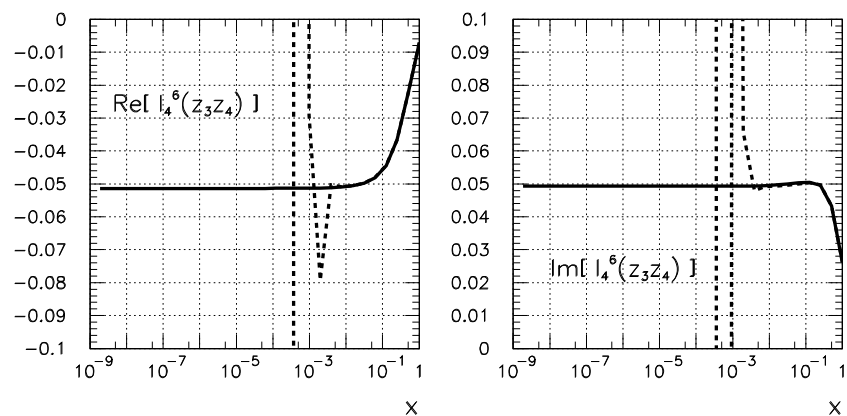
Phase space boundaries: $x \rightarrow 0, \theta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \det(G) = 0$.

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- Full line: numerical implementation
- Dashed line: algebraical implementation

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Conclusion for the practitioner:

Use fast and accurate algebraic formulas for the "bulk" of the phase space,
switch to slow but reliable numerical evaluation at the phase space boundary!

Summary:

One-loop $2 \rightarrow N$ matrix elements for BSM+SM processes

- Sort amplitudes by gauge, colour and analyticity structure
- Amplitude organization: decomposition of scattering tensor
 \Rightarrow To be done once and forever for $NV, (N-2)V + f\bar{f}, (N-4)V + 2S + f\bar{f}, \dots$
- Generate graphs (and UV counterterms) for a given amplitude
(e.g. QGRAPH, FeynArts, ...)
- Project onto amplitude coefficients
deal with *reducible* scalar products first
tensor reduction of *irreducible* $N \geq 5$ point tensor integrals
- n-dim.form factor representation of 1- to 4-point functions
or use numeric approach from here on.

- Sort into basis set of two, three, four point scalar integrals
 - ⇒ Basis set for each amplitude can be determined automatically
 - ⇒ IR, UV divergent part can be isolated explicitly!
- Simplify coefficients analytically using algebraic programs
- Combine N-point loop amplitude with (N+1) tree level amplitude
 - ⇒ IR divergencies cancel
- Evaluate cross section numerically
 - ⇒ Phenomenological prediction!

Summary:

Loads of NLO calculations necessary for the LHC, e.g.

- $PP \rightarrow N$ jets
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Hopefully a future computer algebra package will do the work for us...

keep tuned and help!!!