

New developments on Feynman integrals calculation

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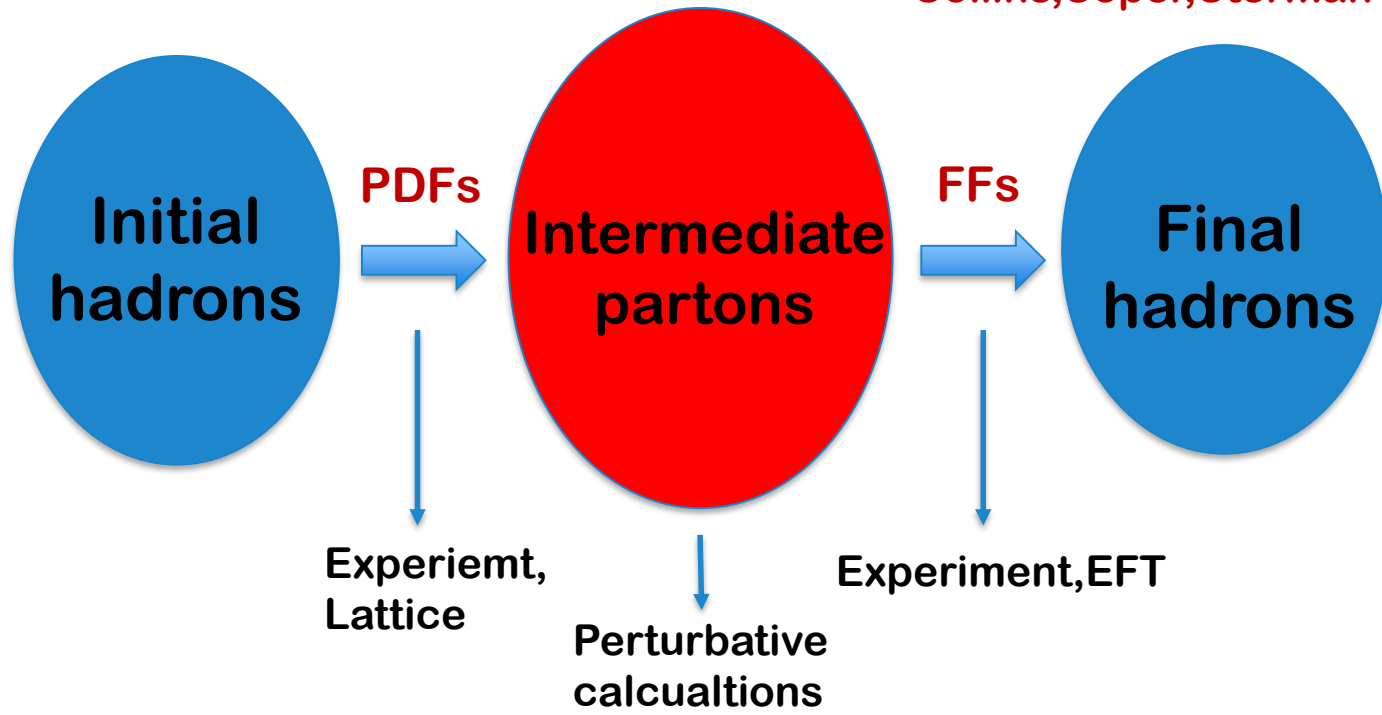
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Hadrons scattering process

Collins,Soper,Sterman 1989



$$\sigma(\text{hadrons}) = \text{PDFs} \otimes \sigma(\text{partons}) \otimes \text{FFs}$$

- σ (hadrons) measured by experiment
- σ (partons) calculated by perturbative theory
- **Requirement:** uncertainty of perturbative calculations \leq uncertainty of experiments
- Test Standard Model or find new physics

Perturbative calculation process

- Generate scattering amplitude expressed by Feynman integrals(FIs) **Relatively easier**
Feynman diagram method
- Reduce the FIs to master integrals (MIs) by integration-by-part(IBP) identities **Much harder**

$$F (\mathcal{O}(10^4)) \xrightarrow{\text{IBP}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{O}(10^2)} c_i \times I_i$$

Laporta's algorithm
[Laporta, hep-ph/0102033]

Syzygy equations
[Gluz, et al, 1009.0472]

Block triangular
[Guan,Liu,Ma, 1912.09294]

- Calculate master integrals **Hard**

Sector decomposition
[Binnoth,Heinrich, hep-ph/0004013]

Canonical form
[Henn, 1304.1806]

Auxiliary mass flow
[Liu,Ma,Wang, 1711.09572]

- One-loop order: solved problem

- Higher-loop order?

[’t Hooft,Veltman 1979]
[Oldenborgh,Vermaseren 1990]

Difficulties of perturbative calculations

Baikov, et al,1606.08659

$$\beta(a_s) = \mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} a_s(\mu)$$

# of loops	$\alpha_s^{(3)}(M_\tau)$	$\alpha_s^{(5)}(M_Z)$	$\alpha_s^{(5)}(M_H)$
3	0.33 ± 0.014	0.1195 ± 0.0015	0.1140 ± 0.0015
4	0.33 ± 0.014	0.1197 ± 0.0015	0.1142 ± 0.0015
5	0.33 ± 0.014	0.1198 ± 0.0015	0.1143 ± 0.0015

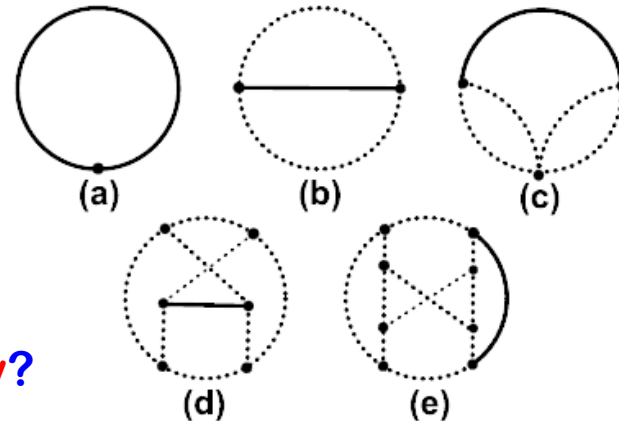
3 loop(1980)

4 loop(1997)

5 loop(2016)

Five-loop running of QCD coupling constant

- Involving Feynman integrals(FIs) up to 5 loops
- 7 months of running time by computer with about 160 cores
- How to calculate these FIs **efficiently**?
- How about **6-loop** FIs?



Auxiliary mass flow method

- Introduce an auxiliary mass to some propagator

Liu, Ma, Wang, 1711.09572
Liu, Ma, 2107.01864

$$I_{\text{mod}}(\eta) = \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \right) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \cdots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1 - \eta)^{\nu_1} \cdots \mathcal{D}_K^{\nu_K}}$$

- Physical integral

$$I_{\text{phy}} = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow i0^-} I_{\text{mod}}(\eta)$$

- The limit is taken through following three steps:
 - (1) Set up η –DEs of modified integral
 - (2) Determination of boundary conditions(BCs) at $\eta = \infty$
 - (3) Evolution of η from ∞ to $i0^-$

Merits and demerits

➤ Advantages

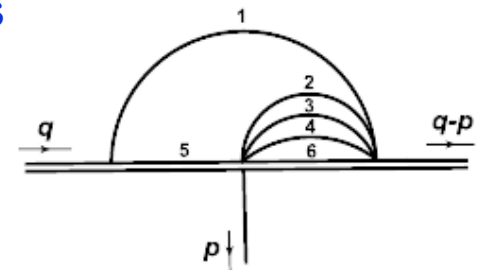
- Systematic and efficient for any loop FIs (given BCs)
- Simple BCs input: single mass vacuum Feynman integrals
- Arbitrary accuracy



Some single mass vacuum FIs up to 5 loops
(known analytic expressions up to **3 loops**)

➤ Deficiencies

- No arbitrary accuracy at more than three loops
- Can't handle FIs containing linear propagators
(often appear in many physical problems)

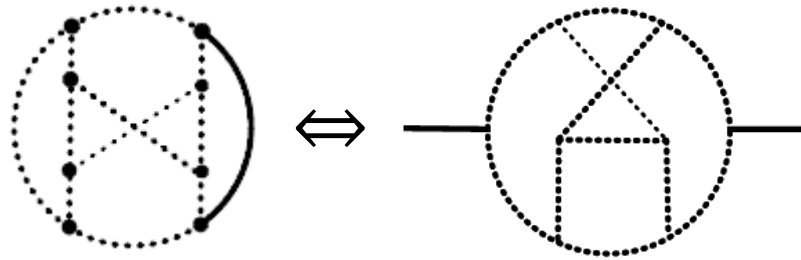


Arbitrary accuracy for any loops

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➤ Loop-drop technique

A L -loop single mass vacuum FI is equivalent to a $(L-1)$ -loop massless propagator integral (p -integral).



➤ Use AMF and Loop-drop by turns

$(L-1)$ -loop p -integrals

⇓ AMF

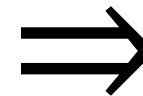
$(L-1)$ -loop single mass tadpoles

⇓ Loop-drop

$(L-2)$ -loop p -integrals

⇓ $(\text{AMF} + \text{Loop-drop})^{L-2}$

0-loop p -integrals (=1)



Loop integrations totally bypassed!

New viewpoint

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➤ Feynman integral is Linear algebra!

FIs \triangleq **Linear algebra** \oplus **Vacuum integrals**



(2017-2021)

FIs \triangleq **Linear algebra**

(2022)

- Only input is integration-by-part (IBP) identities (to set up η –DEs)
- No other input
- No kinematics
- No loops

For linear propagators

➤ Change linear to quadratic propagators

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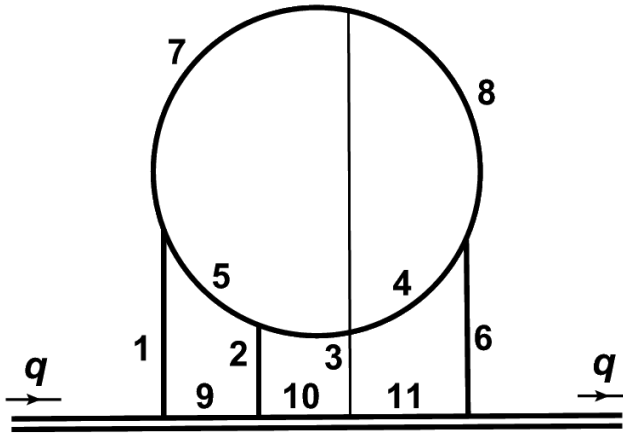
$$\frac{1}{p_a \cdot \ell_a + \Delta_a + i0^+} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x(\ell_a^2 + i0^+) + p_a \cdot \ell_a + \Delta_a}$$

- Quadratic integrals at finite x_0 calculated by AMF for any loops
- Original linear integrals obtained by taking $x \rightarrow 0^+$:
1) Set up x – DEs ; 2) BCs at x_0 by AMF; 3) Solve x – DEs
- A new method to calculate linear integrals **systematically and efficiently**
- Useful in effective field theory and region expansion

Application to four loops

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- Results of all four-loop MIs of vacuum integrals containing a gauge link for the first time



The most complex diagram

$$\begin{aligned} I_{(1,\dots,1,0,0,0)} &= 2.467401100272340\epsilon^{-4} \\ &- (2.10725949249774 - 31.00627668029982i)\epsilon^{-3} \\ &- (142.4061631115384 + 26.4806037633531i)\epsilon^{-2} \\ &+ (258.9104506294486 - 157.4236379069742i)\epsilon^{-1} \\ &- (1638.226426723546 - 1859.681566826831i) \\ &- (4750.006669884407 + 11690.896001211223i)\epsilon \\ &+ (22176.46421510774 + 23525.15655373790i)\epsilon^2 \\ &- (120064.4744857791 + 165534.0450504650i)\epsilon^3 \\ &+ (855055.4310121035 + 539390.2035592209i)\epsilon^4 \\ &- (3796471.438494197 + 1678278.567906508i)\epsilon^5. \end{aligned}$$

- Higher precision and higher orders in ϵ achieved easily
- Useful for studying parton distribution functions

Summary and outlook

➤ Summary

- Use Loop-drop technique to make AMF calculate its BCs automatically and surprisingly find that FIs calculation can be reduced to Linear algebra
- Use quadratic integrals to calculate linear integrals systematically and efficiently
- Feynman integrals are just Linear algebra

➤ Outlook

- Deeper understanding of FIs calculation from Linear algebra
- A wide range of applications of AMF for all purposes (any loops, any dimension, linear propagators,

Thank you!

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Definition of FIs

➤ A family of Feynman integrals

$$I_{\vec{\nu}}(D, \vec{s}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \cdots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1 + i0^+)^{\nu_1} \cdots (\mathcal{D}_K + i0^+)^{\nu_K}}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha = A_{\alpha ij} \ell_i \cdot \ell_j + B_{\alpha ij} \ell_i \cdot p_j + C_\alpha$$

- ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_L : loop momenta; p_1, \dots, p_E : external momenta;
- A, B : integers; C : linear combination of \vec{s} (including masses)
- $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_K$: inverse propagators; ν_1, \dots, ν_K : integers
- $\mathcal{D}_{K+1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}_N$: irreducible scalar products; ν_{K+1}, \dots, ν_N : non-positive integers

➤ Difficulties of calculating FIs

- Analytical: known special functions are insufficient to express FIs
- Numerical: UV or IR divergence at $D \rightarrow 4$

Calculate p-integrals

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➤ Apply AMF method on $(L - 1)$ -loop p-integral

1) IBP to setup η -DEs

2) Single-mass vacuum integrals no more than $(L - 1)$ loops as input

Single-mass vacuum integrals with L loops are determined by
that with no more than $(L - 1)$ loops (besides IBP)

- Boundary: 0-loop p-integrals equal 1

➤ Only IBPs are needed to determine FIs!

- IBPs: linear algebra, exact (in D, \vec{s}) relations between FIs
- Loop integrations are completely avoided!

New workflow

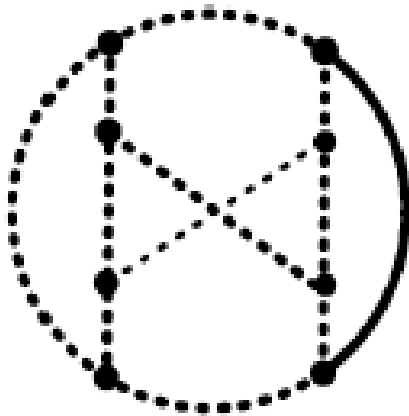
➤ The 'FICalc' to calculate FIs can be defined as (any given nonsingular D and \vec{s}):

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- ① If it is a 0-loop p-integral, return 1;
- ② If it is a single-mass vacuum integral, express it by a p-integral, and call 'FICalc' to calculate the p-integral;
- ③ Otherwise:
 - a) Introduce η to one propagator (if the mass mode is not possible)
 - b) Setup η -DEs using **IBP as input**
 - c) Call 'FICalc' to calculate boundary FIs at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$
 - d) Numerically solve η -DEs with given BCs to obtain $\eta \rightarrow i0^-$

A five-loop example

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -2.073855510286740\epsilon^{-2} - 7.812755312590133\epsilon^{-1} \\
 &\quad - 17.25882864945875 + 717.6808845492140\epsilon \\
 &\quad + 8190.876448160049\epsilon^2 + 78840.29598046500\epsilon^3 \\
 &\quad + 566649.1116484678\epsilon^4 + 3901713.802716081\epsilon^5 \\
 &\quad + 23702384.71086095\epsilon^6 + 142142936.8205112\epsilon^7,
 \end{aligned}$$

- IBP relations are the only input!
- Terms up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$ agree with literature; Others are new ($D = 4 - 2\epsilon$)
Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, 1108.0732
- An arbitrary dimension $D = 4/7$, no other known method can do it

-9.7931120970486493218087959800691116464281825474654283306146947264431
 516031830610056668242341877309401032293901004574319494017206091158244
 70822465419388568066195037237209021119616849996640259201636321*10^7

with about 130 significant digits

TABLE IX: Values of $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$ determined at N³LO accuracy from Γ_Z^{tot} , R_Z , and σ_Z^{had} individually, combined, as well as from a global SM fit, with propagated experimental, parametric, and theoretical uncertainties broken down. The last two rows list the expected values at the FCC-ee from all Z pseudoobservables combined and from the corresponding SM fit.

Observable	$\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$	uncertainties		
		exp.	param.	theor.
Γ_Z^{tot}	0.1192 ± 0.0047	± 0.0046	± 0.0005	± 0.0008
R_Z	0.1207 ± 0.0041	± 0.0041	± 0.0001	± 0.0009
σ_Z^{had}	0.1206 ± 0.0068	± 0.0067	± 0.0004	± 0.0012
All above combined	0.1203 ± 0.0029	± 0.0029	± 0.0002	± 0.0008
Global SM fit	0.1202 ± 0.0028	± 0.0028	± 0.0002	± 0.0008
All combined (FCC-ee)	0.12030 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022
Global SM fit (FCC-ee)	0.12020 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022

TABLE XII: PDG average of the categories of observables [March'22 update of the PDG'21 results]. These are the final input to the world average of $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$.

category	$\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$	relative $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$ uncertainty
τ decays and low Q^2	0.1178 ± 0.0019	1.6%
$Q\bar{Q}$ bound states	0.1181 ± 0.0037	3.1%
PDF fits	0.1162 ± 0.0020	1.7%
e^+e^- jets & shapes	0.1171 ± 0.0031	2.6%
electroweak	0.1208 ± 0.0028	2.3%
hadron colliders	0.1165 ± 0.0028	2.4%
lattice	0.1182 ± 0.0008	0.7%
world average (without lattice)	0.1176 ± 0.0010	0.9%
world average (with lattice)	0.1179 ± 0.0009	0.8%

Summary and outlook

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- Use Loop-drop technique to make AMF calculate its BCs automatically and surprisingly find that FIs calculation can be reduced to linear algebra
- Use quadratic integrals to calculate linear integrals systematically
- Automation calculation of all kinds of FIs has been implemented in the package AMFlow(2201.11669)

➤ Outlook

- Deeper understanding of FIs calculation from linear algebra
- A wide range of applications of AMF for all purposes (any loops, any dimension, linear propagators)