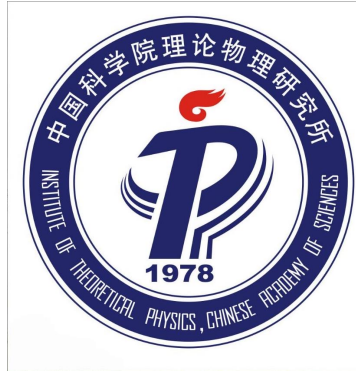


The symbology of Feynman integrals from twistor geometries I



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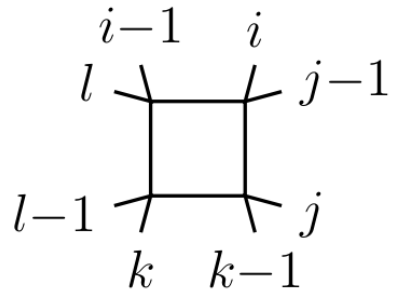
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Symbology for Amplitudes & Integrals

- For **multi-polylogarithmic** (MPL) functions, symbol letters are most basic building blocks
- **Canonical DE method** for general integrals (very efficient; mathematical structure?)
- Possible mathematical structures of symbol letters help us make prediction for the alphabet → **bootstrap** amplitudes/individual integrals
- In this talk (1st part: N=4 SYM, 2nd part: general cases), we introduce a geometric way, which recovers the symbol letters from **twistor geometries**

One-loop integrals and Schubert problems [\[N. Arkani-Hamed, 21' \]](#)

- For dual conformal invariant integrals, symbol letters are DCI invariants \rightarrow geometrical invariants in momentum twistor space
- E.g.1: one-loop four-mass box (weight-2 MPL)



$$= \int_{AB} \frac{\langle i-1ik-1k \rangle \langle j-1jl-1l \rangle}{\langle ABi-1i \rangle \langle ABj-1j \rangle \langle ABk-1k \rangle \langle ABl-1l \rangle}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta_{i,j,k,l}} \left(v \otimes \frac{z_{i,j,k,l}}{\bar{z}_{i,j,k,l}} + u \otimes \frac{1 - \bar{z}_{i,j,k,l}}{1 - z_{i,j,k,l}} \right)$$

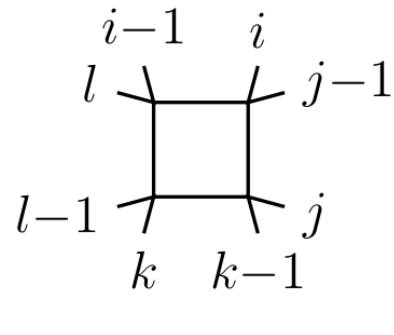
$$u = \frac{\langle i-1ij-1j \rangle \langle k-1kl-1l \rangle}{\langle i-1ik-1k \rangle \langle j-1jl-1l \rangle}, \quad v = \frac{\langle i-1il-1l \rangle \langle j-1jk-1k \rangle}{\langle i-1ik-1k \rangle \langle j-1jl-1l \rangle}$$

$$z_{i,j,k,l} \bar{z}_{i,j,k,l} = u, \quad (1 - z_{i,j,k,l})(1 - \bar{z}_{i,j,k,l}) = v.$$

$$\Delta_{i,j,k,l} = \sqrt{(1-u-v)^2 - 4uv}$$

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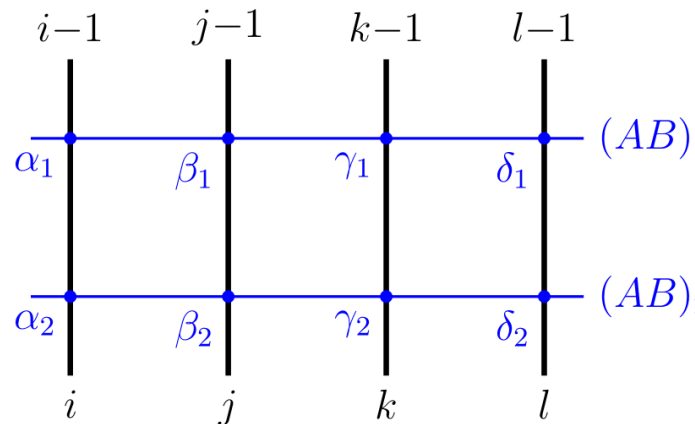
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- LS of box: AB intersects with 4 external lines simultaneously [\[Schubert, 19th century; N. Arkani-Hamed et al, 10' \]](#)



$$\frac{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)(\gamma_1, \delta_1)}{(\alpha_1, \gamma_1)(\beta_1, \delta_1)} = z_{i,j,k,l}, \quad \frac{(\alpha_1, \delta_1)(\gamma_1, \beta_1)}{(\alpha_1, \gamma_1)(\beta_1, \delta_1)} = 1 - z_{i,j,k,l}$$

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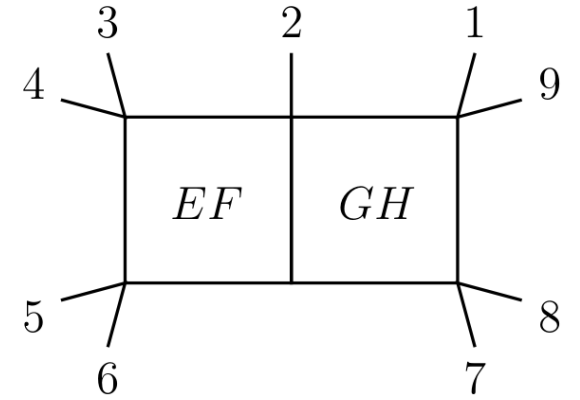
$$\frac{(X_1, X_3)(X_2, X_4)}{(X_1, X_4)(X_2, X_3)} := \frac{\langle X_1 X_3 I \rangle \langle X_2 X_4 I \rangle}{\langle X_1 X_4 I \rangle \langle X_2 X_3 I \rangle}$$

I: arbitrary reference line

Two-loop Symbology and twistor geometries

9-point double-box integral (weight-4 MPL)

$$S(I_9) = \sum A_1 \otimes A_2 \otimes B \otimes C$$



$A_1 \otimes A_2$ (first-two-entries) : letters from **one-loop intersections** on **internal lines**

B (third entries): ?? (rational letters & algebraic letters containing four-mass square roots)

C (last entries): ?? (4 letters containing **two-loop square roots**)

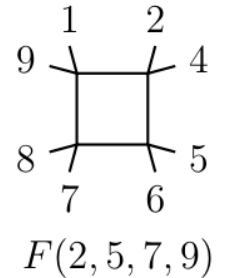
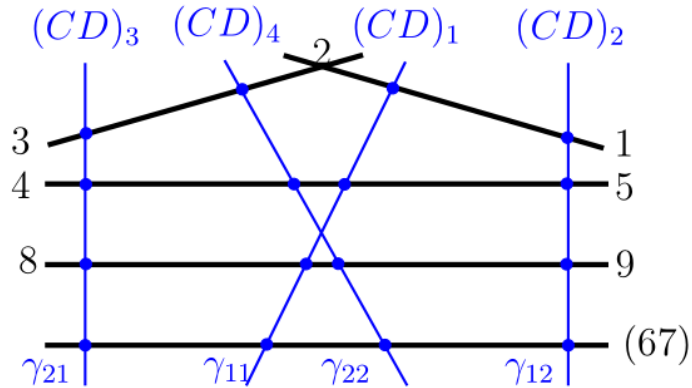
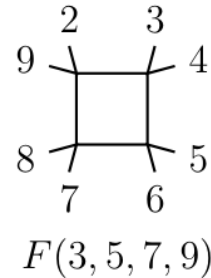
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- B: cross-ratios from external lines

After two one-loop Schubert problems are solved, each shared **external lines** have four intersections as well

- Two four-mass boxes

$$\frac{(z_{2,5,7,9} - z_{3,5,7,9})(\bar{z}_{2,5,7,9} - \bar{z}_{3,5,7,9})}{(z_{2,5,7,9} - \bar{z}_{3,5,7,9})(\bar{z}_{2,5,7,9} - z_{3,5,7,9})}$$

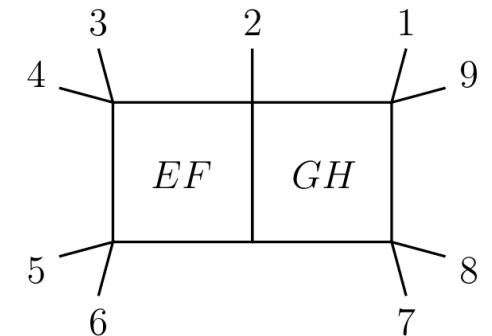


degeneration: algebraic letters & rational letters

ALL 3rd entry of 9-point double-box integral can be generated by this way

(n<9 letters of MHV/NMHV amplitudes in N=4 SYM

6pt: 9 rational; 7pt: 42 rational, 8pt: 272 rational+18 algebraic)



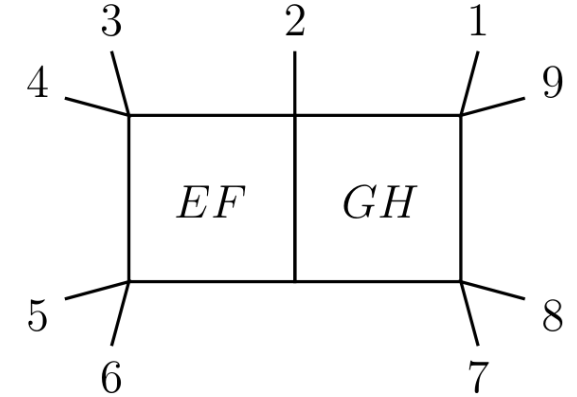
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- C: At 2 loops, new topologies lead to new intersections and correspondingly new letters

$$E = \alpha_1 Z_5 + \beta_1 Z_6 + Z_4, \quad F = \alpha_2 Z_5 + \beta_2 Z_6 + Z_7$$

$$G = \gamma_1 Z_7 + \delta_1 Z_8 + Z_9, \quad H = \gamma_2 Z_7 + \delta_2 Z_8 + Z_6$$

$$\alpha_2 = \delta_2 = 0, \beta_2 = \frac{1}{\gamma_2}$$

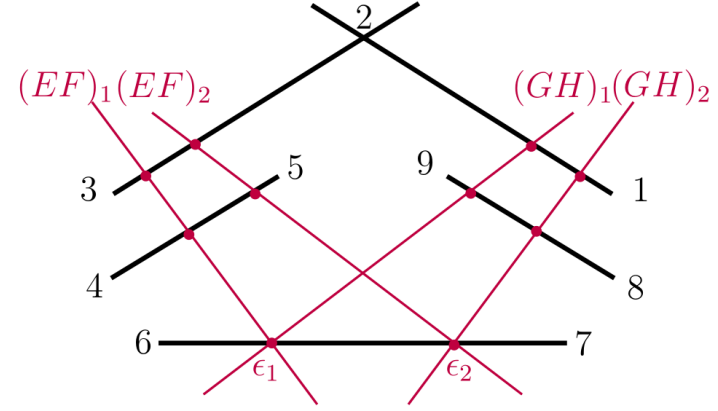


- Solving 7 on-shell conditions

Jacobian factor

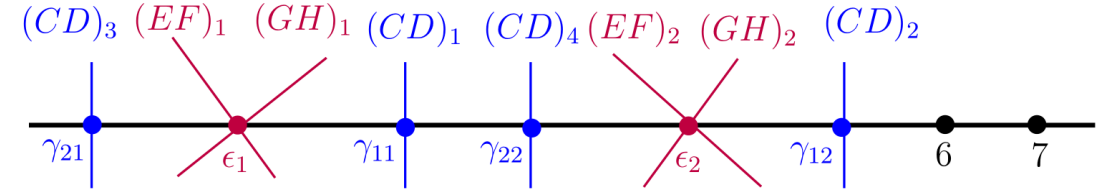
$$\langle 7 (89) \cap (612) (645) \cap (623) \rangle - \langle 6 (89) \cap (712) (745) \cap (723) \rangle \gamma_2^2$$

$$+ (\langle 6 (45) \cap (236) (789) \cap (712) \rangle - \langle 7 (45) \cap (237) (689) \cap (612) \rangle) \gamma_2$$



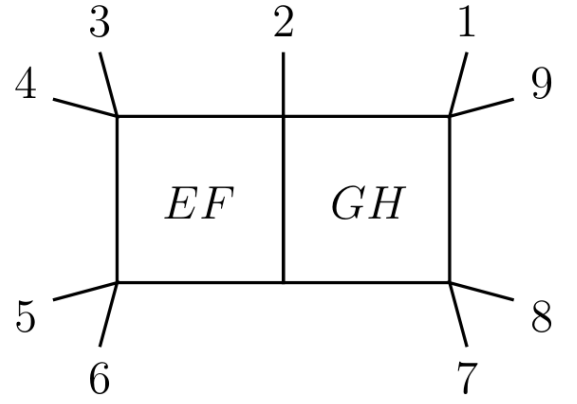
- (composite) LS: jacobian=0, two solutions for γ_2 , two intersections ϵ_1 and ϵ_2

a new square root Δ_9



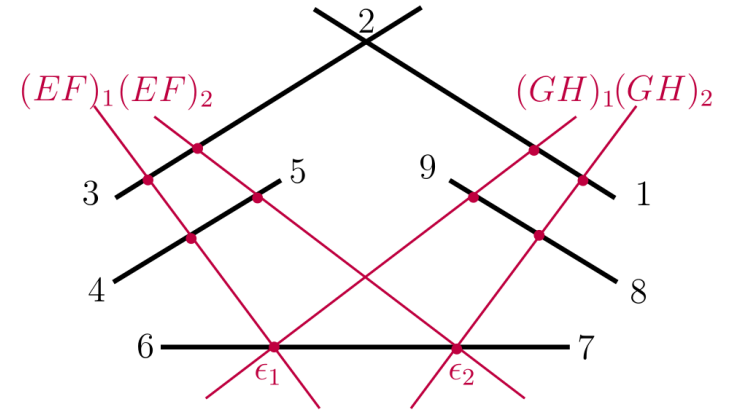
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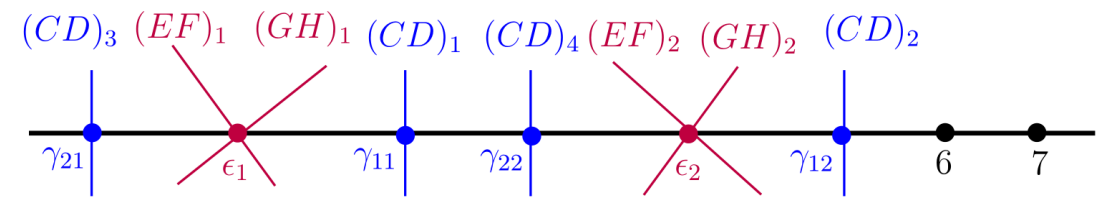
Using two intersections, we can construct:

$$\frac{(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{11})(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{12})}{(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{11})(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{12})} = \frac{(1 + az_{2,5,7,9})(1 + b\bar{z}_{2,5,7,9})}{(1 + a\bar{z}_{2,5,7,9})(1 + bz_{2,5,7,9})}, \quad \frac{(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{21})(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{22})}{(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{21})(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{22})} = \frac{(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{11})(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{12})}{(\epsilon_2, \gamma_{11})(\epsilon_1, \gamma_{12})} \Big|_{\text{reflection}}$$



a & *b*: combinations involving Δ_9

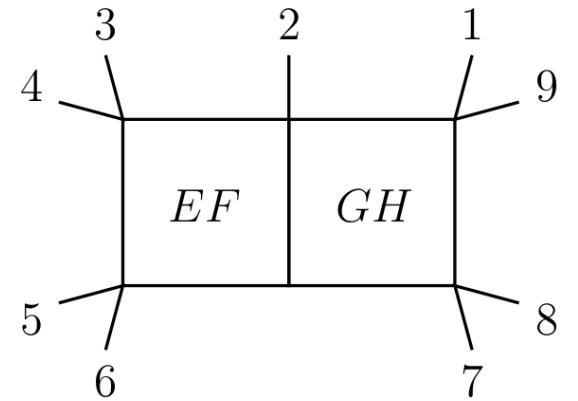
last entries of the db integral!



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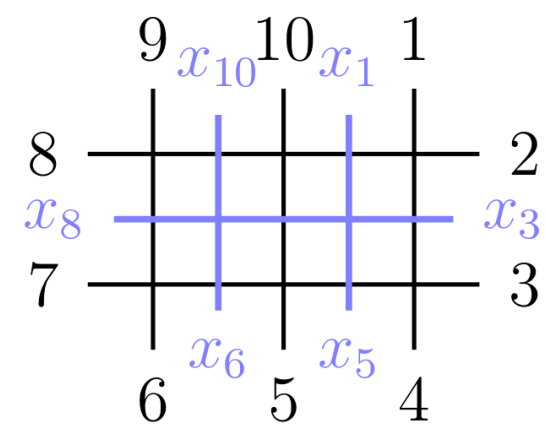
More general integrals?...

Elliptic Schubert problems and letters [in progress w. M.Wilhelm et al]

- Cannot take residues in all 4L variables \rightarrow rigidity

Rigidity=1: elliptic curve, Rigidity=2, K3 surface ...

e.g. 10-pt double-box integral

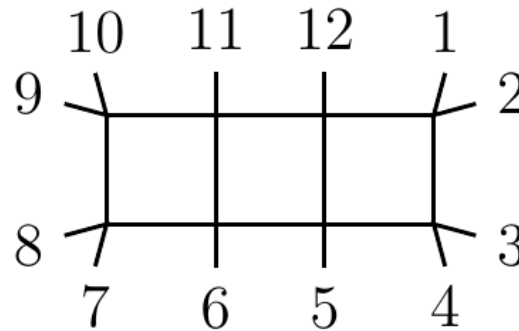
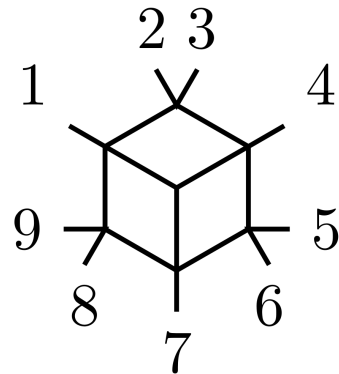


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Solving 7 on-shell conditions, the jacobian reads $\sqrt{P(\alpha)}$ with P a polynomial to the 4th power (soft limit \rightarrow perfect square)

Rigidity 2:
 $K(\alpha, \beta)$



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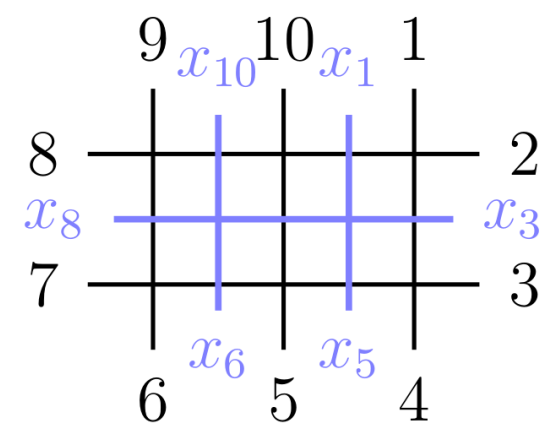
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e.g. 10-pt double-box integral [2106.14902]

Elliptic “cross-ratios:”

$$\frac{1}{\omega_1} \int_a^b \frac{dx}{\sqrt{P(x)}}$$

a & b: two intersections from another Schubert problem
 ω_1 : elliptic period



$$S(I_{10}) = \sum A_1 \otimes A_2 \otimes B \otimes D$$

Successfully reproduce the last entries of 10-point db integrals and give a predictions of 12-point db integrals → bootstrapping

More general cases: K3 last entries?...

Summary

- Twistor geometries provide a geometric explanations for the symbol letters, both for L-loop amplitudes and integrals in N=4 SYM
- Through this way, we can predict symbol letters for individual integrals and finally bootstrap them instead of direct computations
- This method can be generalized to elliptic cases, and proves to be useful for 10-/12-pt double-box integral
- Relations to cut integrals/diagrammatic coactions...
- K3 integrals?...

Thanks!



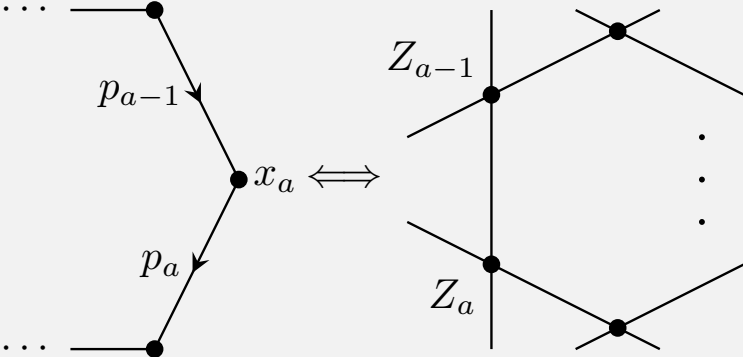
Symbology of Feynman Integrals from Twistor Geometries (II)

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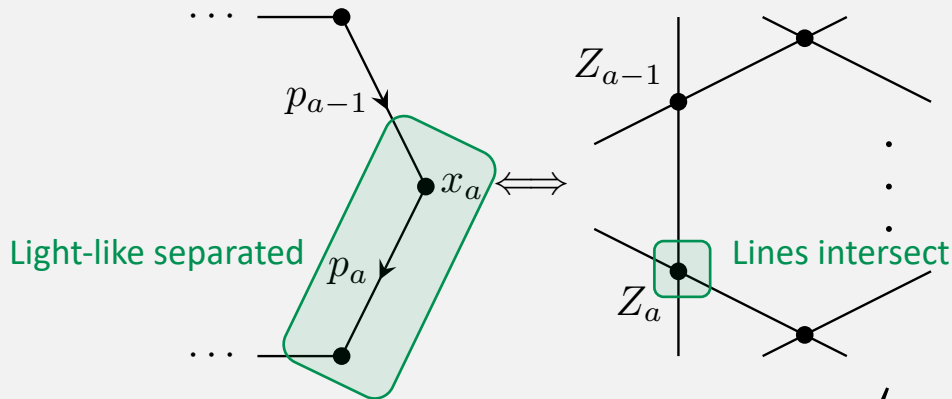
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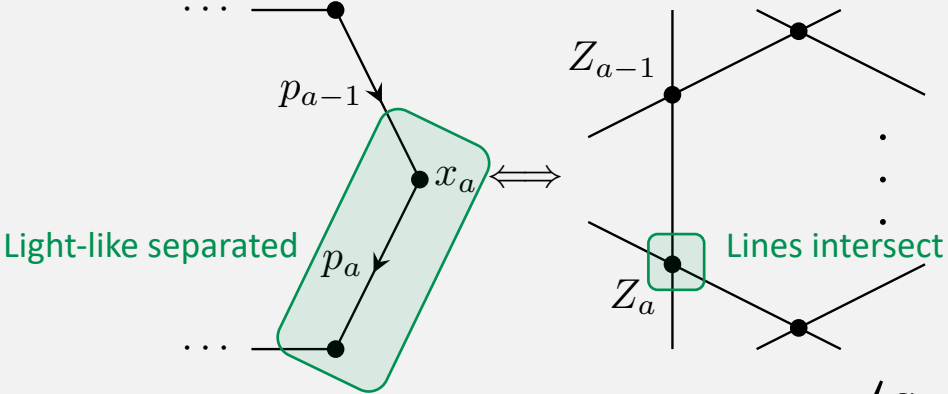
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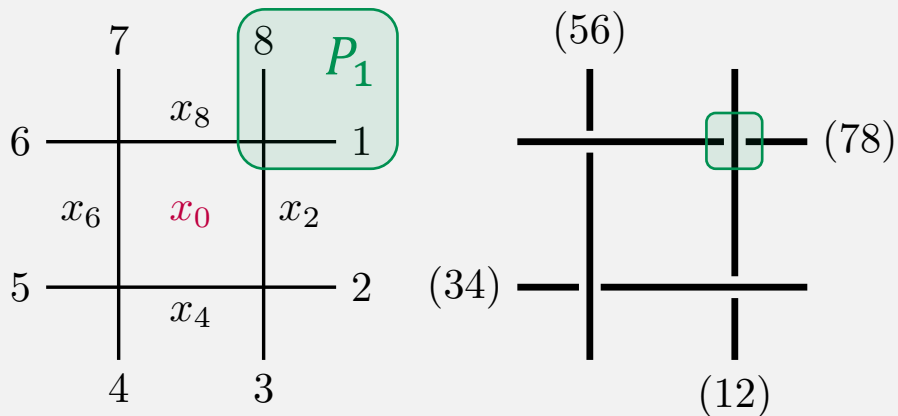
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Planar Integrals (DCI Kinematics)



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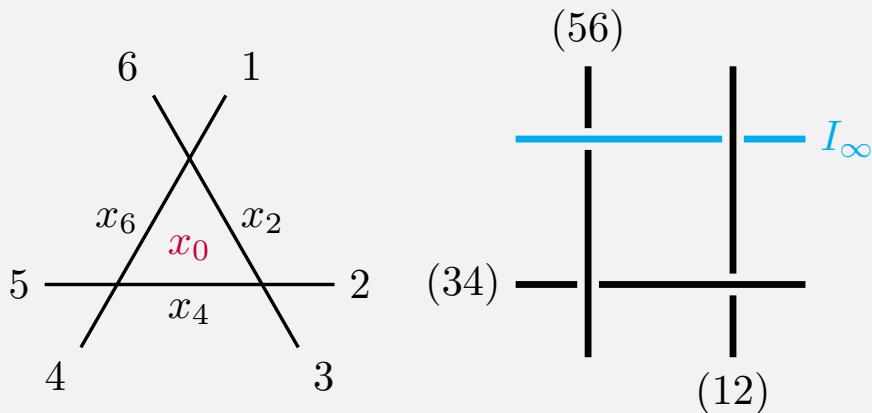
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$$\propto \int \frac{d\mu_{AB} \langle 1256 \rangle \langle 3478 \rangle}{\langle AB 12 \rangle \langle AB 34 \rangle \langle AB 56 \rangle \langle AB 78 \rangle}$$

Planar Integrals (Generic Kinematics)

Generically, an integral may depend on $x_\infty \sim I_\infty$.

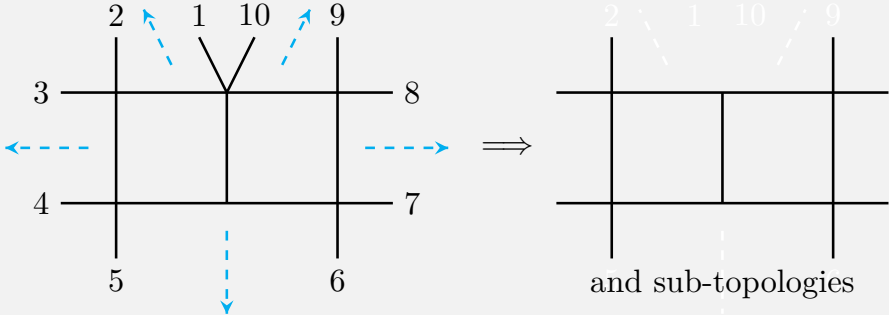
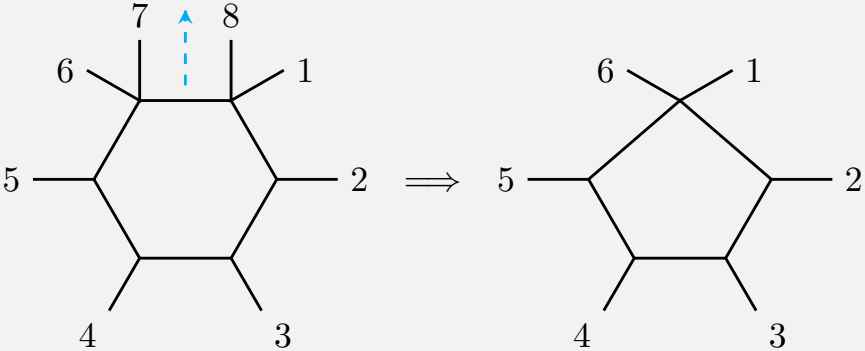


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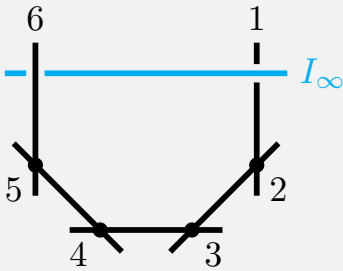
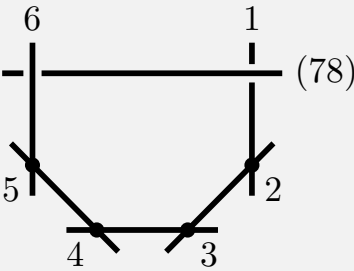
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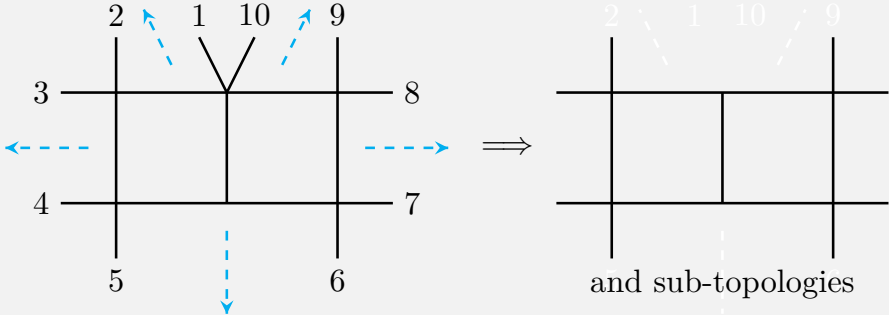
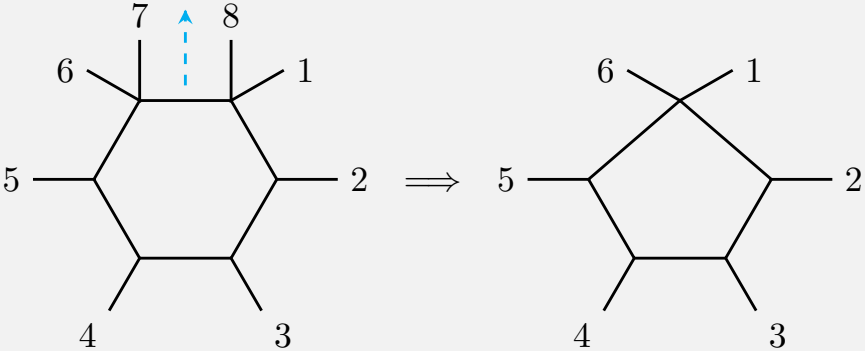


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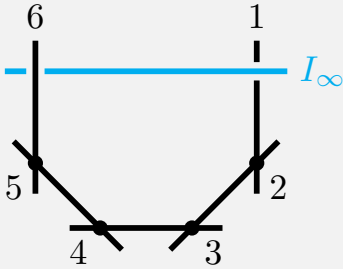
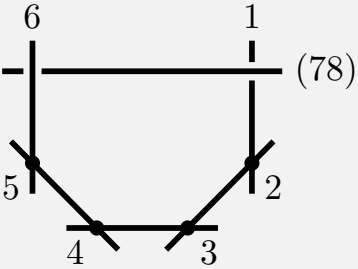


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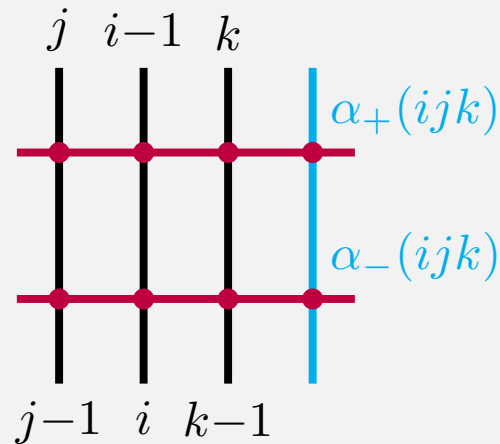
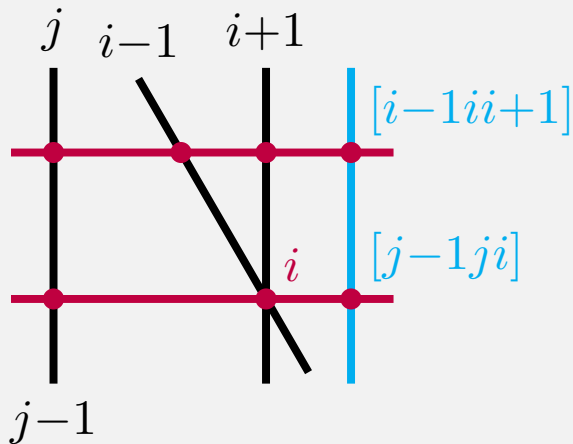
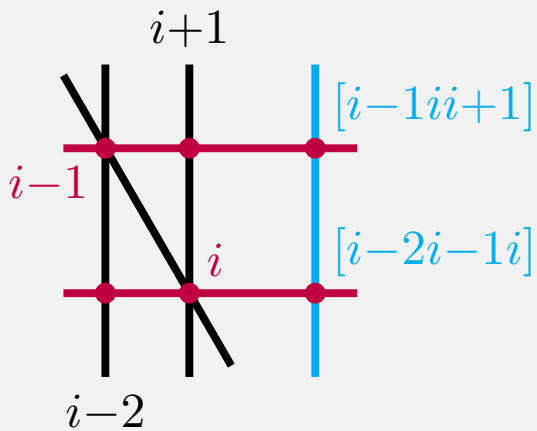
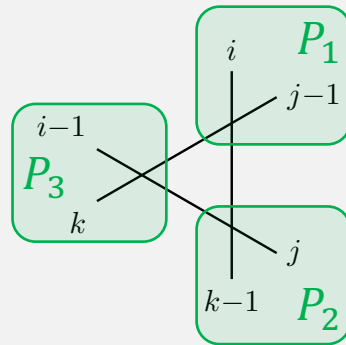
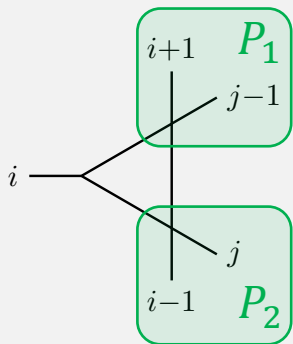
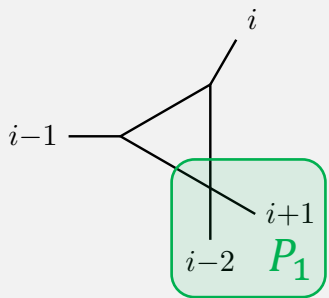
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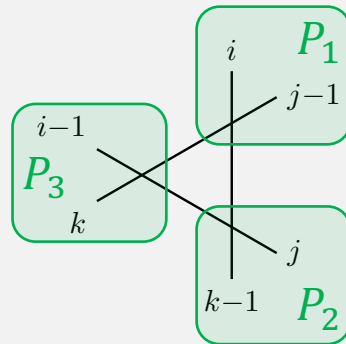
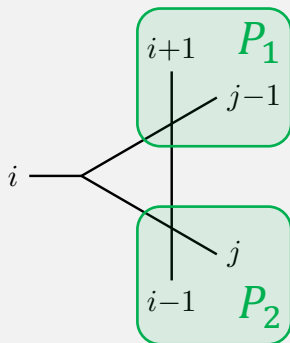
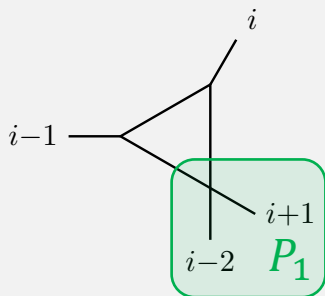
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Massive non-DCI equivalent to DCI
Study non-DCI integrals on their own?

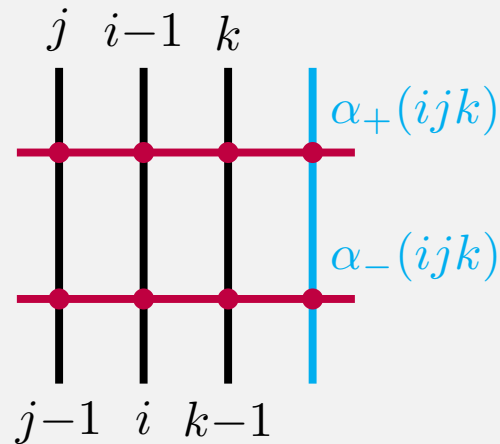
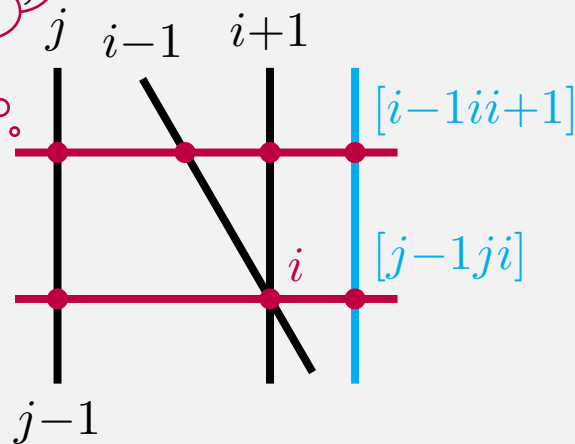
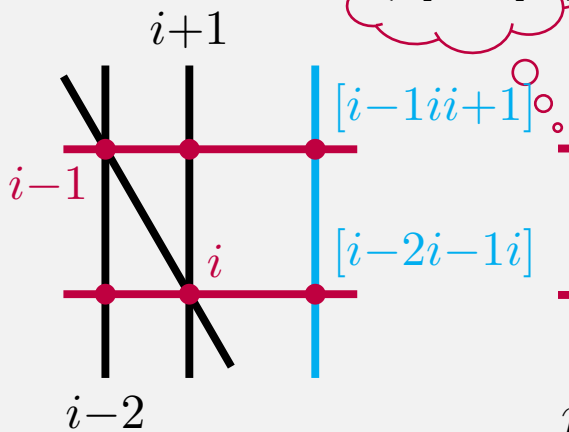
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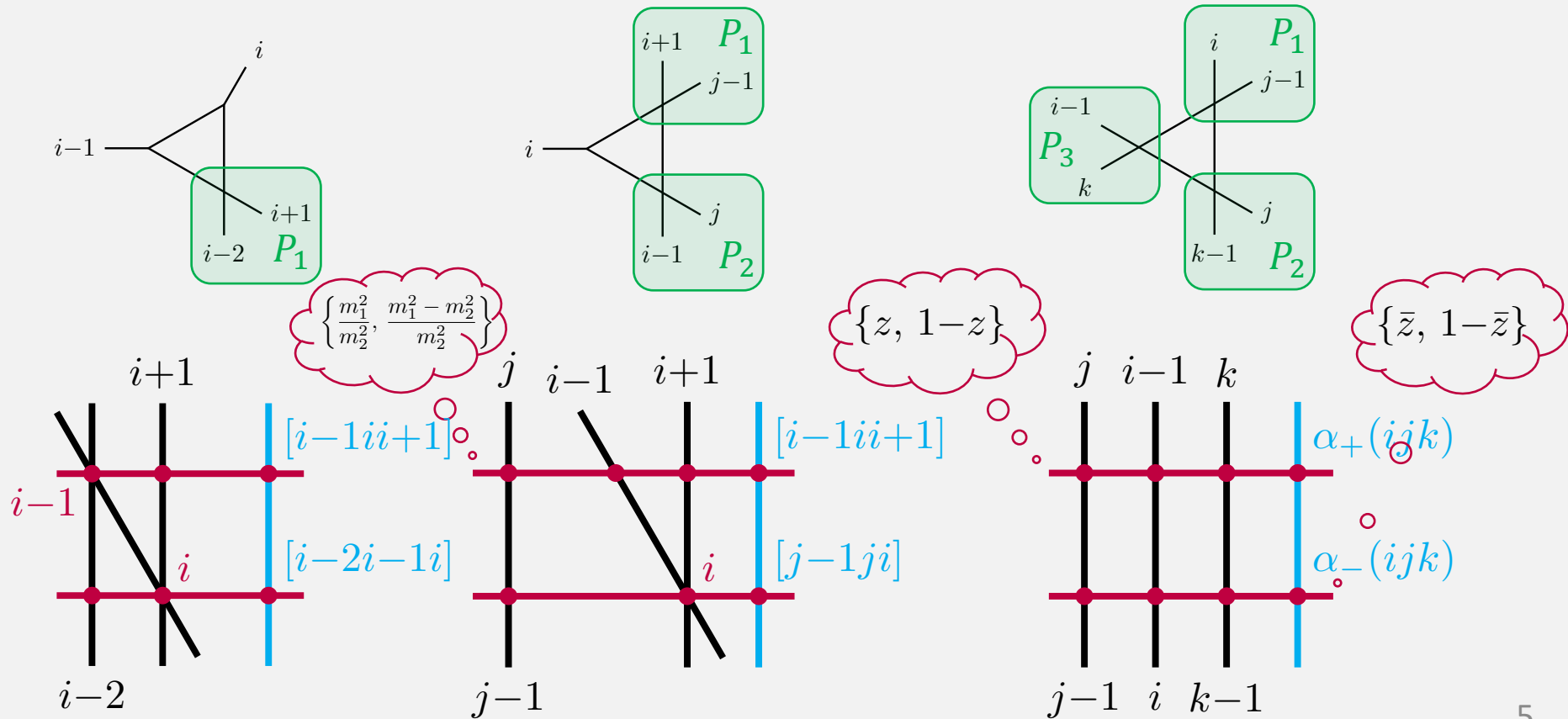
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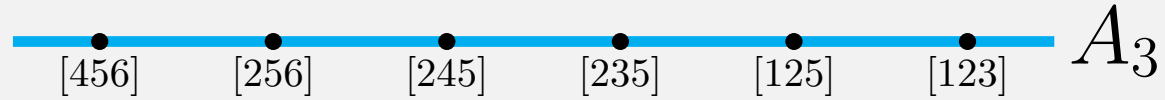
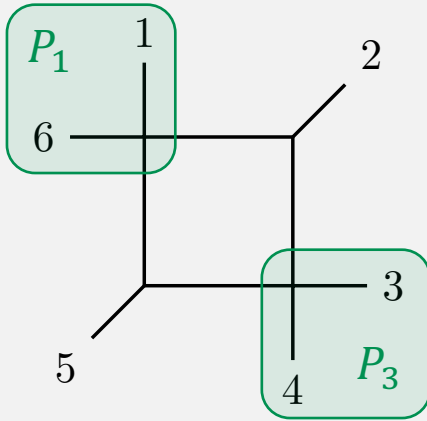
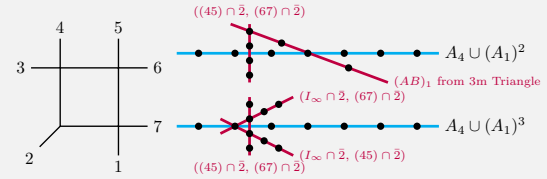
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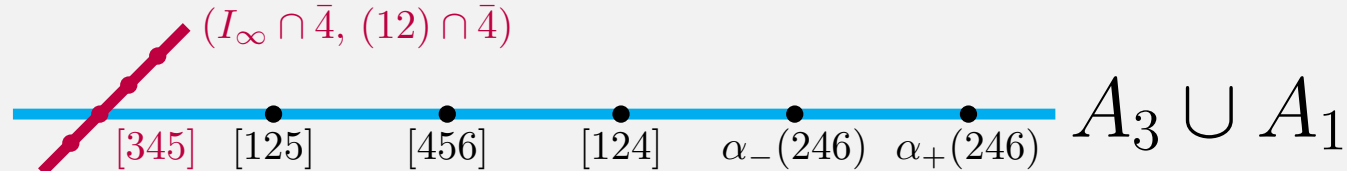
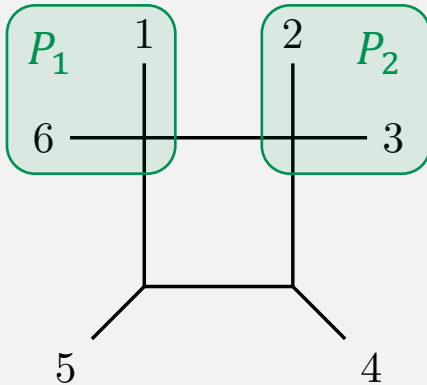
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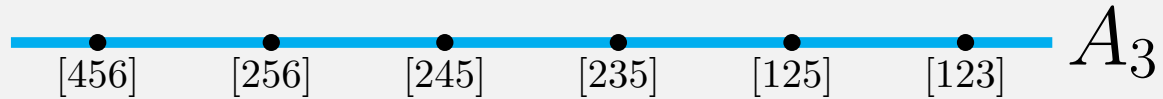
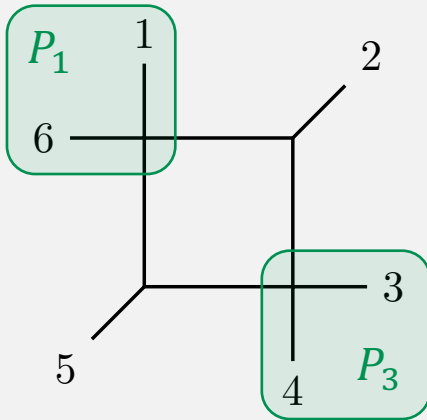
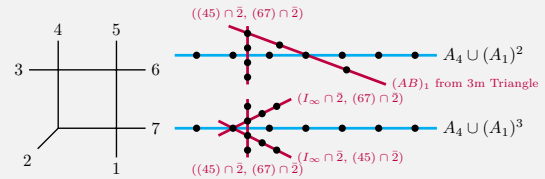


$$\{m_1^2, m_3^2, s, t, m_1^2 - s, m_3^2 - s, m_1^2 - t, m_3^2 - t, m_1^2 + m_3^3 - s - t, m_1^2 m_3^2 - st\}$$



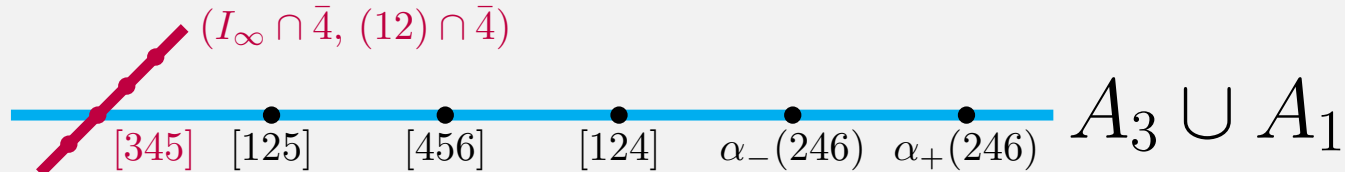
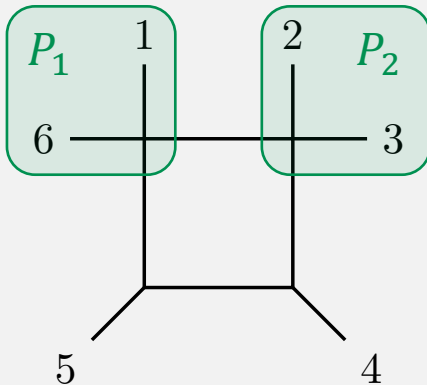
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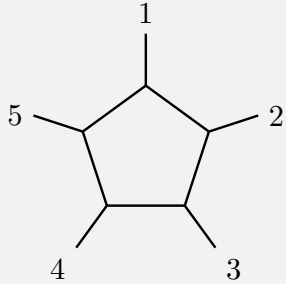
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CA from the bottom up

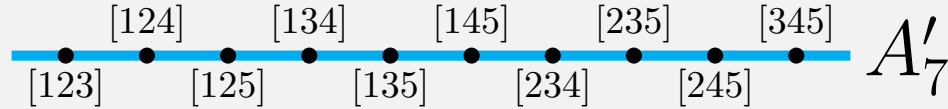


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One-Loop: 0m Pentagon



$$\text{tr}_5 = 4i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_1^\mu P_2^\nu P_3^\rho P_4^\sigma = \sqrt{\det(2P_i \cdot P_j)_{i,j=1,\dots,4}} \xrightarrow{\text{parity}} -\text{tr}_5$$



Box sub-topologies
Parity-even

$$s_{12}, s_{12} - s_{45}, s_{12} + s_{23} - s_{45}$$

Parity-invariant
Subspace

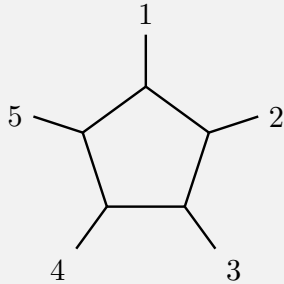
Mix different boxes
Parity-odd

$$\frac{s_{12}s_{23} - s_{23}s_{34} + s_{34}s_{45} - s_{45}s_{51} - s_{51}s_{12} + \text{tr}_5}{s_{12}s_{23} - s_{23}s_{34} + s_{34}s_{45} - s_{45}s_{51} - s_{51}s_{12} - \text{tr}_5}$$

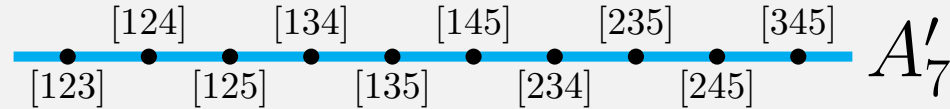
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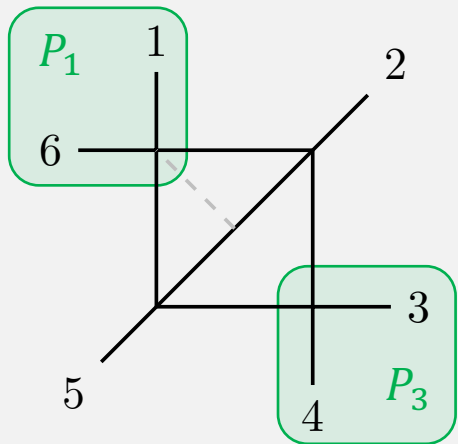
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Parity-invariant
Subspace
= Correct Alphabet

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Two-Loop: 2me Slashed-Box

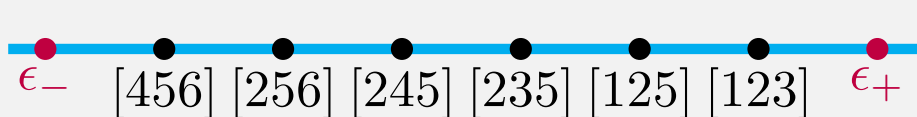


The minor $(\epsilon_+ \epsilon_-)$ contributes the 2-loop root:

$$\Delta_{nc} = \sqrt{(s+t)^2 - 4m_1^2 m_3^2}$$

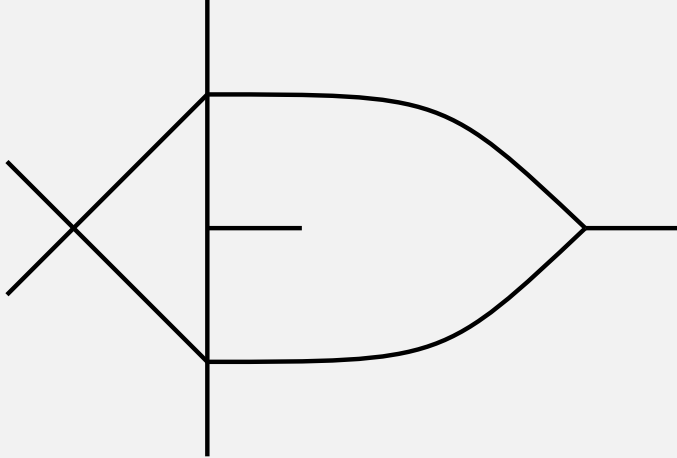
Cross-ratios $\frac{(X_1 \epsilon_+)(X_2 \epsilon_-)}{(X_1 \epsilon_-)(X_2 \epsilon_+)}$ yield algebraic letters.

These are precisely the last entries.

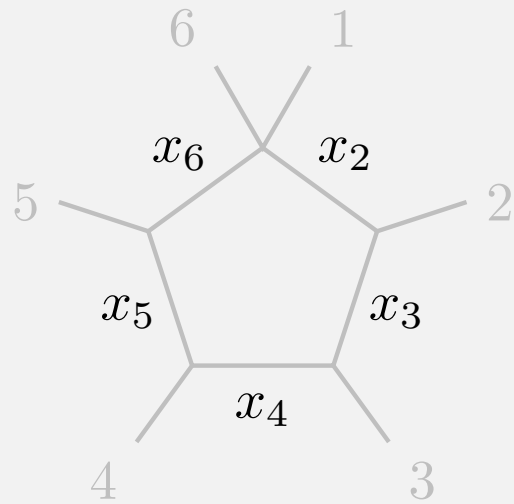
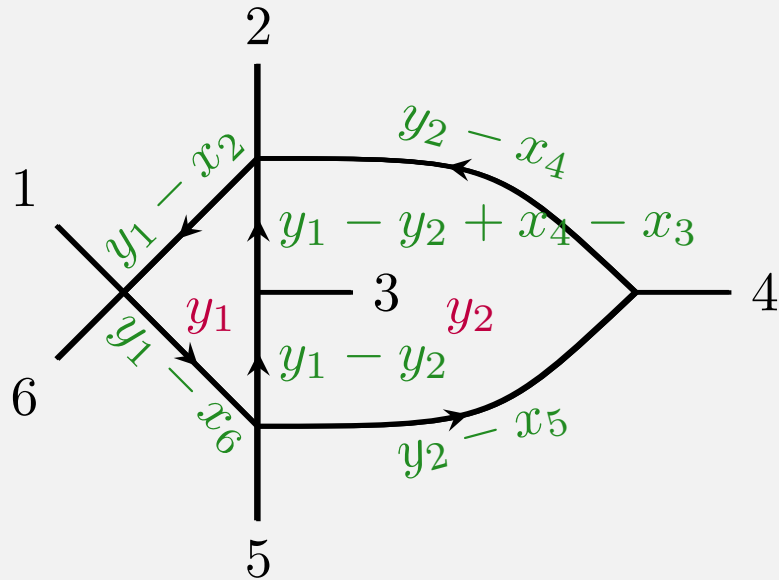


$$L_1 = \frac{s+t+\Delta_{nc}}{s+t-\Delta_{nc}}, L_2 = \frac{s-t+\Delta_{nc}}{s-t-\Delta_{nc}}, L_3 = \frac{-2m_1^2+s+t+\Delta_{nc}}{-2m_1^2+s+t-\Delta_{nc}}$$

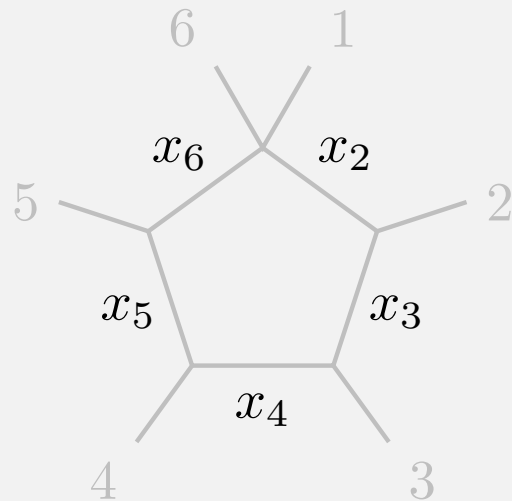
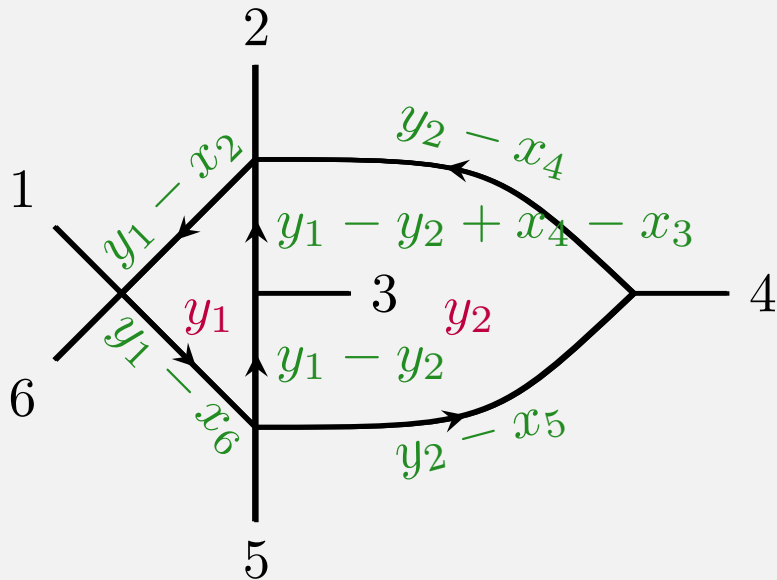
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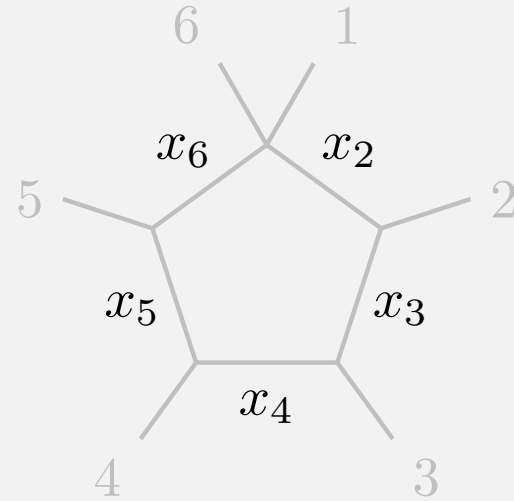
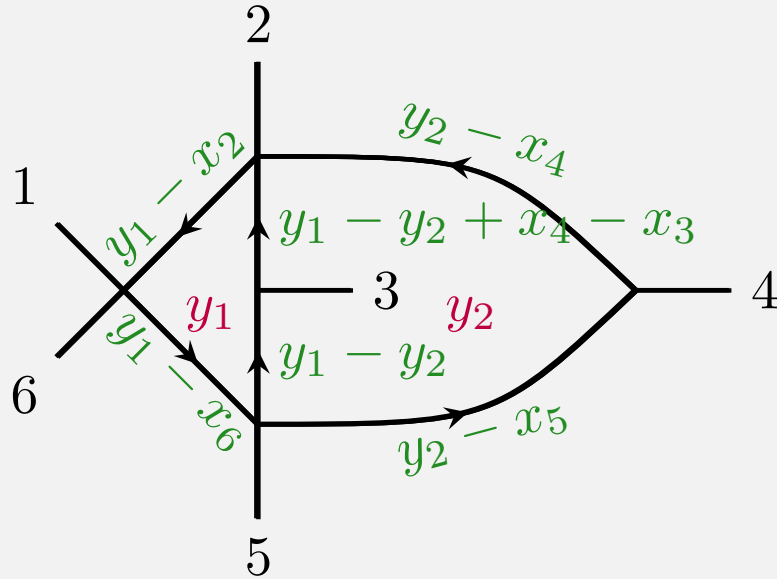


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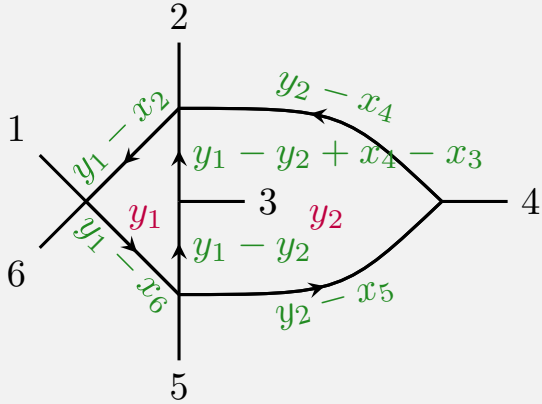
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Surprising! “Clever” routing only?

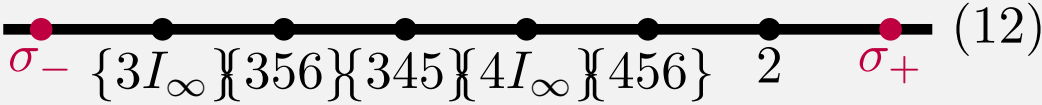
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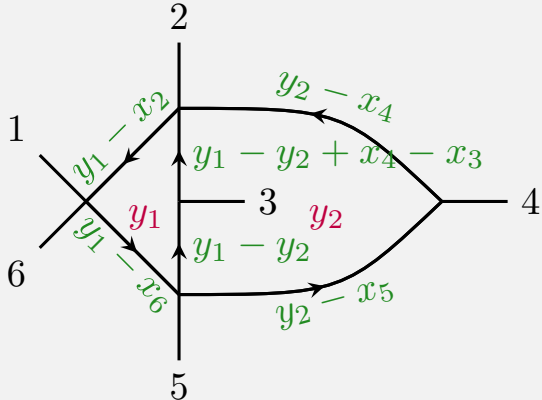
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Non-planar root Σ_5 and 5 associated algebraic letters

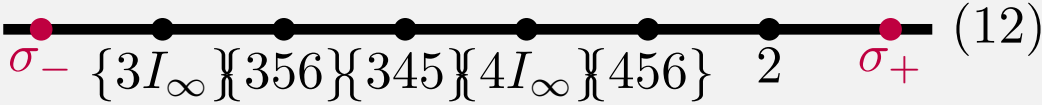
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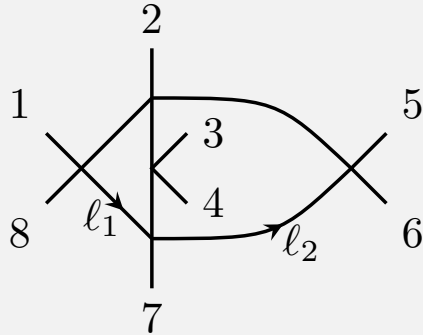
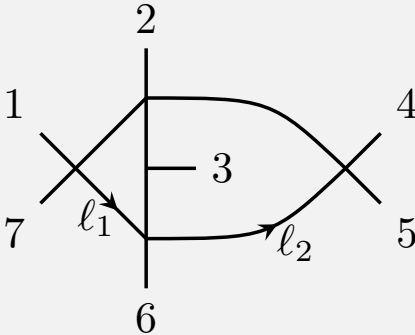
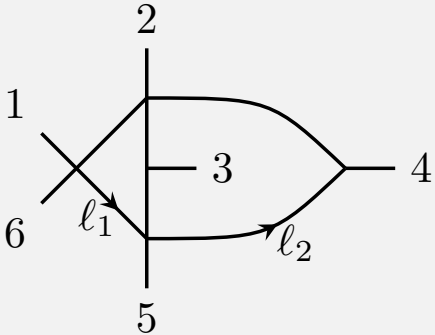
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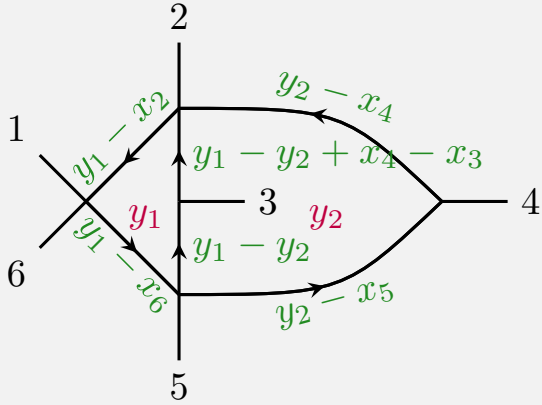
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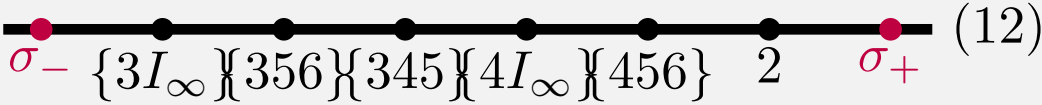
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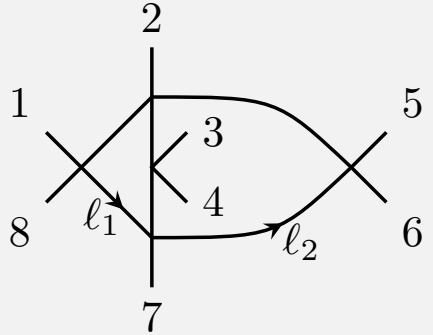
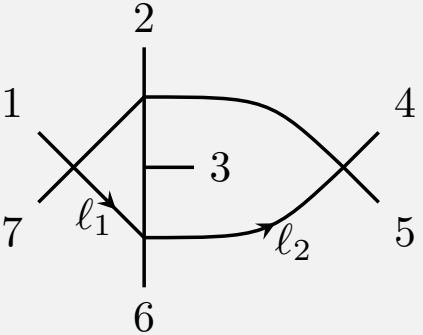
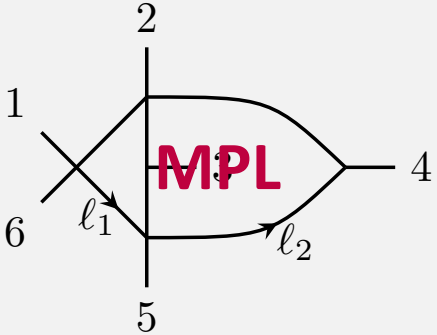
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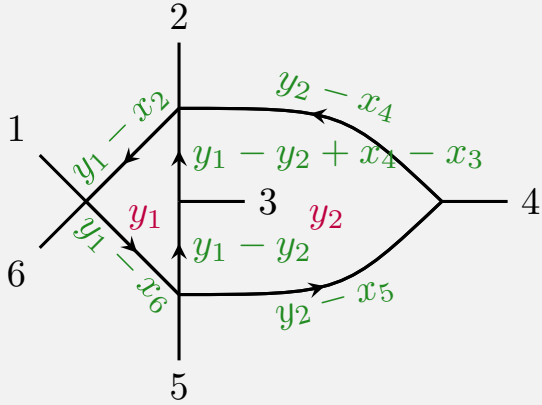
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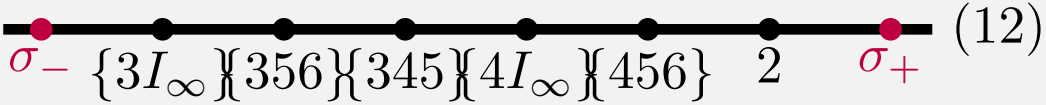
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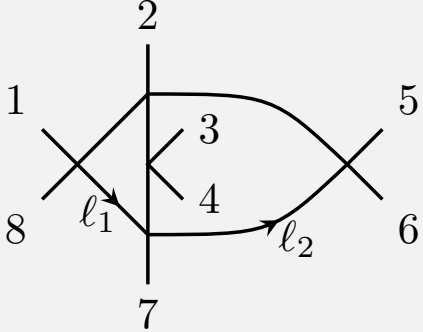
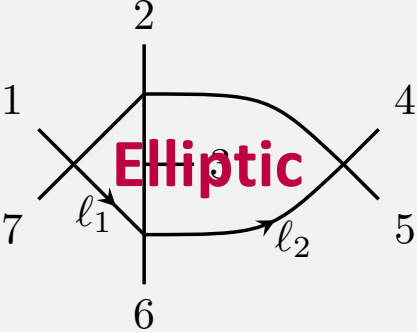
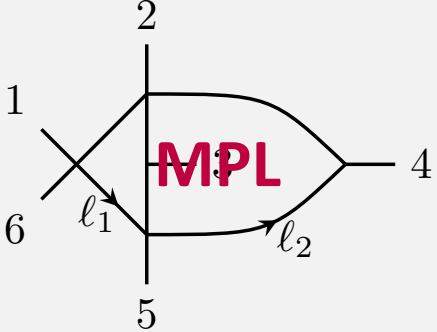
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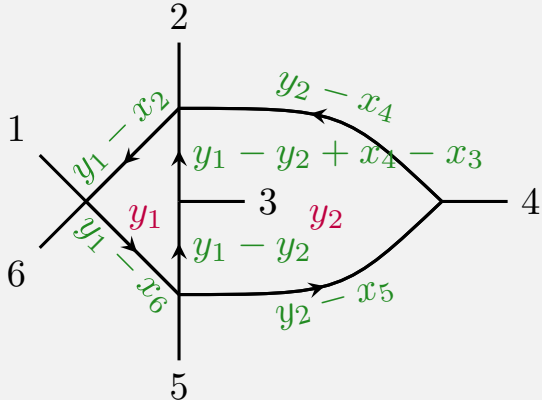
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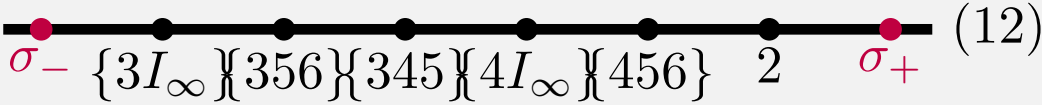
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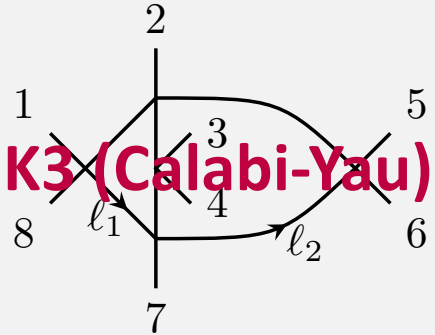
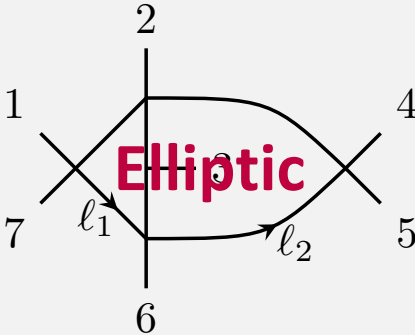
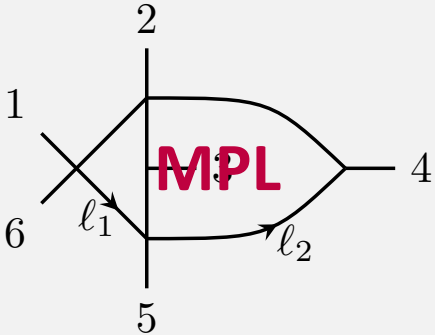
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Summary & Outlook

- Full coverage of alphabets – Geometric handle on symbology
- Exact matches – Predicting letters and bootstrapping integrals
- Systematic construction (no more & no less)
- Elliptic, K3, non-planar, non-planar elliptic, ...
- Detailed structure of symbols / alphabets
- WHY ?

Back-up Slides

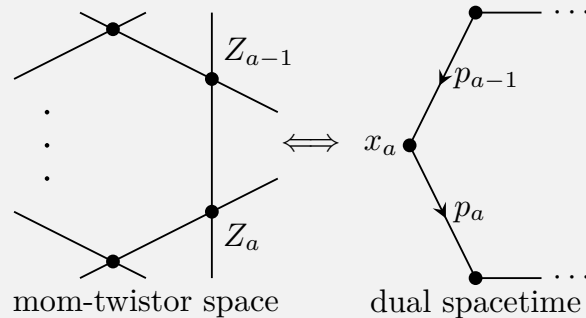
Momentum Twistors

	momentum conservation	\implies	dual momenta
+	massless particles	\implies	spinor-helicity variables
=	planar kinematics	\implies	momentum twistors

Dual conformal transformations $SL(4)$

Projectivity $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Overall scaling } GL(1) \\ \text{Relative scalings } [GL(1)]^{n-1} \end{array} \right\} G(4, n)$

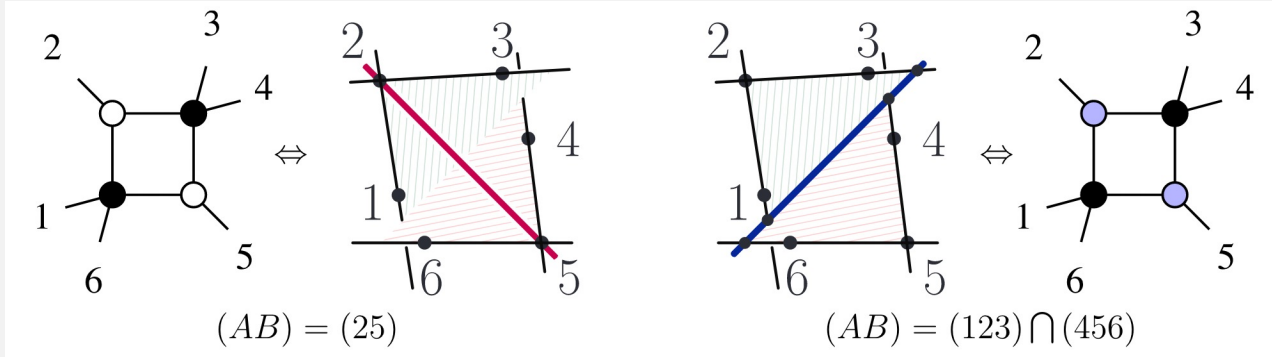
$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} G(4, n)/T$



Point $\in G(1,4)$, dof = 3

Line $\in G(2,4)$, dof = 4

Plane $\in G(3,4)$, dof = 3



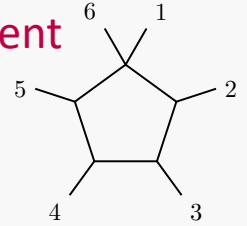
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Parametrization of Kinematics

$$\text{In[16]:= Zmat} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & f_1 & f_2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ f_5 & f_6 & 1 & f_7 \\ f_8 & f_9 & f_{10} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & f_3 & f_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} // . \left\{ f_3 \rightarrow \frac{1 + f_1 f_4}{f_2}, f_8 \rightarrow 1, f_6 \rightarrow 1 + f_5 f_9, f_{10} \rightarrow 1, f_9 \rightarrow 1 \right\};$$

“Gauge fixing”: educated guess (trial and error)

Kinematics “knows about” point Z_2 but only line (12), hence, Z_1 and $Z'_1 = Z_1 + \alpha Z_2$ are equivalent



ruleKin =

$$\left\{ m_1 \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[5, 6, 1, 2]}{\text{ab}[5, 6, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[1, 2, 7, 8]}, s_{12} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[5, 6, 2, 3]}{\text{ab}[5, 6, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[2, 3, 7, 8]}, s_{23} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[1, 2, 3, 4]}{\text{ab}[1, 2, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[3, 4, 7, 8]}, \right. \\ \left. s_{34} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[2, 3, 4, 5]}{\text{ab}[2, 3, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[4, 5, 7, 8]}, s_{45} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[3, 4, 5, 6]}{\text{ab}[3, 4, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[5, 6, 7, 8]}, s_{51} \rightarrow \frac{\text{ab}[4, 5, 1, 2]}{\text{ab}[1, 2, 7, 8] \times \text{ab}[4, 5, 7, 8]} \right\};$$

$$\text{ruleF2M} = \text{First@Solve}\left[\left(\frac{\{s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}\}}{m_1} /. \text{ruleKin} /. \text{ab}[sth_]] \Rightarrow \text{Det@Zmat}[\{sth\}]\right) = \frac{\{s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}\}}{m_1}, \text{Variables[Zmat]}\right] /.$$

$$\sqrt{\left(s_{12}^2 s_{23}^2 + 2 m_1 s_{12} s_{23} s_{34} - 2 s_{12} s_{23}^2 s_{34} + m_1^2 s_{34}^2 - 2 m_1 s_{23} s_{34}^2 + s_{23}^2 s_{34}^2 - 4 m_1 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} + 2 s_{12} s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} - 2 m_1 s_{34}^2 s_{45} - 2 s_{23} s_{34}^2 s_{45} + s_{34}^2 s_{45}^2 - 2 s_{12}^2 s_{23} s_{51} - 2 m_1 s_{12} s_{34} s_{51} + 2 s_{12} s_{23} s_{34} s_{51} + 2 s_{12} s_{23} s_{45} s_{51} + 2 m_1 s_{34} s_{45} s_{51} + 2 s_{12} s_{34} s_{45} s_{51} + 2 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} s_{51} - 2 s_{34} s_{45}^2 s_{51} + s_{12}^2 s_{51}^2 - 2 s_{12} s_{45} s_{51}^2 + s_{45}^2 s_{51}^2\right) \rightarrow +\text{tr5} // \text{Simplify}$$

Solve the parameters with Mandelstams

$$\text{Out[18]= } \left\{ f_1 \rightarrow -\frac{s_{23}^2 s_{34} - 2 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} + s_{23} s_{34} s_{51} + s_{23} s_{45} s_{51} + s_{34} s_{45} s_{51} - s_{45} s_{51}^2 - m_1 s_{34} (s_{23} + s_{51}) + s_{12} (-s_{23}^2 + s_{51}^2) + s_{23} \text{tr5} + s_{51} \text{tr5}}{2 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45}}, \right.$$

$$f_2 \rightarrow \frac{2 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} s_{51} + m_1^2 s_{34} (s_{23} + s_{51}) - m_1 (s_{23}^2 s_{34} + s_{12} (-s_{23}^2 + s_{51}^2) + s_{51} (s_{34} s_{45} - s_{45} s_{51} + \text{tr5}) + s_{23} (-s_{34} s_{45} + s_{34} s_{51} + s_{45} s_{51} + \text{tr5}))}{2 m_1 s_{23} s_{34} s_{45}},$$

$$f_4 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2 m_1 s_{23} s_{34} (s_{23} + s_{34} - s_{51})} \left(-m_1^2 s_{34} (2 s_{23} + s_{34} - s_{51}) + s_{23} s_{34} (s_{23} s_{34} - s_{34} s_{45} + s_{45} s_{51} + s_{12} (-s_{23} + s_{51}) - \text{tr5}) + m_1 (s_{23} s_{34} (-2 s_{34} + s_{51}) + s_{12} (2 s_{23}^2 + s_{23} (3 s_{34} - s_{51}) + (s_{34} - s_{51}) s_{51}) + (s_{34} - s_{51}) (s_{34} s_{45} - s_{45} s_{51} + \text{tr5})) \right),$$

$$f_5 \rightarrow \frac{-m_1 s_{34} - s_{23} s_{34} - 2 s_{34}^2 - s_{34} s_{45} + s_{12} (s_{23} + 2 s_{34} - s_{51}) + 2 s_{34} s_{51} + s_{45} s_{51} + \text{tr5}}{2 s_{34} (m_1 - s_{12} + s_{34} - s_{51})},$$

$$f_7 \rightarrow \frac{2 m_1^2 - s_{23} s_{34} - s_{34} s_{45} + m_1 (-2 s_{12} + 3 s_{34} - 2 s_{51}) + s_{12} (s_{23} - s_{51}) + s_{45} s_{51} + \text{tr5}}{2 m_1 (m_1 - s_{12} + s_{34} - s_{51})}$$

Chirality: choose either $\sqrt{\dots} = +\text{tr5}$ or $\sqrt{\dots} = -\text{tr5}$

3-dim Projective Geometry

No notion of “parallel”

- Lines and planes always intersect $(ab) \cap (cde) = Z_a \langle bcde \rangle - Z_b \langle acde \rangle$
- Planes and planes always intersect $(abc) \cap (def) = (ab) \langle cdef \rangle + (bc) \langle adef \rangle + (ca) \langle bdef \rangle$

$\frac{m(m-3)}{2}$ cross-ratios for m points on a line

- Write $\{Z_1 \sim Z_m\}$ as linear combinations of any two points $\{P, Q\}$ on the line.
- Compute cross-ratios using minors of \mathbf{C} , or using any reference line I_{ref} .

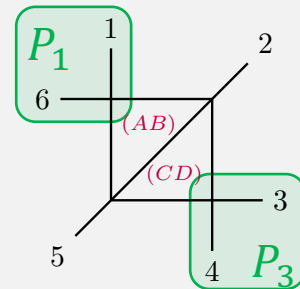
$$(Z_1 \ \cdots \ Z_m)_{4 \times m} = (P \ Q)_{4 \times 2} \mathbf{C}_{2 \times m}$$

$$u_{ij} = \frac{\langle i, j-1 \rangle \langle i-1, j \rangle}{\langle i, j \rangle \langle i-1, j-1 \rangle} = \frac{\langle ij-1 I_{\text{ref}} \rangle \langle i-1 j I_{\text{ref}} \rangle}{\langle ij I_{\text{ref}} \rangle \langle i-1 j-1 I_{\text{ref}} \rangle}$$

2-loop Schubert

Maximal cut (with Jacobian) (7+1) equations, 8 unknowns

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ P \\ Z_2 \\ Q \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 \\ 0 & 1 & \gamma_2 & \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_2 \\ P \\ Z_3 \\ Q \end{pmatrix}$$



1. Solve cutting conditions for any 7 unknowns

$$\langle AB12 \rangle = \langle AB56 \rangle = \langle ABPQ \rangle = \langle ABCD \rangle = \langle CD23 \rangle = \langle CD45 \rangle = \langle CDPQ \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \beta_1 = \gamma_1 = \beta_2 = \gamma_2 = 0, \alpha_1 = \alpha_1^{(1)}(\delta_2), \delta_1 = \delta_1^{(1)}(\delta_2), \alpha_2 = \alpha_2^{(1)}(\delta_2) \\ \beta_1 = \gamma_1 = \beta_2 = \gamma_2 = 0, \alpha_1 = \alpha_1^{(2)}(\delta_2), \delta_1 = \delta_1^{(2)}(\delta_2), \alpha_2 = \alpha_2^{(2)}(\delta_2) \end{cases}$$

2. Solve the Jacobian for the remaining unknown

$$\left. \frac{\partial(\text{cutting eqns.})}{\partial(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1, \delta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \right|_{\text{cutting sol.}^{(1)}} = 0 \Rightarrow \delta_2^{(1,1)} = \dots \text{ or } \delta_2^{(1,2)} = \dots$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial(\text{cutting eqns.})}{\partial(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1, \delta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \right|_{\text{cutting sol.}^{(2)}} = 0 \Rightarrow \delta_2^{(2,1)} = \dots \text{ or } \delta_2^{(2,2)} = \dots$$

Generically,
4 Schubert solutions.

In this example, it happens that $\delta_1 = \delta_2$.

2 intersections on I_∞ , corresponding to

$$\delta_{1,2} = \frac{\dots \pm \Delta_{nc}}{\dots}$$