Symbols from Bi-projections

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Feynman Parameter Integrals

Feynman Parameter Integrals can be viewed as projective integrals

$$\int_{\Delta} \frac{\langle X dX^{n-1} \rangle N[X^k]}{D[X^{n+k}]}.$$

 $ightharpoonup \Delta$: (n-1)-simplex, with vertices

$$U_i = [\underbrace{0:0:\dots:0}_{i-1}:1:\underbrace{0:0:\dots:0}_{n-i-1}], \quad \forall i = 1,2,\dots,n.$$

- \triangleright $N[X^k]$: some tensor of degree k.
- ▶ $D[X^{n+k}]$: Symanzik polynomial, with degree L+1 (L # of loops).

In this talk, we focus on one loop diagrams. D is a degree two polynomial.



Symbol

- The simplest results of Feynman Integrals are multiple polylogarithms
- A convenient way to study multiple polylogarithms (MPL)

$$G \longmapsto \mathcal{S}[G].$$
 (1)

▶ If

$$\mathrm{d}G = \sum_{i} G'_{i} \, \mathrm{d} \log R_{i},$$

where R_i s are algebraic functions, then

$$\mathcal{S}[G] = \sum_{i} \mathcal{S}[G'_{i}] \otimes R_{i}.$$



Singularities and Symbols

- - ▶ Branch points at (1 z) = 0 or ∞ .
 - Discontinuity

$$\operatorname{Disc} \operatorname{Li}_2(\mathbf{z}) = -2\pi i \log(\mathbf{z}).$$

Symbol of Disc

$$\mathcal{S}[\operatorname{Disc}\operatorname{Li}_2(z)] = -(1-z) \otimes z.$$

- ► In general, for some MPL I
 - Symbol

$$\mathcal{S}[I] = f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_t + \cdots.$$

▶ Branch points at

$$f_1 = 0$$
 or ∞ .

Symbol of Disc

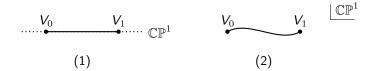
$$\mathcal{S}[\operatorname{Disc}_{f_1} f] = f_2 \otimes f_3 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_t.$$

Calculation of Symbols

- ► Main Questions:
 - What is the first entry?
 - What discontinuity to calculate?
- ► Bi-projections:
 - Stratification of Touching Configurations
 - First entries from the jumps between configurations
 - Each jump contributes to an Elementary Discontinuity

Ambient Spaces and Touching Configurations

- ► Reason:
 - Analyticities from the relative geometric configuration between contour and integrand singularities
 - ▶ Complex space → Contour Deformation
 - ▶ Relative geometric configuration will limit the deformation
- ▶ Ambient Spaces: The space where the contour can deform.
- ➤ Touching Configurations: The ambient spaces of one or more genuine faces of the contour simplex are contained in the singularity hypersurface of the integrand.

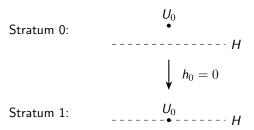


Stratification of Touching Configurations: Hyperplane

Assume the hyperplane is

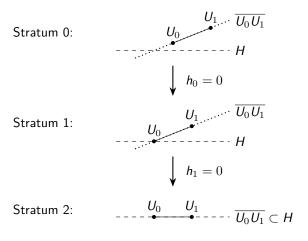
$$\mathcal{G}(X) = HX \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{d} h_i x_i$$

Stratifying touching configurations of a 0-face in relation to a hyperplane singularity H.



Stratification of Touching Configurations: Hyperplane

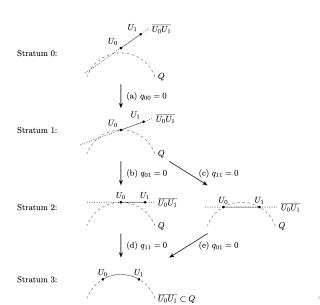
▶ Stratifying touching configurations of a 1-face.



It's sufficient to study \mathbb{CP}^0 ambient spaces.

Stratification of Touching Configurations: Quadric

▶ Assume the quadric is $\mathcal{G}(X) = Q(X) \equiv \sum_{0 \le i \le j \le d} q_{ij} x_i x_j$



First Entry Conditions

- Question 1: What is the first entry?
- Symbol:

$$\mathcal{S}[I] = f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_t + \cdots.$$

Branch points at

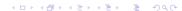
$$f_1 = 0$$
 or ∞ .

An inverse understanding:

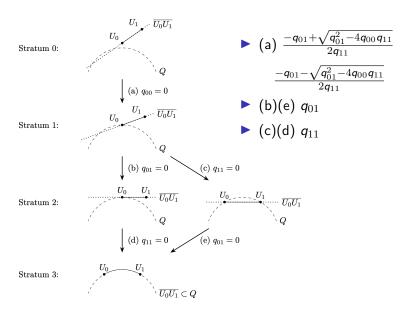
When the first entry becomes 0 or ∞ , the geometries become more singular!

▶ First Entry: An expression makes the geometric configuration more singular when it becomes 0 or ∞

A jump occurs!

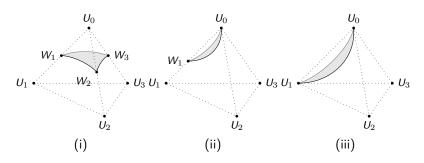


First Entry of Touching Configuration



Elementary Discontinuities

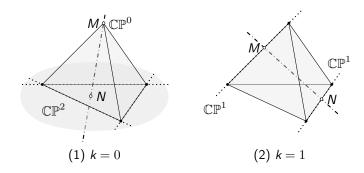
- Question 2: What discontinuity should be computed?
- ► Track the contour when kinematics wind around the branch point. The discontinuity contour should be the intersection of integral domain and singularity.



▶ Problem: How to compute?

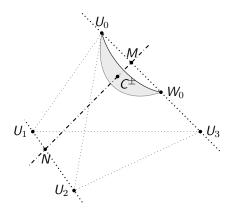


Bi-projections



- ▶ (1) $\mathbb{CP}^n \to \mathbb{CP}^0 \otimes \mathbb{CP}^1 \otimes \mathbb{CP}^{n-1}$ (but not equivalent!)
- $\blacktriangleright (2) \mathbb{CP}^n \to \mathbb{CP}^1 \otimes \mathbb{CP}^1 \otimes \mathbb{CP}^{n-2}$
- **...**
- $\blacktriangleright \text{ (k-1) } \mathbb{CP}^n \to \mathbb{CP}^k \otimes \mathbb{CP}^1 \otimes \mathbb{CP}^{n-k-1}$

Bi-projections



$$M = m_1 U_0 + m_2 U_3, \qquad N = n_1 U_1 + n_2 U_2.$$

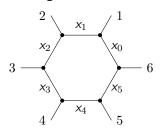
$$C = c_1 M + c_2 N$$

- Solve the intersection point C_{\pm} and take the residue of the integral around this point.
 - ▶ Integrate over m_1 , m_2 from U_0 to W_0 .



A \mathbb{CP}^3 Example

► Consider a massless hexagon

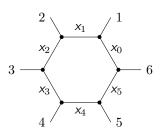


Algebraically

$$I_{
m hex} = \sqrt{q_0} \int_{ar{ar{\mathcal{V}}}} rac{\langle X {
m d} X^5
angle}{(X Q_0 X)^3}, \qquad q_0 = -\det Q_0$$

$$XQ_0X = x_0x_2 + x_0x_3 + x_0x_4 + u_1x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_1x_5 + u_2x_2x_4 + x_2x_5 + u_3x_3x_5.$$

A \mathbb{CP}^5 Example



► Its symbol

$$S[I_{\text{hex}}] = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (u_1 \otimes (1 - u_1) \otimes r_0 - u_1 \otimes u_2 \otimes r_3 - u_1 \otimes u_3 \otimes r_2).$$

$$r_0 = \frac{x_+}{x_-}, \qquad r_i = \frac{x_+ (1 - u_i x_-)}{x_- (1 - u_i x_+)}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$x_{\pm} = \frac{-1 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \pm \sqrt{q_0}}{2u_1 u_2 u_3},$$

Symbol Construction

ightharpoonup Consider the discontinuity of u_1

$$\operatorname{Disc}_{\overline{U_1U_3}}I_{\operatorname{hex}} = \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d} n_1 \mathrm{d} n_2 \mathrm{d} n_3 \, \frac{\sqrt{q_0} \, u_1}{2(N\widetilde{Q}_1 N)^2},$$

Similar to a box diagram.

Construction of Symbols

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{u_1} \otimes \frac{1}{r_1 r_3} + \frac{u_3}{u_1} \otimes \frac{1}{r_1 r_2}}_{\text{(b)}} + \underbrace{\frac{u_3}{u_1} \otimes r_1}_{\text{(c)}} + \underbrace{\frac{1 - u_1}{u_1} \otimes r_0 + u_2 \otimes \frac{1}{r_3}}_{\text{(e)}}$$

$$= (1 - u_1) \otimes r_0 - u_2 \otimes r_3 - u_3 \otimes r_2.$$

Thank you very much!

Questions & comments are welcome.