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# Master integrals without subdivergences

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## Sector decomposition

Subdivergences (IR and UV) of Feynman integrals result in (higher order) poles in  $\epsilon$  (dimensional regularization) and obstruct both analytical and numerical evaluation. Standard solution: Sector decomposition [4, 5].

- ① Split original integral into several sectors:

$$\int f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_N = \sum_i \int_{S_i} f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_N$$

- ② Change of variables in each sector (monomialise):

$$\int_{S_i} f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_N = \left( \prod_{k=1}^N \int_0^1 x_k^{\beta_k-1} dx_k \right) f'_i(x)$$

such that  $f'_i(x)$  is bounded on  $[0, 1]^N$

- ③ Regulate all (now normal crossing) divergences at zero:

$$\int_0^1 x_k^{\beta-1} dx_k f_i(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} f(x)|_{x_k=1} - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^1 x_k^\beta dx_k \partial_{x_k} f_i(x)$$

## Undesirable features of sector decomposition

- Many different terms (sectors and subtraction terms) to consider
- Spurious structures (cancellation between sectors): An individual sector is more complicated than the total sum.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x(1+x)} dx = \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2) - \frac{1}{2}\ln^2(2)$$

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x(1+x)} dx = \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{2}\ln^2(2)$$

- Changes of variables are different in each sector and can destroy linear reducibility, a property allowing for analytical evaluation

### Idea

Avoid sector decomposition and write the integral as a linear combination of subdivergence-free (“primitive” or “quasi-finite”) Feynman integrals.

## Example: Two-loop non-planar form factor

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram 1: } (4-2\epsilon) \\ & = \frac{4(1-\epsilon)(3-4\epsilon)(1-4\epsilon)}{\epsilon s^2} \\ & - \frac{10 - 65\epsilon + 131\epsilon^2 - 74\epsilon^3}{\epsilon^3 s^2} \\ & - \frac{14 - 119\epsilon + 355\epsilon^2 - 420\epsilon^3 + 172\epsilon^4}{(1-2\epsilon)\epsilon^3 s^3} \\ & \text{Diagram 2: } (6-2\epsilon) \\ & \text{Diagram 3: } (6-2\epsilon) \\ & \text{Diagram 4: } (4-2\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

improving convergence via partial integration

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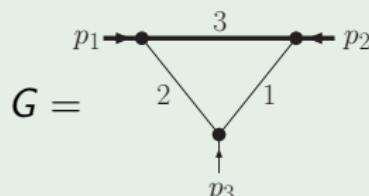
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Example (arbitrary  $\varepsilon$ )

$$\Phi(G) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\Gamma(1 + \varepsilon) \delta(1 - \alpha_N) d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3}{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)^{1-2\varepsilon} [m^2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + p_1^2 \alpha_2 + p_2^2 \alpha_1]^{1+\varepsilon} \alpha_3^{1+\varepsilon}}$$



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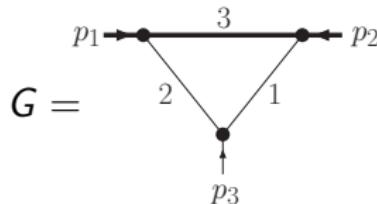
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$$G = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a three-point vertex with labels 1, 2, 3.} \\ \text{The top horizontal line has arrows pointing left from } p_1 \text{ and right to } p_2. \\ \text{The bottom vertical line has an arrow pointing down to } p_3. \\ \text{The left diagonal line has an arrow pointing up-left to } p_3. \\ \text{The right diagonal line has an arrow pointing up-right to } p_3. \end{array} \quad \begin{aligned} \psi &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \\ \varphi &= \alpha_3 (m^2 \psi + p_1^2 \alpha_2 + p_2^2 \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

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## Example (Regularization)

Let  $\tilde{\phi} := \varphi/\alpha_3 = m^2\psi + p_2^2\alpha_1 + p_1^2\alpha_2$  and integrate by parts:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{\Omega}{\psi^{1-2\varepsilon} \tilde{\varphi}^{1+\varepsilon} \alpha_3^\varepsilon} &= \frac{\alpha_3^{-\varepsilon}}{-\varepsilon \psi^{1-2\varepsilon} \tilde{\varphi}^{1+\varepsilon}} \Big|_{\alpha_3=0}^\infty + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \int \frac{\Omega}{\alpha_3^\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_3} \psi^{-1+2\varepsilon} \tilde{\varphi}^{-1-\varepsilon} \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \int \frac{\Omega \alpha_3}{\psi^{1-2\varepsilon} \varphi^{1+\varepsilon}} \left[ \frac{2\varepsilon - 1}{\psi} - \frac{(1+\varepsilon)\alpha_3 m^2}{\varphi} \right] \quad \text{when } \varepsilon < 0.\end{aligned}$$

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Numerator monomials correspond to squared propagators:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_D \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \text{with vertices labeled 1 through 8} \end{array} \right) &= -\frac{1}{3\varepsilon} \Phi_{D+2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \text{with vertices labeled 1 through 8} \end{array} \right) + \dots \\ &+ \frac{4}{3} \Phi_{D+2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \text{with vertices labeled 1 through 8} \end{array} \right) + \dots + 2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \text{with vertices labeled 1 through 8} \end{array} \right) + 2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \text{with vertices labeled 1 through 8} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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Choose master integrals without subdivergences

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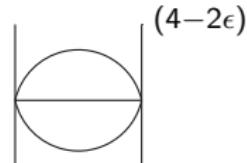
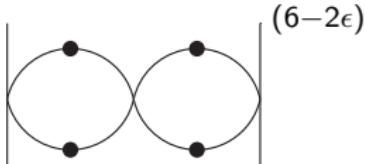
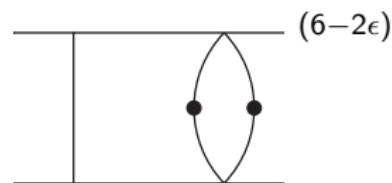
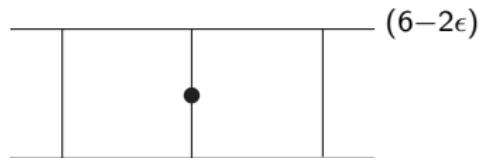
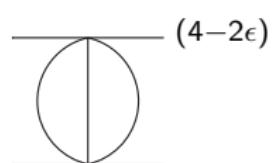
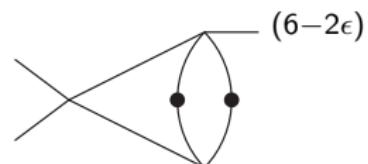
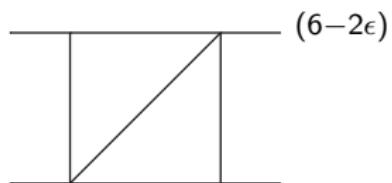
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Advantages:

- ①  $\varepsilon$ -expansion of the integrand
- ② directly suitable for numeric quadrature
- ③ No splitting into non-Feynman integrals like sector decomposition
- ④ Empirically: Higher pole terms from subtopologies

# Double box: Primitive master integrals



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Linearly reducible Feynman graphs

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- ③ Evaluate the limits

$$\int_0^\infty f \, d\alpha_e = \lim_{\alpha_e \rightarrow \infty} F(\alpha_e) - \lim_{\alpha_e \rightarrow 0} F(\alpha_e).$$

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# Linear reducibility

Precondition: For all  $n < N$ ,

$$f_n := \left[ \prod_{e=1}^{n-1} \int_0^\infty d\alpha_e \right] \psi^{\text{sdd} - D/2} \varphi^{-\text{sdd}} \prod_{e \in E} \alpha_e^{a_e - 1}$$

can be written as hyperlogarithms of  $\alpha_e$  over denominators that factor linearly in  $\alpha_e$ .

## Definition

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# Linear reducibility

Precondition: For all  $n < N$ ,

$$f_n := \left[ \prod_{e=1}^{n-1} \int_0^\infty d\alpha_e \right] \psi^{\text{sdd} - D/2} \varphi^{-\text{sdd}} \prod_{e \in E} \alpha_e^{a_e - 1}$$

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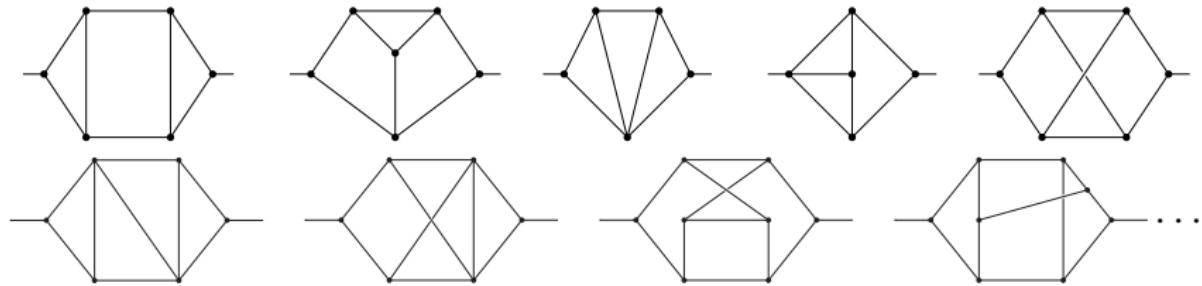
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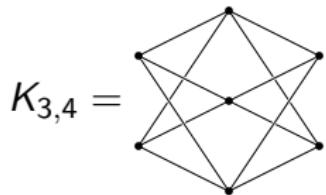
- Combinatorial condition on the polynomials  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$  only;  
independent of  $\varepsilon$ -order and expansion point  $(D, \vec{a})_{\varepsilon=0} \in 2\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}^N$
- Polynomial reduction algorithms [8, 7] available (e.g. HyperInt) to check sufficient criteria for linear reducibility

# Linearly reducible massless propagators

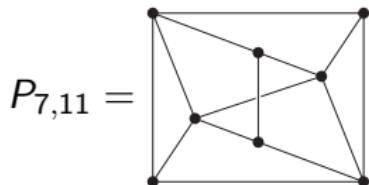
- all up to four loops [11]: MZV and maybe alternating sums



- all  $\phi^4$ -periods up to seven loops, except for



Integrable with *graphical functions*,  
O. Schnetz [15]. Extremely efficient  
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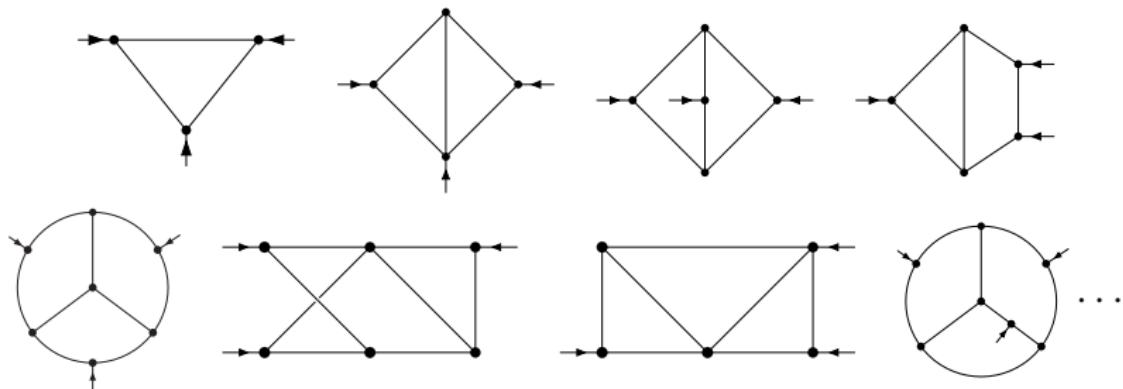


Linearly reducible after change of variables. Does not give a multiple zeta value!

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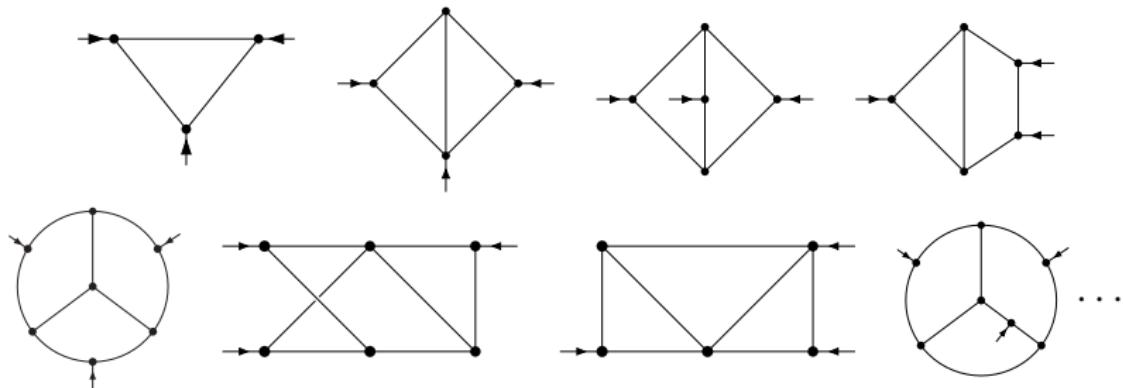
- All up to three loops [13]



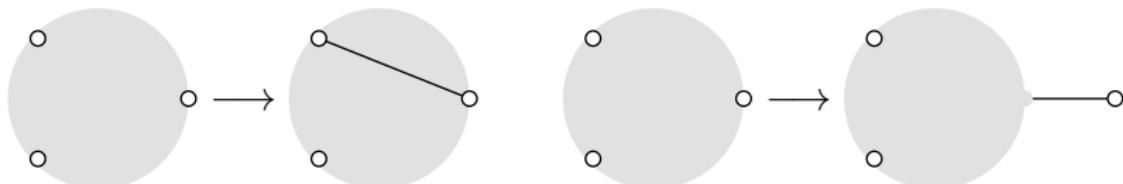
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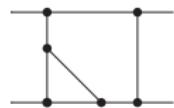
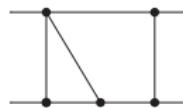
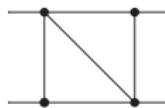
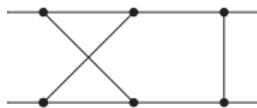
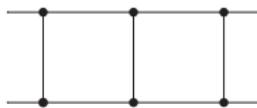
- All with vertex-width three [12]



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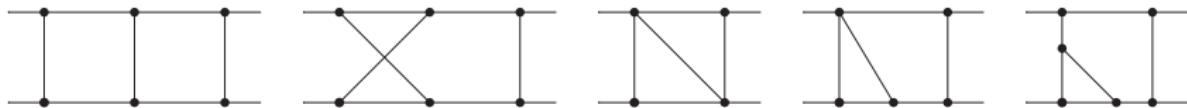
- All up to two loops [6]



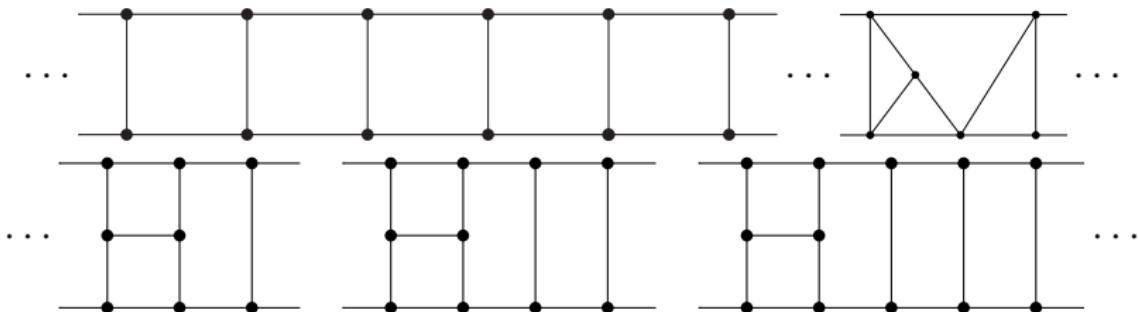
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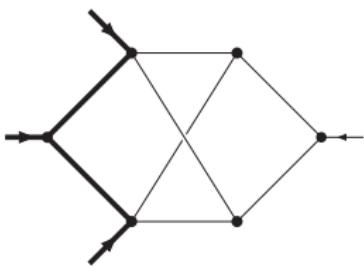
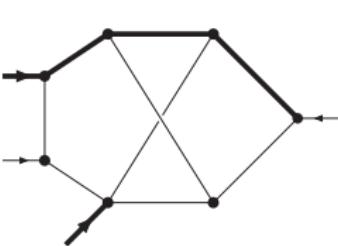
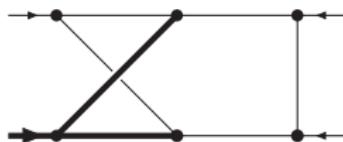
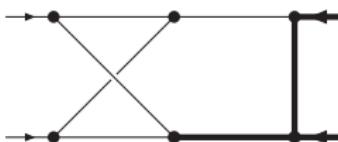
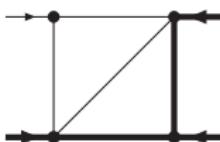
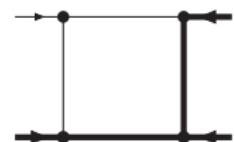
- Minors of ladder-boxes (and some generalizations [12])



Also with up to two legs off-shell.

# Linearly reducible graphs with masses

Examples:



# Summary

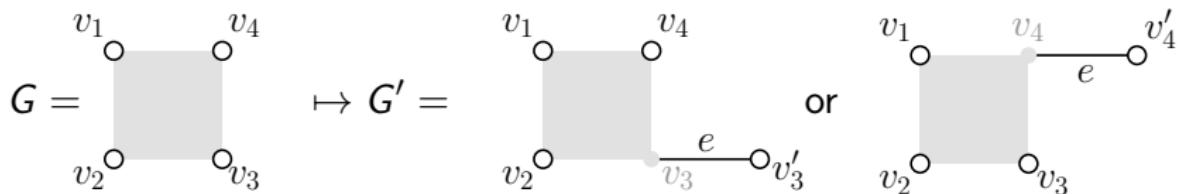
- Master integrals can be chosen to be primitive
  - existing tools for IBP-reduction can be used or extended
  - potential for direct numeric integration
- Extends exact parametric integration to divergent integrals
  - many examples of linearly reducible graphs with non-trivial kinematics
  - Maple<sup>TM</sup> implementation: HyperInt [14]
  - arbitrary  $\varepsilon$ -order,  $D|_{\varepsilon=0} \in 2\mathbb{N}$ , tensors,  $a_e = n_e + \varepsilon\nu_e$
- So far clear for Euclidean kinematics only; possible extension to more general kinematics and phase-space integrals to be investigated

Thank you.

## 4-point recursions

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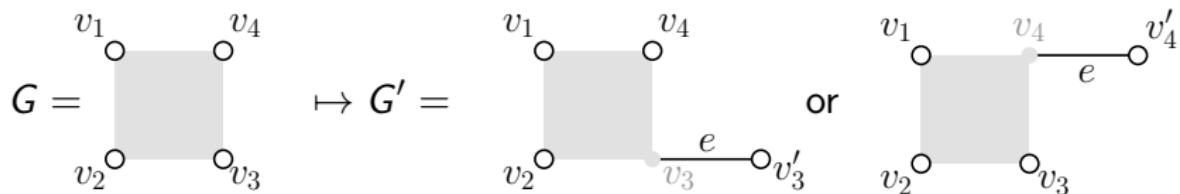
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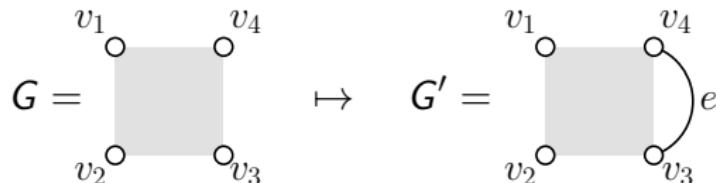
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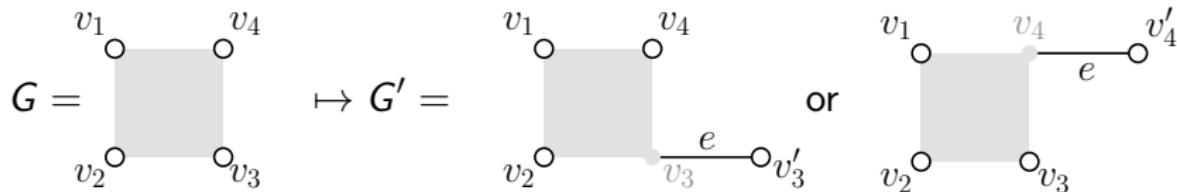
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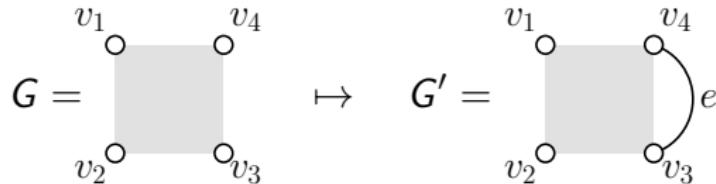
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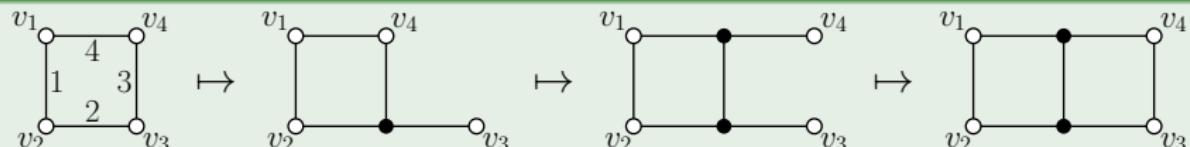
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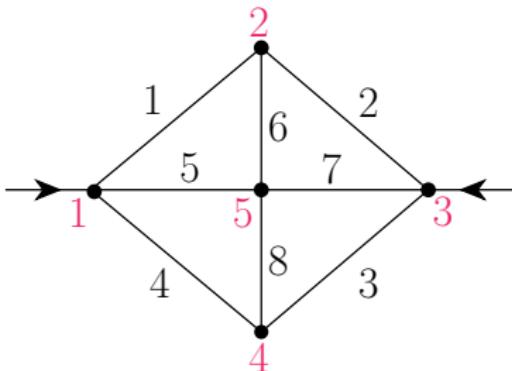
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> f := series(psi^(-2+epsilon+sdd)*phi^(-sdd), epsilon=0):  
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$$\begin{aligned} & \left( 254\zeta_7 + 780\zeta_5 - 200\zeta_2\zeta_5 - 196\zeta_3^2 + 80\zeta_2^3 - \frac{168}{5}\zeta_2^2\zeta_3 \right) \varepsilon^2 \\ & + \left( -28\zeta_3^2 + 140\zeta_5 + \frac{80}{7}\zeta_2^3 \right) \varepsilon + 20\zeta_5. \end{aligned}$$

# Recursion of forest functions

Example ( $D = 6$  and  $a_e = 1$ )

$$F \left( \begin{array}{c} v_1 \\ \text{---} \\ v_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} v_4 \\ | \\ v_3 \end{array}; z \right) = \int_0^{z_3} F \left( \begin{array}{c} v_1 \\ | \\ v_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} v_4 \\ | \\ 4 \\ | \\ 3 \\ | \\ 2 \\ | \\ v_3 \end{array}; z_{12}, z_{14}, z'_3, z_4 \right) dz'_3$$

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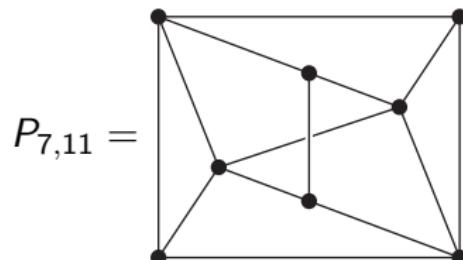
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# Recursion of forest functions

Example (kinematics:  $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$  and  $x = (p_1 + p_4)^2/s$ )

$$\begin{aligned}s\Phi \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \right) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dz_{12}}{z_{12} + x} \int_0^\infty dz_3 \int_0^\infty dz_4 \frac{z_{12}}{[z_{12}(1 + z_3 + z_4) + z_4 z_3]^2} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dz_{12}}{z_{12} + x} \int_0^\infty \frac{dz_3}{(1 + z_3)(z_{12} + z_3)} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dz_{12} \ln z_{12}}{(z_{12} + x)(z_{12} - 1)} = \frac{\pi^2 + \ln^2 x}{2(1 + x)}\end{aligned}$$

# Massless $\phi^4$ theory: primitive sixth roots of unity



$P_{7,11}$  is not linearly reducible: After integrating ten variables, denominator

$$\begin{aligned} d_{10} = & \alpha_2\alpha_4^2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2\alpha_4^2\alpha_3 - \alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_2^2\alpha_4\alpha_1 + \alpha_2^2\alpha_4\alpha_3 \\ & - 2\alpha_2\alpha_3^2\alpha_4 - \alpha_2^2\alpha_3^2 - 2\alpha_2^2\alpha_3\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2\alpha_3^2\alpha_1 - \alpha_3^2\alpha_4^2 \\ & - 2\alpha_3^2\alpha_4\alpha_1 - \alpha_2^2\alpha_1^2 - 2\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_3^2\alpha_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Changing variables  $\alpha_3 = \frac{\alpha'_3\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha'_4(\alpha_2 + \alpha'_3)$  and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha'_1\alpha'_4$ ,

$$d'_{10} = (\alpha_2 + \alpha'_3)(\alpha_2 + \alpha_2\alpha'_4 - \alpha'_1)(\alpha'_1\alpha'_4 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_2\alpha'_4 + \alpha'_3\alpha'_4)$$

factors linearly and  $\alpha'_1, \alpha'_3, \alpha'_4$  can be integrated ( $\alpha_2 = 1$ ).

The final integrand is  $\text{HPL}(\alpha_1)/(1 - \alpha_1 + \alpha_1^2)$  and gives *not a multiple zeta value*, but a polylogarithm at sixth roots of unity.

$$\sqrt{3} \mathcal{P}(P_{7,11})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{19285}{6} \zeta_9 \operatorname{Li}_2 - \frac{1029}{2} \zeta_7 \operatorname{Li}_4 + 240 \zeta_3^2 (9 \operatorname{Li}_{2,3} - 7 \zeta_3 \operatorname{Li}_2) \right) - \frac{93824}{9675} \pi^3 \zeta_{3,5} \\
&+ \frac{2592}{215} \operatorname{Im} \left( 36 \operatorname{Li}_{2,2,2,5} + 27 \operatorname{Li}_{2,2,3,4} + 9 \operatorname{Li}_{2,2,4,3} + 9 \operatorname{Li}_{2,3,2,4} + 3 \operatorname{Li}_{2,3,3,3} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 43 \zeta_3 (\operatorname{Li}_{2,3,3} + 3 \operatorname{Li}_{2,2,4}) \right) - \frac{96393596519864341538701979}{790371465315684594157620000} \pi^{11} \\
&+ \frac{216}{14755731798995} \operatorname{Im} \left( 2539186130125890 \operatorname{Li}_8 \zeta_3 - 1269593065062945 \operatorname{Li}_{2,9} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 413965317054502 \operatorname{Li}_6 \zeta_5 - 996412983391539 \operatorname{Li}_{3,8} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 546306741059841 \operatorname{Li}_{4,7} - 156228639992955 \operatorname{Li}_{5,6} \right) \\
&+ \frac{2592}{10945435} \pi^2 \operatorname{Im} \left( 287205 \operatorname{Li}_{2,7} - 574410 \operatorname{Li}_6 \zeta_3 + 55687 \operatorname{Li}_{4,5} + 168941 \operatorname{Li}_{3,6} \right) \\
&+ \pi \left( \frac{11613751}{9030} \zeta_5^2 + \frac{267067}{602} \zeta_{3,7} - \frac{31104}{215} \operatorname{Re}(3 \operatorname{Li}_{4,6} + 10 \operatorname{Li}_{3,7}) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Abbreviation:  $\operatorname{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_r} := \operatorname{Li}_{n_1, \dots, n_r}(e^{i\pi/3})$

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