

Multi-Loop Integrand Reduction Techniques

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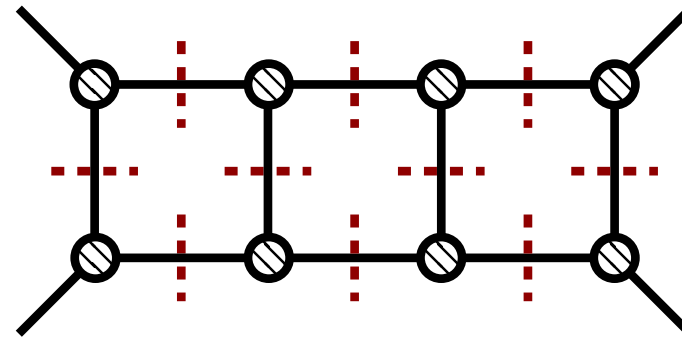
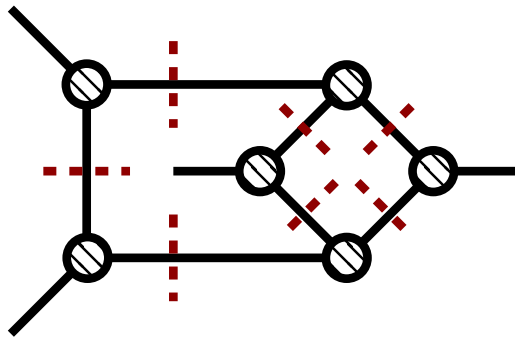
Outline

- Integrand reduction and generalized unitarity: going beyond one-loop
- Multi-loop integral coefficients via computational algebraic geometry
- Two-loop hepta-cuts : planar and non-planar

[SB, Frellesvig, Zhang arXiv:1202.2019, JHEP 1204:055 (2012)]

- Three-loop maximal cuts : triple box

[SB, Frellesvig, Zhang arXiv:1207:2976, JHEP 1208:065 (2012)]



Background

- One-loop techniques:

[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2006)]

[Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov (2007-2008)]

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower (1994)][Britto, Cachazo, Feng (2004)]

- Recent progress in extensions to two-loops:

- OPP reduction at two-loops

[Mastrolia, Ossola arXiv:1107.6041]

[Mastrolia, Mirabella, Ossola, Peraro arXiv:1205.7087]

[Kleiss, Malamos, Papadopoulos, Verheyen arXiv:1206.4180]

- Maximal cuts via contour integration

[Kosower, Larsen arXiv:1108.1180]

[Larsen arXiv:1205.0297], [Larsen, Caron-Huot arXiv:1205.0801]

[Johansson, Kosower, Larsen arXiv:1208.1754]

Background

- Feynman diagrams and integration-by-parts reduction

current state-of-the-art for QCD corrections

- $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitudes:

- massless QCD

[Anastasiou, Glover, Tejada-Yeomans, Oleari (2000-2002)]

[Bern, Dixon, Kosower (2000)][Bern, De-Frietas, Dixon (2002)]

- $pp \rightarrow W + j / e^+ e^- \rightarrow 3j$

[Garland, Gerhmann, Glover, Koukoutsakis, Remiddi (2002)]

- $pp \rightarrow H + 1j$

[Gerhmann, Jaquier, Glover, Koukoutsakis (2011)]

- Full NNLO predictions for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes

- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow 3j$

[Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich (2007)]

- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

[Bernreuther, Czakon, Mitov (2012)]

- Towards $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ and $pp \rightarrow 2$ jets

[talks from Abelof, Gehrmann-De Ridder]

- On-shell methods for higher multiplicity at two loops?

Background

- Maximal cut and techniques and leading singularity methods well established in super-symmetric theories

	$2 \rightarrow 2$	$2 \rightarrow 3$	$2 \rightarrow 4$
2-loop	$\mathcal{N} \leq 4$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$
3-loop	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	
4-loop	$\mathcal{N} = 4$		
5-loop	$\mathcal{N} = 4$		

Bern, Dixon, Kosower, Carrasco, Johansson, Cachazo, Buchbinder, Vergu, Spradlin, Volovich, Wen, Roiban, Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Plefka, Alday, Schuster

- Additional symmetries make amplitudes simpler, e.g. dual conformal symmetry
- Would nice if some of this applied to QCD...

One-Loop Overview

- Scalar integral ≤ 4 -point functions form a basis with rational coefficients

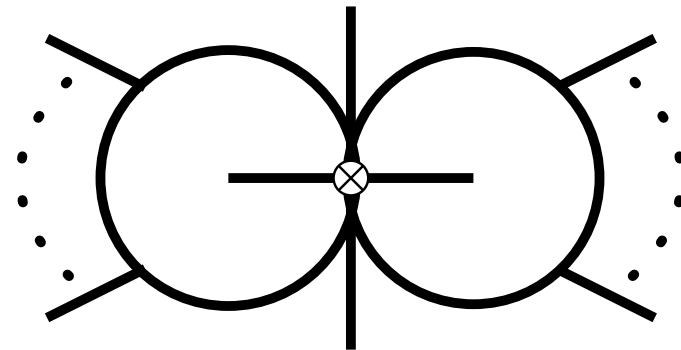
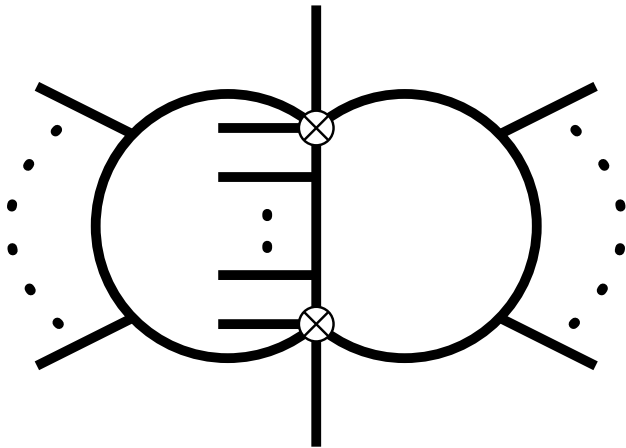
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n^{(1)} = & C_4 \text{ (square diagram)} + C_3 \text{ (triangle diagram)} + C_2 \text{ (bubble diagram)} \\
 & + C_4^{[4]} \mu^4 \text{ (dashed square diagram)} + C_3^{[2]} \mu^2 \text{ (dashed triangle diagram)} + C_2^{[2]} \mu^2 \text{ (dashed bubble diagram)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Integrand representation (OPP) : $\Delta_4(k \cdot \omega) = C_4 + \tilde{C}_4 k \cdot \omega$

Two-Loop Integral Bases

[Gluza, Kosower, Kajda arXiv:1009.0472]

- IBP relations without doubled propagators to obtain a unitarity compatible basis
- Algebraic geometry methods used to solve IBP systems
- Alternative algorithm proposed by Schabinger [Schabinger arXiv:1111.4220]



- No longer just scalar integrals, also tensor integrals in basis

A Two-Loop Integrand Basis

- Integrand is polynomial in irreducible scalar products (ISPs) spanned by indep. ext. moms. : $\{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ and spurious vecs. : $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_j\}$.
- Gram matrix gives (non-linear) constraints on the polynomial form.

$$G \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \dots v_n \\ r_1 \dots r_n \end{pmatrix}, G_{ij} = v_i \cdot r_j$$

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sum from 3 to 11 propagators (8 in 4-D)

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sum over all topologies e.g. planar and non-planar

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Integrand parametrised as coeff \times ISP

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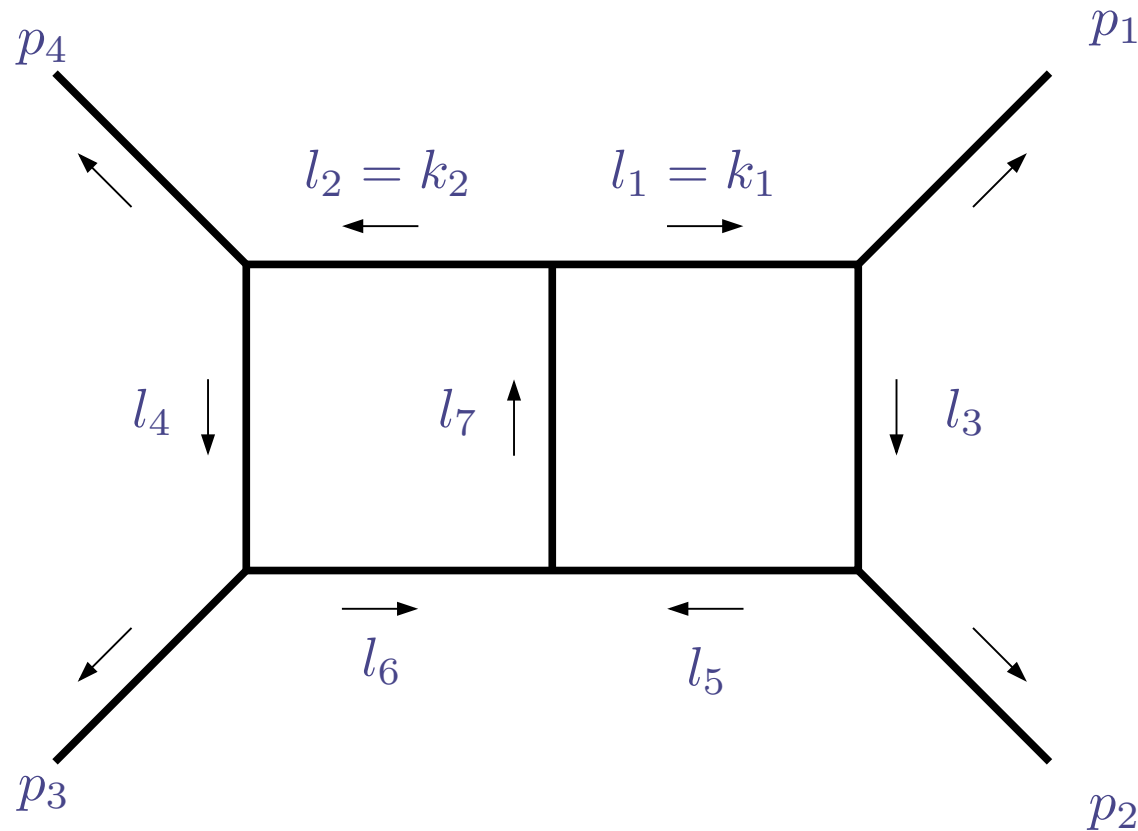
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Set of propagators for given topology

Example : Planar Double Box



RSPs :

$$2k_1 \cdot p_1 = -(l_1 - p_1)^2 + l_1^2$$

$$2k_1 \cdot p_1 = -l_3^2 + l_1^2$$

- ISPs = $\{k_1 \cdot p_4, k_2 \cdot p_1, k_1 \cdot \omega, k_2 \cdot \omega\}$
- $\Delta = c_0 + c_1 k_1 \cdot p_4 + \dots + c_{16} k_1 \cdot \omega + \dots$
- Everything will be simplified to 4 dimensions from now on...

Generalized Unitarity Cuts

- On a solution to $\{l_i^2 = 0\}$ the integrand factorizes onto a product of tree-level amplitudes
- Algorithm to fit a generic integrand:
 - Parametrize the **full** set of on-shell solutions, $l_i^{(s)}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p)$
 - Identify the ISPs on this solution:

$$k_i \cdot p_j = f_{ij}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p)$$

- Construct and solve the resulting linear system:

$$\Delta^{(s)}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p) = \sum d_a \tau_1 \dots \tau_p$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{M} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{d}}$$

Integrand Reduction

- Take a top-down approach to fitting each Δ
- Subtract previously determined poles, e.g.

$$\Delta_{6;\text{tri}|\text{box}} = \prod_{i=1}^5 A_i^{(0)} - \frac{\Delta_{7;\text{box}|\text{box}}}{(k_1 - p_1)^2} = \sum_{i,j} d_{ij} \tau_i \tau_j$$

- Fitting can be done numerically or analytically
- Total number of topologies is still very large....
- Towards automation:
Solving the non-linear integrand constraints using algebraic geometry

[Zhang arXiv:1205.5705]

- Public Mathematica code `BasisDet`

[<http://www.nbi.dk/~zhang/BasisDet.html>]

An Algorithm for the Integrand Basis

- $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$, $[G_4]_{ij} = v_i \cdot v_j$, $P = \{l_1^2, \dots, l_p^2\}$
- Gram matrix $[G_4]_{ij} = v_i \cdot v_j$. to re-write scalar products:

$$a \cdot b = (a \cdot v_1 \ a \cdot v_2 \ a \cdot v_3 \ a \cdot v_4) G_4^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} b \cdot v_1 \\ b \cdot v_2 \\ b \cdot v_3 \\ b \cdot v_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

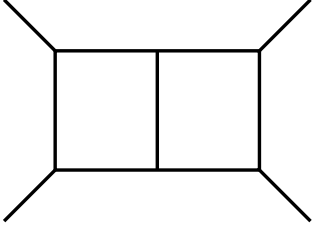
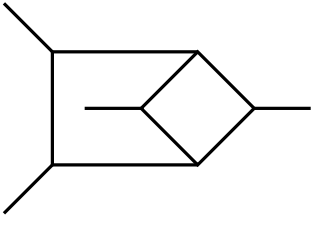
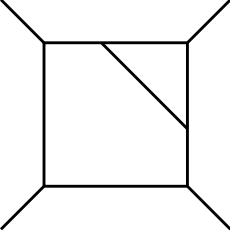
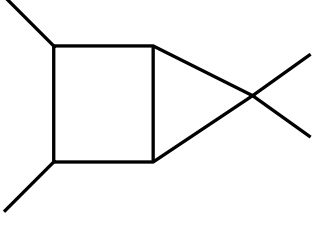
- Re-write P using (1) \Rightarrow set of equations for the scalar products.
- $\{P_i = 0\}$ has linear parts (RSPs) non-linear parts : ISP constraints = I
- Construct general ISP polynomial using renormalization constraints = R
- Remove I from R (R/I) \Rightarrow Integrand Basis = $\Delta(\text{ISP}_S)$.
 - Carried out using Gröbner bases and polynomial division

[see also Mastrolia's talk]

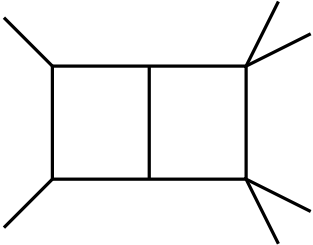
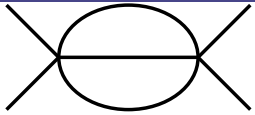
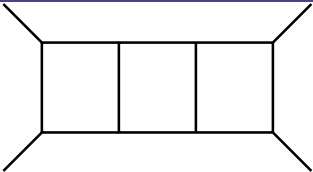
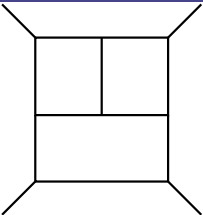
Solving the On-Shell Constraints

- *primary decomposition* to identify all on-shell solution branches
 - Prime factorization for polynomials [Lasker-Noether theorem (1905,1921)]
- Decompose $Z(I) \sim \{I = 0\}$ into a finite number of irreducible components
 - e.g. consider $I = \{x^2 - y^2\}$
 $I = \{x + y\} \cup \{x - y\} \Rightarrow Z(I) = \{x + y = 0\} \cup \{x - y = 0\}$
- Prime decomposition "factorizes" all solutions to identify different branches.
- Available in the public `Macaulay2` program [<http://www.math.uiuc.edu/Macaulay2/>]

A Few Examples

Topology	ISPs (non-spurious+spurious)	$ \Delta $ (non-sp.+sp.)	#branches(dimension)
	2+2	32(16 + 16)	6(1)
	2+2	38(19 + 19)	8(1)
	2+1	20(10 + 10)	2(2)
	1+4	69(18 + 51)	4(2)

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	2+6	42(12 + 30)	1(5)
	4+3	398(199 + 199)	14(2)
	5+3	584(292 + 292)	12(2) + 4(3)

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- The integrand representation contains hundreds of integrals
- From this form we can apply further identities from conventional IBPs

[Tkachov, Chetyrkin (1980)]

- Doubled propagators can be allowed at this stage

- Public codes :

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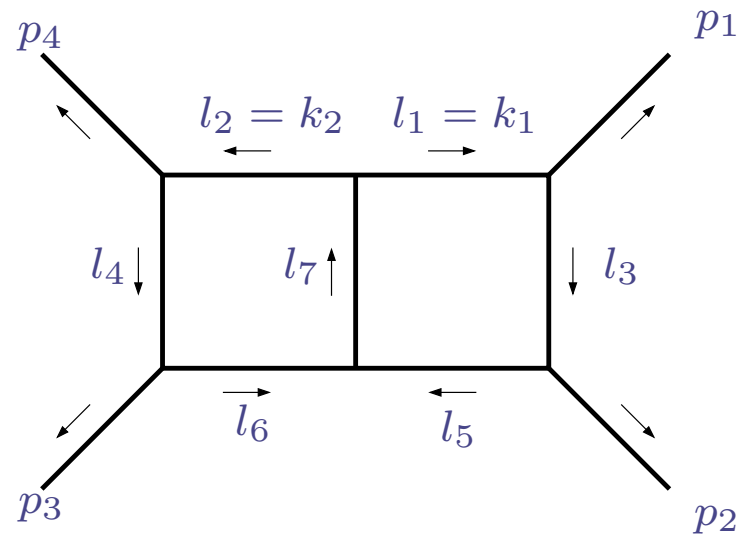
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solution to system of IBPs :

$$\int \int \vec{B} = M_{IBP} \cdot \int \int \vec{B}'$$

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Two-Loop Hepta-cuts



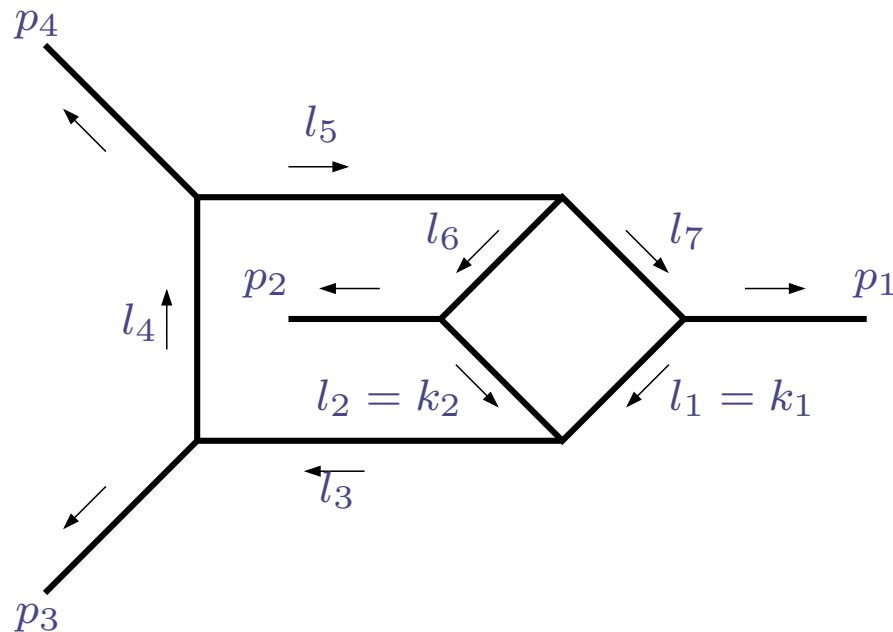
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 \Rightarrow 2 MIs $I_7[1], I_7[k_1 \cdot p_4]$
- IBPs with FIRE [Smirnov, Smirnov]
- 4-gluon scattering in Yang-Mills with adjoint fermions and scalars
- SUSY limit : $n_f \rightarrow \mathcal{N}, n_s \rightarrow \mathcal{N} - 1$

$$C_1^{-++-} = -\frac{s^2}{4t^2} A^{(0)} (2s (10s^2 + 11ts + 2t^2) (1 - n_f + n_s) + t ((4 - n_f) (3 - n_s) s (2s + t) - (4 - n_f) s (4s + t) + 4t^2))$$

$$C_2^{-++-} = \frac{3s^3}{2t^3} A^{(0)} ((20s^2 + 22ts + 4t^2) (1 - n_f + n_s) + t ((4 - n_f) (3 - n_s) (2s + t) - (4 - n_f) (4s + t)))$$

[cross checked with Bern, De-Freitas, Dixon (2002)]

Two-Loop Hepta-cuts : Non-planar



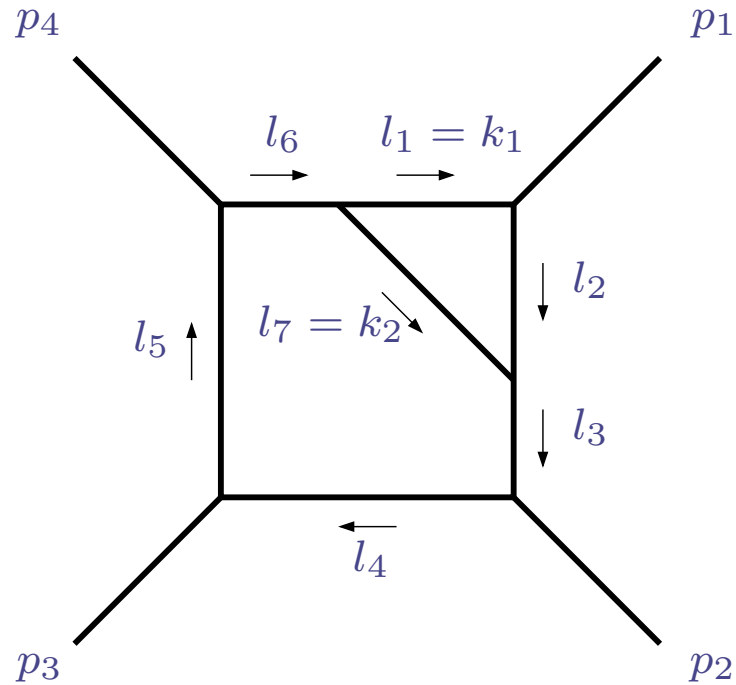
- Solve 48×38 system (4 ISPs) + IBPs
 \Rightarrow 2 MIs $I_7[1], I_7[k_1 \cdot p_4]$
- IBPs with FIRE [Smirnov, Smirnov]

$$C_1^{-+++} = \frac{s^2}{4t^2} A^{(0)} (2su^2(1 - n_f + n_s) - t^2 ((4 - n_f)u + 4t))$$

$$C_2^{-+++} = \frac{s^2}{2t^3} A^{(0)} (3u + t) ((4 - n_f)t^2 - 2su(1 - n_f + n_s))$$

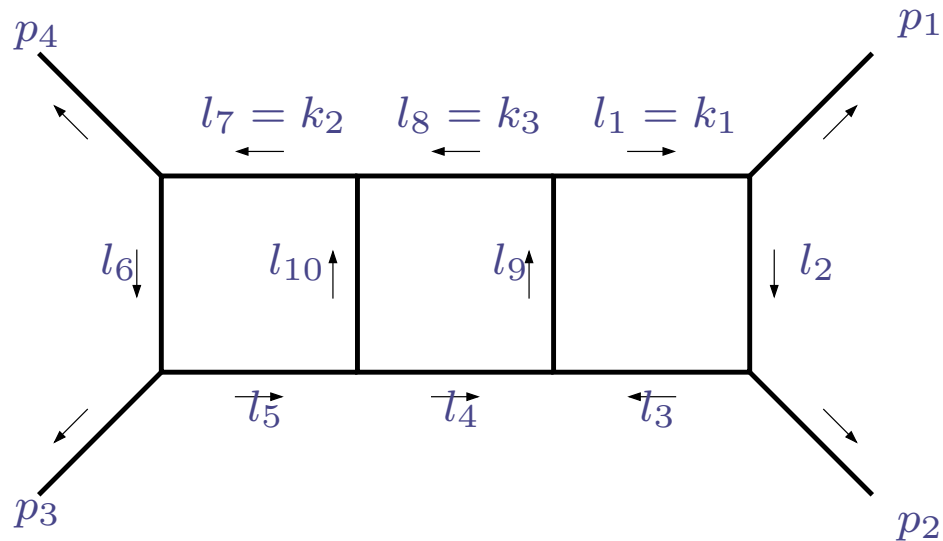
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Two-Loop Hepta-cuts : pentagon|triangle



- Solve 20×20 system (3 ISPs)
- No 6-propagator MIs after IBPs
- Important contribution for subtractions

The Three-Loop Triple Box



- Solve 622×398 system (7 ISPs) : standard getting slow...

- Option 1 : split spurious and non-spurious systems and solve with linear algebra
- Option 2 : branch-by-branch fitting and algebraic geometry
 - Fit each branch over a reduced set of ISP monomials
 - Merge branches using intersection of ideals
- Test in 4-gluon scattering
- 34 flavour configuration inside the loop $n_f, n_s, n_f n_s, n_f^2 n_s, \dots$

The Three-Loop Triple Box II

- IBPs with Reduze2 \Rightarrow 3 ten-propagator MIs

[Studerus, von Manteuffel]

$$I_{10}[1], I_{10}[k_1 \cdot p_4], I_{10}[k_3 \cdot p_4]$$

- New analytic results for non-super-symmetric gauge theory

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$$\hat{C}_2^{-+++}(s, t) = \frac{2}{t} \left(1 - \hat{C}_1^{-+++}\right)$$

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Outlook

- A few small steps towards automated multi-loop amplitudes
- Computational algebraic geometry for integrand reduction
 - efficient solutions to constraint equations
 - generalizes easily to D -dimensional systems
- We didn't address the evaluation of the Master Integrals
- IBPs with many scales are hard:
 - massive amplitudes, higher multiplicity