

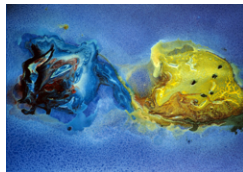
# ONE-LOOP CALCULATIONS WITH FEYNCALC

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## OUTLINE

### 1 MOTIVATION

- QFT Automation
- FeynCalc

### 2 USING FEYN CALC IN YOUR RESEARCH

- 1-loop calculations
- Example: Schwinger's triumph

### 3 SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

## WHAT

- Automation of QFT  $\approx$  automatic symbolic or numeric evaluation of Feynman diagrams
- This talks: only symbolics

## WHY

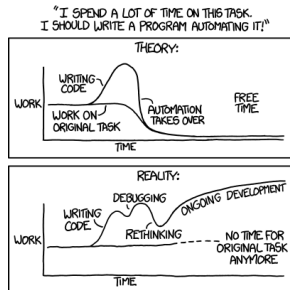
- Feynman diagrams  $\rightarrow$  theoretical predictions for experimental observables: cross-sections, decay rates etc.
- Experiments are becoming more precise  $\rightarrow$  theorists must reduce errors in their predictions to keep up.
- Leading order (LO) in perturbation theory is mostly not enough, need to go at least to NLO or even higher
- Need to evaluate hundreds, thousands or even millions of Feynman diagrams
- Impossible to do by pen and paper!

## How

- CAS or CAS-like environment: Mathematica, Reduce, FORM, Sympy, GiNaC etc.
- Specific codes running on top of it.

## AUTOMATION TOOLS CLASSIFIED BY THEIR USAGE

- Single purpose tools: FeynArts<sup>1</sup>, Tracer<sup>2</sup>, FIRE<sup>3</sup>, LoopTools<sup>4</sup>, ...
- Multi purpose tools (semi-automatic): HEPMath<sup>5</sup>, FeynCalc, Package X<sup>6</sup>, ...
- Multi purpose tools (fully-automatic): CalcHEP<sup>7</sup>, GRACE<sup>8</sup>, FormCalc<sup>1</sup> ...

<sup>1</sup>[Hahn, 2001]<sup>2</sup>[Jamin & Lautenbacher, 1993]<sup>3</sup>[Smirnov, 2008]<sup>4</sup>[Hahn & Perez-Victoria, 1999]<sup>5</sup>[Wiebusch, 2014]<sup>6</sup>[Patel, 2015]<sup>7</sup>[Belyaev et al., 2012]<sup>8</sup>[Ishikawa et al., 1993]

[[xkcd.com/1319/](http://xkcd.com/1319/)]

- FeynCalc is a Mathematica package for algebraic QFT calculations

[Mertig et al., 1991]

- Suitable for evaluating both single expression and full Feynman diagrams



## FEATURES

- Extensive typesetting for better readability  
(using Mathematica's `TraditionalForm` output)
- Tools for frequently occurring tasks like Lorentz index contraction,  $SU(N)$  algebra, Dirac matrix manipulation and traces, etc.  
(`Contract`, `SUNSimplify`, `SUNTrace`, `DiracSimplify`, `DiracTrace`, `DiracEquation`, `DiracReduce`, `Schouten` )
- Passarino-Veltman reduction of one-loop amplitudes to standard scalar integrals  
(`OneLoop`, `OneLoopSimplify`, `TID`, `Tdec`, `PaVeReduce`, `ScalarProductCancel`, `FeynAmpDenominatorSimplify`, `FCLoop*` )
- General tools for non-commutative algebra  
(`DotSimplify`, `DotExpand`, `DeclareNonCommutative`, `UnDeclareNonCommutative`, `Commutator`, `Anticommutator`)
- The calculation can be organized in many different ways (flexibility)

## CHALLENGES

- Very little development between 2006 and 2014
- Bugs
- The performance of many functions is not optimal

## IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 2014

- New collaborator (VS)
- Numerous bugfixes
- Prevent regressions by introducing unit and integration test (  $\approx 3000$  tests so far)
- To improve performance and stability some functions (DiracTrick, DiracEquation, Anti5, TID, Tdec, ...) were rewritten almost from scratch
- Code is now hosted on GitHub: [github.com/FeynCalc](https://github.com/FeynCalc)
- Lots of new examples (mostly QED and QCD) included
- FeynCalc wiki: <https://github.com/FeynCalc/feyncalc/wiki>

Ingredients of a 1-loop calculation in dimensional regularization (DR)

$$\int \frac{d^4 \bar{l}}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(\bar{l}^\mu \bar{l}^\nu)}{\bar{l}^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \mu^{D-4} \int \frac{d^D l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{(l^\mu l^\nu)}{l^2 - m^2}$$

- Simplification of the Dirac algebra (✓ FeynCalc)
- Reduction of tensor integrals to scalar integrals
  - Cancellation of scalar products and (✓ FeynCalc)
  - Tensor decomposition (✓ FeynCalc)
- Further simplification of scalar integrals
  - Partial fractioning (✓ FeynCalc)
  - IBP reduction (usually requires external tools)
- Evaluation of master integrals (requires external tools)

## WHY DIRAC ALGEBRA?

In Feynman diagrams with internal fermion lines, loop momenta are often contracted with the Dirac matrices. For example,

$$\int \frac{d^D l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{\gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu l^\nu l^\mu}{l^2 ((l+p)^2 - m^2)}$$

Naive solution: Ignore the Dirac matrices. Just uncontract loop momenta and simplify the resulting tensor integrals

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**In[1]:=** GSD[l].GSD[l] FAD[l,{l+p,m}]

**Out[1]:=**  $(\gamma \cdot l) \cdot (\gamma \cdot l) \frac{1}{(l^2) ((l+p)^2 - m^2)}$

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**In[2]:=** Uncontract[%%,l]//FCLoopsolate[#,l]&

**Out[2]:=**  $\gamma^{\$ALS2494(1)} \cdot \gamma^{\$ALS2494(2)} \text{FCGV}(\text{LoopInt}) \left( \frac{l^{\$ALS2494(1)} l^{\$ALS2494(2)}}{l^2 \cdot ((l+p)^2 - m^2)} \right)$

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Clever solution: First simplify the Dirac algebra, then reduce the integrals

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**In[3]:=** GSD[l].GSD[l] FAD[l,{l+p,m}];

**In[4]:=** DiracSimplify[%,l]

**Out[4]:=**  $\frac{l^2}{l^2 \cdot ((l+p)^2 - m^2)}$

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## DIRAC ALGEBRA

The generalization of the Dirac algebra to  $D$  dimensions is (almost) straight-forward  
[t Hooft & Veltman, 1972]

$$\{\bar{\gamma}^\mu, \bar{\gamma}^\nu\} = 2\bar{g}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \bar{g}^{\mu\nu}\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = 4 \rightarrow \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}, \quad g^{\mu\nu}g_{\mu\nu} = D$$

So we can easily simplify the algebra and compute traces in  $D$ -dimensions

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**In[1]:=** GAD[ $\mu, \nu$ ]

**Out[1]=**  $\gamma^\mu \cdot \gamma^\mu$

**In[2]:=** %//DiracSimplify

**Out[2]=**  $D$

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**In[3]:=** GSD[l, l]

**Out[3]=**  $(\gamma \cdot l) \cdot (\gamma \cdot l)$

**In[4]:=** %//DiracSimplify

**Out[4]=**  $l^2$

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**In[5]:=** GSD[l].GAD[ $\mu$ ].GSD[l]

**Out[5]=**  $(\gamma \cdot l) \cdot \gamma^\mu \cdot (\gamma \cdot l)$

**In[6]:=** %//DiracSimplify

**Out[6]=**  $2l^\mu \gamma \cdot l - l^2 \gamma^\mu$

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**In[7]:=** DiracTrace[GAD[ $\mu$ ].GSD[p].GAD[ $\nu$ ].GSD[p]

**Out[7]=**  $\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \cdot (\gamma \cdot p) \cdot \gamma^\nu \cdot (\gamma \cdot p))$

**In[8]:=** % /. DiracTrace -> **Tr**

**Out[8]=**  $4(2p^\mu p^\nu - p^2 g^{\mu\nu})$

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## CANCELLING SCALAR PRODUCTS

Before starting to reduce a tensor integral, it is always useful to first try to cancel as much scalar products as possible using the well-known trick

$$l \cdot k = \frac{1}{2}(l+k)^2 - \frac{1}{2}l^2 - \frac{1}{2}k^2$$

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In[1]:= SPD[l, p1] FVD[l, μ] FAD[{l, m0}, {l + p1, m1}, {l + p2, m2}]

Out[1]=  $l^\mu (l \cdot p1) \frac{1}{((l^2 - m0^2)) ((l + p1)^2 - m1^2) ((l + p2)^2 - m2^2)}$

In[2]:= SPC[#,l]

Out[2]=

$$\frac{l^\mu (m0^2 - m1^2)}{2 (l^2 - m0^2) \cdot ((l - p1)^2 - m1^2) \cdot ((l - p2)^2 - m2^2)} - \frac{l^\mu}{2 (l^2 - m0^2) \cdot ((l - p2)^2 - m2^2)}$$

$$- \frac{l^\mu}{2 (l^2 - m1^2) \cdot ((l - p1 + p2)^2 - m2^2)} + \frac{p1^\mu}{2 (l^2 - m1^2) \cdot ((l - p1 + p2)^2 - m2^2)}$$


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## PASSARINO VELTMAN REDUCTION

- Passarino-Veltman reduction is the standard technique for the tensor decomposition of loop integrals.

[t'Hooft & Veltman, 1979]

[Passarino & Veltman, 1979]

- Lorentz covariance allows us to rewrite any tensor integral as a linear combination of all allowed Lorentz structures
- These structures are made of metric tensors and external momenta
- They are also multiplied by scalar coefficients. These coefficients (aka Passarino-Veltman coefficient functions) can be computed either analytically or numerically.

$$\int \frac{d^D l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{l^\mu l^\nu}{[l^2 - m^2][(l+p)^2 - m^2]} = g^{\mu\nu} B_{00} + p^\mu p^\nu B_{11}$$

Contracting with  $g^{\mu\nu}$  and  $p^\mu p^\nu$  we obtain a linear system of scalar equations

$$\int \frac{d^D l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{l^2}{[l^2 - m^2][(l+p)^2 - m^2]} = DB_{00} + p^2 B_{11}$$

$$\int \frac{d^D l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{(l \cdot p)^2}{[l^2 - m^2][(l+p)^2 - m^2]} = p^2 B_{00} + p^4 B_{11}$$

Solving this system we can determine the coefficients  $B_{00}$  and  $B_{11}$ .

We can of course do this also with FeynCalc

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**In[1]:=** FVD[l,  $\mu$ ] FVD[l,  $\nu$ ] FAD[{l, m0}]

$$\mathbf{Out[1]} = l^\mu l^\nu \frac{1}{[l^2 - m0^2]}$$

**In[2]:=** TID[1/(l Pi^2) %, l, UsePaVeBasis -> **True**]

$$\mathbf{Out[2]} = \frac{m0^2 A_0(m0^2) g^{\mu\nu}}{D}$$

**In[3]:=** FVD[l,  $\mu$ ] FAD[{l, m0}, {l + p1, m1}]

$$\mathbf{Out[3]} := l^\mu \frac{1}{([l^2 - m0^2]) ((l + p1)^2 - m1^2)}$$

**In[4]:=** TID[1/(l Pi^2) %, l, UsePaVeBasis -> **True**, PaVeAutoReduce -> **False**]

$$\mathbf{Out[4]} := p1^\mu B_1(p1^2, m0^2, m1^2)$$


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also for more complicated integrals

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In[1]:= FVD[l,  $\mu$ ] FVD[l,  $\nu$ ] FVD[  
l,  $\rho$ ] FAD[{l, m0}, {l + p1, m1}, {l + p2, m2}]

Out[1]=  $l^\mu l^\nu l^\rho \frac{1}{((l^2 - m0^2)) ((l + p1)^2 - m1^2) ((l + p2)^2 - m2^2)}$

In[2]:= TID[1/(Pi^2) %, l, UsePaVeBasis -> **True**, PaVeAutoReduce -> **False**]

Out[2]=  
 $(p1^\mu g^{\nu\rho} + p1^\nu g^{\mu\rho} + p1^\rho g^{\mu\nu}) C_{001} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$   
 $+ (p2^\mu g^{\nu\rho} + p2^\nu g^{\mu\rho} + p2^\rho g^{\mu\nu}) C_{002} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$   
 $+ p1^\mu p1^\nu p1^\rho C_{111} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$   
 $+ (p1^\nu p1^\rho p2^\mu + p1^\mu p1^\rho p2^\nu + p1^\mu p1^\nu p2^\rho)$   
 $\times C_{112} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$   
 $+ (p1^\rho p2^\mu p2^\nu + p1^\nu p2^\mu p2^\rho + p1^\mu p2^\nu p2^\rho)$   
 $\times C_{122} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$   
 $+ p2^\mu p2^\nu p2^\rho C_{222} (p1^2, -2(p1 \cdot p2) + p1^2 + p2^2, p2^2, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)$

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## PARTIAL FRACTIONING

Even after all tensor integrals have been decomposed to scalar ones, partial fractioning allows us to simplify some of the even further

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In[1]:= FAD[{p,m1},{p,m2}]

Out[1]=  $\frac{1}{([p^2 - m1^2])([p^2 - m2^2])}$

In[2]:= Apart2[%]//Expand

Out[2]=  $\frac{1}{(m1^2 - m2^2)(p^2 - m1^2)} - \frac{1}{(m1^2 - m2^2)(p^2 - m2^2)}$

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As long as the kinematics inside the loop integral is general, we can write it in terms of the 4 Passarino Veltman basis integrals  $A0$ ,  $B0$ ,  $C0$  and  $D0$ .

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```
In[1]:= ClearScalarProducts;
        ScalarProduct[p1, p2] = 2 M^2;
        ScalarProduct[p1, p1] = M^2;
        ScalarProduct[p2, p2] = M^2;
        FVD[l, \[Mu]] FAD[{l, m0}, {l + p1, m1}, {l + p2, m2}];
```

```
Out[1]:= l^\mu \frac{1}{((l^2 - m0^2)) ((l + p1)^2 - m1^2) ((l + p2)^2 - m2^2)}
```

```
In[2]:= TID[%, l] // Isolate [# , FeynAmpDenominator] & //
        ReplaceAll[# , FeynAmpDenominator[x__] ]>FRH[FeynAmpDenominator[x]]&
```

```
Out[2]:= \frac{KK(147)}{6M^4 (l^2 - m0^2) \cdot ((l - p1)^2 - m1^2) \cdot ((l - p2)^2 - m2^2)}
+ \frac{6M^4 (l^2 - m1^2) \cdot ((l - p1)^2 - m0^2)}{KK(141)} + \frac{6M^4 (l^2 - m0^2) \cdot ((l - p1)^2 - m1^2)}{KK(143)}
- \frac{6M^4 (l^2 - m2^2) \cdot ((l - p2)^2 - m0^2)}{6M^4 (l^2 - m2^2) \cdot ((l - p1 + p2)^2 - m1^2)}
```

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But a special choice of the kinematics might lead to vanishing Gram determinants. Such tensor integrals are then written in terms of the coefficient functions.

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```
In[1]:= ClearScalarProducts;
        ScalaProduct[p1, p2] = 0;
        ScalarProduct[p1, p1] = 0;
        ScalarProduct[p2, p2] = 0;
        FVD[l, \[Mu]] FAD[{l, m0}, {l + p1, m1}, {l + p2, m2}];
```

```
Out[1]:= l^\mu \frac{1}{((l^2 - m0^2)) ((l + p1)^2 - m1^2) ((l + p2)^2 - m2^2)}
```

```
In[2]:= TID[1/(l Pi^2) %, l]
```

```
Out[2]:= -p2^\mu C_1 (0, 0, 0, m2^2, m0^2, m1^2) + (p1^\mu - p2^\mu) C_2 (0, 0, 0, m2^2, m0^2, m1^2)
+ \frac{i p2^\mu}{\pi^2 (l^2 - m0^2) . ((l - p1)^2 - m1^2) . ((l - p2)^2 - m2^2)}
```

```
In[3]:= % // ToPaVe[#, l] &
```

```
Out[3]:= p2^\mu (-C_0 (0, 0, 0, m0^2, m1^2, m2^2)) - p2^\mu C_1 (0, 0, 0, m2^2, m0^2, m1^2)
+ (p1^\mu - p2^\mu) C_2 (0, 0, 0, m2^2, m0^2, m1^2)
```

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FeynCalc can algebraically simplify many standalone QFT expressions. What about Feynman diagrams?

### GENERATING FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS

- FeynCalc itself can't generate any diagrams  
⇒ Use FeynArts
- Some objects in FeynCalc and FeynArts have same names (e.g. `FourVector`) which leads to issues  
⇒ Patch FeynArts to rename conflicting objects
- The output of FeynArts is incompatible with FeynCalc  
Convert it to FeynCalc via `FCPrepareFAmp`

To see how FeynArts+FeynCalc can be used to evaluate Feynman diagrams, let us calculate the anomalous electric moment of the electron at 1-loop in QED.

## G-2: SHORT REMINDER

- $g$  is the coupling of the electron to the magnetic field in the non-relativistic limit

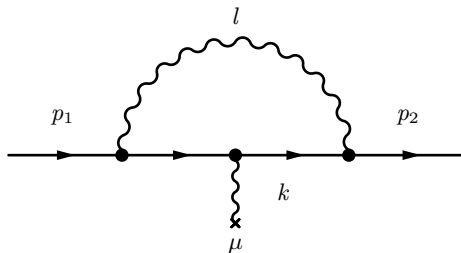
$$V(x) = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}(x), \quad \vec{\mu} = \frac{g}{2m_e} \vec{S}$$

- Expanding the Dirac equation

$$(i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_e)\psi = 0$$

in  $1/m_e$  yields  $g = 2$ .

- However, this is just a tree-level result. Loop corrections induce an anomalous electric moment with  $g - 2 \neq 0$
- To extract the value of electron's  $g - 2$  to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  in QED we need to consider the 1-loop correction to the electron-photon vertex.



We have

$$i\mathcal{M}^\mu = -ie\bar{u}(p_2) \left( \gamma^\mu (F_1(k^2) + F_2(k^2)) - \frac{1}{2m_e} (p_1 + p_2)^\mu F_2(k^2) \right) u(p_1),$$

with

$$g = 2 + 2F_2(0)$$

So our goal is to extract the  $F_2$  from  $i\mathcal{M}^\mu$  at zero momentum transfer.

## We start with loading FeynCalc and FeynArts

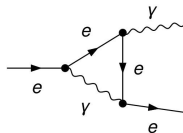
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In[1]:= $LoadFeynArts=True;
        <<FeynCalc'
        $FAVerbose=0;
```

**FeynCalc** 9.0.0. For help, type `?FeynCalc`, use the `helpbrowser` or visit [www.feyncalc.org](http://www.feyncalc.org).

**FeynArts** 3.9 patched for use with FeynCalc, for documentation use the manual or visit [www.feynarts.de](http://www.feynarts.de).

## Then we use FeynArts to generate our diagram

```
In[2]:= topVertex = CreateTopologies[1, 1 -> 2, ExcludeTopologies -> {Tadpoles, WFCorrections
    }];
In[3]:= diagsVertex = InsertFields [topVertex, {F[2, {1}]} -> {V[1], F[2, {1}]}, InsertionLevel
    -> {Classes}, Model -> "SM", ExcludeParticles -> {S[1], S[2], S[3], V[3], V[2]};
In[4]:= Paint [diagsVertex, ColumnsXRows -> {2, 1}, Numbering -> None]
```



Next step is to convert the output of FeynArts into input for FeynCalc

```
In[5]:= ampVertex = Total@Map[ReplaceAll[#, FeynAmp[_, _, amp_, ___] := amp] &,
Apply[List, FCPrepareFAAmp[ CreateFeynAmp[diagsVertex, Truncated -> False,
PreFactor -> -1], UndoChiralSplittings -> True]]] /.
{InMom1 -> p1, OutMom2 -> p2, OutMom1 -> k, LoopMom1 -> q} /.
k -> p1 - p2 /. q -> q + p1;
Out[5]:=
```

$$- \left( i \bar{g}^{\text{Lor}2\text{Lor}3} \bar{\varepsilon}^{\text{Lor}1} (p1 - p2) \left( \varphi(\bar{p}2, ME) \right) \cdot \left( i EL \bar{\gamma}^{\text{Lor}3} \right) \cdot \left( \bar{\gamma} \cdot (\bar{p}2 + \bar{q}) + ME \right) \cdot \left( i EL \bar{\gamma}^{\text{Lor}1} \right) \cdot \left( \bar{\gamma} \cdot (\bar{p}1 + \bar{q}) + ME \right) \cdot \left( i EL \bar{\gamma}^{\text{Lor}2} \right) \cdot \left( \varphi(\bar{p}1, ME) \right) \right) / \left( (p1 + q)^2 - ME^2 \right) \cdot \left( (p2 + q)^2 - ME^2 \right) \cdot q^2$$

after which we set up the kinematics, convert the obtained amplitude into a  $D$ -dimensional one and chop off the polarization vector

```
In[6]:= ClearScalarProducts;
In[7]:= ScalarProduct[p1, p1] = ME^2;
In[8]:= ScalarProduct[p2, p2] = ME^2;
In[9]:= ScalarProduct[k, k] = 0;
In[10]:= ScalarProduct[p1, p2] = ME^2;
In[11]:= ampVertex1 = (ampVertex // ChangeDimension[#, D] &)//
ReplaceAll[#, Pair[Momentum[Polarization[____], ____], ____] := 1] &;
```

Now we simplify whatever we can simplify and reduce our tensor loop integrals into scalar ones.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{In}[12] &:= \text{OneLoopSimplify}[\text{ampVertex1}, \mathbf{q}] // \text{Collect2}[\#, \text{Spinor}] \ \& \\
 \text{Out}[12] &:= 2i\pi^2 \text{EL}^3 \text{ME} \left( \mathbf{p1}^{\text{Lor1}} + \mathbf{p2}^{\text{Lor1}} \right) \left( 2\text{C}_{11} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) + \right. \\
 & \quad \text{DC}_{11} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) - 2\text{C}_{11} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) + \\
 & \quad \left. + \text{DC}_{12} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) - 2\text{C}_{12} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) \right) \\
 & \quad (\varphi(\mathbf{p2}, \text{ME})) \cdot (\varphi(\mathbf{p1}, \text{ME})) - \text{EL}^3 \left( -2i\pi^2 \text{DC}_{00} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 4i\pi^2 \text{C}_{00} \left( \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, 0, \text{ME}^2, \text{ME}^2 \right) + \frac{D}{(q^2 - \text{ME}^2) \cdot ((-\mathbf{p1} + \mathbf{p2} + \mathbf{q})^2 - \text{ME}^2)} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{4\text{ME}^2}{q^2 \cdot ((q - \mathbf{p1})^2 - \text{ME}^2) \cdot ((q - \mathbf{p2})^2 - \text{ME}^2)} - \frac{1}{(q^2 - \text{ME}^2) \cdot ((-\mathbf{p1} + \mathbf{p2} + \mathbf{q})^2 - \text{ME}^2)} \right) \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{q^2 \cdot ((q - \mathbf{p1})^2 - \text{ME}^2)} + \frac{1}{q^2 \cdot ((q - \mathbf{p2})^2 - \text{ME}^2)} \right) (\varphi(\mathbf{p2}, \text{ME})) \cdot \gamma^{\text{Lor1}} \cdot (\varphi(\mathbf{p1}, \text{ME}))
 \end{aligned}$$


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Remember that to extract  $F_2(0)$  we need to look only at the piece proportional to  $(p_1 + p_2)^\mu$ . So let us drop the  $\gamma^\mu$ -piece

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```
In[13]:= ampVertex3 = ampVertex2 // ReplaceAll[#, FCI[GAD[Lor1]] :> 0] & // DotSimplify
Out[13]:= 2iπ² EL³ ME (p1Lor1 + p2Lor1) (2C₁ (ME², 0, ME², 0, ME², ME²) +
DC₁₁ (ME², 0, ME², 0, ME², ME²) - 2C₁₁ (ME², 0, ME², 0, ME², ME²) +
+ DC₁₂ (ME², 0, ME², 0, ME², ME²) - 2C₁₂ (ME², 0, ME², 0, ME², ME²))
(φ(p₂, ME)).(φ(p₁, ME))
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The Passarino-Veltman coefficient functions  $C_1, C_{11}$  and  $C_{12}$  that appear in the result can be analytically evaluated using other packages (e.g. Package X). Here we just substitute their values

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```
In[14]:= ampVertex4 = ampVertex3 /. {
PaVe[1, {ME², 0, ME²}, {0, ME², ME²}, OptionsPattern[]] -> 1/(32 Pi⁴ ME²),
PaVe[1, 1, {ME², 0, ME²}, {0, ME², ME²}, OptionsPattern[]] -> -(1/(96 Pi⁴ ME²)),
PaVe[1, 2, {ME², 0, ME²}, {0, ME², ME²}, OptionsPattern[]] -> -(1/(192 Pi⁴ ME²))}
Out[14]:= 2iπ² EL³ ME ( (3 / (32π⁴ ME²) - D / (64π⁴ ME²) ) (p1Lor1 + p2Lor1) (φ(p₂, ME)).(φ(p₁, ME))
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As expected,  $F_2(0)$  is free of any divergences. So we can safely do the limit  $D \rightarrow 4$



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```
In[15]:= ampVertex5 = ampVertex4 // ChangeDimension[#, 4] & // ReplaceAll[#, D -> 4] &
          iEL^3 (p1^Lor1 + p2^Lor1) (varphi(ME, p2)) . (varphi(ME, p1))
Out[15]:= -----
          16 pi^2 ME
```

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What we obtained so far is nothing else than  $\frac{ie}{2m_e} (p_1 + p_2)^\mu F_2(0) \bar{u}(p_2) u(p_1)$ .  
Dividing by the numerical prefactor and substituting  $e^2 = 4\pi^2\alpha$  yields

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```
In[16]:= (ampVertex5/((I EL)/(2 ME))) // ReplaceAll [#, {
EL^2 -> AlphaFS 4 \[Pi], Spinor[___].Spinor[___] :> 1, FCI[FV[p1, ___] + FV[p2, ___] :> 1]} &
```

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Out[16]:=  $\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$ 
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In[17]:= N[1/137 1/(2 Pi)]
Out[17]:= 0.00116171
```

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so that

$$F_2(0) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$$

and

$$\frac{g-2}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$

which was one of the greatest triumphs of QED in the last century

[Schwinger, 1948]

## WHAT I LEARNED WHILE DEVELOPING FEYNCALC

### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Use a version control system (e.g. git, mercurial)
- Use a testing framework to prevent regressions (e.g. MUnit for Mathematica, pyunit for Python, CppUnit for C++)

### MATHEMATICA SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- Have a look at Wolfram Workbench
- Read at least one book about Mathematica programming

## Summary

- FeynCalc is a Mathematica package for algebraic calculations in QFT and semi-automatic evaluation of Feynman diagrams
- After a long period of low-activity the active development has been restarted 2014
- The upcoming FeynCalc 9.0 will include numerous bug fixes but also performance enhancements and new features

## TODOs:

- More regression and integration tests (goal: full code coverage)
- More worked out examples
- Finish the manual
- Stable interfaces to other useful software tools for symbolic/numeric evaluation

- There is no unique way to handle  $\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3$  in DR
- In  $D$ -dimensions, the relations

$$\{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\} = 0$$

and

$$\text{tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) \neq 0$$

cannot be simultaneously satisfied.

- In other words, there is a conflict between the anticommutativity of  $\gamma^5$  and the cyclicity property of Dirac traces that involve an odd number of  $\gamma^5$

[Chanowitz et al., 1979]

[Jegerlehner, 2001]

- We can stick to the anticommuting  $\gamma^5$  in  $D$ -dimensions. This is fine, as long as we have only traces with an even number of  $\gamma^5$ .
  - ⇒ Naive dimensional regularization (NDR)
- To compute traces with an odd number of  $\gamma^5$  unambiguously, we need an additional prescription
  - ⇒ Kreimer's prescription [Kreimer, 1990]
  - ⇒ Larin-Gorishny-Akyaempong-Delburgo prescription [Larin, 1993]
- Or we can accept that  $\gamma^5$  is a purely 4-dimensional object and therefore doesn't anticommute with  $D$ -dimensional Dirac matrices
  - [t Hooft & Veltman, 1972]
  - [Breitenlohner & Maison, 1977]
  - ⇒ Breitenlohner-Maison- t'Hooft Veltman scheme (BMHV)

By default, FeynCalc works with an anticommuting  $\gamma^5$

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```
In[1]:= GAD[μ,ν,ρ].GA[5].GAD[σ,τ,κ].GA[5]
Out[1]= γμ.γν.γρ.γ̄5.γσ.γτ.γκ.γ̄5
In[2]:= %//DiracSimplify
Out[2]= -γμ.γν.γρ.γσ.γτ.γκ
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Trying to compute a chiral trace in the naive scheme produces an error message:

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```
In[1]:= DiracTrace[GAD[μ,ν,ρ,σ,τ,κ].GA[5]]
Out[1]= tr (γμ.γν.γρ.γσ.γτ.γκ.γ̄5)
In[2]:= % /. DiracTrace -> Tr
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DiracTrace::ndranomaly :

You are using naive dimensional regularization (NDR), such that in D dimensions  $\gamma^5$  anticommutes with all other Dirac matrices. In this scheme (without additional prescriptions) it is not possible to compute traces with an odd number of  $\gamma^5$  unambiguously. The trace

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DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[μ, D], D].
DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[ν, D], D].
of DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[ρ, D], D].
DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[σ, D], D].
DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[τ, D], D].
DiracGamma[LorentzIndex[κ, D], D]. DiracGamma[5]
```

is illegal in NDR. Evaluation aborted!

$D$ -dimensional traces with anticommuting  $\gamma^5$  can be evaluated using Larin-Gorishny-Akyeampong-Delburgo prescription

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```
In[1]:= $Larin = True;
In[2]:= $West = False;
In[3]:= $BreitMaison = False;
In[4]:= DiracTrace[GAD[μ, ν, ρ, σ, τ, κ].GA[5]]
Out[4]:= tr (γμ.γν.γρ.γσ.γτ.γκ.γ̄5)
In[5]:= % /. DiracTrace -> Tr
Out[5]:= 4 (igμνεκρστ - igμρεκνστ + igμσεκνρτ - igμτεκνρσ + igνρεκμστ
- igνσεκμρτ + igντεκμρσ + igρσεκμντ - igρτεκμνσ + igστεκμνρ)
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Or in the BMHV scheme

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In[6]:= $Larin = False;
In[7]:= $West = True;
In[8]:= $BreitMaison = False;
In[9]:= DiracTrace[GAD[μ, ν, ρ, σ, τ, κ].GA[5]]
Out[9]:= tr (γμ.γν.γρ.γσ.γτ.γκ.γ̄5)
In[10]:= % /. DiracTrace -> Tr
Out[10]:= 4 (-igκμενρστ + igκνεμρστ - igκρεμνστ + igκσεμνρτ - igκτεμνρσ
+ igμνεκρστ - igμρεκνστ + igμσεκνρτ - igμτεκνρσ + igνρεκμστ - igνσεκμρτ
+ igντεκμρσ + igρσεκμντ - igρτεκμνσ + igστεκμνρ)
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ISSUES WITH  $\gamma^5$  IN NDR

Assuming that both

$$\begin{aligned}\{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\} &= 0, \\ \text{Tr}\{\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma\} &\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

hold in  $D$ -dimensions leads to a contradiction. The reason is the assumed cyclicity of the Dirac trace

$$\begin{aligned}D \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) &= \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\tau \gamma^\tau) \\ &= -2g^{\tau\mu} \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\tau) + 2g^{\tau\nu} \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\tau) \\ &\quad - 2g^{\tau\rho} \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\sigma \gamma_\tau) + 2g^{\tau\sigma} \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma_\tau) \\ &\quad - D \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) \\ &= -2 \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\mu) + 2 \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\nu) \\ &\quad - 2 \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\rho) + 2 \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) \\ &\quad - D \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma)\end{aligned}$$



Using that  $\text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu) = 0$  we have

$$D \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) = (8 - D) \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma)$$

or

$$(4 - D) \text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma) = 0.$$

- This implies that  $\text{Tr}(\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma)$  is zero for all  $D \neq 4$ .
- But if we demand the trace to be meromorphic in  $D$ , then the above trace should be zero also for  $D = 4$ ,
- Hence, we cannot recover the 4-dimensional Dirac algebra at  $D = 4$ .

NON-NAIVE SCHEME FOR  $\gamma^5$ 

In the Breitenlohner-Maison-'t Hooft-Veltman scheme we are dealing with matrices in  $D$ , 4 and  $D-4$  dimensions. Many identities of the BMHV algebra can be proven by decomposing Dirac matrices into two pieces

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\gamma^\mu) &= d, & \gamma^\mu &= \bar{\gamma}^\mu + \hat{\gamma}^\mu, \\ \dim(\bar{\gamma}^\mu) &= 4, & g^{\mu\nu} &= \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} + \hat{g}^{\mu\nu}, \\ \dim(\hat{\gamma}^\mu) &= d - 4. & p^\mu &= \bar{p}^\mu + \hat{p}^\mu. \end{aligned}$$

(ANTI)COMMUTATORS BETWEEN  $\gamma$ 'S IN DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} &= 2g^{\mu\nu}, \\ \{\bar{\gamma}^\mu, \bar{\gamma}^\nu\} &= \{\gamma^\mu, \bar{\gamma}^\nu\} = 2\bar{g}^{\mu\nu}, \\ \{\hat{\gamma}^\mu, \hat{\gamma}^\nu\} &= \{\gamma^\mu, \hat{\gamma}^\nu\} = 2\hat{g}^{\mu\nu}, \\ \{\bar{\gamma}^\mu, \hat{\gamma}^\nu\} &= 0 \\ \{\bar{\gamma}^\mu, \gamma^5\} &= [\hat{\gamma}^\mu, \gamma^5] = 0, \\ \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^5\} &= \{\hat{\gamma}^\mu, \gamma^5\} = 2\hat{\gamma}^\mu \gamma^5 = 2\gamma^5 \hat{\gamma}^\mu. \end{aligned}$$

NON-NAIVE SCHEME FOR  $\gamma^5$ 

Contractions of Dirac matrices and vectors with the metric

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\nu &= \gamma^\mu, & g^{\mu\nu} p_\nu &= p^\mu, \\
 \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_\nu &= g^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_\nu = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\nu = \bar{\gamma}^\mu, & \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{p}_\nu &= g^{\mu\nu} \bar{p}_\nu = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu = \bar{p}^\mu, \\
 \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{\gamma}_\nu &= g^{\mu\nu} \hat{\gamma}_\nu = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\nu = \hat{\gamma}^\mu, & \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{p}_\nu &= g^{\mu\nu} \hat{p}_\nu = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu = \hat{p}^\mu, \\
 \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{\gamma}_\nu &= \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_\nu = 0, & \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{p}_\nu &= \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{p}_\nu = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Contractions of the metric with itself

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\rho} &= g^\mu_\rho & g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} &= d, \\
 \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\nu\rho} &= g^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\nu\rho} = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\rho} = \bar{g}^\mu_\rho & \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} &= g^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = 4, \\
 \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\nu\rho} &= g^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\nu\rho} = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\rho} = \hat{g}^\mu_\rho & \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} &= g^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = d - 4, \\
 \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\nu\rho} &= \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\nu\rho} = 0, & \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} &= \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Contractions of Dirac matrices and vectors with themselves

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma^\mu \gamma_\mu &= D, & p^\mu p_\mu &= p^2, \\
 \bar{\gamma}^\mu \bar{\gamma}_\mu &= \gamma^\mu \bar{\gamma}_\mu = \bar{\gamma}^\mu \gamma_\mu = 4, & \bar{p}^\mu \bar{p}_\mu &= \bar{p}^\mu p_\mu = p^\mu \bar{p}_\mu = \bar{p}^2, \\
 \hat{\gamma}^\mu \hat{\gamma}_\mu &= \gamma^\mu \hat{\gamma}_\mu = \hat{\gamma}^\mu \gamma_\mu = D - 4, & \hat{p}^\mu \hat{p}_\mu &= \hat{p}^\mu p_\mu = p^\mu \hat{p}_\mu = \hat{p}^2, \\
 \bar{\gamma}^\mu \hat{\gamma}_\mu &= \hat{\gamma}^\mu \bar{\gamma}_\mu = 0, & \bar{p}^\mu \hat{p}_\mu &= \hat{p}^\mu \bar{p}_\mu = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Larin-Gorishny-Akyaempong-Delburgo prescription allows one to use anticommuting  $\gamma^5$  in  $D$ -dimensions but compute the chiral traces, such, that the result is expected to be equivalent with the BMHV scheme, if we have only one axial-vector current. The prescription is essentially

- Anticommutate  $\gamma^5$  to the right inside the trace
- Replace  $\gamma^\mu \gamma^5$  with  $-\frac{i}{6} \varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\sigma} \gamma^\alpha \gamma^\beta \gamma^\sigma$
- Treat  $\varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\sigma}$  as if it were  $D$ -dimensional, i.e.  
 $\varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\sigma} \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha\beta\sigma} = -D(D^3 - 6D^2 + 11D - 6)$  instead of  $-24$ .

## SCHOUTEN'S IDENTITY

In an  $n$ -dimensional space, a totally antisymmetric tensor with  $n + 1$  indices vanishes. For example,  $e^{ijkl} = 0$  if  $i, j, k$  and  $l$  are Cartesian indices that run from 1 to 3, because no matter how you choose the values of the indices, you will always have at least two indices with the same value.

- 4D space

$$\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\tau + \varepsilon^{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} p^\mu + \varepsilon^{\rho\sigma\tau\mu} p^\nu + \varepsilon^{\sigma\tau\mu\nu} p^\rho + \varepsilon^{\tau\mu\nu\rho} p^\sigma = 0$$

$$\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\tau\kappa} + \varepsilon^{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} g^{\mu\kappa} + \varepsilon^{\rho\sigma\tau\mu} g^{\nu\kappa} + \varepsilon^{\sigma\tau\mu\nu} g^{\rho\kappa} + \varepsilon^{\tau\mu\nu\rho} g^{\sigma\kappa} = 0$$

- 3D space

$$\varepsilon^{ijk} p^l - \varepsilon^{jkl} p^i + \varepsilon^{klj} p^j - \varepsilon^{lij} p^k = 0$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijk} g^{lm} - \varepsilon^{jkl} p^{im} + \varepsilon^{klj} g^{jm} - \varepsilon^{lij} g^{km} = 0$$

## DEFINITIONS OF THE PAVE SCALAR INTEGRALS (LOOPTOOLS CONVENTION)

$$A_0(m_0) = \mu^{4-D} (4\pi)^{\frac{4-D}{2}} \int \frac{d^D q}{i\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_0^2}$$

$$B_0(p_1, m_0, m_1) = \mu^{4-D} (4\pi)^{\frac{4-D}{2}} \int \frac{d^D q}{i\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_0^2)((q + p_1)^2 - m_1^2)}$$

$$C_0(p_1, p_2, m_0, m_1, m_2)$$

$$= \mu^{4-D} (4\pi)^{\frac{4-D}{2}} \int \frac{d^D q}{i\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_0^2)((q + p_1)^2 - m_1^2)((q + p_1 + p_2)^2 - m_2^2)}$$

$$D_0(p_1, p_2, p_3, m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3)$$

$$= \mu^{4-D} (4\pi)^{\frac{4-D}{2}} \int \frac{d^D q}{i\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_0^2)((q + p_1)^2 - m_1^2)((q + p_1 + p_2)^2 - m_2^2)}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{((q + p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2 - m_3^2)}$$

## NORMALIZATION OF THE PAVE SCALAR INTEGRALS

Passarino-Veltman scalar functions are normally related to the text book integrals by a factor of  $(16\pi^2)/i$ , e.g.

$$\mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_0^2} = \frac{i}{16\pi^2} A_0(m_0)$$

To see this observe that

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^D} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{2^{D-4} \pi^{D-2}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{4^{\frac{4-D}{2}}}{\pi^{D-2}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{(4\pi)^{\frac{4-D}{2}}}{\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}}$$








However, in FeynCalc the PaVe functions are normalized as

$\mu^{4-D} \frac{1}{i\pi^2} \int d^D q(\dots)$ . Hence, we have

$$A_{0,FC}(m_0) = (2\pi)^{D-4} A_0(m_0) = \frac{(2\pi)^D}{i\pi^2} \mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_0^2}$$

On the other hand, if the prefactor  $\frac{1}{(2\pi)^D}$  is implicit (i.e. it is understood but not written down explicitly) in the calculation, then it is enough to perform the replacement

$$A_{0,FC}(m_0) \rightarrow \frac{1}{i\pi^2} \mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_0^2}$$

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