

Title: PSI 2017/2018 - Scattering Amplitudes in QFT & String Theory - Lecture 17

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Abstract:

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• MZV's: nested sums vs. iterated integrals

$$\zeta_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \sum_{0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_r} k_1^{-n_1} k_2^{-n_2} \dots k_r^{-n_r}, \quad n_r \geq 2$$

"depth" \downarrow

"(transcend.) weight" $\sum_{j=1}^r n_j$

2 letters: $w_0(z) = \frac{dz}{z}$, $w_1(z) = \frac{dz}{1-z}$

convergence: $a_1 = 1$, $a_k = 0$

$$\zeta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = \int_{0 < z_1 < z_2 < \dots < z_k < 1} w_{a_1}(z_1) w_{a_2}(z_2) \dots w_{a_k}(z_k)$$

dependent

conjecture: all \mathbb{Q} -relations among MZVs
 are of shuffle/shuffle type when adjoining
 regularized version of divergent $\zeta(0), \zeta(1)$

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3.3 Polylogarithms & shuffle regularization

Generalize iterated int's $\zeta(\dots) = \int_{0 < \dots < 1}$

to generic endpt, $\int_{0 < \dots < z} \Rightarrow$ can give recursive def!

$$G(\underbrace{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k}_{\text{"label"}}, \underbrace{z}_{\text{"argument"}}) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_k; t) ; \quad G(\emptyset; z) :=$$

"multiple polylogarithms of weight k"

- can even do $z, a_j \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\text{singular pts.}\}$
- recover logarithms $G(a; z) = \log\left(1 - \frac{z}{a}\right)$ [check that]

$$Li_k(z) = (-1) G(\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_k, 1; z)$$

def.

$0 < \dots < z$ can give recursive def.

- recover MZV's $\zeta_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = (-1)^r G(0^{n_1-1}, 1, \dots, 0^{n_r-1}, 1; z=1)$

MZV's = (poly log) | $z=1$
- still obey shuffle

$$G(A; z) G(B; z) = G(A \sqcup B; z) = G(P+Q; z) = G(P; z) + G(Q; z)$$

assume: $G(P+Q; z)$
- divergent if $a_1 = z, a_k = 0$

Adventurous move: define a regularized version of divergent polylogs

$$(i) \quad \underbrace{G(0; z)} := \log z \qquad G(z; z) := -\log z$$

mentally do $\int_{\epsilon}^z \frac{dt}{t}$ and discard $\log \epsilon$ before $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

(ii) impose shuffle @ weight $k \geq 2$, e.g.

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shuffle - regularization

- induces notion of shuffle regularized MZVs, e.g.

$$\zeta(0) = 0 = \zeta(1) \quad , \quad \zeta(0,1) = \underbrace{\zeta(0)\zeta(1)}_{=0} - \underbrace{\zeta(1,0)}_{\text{conv. } -\zeta_2}$$

shuffle reg. val $-\zeta_2$ [1304.7267, 1609. Mafrá Schlotterer]

- Koba-Nielsen factor expressible in terms of $G(\dots; z)$ after x -expanding $|z|^s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (s \log z)^n$

extra care needed for kin poles!

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n G(\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_n; z)$$

3.4. Single-valued polylogarithms & MZV's

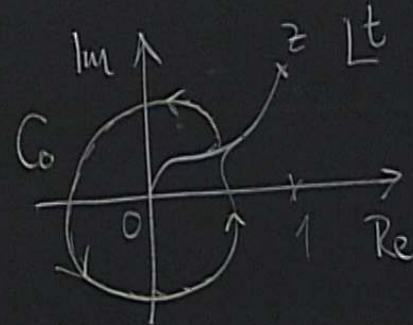
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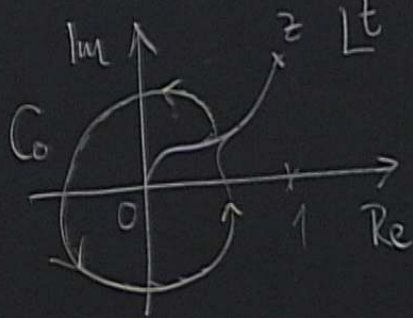
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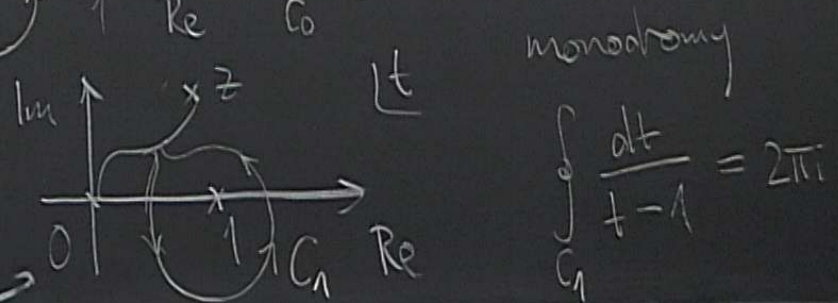
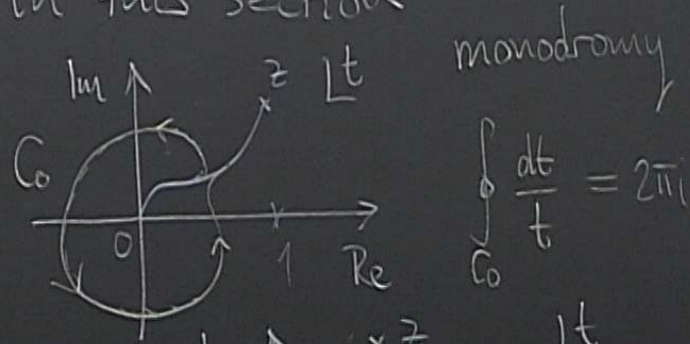
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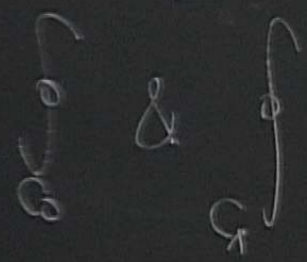
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More generally \swarrow weight k

$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; z)$ have monodromies around $z=0$ & $z=1$

$\in \{0, 1\}$



schematically



$(2\pi i)^{m \geq 1} \times$

$G(a_1, \dots, a_k; z)$ of
lower weight $k - m$

"unipotent monodromy"

⇒ can recursively heal monodromies: add $G(\dots, i, \bar{z})$ e.g.

$$\log |z|^2 = G(0; z) + G(0; \bar{z}) =: G_{sv}(0; z)$$

↳ single-valued (sv) on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

Brown (2004): Constructed unique sv-completion

$$G_{sv}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; z) = G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; z) + \text{products} \left(\underbrace{G(\dots, i, z)}_{\text{lower weight}} \underbrace{G(\dots, i, \bar{z})}_{\text{weight } \geq 1} \right) \text{ MZVs}$$

weight k

Examples

$$G_{sv}(0, 1; z) = \overbrace{G(0, 1; z)}^{-\zeta_2} + \overbrace{G(0; z) G(1, \bar{z}) + G(1, 0; \bar{z})}^{+\zeta_2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \zeta_2^{sv} = 0 \quad , \quad \zeta_3^{sv} = 2\zeta_3$$

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• more generally

$$\sum_{2k}^{sv} = 0 \quad , \quad \sum_{2k+1}^{sv} = 2 \sum_{2k+1}$$

• higher depth example

$$\zeta_{3,5}^{sv} = -10 \zeta_3 \zeta_5, \quad \zeta_{3,5,3}^{sv} = 2 \zeta_{3,5,3} - 2 \zeta_3 \zeta_{3,5} - 10 \zeta_3^2 \zeta_5$$

3.5 Closed-string amplitudes as
single-valued open-string amplitudes

Define sv-projection

$$sv : \zeta_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} \rightarrow \zeta_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r}^{sv}$$

to be

- linear w.r.t ζ_j & polarization
- multiplicative

$$sv(\zeta_m \zeta_n) = \zeta_m^{sv} \zeta_n^{sv}$$

Apply to 4pt. open-string

$$sv Z(1,2,3,4 | 1,2,4,3) = -\frac{1}{k_1 k_2} \quad \text{kill even values of } n$$

$$sv \exp \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{s_n}{n} (-1)^n \left[s_{12}^n + s_{23}^n - (s_{12} + s_{23})^n \right] \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{k_1 k_2} \exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{2k+1} (-1)^{2k+1} \left[s_{12}^{2k+1} + s_{23}^{2k+1} - (s_{12} + s_{23})^{2k+1} \right] \right)$$

$$= W(1,2,3,4 | 1,2,4,3)$$

@ level of amplitudes

$$M_{\text{closed}}(1,2,3,4) = \bar{A}_{\text{YM}}(1,2,4,3) k_1 \cdot k_2 \underbrace{W(1,2,3,4 | 1,2,4,3)}_{\text{sv } \mathcal{Z}(\dots)} k_1 \cdot k_2 A_{\text{YM}}(1,2,3,4)$$

- sv $A_{\text{open}}(1,2,3,4)$

$$= \bar{A}_{\text{YM}}(1,2,4,3) S_0[2|2]_1 \text{ sv } A_{\text{open}}(1,2,3,4)$$

for beyond KLT

Conjecture @ n-pt.

$$W(1, 2, \dots, n | g(1, 2, \dots, n)) = \text{sv } Z(1, 2, \dots, n | g(1, 2, \dots, n))$$

net effect sv: $\int_{\mathcal{D}(1, 2, \dots, n)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\bar{z}_{1,2} \bar{z}_{2,3} \dots \bar{z}_{n-1,n} \bar{z}_{n,1}}$

Evidence:

• $x^i \rightarrow 0$: $m(\beta | g)$ in both case (sv trial without MZV)

$G(0|z)$

$G(1|z)$

monodromy relations under sv

$$sv(\cos(\pi s_{ij})) = sv\left(1 - 3\zeta_2 s_{ij}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta_2^2)\right) = 1$$

$$sv\left(\frac{\sin(\pi s_{ij})}{\pi}\right) = sv\left(s_{ij} - \zeta_2 s_{ij}^3 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta_2^2)\right) = s_{ij}$$

desired relations for $W(\beta|g)$

\Rightarrow KK relations

\Rightarrow BCJ relations

Corollary: n -pt closed-string as a field-theory KLT

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no α'

$S_0[\alpha|\beta]_1$

$\text{SV } A_{\text{open}}(1, \beta, n-1, n)$

satisfies BCJ rather than monodromy

Compos

$G(0, 1; z)$

$G(0, 0, 1; z)$

\Rightarrow

Also for het / bosonic string

$$M_{\text{het closed bos}} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{field-theory} \\ \text{partial amplitude} \end{array} \right) S_0[\cdot|\cdot] \text{sv} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{open-superstring / open} \\ \text{bosonic string tree} \end{array} \right)$$

potentially rational function in α'

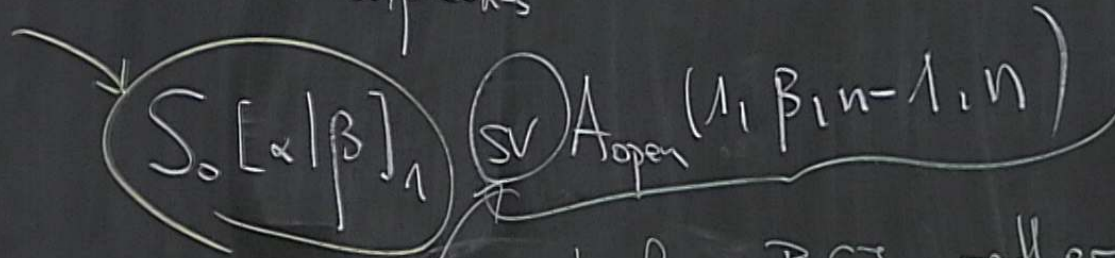
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