

Title: Celestial Recursion

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Abstract: In this talk, I will begin with a brief introduction to celestial holography and setting up the celestial amplitudes, before diving into some recent results on examining the BCFW recursion relations for celestial amplitudes. We start by recasting the celestial incarnation of the BCFW shift as a generalization of the action of familiar asymptotic symmetries on hard particles, before focusing on two limits: large- z and infinitesimal- z . We then discuss how the celestial CFT data encodes the large- z behavior determining which shifts are allowed, while the infinitesimal limit is tied to the celestial bootstrap program via the BG equations that constrain the MHV sector.

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Outline

- Review of Celestial Holography
- Celestial CFT vs BCFW
- From celestial OPE to large- z behavior
- Summary of $z \rightarrow 0$ story

celestial amplitudes

massless, 4D

global sym: $SO(1,3) \simeq SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

$SO(2,2) \simeq SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$p^M = \epsilon \omega \zeta^M$$

$\epsilon = \pm 1$ ζ^M null vector

$$g^{\mu\nu} = (1 + z\bar{z}, z + \bar{z}, -i(z - \bar{z}), 1 - z\bar{z})$$

$$\begin{cases} |\lambda\rangle = \epsilon \sqrt{2\omega t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ z \end{pmatrix} \\ |\tilde{\lambda}\rangle = \sqrt{2\omega t^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{z} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$t \sim$ little group scaling

$$m=0. \quad \Phi_{\alpha, J} \sim \int_0^\infty dw w^{\alpha-1} \epsilon_{\mu, \mu|\alpha} e^{i\omega g \cdot X}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \left[\prod_i \int_0^{+\infty} dw_i w_i^{\alpha_i-1} \right] A_n(\epsilon_i, w_i, z_i, \bar{z}_i)$$

$$(z_i, \bar{z}_i)$$

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$\bar{z}, -i(z-\bar{z}) \rightarrow \bar{z}$

group sca

Asymptotic Symmetries: supertranslation
 superrotation

CCFT vs BCFW

CCFT: symmetry, spectrum, OPE

BCFW: 3pt + unitarity + locality + large- z

$$A(0) = - \sum_I \text{Res} \frac{A(z)}{z} + \textcircled{B_\infty}$$

$$A = A_L \frac{1}{p^2} A_R$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} A(z) = 0$$

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$\langle ij \rangle$	$\langle ++ \rangle$	$\langle +- \rangle$	$\langle -- \rangle$	$\langle -+ \rangle$
$A(z)$	$\frac{1}{z}$	$\frac{1}{z}$	$\frac{1}{z}$	z^3

consider $[2, 1]$ -shift

$$\begin{cases} P_1' = P_1 - z\beta \\ P_2' = P_2 + z\beta \end{cases} \quad \beta = -\langle z \rangle |1\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1' \omega_1' &= \omega_1 - z\sqrt{\omega_1 \omega_2} \\ z_1 &= z_2 + \frac{z_{12}}{1 - \sqrt{\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}} z} \\ \bar{z}_1' &= \bar{z}_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$z \rightarrow \infty$

$$z_1' \rightarrow z_2 = z_2'$$

$$\bar{z}_2' \rightarrow \bar{z}_1 = \bar{z}_1'$$

\Rightarrow coincident limit on CS

Plan: $\langle O_1 \dots O_n \rangle \xrightarrow{[2,1]\text{-shift}} \Lambda_1 \tilde{\Lambda}_2 \langle \dots \rangle \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \infty}$

$\Lambda_1 |\lambda_1\rangle =$

→ look at how OPE transf

→ extract large- z behavior.

Step 1: $\begin{cases} |\lambda'_i\rangle = \Lambda_i |\lambda_i\rangle \\ |\tilde{\lambda}'_i] = \tilde{\Lambda}_i |\tilde{\lambda}_i] \end{cases}$

$\Lambda_i = \begin{pmatrix} d_i & c_i \\ b_i & a_i \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{\Lambda}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_i & -\bar{b}_i \\ -\bar{c}_i & \bar{d}_i \end{pmatrix}$

$[2,1]$: $\Lambda_i = \mathbb{1}_2 \quad (i \neq 1)$
 $\tilde{\Lambda}_j = \mathbb{1}_2 \quad (j \neq 2)$

$$\Lambda_1 |k_1\rangle = \sqrt{|c_1 z_1 + d_1|} \varepsilon_1' \sqrt{2\omega_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_2 |\tilde{k}_2\rangle = \sqrt{|\bar{c}_2 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{d}_2|} \sqrt{2\omega_2'} \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{z}_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_1' = \frac{a_1 z_1 + b_1}{c_1 z_1 + d_1}$$

$$\bar{z}_2' = \frac{\bar{a}_2 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{b}_2}{\bar{c}_2 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{d}_2}$$

$$\omega_1' = \omega_1 |c_1 z_1 + d_1|$$

$$\omega_2' = \omega_2 |\bar{c}_2 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{d}_2|$$

$$\begin{cases} \hbar = \frac{\Delta + J}{2} \\ \bar{\hbar} = \frac{\Delta - J}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_1 \tilde{\Lambda}_2 \langle 0_1 \dots 0_n \rangle = |c_1 z_1 + d_1|^{-2\hbar_1} |\bar{c}_2 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{d}_2|^{-2\bar{\hbar}_2}$$

$$\langle 0_1(z_1', \bar{z}_1') 0_2(z_2', \bar{z}_2') \dots \rangle$$

Step 2: $z \rightarrow \infty$

$$\langle O(z_1, \bar{z}_1) O(z_2, \bar{z}_2) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_P C_{12P} \langle O_P(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \rangle$$

$$C_{1z_1+d_1} \sim z \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ z_2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \bar{z}_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\bar{C}_{2\bar{z}_2+d_2} \sim z$$

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\downarrow
 3pt coupling const

$\frac{1}{z}$
 $\frac{1}{\bar{z}}$

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$$B(a,b) \sim z^{a+b}$$

power counting:

3pt coupling const

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$$\textcircled{2} \frac{1}{\bar{z}_{12}} : z^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2+J_p-zh_1-z\bar{h}_2} = z^{J_2-J_1+J_p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \Delta_1, J_1 | z_1 / \bar{z}_1 | \Delta_2, J_2 | z_2, \bar{z}_2 \rangle \sim \sum_{J_P} g_{J_P} \frac{z'_{12}}{\bar{z}'_{12}} B(\Delta_1 - 1 + J_2 - J_P, \Delta_2 - 1 + J_1 - J_P) \langle \Delta_P, J_P \rangle \\
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 & \downarrow \\
 & \text{3pt coupling const}
 \end{aligned}$$

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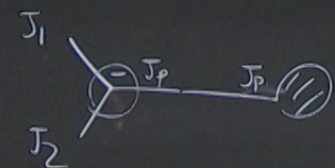
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Example: pure YM

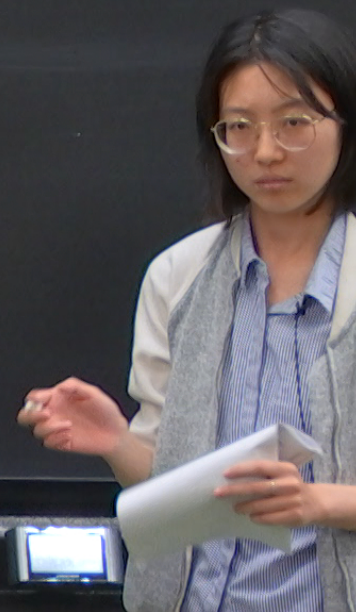
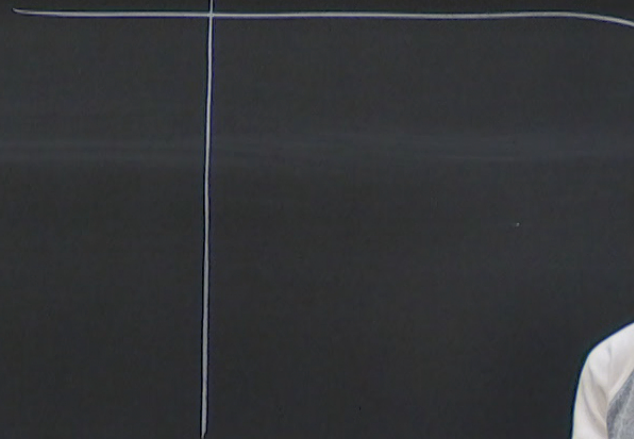


$$J_1 + J_2 - J_p = \pm 1$$

$$\frac{1}{z_{12}} \sim \overline{\text{MHV}} \quad J_p = J_1 + J_2 - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{z_{12}} \sim \text{MHV} \quad J_p = J_1 + J_2 + 1$$

$\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$



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$$\text{Split} = \frac{(\varepsilon_1 w_1)^\alpha (\varepsilon_2 w_2)^\beta}{(\varepsilon_1 w_1 + \varepsilon_2 w_2)^\gamma}$$

$$w_p = w_1 + w_2 \quad t = \frac{\varepsilon_1 w_1}{\varepsilon_1 w_1 + \varepsilon_2 w_2}$$

$$w_p = w_1 - w_2, t$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & B(\Delta_1 - 1, 3 - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2) O^\epsilon \\ & = B(\Delta_2 - 1, 3 - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2) O^{-\epsilon} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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$\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$	J_p	$\frac{1}{z_2} z^{J_2 - J_1 - J_p}$	J_p	$\frac{1}{z_2} z^{J_2 - J_1 + J_p}$
$\langle ++ \rangle$	1	$\frac{1}{z}$	3	
$\langle +- \rangle$	-1	$\frac{1}{z}$	1	
$\langle -+ \rangle$				
$\langle -- \rangle$				

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IV	$\langle + + \rangle$	1	$\frac{1}{z}$	$\frac{1}{z}$	3	$\frac{1}{z}$	z^3
	$\langle + - \rangle$	-1	$\frac{1}{z}$	$\frac{1}{z}$	1	$\frac{1}{z}$	z^3
	$\langle - + \rangle$	-1	z^3	z^3	1	z^3	z^3
V	$\langle - - \rangle$	-1	$\frac{1}{z}$	$\frac{1}{z}$	-1	$\frac{1}{z}$	z^3

$S_{\text{phs}} = \frac{(\epsilon_1 \omega_1)^\alpha (\epsilon_2 \omega_2)^\beta}{(\epsilon_1 \omega_1 + \epsilon_2 \omega_2)^\gamma}$

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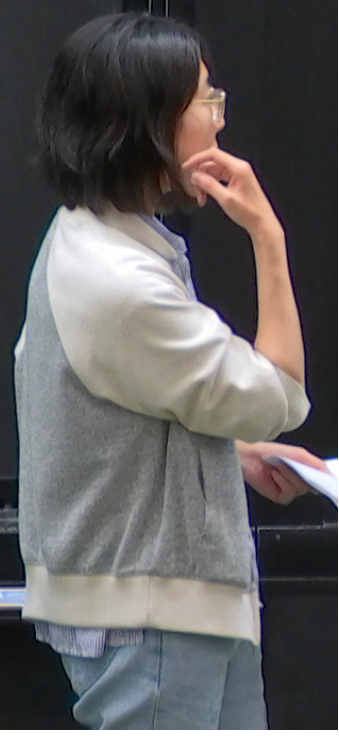
$Z_{YM} = Z_{GR}$

Split S_3 $\sim z^{\pm S_3}$
 A_{n-1}

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-z behavior

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$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &\rightarrow \lambda_1 - z\lambda_2 \\ \tilde{\lambda}_2 &\rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}_2 + z\tilde{\lambda}_1 \\ \eta_i^A &\rightarrow \eta_i^A - z\eta_j^A\end{aligned}$$