IBP and differential equations from unitarity

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Outline

- Motivations
- Generalized unitarity: the universal tool
 ✓Loop Integrand ✓Integration by parts ✓Differential equations
- IBP from dual conformal symmetry
- Differential equations from unitarity cuts

Motivations

• At colliders, NNLO QCD reaching maturity for massless $2 \rightarrow 2$.

Current frontier: more mass scales / higher multiplicity.

Does generalized unitarity help?
 1-loop: huge success in integrand construction.
 Higher loops: integration challenge

Unitarity beyond integrands



Integration by parts w/o doubled propagators

Total divergences integrate to 0. Doubled propagators present.

$$\int d^d l \, \frac{\partial}{\partial l^{\mu}} \left(\frac{v^{\mu}(l,p)}{\prod_i z_i} \right) = 0$$

Software: FIRE, Reduze, LiteRed, AIR, Kira...

• $(1/z_i)^2$ killed by the special condition

$$v^{\mu}\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial l^{\mu}} = z_i \cdot f_i(l,p),$$

Computational algebraic geometry: Gluza, Kadja, Kosower '10 Larsen, Zhang '15 Chen, Liu, Xie, Zhang, Zhou '15 Linear algebra: Schabinger '11 Analytic understanding: Ita '15

• $v^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}$: tangent vector to unitarity cut surface $z_i = 0$.

2-loop application: $gg \rightarrow gg$ in BlackHat 2

Talks by Ben Page, Harald Ita[Abreu, Febres-Cordero, Ita, Jacquier, Page, MZ '17]

- Computational algebraic geometry finds tangent vectors.
- Integrand = master integrands + surface terms
- Efficient tree-amplitude engine gives cut residues. Fit integrand by linear system (LAPACK)



IBP from symmetry: triangle



Extra symmetry: dual conformal

• Amplitude-Wilson loop duality in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM. [Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev '07]

- Extends to many planar Feynman integrals in even-integer dimensions. [Drummond, Henn, Smirnov, Sokatchev '06; Henn, Naculich, Schnitzer, Spradlin '10, Henn '11, Caron-Huot, Henn '14; Broadhurst '93]
- Subgroup leaving external p_i^{μ} invariant: [Bern, Ita, MZ, in progress] a symmetry of planar unitarity cut surfaces in arbitrary dimensions.

Extra symmetry: dual conformal



Triangle-bubble relation

- Cut condition $(l q_i)^2 = 0 \leftrightarrow$ null-separated points. Preserved by (dual) conformal transformations.
- If external momenta unchanged, symmetry of cut surface! One solution:

$$\delta x^{\mu} = \frac{x^{\mu}}{s} + \frac{1}{2}b^{\mu}x^{2} - (b \cdot x)x^{\mu}$$
$$b^{\mu} = \frac{2}{s}(p_{1}^{\mu} - p_{2}^{\mu})$$



Triangle-bubble relation

IBP vector

$$v^{\mu} = \frac{l^2}{s} (p_1^{\mu} - p_2^{\mu}) + l^{\mu} \left(1 - \frac{2}{s} l \cdot (p_1 - p_2) \right)$$

IBP relation

$$0 = \int d^d l \, \frac{\partial v^\mu}{\partial l^\mu} = (d-4) \qquad \qquad + 2(d-3) > \bigcirc <$$

Method extends to higher loops!

Double box IBP vectors

Computational algebraic geometry result Gluza, Kadja, Kosower '10

 $v_{1;1} = -2(k_4 \cdot \ell_1 + \ell_1^2)k_1^{\mu} - \ell_1^2 k_2^{\mu} + (2k_1 \cdot \ell_1 - \ell_1^2)k_4^{\mu} + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 + 2k_2 \cdot \ell_1 + 2k_4 \cdot \ell_1 - s_{12})\ell_1^{\mu},$ $v_{1;2} = 2(\ell_2^2 - k_4 \cdot \ell_2)k_1^{\mu} + \ell_2^2 k_2^{\mu} + (2k_1 \cdot \ell_2 + \ell_2^2)k_4^{\mu} + (2k_3 \cdot \ell_2 - 2k_1 \cdot \ell_2 - s_{12})\ell_2^{\mu};$ (5.8) and two solutions with coefficients of engineering dimension four,

- $v_{2;1} = (-4k_2 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1^2 + 4k_4 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1^2 4\ell_1^2 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 2\ell_1^2 \ell_2^2 2\chi_{14} \ell_1^2 s_{12}) k_1^{\mu} \\ + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 2k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 2k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1^2 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1^2 4\ell_1^2 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 2\ell_1^2 \ell_2^2 \\ + 2\ell_1^2 s_{12} 2\chi_{14} \ell_1^2 s_{12}) k_2^{\mu} + (-4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 4k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 + 2(\ell_1^2)^2 + 2\ell_1^2 s_{12}) k_4^{\mu} \\ + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_2 \cdot \ell_1 + 4(k_2 \cdot \ell_1)^2 + 8k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_3 \cdot \ell_2 + 8k_2 \cdot \ell_1 k_3 \cdot \ell_2 + 8k_2 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 + 8k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \\ + 8k_2 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_2 4k_4 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1^2 + 8k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 + 8k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 + 4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 4k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 \\ 4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 6k_2 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 2k_4 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} + \ell_1^2 s_{12} + 2\chi_1 \ell_1^2 s_{12} \\ 4\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 2\ell_2^2 s_{12} + 2s_{12}^2) \ell_1^{\mu},$ (5.9)
- $$\begin{split} v_{2;2} &= (4k_1 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 + 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 + 4k_4 \cdot \ell_1 k_4 \cdot \ell_2 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 + 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 4k_4 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 \\ &\quad + 6\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 4(\ell_2^2)^2 2\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 2\chi_{14}\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 2\ell_2^2 s_{12})k_1^{\mu} + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 \\ &\quad 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 + 2k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 2k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 6\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 4(\ell_2^2)^2 2\chi_{14}\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} \\ &\quad 2\ell_2^2 s_{12})k_2^{\mu} + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 4k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 4\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 2(\ell_2^2)^2 2\ell_2^2 s_{12})k_4^{\mu} \\ &\quad + (-4k_3 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_2 4(k_4 \cdot \ell_2)^2 + 2k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 2k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 2k_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 2\chi_{14}k_3 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} \\ &\quad 2\chi_{14}k_4 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} + \ell_2^2 s_{12} + 2\chi_{14}\ell_2^2 s_{12})\ell_1^{\mu} + (4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_1 \cdot \ell_2 + 4k_1 \cdot \ell_2 k_2 \cdot \ell_1 + 4k_1 \cdot \ell_1 k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \\ &\quad + 4k_2 \cdot \ell_1 k_3 \cdot \ell_2 + 8(k_3 \cdot \ell_2)^2 + 8k_1 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_1 + 8k_3 \cdot \ell_2 k_4 \cdot \ell_2 + 8k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 2k_1 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 \\ &\quad 2k_2 \cdot \ell_1 \ell_2^2 + 8k_3 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 + 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 \ell_2^2 2k_1 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 2\chi_{14}k_1 \cdot \ell_{1s_{12}} 2k_2 \cdot \ell_{1s_{12}} \\ &\quad 2\chi_{14}k_2 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 8k_3 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} + 2k_4 \cdot \ell_1 s_{12} 4k_4 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 6\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} 4\chi_{14}\ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 s_{12} \\ &\quad 2\ell_2^2 s_{12} + 2s_{12}^2)\ell_2^{\mu}; \end{split}$$

Dual conformal symmetry result Bern, Ita, MZ, in progress

$$v_1 = X_2^{[A} X_4^{B]} y_A \partial_B,$$

$$v_2 = X_5^{[A} X_\perp^{B]} y_A \partial_B,$$

X_i: projective points in the conformal embedding formalism [e.g. Caron-Huot, Henn '14]

Huge simplification!

Differential Eqs:. Non-planar 5-point integral

- YM (++++) integrand known. [Badger, Mogull, Ochirov, O'Connell '15] Analytic integrals not known.
- kinematic variables $s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}$

• Want DEs
$$\frac{\partial \vec{I}}{\partial s_{ij}} = \mathbb{M}^{(ij)} \vec{I}$$



Unitarity-compatible differential equations

$$\beta^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}} \int d^{d}l \frac{1}{\prod_{j} z_{j}} = ?$$
 Doubled propagators- IBP bottleneck?

Free to add total derivative

$$\int d^d l \left[\beta^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \frac{1}{\prod_j z_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial l^\mu} \frac{v^\mu}{\prod_j z_j} \right]$$

• Kill doubled propagators
$$\left(\beta^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}} + v^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial l^{\mu}} \right) z_j = f_j z_j$$
 [MZ '17]

[Von Manteuffel, Schabinger

Speed up by finite field + rational reconstruction '14 & '16, Peraro '16] Canonical form: Leading singularity in Baikov rep. + CANONICA [Christopher Meyer, arXiv:1705.06252]

Canonical DEs for nonplanar penta-box

$d\vec{I} = \epsilon \sum_{i} \mathbb{M}_{i}\vec{I}d\mathrm{loc}$	$\log s_i$ si: symbol letters	<i>x_i</i> : momentum twistor variables c.f. Badger, Frellesvig, Zhang 'I 3
$s_1 = x_2$	$s_7 = -1 + x_4 + x_4$	$_2x_4 - x_2x_5$
$s_2 = x_3$	$s_8 = 1 + x_2 x_5$	
$s_3 = x_2 + x_3$	$s_9 = -x_3 + x_2 x_5$	$+ x_3 x_5$
$s_4 = x_4$	$s_{10} = -x_3 + x_2 x_4$	$+ x_3 x_4$
$s_5 = x_4 - x_5$	$+x_2x_3x_4-x_4$	$x_2 x_3 x_5$
$s_6 = -1 + x_5$	$s_{11} = -x_3 + x_2 x_4$	$+2x_3x_4$
	$+x_2x_3x_4-x_4$	$x_2x_3x_5 - x_2x_4x_5 - x_3x_4x_5$

Canonical DEs for nonplanar penta-box

$$\begin{split} d\vec{I} &= \epsilon \sum_{i} \, \mathbb{M}_{i} \vec{I} \, d\log s_{i} \\ \mathbb{M}_{1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{2} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & -64 & 0 \\ -3 & -24 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{3} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 & 64 \\ -1 & 0 & 8 \\ 3 & 0 & -24 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbb{M}_{4} &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{5} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -16 & 16 \\ -1 & -6 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & -6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{6} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 64 & 0 \\ 3 & -24 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbb{M}_{7} &= \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 & -64 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ -3 & 0 & -24 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{8} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -32 & 32 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{9} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 & -64 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ -3 & 0 & -24 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbb{M}_{10} &= \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 64 & 0 \\ 3 & -24 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{11} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

Outlook & Conclusions

- Unitarity-compatible IBP: need better algorithms & analytic understanding.
- Interesting IBP-generating vectors from dual conformal symmetry
- Unitarity-compatible differential equations: Breaking the Laporta bottleneck?
- Max. cut of nonplanar penta-box: multiple polylogs, symbol alphabets
- Generalized unitarity beyond integrands: at the dawn of many applications!



Feynman diagrams vs. Unitarity vs. Bootstrap

1. Traditional:



One-loop integrand from unitarity

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower; Britto, Cachazo, Feng; Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau; Ellis Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi; Forde; Ita ...]



Challenges beyond integrands



IBP from symmetry: triangle



• Cut surface has rotation symmetry in the (d - 2) components of l perp. to p_1 and p_2 .

- **IBP vectors** = tangent vectors = rotation generators
- Surface terms = $\geq 1^{st}$ order spherical harmonics
- Master integral = 0th order spherical harmonics,
 i.e. the scalar, 1

[lta'15]

Triangle-bubble relation

Conformal transformation

$$\delta x^{\mu} = \frac{x^{\mu}}{s} + \frac{1}{2}b^{\mu}x^{2} - (b \cdot x)x^{\mu}$$
$$b^{\mu} = \frac{2}{s}(p_{1}^{\mu} - p_{2}^{\mu})$$

under which

$$\delta p_i^{\mu} = 0, \quad \delta l^{\mu} = v^{\mu} = \frac{l^2}{s} (p_1^{\mu} - p_2^{\mu}) + l^{\mu} \left(1 - \frac{2}{s} l \cdot (p_1 - p_2) \right)$$

Double box dual coordinates & embedding



DEs and the Baikov representation - box

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{box}} = \int d^d l \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^4 z_j}$$

$$z_1 = l^2,$$
 (clockwise)

$$egin{aligned} &z_2 = (l-p_1)^2, \ &z_3 = (l-p_1-p_2)^2, \ &z_4 = (l-p_1-p_2-p_3)^2 = (l+p_4)^2 \end{aligned}$$



DEs and the Baikov representation - box

Cutkosky: inverse propagators as loop integration variables ['60] Further systemized by Baikov ['96]

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{box}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{st(s+t)}} \int \prod_{j=1}^{4} \frac{dz_j}{z_j} F^{(d-5)/2}$$



$$F = \frac{st}{4(s+t)} - \frac{1}{2(s+t)} \left[s(z_1 + z_3) + t(z_2 + z_4) \right] + \mathcal{O}(z_i^2)$$

Leading singularity from the Baikov rep.

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{box}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{st(s+t)}} \int \prod_{j=1}^{4} \frac{dz_j}{z_j} F^{(d-5)/2}$$
[Henn '14] $1/z_j \rightarrow \delta(z_j)$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{box}}^{\text{cut}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{st(s+t)}} [F(z_i=0)]^{(d-5)/2}$$
 $\propto \frac{1}{st}$, when $d = 4$



Frellesvig, Papadopoulos '17 MZ '17 Bosma, Sogaard, Zhang '17

DEs for 1-loop box



$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^2 st I_{\text{box}} \propto \ 4 + \epsilon \left[-2\log x\right] + \epsilon^2 \left[-\frac{4\pi^2}{3}\right] + \epsilon^3 \left[\frac{7\pi^2}{6}\log x + \frac{1}{3}\log^3 x - \pi^2\log(1+x) - \log^2 x\log(1+x) - 2\log x\text{Li}_2(-x) + 2\text{Li}_3(-x) - \frac{34}{3}\zeta_3\right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \,, \end{aligned}$$
[Henn lecture notes '14]

Maximal cut DEs

• Tangent vectors
$$\beta^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}} + v^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial l^{\mu}}$$
 from SINGULAR.

Uses unitarity-compatible IBP reduction.

Computation techniques:

Rational reconstruction: numerical $s_{ij} \rightarrow P_1(s_{ij})/P_2(s_{ij})$ Extended Euclid algorithm: result in $\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow$ result in \mathbb{R} [Von Manteuffel, Schabinger '14 & '16, Peraro '16]

Canonical form: Leading singularity in Baikov rep. + CANONICA [Christopher Meyer, arXiv:1705.06252]

Sample results: nonplanar 5-point

$\frac{\partial \vec{I}}{\partial s_{ij}} = \mathbb{M}^{(ij)} \vec{I}$ + daughter integrals, for 3 top-level MIs

(28 hours × 1 CPU core) later... sample result

$$\mathbb{M}_{31}^{(23)} = \frac{(1+4\epsilon) \left(\chi_{23} - \chi_{45} + 1\right)}{\chi_{45} \left(-\chi_{23} + \chi_{45} + \chi_{51}\right)} \left(\chi_{34}\chi_{23} - \chi_{23} - \chi_{34}\chi_{45} + 2\chi_{45} + \chi_{45}\chi_{51} + \chi_{51}\right) / \\ \left[\chi_{23}^2 \left(\chi_{34} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\chi_{34}\chi_{45} - \left(\chi_{45} - 1\right)\chi_{51}\right)^2 + 2\chi_{23} - \left(-\chi_{45}\chi_{34}^2 + \chi_{45}\chi_{34} + \chi_{45}\chi_{51}\chi_{34} + \chi_{51}\chi_{34} + \chi_{45}\chi_{51} - \chi_{51}\right)\right]$$

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