

Extracting quadratic propagators in one-loop amplitudes

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Backgrounds: Feynman diagrams, CHY and BCJ

Helpful tools expansion formulas at on-/off-shell levels

Quadratic propagators in YMS and YM

Quadratic propagators in double-YMS, EYM and GR

I. Scattering amplitudes: from Feynman diagrams to BCJ and CHY

Main features of Yang-Mills and gravity Feynman diagrams

Yang-Mills

3-, 4-point vertices

Color-dressed

External lines ϵ^μ

Gravity

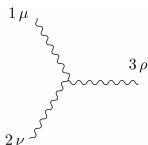
Infinite number of vertices

Color singlet

External lines $\epsilon^{\mu\nu}$

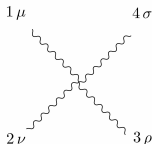
Yang-Mills: Feynman diagrams and color decomposition

SU(N) gauge field



$$f_{a_1 a_2 a_3} [\eta^{\mu\nu} (k_1 - k_2)^\rho + \text{cyc}(1,2,3)]$$

(a)



$$-i [f_{a_1 a_2 e} f_{a_3 a_4 e} (\eta^{\mu\rho} \eta^{\sigma\rho} - \eta^{\mu\sigma} \eta^{\nu\rho})] + \text{cyc}(2,3,4)$$

(b)

$$f^{abc} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} [\text{tr}(t^a t^b t^c) - \text{tr}(t^b t^a t^c)]$$

$$(t^a)_{i_1}^{j_1} (t^a)_{i_2}^{j_2} = \delta_{i_1}^{j_2} \delta_{i_2}^{j_1} - \frac{1}{N} \delta_{i_1}^{j_1} \delta_{i_2}^{j_2}$$

Color decompositions

Berends, Giele, 87; Mangano, Parke, Xu, 88

$$M = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n / Z_n} \text{tr} [t^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots t^{a_{\sigma(n)}}] \\ \times A(\sigma(1) \dots \sigma(n)) \leftarrow \text{Color-ordered amplitude}$$

Del Duca, Dixon, Maltoni, 99

$$M = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} i f^{a_1 a_{\sigma(2)} e_1} \dots i f^{e_{n-2} a_{\sigma(n-1)} a_n} \\ \times A(1, \sigma(2) \dots \sigma(n-1), n)$$

What happens when the number of external particles increases?

Yang-Mills: The number of Feynman diagrams increases sharply!

Gravity: A lot of terms even in four-graviton tree amplitude!

Recursion relations: BCFW on-shell recursion
(Britto,Cachazo,Feng, 04; Britto,Cachazo,Feng,Witten,05),
Berends-Giele off-shell recursion (87)

Relations between color-ordered YM amplitudes: KK (Kleiss and H. Kuijf, 89), BCJ (Bern, Carrasco,Johansson, 08) relations

Relations between GR and YM: KLT relation (Kawai-Lewellen-Tye (1986))

Amplitude relations for color-ordered YM

Proofs: Del Duca, Dixon, Maltoni, 99; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove, 09; Stieberger, 09; Feng, Huang, Jia, 10; Chen, Du, Feng, 11

KK relation:
$$A(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, 1, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_j, n) = \sum_{\sqcup} (-1)^i A(1, \beta^T \sqcup \alpha, n)$$

BCJ relation:
$$\sum_{\sqcup} \sum_{l=1}^i [k_{\beta_l} \cdot X_{\beta_l}(\sqcup)] A(1, \alpha \sqcup \beta, n) = 0$$

$$\beta \equiv \{\beta_1 \dots \beta_i\}, \quad \alpha \equiv \{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_j\}, \quad X_{\beta_i}^\mu = \sum_{a \prec \beta_i} k_a^\mu,$$

$$\{1, 2\} \sqcup \{3, 4\} = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 2, 4\}, \\ \{1, 3, 4, 2\}, \{3, 1, 2, 4\}, \{3, 1, 4, 2\}, \{3, 4, 1, 2\}\}$$

KK+BCJ \Rightarrow Minimal basis expansion:

$$A(1, \beta, 2, \alpha, n) = \sum_{\sigma} C(\sigma) A(1, 2, \sigma \in \text{perms}(\beta) \sqcup \alpha, n)$$

KLT double-copy relation: GR as $(\text{YM})^2$

KLT relation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Closed string tree amplitudes} & \sim & (\text{Open string tree amplitudes})^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{GR tree amplitudes} & \sim & (\text{YM tree amplitudes})^2 \end{array}$$

KLT in field theory:

(Bern, De Freitas, Wong, 99; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Feng, Sondergaard 10; Du, Feng, Fu, 11)

$$M_n = \sum_{\sigma, \rho} A_n(\rho) S[\rho|\sigma] \tilde{A}_n(\sigma)$$

M_n	: GR	color-dressed YM
A_n	: YM	ϕ^3 scalar
\tilde{A}_n	: YM	YM

Further developments of double-copy: BCJ and CHY formulas

The BCJ form of amplitudes

Bern, Carrasco, Johansson, 08, 10

BCJ form of YM amplitudes:

$$M^{\text{YM}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{c_{\mathcal{G}} n_{\mathcal{G}}}{\prod_i D_{\mathcal{G}}^i}$$

\mathcal{G} : diagrams with cubic vertices

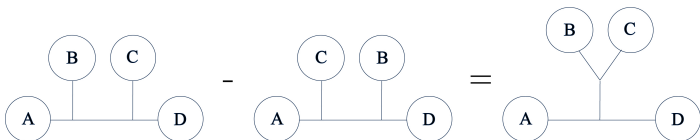
$D_{\mathcal{G}}^i$: propagators $c_{\mathcal{G}}$: color factors

$n_{\mathcal{G}}$: BCJ numerators satisfying

GR as (BCJ) double copy of YM

$$M^{\text{GR}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G}} \frac{n_{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{G}}}{\prod_i D_{\mathcal{G}}^i}$$

Jacobi identity



The CHY form of amplitudes

Cachazo, He, Yuan, 13, 14

$$M = \int d\mu \mathcal{I}_L \mathcal{I}_R$$

Theories	BS	YM	YMS	EYM	GR
Amplitudes	$A_{\text{BS}}^{\text{tree}}(\sigma \rho)$	$A_{\text{YM}}^{\text{tree}}(\sigma)$	$A_{\text{YMS}}^{\text{tree}}(\sigma_1; \dots; \sigma_m \mathbf{G} \rho_{\text{SUG}})$	$A_{\text{EYM}}^{\text{tree}}(\sigma_1; \dots; \sigma_m \mathbf{H})$	$M_{\text{GR}}^{\text{tree}}(1, \dots, n)$
\mathcal{I}_L	$\text{PT}(\sigma)$	$\text{PT}(\sigma)$	$\text{PT}(\sigma_1) \dots \text{PT}(\sigma_m) \mathcal{P}$	$\text{PT}(\sigma_1) \dots \text{PT}(\sigma_m) \mathcal{P}$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi]$
\mathcal{I}_R	$\text{PT}(\rho)$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi]$	$\text{PT}(\rho_{\text{SUG}})$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi]$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi]$

Scattering equations

$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}} \frac{k_i \cdot k_j}{z_{ij}} = 0$$

$$\text{PT}(1 \dots n) \equiv \frac{1}{z_{12} z_{23} \dots z_{n1}}$$

$$\text{Pf}'[\Psi] \equiv \frac{\text{perm}(ij)}{z_{ij}} \text{Pf}[\Psi]_{ij}^{ij}$$

The CHY form of amplitudes

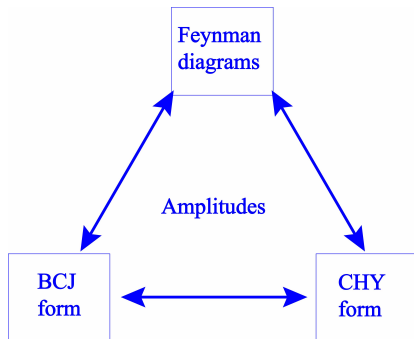
Ψ is a $2n \times 2n$ skew-symmetric matrix:

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} A & -C^T \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

The $n \times n$ submatrices A , B and C are

	A_{ab}	B_{ab}	C_{ab}
$a \neq b$	$\frac{s_{ab}}{z_{ab}}$	$\frac{2\epsilon_a \cdot \epsilon_b}{z_{ab}}$	$\frac{2\epsilon_a \cdot k_b}{z_{ab}}$
$a = b$	0	0	$-\sum_{c \neq a} \frac{2\epsilon_a \cdot k_c}{z_{ac}}$

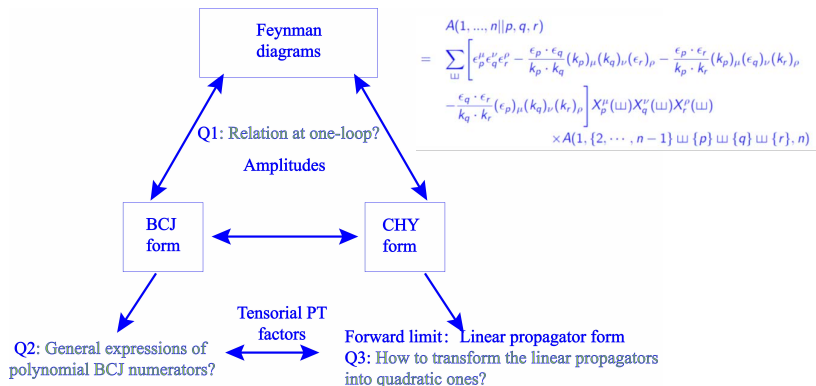
Relations between FD, BCJ and CHY at tree level



At tree level:

- ★ From CHY to polynomial BCJ (e.g. Du, Feng, Fu, Huang, 17; Du, Feng, Teng 17; Du, Teng, 17)
- ★ From FD to polynomial BCJ (e.g. Du, Wu, 21, 22)

Extensions to one-loop level

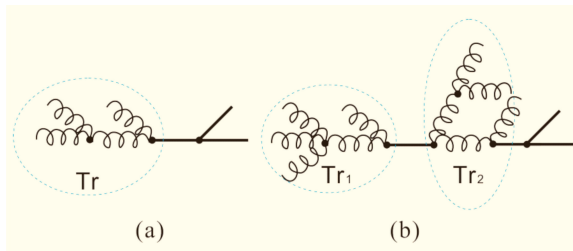


At **one-loop level** there are three related questions Q1, Q2, and Q3:

- ★ Once tensorial PT factors are constructed, Q2 and Q3 have been answered, but it is still lack of general construction of the tensorial PT factors. (Feng, He, Zhang, Zhang, 22; Dong, Zhang, Zhang, 23)
- ★ In this talk, we try to answer Q1 and Q3, partly.

II. Helpful tools 1: on-shell expansion formulas, graph-based relations at tree level

What is EYM?



$\text{EYM} = \text{YM} + \text{GR} + \text{Dilaton} + \text{B Fields}$

Typical Feynman diagrams in EYM

EYM recursion expansion: single-trace case

EYM recursive expansion for single-trace amplitudes

(Stieberger and T. R. Taylor, 16; Nandan, Plefka, Schlotterer, Wen, 16; de la Cruz, Kniss, Weinzierl, 16; Schlotterer, 16; Du, Feng, Fu, Huang, 17; Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Johansson, 17; Teng, Feng, 17)

$$A(1, 2, \dots, r \| H) = \sum_{H \setminus \{h_a\} \rightarrow h | \mathbf{h}} \epsilon_{h_a} \cdot F_{\rho_1} \cdots F_{\rho_i} \cdot Y_{\rho_i} \\ \times A(1, \{2, \dots, r-1\} \sqcup \{\rho_i, \dots, \rho_1, h_a\}, r \| \mathbf{h})$$

- $H \setminus \{h_a\} \rightarrow h | \mathbf{h}$: splittings of elements in $H \setminus \{h_a\}$; Permutations ρ are summed over
- h_a : fiducial graviton; $Y_h = \sum_{j \in \{1, \dots, r-1\} \text{ s.t. } j < h} k_j$; $F_i^{\mu\nu} = k_i^\mu \epsilon_i^\nu - k_i^\nu \epsilon_i^\mu$
- $\mathbf{A} \sqcup \mathbf{B}$: permutations with keeping the relative orders in each set

EYM recursion expansion: multi-trace case

EYM recursive expansion of multi-trace amplitudes

(Du, Feng, Teng, 17)

Single-trace EYM $\xrightarrow{\text{Gravitons} \rightarrow \text{Gluon traces}}$ Multi-trace EYM

Type-I: Fiducial graviton \rightarrow Graviton

Type-II: Fiducial graviton \rightarrow Trace

From EYM to GR

Graviton amplitude can be expanded in terms of single-trace EYM amplitudes (Fu, Du, Huang, Feng, 17)

$$M_n^{\text{GR}} = \sum_{H \setminus \{h_1, h_2\} \rightarrow h | \mathbf{h}} (-1)^{|h|} \epsilon_{h_1} \cdot F_{\rho_1} \cdots F_{\rho_r} \cdot \epsilon_n A^{\text{EYM}}(h_1, \rho, h_n || \mathbf{h})$$

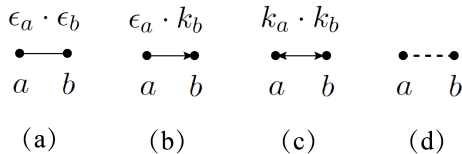
Here

- Sum over splittings of graviton set $H \setminus \{h_1, h_2\}$ and sum over permutations ρ of elements in h
- $(F_i)^{\mu\nu} \equiv k_i^\mu \epsilon_i^\nu - k_i^\nu \epsilon_i^\mu$, gauge invariance conditions for gravitons (except for h_1 and h_n) are encoded in F_i
- In each term we turn gravitons in $\{h_1, h_n\} \cup h$ to gluons

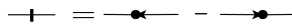
Expanding amplitudes in terms of graphs

A graph: nodes (external particles) and lines (Lorentz contractions)

Line styles

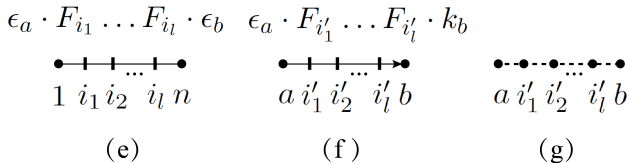


Strength tensors

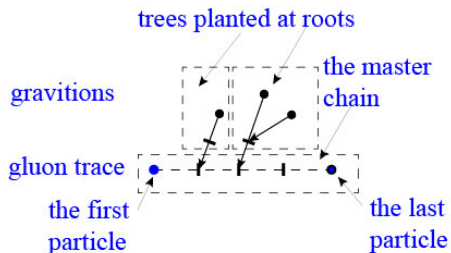


$$F_i^{\mu\nu} = k_i^\mu \epsilon_i^\nu - k_i^\nu \epsilon_i^\mu$$

Chains



Expanding amplitudes in terms of graphs



- Reference order:

$$R = \{h_{\rho(1)}, \dots, h_{\rho(s)}\}$$

- Root set:

$$\mathcal{R} = \{1, \dots, r-1\}$$

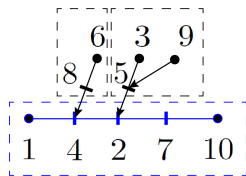
- Permutations: Shuffling the branches

- $C_{1,\sigma,n}$: Summing all graphs contributing σ

$$A_{\text{SingleTrace}}^{\text{EYM}} = \sum_{\sigma} C_{1,\sigma,n} A^{\text{YM}}(1, \sigma, n)$$

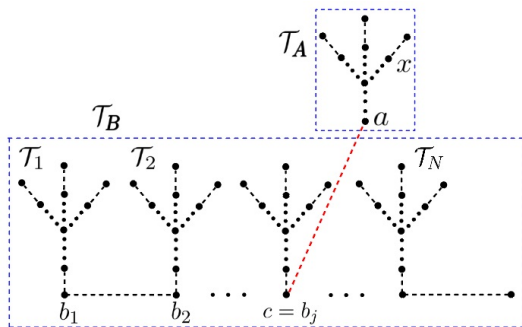
$$M^{\text{GR}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} n_{1,\sigma,n} A^{\text{YM}}(1, \sigma, n)$$

$$A^{\text{YM}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} n_{1,\sigma,n} A^{\text{BS}}(1, \dots, n | 1, \sigma, n)$$



Graph-based BCJ relations

Du, Hou, 18, 19



$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}_A} (-)^{|ax|} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{T}_B} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_A|_a} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{T}_B|_b} \left[\sum_{\gamma \in \alpha \sqcup \beta |_{c \prec a}} s_{ac} A(\gamma) \right] = 0$$

From the perspective of CHY

Expansion relation between half integrands:

(Fu, Du, Huang, Feng, 17; Teng, Feng, 17; Du, Teng, 17; Du, Teng, Feng, 17)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PT}(\sigma_1)\dots\text{PT}(\sigma_m) \mathcal{P} &= \sum_{\sigma} C_{1,\sigma,n} \text{PT}(1,\sigma,n) \\ \text{Pf}'[\Psi] &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} n_{1,\sigma,n} \text{PT}(1,\sigma,n) \end{aligned}$$

Graph-based relations for PT factors:

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}_A} (-)^{|ax|} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{T}_B} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_A|_a} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{T}_B|_b} \left[\sum_{\gamma \in \alpha \sqcup \beta|_{c \prec a}} s_{ac} \text{PT}(\gamma) \right] = 0$$

Summing over permutations \Leftrightarrow summing over graphs

Du, Hou, 18, 19

$$M = \sum_{\underbrace{\sigma \in S_{n-2}}_{\text{summing over permutations}}} n_{1,\sigma,n} A(1, \sigma, n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M = \underbrace{\sum_{\mathcal{F}}}_{\text{summing over graphs}} C^{\mathcal{F}} \left[\underbrace{\sum_{\sigma^{\mathcal{F}}}}_{\text{permutations corresponding to a graph}} A(1, \sigma^{\mathcal{F}}, n) \right]$$

III. Helpful tools 2: Off-shell expansions and relations for Berends-Giele currents

What is the Berends-Giele current?

- A recursive approach to packaging Feynman diagrams
- Solution to classical equation of motion
(approach along this line: Lee, Mafra, Schlotterer 15; E. Bridges, Mafra 19)
- On-shell limit \Rightarrow amplitude

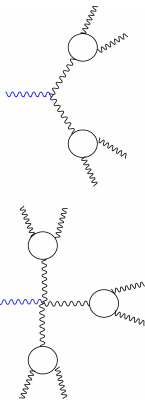
Berends-Giele recursion for YM

Berends, Giele, 87

B-G currents for YM

$$= \frac{J^p(1, \dots, n-1)}{s_{1\dots n-1}} \left[\sum_{1 \leq i < n-1} V_3^{\mu\nu\rho} J_\mu(1, \dots, i) J_\nu(i+1, \dots, n-1) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < n-1} V_4^{\mu\nu\tau\rho} J_\mu(1, \dots, i) J_\nu(i+1, \dots, j) J_\tau(j+1, \dots, n-1) \right]$$

Starting point: $J^\mu(a) = \epsilon_a$



Berends-Giele recursion for BS

B-G currents for BS Mafra, 16

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(1, \dots, n-1 | \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}) \\ = & \frac{1}{s_{1\dots n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \left[\phi(1, \dots, i | \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_i) \phi(i+1, \dots, n-1 | \sigma_{i+1}, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}) \right. \\ & \left. - \phi(1, \dots, i | \sigma_{n-i}, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}) \phi(i+1, \dots, n-1 | \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-i}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Starting point $\phi(a|a) = 1$, $\phi(a|b)$ ($a \neq b$)

Expansion formula of YM

Wu, Du, 21

BG current in Feynman gauge

$$\underbrace{J^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1)}_{\text{Feynman gauge}} = \underbrace{\tilde{J}^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1)}_{\text{BCJ gauge}} + \underbrace{K^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1) + L^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1)}_{\text{Vanish in the on-shell limit}}$$

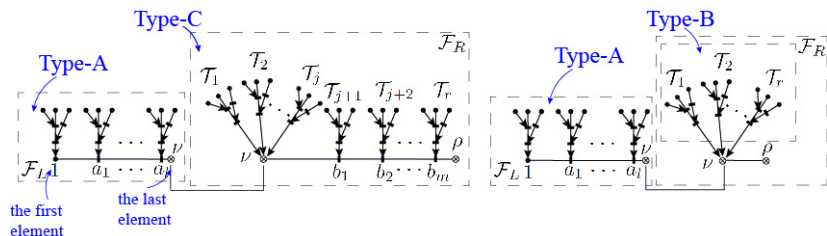
Effective current

$$\tilde{J}^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1) = \sum_{\sigma \in P(2, n-1)} N_A^\rho(1, \sigma) \phi(1, 2, \dots, n-1 | 1, \sigma)$$

Generalized strength tensor: $\tilde{F}^{\nu\rho}(A) \equiv 2k_A^\nu \tilde{J}^\rho(A) - 2k_A^\rho \tilde{J}^\nu(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_{(1, n-1)}^{\nu\rho} &= \sum_{\sigma \in P(1, n-1)} N_C^{\nu\rho}(\sigma) \phi(1, \dots, n-1 | \sigma) \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < n-1} 2 \left[\tilde{J}_{(1, i)}^\nu \tilde{J}_{(i+1, n-1)}^\rho - \tilde{J}_{(i+1, n-1)}^\rho \tilde{J}_{(1, i)}^\nu \right] \end{aligned}$$

Three types of off-shell numerators



$$\sigma = \{\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}\} \in P(2, n-1), \sigma_L = \{\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{i-1}\}, \sigma_R = \{\sigma_i, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}\}$$

$$N_A^\rho(1, \sigma) = [N_A(1, \sigma_L) \cdot N_C(\sigma_R) - N_A(1, \sigma_L) N_B(\sigma_R) \cdot 2k_{1,i-1}]^\rho$$

Gauge transformation terms

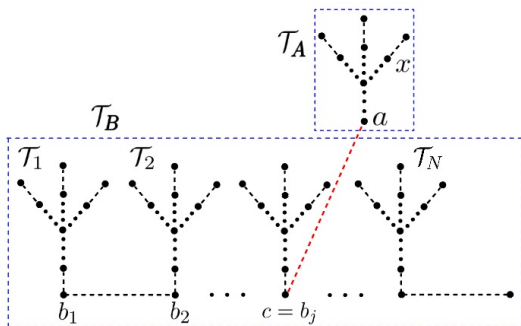
$$K^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1) = \frac{1}{s_{12\dots n-1}} k_{1,n-1}^\rho \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \tilde{J}(1, \dots, i) \cdot \tilde{J}(i+1, \dots, n-1)$$

$$L^\rho(1, 2, \dots, n-1) = \sum_{\{a_i, b_i\} \subset \{1, \dots, n-1\}} (-1)^{l+1} J^\rho \left(S_{1, a_1-1}, K_{(a_1, b_1)}, \right. \\ \left. S_{b_1+1, a_2-1}, K_{(a_2, b_2)}, \dots, K_{(a_l, b_l)}, S_{b_l+1, n-1} \right)$$

On-shell limit: $s_{12\dots n-1} \epsilon \cdot [K(1, 2, \dots, n-1) + L(1, 2, \dots, n-1)]|_{k_n^2 \rightarrow 0} = 0$

Off-shell graph-based BCJ

Du, Wu, 22



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}_A} (-)^{|ax|} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{T}_B} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_A|_a} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{T}_B|_b} \left[\sum_{\gamma \in \alpha \sqcup \beta |_{c \prec a}} s_{ac} \phi(\sigma | \gamma) \right] \\
 = & \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_A|_x} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{T}_B|_b} \left[\phi(\sigma_{1,i} | \beta) \phi(\sigma_{i+1,l} | \alpha) - \phi(\sigma_{1,l-i} | \alpha) \phi(\sigma_{l-i+1,l} | \beta) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

IV. One-loop CHY formula and the problem of linear propagators

One-loop CHY formula

One loop CHY (Geyer, L. Mason, 15; He and Yuan, 15; Cachazo, He, Yuan, 16; EYM and YMS see Porkert, Schlotterer, 22) :

$$M_{n, B \otimes C}^{1\text{-loop}} = \int \frac{d^D l}{l^2} \lim_{k_{\pm} \rightarrow \pm l} \int d\mu_{n+2}^{\text{tree}} I_B^{1\text{-loop}} I_C^{1\text{-loop}}$$

Scattering equations at one-loop level:

$$\frac{l \cdot k_i}{z_i} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}} \frac{k_i \cdot k_j}{z_{ij}} = 0$$

One-loop CHY formula

Theories	BS	YM	YMS	EYM	GR
Amplitudes	$A_{\text{BS}}^{1\text{-loop}}(\sigma \rho)$	$A_{\text{YM}}^{1\text{-loop}}(\sigma)$	$A_{\text{YMS}}^{1\text{-loop}}(\sigma_1; \dots; \sigma_m G \rho_S \cup G)$	$A_{\text{EYM}}^{1\text{-loop}}(\sigma_1; \dots; \sigma_m H)$	$M_{\text{GR}}^{1\text{-loop}}(1, \dots, n)$
$I_{\text{L}}^{1\text{-loop}}$	$\text{PT}(+, \sigma, -)$ +cyc(σ)	$\text{PT}(+, \sigma, -)$ +cyc(σ)	$\text{PT}(+, \sigma_1, -) \dots$ $\text{PT}(\sigma_m) \mathcal{P} + \text{cyc}(\sigma_1)$	$\text{PT}(+, \sigma_1, -) \dots$ $\text{PT}(\sigma_m) \mathcal{P} + \text{cyc}(\sigma_1)$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi_{n+2}]$
$I_{\text{R}}^{1\text{-loop}}$	$\text{PT}(+, \rho, -)$ +cyc(ρ)	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi_{n+2}]$	$\text{PT}(+, \rho_S \cup G, -)$ +cyc($\rho_S \cup G$)	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi_{n+2}]$	$\text{Pf}'[\Psi_{n+2}]$

One-loop level CHY integrands for BS, YM, YMS, EYM and GR In the single-trace case $m = 1$, there is only one PT factor with $n + 2$ points and the

\mathcal{P} becomes $\text{Pf}[\Psi]_{\text{H};\text{H}}$.

One-loop CHY formula

For BS, the CHY integral gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m^{\text{BS}} &= \lim_{k_{\pm} \rightarrow \pm l} \int d\mu_{n+2}^{\text{tree}} I_B^{1\text{-loop}} I_C^{1\text{-loop}} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{(A_1 A_2 \dots A_i) = \sigma \\ (\tilde{A}_1 \tilde{A}_2 \dots \tilde{A}_i) = \rho \\ A_j = \tilde{A}_j}} \frac{1}{l^2} \frac{1}{s_{A_1, l}} \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2, l}} \cdots \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{i-1}, l}} \phi_{A_1 | \tilde{A}_1} \phi_{A_2 | \tilde{A}_2} \cdots \phi_{A_i | \tilde{A}_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

For other theories, e.g, YMS, the CHY integral gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{l^2} \int d\mu_{n+2}^{\text{tree}} I_L^{1\text{-loop}} I_R^{1\text{-loop}} \\
 &= \sum_{\mathcal{F}} c^{\mathcal{F}} \left[\sum_{\substack{(A_1 A_2 \dots A_i) = \sigma \sqcup \rho^{\mathcal{F}} \\ (\tilde{A}_1 \tilde{A}_2 \dots \tilde{A}_i) = \gamma \\ A_j = \tilde{A}_j}} \frac{1}{l^2} \frac{1}{s_{A_1, l}} \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2, l}} \cdots \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{i-1}, l}} \phi_{A_1 | \tilde{A}_1} \phi_{A_2 | \tilde{A}_2} \cdots \phi_{A_i | \tilde{A}_i} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\text{cyclic of } \sigma) \right] + (\text{cyclic of } \gamma)
 \end{aligned}$$

One-loop CHY formula

$$\text{One-loop CHY} \Rightarrow \text{Linear loop propagators} \frac{1}{s_{A,l}} = \frac{1}{2k_A \cdot l + k_A^2}$$

⇓ Graphic rule Xie, Du, 24

$$\text{Feynman diagrams} \Rightarrow \text{Quadratic loop propagators} \frac{1}{l_A^2} = \frac{1}{(l + k_A)^2}$$

The crucial relation between linear and quadratic propagators:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{N(l)}{l^2 s_{A_1,l} s_{A_{12},l} \cdots s_{A_{12\dots m-1},l}} + \frac{N(l + k_{A_m})}{l^2 s_{A_m,l} s_{A_{m1},l} \cdots s_{A_{m1\dots m-2},l}} + \\ & \cdots + \frac{N(l + k_{A_{23\dots m}})}{l^2 s_{A_2,l} s_{A_{23},l} \cdots s_{A_{23\dots m},l}} \cong N(l) \text{gon}(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \text{gon}(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m) \equiv \frac{1}{l^2 l_{A_1}^2 l_{A_{12}}^2 \cdots l_{A_{12\dots m-1}}^2}$$

V. From linear to quadratic propagators 1: YMS and YM

The main idea

Single-trace YMS

Cutting graphs \Leftrightarrow Feynman diagrams



Generalize $U(1)$ -decoupling cancels disconnected subgraphs



Off-shell BCJ, X pattern cancel nonlocal terms

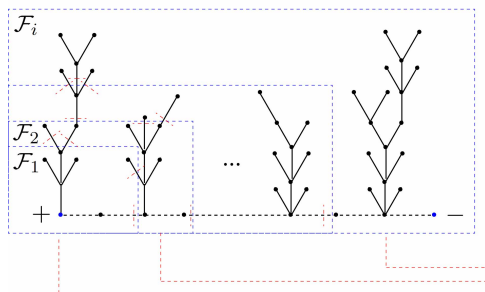


Remaining terms \sim cyclic sum \Rightarrow Quadratic propagators

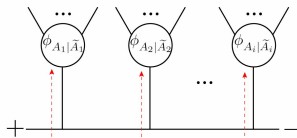
Single-trace YMS \Rightarrow YM, multi-trace YMS

Cancellations of disconnected subgraphs

Graphs for kinematic coefficients

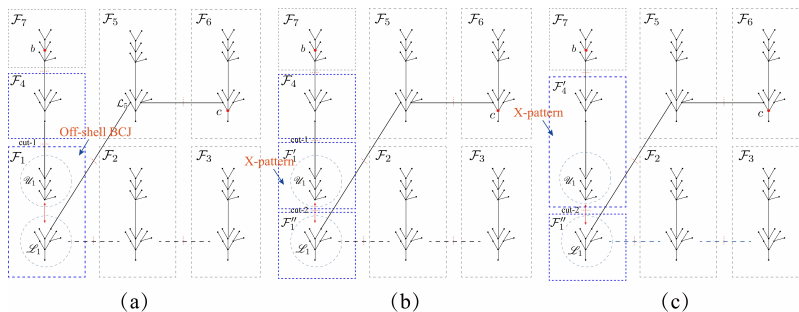


Feynman diagrams with linear propagators



Disconnected subgraphs vanish: $\rightarrow \sum_{\sqcup} \phi_{A \sqcup B|C} = 0$ (Generalized $U(1)$ -decoupling)

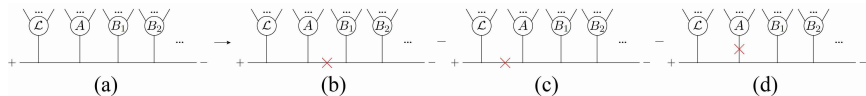
Further cancellations between BCJ pattern and X pattern



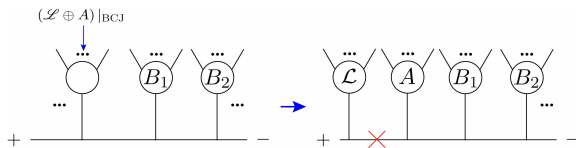
(a) \rightarrow Off-shell BCJ relation \rightarrow Cancels with X-pattern (b) \rightarrow Cancels with other (a larger) X pattern e.g. (c)... The red nodes b , c are the highest-weight nodes on the corresponding branches

Cancellations between BCJ pattern and X pattern

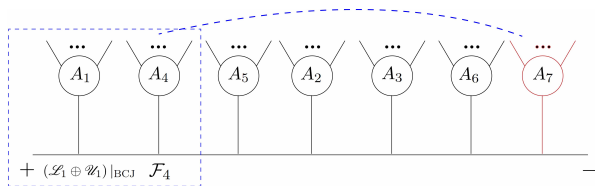
An X-pattern A reduces as:



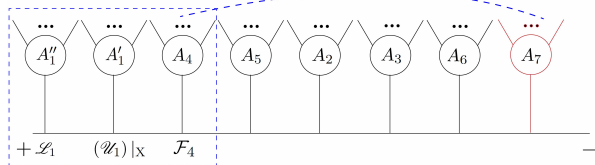
A BCJ-pattern A reduces as:



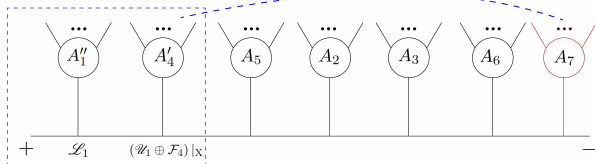
Cancellations between BCJ pattern and X pattern



(a)



(b)



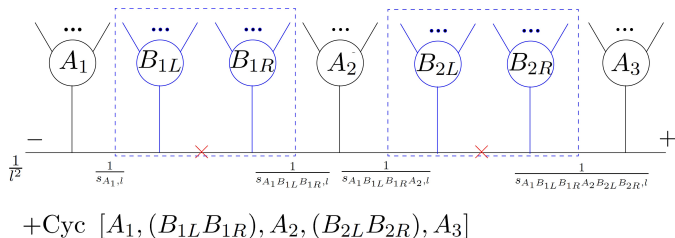
(c)

Further cancellations between BCJ pattern and X pattern

After performing all possible cancellations between BCJ and X patterns, the “non-local” terms (Terms involving contractions between A_4 and A_7 but A_4 and A_7 are separated by linear propagators) all cancel out!

Linear v.s. quadratic propagators at 1-loop

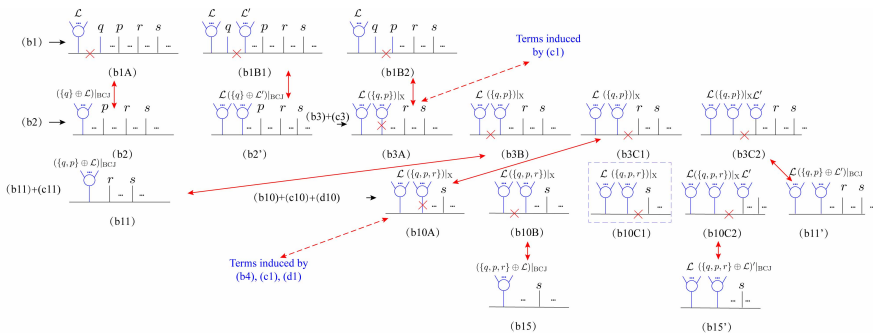
The remaining terms do not contain nonlocal structure, for example:



\Rightarrow quadratic propagators $\frac{1}{l^2} \frac{1}{l_{A_1}^2} \frac{1}{l_{A_1 B_{1L} B_{1R}}^2} \frac{1}{l_{A_1 B_{1L} B_{1R} A_2}^2} \frac{1}{l_{A_1 B_{1L} B_{1R} A_2 B_{2L} B_{2R}}^2}$.

Linear v.s. quadratic propagators at 1-loop

A part of the cancellation map in YMS with four gluons



The final result for YMS

$$\sum_{\substack{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_l = \sigma \\ H_1 \cup \dots \cup H_l = H}} \frac{1}{l^2} J[A_1] \frac{1}{s_{A_1, l}} J[A_2] \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2, l}} J[A_3] \times \dots \times \frac{1}{s_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_{l-1}, l}} J[A_l] \\ + \text{cyc}[A_1, A_2, \dots, A_l].$$

where we introduced the tree level currents $J[A_j]$ expressed by graphic rules

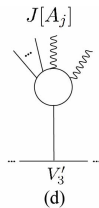
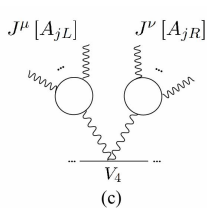
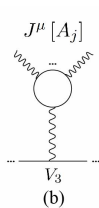
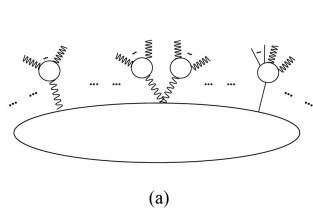
$$J[A_j] = \sum_{\mathcal{F}_j} \sum_{\sqcup} C^{\mathcal{F}_j} \phi_{\sigma_j \sqcup \rho^{\mathcal{F}_j} | \tilde{A}_j} \quad (\text{if } A_j \text{ contains scalars})$$

$$J[A_j] = \sum_{\mathcal{F}_j} \sum_{\sqcup} C^{\mathcal{F}_j} \cdot (l + k_{A_1} + \dots + k_{A_{j-1}}) \phi_{\rho^{\mathcal{F}_j} | \tilde{A}_j} \quad \leftarrow \text{BG currents } J^\mu = \tilde{J} + K + L$$

$$+ \sum_{\mathcal{F}_{jL}, \mathcal{F}_{jR}} C^{\mathcal{F}_{jL}} \cdot C^{\mathcal{F}_{jR}} \left[\sum_{\rho^{\mathcal{F}_{jL}}, \rho^{\mathcal{F}_{jR}}} \phi_{\rho^{\mathcal{F}_{jL}} | \tilde{A}_{jL}} \phi_{\rho^{\mathcal{F}_{jR}} | \tilde{A}_{jR}} \right]$$

(if A_j does not contain scalar)

The relation to Feynman rules in YMS



1 gluon-2 scalar vertices, 2-gluon, 2-scalar vertices, three-scalar vertices

From YMS to YM

YM is obtained from the forward limits of tree level YM (and its relation with YMS):

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{YM}}^{1\text{-loop}} &= (D-2) \sum_{A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_l = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_l\}} \text{gon}(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_l) \prod_{j=1}^l J[A_j] \\ &+ \sum_{l=2}^n (-1)^l \sum_{\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l\} \in S_l \setminus Z_l} \text{Tr}[F_{i_1} \cdot F_{i_2} \cdot \dots \cdot F_{i_l}] \\ &\times \sum_{\substack{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_l = i_1 i_2 \dots i_l \\ H_1 \cup \dots \cup H_l = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_l\}}} \text{gon}(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_l) \prod_{j=1}^l J[A_j] \end{aligned}$$

**VI. From linear to quadratic propagators 2:
A taste of double-YMS, EYM and GR
(work in progress)**

From double-YMS to EYM and GR

CHY: GR \sim EYM \sim double-YMS

$$\mathcal{I} \equiv \int d\mu [I_L + \text{cyc}(\sigma)] [I_R + \text{cyc}(\rho)]$$

$$I_L \equiv \text{PT}(+, \sigma, -) \text{Pf}[\Psi_H] \quad I_R \equiv \text{PT}(+, \rho, -) \text{Pf}[\Psi_{\tilde{H}}]$$

Define X,Y,Z,W as scalar, left-gluon, right-gluon, graviton sets

$$\begin{aligned} X &\equiv \{1, 2, \dots, i\}, & Y &\equiv \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_j\}, \\ Z &\equiv \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}, & W &\equiv \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_l\} \end{aligned}$$

σ : perms($X \cup Z$), H : $Y \cup W$, ρ : perms($X \cup Y$), \tilde{H} : $Z \cup W$

Quadratic propagators in double-YMS

The main idea:

Cancellations in the left part



Cancellations in the right part



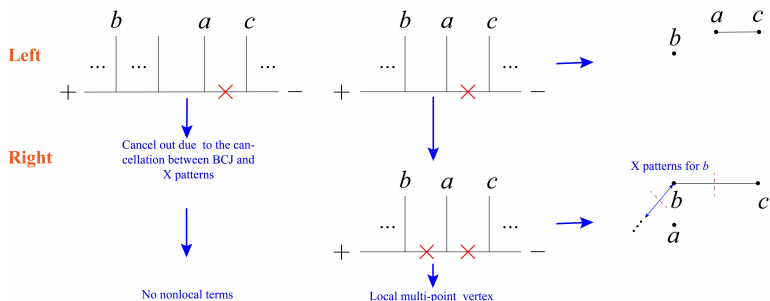
Cyclic sums



Quadratic propagators

Quadratic propagators in double-YMS

A simple example: $|Y| = |Z| = |W| = 1$ with $(\epsilon_a \cdot \epsilon_c)$ and $(\tilde{\epsilon}_b \cdot \tilde{\epsilon}_c)$, reference order $a \prec c$, $b \prec c$ and we focus on the subgraph with the propagator between a , c is cut when cancellation on the left is performed



Diagrams obtained by cyclic permutations of the substructures are also allowed by the graphic rule \rightarrow Quadratic propagator form

Comments on the more complicated cases

- ★ First left, then right \sim First right, then left
- ★ Multi-point vertices naturally arise from the cancellation process
- ★ The right part cancellation can borrow factors $k \cdot k$ from the left part factors.

VII. Further discussions

Further discussions

- ★ How to express integrands via tensorial PT factors?
- ★ A general construction of one-loop BCJ?
- ★ The full connection to Feynman diagrams in GR?
- ★ On the reduction of one-loop integrals (discussions with Hu, Xie and Zhou)

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