

Series expansions methods for Feynman integrals and the DiffExp Mathematica package

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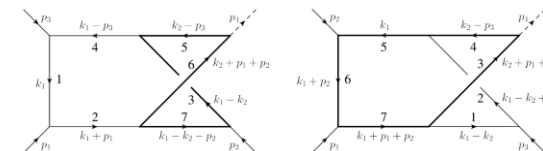
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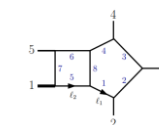
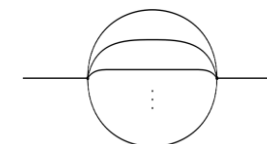
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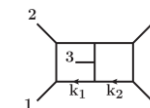
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[1907.13156, 1911.06308]



[Abreu et al, 2005.04195]



[Chicherin et al, 1812.11160]

Overview of computational methods

Analytic methods for Feynman integrals

- Typical analytic methods involve expressing Feynman integrals in terms of classes of iterated integrals
 - Multiple polylogarithms
 - Iterated integrals over Eisenstein series
 - Elliptic multiple polylogarithms over the torus or an elliptic curve
- Strengths of analytic methods:
 - Branch-cuts and analytic structure is manifest (through the symbol map)
 - Specialized algorithms can be developed for evaluating the relevant classes of functions
- Drawbacks of analytic methods:
 - The analytic continuation may be difficult to perform
 - Many Feynman integrals lie outside the known classes of functions

Numerical methods

- Prototypical example:
 - Sector decomposition and numerical integration (FIESTA, pySecDec)
- Strengths of numerical methods:
 - Numerical integration is fully algorithmic and general purpose
 - Applicable to integrals with many scales
- Drawbacks of numerical methods:
 - Numbers might not expose symmetries and/or structures underlying the integrals
 - Performance can lack behind analytic methods

Semi-numerical methods

- Semi-numerical methods perform as much as possible of the computation analytically, before resorting to numerical approximations
- We may set up differential equations in analytic form, and then solve these differential equations
 - Numerically using finite difference methods [Mandal, Zhao, 1812.03060]
 - Semi-analytically through one-dimensional series expansions [1907.13156, 1907.13234, 1911.06308, 2006.05510]
- Strengths of series expansion methods:
 - State of the art performance on many types of Feynman integrals
 - Speed improves as more points are computed
 - Analytic continuation of Feynman integrals becomes simple
- Drawbacks:
 - Simplification of the differential equations is not fully algorithmic
 - Derivation of boundary conditions requires some manual effort

Series expansions

- Series expansions have been featured various times in the past literature.
- For single-scale problems, see e.g:

S. Pozzorini and E. Remiddi, *Precise numerical evaluation of the two loop sunrise graph master integrals in the equal mass case*, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **175** (2006) 381–387, [[hep-ph/0505041](#)].

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J. Davies, G. Mishima, M. Steinhauser, and D. Wellmann, *Double Higgs boson production at NLO in the high-energy limit: complete analytic results*, *JHEP* **01** (2019) 176, [[arXiv:1811.05489](#)].

B. Mistlberger, *Higgs boson production at hadron colliders at N^3LO in QCD*, *JHEP* **05** (2018) 028 [[1802.00833](#)].

Series expansions

- Some of the previous literature was problem tailored. For example, by:
 - Treating single-scale problems by expanding only at singular points and deriving recurrence relations for the series coefficients

[Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, 1709.07525, 1805.00227]

- Considering multi-scale cases by expanding in only one parameter

[Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog, Mistlberger, 1503.06056]

- An (arguably) more general setup was demonstrated in [F. Moriello, 1907.13234] for the computation of planar integrals relevant to $H+j$ production at NLO

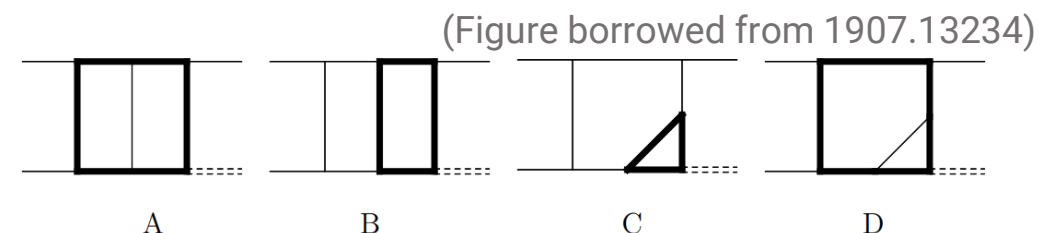
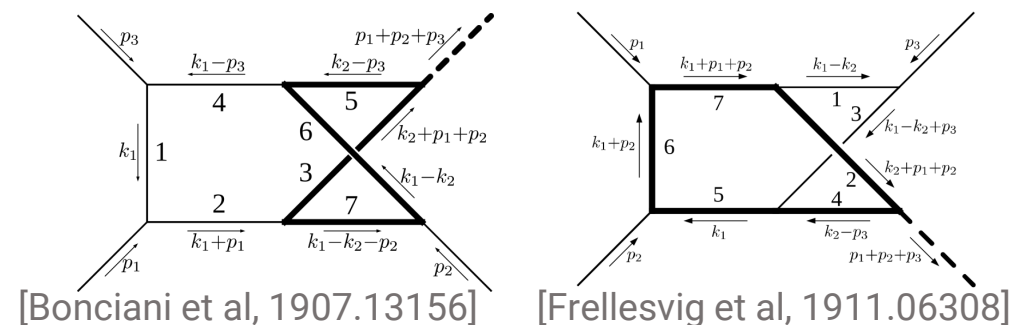


Figure 1: The four planar integral families contributing to two-loop $H+j$ -production in QCD.

- Simultaneously, in a larger collaboration, we applied these methods to the computation of non-planar $H+j$ integrals



Series expansions

- The main steps of the series expansion method are as follows:
 - Reduce multi-scale problems to a single-scale problem by integrating along a one-dimensional contour
 - Split up the contour into multiple segments such that series expansions converge on each segment
 - Find series solutions of the integrals along each segment, and fix boundary conditions by matching neighbouring segments
 - Cross thresholds by assigning $\pm i\delta$ to logarithms and algebraic roots in the solutions

DiffExp

- A general implementation of these methods was made into the Mathematica package DiffExp, introduced in arXiv:2006.05510, and hosted at <https://gitlab.com/hiddingm/diffexp>

- DiffExp accepts (any) system of differential equations of the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \vec{f}(\{S\}, \epsilon) = \mathbf{A}_s \vec{f}(\{S\}, \epsilon) \quad \mathbf{A}_x(x, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{A}_x^{(k)}(x) \epsilon^k$$

for which the matrix entries are combinations of rational and algebraic functions

- It enables one to numerically integrate various multi-scale Feynman integrals at arbitrary points in phase-space, and at precisions of tens of digits (or higher)
- The Feynman integrals do not have to be in canonical form and may also be of “elliptic”-type or associated with more complicated geometries.

The method of differential equations

Differential equations

- Start from a family of scalar Feynman integrals:

$$I_{a_1, \dots, a_{n+m}} = \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^l d^d k_i \right) \frac{\prod_{i=n+1}^{n+m} N_i^{-a_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n D_i^{a_i}}, D_i = -q_i^2 + m_i^2 - i\delta$$

- Derivatives of Feynman integrals can be expressed in the same family.
- By IBP-reduction we may then obtain a closed system of the form:

$$d\vec{f} = \sum_{s \in S} \mathbf{M}_s \vec{f} ds$$

[Kotikov, 1991], [Remiddi, 1997]
[Gehrmann, Remiddi, 2000]

- For some vector of master integrals \vec{f}

Differential equations in a canonical basis

- We may simplify the differential equations by a change of basis

- Let $\vec{B} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}$, then we have: $\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \vec{B} = [(\partial_{s_i} \mathbf{T}) \mathbf{T}^{-1} + \mathbf{T} \mathbf{M}_{s_i} \mathbf{T}^{-1}] \vec{B}$.

- The canonical basis conjecture claims that $\exists \mathbf{T} : d\vec{B} = \epsilon d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \vec{B}$

[Henn, 2013]

- Furthermore, if the integrals are polylogarithmic, we have:

$$d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{C}_i d \log(l_i)$$

Canonical basis

- The formal solution can be written as a path-ordered exponential: [Chen, 1977]

$$d\vec{B} = \epsilon \left(d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \right) \vec{B} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{B} = \mathbb{P} \exp \left[\epsilon \int_{\gamma} d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \right] \vec{B}_{\text{boundary}} \quad \gamma(x) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{|S|}$$

- Which can be expanded in terms of Chen's iterated integrals:

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}^{(0)}(\gamma(0)) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \epsilon^k \sum_{j=1}^k \int_0^1 \gamma^*(d\tilde{\mathbf{A}})(x_1) \int_0^{x_1} \gamma^*(d\tilde{\mathbf{A}})(x_2) \times \dots \times \int_0^{x_{j-1}} \gamma^*(d\tilde{\mathbf{A}})(x_j) \vec{B}^{(k-j)}(\gamma(0))$$

- More concisely, consider the ϵ expansion $\vec{B} = \sum_{i \geq 0} \vec{B}^{(i)} \epsilon^i$, then:

$$\vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(1)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{A}_x \vec{B}^{(i-1)} dx + \vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(0))$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{A}_x = \sum_{s \in S} \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{A}}}{\partial s}(\gamma(x)) \frac{\partial \gamma_s(x)}{\partial x}$$

Canonical basis

- Thus, more compactly, we focus on integrals of the type:

$$\vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(1)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{A}_x \vec{B}^{(i-1)} dx + \vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(0))$$

- When $d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{C}_i d \log(l_i)$ and when \mathcal{A} contains only (simultaneously) rationalizable algebraic functions the results are expressible in terms of MPLs:

$$G(a_1, \dots, a_n; z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t), \quad G(; z) \equiv 1$$

- This provides a fully analytic solution of the differential equations, which can be evaluated using GiNaC

[Vollinga, Weinzierl, hep-ph/0410259]

Series expansions - preview

- In the presence of non-rationalizable roots, the results may not be expressible in terms of MPLs at all orders in ϵ . [Brown, Duhr, arXiv:2006.09413]

- In this case, series expansions come to the rescue!

- Starting from $\vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(1)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{A}_x \vec{B}^{(i-1)} dx + \vec{B}^{(i)}(\gamma(0))$, we may perform the expansion:

$$\mathbf{A}_x = x^r \left[\sum_{p=0}^k \mathbf{C}_p x^p + \mathcal{O}(x^{k+1}) \right]$$

- Then integration becomes straightforward: $\int x^m \log(x)^n = x^{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \log(x)^j$
- E.g. $\int x^{-3/5} \log^2(x) dx = \frac{5}{4} x^{2/5} (2 \log^2(x) - 10 \log(x) + 25)$

Boundary conditions

- To solve the system of differential equations, we need to supply boundary conditions at some suitable kinematic point or limit
- One approach is to use sector decomposition to obtain numerical data at some point:
 - Start from a point in the Euclidean region, where `FIESTA` and `(py)SecDec` have favorable run time.
 - Obtain numerics in other regions by solving the differential equations
 - The precision is limited to the precision of the boundary data
- Alternatively, we may obtain boundary conditions analytically:
 - Consider some asymptotic limit where particles go on-shell, or internal masses vanish.
 - Obtain solutions in closed-form in ϵ , ideally in terms of ratio's of gamma functions
 - The precision is unlimited, and we may obtain results at any order in ϵ

Boundary conditions (Analytic form)

- Typically, we consider a limit where most of the external scales vanish, such that the Feynman integrals simplify as much as possible.
- However, we can not in general commute the limit and the integration.
- Let's consider the example of the massive bubble:

$$\frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon}}{i\pi^{1-\epsilon}} \int d^d k_1 \frac{1}{(-k_1^2 + m^2) \left(-(k_1 + p)^2 + m^2 \right)} = \frac{2 \log \left(\frac{-\sqrt{-p^2} - \sqrt{4m^2 - p^2}}{\sqrt{-p^2} - \sqrt{4m^2 - p^2}} \right)}{\sqrt{-p^2} \sqrt{4m^2 - p^2}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- In the limit $m^2 = x$, with $x \downarrow 0$, we obtain: $\sim -\frac{2 (\log(-p^2) - \log(x))}{p^2} + \mathcal{O}(x)$

Boundary conditions

$$-\frac{2(\log(-p^2) - \log(x))}{p^2} + \mathcal{O}(x)^1$$

- Now, suppose we had started directly in the massless limit. We'd find:

$$e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \left(i\pi^{d/2}\right)^{-1} \int d^d k_1 \frac{1}{(-k_1^2) \left(-(k_1 + p)^2\right)} = \frac{2}{p^2 \epsilon} - \frac{2 \log(-p^2)}{p^2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- The kinematic singularity has been transformed into a dimensionally regulated pole, yielding a different result than before!
- How do we obtain boundary conditions without computing the integral in a generic mass configuration first? (which would defeat the purpose)

Boundary conditions

[See works by Beneke and Smirnov]

- The solution is to use the method of expansions by regions.
- There is a particularly simple formulation in the parametric representation, which is implemented in the publicly available Mathematica package `asy.m`

See e.g. [Jantzen, Smirnov, Smirnov, 1206.0546]

- Recall the Feynman parametrization:

$$I_{a_1, \dots, a_n} = \left(i\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}\right)^l \Gamma\left(a - \frac{ld}{2}\right) \int_{\Delta^{n-1}} [d^{n-1}\vec{\alpha}] \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha_i^{a_i-1}}{\Gamma(a_i)}\right) \mathcal{U}^{a-\frac{d}{2}(l+1)} \mathcal{F}^{-a+\frac{ld}{2}}$$

$$[d^{n-1}\vec{\alpha}] \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j-1} \alpha_j d\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\alpha_j} \wedge \dots \wedge d\alpha_n$$

$$\Delta^{n-1} = \{[\alpha_1 : \alpha_2 : \dots : \alpha_n] \in \mathbb{RP}^{n-1} \mid \alpha_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

Expansion by regions

Kinematic invariants and masses

- Suppose we are interested in a kinematic limit $s_i \rightarrow s'_i = x^{\gamma_i} s_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, |S|$
- Then there exists a set of regions $\{R_i\}$, where $R_i = (r_{i1}, \dots, r_{im})$ is a vector of rational numbers.
- For each region R_i we rescale the Feynman parametrized integral in the following manner:

$\alpha_j \rightarrow x^{R_{ij}} \alpha_j, \quad d\alpha_j \rightarrow x^{R_{ij}} d\alpha_j,$

Each Feynman parameter scales
according to the given region

$s_j \rightarrow x^{\gamma_j} s_j$

In addition, we take our
desired kinematic limit
- The asymptotic limit is then given by summing over the contributions of each region, expanding on x , and integrating.

Expansion by regions

- Let's have another look at the massive bubble. The Feynman parametrization is:

$$\frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon + 1)}{i\pi^{1-\epsilon}} \int_{\Delta} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^{2\epsilon} (\alpha_1^2 m^2 + \alpha_2^2 m^2 + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 m^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 p^2)^{-1-\epsilon}$$

- We feed `asy.m` the \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{F} polynomials, and obtain the regions:

$$R_1 = \{0, 0\}, \quad R_2 = \{0, -1\}, \quad R_3 = \{0, 1\}$$

- Leading to:
$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon+1)}{i\pi^{1-\epsilon}} \int_{\Delta} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 \left(x^{-\epsilon} (x\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^{2\epsilon} (x^2 \alpha_1^2 - p^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + 2x\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \alpha_2^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \right. \\ & \quad + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^{2\epsilon} (x\alpha_1^2 - p^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + 2x\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + x\alpha_2^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \\ & \quad \left. + x^{-\epsilon} (\alpha_1 + x\alpha_2)^{2\epsilon} (\alpha_1^2 - p^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + 2x\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + x^2 \alpha_2^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- For the purpose of computing boundary conditions, we often only need the leading term of the expansion with respect to the line parameter

Expansion by regions

- At leading order in x , we obtain:

$$\frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon+1)}{i\pi^{1-\epsilon}} \int_{\Delta} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 \left(x^{-\epsilon} \alpha_2^{-1+\epsilon} (-p^2 \alpha_1 + m^2 \alpha_2)^{-1-\epsilon} + \right. \\ \left. + \alpha_1^{-\epsilon-1} \alpha_2^{-\epsilon-1} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^{2\epsilon} (-p^2)^{-1-\epsilon} + x^{-\epsilon} \alpha_1^{\epsilon-1} (\alpha_1 m^2 - \alpha_2 p^2)^{-\epsilon-1} \right)$$

- Although we have a sum of terms, each piece is simpler to integrate than the Feynman parametrization of the massive bubble. Performing the integrations yields:

$$\frac{\epsilon (-p^2)^{-\epsilon-1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)} - \frac{2x^{-\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)}{p^2} = -\frac{2 (\log(-p^2) - \log(x))}{p^2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Which agrees with the result we found before!
- Note as well that the boundary conditions are just ratios of gamma functions

Series solutions to differential equations

Solving non-canonical systems

- We saw previously how to find series expansions for a canonical-form system
- Next consider a more general system of partial differential equations of the form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \vec{f}(\{S\}, \epsilon) = \mathbf{A}_{s_i} \vec{f}(\{S\}, \epsilon) \quad \gamma(x) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{|S|} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \mathbf{A}_x \vec{f}(x, \epsilon),$$

- We will restrict ourselves to the following conditions on the ϵ expansion:

$$\mathbf{A}_x(x, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{A}_x^{(k)}(x) \epsilon^k, \quad \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \vec{f}^{(k)}(x) \epsilon^k$$

- The condition on the basis integrals \vec{f} is trivial, as we can always multiply out the highest pole.
- The finiteness condition on $\mathbf{A}_x(x, \epsilon)$ can typically also be instated by performing appropriate ϵ rescalings of the basis integrals.

Solving non-canonical systems

- After plugging in the ϵ expansions, we have that:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \mathbf{A}_x \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_x \vec{f}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}_x^{(0)} \vec{f}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}_x^{(k-j)} f^{(j)}$$

- We can decompose these differential equation further
- Let $\{f_{\sigma_1}, \dots, f_{\sigma_p}\}$ be a set of “coupled” integrals, and relabel $f_{\sigma_1} \rightarrow g_1, f_{\sigma_2} \rightarrow g_2, \dots$

- Then $\partial_x \vec{g}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M} \vec{g}^{(k)} + \vec{b}^{(k)}$

$$\text{Where: } \underbrace{\mathbf{M}_{ij} = \left(\mathbf{A}_x^{(0)} \right)_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j}}_{\text{Homogeneous part: the same at all orders in } \epsilon}, \quad \vec{b}_i^{(k)} = \sum_{j \notin \Sigma} \left[\underbrace{\left(\mathbf{A}_x^{(0)} \right)_{\sigma_i j} f_j^{(k)} + \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \left(\mathbf{A}_x^{(k-l)} \right)_{\sigma_i j} f_j^{(l)}}_{\text{Inhomogeneous part: subtopology terms \& lower orders in } \epsilon} \right]$$

Homogeneous part: the same at all orders in ϵ

Inhomogeneous part: subtopology terms & lower orders in ϵ

Solving non-canonical systems

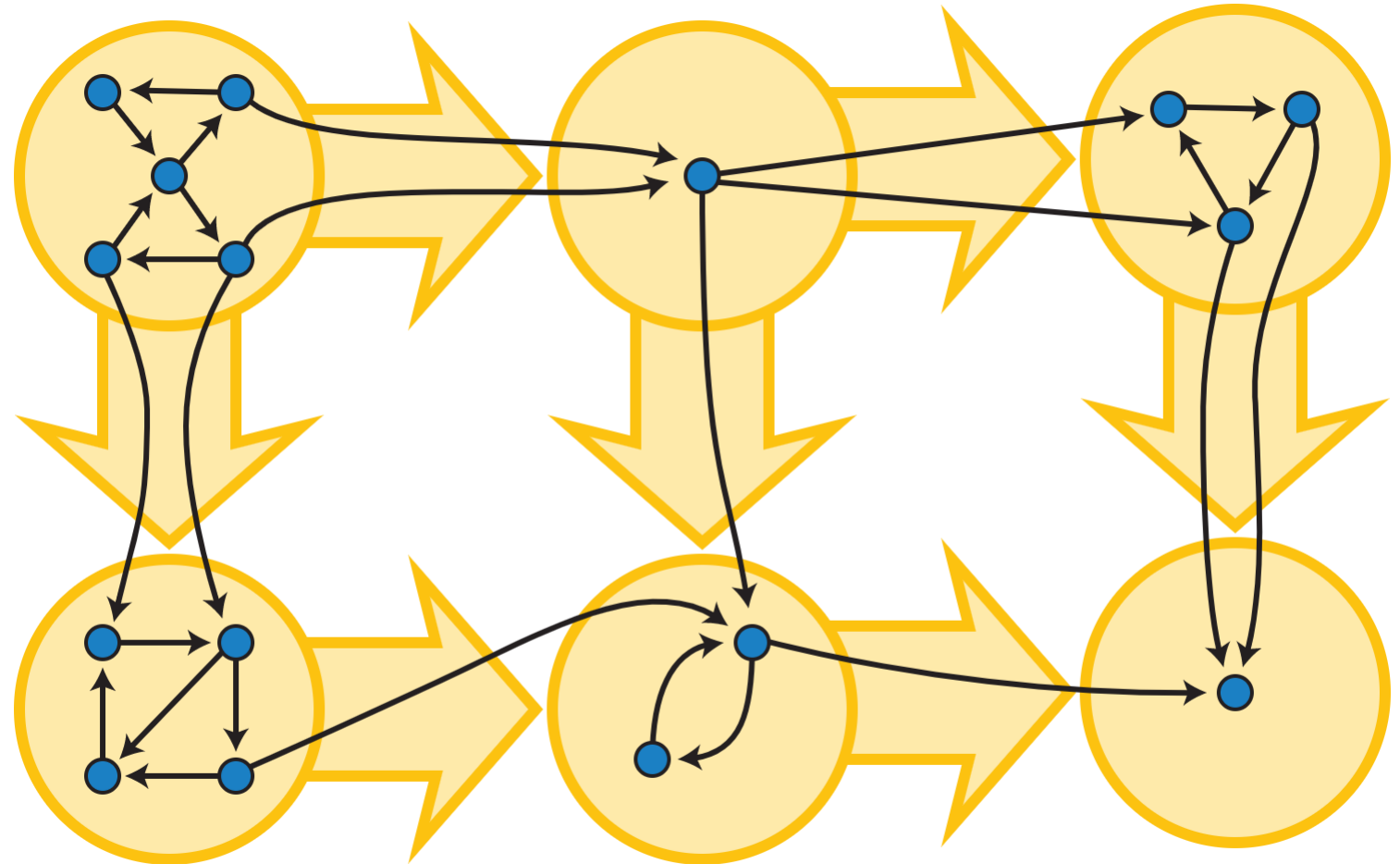
- We consider integrals to be “coupled” when they depend on each other at finite order in ϵ upon repeated differentiation. For example, if $\partial_x f_i$ contains a component of integral f_j , and vice-versa, then f_i and f_j are coupled together.
- To integrate the differential equations, we should proceed at the lowest order in ϵ and integrate from the lowest sectors / topologies, up to the highest. We then move to the next order in ϵ and continue.
- How do we read off an integration order directly from $\mathbf{A}_x^{(0)}$, satisfying these observations?

Integration sequence

- Consider a graph G , which has an edge $f_j \rightarrow f_i$, if the derivative of f_i includes a contribution from f_j at order ϵ^0 .
- Next, determine the strongly connected components of G
 - These are sets of vertices for which there is a directed path between every pair of vertices.
 - Note: every vertex is connected to itself by definition
- The strongly connected components are the coupled integrals. Next, we consider the graph of strongly connected components, called the “condensation” of G

Integration sequence

- Example of the condensation of a directed cyclic graph:
- The condensation has edges between two str. conn. components, when there is an edge between its integrals in the original graph G
- The condensation is an acyclic graph defining a partial ordering, from which we read off the integration order.



Solving non-canonical systems

- We have now decomposed the differential equation such that we have to solve for each coupled block \vec{g} at order ϵ^k a system of the form: $\partial_x \vec{g}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M} \vec{g}^{(k)} + \vec{b}^{(k)}$
- Following the previously described integration order, $\vec{b}^{(k)}$ is always available from previously computed data.
- We can split up the task in two parts:
 - 1: Solve the homogeneous diff. eqns: $\partial_x \vec{g}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M} \vec{g}^{(k)}$
 - 2. Obtain solutions to the full system of diff. eqns
- In the following we will drop the subscripts for brevity.

Homogeneous differential equations

- Consider $\partial_x \vec{g} = \mathbf{M} \vec{g}$
- Strategy (based on combination of standard techniques):
 1. Combine the system into a p -th order differential equation for g_i
 2. Find p (homogeneous) solutions for g_i using the Frobenius method and reduction of order
 3. Solve for the remaining g_j in terms of g_i
- Detailed steps can be found in [\[MH, 2006.05510\]](#).
- The result is a matrix of solutions \mathbf{F} , satisfying $\partial \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{F}$

Inhomogeneous differential equations

- Next, we consider the full system $\partial_x \vec{g} = \mathbf{M} \vec{g} + \vec{b}$
- We leave out the derivation, and provide the solution below:

$$\vec{g} = \sum_{j=1}^p \vec{G}_j, \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F} \left(\int \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{E} \right)$$

Where $\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{p}(\vec{b}, \dots, \vec{b})$ contains the inhomogeneous terms along the columns, and where $\mathbf{E} = \text{diag}(e_1, \dots, e_p)$ is a diagonal matrix of integration constants to be determined by boundary values.

Inhomogeneous differential equations

- If we reintroduce a superscript for the order in ϵ we have that:

$$\vec{g}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^p \vec{G}_j^{(k)}, \mathbf{G}^{(k)} = \mathbf{F} \left(\int \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{(k)} + \mathbf{E}^{(k)} \right)$$

- We need to compute \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{F}^{-1} only once. Higher orders in ϵ are obtained by two matrix multiplications, and a single integration (which is implemented using an efficient replacement rule.)
- This compares favorably to a straightforward “variation of parameters” implementation, which involves computing p determinants of matrices of size $(p - 1) \times (p - 1)$ for each order in ϵ . (Take into account the matrix entries are themselves series expansion.)

Line segmentation

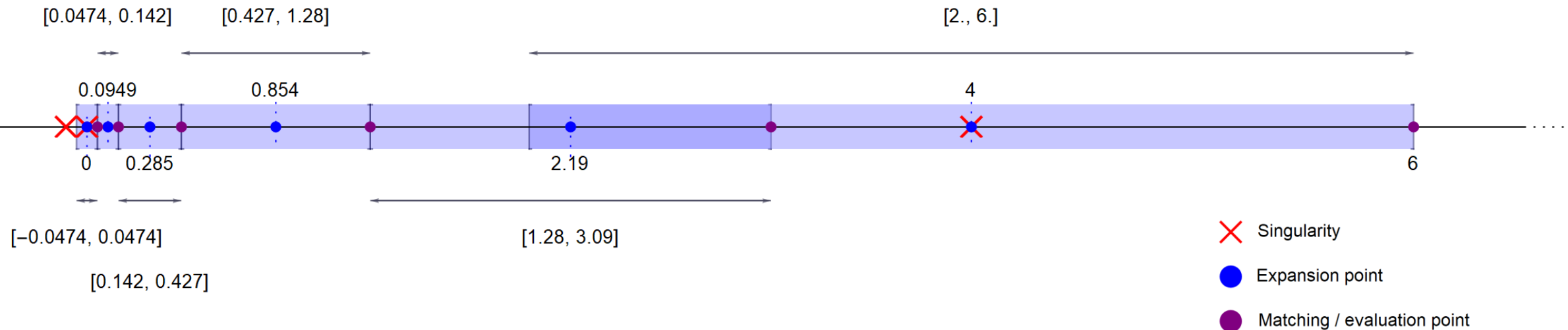
- The series solutions have a finite radius of convergence.
- By concatenating solutions centered at different line segments we can reach any point in phase-space. How do we choose where to center them?
- We may choose the line segments such that each expansion is evaluated at most $1/k$ the distance to the nearest singularity, where $k > 1$.
- To cross singularities, we center an expansion at the singularity

Line segmentation

- For example, suppose: $X_{\text{sing}} = (\dots, -0.095, 0, 4, 16, \dots)$

$$x_{\text{start}} = 0, x_{\text{end}} = 6$$

- Then we may pick the following partitioning into 6 line segments, such that each evaluation happens at most $\frac{1}{2}$ the distance to the nearest singularity:



Analytic continuation

- The series solutions centered at singularities may contain logarithms and square roots.
 - Logarithms appear by integration of poles $1/x$.
 - Square roots can arise from the homogeneous solutions (when the indicial equation has a half-integer root), or from the basis definition.
- By transferring an $i\delta$ -prescription to the line parameter, we can perform the analytic continuation of these functions. In particular we can let:

$$\log(x + i\delta) = \log(x),$$

$$\log(x - i\delta) = \log(x) - 2\pi i\theta_m,$$

$$\sqrt{x + i\delta} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{x - i\delta} = (\theta_p - \theta_m) \sqrt{x}$$

Analytic continuation

- We don't like to carry theta functions around in the series expansions (for performance reasons), so we may instead use replacement rules.
- For example, if x carries $-i\delta$, and we evaluate at a point $x < 0$, we let:

$$\log(x) \rightarrow \log(x) - 2\pi i, \quad \sqrt{x} \rightarrow -\sqrt{x}$$

- Additional comments:
 - The $i\delta$ -prescriptions can be determined from the Feynman prescription
 - Typically, we should avoid crossing two singular regions at the same time

Möbius transformations

- Using Möbius transformations we may improve the convergence of the expansions. For example, consider: $f(x) = \frac{1}{1/10 + x} + \frac{1}{1 - x}$
- Then: $f(x) = 9 - 101x + 999x^2 - 10001x^3 + 99999x^4 - 1000001x^5 + \mathcal{O}(x)^6$
- Next, consider the Möbius transformation: $x = \frac{2y}{11-9y}$, so that for $y \in [-1,1]$, we have $x \in [-1/10,1]$.
- We then have: $f(y) = 9 - \frac{202y}{11} + 18y^2 - \frac{202y^3}{11} + 18y^4 - \frac{202y^5}{11} + \mathcal{O}(y)^6$
- And numerically we find: $S_{100}f(y = 11/13) = -0.335377$
 $f(x = 1/2) = 1/3, \quad S_{100}f(x = 1/2) = -1.31477 \dots \cdot 10^{70},$

Möbius transformations

- Thus, we may improve the integration strategy in the following way:
 - Find the singularity whose real part is nearest on the left of the origin
 - Find the singularity whose real part is nearest on the right of the origin
 - Map these respective singularities to -1, and 1.
- Disadvantages:
 - Möbius transformations may slow down the series expansions of the matrices, partly negating their speedup. (Perhaps this can be improved in future versions of `DiffExp`.)

Padé approximants

- Lastly, we may use (diagonal) Padé approximants to accelerate the convergence of our series. These are rational functions, whose series expansion matches the original series. For example:

$$\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{5x^4}{128} + \frac{7x^5}{256} - \frac{21x^6}{1024} + \frac{33x^7}{2048} - \frac{429x^8}{32768} + \frac{715x^9}{65536} - \frac{2431x^{10}}{262144} + O(x^{11})$$

$$S_{10}(\sqrt{1+x})|_{x=1/2} - \sqrt{1+1/2} = -2.72 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

- Padé approximant:
$$\sqrt{1+x} \approx \frac{1 + \frac{22x}{9} + \frac{33x^2}{16} + \frac{11x^3}{16} + \frac{55x^4}{768}}{1 + \frac{35x}{18} + \frac{175x^2}{144} + \frac{25x^3}{96} + \frac{25x^4}{2304} - \frac{x^5}{4608}}$$

$$(P_{4,5}(\sqrt{1+x})|_{x=1/2} - \sqrt{1+1/2}) = -3.47 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

- Downsides: 1. Requires higher working precision
2. Computation of the Padé approximants takes time

Examples

Higgs plus jet production @ NLO

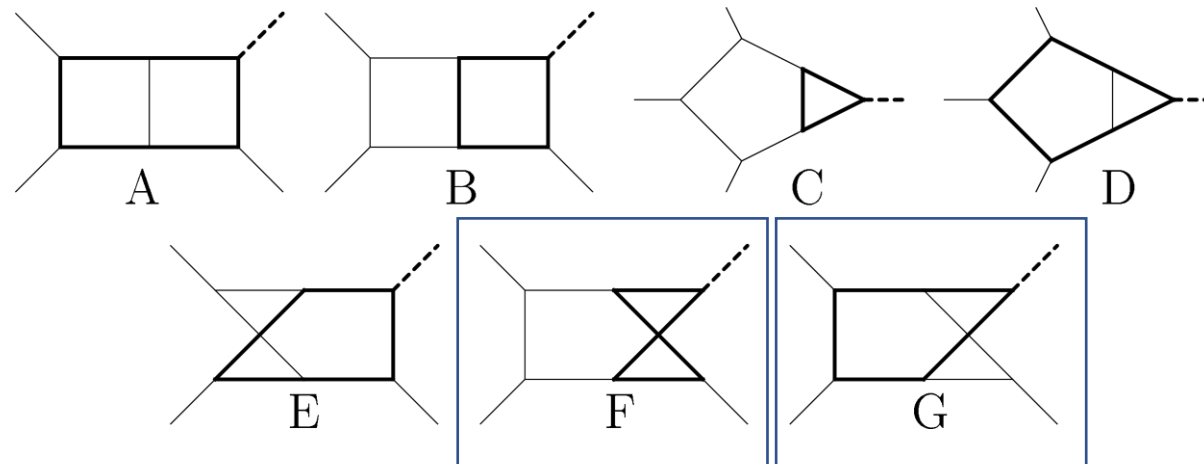
- Main production mode of the Higgs boson @ LHC is via gluon-gluon fusion
- The Higgs particle does not couple directly to gluons. The interaction is mediated by a heavy quark loop, so that next-to-leading order concerns two-loop diagrams
- To this date, no NLO computation is available of the whole p_T -spectrum, including quark-mass effects for all quark flavors
 - An NLO computation including the top-quark mass but neglecting bottom-quark mass has been performed using sector decomposition for the integrals [Jones, Kerner, Luisoni, 2018]
 - Various computations have also been done in HEFT (some up to $N^3\text{LO}$) e.g.: [Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog, Mistlberger, 1503.06056].
[Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Mistlberger, Pelloni, 2102.07607]

Higgs + jet integrals

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[Bonciani et al, 1609.06685]

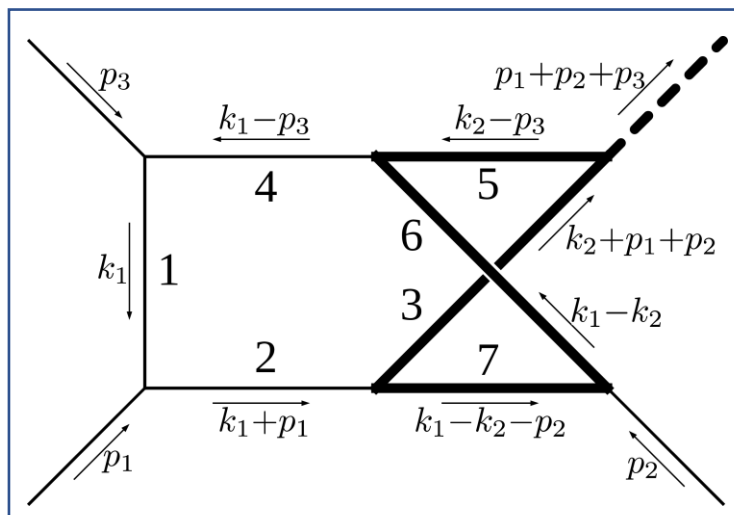
- Integrals relevant for H+j production at NLO with full heavy quark mass dependence
- Dependence on three scales (after normalizing out mass dependence)
- Families A, F, and G contain elliptic sectors



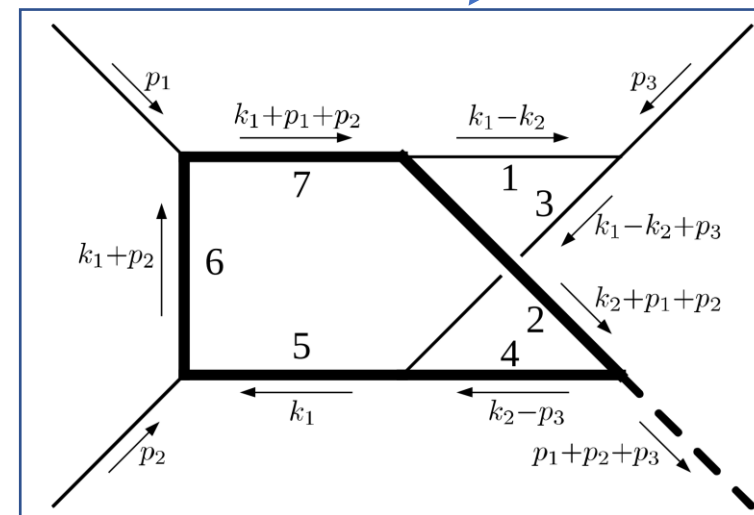
$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad t = (p_1 + p_3)^2$$

$$p_4^2 = (p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2 = s + t + u$$

m_q



[Bonciani et al, 1907.13156]



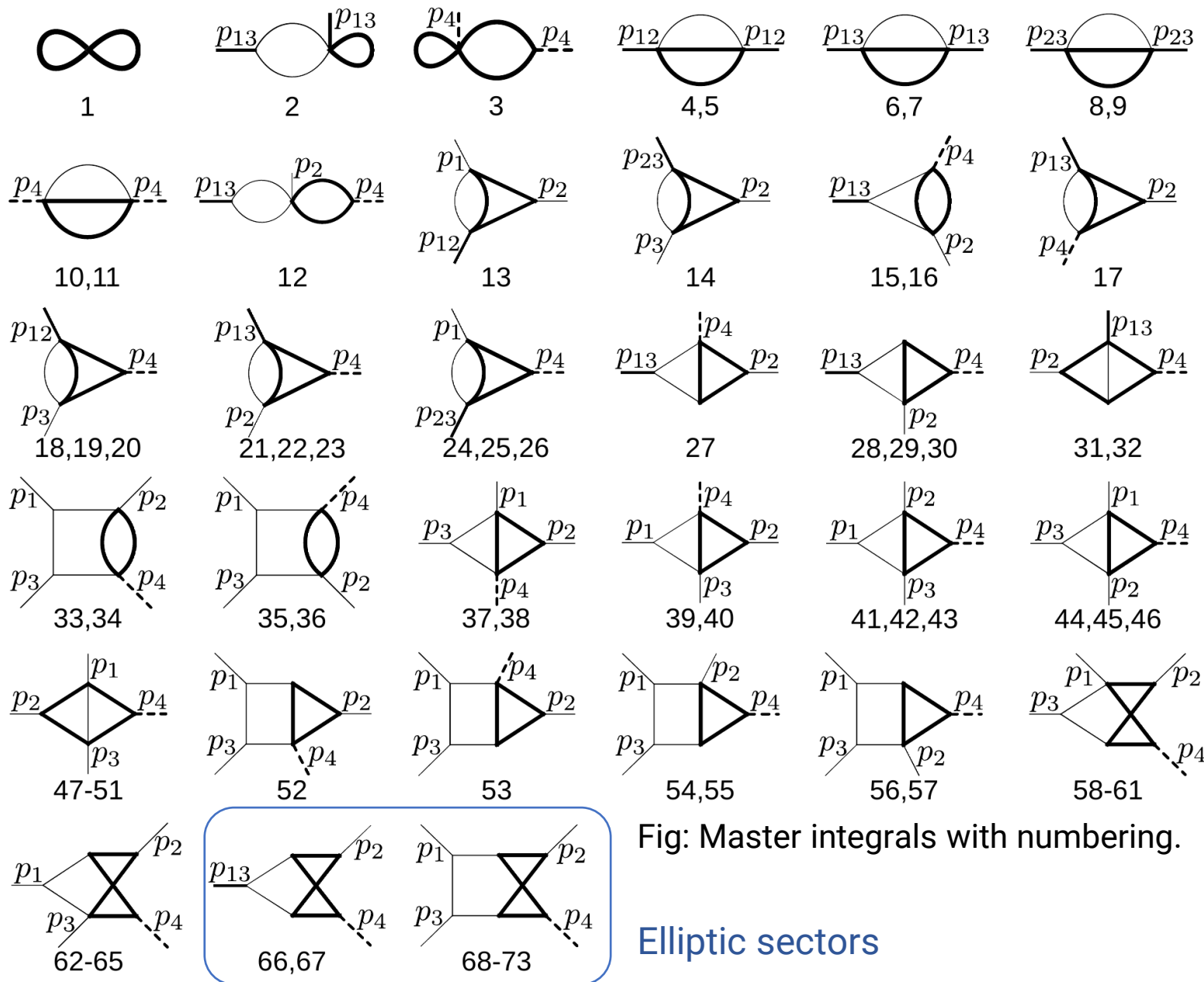
[Frellesvig et al, 1911.06308]

Family F

Master integrals

- IBP-reduction:
 - 73 master integrals
 - Default FIRE basis: $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GB})$
 - More suitable (pre-canonical) basis: $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MB})$
 - Possible using either FIRE or KIRA
- Differential eqns: $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MB})$

[Bonciani et al, 1907.13156]

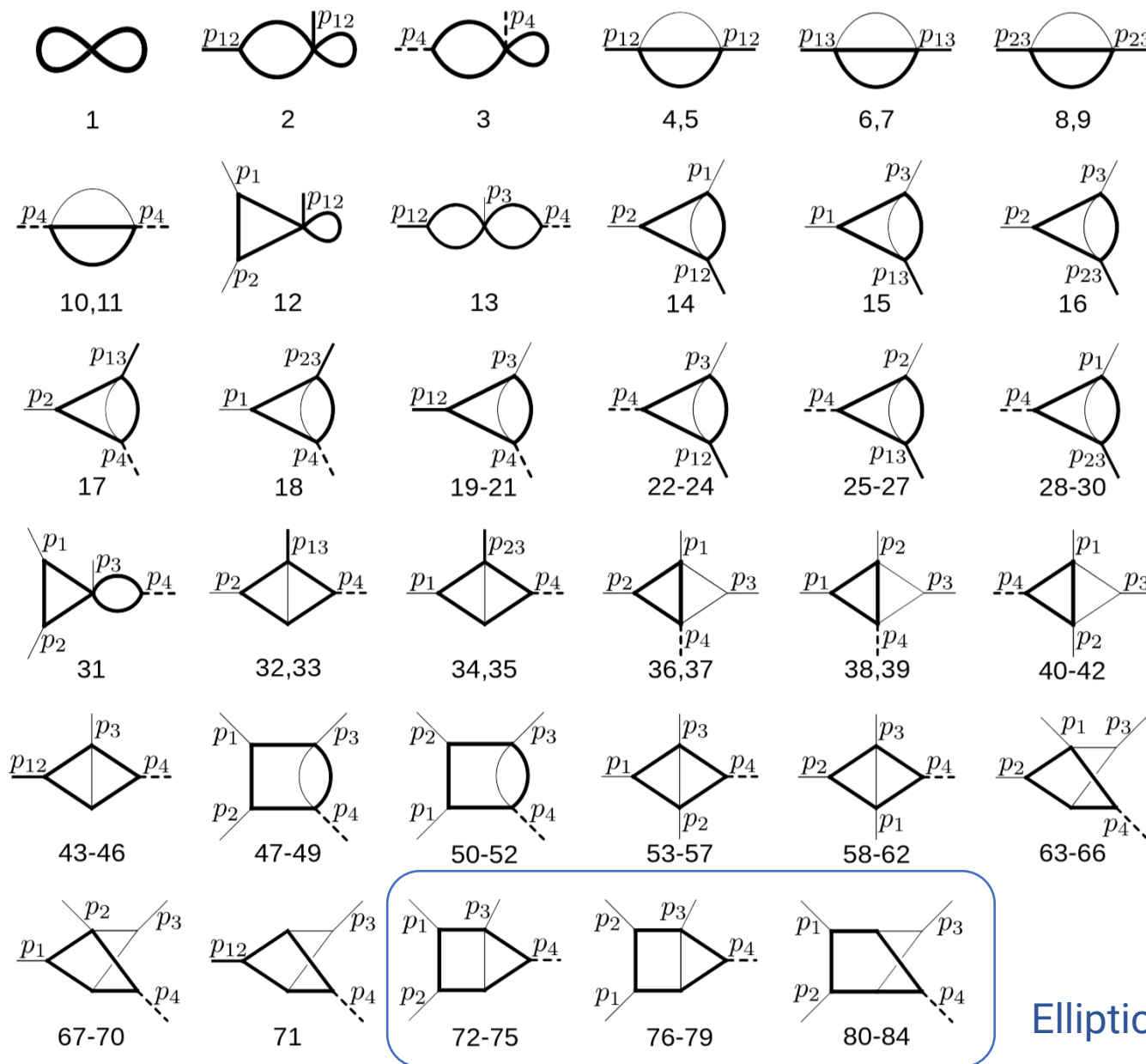


Family G

Master integrals

- IBP-reduction:
 - 84 master integrals
 - Default FIRE basis: $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GB})$
 - More suitable (pre-canonical) basis: $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MB})$
 - Possible using either FIRE or KIRA
- Differential eqns: $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MB})$

[Bonciani et al, 1911.06308]



Elliptic sectors

Boundary conditions of family F

- All boundary conditions for family F: $(s, t, p_4^2, m^2) \rightarrow (xs, xt, xp_4^2, m^2)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} B_1 = e^{2\gamma\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon + 1)^2 (m^2)^{-2\epsilon},$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} B_2 \sim x^{-\epsilon} \left(\pi e^{2\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon (m^2)^{-\epsilon} (-t)^{-\epsilon} \Gamma(2\epsilon + 1) \cot(\pi\epsilon) \right),$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} B_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 3, \dots, 72.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} B_{73} \sim x^{-\epsilon} \left(-4\pi e^{2\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon^3 \frac{(p_4^2 - 4s - t)}{(p_4^2 - 2s - t)} (m^2)^{-\epsilon} (-t)^{-\epsilon} \Gamma(2\epsilon) \cot(\pi\epsilon) \right).$$

- Requires computation of numerous integrals:

Boundary conditions of family F

[illegible]

Higgs + jet integrals

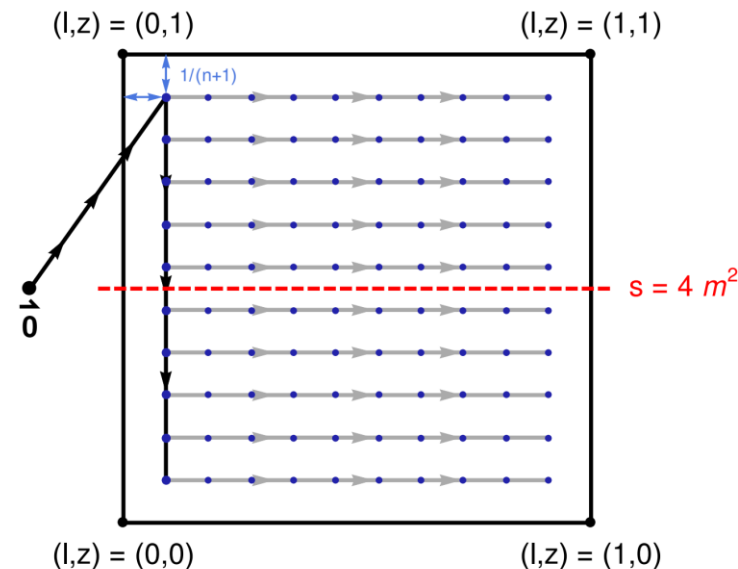
[1907.13156, 1911.06308]

- We can obtain 3-dimensional plots, if we sample enough points. Consider the parametrization:

$$\text{top } (l, z)_t : \quad s = \frac{87 - 74z}{25z}, \quad t = \frac{87l(z-1)}{25z}, \quad p_4^2 = \frac{13}{25},$$

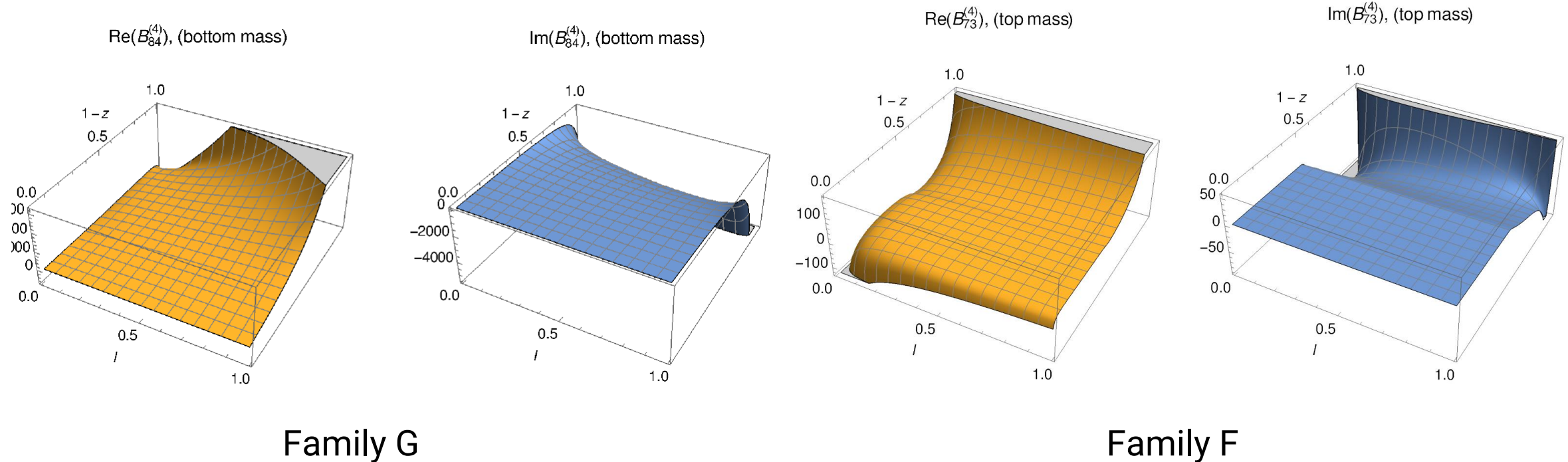
$$\text{bottom } (l, z)_b : \quad s = \frac{323761}{361z}, \quad t = \frac{323761l(z-1)}{361z}, \quad p_4^2 = \frac{323761}{361}.$$

- Which maps the physical regions of the top quark and bottom quark contributions to the unit square:



Higgs + jet integrals

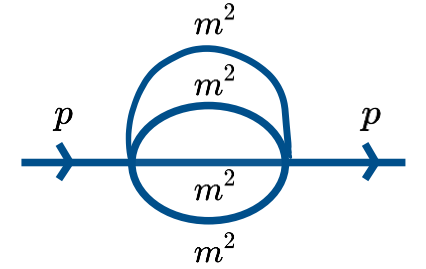
Plots sampled from 10000 points on an evenly spaced grid.



Example of timing: obtaining 10000 points for family G, on a 4-core laptop CPU took about 19.5 hours for the top quark contributions.

3-loop banana graph

- First, we consider the equal-mass case:



$$I_{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}^{\text{banana}} = \left(\frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon}}{i\pi^{d/2}} \right)^3 (m^2)^{a - \frac{3}{2}(2-2\epsilon)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^d k_i \right) D_1^{-a_1} D_2^{-a_2} D_3^{-a_3} D_4^{-a_4}$$

$$D_1 = -k_1^2 + m^2, \quad D_2 = -k_2^2 + m^2, \quad D_3 = -k_3^2 + m^2, \quad D_4 = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + p_1)^2 + m^2$$

- The differential equations are given by:

$$\vec{B}^{\text{banana}} = (\epsilon I_{2211}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon(1+3\epsilon) I_{2111}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)(1+4\epsilon) I_{1111}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon^3 I_{1110}^{\text{banana}})$$

$$\partial_t \vec{B}^{\text{banana}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{64-2t+t^2+(8+t)^2\epsilon}{t(t-16)(t-4)} & \frac{2(t+20)(2\epsilon+1)}{t(t-16)(t-4)} & -\frac{6(2\epsilon+1)}{t(t-16)(t-4)} & -\frac{2\epsilon}{t(t-16)} \\ \frac{3t(3\epsilon+1)}{t(t-4)} & -\frac{2(t+8)\epsilon+t+4}{t(t-4)} & \frac{3\epsilon+1}{t(t-4)} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{4(4\epsilon+1)}{t} & \frac{-3\epsilon-1}{t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{B}^{\text{banana}}$$

- With $t = p_1^2/m^2$

3-loop banana graph

- Next, let us obtain suitable boundary conditions
- The Feynman parametrization is given by:

$$I_{1111}^{\text{banana}} = ie^{3\gamma\epsilon}\Gamma(3\epsilon+1)(m^2)^{-3\epsilon-1}x^{3\epsilon+1}\int_{\Delta}d\alpha_1d\alpha_2d\alpha_3d\alpha_4(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3+\alpha_1\alpha_4\alpha_3+\alpha_2\alpha_4\alpha_3+\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_4)^{4\epsilon}(\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_1^2x+\alpha_2\alpha_4\alpha_1^2x+\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_1^2x+\alpha_2\alpha_3^2\alpha_1x+\alpha_2\alpha_4^2\alpha_1x+\alpha_3\alpha_4^2\alpha_1x+\alpha_2^2\alpha_3\alpha_1x+\alpha_2^2\alpha_4\alpha_1x+\alpha_3^2\alpha_4\alpha_1x+4\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_1x+\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4^2x+\alpha_2\alpha_3^2\alpha_4x+\alpha_2^2\alpha_3\alpha_4x+\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_1)^{-3\epsilon-1}$$

- Where we let $t = -1/x$.
- We will compute boundary conditions in the limit $x \rightarrow 0$, which is equivalent to the limit where the mass vanishes.

3-loop banana graph

- We use the method of expansions by regions and `asy.m` to obtain the regions.

- They are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_1 &= \{0, -1, -1, -1\}, & R_2 &= \{0, -1, -1, 0\}, & R_3 &= \{0, 0, 0, 0\}, \\
 R_4 &= \{0, 0, 0, -1\}, & R_5 &= \{0, 1, 1, 0\}, & R_6 &= \{0, 0, 1, 0\}, \\
 R_7 &= \{0, -1, 0, -1\}, & R_8 &= \{0, -1, 0, 0\}, & R_9 &= \{0, 0, 0, 1\}, \\
 R_{10} &= \{0, 1, 1, 1\}, & R_{11} &= \{0, 0, 1, 1\}, & R_{12} &= \{0, 1, 0, 0\}, \\
 R_{13} &= \{0, 0, -1, -1\}, & R_{14} &= \{0, 1, 0, 1\}, & R_{15} &= \{0, 0, -1, 0\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Their contributions work out to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{1111}^{R_1} &\sim x e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)^3, & I_{1111}^{R_2} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_3} &\sim \frac{3e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{3\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^4 \Gamma(3\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-4\epsilon)}, \\
 I_{1111}^{R_4} &\sim \frac{2e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{2\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^3 \Gamma(\epsilon) \Gamma(2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-3\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_5} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_6} &\sim x e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)^3, \\
 I_{1111}^{R_7} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_8} &\sim \frac{2e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{2\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^3 \Gamma(\epsilon) \Gamma(2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-3\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_9} &\sim x e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)^3, \\
 I_{1111}^{R_{10}} &\sim \frac{2e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{2\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^3 \Gamma(\epsilon) \Gamma(2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-3\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_{11}} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_{12}} &\sim x e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)^3, \\
 I_{1111}^{R_{13}} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_{14}} &\sim \frac{e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}, & I_{1111}^{R_{15}} &\sim \frac{2e^{3\gamma\epsilon} \epsilon x^{2\epsilon+1} \Gamma(-\epsilon)^3 \Gamma(\epsilon) \Gamma(2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-3\epsilon)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Summing over all contributions, we obtain the following result:

$$I_{1111}^{\text{banana}} \underset{x \downarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{6e^{3\gamma\epsilon}\epsilon x^{\epsilon+1}\Gamma(-\epsilon)^2\Gamma(\epsilon)^3}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)} + \frac{8e^{3\gamma\epsilon}\epsilon x^{2\epsilon+1}\Gamma(-\epsilon)^3\Gamma(\epsilon)\Gamma(2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-3\epsilon)} + \frac{3e^{3\gamma\epsilon}\epsilon x^{3\epsilon+1}\Gamma(-\epsilon)^4\Gamma(3\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-4\epsilon)} \\ + 4xe^{3\gamma\epsilon}\Gamma(\epsilon)^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^2).$$

$$I_{1110}^{\text{banana}} = e^{3\gamma\epsilon}\Gamma(\epsilon)^3$$

- Next, we show how to obtain results for any values of p^2 using DiffExp

DiffExp

- Typical usage of the package:
 - Set configuration options using the method `LoadConfiguration[opts_]`
 - Prepare a list of boundary conditions using `PrepareBoundaryConditions[bcs_, line_]`
 - Then we can find series solutions along a line using the function:

```
IntegrateSystem[bcsprepared_, line_]
```

- Or one can transport the boundary conditions to a new point using:

```
TransportTo[bcsprepared_, point_]
```

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- Load DiffExp:

```
Get[FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "..", "DiffExp.m"}]]];
```

```
Loading DiffExp version 1.0.2
```

```
Author: Martijn Hidding. Email: hiddingm@tcd.ie.
```

- Set the configuration options and load the matrices

```
EqualMassConfiguration = {  
  DeltaPrescriptions → { $t - 16 + I \delta$ },  
  MatrixDirectory → NotebookDirectory[] <> "Banana_EqualMass_Matrices/",  
  UseMobius → True, UsePade → True  
};
```

```
LoadConfiguration[EqualMassConfiguration];
```

```
DiffExp: Loading matrices.
```

```
DiffExp: Found files: {dt_0.m, dt_1.m, dt_2.m, dt_3.m, dt_4.m}
```

```
DiffExp: Kinematic invariants and masses: { $t$ }
```

```
DiffExp: Getting irreducible factors..
```

```
DiffExp: Configuration updated.
```

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- Prepare the boundary conditions along an asymptotic limit:

```
EqualMassBoundaryConditions = {
  "?",
  "?",
  
$$\epsilon (1 + 3 \epsilon) (1 + 4 \epsilon) \left( -\frac{4 e^{3 \text{EulerGamma} \epsilon} \text{Gamma}[\epsilon]^3}{t} + \frac{6 e^{3 \text{EulerGamma} \epsilon} \left(-\frac{1}{t}\right)^{1+\epsilon} \epsilon \text{Gamma}[-\epsilon]^2 \text{Gamma}[\epsilon]^3}{\text{Gamma}[-2 \epsilon]} + \right.$$


$$\left. \frac{8 e^{3 \text{EulerGamma} \epsilon} \left(-\frac{1}{t}\right)^{1+2 \epsilon} \epsilon \text{Gamma}[-\epsilon]^3 \text{Gamma}[\epsilon] \text{Gamma}[2 \epsilon]}{\text{Gamma}[-3 \epsilon]} + \frac{3 e^{3 \text{EulerGamma} \epsilon} \left(-\frac{1}{t}\right)^{1+3 \epsilon} \epsilon \text{Gamma}[-\epsilon]^4 \text{Gamma}[3 \epsilon]}{\text{Gamma}[-4 \epsilon]} \right),$$

  
$$e^{3 \text{EulerGamma} \epsilon} \epsilon^3 \text{Gamma}[\epsilon]^3$$

  // PrepareBoundaryConditions[#, <|t → -1/x|>] &;
}
```

DiffExp: Integral 1: Ignoring boundary conditions.

DiffExp: Integral 2: Ignoring boundary conditions.

DiffExp: Assuming that integral 3 is exactly zero at epsilon order 0.

DiffExp: Prepared boundary conditions in asymptotic limit, of the form:

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| DiffExp: | $0[x]^{51}$ | $(\dots) x + 0[x]^{3/2}$ | $(\dots) x + 0[x]^{3/2}$ | $(\dots) x + 0[x]^{3/2}$ | $(\dots) x + 0[x]^{3/2}$ |
| | $(\dots) + \sqrt{0[x]}$ | $\sqrt{0[x]}$ | $(\dots) + \sqrt{0[x]}$ | $(\dots) + \sqrt{0[x]}$ | $(\dots) + \sqrt{0[x]}$ |

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- Next, we transport the boundary conditions:

```
Transport1 = TransportTo[EqualMassBoundaryConditions, <|t → -1|>];
```

```
Transport2 = TransportTo[Transport1, <|t → x|>, 32, True];
```

```
DiffExp: Transporting boundary conditions along  $\left\langle \left| t \rightarrow -\frac{1}{x} \right| \right\rangle$  from  $x = 0.$  to  $x = 1.$ 
```

```
DiffExp: Preparing partial derivative matrices along current line..
```

```
DiffExp: Determining positions of singularities and branch-cuts.
```

```
DiffExp: Possible singularities along line at positions {0.}.
```

```
DiffExp: Analyzing integration segments.
```

```
DiffExp: Segments to integrate: 3.
```

```
DiffExp: Integrating segment:  $\left\langle \left| t \rightarrow \frac{8. (-1. + 1. x)}{x} \right| \right\rangle.$ 
```

```
DiffExp: Integrated segment 1 out of 3 in 20.8565 seconds.
```

```
DiffExp: Evaluating at  $x = 0.0625$ 
```

```
DiffExp: Current segment error estimate:  $5.14483 \times 10^{-31}$ 
```

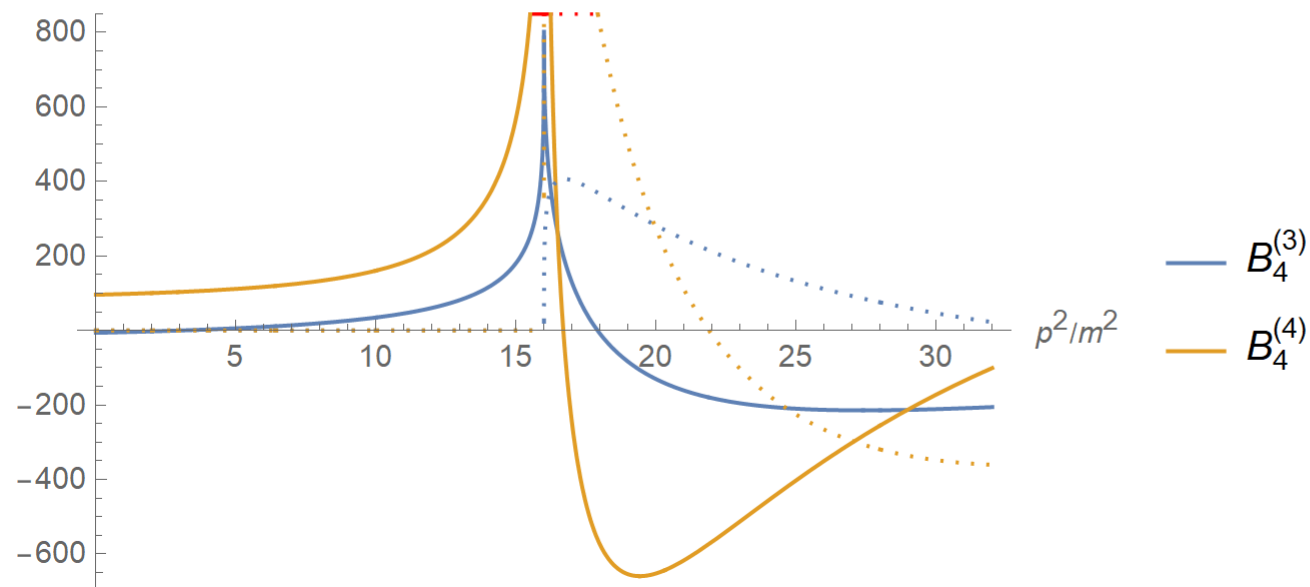
```
DiffExp: Total error estimate:  $5.14483 \times 10^{-31}$ 
```

```
DiffExp: Integrating segment:  $\left\langle \left| t \rightarrow \frac{8. (-1. + 1. x)}{x} \right| \right\rangle.$ 
```

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- Lastly, we plot the result:

```
ResultsForPlotting = ToPiecewise[Transport2];
Quiet[ReImPlot[{ResultsForPlotting[[3, 4]][x], ResultsForPlotting[[3, 5]][x]}, {x, 0, 32},
  ClippingStyle → Red, PlotLegends → {"B4(3)", "B4(4)"}, AxesLabel → {"p2/m2"}, PlotRange → {-700, 850},
  MaxRecursion → 15, WorkingPrecision → 100]]
```



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- Timing:
 - Moving from $p^2 = -\infty$ to $p^2 = 30$ at a precision of 25 digits takes about 90 sec, where we computed the top sector integrals up to and including order ϵ^3 .
 - Moving from $p^2 = -\infty$ to $p^2 = 30$ at a precision of 100 digits takes a bit under 20 min, where we computed the top sector integrals up to and including order ϵ^3 .
 - Obtaining 100+ digits at $p^2 = -100$ up to and including order ϵ^3 takes about 2.5 min.
- $B_3^{(k)}$:

0

4.082413202704059607801991461045097339855501253774222434496563798314848283907330199489603248642178129
 -0.7713150915227857546258559692543676298350939151980774607908277236769934490973612004866036340787026038
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- In the unequal mass case, we may choose the “precanonical” basis:

$$\vec{B}^{\text{banana}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon I_{1122}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon I_{1212}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon I_{1221}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon I_{2112}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon I_{2121}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon I_{2211}^{\text{banana}}, \\ \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)I_{1112}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)I_{1121}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)I_{1211}^{\text{banana}}, \\ \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)I_{2111}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon(1+3\epsilon)(1+4\epsilon)I_{1111}^{\text{banana}}, \\ \epsilon^3 I_{0111}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon^3 I_{1011}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon^3 I_{1101}^{\text{banana}}, \epsilon^3 I_{1110}^{\text{banana}} \end{array} \right\}$$

- The unequal mass case is significantly more difficult to compute for DiffExp, due to the presence of 11 coupled master integrals.
- The series expansions grow wildly at intermediate stages of the calculations, which puts the linear algebra routines off track.
- Therefore, we must work at a high working precision (1000+), and rescale the line parameters in a way that the series coefficients don't become too large at high orders

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- We provide 55 digits of basis integral B_{11} below, in the point

$$(p^2 = 50, m_1^2 = 2, m_2^2 = 3/2, m_3^2 = 4/3, m_4^2 = 1)$$

$$B_{11}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$B_{11}^{(1)} = 5.1972521136965043170129578538563652405618939122389078645 \\ + i \, 6.8755169535390207501370685645538902299559024551830956594$$

$$B_{11}^{(2)} = -17.9580108112094060899523361698928478948780687053899075733 \\ + i \, 31.7436703633693090908402932299011971913508950649494231047$$

$$B_{11}^{(3)} = -121.5101152068177565203392807541216084962880772908306370668 \\ - i \, 40.7690762360202766453775999917172226537428258529145754746$$

$$B_{11}^{(4)} = 125.6113388023605534745593764004798958232118632681257073923 \\ - i \, 229.9200257172388589952062757571215176834471783495112755027$$

- This point can be obtained in about 23 min.

4-Loop banana graph

- We can also compute higher loop banana graphs.

$$I_{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}^{\text{banana}} = \left(\frac{e^{\gamma_E \epsilon}}{i\pi^{d/2}} \right)^4 (m^2)^{a-2(2-2\epsilon)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^5 \int d^d k_i \right) D_1^{-a_1} D_2^{-a_2} D_3^{-a_3} D_4^{-a_4} D_5^{-a_5}$$

$$D_1 = -k_1^2 + m^2, \quad D_2 = -k_2^2 + m^2, \quad D_3 = -k_3^2 + m^2$$

$$D_4 = -k_4^2 + m^2, \quad D_5 = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + p_1)^2 + m^2$$

- We consider the following basis of “precanonical” masters:

$$B_1 = \epsilon I_{11222}^{\text{banana}}$$

$$B_2 = \epsilon(2\epsilon + 1) I_{11122}^{\text{banana}}$$

$$B_3 = \epsilon(2\epsilon + 1)(4\epsilon + 1) I_{11112}^{\text{banana}}$$

$$B_4 = \epsilon(2\epsilon + 1)(4\epsilon + 1)(5\epsilon + 1) I_{11111}^{\text{banana}}$$

$$B_5 = \epsilon^4 I_{11110}^{\text{banana}}$$

4-Loop banana graph

- We may find boundary conditions by imposing the vanishing of non-physical singularities.
- This allows a determination of the integrals completely from the differential equations, without any need for asymptotic expansions.
- This follows the approach of:
 - [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti, Mitev, Wasser, 1809.06240]
 - [Abreu, Ita, Moriello, Page, Tschernow, Zeng, 2005.04195]
- First, we need to provide an overall normalization for the basis. This is provided by the tadpole integral which is equal to: $I_{11110}^{\text{banana}} = e^{4\gamma_E \epsilon} \epsilon^4 \Gamma(\epsilon)^4$

4-Loop banana graph

- Then we do the following:
 - We compute the general solution of the top sector integrals at $t = 0$.
 - The expansions contain powers of logarithms, we set their coefficients to zero, which solves some of the indeterminate constants.
 - Next, we transport and center an expansion at $t = 1$. There are again logarithms in the expansions, and we set their coefficients to zero.
 - We repeat this a final time and get rid of a non-physical singularity at $t = 9$.
- Only the physical singularity at $t = 25$ remains at the end and all coefficients are fixed

4-Loop banana graph

- Our original expansion was centered at $t = 0$, where we now find the results:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 0.5626161626035411 | 0.3475481638835365 | 1.911555944481455 | 0.2718352134528369 |
| 0 | 1.923605373745244 | 0.6752648394943755 | 6.876325052991839 | -1.339280364786555 |
| 0 | 7.989117602399249 | 10.23095239518146 | 7.206853721986161 | 86.05832181407076 |
| 0 | 39.94558801199625 | 91.10034998790354 | -72.59332146214688 | 900.8362379685953 |
| 1.0000000000000000 | 0 | 3.289868133696453 | -1.602742537546126 | 6.493939402266829 |

- Or, moving to the point $t = 50$, we have:

| | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0 | $-0.127301395 + 0.060055594 i$ | $0.44510796 + 0.05196919 i$ | $-3.6356361 + 2.3160967 i$ | $-3.337360 - 16.053530 i$ |
| 0 | $-0.6629555 + 1.5090835 i$ | $-4.6446551 - 6.2746996 i$ | $24.255982 - 2.263457 i$ | $-9.971355 + 57.386664 i$ |
| 0 | $4.6398127 + 9.9513277 i$ | $-41.998524 + 31.366660 i$ | $-130.68313 - 120.45461 i$ | $327.35602 - 310.64441 i$ |
| 0 | $50.934939 + 28.927728 i$ | $77.63780 + 297.73512 i$ | $-952.72123 + 736.44670 i$ | $-1977.1722 - 1153.1457 i$ |
| 1.0000000 | 0 | 3.2898681 | -1.6027425 | 6.4939394 |

Special functions (extra)

- As a simple exercise, we can also use DiffExp for evaluating MPLs. For example:

$$\partial_z \begin{pmatrix} G(1, 2; z) \\ G(2; z) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{t-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{t-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G(1, 2; z) \\ G(2; z) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- For which the boundary conditions are (0,0,1) at $z = 0$.
- After building a wrapper function, we can evaluate any MPL:

```
G[1, 2, 3] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
```

```
{0.210704, (-3.770321147614654297611933 + 0. × 10-27 i) + 9.59146 × 10-25 pm}
```

```
G[-1 + I, 1 / 2, 1 / 4] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
```

```
{0.224892, (-0.037843655542722548767317976280272 - 0.032401313158193018998614285553716 i) + 2.91955 × 10-34 pm}
```

Special functions (extra)

- Under normal circumstances, the timing lacks (considerably) behind GiNaC.
- But, in certain edge cases, we can beat GiNaC:

```
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
  11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20] /. G → GEvaluate // AbsoluteTiming
{1.08976, (1.60952262244033111588101496665449269230020513047 + 0. × 10-49 i) + 3.70371 × 10-48 pm}
{1.67828, (0. × 10-49 + 0.71789987161399442910474431842108605646469682529 i) + 5.19787 × 10-48 pm}
{2.41852, (-0.26582341298336027219930343877387480773417067112 + 0. × 10-50 i) + 4.73081 × 10-48 pm}
{3.32486, (0. × 10-49 - 0.084172382298875420168544610304946321745592846631 i) + 2.6084 × 10-48 pm}
{4.45558, (0.023286104182601022207577211044712620080786210006 + 0. × 10-51 i) + 6.62625 × 10-49 pm}
{26.3489, (0. × 10-57 - 4.6560546132501809204467164540854133971365381 × 10-11 i) + 3.59355 × 10-55 pm}
```

```
Ginsh[G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], {x → x}] // AbsoluteTiming
Ginsh[G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6], {x → x}] // AbsoluteTiming
Ginsh[G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7], {x → x}] // AbsoluteTiming
Ginsh[G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], {x → x}] // AbsoluteTiming
Ginsh[G[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], {x → x}] // AbsoluteTiming
{0.091646, 1.6095226224403311158810149666544926923}
{0.390622, 0.71789987161399442910474431842108605647 i}
{2.40738, -0.26582341298336027219930343877387480812}
{14.3798, -0.0841723822988754201685446103049463215116 i}
{84.4906, 0.023286104182601022207577211044712622530}
```

Special functions (extra)

- We can also evaluate generalized hypergeometric functions, such as the Appell functions. For example, we have with $F_1(x, y) \equiv F_1(a, b_1, b_2, c; x, y)$

$$x(1-x)\frac{\partial^2 F_1(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + y(1-x)\frac{\partial^2 F_1(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + [c - (a + b_1 + 1)x]\frac{\partial F_1(x, y)}{\partial x} - b_1 y \frac{\partial F_1(x, y)}{\partial y} - ab_1 F_1(x, y) = 0$$

$$y(1-y)\frac{\partial^2 F_1(x, y)}{\partial y^2} + x(1-y)\frac{\partial^2 F_1(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + [c - (a + b_2 + 1)y]\frac{\partial F_1(x, y)}{\partial y} - b_2 x \frac{\partial F_1(x, y)}{\partial x} - ab_2 F_1(x, y) = 0$$

- This can be combined into:
- $$\partial_x \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_y F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_x F_1(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{b_1}{x-y} & \frac{b_2}{x-y} \\ \frac{ab_1}{x-x^2} & \frac{(-1+y)y b_1}{(-1+x)x(x-y)} & -\frac{-c+x+ax+xb_1+\frac{(-1+x)y b_2}{x-y}}{(-1+x)x} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_y F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_x F_1(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$
- $$\partial_y \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_y F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_x F_1(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{ab_2}{y-y^2} & \frac{(x-xy)b_1+(x-y)(-c+y+ay+y b_2)}{(-1+y)y(-x+y)} & \frac{(-1+x)x b_2}{(-1+y)y(-x+y)} \\ 0 & -\frac{b_1}{x-y} & \frac{b_2}{x-y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_y F_1(x, y) \\ \partial_x F_1(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

Special functions (extra)


- Using the boundary conditions $(1, ab_2/c, ab_1/c)$ at $x = y = 0$, we may use DiffExp to evaluate the Appell F1 for arbitrary (real) x, y .
- For example, $F_1(1, 1/2, -3/2, 5; 3/20, 1/2)$:

```
F1BoundaryConditions = {1,  $\frac{ab_2}{c}$ ,  $\frac{ab_1}{c}$ } /. {a → 1, b1 → 1/2, b2 → -3/2, c → 5} //
```

```
PrepareBoundaryConditions[#, {x1 → 3/20 x, y1 → 1/2 x}] &;
```

```
Res = TransportTo[F1BoundaryConditions, F1BoundaryConditions[[1]]]; // EchoTiming
```

```
Res[[2, 1, 1]] + pm Res[[3, 1, 1]] // N[#, 40] &
```

```
 0.437219
```

```
4]= 0.8683725567150101477163534326556218507347 + 1.78536 × 10-34 pm
```

- Although the timing is not competitive with other methods, this approach might be straightforward to generalize to other hypergeometric functions. In addition, we can do ϵ expansions of HGFs. Lastly, the analytic continuation is straightforward in this approach.

Conclusion

- Series expansion methods provide an efficient way to evaluate Feynman integrals
- Series expansion methods allow for obtaining high-precision numerical results for beyond elliptic type integrals
- The Mathematica package DiffExp can be used for computing user-provided systems of differential equations



Thank you for listening!