

A geometric approach to sector decomposition

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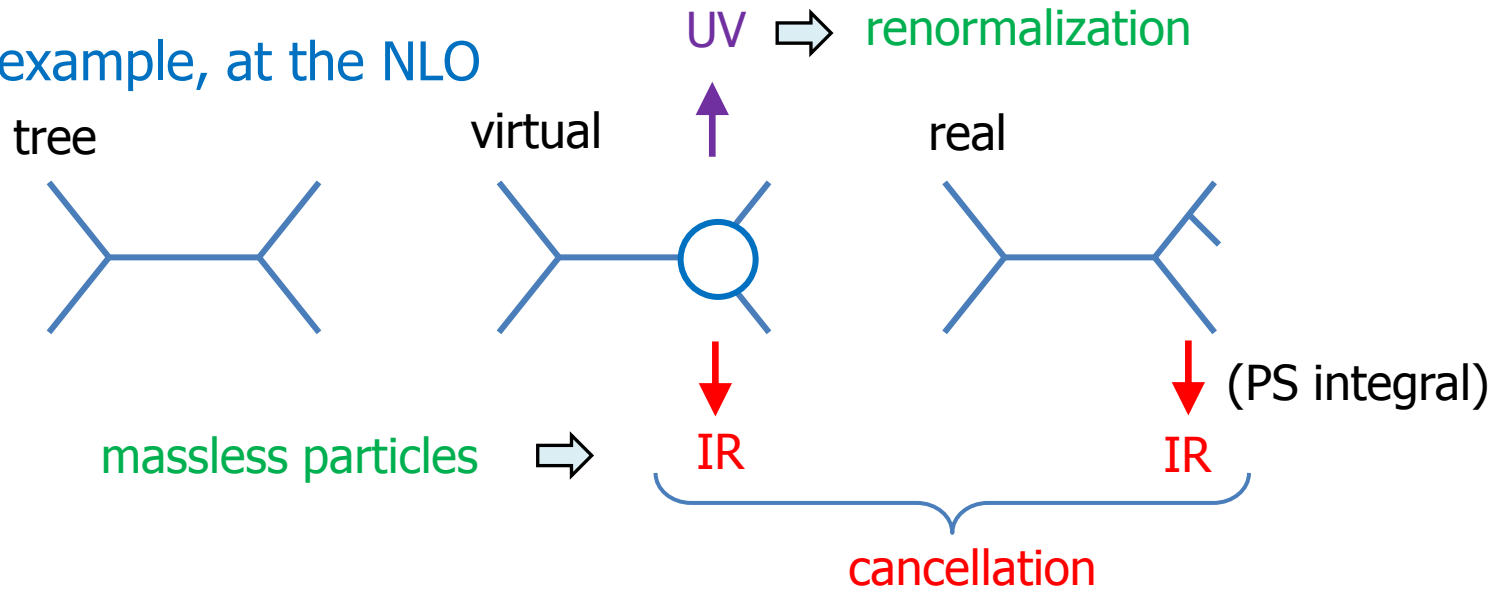
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(# of generated sectors)
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Introduction

- LHC has restarted !!
- High precision experiments require high precision theoretical calculations

For example, at the NLO



Separation of IR divergences

- NNLO, N³LO, ... \Rightarrow much complicated

Separation of Divergences

- One-dimensional integration example:

if singularities are factored out as $x^{-m+n\epsilon}$

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{\boxed{x^{1-\epsilon}}} \quad \text{singular when } x \rightarrow 0 \quad f(x) : \text{finite} \quad \epsilon \rightarrow +0$$

$$= \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(0)}{x^{1-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x^{1-\epsilon}}$$

Assume IR divergences are dimensionally regularized

$$= \frac{f(0)}{\boxed{\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dx x^\epsilon \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x}$$

pole

non-singular at $x \rightarrow 0$

- Question: How can we factor out divergences from multi-dimensional integration?

e.g., $\int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{f(x, y)}{\boxed{(x + y)^{2-\epsilon}}} \quad \text{singular when simultaneously } x, y \rightarrow 0$

$f(x, y) : \text{finite} \quad \epsilon \rightarrow +0$

- Answer: **sector decomposition**

T.Binoth & G.Heinrich, Nucl.Phys.B585 (2000) 741; 680 (2004) 375; 693 (2004) 134
cf. G.Heinrich, Int.J.Mod.Phys.A23 (2008) 1457

Sector Decomposition

- Sector decomposition disentangles overlapping singularities in multi-dimensional integration

$f(x, y) : \text{finite} \quad \epsilon \rightarrow +0$

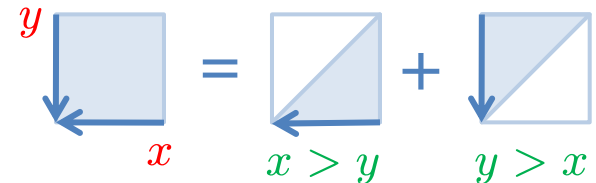
$$\int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{f(x, y)}{(x+y)^{2-\epsilon}}$$

singular when
simultaneously $x, y \rightarrow 0$

Split integration domain

$$= \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy \frac{f(x, y)}{(x+y)^{2-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dy \int_0^y dx \frac{f(x, y)}{(x+y)^{2-\epsilon}}$$

$x > y$ $y > x$



Remap to [0:1] $y \rightarrow x\tilde{y}$

Similarly
 $x \rightarrow \tilde{x}y$

Factor out x

$$= \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 d\tilde{y} x \tilde{y} \frac{f(x, x\tilde{y})}{(x+x\tilde{y})^{2-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 d\tilde{x} \int_0^1 dy \tilde{x} y \frac{f(\tilde{x}y, y)}{(\tilde{x}y+y)^{2-\epsilon}}$$

$$= \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 d\tilde{y} \frac{1}{x^{1-\epsilon}} \frac{f(x, x\tilde{y})}{(1+\tilde{y})^{2-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 d\tilde{x} \int_0^1 dy \frac{1}{y^{1-\epsilon}} \frac{f(\tilde{x}y, y)}{(1+\tilde{x})^{2-\epsilon}}$$

singular behavior is factorized as powers of one variable

non-singular $x \rightarrow 0$

- Then poles are extracted as

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x)}{x^{1-\epsilon}} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(0)}{x^{1-\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 dx \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x^{1-\epsilon}} = \frac{f(0)}{\epsilon} + \int_0^1 dx x^\epsilon \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x}$$

singular when $x \rightarrow 0$

pole

non-singular at $x \rightarrow 0$

Iterated Sector Decomposition

- For more complicated case

$$\int_0^1 dx_1 \cdots \int_0^1 dx_n \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\left[\text{polynomial of } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \right]^{\alpha + \beta \epsilon}}$$

singular when simultaneously some of $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow 0$

- Iteration
- Choose a set of (x_i, x_j, \dots) from (x_1, \dots, x_n) appropriately
 - Split integration domain, e.g. $(x_i > x_j, \dots)$, and remap to $[0, 1]$
- Is it trivial ?

⇒ Finally, all singularities are factored out (if iterations terminate), and one gets sum of

$$\int_0^1 d\tilde{x}_1 \cdots \int_0^1 d\tilde{x}_n \frac{\tilde{x}_1^{a_1 + b_1 \epsilon} \cdots \tilde{x}_n^{a_n + b_n \epsilon}}{f(\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n)} \times \frac{\left[(\text{const.}) + \text{polynomial of } (\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) \right]^{\alpha + \beta \epsilon}}{\text{non-singular}}$$

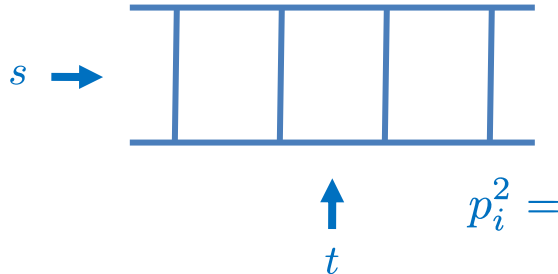
singular behavior is factorized

After ϵ -expansion, coefficients of Laurent series are IR finite, and can be evaluated by Monte Carlo integration

$$\text{e.g., } I = \frac{C_2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{C_1}{\epsilon} + C_0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

How to Split Sectors (Sector Decomposition Strategy)

- How to choose sectors to be divided; $(d = 4 - 2\epsilon)$
i.e., choice of a set of (x_i, x_j, \dots) from (x_1, \dots, x_n)


 $= 2\Gamma(4 + 3\epsilon) \int_0^1 d^9 x \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{U}}^{2+4\epsilon}}{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{4+3\epsilon}} + (3 \text{ terms})$

massless on-shell planar triple box

$$\tilde{\mathcal{U}} = x_6*x_9 + x_6*x_8 + x_6*x_7 + x_5*x_9 + x_5*x_8 + x_5*x_7 + x_5*x_6 + x_4*x_9 + x_4*x_8 + x_4*x_7 + x_4*x_6 + x_3*x_9 + x_3*x_8 + x_3*x_7 + x_3*x_6 + x_3*x_6*x_9 + x_3*x_6*x_8 + x_3*x_6*x_7 + x_3*x_5*x_9 + x_3*x_5*x_8 + x_3*x_5*x_7 + x_3*x_5*x_6 + x_3*x_4*x_9 + x_3*x_4*x_8 + x_3*x_4*x_7 + x_3*x_4*x_6 + x_2*x_6*x_9 + x_2*x_6*x_8 + x_2*x_6*x_7 + x_2*x_5*x_9 + x_2*x_5*x_8 + x_2*x_5*x_7 + x_2*x_5*x_6 + x_2*x_4*x_9 + x_2*x_4*x_8 + x_2*x_4*x_7 + x_2*x_4*x_6 + x_2*x_3*x_9 + x_2*x_3*x_8 + x_2*x_3*x_7 + x_2*x_3*x_6 + x_1*x_6*x_9 + x_1*x_6*x_8 + x_1*x_6*x_7 + x_1*x_5*x_9 + x_1*x_5*x_8 + x_1*x_5*x_7 + x_1*x_5*x_6 + x_1*x_4*x_9 + x_1*x_4*x_8 + x_1*x_4*x_7 + x_1*x_4*x_6 + x_1*x_3*x_9 + x_1*x_3*x_8 + x_1*x_3*x_7 + x_1*x_3*x_6$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = -x_6*x_7*x_8*s - x_5*x_7*x_8*s - x_5*x_6*x_7*s - x_4*x_7*x_8*s - x_4*x_6*x_8*s - x_4*x_5*x_9*s - x_4*x_5*x_8*s - x_4*x_5*x_7*s - x_4*x_5*x_6*s - x_3*x_7*x_8*s - x_3*x_6*x_9*t - x_3*x_6*x_7*x_8*s - x_3*x_5*x_7*x_8*s - x_3*x_5*x_6*x_7*s - x_3*x_4*x_7*x_8*s - x_3*x_4*x_6*x_8*s - x_3*x_4*x_5*x_9*s - x_3*x_4*x_5*x_8*s - x_3*x_4*x_5*x_7*s - x_3*x_4*x_5*x_6*s - x_2*x_6*x_7*x_8*s - x_2*x_5*x_7*x_8*s - x_2*x_5*x_6*x_7*s - x_2*x_4*x_7*x_8*s - x_2*x_4*x_6*x_8*s - x_2*x_4*x_5*x_9*s - x_2*x_4*x_5*x_8*s - x_2*x_4*x_5*x_7*s - x_2*x_4*x_5*x_6*s - x_2*x_3*x_7*x_8*s - x_2*x_3*x_6*x_7*s - x_2*x_3*x_4*x_9*s - x_2*x_3*x_4*x_8*s - x_2*x_3*x_4*x_7*s - x_2*x_3*x_4*x_6*s - x_1*x_6*x_7*x_8*s - x_1*x_5*x_7*x_8*s - x_1*x_5*x_6*x_7*s - x_1*x_4*x_7*x_8*s - x_1*x_4*x_6*x_8*s - x_1*x_4*x_5*x_9*s - x_1*x_4*x_5*x_8*s - x_1*x_4*x_5*x_7*s - x_1*x_4*x_5*x_6*s - x_1*x_3*x_7*x_8*s - x_1*x_3*x_6*x_8*s - x_1*x_3*x_5*x_9*s - x_1*x_3*x_5*x_8*s - x_1*x_3*x_5*x_7*s - x_1*x_3*x_5*x_6*s - x_1*x_2*x_6*x_9*s - x_1*x_2*x_6*x_8*s - x_1*x_2*x_6*x_7*s - x_1*x_2*x_5*x_9*s - x_1*x_2*x_5*x_8*s - x_1*x_2*x_5*x_7*s - x_1*x_2*x_5*x_6*s - x_1*x_2*x_4*x_9*s - x_1*x_2*x_4*x_8*s - x_1*x_2*x_4*x_7*s - x_1*x_2*x_4*x_6*s - x_1*x_2*x_3*x_9*s - x_1*x_2*x_3*x_8*s - x_1*x_2*x_3*x_7*s - x_1*x_2*x_3*x_6*s$$

Is it trivial...? **NO**, especially in higher orders

of Sectors Heavily Depends on How SD is Performed !!

- # of generated sectors by different strategies

not guaranteed to terminate

Diagram	A	B	C	S	X
Box	12	12	12	12	12
Double box	755	586	586	362	<u>293</u>
Triple box	<u>M</u>	114256	114256	22657	<u>10155</u>
D420	8898	564	564	<u>180</u>	F

Table in A.V. Smirnov & M.N. Tentyukov, Comput.Phys.Commun.180 (2009) 735

Memory overflow (8GB)

A: based on work of Zeillinger (2005)

B: based on work of Spivakovsky (1983)

C: Bogner & Weinzierl (2008)

S: A.Smirnov (2008)

SS: Smirnov's (2009)

X: heuristic strategy; e.g., Binoth & Heinrich (2000)

Failed

- # of sectors = efficiency of Monte Carlo integration

We want a method to sector decomposition which

- is guaranteed to terminate
- gives small a number of sectors as possible

Geometric Method: Overview

- Consider a polynomial T.Kaneko & TU, Comput.Phys.Commun.181 (2010) 1352

$$Q(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2^4 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^4 x_2$$

and the following sector decomposition

$$\int_0^1 d^2 x [Q(x_1, x_2)]^\beta = \int_0^1 d^2 x \underbrace{(x_1 x_2^4 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^4 x_2)^\beta}_{\text{vanishes when } x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \\ \text{SD} \end{array} \sum \int_0^1 d^2 x \underbrace{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2}}_{\text{singular behavior is factorized}} \underbrace{(1 + \dots)^\beta}_{\text{nonzero at } x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 0} \quad (\text{our goal})$$

Let's see that sector decomposition can be interpreted as a set of problems in geometry

Geometric Method: Overview (cont'd)

● Key observation

$$Q = x_1 x_2^4 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^4 x_2$$

$$\int_0^1 d^2 x = \int_0^1 d^2 x \theta(x_1 x_2^4 > x_1^2 x_2^2, x_1^4 x_2) + \int_0^1 d^2 x \theta(x_1^2 x_2^2 > x_1 x_2^4, x_1^4 x_2) + \int_0^1 d^2 x \theta(x_1^4 x_2 > x_1 x_2^4, x_1^2 x_2^2)$$

Region I: 1st. term is dominant

Region II: 2nd. term is dominant

Region III: 3rd. term is dominant

In Region I:

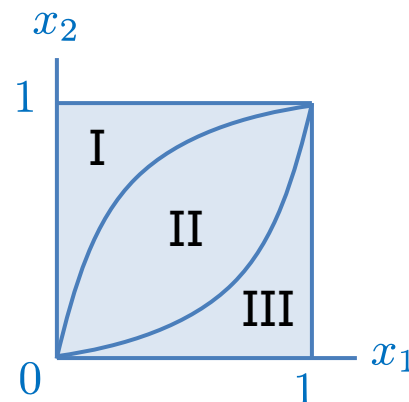
$$\int_0^1 d^2 x (\underline{x_1 x_2^4} + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^4 x_2)^\beta \times \theta(x_1 x_2^4 > x_1^2 x_2^2, x_1^4 x_2)$$

$$= \int_0^1 d^2 x \underbrace{x_1^\beta x_2^{4\beta}}_{\text{singular behavior is factorized}} \left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{x_1^2 x_2^2}{x_1 x_2^4} + \frac{x_1^4 x_2}{x_1 x_2^4}}_{\text{finite at } x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 0} \right)^\beta \times \theta(x_1 x_2^4 > x_1^2 x_2^2, x_1^4 x_2)$$

singular behavior
is factorized

finite at
 $x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 0$

Then, proper transform of
integration variables



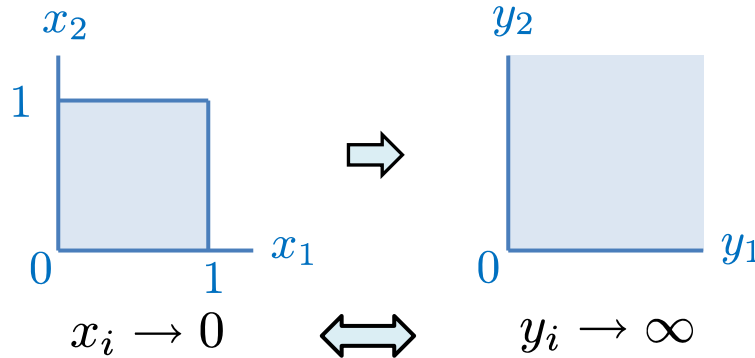
● Sector decomposition can be done by

- 1. Finding/splitting regions in which each term is dominant
- 2. Finding proper transform of integration variables for each region

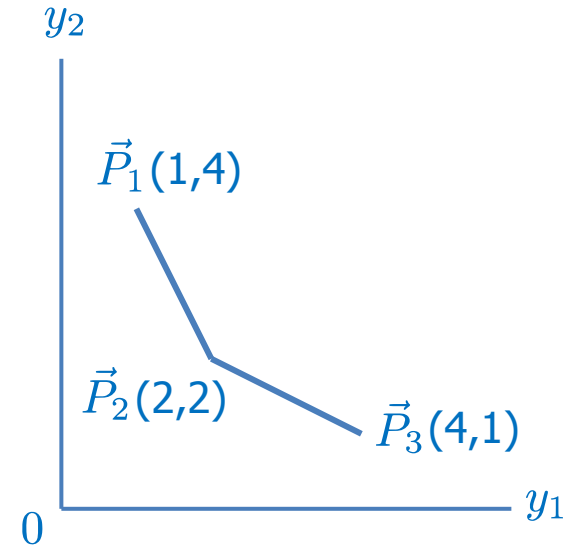
Note: No iterations

Geometric Method: Step 1 (1/3)

- 1. Finding/splitting regions in which each term is dominant
- Change variable $x_i = e^{-y_i}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= x_1 x_2^4 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^4 x_2 \\
 &= e^{-(y_1 + 4y_2)} + e^{-(2y_1 + 2y_2)} + e^{-(4y_1 + y_2)} \\
 &\equiv e^{-\vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-\vec{P}_2 \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-\vec{P}_3 \cdot \vec{y}}
 \end{aligned}$$



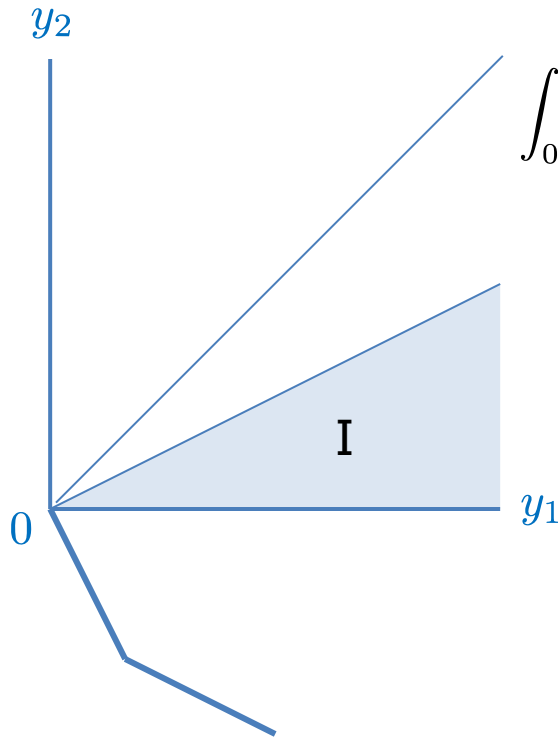
$$\vec{P}_1 = (1, 4) \quad \vec{P}_2 = (2, 2) \quad \vec{P}_3 = (4, 1) \quad \vec{y} = (y_1, y_2)$$

- Then 1st. term is dominant $e^{-\vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{y}} > e^{-\vec{P}_2 \cdot \vec{y}}, e^{-\vec{P}_3 \cdot \vec{y}}$ at $y_i \rightarrow \infty$

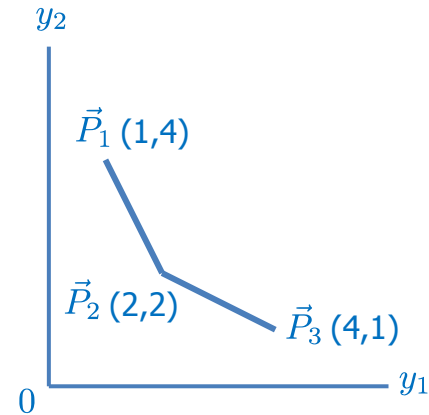
$$\text{if } \vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{y} < \vec{P}_2 \cdot \vec{y}, \vec{P}_3 \cdot \vec{y} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} (\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y} > 0 \\ (\vec{P}_3 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y} > 0 \end{cases}$$

Geometric Method: Step 1 (2/3)

- **Region I:** $(\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y} > 0$ and $(\vec{P}_3 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y} > 0$

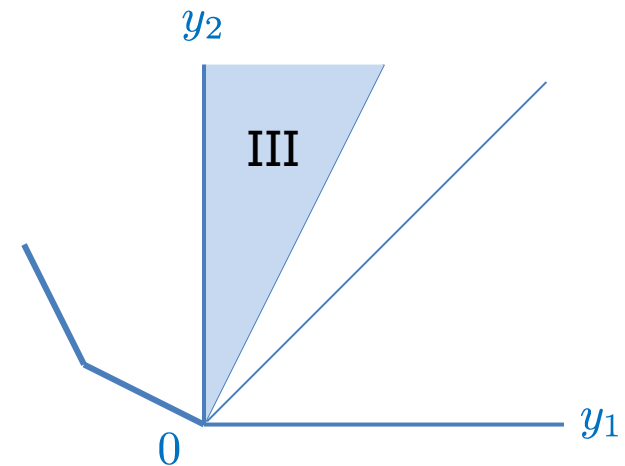
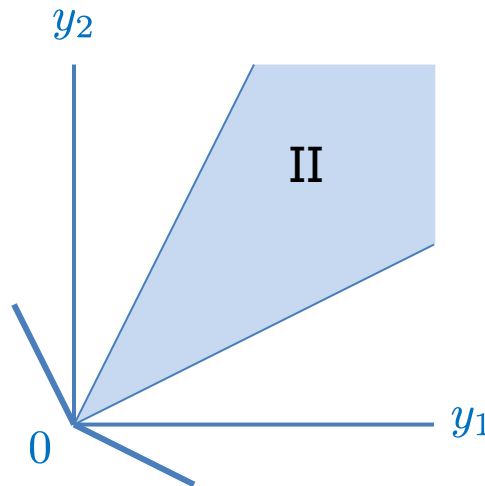


$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 d^2x [Q(x_1, x_2)]^\beta \\ &= \int_0^\infty d^2y e^{-\vec{1} \cdot \vec{y}} \left(e^{-\vec{P}_1 \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-\vec{P}_2 \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-\vec{P}_3 \cdot \vec{y}} \right)^\beta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty d^2y e^{-(\beta \vec{P}_1 + \vec{1}) \cdot \vec{y}} \left[1 + \underbrace{e^{-(\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-(\vec{P}_3 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y}}}_{\text{finite}} \right]^\beta \\ &\quad \times \theta(\vec{y} \in \Delta_I) \end{aligned}$$



$$\vec{1} = (1, 1)$$

Similarly, Region II and III can be found as



Geometric Method: Step 1 (3/3)

- More generally

n -variable polynomial Q

\Rightarrow points in n -dimensional space $Z^P = (\vec{P}_1, \vec{P}_2, \dots)$

- Region in which i -th term is dominant is

$$\Delta_i^P = \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \mid (\vec{P}_j - \vec{P}_i) \cdot \vec{y} \geq 0, \forall \vec{P}_j \in Z^P \}$$

- We can construct it by using knowledge of **computational geometry**

Convex polyhedral cone for a finite set S :

$$C(S) := \left\{ \sum_{\vec{v} \in S} r_{\vec{v}} \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid r_{\vec{v}} \geq 0, \forall \vec{v} \in S \right\}$$

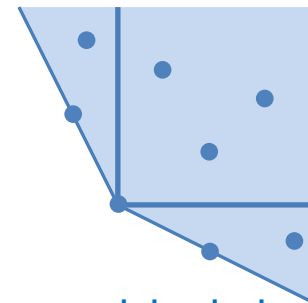
Dual cone of convex polyhedral cone C :

$$C(S)^\vee := \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \vec{v} \cdot \vec{y} \geq 0, \forall \vec{v} \in C(S) \}$$

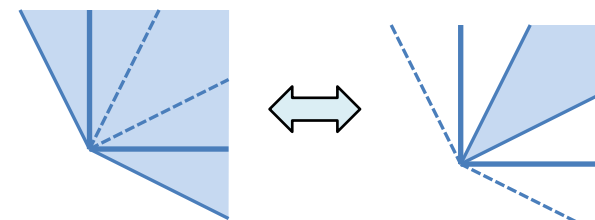
- In our case:

$$\Delta_i^P = C(Z_i^P)^\vee \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \quad Z_i^P = (\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_i, \vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_i, \dots)$$

These objects are **uniquely** obtained by algorithms in **computational geometry**



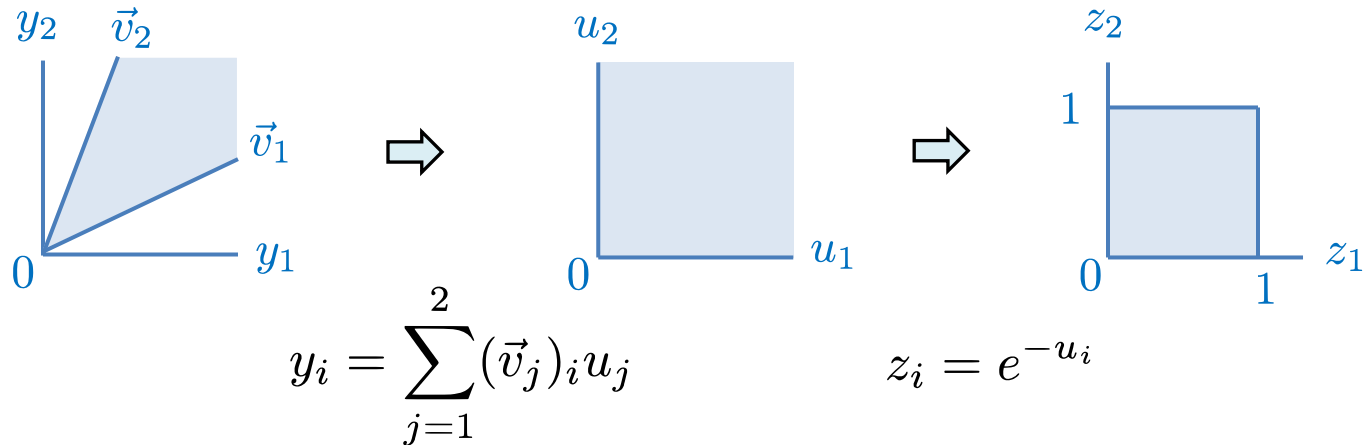
convex polyhedral cone



dual cone

Geometric Method: Step 2 (1/2)

- 2. Finding proper transform of integration variables for each region
- For 2-dimensional space



Then we complete sector decomposition

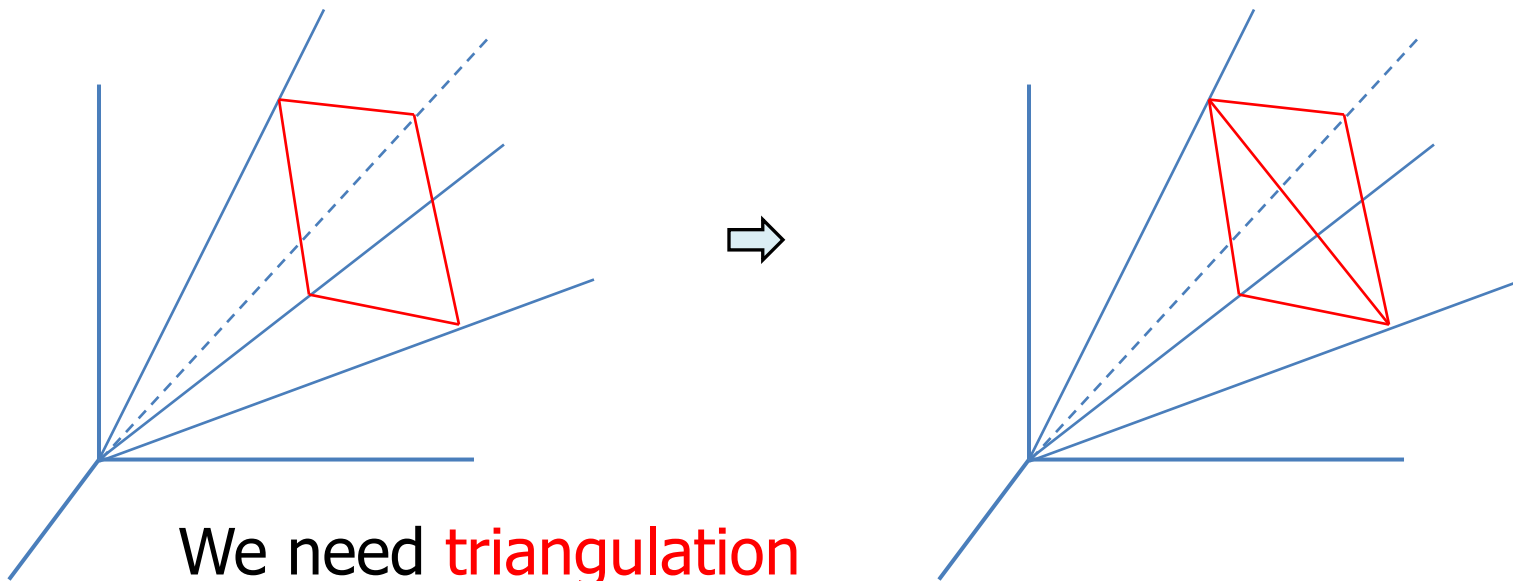
$$\int_0^\infty d^2 y e^{-(\beta \vec{P}_1 + \vec{1}) \cdot \vec{y}} \left[1 + e^{-(\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y}} + e^{-(\vec{P}_3 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{y}} \right]^\beta \times \theta(\vec{y} \in \Delta_I)$$

$$= |\det V| \int_0^1 d^2 z \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^2 z_i^{(\beta \vec{P}_1 + \vec{1}) \cdot \vec{v}_i - 1}}_{\text{red wavy line}} \left[1 + \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^2 z_i^{(\vec{P}_2 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_i}}_{\text{blue wavy line}} + \prod_{i=1}^2 z_i^{(\vec{P}_3 - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_i} \right]^\beta$$

$$V = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2) \quad \text{For region I, } \Delta_I : \quad \vec{v}_1 = (3, 0) \quad \vec{v}_2 = (2, 1)$$

Geometric Method: Step 2 (2/2)

- 3- or higher dimensional spaces, regions are not simplex



- Then, perform transform of integration variables:

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (\vec{v}_j)_i u_j \quad z_i = e^{-u_i}$$

- Note: How to triangulate polyhedral cones
(and # generated simplexes) is **not unique**

Test Implementation

- Our test implementation
 - Dual cone construction
 - Convex hull - Incremental algorithm
 - Triangulation
 - Our own simple algorithm; Neither unique, nor optimum
 - Written in Python (and very slow)

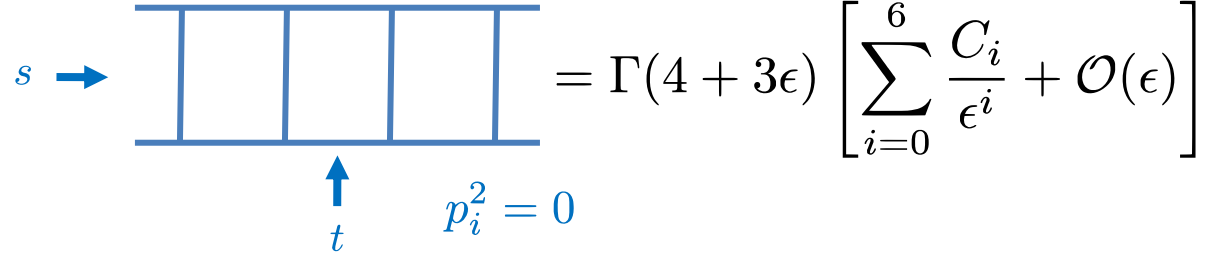
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Our method gives less number of sectors than other methods !!

An Example Calculation

- On-shell triple box



$$= \Gamma(4 + 3\epsilon) \left[\sum_{i=0}^6 \frac{C_i}{\epsilon^i} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

Taking symmetries into account, Strategy X and our method generate

Strategy X : 4143 terms (ratio ~ 1.55)
 Out method : 2670 terms

	Strategy X		Our method		Exact value
C_6	0.098765 (± 0.000004)	1.4s	0.098765 (± 0.000003)	0.7s	0.098765
C_5	-0.767001 (± 0.000027)	10.7s	-0.767001 (± 0.000033)	4.4s	-0.767001
C_4	1.977227 (± 0.000156)	2.9m	1.977224 (± 0.000326)	1.1m	1.977227
C_3	-0.753089 (± 0.001144)	26.6m	-0.753088 (± 0.001192)	10.1m	-0.753080
C_2	-4.749675 (± 0.006682)	2.5h	-4.749694 (± 0.003523)	1.3h	-4.749610
C_1	2.016040 (± 0.042107)	6.9h	2.016607 (± 0.014341)	4.1h	2.016790
C_0	21.673992 (± 0.268047)	16.4h	21.692735 (± 0.067518)	9.9h	21.692455

$s = -1$, $t = -3$, integrated by Cuba1.7 (Vegas) 10Mpts, Xeon X5560 (2.80GHz) x 8cores

16.4h / 9.9h ~ 1.66

Analytical result: V.A. Smirnov, Phys.Lett.B567 (2003) 193

Summary

- Sector decomposition is used for the **separation of divergences** from multi-dimensional integrations
- # of generated sectors = efficiency of Monte Carlo integration
- We have proposed a new method of sector decomposition employing a **geometric interpretation** of the problem
 - Regions in which each term is dominant – **Dual cone construction**
 - Proper transform of integration variables – **Triangulation**

(No iteration)

They are solved by using algorithms in **computational geometry**
- A test implementation showed **the smaller number of sectors** compared to other method based on iterated decomposition

Appendix

Feynman Parameter Representation

$$G = (-1)^{N_\nu} \frac{\Gamma(N_\nu - LD/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_0^\infty d^N x \, x^{\nu - \mathbb{I}} \delta \left(1 - \sum_{l=1}^N x_l \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{N_\nu - (L+1)D/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{N_\nu - LD/2}}$$

- L is the number of loops,
- $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ is the dimension of the space-time,
- N is the dimension of the integration,
- ν_j ($j = 1, \dots, N$) is the power of the propagator corresponding to the Feynman parameter x_j ,
- $N_\nu := \sum_{j=1}^N \nu_j$,
- \mathcal{U} is a homogeneous polynomial of $\{x_j\}$ of degree L , and all the coefficients of the monomials of \mathcal{U} are equal to 1.
- \mathcal{F} is a homogeneous polynomial of $\{x_j\}$ of degree $L+1$, and the coefficients of the monomials of \mathcal{F} consist of kinematic and mass parameters.

Primary Sector Decomposition

T.Binoth & G.Heinrich, Nucl.Phys.B585 (2000) 741

- (Sector l) = $\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \mid x_j \leq x_l, \forall j \neq l\}$

- Change variables

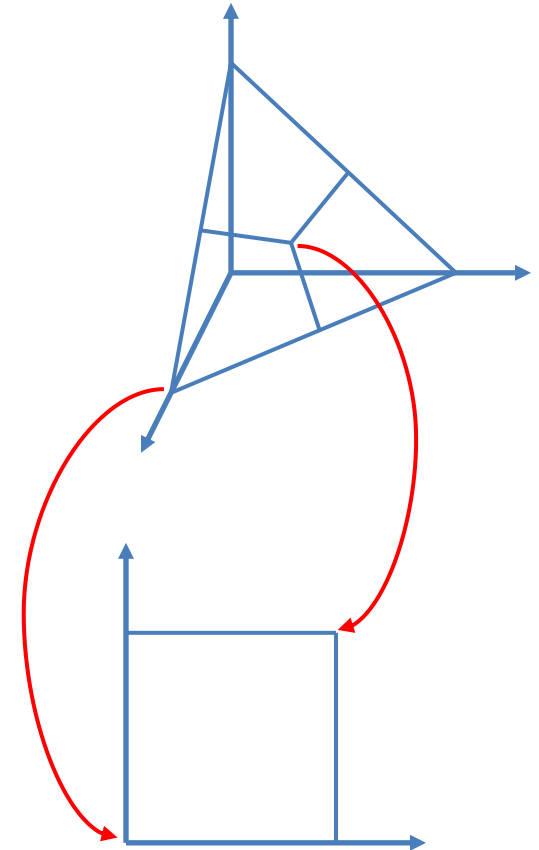
$$x_j = x_l \times \begin{cases} t_j & \text{for } j < l \\ 1 & \text{for } j = l \\ t_{j-1} & \text{for } j > l \end{cases}$$

- Integration over x_l with δ -function

- Results

$$G = (-1)^{N_\nu} \frac{\Gamma(N_\nu - LD/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma(\nu_j)} \times \sum_{l=1}^N \int_0^1 d^{N-1}t \, t^{\nu' - \mathbb{I}} \mathcal{U}_l^\gamma(t) \mathcal{F}_l^\beta(t)$$

$$\beta = -(N_\nu - LD/2) \quad \gamma = N_\nu - (L+1)D/2$$

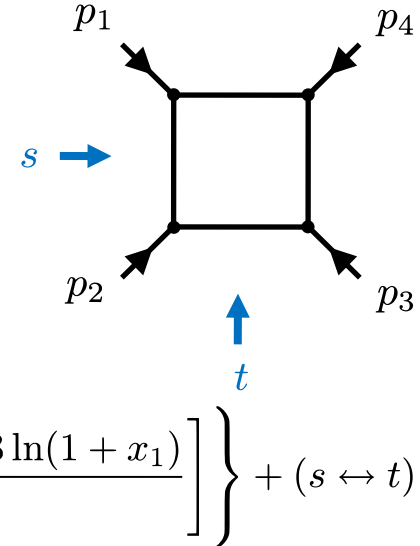


- IR singularities: boundary \Rightarrow some of variables $t_j = 0$

How Sector Decomposition Works

- Concrete example: 1-loop scalar massless on-shell box

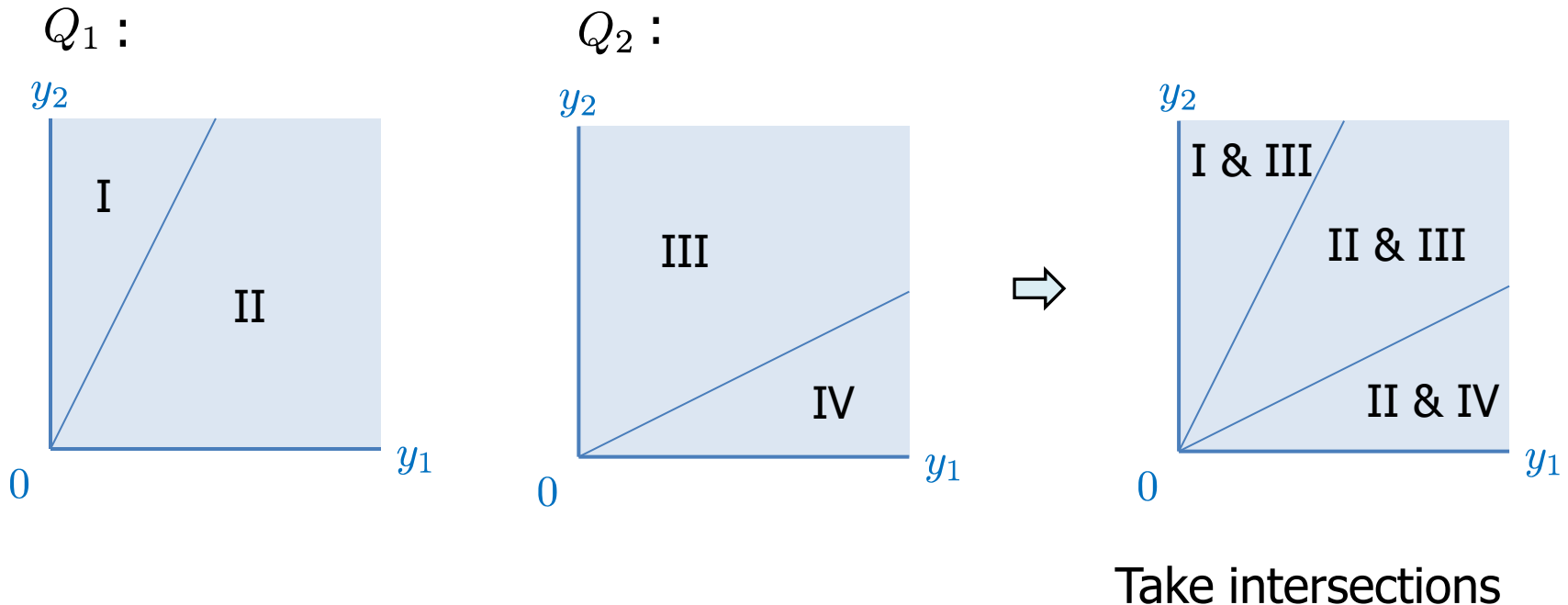
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_4^{0m} &= \int \frac{d^d k}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{1}{k^2(k+p_1)^2(k+p_1+p_2)^2(k+p_1+p_2+p_3)^2} & p_i^2 = 0 \quad (d = 4 - 2\epsilon) \\
 &= 2\Gamma(2 + \epsilon) \int_0^1 d^3 x \frac{(1 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^{2\epsilon}}{(-sx_1x_3 - tx_2)^{2+\epsilon}} + (s \leftrightarrow t) & \text{Feynman parameter} \\
 &= 2\Gamma(2 + \epsilon) \int_0^1 d^3 x \left[x_1^{-1-\epsilon} \frac{(1 + x_1 + x_2 + x_1x_3)^{2\epsilon}}{(-sx_1x_3 - t)^{2+\epsilon}} \right. & \text{Iterated sector decomposition} \\
 &\quad \left. + x_1^{-1-\epsilon} x_2^{-1-\epsilon} \frac{(1 + x_1 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_3)^{2\epsilon} + (1 + x_1 + x_2 + x_1x_2x_3)^{2\epsilon}}{(-sx_3 - t)^{2+\epsilon}} \right] + (s \leftrightarrow t) \\
 &= \Gamma(2 + \epsilon) \left[\frac{C_2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{C_1}{\epsilon} + C_0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] & \text{separation of poles } 1/\epsilon \\
 &\quad \text{where} & \epsilon\text{-expansion} \\
 C_2 &= 4 \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{(-sx - t)^2} + (s \leftrightarrow t) \\
 C_1 &= \left[-4 \int_0^1 dx \frac{\ln(-sx - t)}{(-sx - t)^2} - 2 \int_0^1 d^2 x \frac{1}{(-sx_1x_2 - t)^2} \right] + (s \leftrightarrow t) \\
 C_0 &= \left\{ 2 \int_0^1 dx \frac{\ln^2(-sx - t)}{(-sx - t)^2} + 2 \int_0^1 d^2 x \left[\frac{\ln(-sx_1x_2 - t) - 2\ln(1 + x_2)}{(-sx_1x_2 - t)^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2}{(-sx_2 - t)} \frac{\ln(1 + x_1x_2) + 3\ln(1 + x_1)}{x_1} \right] \right\} + (s \leftrightarrow t)
 \end{aligned}$$



- Coefficients of Laurent series can be evaluated (numerically)

Two or More Polynomials

- Product of polynomials $Q_1^{\beta_1} Q_2^{\beta_2}$



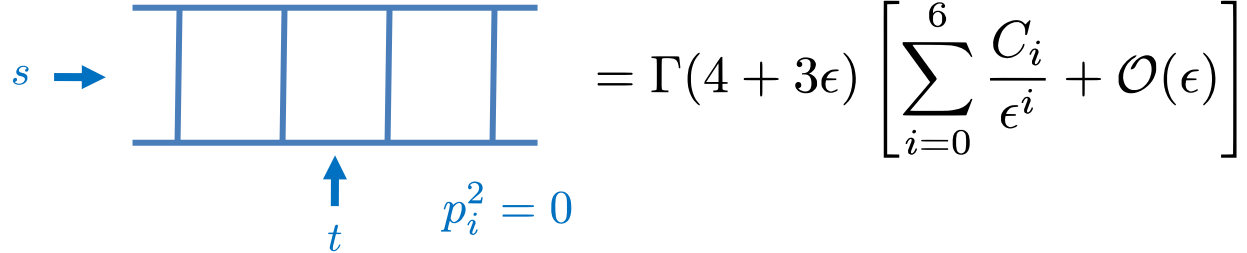
- identity

$$\Delta = C(Z_1^P)^\vee \cap C(Z_2^P)^\vee \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n = C(Z_1^P \cup Z_2^P \cup E^n)^\vee$$

$E^n =$ (the set of unit vectors)

An Example Calculation

- Triple Box



$$= \Gamma(4 + 3\epsilon) \left[\sum_{i=0}^6 \frac{C_i}{\epsilon^i} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

Taking symmetries into account, Strategy X and our method generate

Strategy X	:	4143 terms	(ratio ~ 1.55)
Out method	:	2670 terms	

Size of binaries and timings:

	Strategy X		Our method	
C_6	52K	1.4s	45K	0.7s
C_5	160K	10.7s	86K	4.4s
C_4	1.3M	2.9m	541K	1.1m
C_3	6.9M	26.6m	3.3M	10.1m
C_2	26M	2.5h	14M	1.3h
C_1	72M	6.9h	42M	4.1h
C_0	176M	16.4h	105M	9.9h

176M / 105M ~ 1.68

16.4h / 9.9h ~ 1.66

$s = -1, t = -3$, integrated by Cuba1.7 (Vegas) 10Mpts, Xeon X5560 (2.80GHz) x 8cores

Backup

Life in the Collider Era

- LHC = Large **Hadron** Collider
 - Signals on large backgrounds
 - needs **precise** theoretical predictions
- ILC also needs lots of **precision** calculations



Higher order calculations !!