

A New Identity for Gauge Theory Amplitudes



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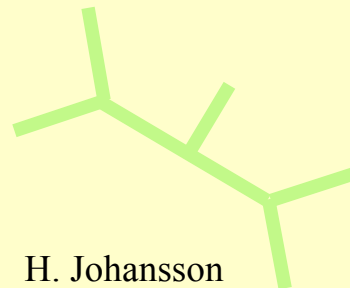
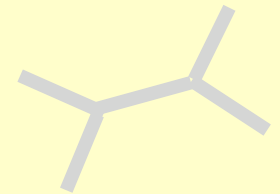
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Outline

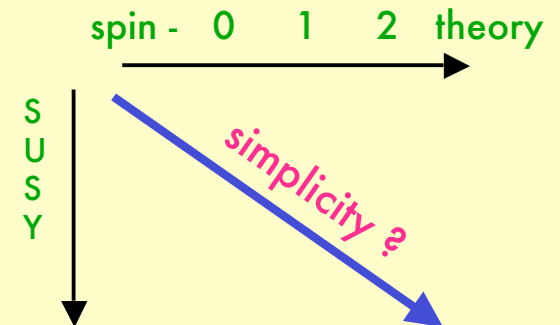
- **Motivation**
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Motivation - simplicity vs. complexity

- Physical theories - gravity and gauge theories - have surprisingly simple on-shell scattering amplitudes
- Feynman rules are much more complex - gravity in particular
- Adding SUSY increases complexity of Lagrangian & Feynman rules - yet scattering amplitudes becomes simpler
- Simplest theories ? ← Arkani-Hamed, Cachazo, Kaplan
 - $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM - solvable (in 't Hooft limit) ?
 - $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA - perturbatively finite ?

see talks by Arkani-Hamed,
Benincasa, Bjerrum-Bohr,
Heslop, Ricci, Skinner,
Spradlin & Vanhove



$\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity "superfinite"

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$\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity
 amplitude manifestly has
 diagram-by-diagram power
 counting of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM!



UV "superfinite"
 for $D = 4$, $L = 3$

$$D < \frac{6}{L} + 4$$

After integration \Rightarrow
 $D = 6$ divergence demonstrated
 \Rightarrow bound is saturated

(a) s^4 box diagram with 4 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4)

(b) s^4 box diagram with 4 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4) and a diagonal line

(c) s^4 box diagram with 4 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4) and a diagonal line

(d) s^4 box diagram with 4 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4) and a diagonal line

(e) $s^2 \tau_{35} \tau_{46}$ box diagram with 6 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

(f) $s^2 \tau_{35} \tau_{46}$ box diagram with 6 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

(g) $s^2 \tau_{35} \tau_{46}$ box diagram with 6 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

(h) $(s(\tau_{26} + \tau_{36}) + t(\tau_{15} + \tau_{25}) + st)^2 + (s^2(\tau_{26} + \tau_{36}) - t^2(\tau_{15} + \tau_{25}))(\tau_{17} + \tau_{28} + \tau_{39} + \tau_{4,10}) + s^2(\tau_{17}\tau_{28} + \tau_{39}\tau_{4,10}) + t^2(\tau_{28}\tau_{39} + \tau_{17}\tau_{4,10}) + u^2(\tau_{17}\tau_{39} + \tau_{28}\tau_{4,10})$ box diagram with 10 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

(i) $(s\tau_{45} - t\tau_{46})^2 - \tau_{27}(s^2\tau_{45} + t^2\tau_{46}) - \tau_{15}(s^2\tau_{47} + u^2\tau_{46}) - \tau_{36}(t^2\tau_{47} + u^2\tau_{45}) + l_5^2 s^2 t + l_6^2 st^2 - \frac{1}{3} l_7^2 stu$ box diagram with 6 external legs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

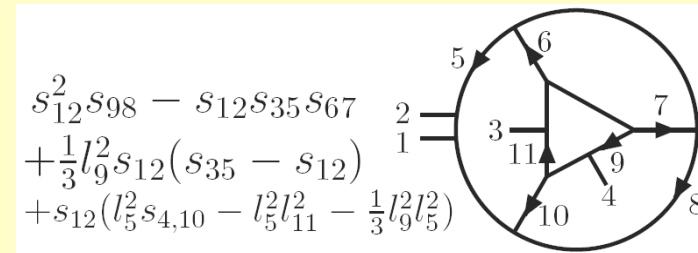
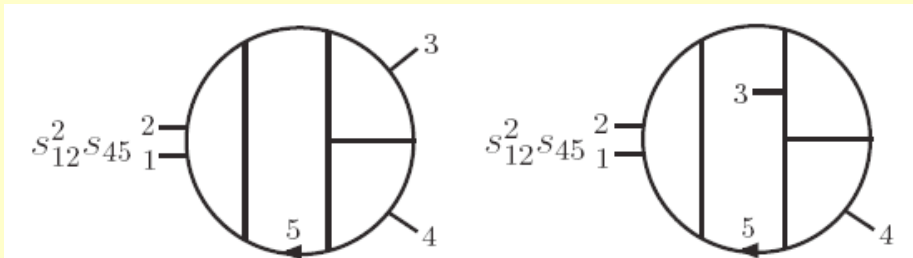
$\tau_{ij} = 2k_i \cdot k_j$

Four-loop calculation in progress

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ super-Yang-Mills case is complete
 $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity still in progress

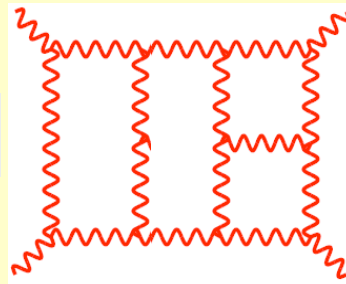
Bern, Carrasco,
 Dixon, HJ, Roiban
 (2008)

Some $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM contributions...



50 distinct planar and non-planar diagrammatic topologies

one Feynman diagram...



... $\sim 10^{26}$ terms in pure gravity

How we do it - the Unitarity Method

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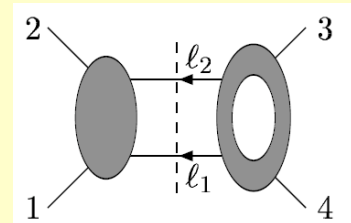
optical theorem

$$2 \operatorname{Im} \left[\text{Diagram: square with four external lines and a vertical dashed line} \right] = \int d\text{LIPS} \left[\text{Diagram: two Y-junctions} \right]$$

on-shell

unitarity method

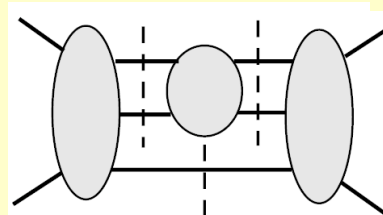
Bern, Dixon, Dunbar and Kosower (1994)



see Badger's talk

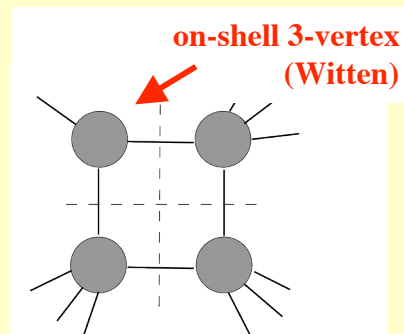
generalized unitarity

Bern, Dixon and Kosower



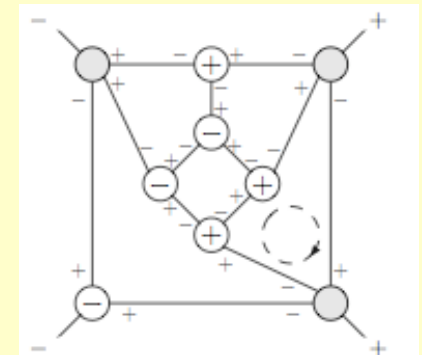
quadruple cut
(leading singularity)

Britto, Cachazo, Feng;
Buchbinder, Cachazo (2004)



maximal cut

Bern, Carrasco, HJ
and Kosower (2007)

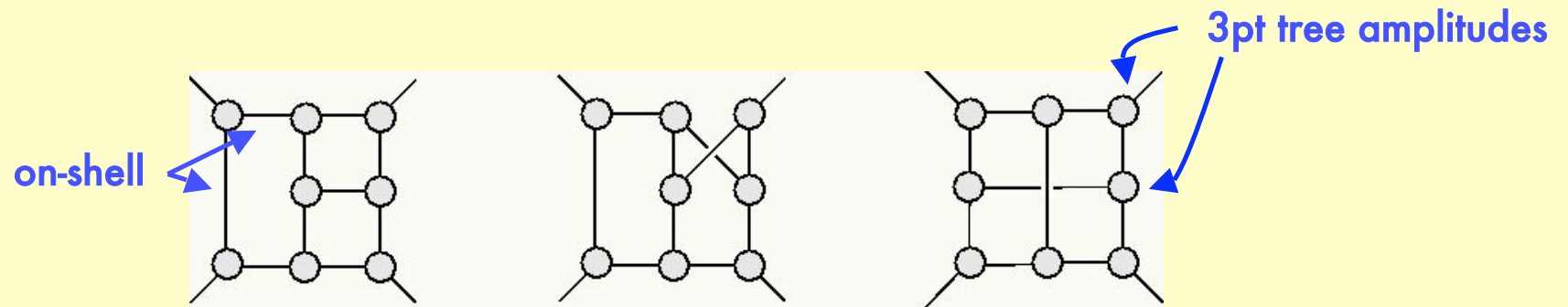


Cachazo and Skinner
Cachazo, Spradlin, Volovich
(2008)

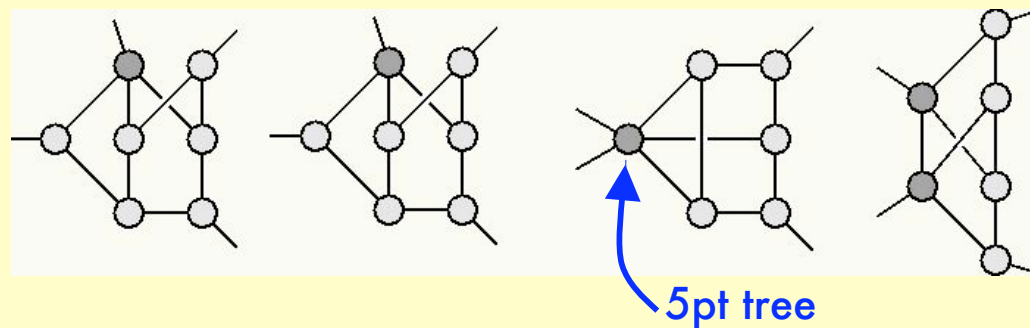
see Benincasa's talk

Maximal cuts - a systematic approach for any theory

- put maximum number of propagator on-shell → simplifies calculation



- systematically release cut conditions → great control of missing terms



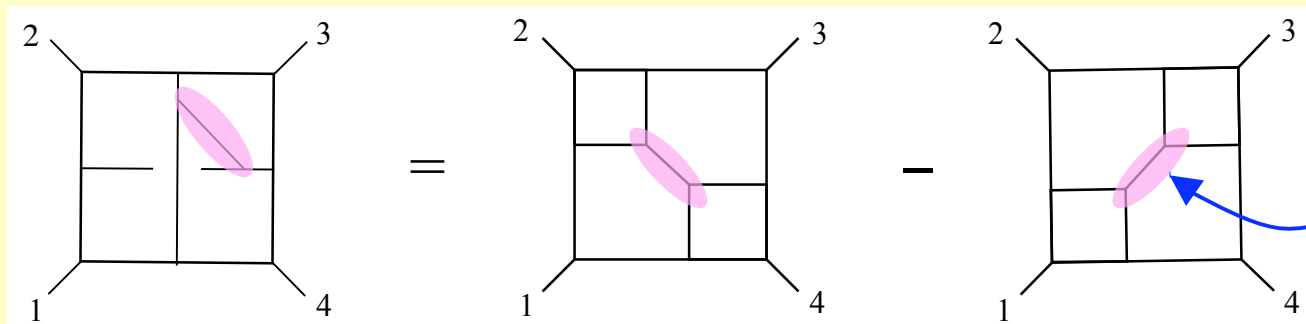
Preferred technique for 4-loop calculation — exposes a *hidden structure*

A hidden structure emerges

maximal cuts with one 4pt blob involves 3 diagrams ...

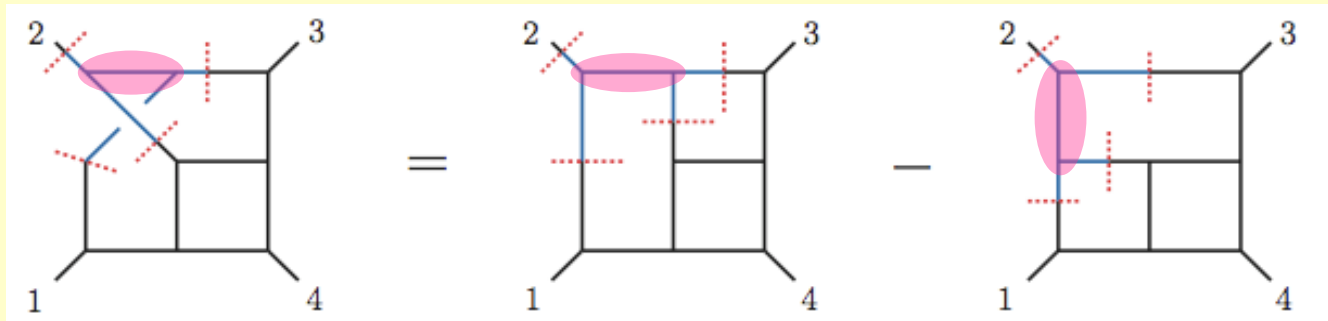
surprise ! these diagrams are not independent

Yang-Mills
4 loops



4pt blob
with off-shell
internal
momenta

Yang-Mills
3 loops



What is going on ? \rightarrow 4pt blob (tree amplitude) has a *hidden structure*

Gauge theory at tree-level

Color decomposition

- Modern decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)} \text{Tr}[T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n}] A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n)$$

← gauge invariant

- Alternative decomposition, 4pt example

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = g^2 \left(\frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right)$$

- Map

$$\tilde{f}^{abc} \equiv i\sqrt{2} f^{abc} = \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b] T^c) \quad \text{color structures}$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \equiv \frac{n_s}{s} + \frac{n_t}{t},$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 4, 2) \equiv -\frac{n_u}{u} - \frac{n_s}{s} \quad \text{kinematic structures}$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 2, 3) \equiv -\frac{n_t}{t} + \frac{n_u}{u}$$

color factors

$$c_u \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_4 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_1}$$

$$c_s \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}$$

$$c_t \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}$$

kinematic numerators

$$n_s, n_t, n_u$$

absorbs 4-pt contact terms
- but gauge dependent!

A surprising 4pt identity

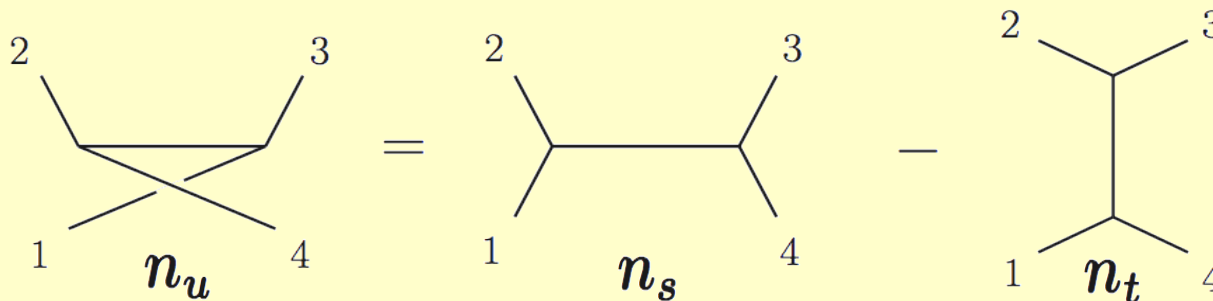
$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = g^2 \left(\frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right)$$

- Jacobi identity for color

$$c_u = c_s - c_t$$

- And a Jacobi identity for kinematics

$$n_u = n_s - n_t$$



color factors

$$c_u \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_4 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_1}$$

$$c_s \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}$$

$$c_t \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}$$

Zhu; Goebel, Halzen, Leveille noticed this 4pt property in 1980

- Kinematic numerators gauge dependent - but 4pt identity is gauge invariant

$$-n'_s + n'_t + n'_u = -n_s + n_t + n_u - \alpha(k_i, \epsilon_i)(s + t + u) = 0$$

~ gauge parameter

Similar identity at higher points

- Decomposing 5pt amplitude in terms of 15 cubic diagrams

$$\mathcal{A}_5^{\text{tree}} = g^3 \left(\frac{n_1 c_1}{s_{12} s_{45}} + \frac{n_2 c_2}{s_{23} s_{51}} + \frac{n_3 c_3}{s_{34} s_{12}} + \frac{n_4 c_4}{s_{45} s_{23}} + \frac{n_5 c_5}{s_{51} s_{34}} + \frac{n_6 c_6}{s_{14} s_{25}} + \frac{n_7 c_7}{s_{32} s_{14}} + \frac{n_8 c_8}{s_{25} s_{43}} + \frac{n_9 c_9}{s_{13} s_{25}} + \frac{n_{10} c_{10}}{s_{42} s_{13}} + \frac{n_{11} c_{11}}{s_{51} s_{42}} + \frac{n_{12} c_{12}}{s_{12} s_{35}} + \frac{n_{13} c_{13}}{s_{35} s_{24}} + \frac{n_{14} c_{14}}{s_{14} s_{35}} + \frac{n_{15} c_{15}}{s_{13} s_{45}} \right),$$

$s_{ij} = (k_i + k_j)^2$

kinematic numerator
color factor

propagators

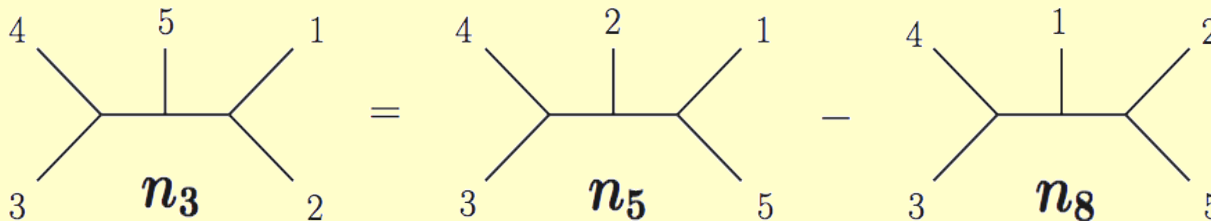
- Equivalent to partial amplitudes

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \equiv \frac{n_1}{s_{12} s_{45}} + \frac{n_2}{s_{23} s_{51}} + \frac{n_3}{s_{34} s_{12}} + \frac{n_4}{s_{45} s_{23}} + \frac{n_5}{s_{51} s_{34}}$$

etc...

- Kinematic Jacobi identity holds...

$$n_3 - n_5 + n_8 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad c_3 - c_5 + c_8 = 0$$



$$c_3 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_5 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_1 a_2}$$

$$c_5 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_2 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_1 a_5}$$

$$c_8 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_1 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_2 a_5}$$

...but is no longer gauge invariant!

not gauge invariant...yet physical

- In a general theory we can solve the 15 n_i 's at 5 pts

- 9 independent kinematic Jacobi identities

- plus 2 constraints:

$$n_5 \equiv s_{51}s_{34} \left(A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) - \frac{n_1}{s_{12}s_{45}} - \frac{n_2}{s_{23}s_{51}} - \frac{n_3}{s_{34}s_{12}} - \frac{n_4}{s_{45}s_{23}} \right)$$

$$n_6 \equiv s_{14}s_{25} \left(A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 3, 2, 5) - \frac{n_5}{s_{43}s_{51}} - \frac{n_7}{s_{32}s_{14}} - \frac{n_8}{s_{25}s_{43}} - \frac{n_2}{s_{51}s_{32}} \right)$$

- \Rightarrow 4 undetermined n_i 's (pure gauge transformations)

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 4, 2, 5) = \frac{-s_{12}s_{45}A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) + s_{14}(s_{24} + s_{25})A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 3, 2, 5)}{s_{13}s_{24}} \quad \text{etc...}$$

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3, 5) = \frac{-s_{14}s_{25}A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 3, 2, 5) + s_{45}(s_{12} + s_{24})A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)}{s_{24}s_{35}}$$

- Any 5pt tree is a linear combination of two basis amplitudes

$$A_5(\dots) = \alpha A_5(1,2,3,4,5) + \beta A_5(1,4,3,2,5)$$

true for any gauge theory and in D -dimensions

Tree level n -points – a conjecture

- A gauge theory tree amplitude can be expanded in purely cubic diagrams

full amplitude
$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_i \frac{n_i c_i}{(\prod_j p_j^2)_i}$$

partial amplitude
$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = \sum_j \frac{n_j}{(\prod_m p_m^2)_j}$$

color factors
$$c_i = \tilde{f}^{abc} \tilde{f}^{cde} \dots \tilde{f}^{xyz}$$

- Jacobi identity true for both color and kinematics...

$$C_\alpha = C_\beta - C_\gamma \iff n_\alpha = n_\beta - n_\gamma$$

...as long as gauge invariance is enforced for $(n - 3)!$ partial amplitudes

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(\mathcal{P}_i\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}) = \left[\sum_j \frac{n_j}{(\prod_m p_m^2)_j} \right]_i$$

\Rightarrow only $(n - 3)!$ linearly independent partial amplitudes

Checked through 8 pts!

All- n formula – partial amplitude relations

- General relations for gauge theory partial amplitudes

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{\alpha\}, 3, \{\beta\}) = \sum_{\{\sigma\}_j \in \text{POP}(\{\alpha\}, \{\beta\})} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \{\sigma\}_j) \prod_{k=4}^m \frac{\mathcal{F}(3, \{\sigma\}_j, 1|k)}{s_{2,4,\dots,k}}$$

where

$$\{\alpha\} \equiv \{4, 5, \dots, m-1, m\}, \quad \{\beta\} \equiv \{m+1, m+2, \dots, n-1, n\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(3, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-3}, 1|k) \equiv \mathcal{F}(\{\rho\}|k) = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=t_k}^{n-1} \mathcal{G}(k, \rho_l) & \text{if } t_{k-1} < t_k \\ -\sum_{l=1}^{t_k} \mathcal{G}(k, \rho_l) & \text{if } t_{k-1} > t_k \end{cases} + \begin{cases} s_{2,4,\dots,k} & \text{if } t_{k-1} < t_k < t_{k+1} \\ -s_{2,4,\dots,k} & \text{if } t_{k-1} > t_k > t_{k+1} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{G}(i, j) = \begin{cases} s_{i,j} & \text{if } i < j \text{ or } j = 1, 3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{and } t_k \text{ is the position of leg } k \text{ in the set } \{\rho\}$$

$$A_n(\dots) = \alpha_1 A_n(1, 2, \dots, n) + \alpha_2 A_n(2, 1, \dots, n) + \dots + \alpha_{(n-3)!} A_n(3, 2, \dots, n)$$

Examples

4pts $A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4\}, 3) = \frac{A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4)s_{14}}{s_{24}}$

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4\}, 3, \{5\}) = \frac{A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)(s_{14} + s_{45}) + A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 4)s_{14}}{s_{24}},$$

5pts

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4, 5\}, 3) = \frac{-A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)s_{34}s_{15} - A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 4)s_{14}(s_{245} + s_{35})}{s_{24}s_{245}}$$

6pts

$$A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4, 5\}, 3, \{6\}) = \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)s_{34}(s_{15} + s_{56})}{s_{24}s_{245}} - \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5)s_{34}s_{15}}{s_{24}s_{245}} \\ - \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5)(s_{34} + s_{46})s_{15}}{s_{24}s_{245}} - \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6)(s_{14} + s_{46})(s_{245} + s_{35})}{s_{24}s_{245}} \\ - \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 4)s_{14}(s_{245} + s_{35})}{s_{24}s_{245}} - \frac{A_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 4)s_{14}(s_{245} + s_{35} + s_{56})}{s_{24}s_{245}}$$

Gravity & Gauge theory relations

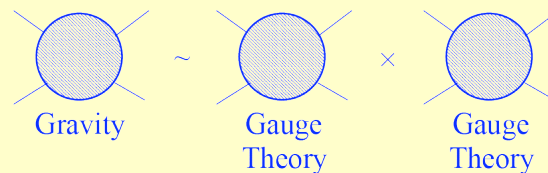
KLT relations

Kawai, Lewellen and Tye

Originally a string theory tree level identity

closed string \sim (left-mover open string) \times (right-mover open string)

Field theory limit \Rightarrow gravity theory \sim (gauge theory) \times (gauge theory)



$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -is_{12}A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4)\tilde{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3)$$

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = is_{12}s_{34}A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)\tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ + is_{13}s_{24}A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5)\tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5)$$

gravity states are direct products of gauge theory states $|1\rangle_{\text{grav}} = |1\rangle_{\text{gauge}} \otimes |1\rangle_{\text{gauge}}$

New identity + KLT

Feeding the new identity through KLT gives...

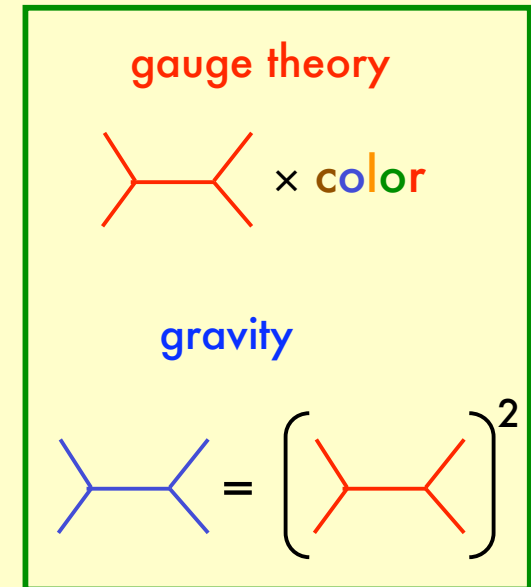
$$\begin{aligned}
 n_u &= n_s - n_t \\
 + \quad M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) &= -i s_{12} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3) \\
 \hline
 = \quad -i M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) &= \frac{n_s \tilde{n}_s}{s} + \frac{n_t \tilde{n}_t}{t} + \frac{n_u \tilde{n}_u}{u}
 \end{aligned}$$

... a beautiful “numerator squaring” relationship

Compare to gauge theory...

$$\frac{1}{g^2} \mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u}$$

Unlike KLT this “squaring” relationship is between local objects n_i and is manifestly crossing (Bose) symmetric

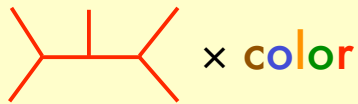


Holds at all- n tree level

- At 5 points

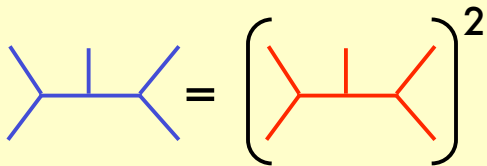
true given that n_i and \tilde{n}_i satisfy kinematic Jacobi identities

gauge theory



$$\mathcal{A}_5^{\text{tree}} = g^3 \left(\frac{n_1 c_1}{s_{12} s_{45}} + \frac{n_2 c_2}{s_{23} s_{51}} + \frac{n_3 c_3}{s_{34} s_{12}} + \frac{n_4 c_4}{s_{45} s_{23}} + \frac{n_5 c_5}{s_{51} s_{34}} + \frac{n_6 c_6}{s_{14} s_{25}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{n_7 c_7}{s_{32} s_{14}} + \frac{n_8 c_8}{s_{25} s_{43}} + \frac{n_9 c_9}{s_{13} s_{25}} + \frac{n_{10} c_{10}}{s_{42} s_{13}} + \frac{n_{11} c_{11}}{s_{51} s_{42}} + \frac{n_{12} c_{12}}{s_{12} s_{35}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{n_{13} c_{13}}{s_{35} s_{24}} + \frac{n_{14} c_{14}}{s_{14} s_{35}} + \frac{n_{15} c_{15}}{s_{13} s_{45}} \right),$$

gravity



$$\mathcal{M}_5^{\text{tree}} = i \left(\frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^3 \left(\frac{n_1 \tilde{n}_1}{s_{12} s_{45}} + \frac{n_2 \tilde{n}_2}{s_{23} s_{51}} + \frac{n_3 \tilde{n}_3}{s_{34} s_{12}} + \frac{n_4 \tilde{n}_4}{s_{45} s_{23}} + \frac{n_5 \tilde{n}_5}{s_{51} s_{34}} + \frac{n_6 \tilde{n}_6}{s_{14} s_{25}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{n_7 \tilde{n}_7}{s_{32} s_{14}} + \frac{n_8 \tilde{n}_8}{s_{25} s_{43}} + \frac{n_9 \tilde{n}_9}{s_{13} s_{25}} + \frac{n_{10} \tilde{n}_{10}}{s_{42} s_{13}} + \frac{n_{11} \tilde{n}_{11}}{s_{51} s_{42}} + \frac{n_{12} \tilde{n}_{12}}{s_{12} s_{35}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{n_{13} \tilde{n}_{13}}{s_{35} s_{24}} + \frac{n_{14} \tilde{n}_{14}}{s_{14} s_{35}} + \frac{n_{15} \tilde{n}_{15}}{s_{13} s_{45}} \right),$$

- At n points $\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_i \frac{n_i c_i}{(\prod_j p_j^2)_i}$

$$\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = i \left(\frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^{n-2} \sum_i \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{(\prod_j p_j^2)_i}$$

Checked through
8 points !

Outlook - beyond on-shell & tree-level ?

- Gauge theory
 - Generalization to loop-level kinematic Jacobi identity ?
 - Find special gauge where Feynman rules manifestly obeys the identity
 - Lagrangian understanding highly desirable

- Gravity
 - Gravity Feynman rules = (gauge theory Feynman rules)² possible ?
 - Might clarify the KLT relations in terms of the Lagrangians
 - Possible matching off-shell and non-perturbative physics between gravity and gauge theory

Summary

- We uncovered a new Jacobi-like identity for tree diagrams in gauge theory amplitudes
- The identity is gauge dependent - presumably there is a special gauge where it is manifest - nonetheless the identity relates and constrains physical information
- The identity imply new relations for gauge invariant partial amplitudes
- Combine with KLT to uncover a new local and manifestly crossing (Bose) symmetric “squaring” relationship between gravity and gauge theories
- It is possible that this identity holds on the Lagrangian level - can deepen our understanding of gauge theory and gravity

Extra slides

Pure Yang-Mills

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$$

Feynman gauge propagator :

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \quad \nu \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} = \frac{-i\eta_{\mu\nu}\delta^{ab}}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$$

vertices:

$$\begin{array}{c} q \quad \rho \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \nu \quad p \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} k \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \mu \end{array} = -gf^{abc} [\eta_{\mu\nu}(k-p)_\rho + \eta_{\rho\mu}(q-k)_\nu + \eta_{\nu\rho}(p-q)_\mu]$$

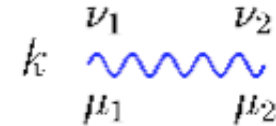
$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \quad \nu \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \lambda \quad \rho \\ \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} = \begin{aligned} & -ig^2 f^{abe} f^{ecd} (\eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\mu\sigma}\eta_{\nu\rho}) \\ & -ig^2 f^{ace} f^{edb} (\eta_{\mu\sigma}\eta_{\rho\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}\eta_{\rho\sigma}) \\ & -ig^2 f^{ade} f^{ebc} (\eta_{\mu\nu}\eta_{\sigma\rho} - \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\sigma\nu}) \end{aligned}$$

Pure Einstein gravity

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{g} R, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$

de Donder gauge propagator :

$$P_{\mu\nu;\alpha\beta}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \eta_{\mu\beta} \eta_{\nu\alpha} - \frac{2}{D-2} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} \right] \frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon}$$



cubic vertex:

$$G_{3\mu\alpha,\nu\beta,\sigma\gamma}(k_1, k_2, k_3) =$$

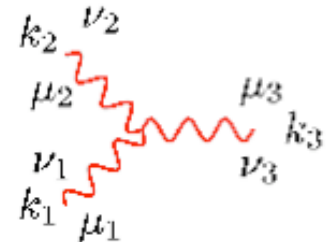
$$\text{sym} \left[-\frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) - \frac{1}{2} P_6(k_{1\nu} k_{1\beta} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) + \frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) \right.$$

$$+ P_6(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\sigma} \eta_{\beta\gamma}) + 2P_3(k_{1\nu} k_{1\gamma} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\beta\sigma}) - P_3(k_{1\beta} k_{2\mu} \eta_{\alpha\nu} \eta_{\sigma\gamma})$$

$$+ P_3(k_{1\sigma} k_{2\gamma} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}) + P_6(k_{1\sigma} k_{1\gamma} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}) + 2P_6(k_{1\nu} k_{2\gamma} \eta_{\beta\mu} \eta_{\alpha\sigma})$$

$$\left. + 2P_3(k_{1\nu} k_{2\mu} \eta_{\beta\sigma} \eta_{\gamma\alpha}) - 2P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\alpha\nu} \eta_{\beta\sigma} \eta_{\gamma\mu}) \right]$$

After symmetrization ~ 100 terms!



Gauge theory amplitude properties

- Tree level, adjoint representation

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)} \text{Tr}[T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n}] A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n)$$

↖ gauge invariant

- Well-known partial amplitude properties

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = A_n^{\text{tree}}(2, \dots, n, 1) \quad \text{cyclic symmetry}$$

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = (-1)^n A_n^{\text{tree}}(n, \dots, 2, 1) \quad \text{reflection symmetry}$$

} (n - 1)!

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \text{cyclic}} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \sigma(2, 3, \dots, n)) = 0 \quad \text{"photon"-decoupling identity}$$

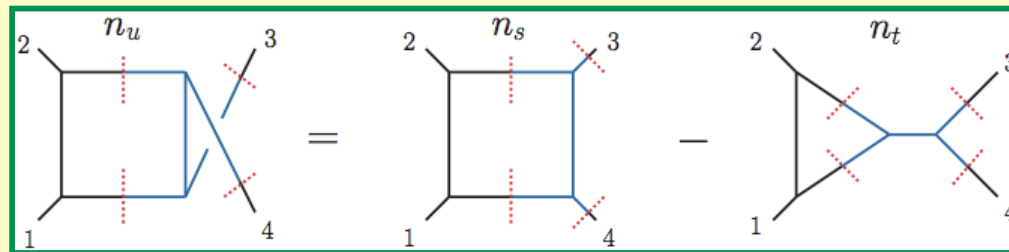
$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \{\alpha\}, n, \{\beta\}) = (-1)^{n_\beta} \sum_{\{\sigma\}_i \in \text{OP}(\{\alpha\}, \{\beta^T\})} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \{\sigma\}_i, n) \quad \text{Kleiss-Kuijf relations}$$

} (n - 2)!

- New relations reduce independent basis to (n - 3)!

A peek at loop level

- Identity holds in unitarity cuts



- Some known examples point at loop-level identity... but not checked in general

