Mellin-Barnes representations of Feynman integrals: a construction and solutions

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Euclidean vs Minkowskian integrals



L-loop *n*-point functions

Consider an arbitrary *L*-loop integral G(X) with loop momenta k_l , with *E* external legs with momenta p_e and with *N* internal lines with masses m_i and propagators $1/D_i$

$$G(X) = \frac{1}{(i\pi^{d/2})^L} \int \frac{d^d k_1 \dots d^d k_L X(k_1, \dots, k_L)}{D_1^{n_1} \dots D_i^{n_i} \dots D_N^{n_N}}$$
$$d = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

$$D_i = q_i^2 - m_i^2 = \left[\sum_{l=1}^L c_l^l k_l + \sum_{e=1}^M d_e^e p_e\right] - m_i^2$$

 $X(k_1, \ldots, k_L)$ stands for tensors in the loop momenta.

Two representations for integrals

Feynman parameter representation ($N_{\nu} = n_1 + \ldots + n_N$):

$$\frac{1}{D_1^{n_1}D_2^{n_2}\dots D_N^{n_N}} = \frac{\Gamma(n_1+\dots+n_N)}{\Gamma(n_1)\dots\Gamma(n_N)} \int_0^1 dx_1\dots \int_0^1 dx_N \frac{x_1^{n_1-1}\dots x_N^{n_N-1}\delta(1-x_1-\dots-x_m)}{(x_1D_1+\dots+x_ND_N)^{N_\nu}}$$

Alpha parameter representation:

$$\frac{1}{D_1^{n_1}D_2^{n_2}\dots D_N^{n_N}} = \frac{i^{-N_\nu}}{\Gamma(n_1)\dots\Gamma(n_N)} \int_0^\infty d\alpha_1\dots \int_0^\infty d\alpha_N \alpha_1^{n_1-1}\dots \alpha_N^{n_N-1} e^{i[\alpha_1D_1+\dots+\alpha_ND_N]}$$

For details on equivalence etc, see my talk at "Loops and Legs in QFT" 2014: LL2014.pdf

Starting point for MB

$$G(X) = \frac{(-1)^{N_{\nu}} \Gamma\left(N_{\nu} - \frac{d}{2}L\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \Gamma(n_i)} \int \prod_{j=1}^{N} dx_j \, x_j^{n_j - 1} \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i) \frac{U(x)^{N_{\nu} - d(L+1)/2}}{F(x)^{N_{\nu} - dL/2}}$$

The functions U and F are called graph or Symanzik polynomials.



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Mellin-Barnes representation

$$\frac{1}{(A+B)^{\lambda}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz \Gamma(\lambda+z) \Gamma(-z) \frac{B^{z}}{A^{\lambda+z}}$$

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Singularities in the complex plane: $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$



Example with more gammas, but 1-dim



MB integrals and the iterative loop-by-loop (LA) approach

Examples, description, links to basic tools and literature: http://us.edu.pl/ \sim gluza/ambre/



Figure: Loop-by-loop (LA) example

Here: $U(x) \equiv 1$ Input:

$$\begin{split} PR[k1,m,n1]PR[k1+p1,0,n2]PR[k1+p1+p2,m,n3]PR[k1-k2,0,n4] \\ PR[k2,m,n5]PR[k2+p1+p2,m,n6]PR[k2-p3,0,n7] \end{split}$$

Integration over k_2 :

PR[k1-k2,0,n4]PR[k2,m,n5]PR[k2+p1+p2,m,n6]PR[k2-p3,0,n7]

$$\begin{split} F[X] &= m^2 \left(X[2] + X[3] \right)^2 - PR[k1,m]X[1]X[2] - PR[k1+p1+p2,m]X[1]X[3] \\ &- sX[2]X[3] - PR[k1-p3,0]X[1]X[4] \end{split}$$

Integration over k_1 :

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{PR}[k1,m,\alpha]\mathsf{PR}[k1+p1,0,n2]\mathsf{PR}[k1+p1+p2,m,\beta]\mathsf{PR}[k1-p3,0,\gamma] \\ & F[X] = m^2 \, (X[1]+X[3])^2 - sX[1]X[3] - tX[2]X[4] \end{split}$$

Dimensions of ladder planar MB integrals	Ma	assle	ss ca	ises		Mass	ive cases	
Number of loops (L)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
No Barnes First Lemma	1	4	7	10	3	8	13	18
With BFL	1	4	7	10	2 (1+1)	6 (<mark>4+2</mark>)	10 (<mark>7+3</mark>)	14 (<mark>10+4</mark>)

Optimal results:

Dim(massive) = Dim(massless) + #loops

Limitations of LA approach

Planar case:



Non-planar case:



Global approach - GA

Sometimes it is better to change into the MB representation the complete U and ${\it F}$ polynomials,

e.g.



- 1 massless case: 4-dim мв GA
- 2 massive case: 8-dim MB LA (with GA not less than 10-dim MB (Heinrich, Smirnov, PLB 2004)

1. AMBRE reloaded - non-planar version, basic chart (I)



Basic chart (II), GA



Message displayed: The Diagram is non-planar



Cheng-Wu Theorem

$$G(X) = \frac{(-1)^{N_{\nu}} \Gamma\left(N_{\nu} - \frac{d}{2}L\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \Gamma(n_i)} \int \prod_{j=1}^{N} dx_j \, x_j^{n_j - 1} \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i) \frac{U(x)^{N_{\nu} - d(L+1)/2}}{F(x)^{N_{\nu} - dL/2}}$$

The Cheng–Wu theorem states that the same formula holds with the delta function

$$\delta\left(\sum_{i\in\Omega}x_i-1\right)$$

where Ω is an arbitrary subset of the lines $1, \ldots, L$, when the integration over the rest of the variables, i.e. for $i \notin \Omega$, is extended to the integration from zero to infinity. One can prove this theorem in a simple way starting from the alpha representation using

$$1 = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \delta\left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{i}\right) \Leftrightarrow 1 = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \delta\left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i \in \Omega} \alpha_{i}\right)$$

and change variables from α_i to $\alpha_i = \lambda x_i$ as shown above.

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Tests

Details go beyond this talk, see basic explanation to my Loops and Legs 2014 talk.

3-loop GA

 $U(x) \neq 1$ U(x) is a polinom of degree 3 $Length(U) \gg 1$



U polynomial has 48 terms



U polynomial has 64 terms

U polynomial for non-planar 3-loop box

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x[1] x[2] x[4] + x[1] x[3] x[4] + x[2] x[3] x[4] + x[1] x[2] x[5] +
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Using CW theorem, changes of variables, Barnes Lemmas and some manipulations, we conjecture that for any 3-loop non-planar diagram, U gives only 4 additional integrations Specific example by Smirnov, arXiv:1312.2588):



agrees with this conjecture.

Final MBrepresentation (6-dim):

```
((-s)^z1 (-t)^(-3 eps-z1-z2) (-u)^z2 Gamma[-z1] Gamma[-z2]
Gamma[3 eps+z1+z2] Gamma[-z3] Gamma[-eps-z2-z4-z5]
Gamma[-z5] Gamma[1-3 eps-z1+z5] Gamma[1- eps+z2+z4+z5]
Gamma[1-3 eps-z1+z3+z4+z5] Gamma[2 eps+z1+z2+z4-z6]
Gamma[-1+4 eps+z1+z2-z3-z4-z5-z6] Gamma[-z6]
Gamma[1-2 eps+z6] Gamma[1-3 eps-z2+z3+z6]
Gamma[1-3 eps-z2-z4+z6] Gamma[1-4 eps-z1-z2+z3+z5+z6])
/(Gamma[2-4 eps] Gamma[1-eps+z2+z4+z5-z6]
Gamma[1-3 eps-z2-z4-z5+z6] Gamma[2-6 eps-z1-z2+z3+z5+z6])
```

Numerical crosscheck s = t = u = -1:

AMBRE+MB: {26.5404 + 2.40412/eps, {0.00580197 + 2.8415*10^-6/eps FIESTA: {26.5387 + 2.40417/eps, {0.00021977 + 0.0000206936/eps

Some remarks

- 1 In general, it is not true that $dim(MB[planars]) \simeq dim(MB[non planars])$,
- 2 Cases of massive external legs are completely different, multiplicity of terms in F is unavoidable

$$F = F_0(\text{scales!}) + U \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n \frac{m_n^2}{\{\text{scales}\}^2}$$

Hybrid method for 3-loops



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unfortunately, Forest Gump said:

"Life is like a box a chocolate, you never know what your going to get"

... which can be bitter, spicy, etc

— The Mathematica package MBsums transforms MB integrals into sums by Cauchy theorem

- The current version of MBsums is 1.0
- An example. Let

```
int = MBint[-((-x)^(z1 + z6)*y^z2*Gamma[-z1]*
    Gamma[1 + z1]*Gamma[-z1 - z2]*Gamma[-z2]*
    Gamma[z2]*Gamma[-z1 + z2]*Gamma[-z2 - z6]*
    Gamma[z2 - z6]*Gamma[-z6]*Gamma[1 + z6])/
    (2*eps*Gamma[-2*z1]*Gamma[1 - z2]*
    Gamma[1 + z2]*Gamma[-2*z6]), {{eps -> 0},
    {z1 -> -1/2, z2 -> -11/192, z6 -> -1/2}]
```

Then

gives

```
{MBsum[-((-x)^(-n1 - n2)*(-1 + n3)!^2*(n1 + n3)!*
    (n2 + n3)!*(2*HarmonicNumber[-1 + n3] -
    2*HarmonicNumber[n3] - HarmonicNumber[
    -1 - n1 + n3] + HarmonicNumber[n1 + n3] -
    HarmonicNumber[-1 - n2 + n3] +
    HarmonicNumber[n2 + n3] - Log[y]))/
    (2*(-1)^(2*n3)*eps*x^2*y^n3*(1 + 2*n1)!*
    (1 + 2*n2)!*n3!^2*(-1 - n1 + n3)!*
    (-1 - n2 + n3)!), n1 >= 0 && n2 >= 0 &&
    n3 >= 1 && 1 + n1 <= n3 && 1 + n2 <= n3,
    {n1, n2, n3}],MBsum[...],...}</pre>
```

Nailing 1-dim example

One leg off-shell,
$$z=q^2/m^2$$
, $S_a\equiv S_a(n-1)=\sum_{i=1}^n 1/j^a$



vertex diagrams evaluated in this work. Kinematics as in Fig. 1 $(p_1^2 = p_2^2 = 0)$. Solid lines with mass M; dashed lines denote massless propagators.

$$\begin{split} & t_{3} = \frac{1}{(q^{2})^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^{n} (-)^{n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon^{2}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \zeta_{2} + K_{2} \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \zeta_{3} - 2 \zeta_{2} S_{1} + 2 S_{3} - 2 K_{3} + 4 S_{1} K_{2} + (\zeta_{2} - S_{2}) \log(-z) \right] \right. \\ & \left. - \zeta_{4} - 2 \zeta_{3} S_{1} - 7 \zeta_{2} S_{2} - 4 \zeta_{2} S_{1}^{2} + 7 \zeta_{2} K_{2} - \frac{7}{2} S_{4} + \frac{7}{2} S_{2}^{2} + 6 S_{1} S_{3} + 2 S_{1,3} + 8 K_{4} \right. \\ & \left. - 8 S_{1} K_{3} + 8 S_{1}^{2} K_{2} + \left(\zeta_{3} + 4 \zeta_{2} S_{1} - S_{1,2} - 3 S_{1} S_{2} - 4 K_{3} \right) \log(-z) \right. \\ & \left. + \left(- \zeta_{2} + \frac{1}{2} S_{2} + K_{2} \right) \log^{2}(-z) \right\}, \end{split}$$
(D.11)

Hardly converging for z = 1, even for 3000 terms, and poor precision

Numerical way - MBnumerics package for Minkowskian region One-loop:

- FeynArts, LoopTools (FF package)
- OneLoop, QCDLoop, ...
- MadGraph, Sherpa, Powheg-Box, Helac-NLO, Golem, GoSam, ...
- SecDec, Fiesta, CSectors, sector_decomposition, ...

More general methods:

- tree-duality
- unitarity
- contour deformations
- deqs, expansions by regions,...

MB:

- M. Czakon, Automatized analytic continuation of Mellin-Barnes integrals, Comput.Phys.Commun. 175 (2006) 559
- Ayres Freitas, Yi-Cheng Huang, On the Numerical Evaluation of Loop Integrals With Mellin-Barnes Representations, JHEP 1004 (2010) 074
- phase space integrations with MB: G. Somogyi, Z. Trocsanyi...
- transforming MB integrals into Dirac delta constraints, Anastasiou et al, arXiv:1302.4379 (appendix C, parametric integrals instead of nested sums)

General structure of the MB integrals after expansion in ϵ

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^r} \int\limits_{c_1-i\infty}^{c_1+i\infty} \dots \int\limits_{c_r-i\infty}^{c_ri\infty} \prod\limits_i^r dz_i \mathbf{F}(Z, S) \frac{\prod\limits_j \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{j}}(N_j)}{\prod\limits_k \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{k}}(N_k)}$$

- **F** depends on: Z linear combinations of r complex variables z_i , S – kinematic parameters and masses;
 - Gi: Gamma and PolyGamma functions
 - N_i : linear combinations of z_i , e.g. $N_i = \sum_l \alpha_{il} z_l + \gamma_i$

In practice F is a product of powers of S:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{F} & \sim \prod_{k} \overset{\sum(\alpha_{ki} z_i + \gamma_k)}{X_k^i} \\ \alpha_{ij}, \gamma_i \in \mathsf{Integer}, \quad X = \Big\{ -\frac{s}{m_1^2}, \frac{m_1^2}{m_2^2}, \frac{s}{t}, \dots \Big\}. \end{split}$$

In Minkowskian region S > 0. Let's consider a case with $X = -\frac{s}{m^2}$ and $s = m^2$. Where is the problem?

An Example:



MB.m, integration in Euclidean region

Steps for numerical integration:

■ real parametrization $z_i \rightarrow c_i + It_i$, $t_i \in (-\infty, \infty)$

■ **MB.m way:** transformation to finite integration interval (here [0, 1] and linked with CUBA library)

$$t_i \to Log\left[\frac{x_i}{1-x_i}\right] \quad dt_i \to \frac{dx_i}{x_i(1-x_i)}$$

In general, the factor $(-1)^{-z_1} \rightarrow e^{-\pi t_1}$

may lead to problems in asymptotic limit $t_1 \rightarrow -\infty$.

Fortunately, this factor cancels with remaining gammas, taking

$$\lim_{t \to \pm \infty} \Gamma(a + It) \sim e^{-\frac{\pi |t|}{2}} t^{a - \frac{1}{2}}$$

and a ray $t_1 = t$, $t_2 = 0$, $t_3 = 0$ we can compute a limit for a product of gamma functions:

$$\frac{\prod_{j} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{j}}(N_{j})}{\prod_{k} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{k}}(N_{k})} \sim e^{\pi t} \frac{1}{t^{646/235}}$$

What remains is $\sim \frac{1}{t^{\alpha}}$.

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However, transformation to the finite region does not remove singular behavior of the integrand

$$\frac{1}{x \, Log[x]^{646/235}} \xrightarrow{x \to 0} \infty$$

This kind of sigularity is integratable when $\alpha > 1$ (our example) The solution in general is to take **another transformation**

$$t_i \rightarrow Tan[\pi(x_i - \frac{1}{2})] \quad dt_i \rightarrow \frac{\pi dx_i}{Cos[\pi(x_i - \frac{1}{2})]^2}$$

Now we have

$$\frac{Cos[\pi(x_i - \frac{1}{2})]^{176/235}}{Sin[\pi(x_i - \frac{1}{2})]^{646/235}} \xrightarrow{x \to 0} 0$$

With yet another trick concerning a product of gamma functions (LogG denotes loggamma function, see CernLib documentation).

$$\frac{\prod_{j} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{j}}(N_{j})}{\prod_{k} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{k}}(N_{k})} = Exp\left(\sum_{j} LogG_{j}(N_{j}) - \sum_{k} LogG_{k}(N_{k})\right)$$

we have a chance to get stable results:

Analytical:	-1.199526183135566 + 5.567365907880696	Ι
Our MBnumerics:	-1.199526183168498 + 5.567365907904922	Ι
MB(Vegas):	-1.199561086311856 + 5.569395048002913	Ι
MB(Cuhre):	NaN	
FIESTA:	-1.200370278497323 + 5.561435923863947	Ι
SecDec:	no output	

"Euclidean" results:

Analytical result	: 3.376807975550548
MB(Vegas):	3.376922163980158
MB(Cuhre):	3.376807975447292
FIESTA:	3.376815834907247
SecDec:	big error

Remark: For integrals where α which defines singular behaviour of the integrand is smaller than 1,

$$\frac{\prod_{j} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{j}}(N_{j})}{\prod_{k} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{k}}(N_{k})} \sim \frac{1}{t^{\alpha}}$$

yet another smart trick must be done ...



Results (constant part of the MBintegrals):

```
Analytical: -0.778599608979684 - 4.123512593396311 I
Our MBnumerics: -0.778599608324769 - 4.123512600516016 I
MB(Vegas): big error
MB(Cuhre): NaN
FIESTA: big error
SecDec: no output
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Euclidean results (constant part):

Analytical:	-0.4966198306057021
MB(Vegas):	-0.4969417442183914
MB(Cuhre):	-0.4966198313219404
FIESTA:	-0.4966184488196595
SecDec:	-0.4966192150541896

Summary

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- a construction of MB integrals is optimized well up to two-loops, more complicated at three-loops
- usually high dimensional integrals for variety of masses, legs, loops involved,
- solving analytically MB integrals through nested sums hard thing
- numerical approach very promising, first package already available internally which allows for physical applications beyond present capabilities - more at LL 2016.