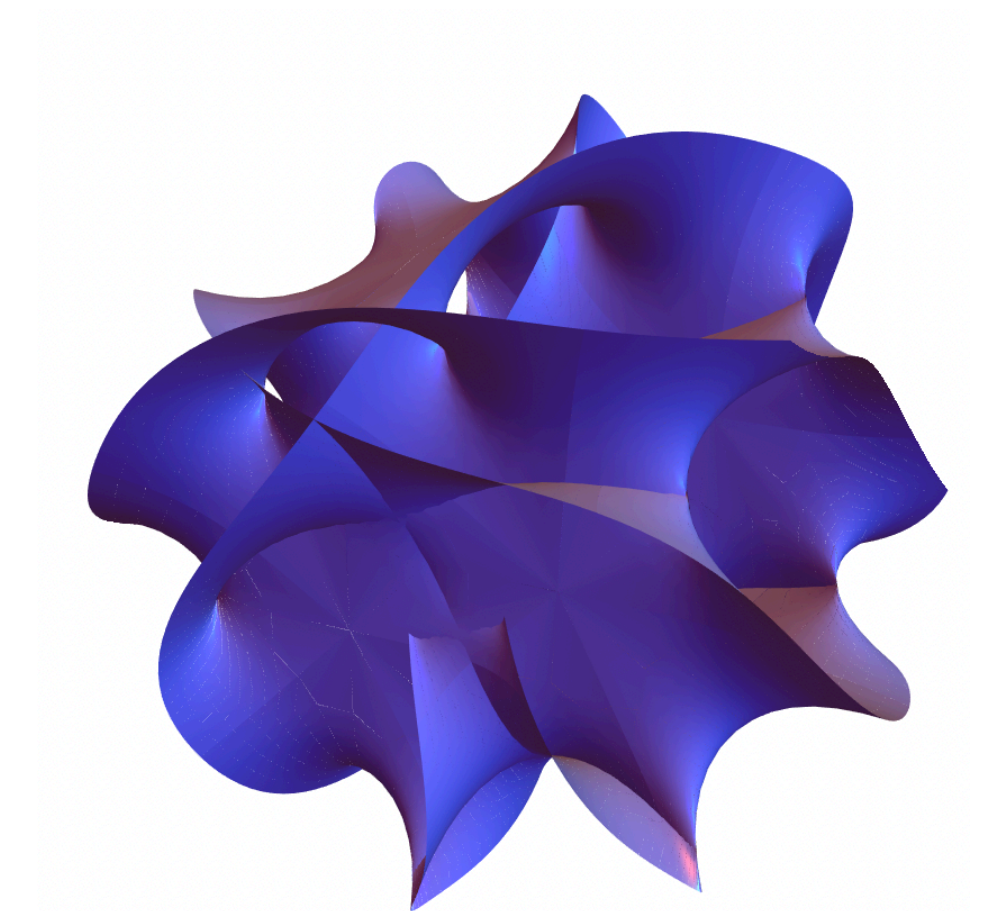
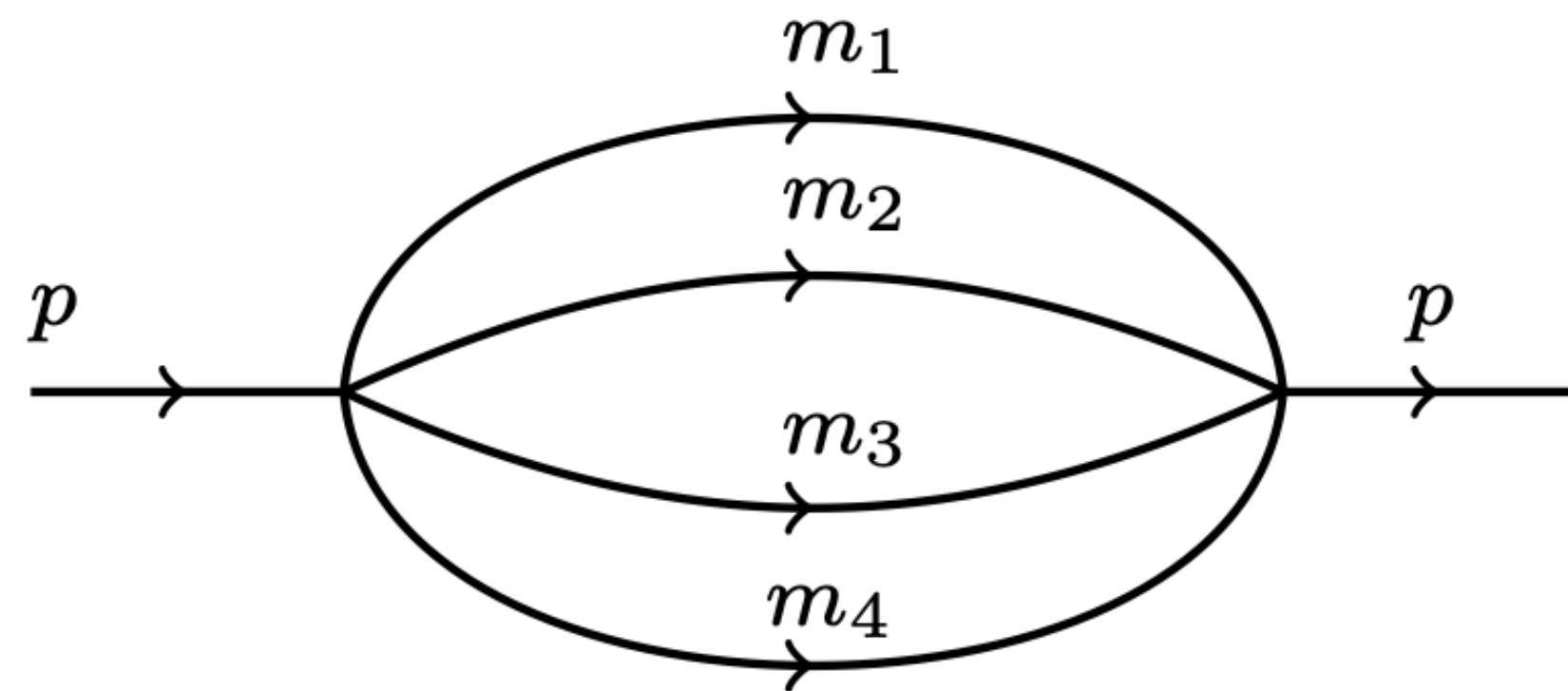


Three-loop banana integrals with four unequal masses

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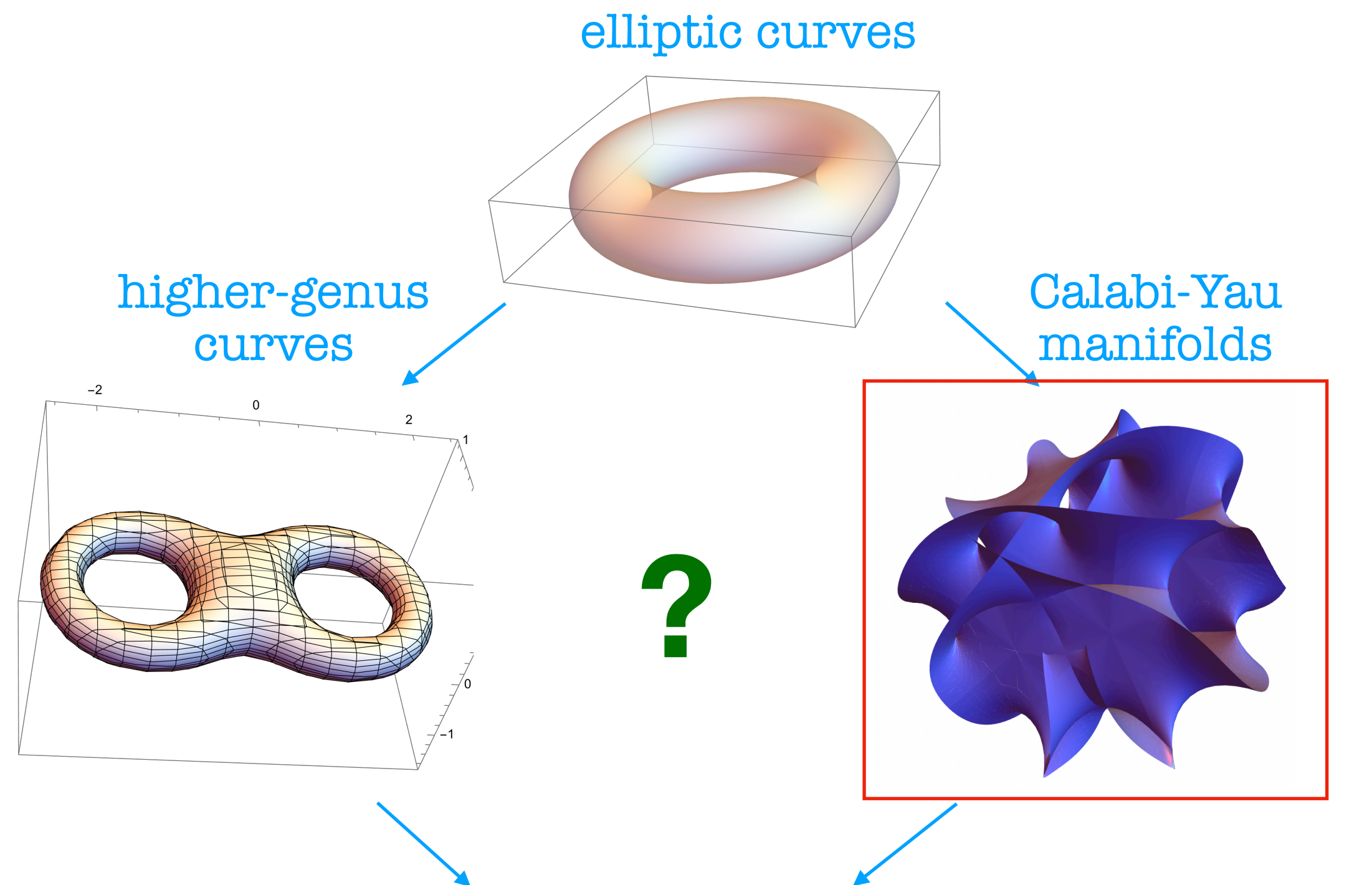
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Motivation

- Feynman integrals are known to have other underlying geometries than the Riemann sphere

➔ *Elliptics and Beyond '25*



powerful way to solve them: *canonical* DE

- Canonical DE?
 - functions in the DE *not* expressible in terms of rational functions and periods, but as *integrals* over them;
 - are these really *new functions*?
- simplest class (CY): *Banana integrals*
 - equal masses ✓ [Pögel, Wang, Weinzierl '22]
 - two different masses ✓ [Maggio, Sohnle, '25]
 - all unequal masses ✓ this talk & [Pögel, Teschke, Wang, Weinzierl '25]

Outline

talk by Christoph

Canonical form

- [1] [Görge, Nega, Tancredi, Wagner, '23]
- [2] [Duhr, **S.M.**, Nega, Sauer, Tancredi, Wagner, '25]

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talk by Sven

Twisted cohomology

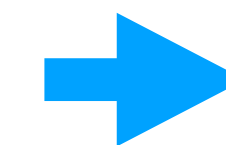
- [3] [Duhr, Porkert, Semper, Stawinski, '24]
- [4] [Duhr, **S.M.**, Porkert, Semper, Sohnle, Stawinski, '25]

- Compact analytic solution
- Study the power of these tools & the functions that appear

! The three-loop unequal masses banana integral is just an example, we expect these methods to be applicable to other multiloop, multiscale Feynman integrals attached to non-trivial geometries !

Other methods to achieve an (almost) ε -form: talk by Vasily

talk by Pouria



ε -form for the three-loop
unequal masses banana

Quick review of the method from [1],[2]

- Good initial basis: *integrand analysis* in integer dimensions. [2]: choose integrals aligned with the geometry associated to the maximal cuts at $\varepsilon = 0$.
- Rotate the initial basis $I(x, \varepsilon)$ by a sequence of rotations:

$$J(x, \varepsilon) = U_t(x, \varepsilon) U_\varepsilon(\varepsilon) U_{ss}(x) I(x, \varepsilon)$$

to get ε -form:

$$dJ(x, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon A(x) J(x, \varepsilon)$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n-1}} U_t^{(1-n)}(x) + \dots + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} U_t^{(-1)}(x) + U_t^{(0)}(x)$$

$U_t^{(i)}$: strictly lower-triangular

dimension of the geometry

- ε -scaling to realign the transcendental weight

- the non linear in ε parts of the DE are in a strictly lower-triangular matrix

W_{ss}^{-1}

$W(x) = W_{ss}(x) W_u(x)$
period matrix

disentangles the logs

Quick review of the tools from [3],[4]

- Feynman integrals (MC), in dim reg, are *multi-valued* differential forms: $\int_C \Psi \phi$
 - multi-valued function
 - single-valued differential form
 - singularities at the branch point of Ψ
- Twisted cohomology group: vector space generated by a well-defined set of ϕ

basis \sim master integrals $I(x, \varepsilon)$

Cohomology intersection matrix:

$$C(x, \varepsilon)_{ij} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \left(\int_X \phi_i \wedge \check{\phi}_j \right)$$

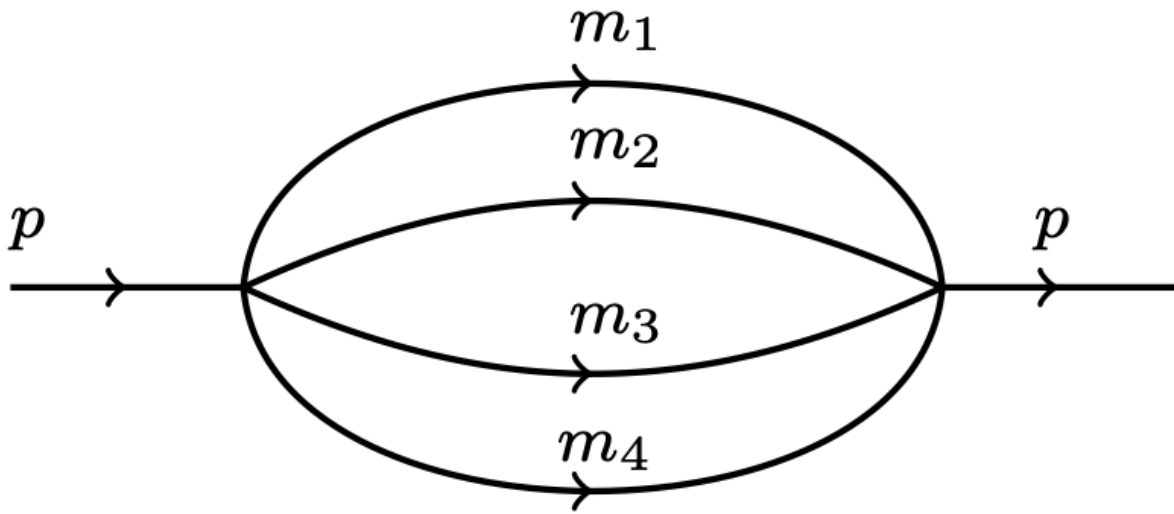
$$\text{dual: } \int_\gamma \Psi^{-1} \check{\phi}$$

[3]: For maximal cuts:
 $\check{I}(x, \varepsilon) = I(x, -\varepsilon)$

constant matrix

- [3]: Rotating to canonical form: $C(\varepsilon) \rightarrow dC = 0 \rightarrow C = f(\varepsilon) \Delta$
- [4]: $U_t^{(0)}(x) = O(x) R(x): \Delta O^T \Delta^{-1} = O^{-1}, \Delta R^T \Delta^{-1} = R$

The three-loop banana integral



$$I_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_9} = e^{3\gamma_E \epsilon} \int \left(\prod_{a=1}^3 \frac{a^{D-2} k_a}{i\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}} \right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} D_3^{\nu_3} D_4^{\nu_4} D_5^{\nu_5} D_6^{\nu_6} D_7^{\nu_7} D_8^{\nu_8} D_9^{\nu_9}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= k_1^2 - m_1^2, & D_2 &= k_2^2 - m_2^2, \\ D_3 &= (k_1 - k_3)^2 - m_3^2, & D_4 &= (k_2 - k_3 - p)^2 - m_4^2, \\ D_5 &= k_3^2, & D_6 &= k_3 \cdot p, \\ D_7 &= k_1 \cdot p, & D_8 &= k_2 \cdot p, \\ D_9 &= k_1 \cdot k_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{MC} \left(I_{1,1,1,1} \right) \sim \int \text{d}z_1 \text{d}z_2 \Psi(z_1, z_2; x) \quad y^2 = \Psi(z_1, z_2; x)|_{\epsilon=0} \quad \left(x_i = \frac{m_i^2}{p^2} \right) \quad \text{(Hulek-Verril) 4-parameters K3 variety}$$

[2]: Basis compatible with the geometry at $\epsilon = 0$

middle cohomology: $H^2(X, \mathbb{C}) = \underbrace{H^{2,0}(X)}_1 \oplus \underbrace{H^{1,1}(X)}_4 \oplus \underbrace{H^{0,2}(X)}_1$ How can we span the middle cohomology? Griffiths transversality!

$\Omega(x) \in H^{2,0}$ unique holomorphic (2,0)-form $\Omega(x) = \Psi(z_1, z_2; x)|_{\epsilon=0} \text{d}z_1 \text{d}z_2$
 period vector $\psi(x) = (\psi_0(x), \psi_1^{(1)}(x), \psi_1^{(2)}(x), \psi_1^{(3)}(x), \psi_1^{(4)}(x), \psi_2(x))^T = \left(\int_{\Gamma_0} \Omega, \dots, \int_{\Gamma_5} \Omega \right)^T$

$\partial_{x_j} \Omega(x) \in H^{2,0} \oplus H^{1,1}$ four first derivatives
 $\partial_{x_j} \partial_{x_k} \Omega(x) \in H^{2,0} \oplus H^{1,1} \oplus H^{0,2}$ one double derivative

Good choice of basis

- [2]: basis of MIs on the maximal cut at least 6-dimensional
- IBP algorithms: 15 MIs

$$I_1 = I_{0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0},$$

$$I_2 = I_{1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0},$$

$$I_3 = I_{1,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0},$$

$$I_4 = I_{1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0},$$

tadpoles

$$I_5 = I_{1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0},$$

$$I_6 = I_{2,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0} = \partial_{m_1^2} I_5,$$

$$I_7 = I_{1,2,1,1,0,0,0,0,0} = \partial_{m_2^2} I_5,$$

$$I_8 = I_{1,1,2,1,0,0,0,0,0} = \partial_{m_3^2} I_5,$$

$$I_9 = I_{1,1,1,2,0,0,0,0,0} = \partial_{m_4^2} I_5,$$

$$I_{15} = I_{3,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{m_1^2}^2 I_5$$

K3 block

$$I_{10} = I_{1,1,1,1,-1,0,0,0,0},$$

$$I_{11} = I_{1,1,1,1,0,-1,0,0,0},$$

$$I_{12} = I_{1,1,1,1,0,0,-1,0,0},$$

$$I_{13} = I_{1,1,1,1,0,0,0,-1,0},$$

$$I_{14} = I_{1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,-1},$$

ISPs “3rd kind”

Rotation to canonical form: $U_\varepsilon(\varepsilon)U_{ss}(x)$

- U_{ss} :

4x4 block & LS(integrands)=1

K3 6x6 block & non-trivial geometry

$W(x) = W_{ss}(x)W_u(x)$

CY multi-scale: [Maggio, Sohnle, '25]

5x5 block & LS(integrands)=1

$$\mathbf{j}(\tau) = \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \tau_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{4 \times 4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\psi_0} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_{\tau} \frac{1}{\psi_0} & \frac{j^T}{\psi_0} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{1}_{5 \times 5} & 0 \\ 0 & f_1 & \mathbf{f} & 0 & f_6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tau_r = \frac{\psi_1^{(r)}}{\psi_0}$$

- U_ε :

tadpoles & I_5

4 single derivatives integrals

ISPs

1 double derivatives integral

$$W_{ss}(x) \Sigma W_{ss}(x)^T = Z(x)$$

intersection paring $C(x)|_{\epsilon=0}^{-1}$

disentangles the logs

transcendental weight

✓

✓

Rotation to canonical form: $U_t(x, \varepsilon)$

K3: $n = 2$

$$U_t(x, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} U_t^{(-1)}(x) + U_t^{(0)}(x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{4 \times 4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{1}_{9 \times 9} & 0 \\ 0 & G_0(x) & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1 “new” function

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{4 \times 4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{1}_{9 \times 9} & 0 \\ t_{15,t}(x) & t_{15,5}(x) & t_{15}(x) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4 ε -functions

9 ε -functions

MC: 19 ε -functions

9 ε -functions

1 ε -function

- Determine them such that $dJ(x, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon A(x) J(x, \varepsilon)$;
- Defined by first-order differential equations;
- Solve them by series expansion;
- 24 ε -functions in total; 23 appear in $A(x)$.

➡ $A(x)$ has only simple-poles ✓
 $\varepsilon A(x)$ is ε -factorised ✓

- Analytic representation?
- Are there relations?

another approach: [\[Pögel, Wang, Weinzierl, Wu, Zu\]](#)

Splitting of $U_t^{(0)}(x, \varepsilon)$

On the maximal cut, rotate $C(x, \varepsilon)$ by $U(x, \varepsilon)$:

$$U(x, \varepsilon)C(x, \varepsilon)U(x, -\varepsilon)^T = -\frac{\varepsilon^4}{4}\Delta,$$

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -S & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

matrices of numbers

[3] linear independence of differential forms



$$\Delta O^T \Delta^{-1} = O^{-1},$$

$$\Delta R^T \Delta^{-1} = R$$

[4] If $\Delta (U_t^{(0)})^T \Delta^{-1} \sim U_t^{(0)} \Rightarrow U_t^{(0)} = O R \xrightarrow{[4]} \text{rational functions, periods, and their derivatives!}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ G(x) & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ \tilde{G}_0(x) & -\rho(G(x))^T & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ s(x) & \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ s_{10}(x) & \rho(s(x))^T & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

9 functions

9 functions

\Rightarrow 9 (+4) functions to determine!
(-2) from comparing their DE

ϵ –functions

- What about G_0, \dots, G_{13} ?

Not fixed by the previous constraints

Fixed by solving the differential equations

$$G_9(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_{10,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 x_2 \partial_{x_2} \psi_0(y_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) + c_{G_9},$$

$$G_8(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_{9,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) - x_2 \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) - \int_{\xi_2}^{x_2} dy_2 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0 + x_1 \partial_{x_1} \psi_0) + c_{G_8},$$

$$G_7(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_{8,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + x_1 \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0 + x_2 \partial_{x_2} \psi_0) + c_{G_7},$$

$$G_6(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_{7,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + (x_1 + x_3) \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_2 \partial_{x_2} \psi_0 + x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0) + \int_{\xi_3}^{x_3} dy_3 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_2 \partial_{x_2} \psi_0 + x_1 \partial_{x_1} \psi_0) + c_{G_6},$$

$$G_5(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_{6,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) - (x_1 + x_3) \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) - \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0 - \int_{\xi_3}^{x_3} dy_3 x_1 \partial_{x_1} \psi_0 + c_{G_5},$$

$$G_{10}(\mathbf{x}) = -((\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,1} \mathbf{Z}_{2,3}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}))_{8,1} \mathbf{Z}_{2,4}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}))_{9,1} \mathbf{Z}_{2,5}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) - 4 \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0) - 2 \int_{\xi_2}^{x_2} dy_2 (x_4 \partial_{x_4} \psi_0 + x_3 \partial_{x_3} \psi_0 + x_1 \partial_{x_1} \psi_0) + \frac{2(1 - x_1 - 3x_2)}{3} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + c_{G_{10}},$$

$$G_{11}(\mathbf{x}) = G_{10}[x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2],$$

$$G_{12}(\mathbf{x}) = G_{10}[x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3],$$

$$G_{13}(\mathbf{x}) = G_{11}[x_2 \leftrightarrow x_4].$$

$$\int_{\xi_i}^{x_i} dy_i x_j \partial_{x_j} \psi_0$$

$$G_1(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{C_{i+1,11}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) j_{i,1}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} - \int_{\xi_1}^{x_1} dy_1 \left\{ -j_{1,1} \frac{8 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) G_0}{\psi_0^2} + j_{2,1} h_1 + j_{3,1} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow x_3] + j_{4,1} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow x_4] \right\} + c_{G_1},$$

$$G_2(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{C_{i+1,11}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) j_{i,2}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} - \int_{\xi_2}^{x_2} dy_2 \left\{ j_{2,2} \left[-\frac{8 x_1 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) G_0}{y_2 \psi_0^2} + \frac{\partial_{x_1} \psi_0 - \partial_{y_2} \psi_0}{y_2 \psi_0} \right] + j_{1,2} h_1 + j_{3,2} h_1[x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3] + j_{4,2} h_1[x_1 \leftrightarrow x_4] \right\} + c_{G_2},$$

$$G_3(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{C_{i+1,11}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) j_{i,3}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} - \int_{\xi_3}^{x_3} dy_3 \left\{ j_{3,3} \left[-\frac{8 x_1 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) G_0}{y_3 \psi_0^2} + \frac{\partial_{x_1} \psi_0 - \partial_{y_3} \psi_0}{y_3 \psi_0} \right] + j_{1,3} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow y_3] + j_{2,3} h_1[x_1 \leftrightarrow y_3] + j_{4,3} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow x_4, x_1 \leftrightarrow y_3] \right\} + c_{G_3},$$

$$G_4(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{C_{i+1,11}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) j_{i,4}(\mathbf{x})}{2 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})} - \int_{\xi_1}^{x_4} dy_4 \left\{ j_{4,4} \left[-\frac{8 x_1 C_{1,11}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) G_0}{y_4 \psi_0^2} + \frac{\partial_{x_1} \psi_0 - \partial_{y_4} \psi_0}{y_4 \psi_0} \right] + j_{1,4} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow y_4] + j_{2,4} h_1[x_1 \leftrightarrow y_4] + j_{3,4} h_1[x_2 \leftrightarrow x_3, x_1 \leftrightarrow y_4] \right\} + c_{G_4},$$

$$h_1(\mathbf{x}) = (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,5} + 4 \frac{C_{2,3}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})}{\psi_0(\mathbf{x})^2} G_0(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{\psi_0(\mathbf{x})} \left[(\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,9} \partial_{x_4} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,8} \partial_{x_3} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,7} \partial_{x_2} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))_{7,6} \partial_{x_1} \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) \right]$$

ε –functions

- Can they be rewritten more compactly? ➡ Yes!

Let us define

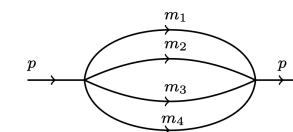
$$\mathcal{I}_1(x_i, x_j, x_k, x_l) = \int_0^{x_i} dy_i x_j \partial_{x_j} \psi_0(y_i, x_j, x_k, x_l),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_2(x_i, x_j, x_k, x_l) = \int_0^{x_i} dy_i & \left[-\mathbf{j}_{1,1}(y_i, x_j, x_k, x_l) \frac{8 \mathbf{C}_{1,11}^{(0)}(y_i, x_j, x_k, x_l) G_0(y_i, x_j, x_k, x_l)}{\psi_0(y_i, x_j, x_k, x_l)^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{j}_{2,1}(y_i, x_{\sigma(j)}, x_{\sigma(k)}, x_{\sigma(l)}) h_1(y_i, x_{\sigma(j)}, x_{\sigma(k)}, x_{\sigma(l)}) \right], \\ \sigma \in \{e, (j k), (j l)\} \end{aligned}$$

➡ All the ε -functions can be rewritten using only these 2 integrals!

constant Δ

symmetries of



23 ε -functions ➡ 13 ε -functions ➡ 2 ε -functions (to evaluate at different kinematics)
11 ε -functions

Summary and outlooks

Canonical form

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Twisted cohomology

[1], [2]: $J(x, \varepsilon) = U_t(x, \varepsilon) U_\varepsilon(\varepsilon) U_{ss}(x) I(x, \varepsilon)$

$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} U_t^{(-1)}(x) + U_t^{(0)}(x)$ **geometric input**
23 ε -functions

[3], [4]: $U_t^{(0)} = \mathcal{O} \mathcal{R}$

13 ε -functions to determine **rational functions, periods, and their derivatives**

 **canonical DE** + **reduced the number of independent ε -functions**

- Despite the complexity arisen from the high number of loops and kinematics we still get a compact analytic solution.
- Do the functions in \mathcal{O} always live in a function space beyond the periods and their derivatives?
- What about the functions beyond the maximal cut?
- Can we use these tools from twisted cohomology to show that the method we used to get the ε -form delivers always a canonical form?

Thank you for your attention!

