Double penta-ladders to all orders





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Hexagon (heptagon) function bootstrap

LD, Drummond, Henn, 1108.4461, 1111.1704; Caron-Huot, LD, Drummond, Duhr, von Hippel, McLeod, Pennington, 1308.2276, 1402.3300, 1408.1505, 1509.08127; 1609.00669; Drummond, Papathanasiou, Spradlin, 1412.3763; LD, Drummond, Harrington, McLeod, Papathanasiou,, Spradlin, 1612.08976

Use analytical properties of perturbative amplitudes in planar N=4 SYM to determine them directly, without ever peeking inside the loops. Works to at least 6 loops (MHV) at 6 points, 4 loops (MHV) at 7 points.



First step toward doing this nonperturbatively (no loops to peek inside) for general kinematics

Orienting the space of functions

- We don't need to know which functions correspond to which integrals, but it does help organize the full space more efficiently.
- The double pentaladders, or Ω functions, together with their coproducts, define an interesting subspace, which we now understand quite well to all loop orders, as well as at finite coupling.

Hexagon symbol letters

- Momentum twistors Z_i^A , i=1,2,...,6 transform simply under dual conformal transformations. Hodges, 0905.1473
- Construct 4-brackets $\varepsilon_{ABCD} Z_i^A Z_j^B Z_k^C Z_l^D \equiv \langle ijkl \rangle$
- 15 projectively invariant combinations of 4-brackets can be factored into 9 basic ones:

$$S = \{u, v, w, 1 - u, 1 - v, 1 - w, y_u, y_v, y_w\}$$

$$u = \frac{\langle 6123 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}{\langle 6134 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle} \qquad 1 - u = \frac{\langle 6135 \rangle \langle 2346 \rangle}{\langle 6134 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle} \qquad y_u = \frac{\langle 1345 \rangle \langle 2456 \rangle \langle 1236 \rangle}{\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle \langle 1246 \rangle} \\ + \text{cyclic} \\ u = \frac{x_{13}^2 x_{46}^2}{x_{14}^2 x_{36}^2} = \frac{s_{12} s_{45}}{s_{123} s_{345}} \qquad v = \frac{s_{23} s_{56}}{s_{234} s_{123}} \qquad w = \frac{s_{34} s_{61}}{s_{345} s_{234}} \\ \text{L. Dixon Double penta-ladders} \qquad \text{Higgs Centre - 2017.04.13} \qquad 4$$

Discrete symmetries

- y_i not independent of u_i : $y_u \equiv \frac{u - z_+}{u - z_-}$, ... where $z_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + u + v + w \pm \sqrt{\Delta} \right]$ $\Delta = (1 - u - v - w)^2 - 4uvw$
- Function space graded by parity:

 $egin{array}{cccc} i\sqrt{\Delta} & \leftrightarrow & -i\sqrt{\Delta} \ z_+ & \leftrightarrow & z_- \ y_i & \leftrightarrow & 1/y_i \ u_i & \leftrightarrow & u_i \end{array}$

- Also a (dihedral) S_3 symmetry permuting $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}$
- Broken for Ω system to Z_2 flip: $\mathcal{U} \leftarrow \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$

Hexagon functions include:

- 1. HPLs [Remiddi, Vermaseren (1999)]: One variable, symbol letters $\{u,1-u\}$. Near-collinear limit, lines (u,u,1), (u,1,1)
- 2. Cyclotomic Polylogarithms [Ablinger, Blumlein, Schneider, 1105.6063]: One variable, letters $\{y_u, 1+y_u, 1+y_u+y_u^2\}$. Line (u,u,u).
- 3. SVHPLs [F. Brown, 2004]: Two variables, letters $\{z, 1-z, \overline{z}, 1-\overline{z}\}$. First entry/single-valuedness constraint. Multi-Regge limit.
- 4. Ω functions. All three variables, all symbol letters, $\{u, v, w, 1 - u, 1 - v, 1 - w, y_u, y_v, y_w\}$ branch-cut condition(s),...

Coproduct notation

Chen; Goncharov; Brown

- Generalized polylogarithms, or *n*-fold iterated integrals, or weight *n* transcendental functions *f*.
- Define by derivatives:

$$df = \sum_{s_k \in \mathcal{S}} f^{s_k} d\ln s_k$$

S = finite set of rational expressions, "symbol letters", and

 $f^{s_k} \equiv \{n-1,1\}$ coproduct component

are also pure functions, weight *n*-1

Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes, 1110.0458

- Iterate: $df^{s_k} \Rightarrow f^{s_j, s_k} \equiv \{n-2, 1, 1\}$ component
- Goncharov, Spradlin, Vergu, Volovich, 1006.5703
 Symbol = {1,1,...,1} component (maximally iterated)

Single-valued multiple polylogarithms (SVMPLs or SVHPLs)

Brown, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 338 (2004) 527

- Controls hexagon functions in multi-Regge limit
- Symbol letters: $S = \{z, 1-z, \overline{z}, 1-\overline{z}\}$
- Also require function to be real analytic in $(z,\overline{z})\in \mathbb{C}-\{0,1\}$
- Constrains first entry of the symbol to be $z\overline{z} \leftrightarrow \ln |z|^2$ or $(1-z)(1-\overline{z}) \leftrightarrow \ln |1-z|^2$
- One SVMPL for each MPL
- Powerful constraint: $4^n \rightarrow 2^n$ functions at wt. n $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{w}}, w_i \in \{0, 1\}$

A well-known ladder lies in this space

Usyukina, Davydychev, Phys. Lett. B305 (1993) 136; Broadhurst, Phys. Lett. B307 (1993) 132; Broadhurst, Davydychev, arXiv:1007.0237 [hep-th]





Ladder in terms of SVMPLs

$$\frac{(z-\bar{z}) \Phi^{(L)}(z,\bar{z})}{(1-z)(1-\bar{z})} = \sum_{j=L}^{2L} \frac{j!}{L! (j-L)! (2L-j)!} \times \ln^{2L-j} \left(\frac{1}{|z|^2}\right) \left[\text{Li}_j(z) - \text{Li}_j(\bar{z})\right]$$
$$= (-1)^L [\mathcal{L}_{0,\dots,0,1,0,0,\dots,0} - \mathcal{L}_{0,\dots,0,0,1,0,\dots,0}]$$

- Taking z derivative gives factor of 1/z, clips 0 from left
- Taking \overline{z} derivative gives factor of $1/\overline{z}$, clips 0 from right
- Until "1" is on left [or right], then get 1/(1-z) * $\mathcal{L}_{0,...,0}$

The Φ space

- Dimension of the space of iterated {n,1,...,1} coproducts from weight n from 0 to 2L at fixed loop order L:
 1,2,3,...,L,L+1,L,...,3,2,1
- Completion (*L* → ∞ limit) has dimension *n*+1 at weight *n*:
 1,2,3,4,5,...
- This is just the subspace of depth ≤ 1 SVMPLs: $\mathcal{L}_{0,...,0}$ $\mathcal{L}_{1,0,...,0}$, $\mathcal{L}_{0,1,0,...,0}$, ..., $\mathcal{L}_{0,...,0,1}$
- Obviously closed under taking coproducts
- Next, describe the analog for the Ω functions

Ω definition



 $\Omega^{(2)} = \int \frac{d^4 x_{AB}}{\pi^2} \frac{d^4 x_{CD}}{\pi^2} \frac{\langle AB13 \rangle \langle CD46 \rangle \langle 5612 \rangle \langle 2345 \rangle \langle 6134 \rangle}{(\langle AB61 \rangle \langle AB12 \rangle \langle AB23 \rangle \langle AB34 \rangle) \langle ABCD \rangle (\langle CD34 \rangle \langle CD45 \rangle \langle CD56 \rangle \langle CD61 \rangle)}$

• For $\Omega^{(L)}$, insert $\int \frac{d^4 x_{EF}}{\pi^2} \frac{\langle ABCD \rangle \langle 6134 \rangle}{\langle ABEF \rangle \langle EF61 \rangle \langle EF34 \rangle \langle EFCD \rangle}$, etc.

A differential equation

Drummond, Henn, Trnka, 1010.3679

• Appropriate 2nd order differential operator removes a rung:



• In terms of projectively invariant variables:

$$y_w \partial_{y_w} \left[\sqrt{\Delta} \partial_w \Omega^{(L)} \right] = \Omega^{(L-1)}$$

1st order differential equations

LD, Drummond, Henn, 1104.2787

• Split $y_w \partial_{y_w} \left[\sqrt{\Delta} \partial_w \Omega^{(L)} \right] = \Omega^{(L-1)}$ into two 1st order differential eqs. by defining an "odd ladder integral":

$$\sqrt{\Delta}\partial_w \Omega^{(L)} = \mathcal{O}^{(L-1)}, \qquad y_w \partial_{y_w} \mathcal{O}^{(L)} = \Omega^{(L)}$$

- Ω^(L) has weight 2L, is parity even, flip even (u ← → v)
 Ω^(L) has weight 2L+1, is parity odd, flip even
- We have a basis of all (Steinmann satisfying) hexagon functions through weight 10.
- Easy to solve differential equations within this relatively small function space, through 5 or 6 loops, and examine the functions' coproducts.

Coproduct Relations

• Some empirical, some from structure of differential equations.

$$\Omega^{u} + \Omega^{1-u} = \Omega^{v} + \Omega^{1-v} = \Omega^{w} = \Omega^{1-w} = \Omega^{y_{w}} = 0$$
$$[\Omega^{(L)}]^{y_{u}} = [\Omega^{(L)}]^{y_{v}} = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}^{(L-1)}$$

where $\widetilde{\Omega} = \widetilde{\Omega}_e + \widetilde{\Omega}_o$ has an opposite chirality numerator



Dimension of Ω space

weight	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
$\mathcal{O}^{(L)}$ coproducts, $L \to \infty$	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27
P even	1	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15	17	18	20	21
P even, no y	1	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
P even, has y	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14	15
P even, has y , flip +	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	6	3	8	4	10	5
P even, has y , flip $-$	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	6	3	8	4	10
P odd	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6
P odd, flip +	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5	0	6
P odd, flip –	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	5	0

 This counting, together with final-entry properties, reveals a canonical solution to the integrability conditions.

Trivial no-y functions

• 6 for any weight *N*. Just made out of HPL's & In's

$$\begin{split} \kappa_{1}^{(N)} &= H_{N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{u} \right), \\ \kappa_{2}^{(N)} &= H_{N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{v} \right), \\ \kappa_{3}^{(N)} &= \ln \frac{v}{w} H_{N-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{u} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} H_{i,N-i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{u} \right) \\ \kappa_{4}^{(N)} &= \ln \frac{u}{w} H_{N-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{v} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} H_{i,N-i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{v} \right) \\ \kappa_{5}^{(N)} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor N/2 \rfloor} \frac{1}{(N-2i)!} \ln^{N-2i} \frac{u}{v} \Omega^{(i)}(1,1,w), \quad \text{see below for definition} \\ \kappa_{6}^{(N)} &= -(1-w) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \kappa_{5}^{(N+1)}. \end{split}$$

P-odd functions

• Change letters from

$$S = \{u, v, w, 1 - u, 1 - v, 1 - w, y_u, y_v, y_w\}$$

to
$$S' = \{a, b, c, m_u, m_v, m_w, y_u, y_v, y_w\}$$

where
$$a = \frac{u}{vw}$$
, $m_u = \frac{1-u}{u}$, & cyclic

- New letters much better for exposing Steinmann properties,...
- P-odd functions $\tilde{o}_i^{(N)}$ have only 4 final entries:

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$$\frac{m_u}{m_v}, y_u, y_v, y_w$$

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P-odd functions (cont.)

• P-odd functions $\tilde{o}_i^{(N)}$ have only 4 final entries:

 $rac{m_u}{m_v}, y_u, rac{y_v}{y_v}, y_w$

- For N even, the number of P-odd functions is the same as one weight lower. They are connected by the unique P-even, flip-odd letter in the set of final entries: <u>mu</u>
- So we require:

$$d\tilde{o}_i^{(N)} = \frac{1}{2}d\ln(m_u/m_v) \ \tilde{o}_i^{(N-1)} + \dots$$

• For *N* odd, we use y_u/y_v to "line up" one extra function:

$$d\tilde{o}_{i}^{(N)} = \frac{1}{2} d\ln(m_{u}/m_{v}) \ \tilde{o}_{i}^{(N-1)} + d\ln(y_{u}/y_{v}) \times 0 + \dots, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{o} - 1$$

$$d\tilde{o}_{n_{o}}^{(N)} = d\ln(m_{u}/m_{v}) \times 0 + d\ln(y_{u}/y_{v}) \ \kappa_{6}^{(N-1)} + \dots, \qquad N \text{ odd}$$

 m_v

P-even functions

- Put the 6 no-y functions first: $o_i^{(N)} = \kappa_i^{(N)}$, i = 1, 2, ..., 6
- Then the "big" set, which numbers: $n_e^b(N) = 2 \times \left| \frac{N-2}{2} \right|$
- Finally the "small set", which numbers: $n_e^s(N) = \lfloor \frac{N-3}{2} \rfloor$
- The number of "big" P-even functions is twice the number of P-odd ones at 1 weight lower. There are two P-odd letters to connect them: $y_u y_v$ and y_w
- **Require:** $do_{6+i}^{(N)} = d\ln(y_u y_v) \tilde{o}_i^{(N-1)} + d\ln y_w \times 0 + \dots, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_e^b/2$ $do_{6+n_e^b/2+i}^{(N)} = d\ln(y_u y_v) \times 0 + d\ln y_w \tilde{o}_i^{(N-1)} + \dots, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_e^b/2$
- Plus other conditions to get a unique solution

• "Small" set: $do_{6+n_e^b+i}^{(N)} = d \ln c \ o_{6+i}^{(N-1)} + \sum_{i=1}^3 d \ln y_i \times 0 + \dots, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_e^s$

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The line
$$(u, v, w) = (1, 1, w)$$

• On this line, all Ω functions become an integer multiple of either (*weight* = 2k = L):

$$\Omega^{(L)}(1,1,w) = (-1)^{L-1} H_{2L}(1-w) + \sum_{m=1}^{L} (-1)^{L-m} (2-4m) \zeta_{2m} H_{2L-m}(1-w)$$

$$2^{L} \equiv \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{L \text{ times}} \equiv \underbrace{0, 1, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 1}_{L \text{ times}}$$

• **Or** (weight =
$$2k+1 = L-1$$
):

$$(1-w)rac{d}{dw}\Omega^{(L)}(1,1,w)$$

The line (u, v, w) = (1, 1, w) (cont.)

- This fact fixes the integration constants at (1,1,1) needed for the P-even functions.
- Also, the integer coefficients of proportionality turn out to describe the "coproduct tables"
- Key formula is for the P-odd, odd-weight case:

$$\tilde{o}_{i}^{(2k+1)}(1,1,w) = \tilde{d}_{k,i} \times (1-w) \frac{d}{dw} \Omega^{(2k+2)}(1,1,w)$$
$$\tilde{d}_{k,i} = (-1)^{k-i} \frac{(2k)!}{(2i-1)!(2k+2-2i)!} \operatorname{Ge}_{k+1-i}$$

The Genocchi numbers

• Related to the Bernoulli numbers:

$$Ge_n = (-1)^{n+1} 2(4^n - 1) B_{2n}$$

= 1, 1, 3, 17, 155, 2073, 38227, 929569,...

• Generating function:

$$t\tan(t/2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Ge}_n}{(2n)!} t^{2n}$$

• Recursive definition:

$$\operatorname{Ge}_{n} = -\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^{j} \frac{n!}{(2j)!(n-2j)!} \operatorname{Ge}_{n-j}$$

The line (u, v, w) = (1, 1, w) (cont.)

- P-odd, even-weight functions all odd under $u \leftarrow \rightarrow v$
- So they vanish on (1,1,w):
- P-even functions can be expressed in terms of $\widetilde{d}_{k,i}$
- Even-weight case: $o_i^{(2k)}(1, 1, w) = d'_{k,i} \times \Omega^{(2k)}(1, 1, w)$

$$d'_{k,i} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = 5 \\ 2 \tilde{d}_{k-1,i-6}, & 7 \le i \le k+5 \\ -2 \tilde{d}_{k-1,i-k-5}, & k+6 \le i \le 2k+3 \\ -2 \tilde{d}_{k-1,k-1}+1, & i = 2k+4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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 $\tilde{o}_i^{(2k)}(1,1,w) = 0$

Finding the $\Omega\sp{s}$

• Besides the 1st order coproduct relations for Ω , O, and similar ones for $\widetilde{\Omega}_e$, $\widetilde{\Omega}_O$, there are 2nd order coproduct relations:



Finding the Ω 's (cont.)

- Here
- $X[F] = F^{a,a} + F^{b,b} + F^{c,c} + F^{a,m_u} F^{m_u,a} F^{b,m_u} + F^{m_u,b} F^{c,m_u} + F^{m_u,c}$ $+ F^{b,m_v} - F^{m_v,b} - F^{c,m_v} + F^{m_v,c} - F^{a,m_v} + F^{m_v,a}$ $- F^{c,m_w} + F^{m_w,c} + F^{a,m_w} - F^{m_w,a} + F^{b,m_w} - F^{m_w,b}$ $+ F^{y_u,y_u} + F^{y_v,y_v} - F^{y_u,y_v} - F^{y_v,y_u} + F^{y_u,y_w} + F^{y_v,y_w} + F^{y_w,y_u} + F^{y_w,y_v}$ $- 3 F^{y_w,y_w}$
 - Same operator has very nice action on MHV amplitude → simple combination of MHV and NMHV amplitudes at one lower loop.
 LD, von Hippel, 1408.1505

Caron-Huot, LD, von Hippel, McLeod, 1609.00669

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Finding the Ω 's (cont.)

- First and second order coproduct relations suffice to uniquely determine all four integrals, loop order by loop order.
- Use coproduct tables to compute limits onto lines (1,u,u), (1,u,1), check vs. alternative evaluations to high orders.

Results for Integrals

• Let
$$c_{L,i} = \frac{(-1)^{L+1} (2i-1) [2(L-i)]!}{L! (L-2i+1)!}$$

$$\Omega^{(L)} = -c_{L,1} \left(o_1^{(2L)} + o_2^{(2L)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor L/2 \rfloor} c_{L-1,i} o_{6+i}^{(2L)}$$
$$\mathcal{O}^{(L)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor (L+1)/2 \rfloor} c_{L,i} \tilde{o}_i^{(2L+1)}$$

• Similar formulae for $\widetilde{\Omega}_{e}^{(L)}, \ \widetilde{\Omega}_{o}^{(L)}$

Finite coupling

 An isometry of the Ω integral allows the differential equation to be solved at finite coupling in terms of hypergeomtric functions

• Let
$$\Omega(u, v, w, g^2) \propto r^{i\nu/2} F(x, y, g^2)$$

where

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{(1-u)(1-v)}{uvy_uy_v}} = 1 + \frac{1-u-v-w+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2uv}$$

 $y = \sqrt{\frac{y_uy_v(1-u)(1-v)}{uv}} = 1 + \frac{1-u-v-w-\sqrt{\Delta}}{2uv}$
 $r = \frac{u(1-v)}{v(1-u)}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1-x)(x\partial_x)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(1-x)\nu^2 - xg^2 \end{bmatrix} F(x,y,g^2) = 0$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} (1-y)(y\partial_y)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(1-y)\nu^2 - yg^2 \end{bmatrix} F(x,y,g^2) = 0$$

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Finite coupling (cont.)

$$\Rightarrow \ \Omega(u,v,w,g^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2i} \left(\frac{u(1-v)}{(1-u)v}\right)^{i\nu/2} \frac{F_{+\nu}^j(x)F_{+\nu}^j(y) - F_{-\nu}^j(x)F_{-\nu}^j(y)}{\sinh(\pi\nu)}$$



- Straightforward to expand around (1,1,1)
- Or sum up in terms of 2dHPLs on (1,v,w) or limits thereof, to compare with the all orders perturbative results

Summary & Outlook

- The double pentaladders, or Ω functions, together with their coproducts, define an interesting subspace of hexagon functions, which we now understand well to all loop orders, as well as at finite coupling.
- Look for more subspaces between Ω and full (Steinmann) hexagon function space (Simon).
- Try to extend to similar 7 & 8 point integrals.