Integration-by-parts reductions via unitarity cuts and syzygies

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## Integration-by-parts reductions

IBP identities arise from the vanishing integration of total derivatives,

[Chertyrkin, Tchakov, Nucl. Phys. B 192, 159 (1981)]

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^{L} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{D}\ell_{i}}{\pi^{D/2}} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_{j}^{\mu}} \frac{v_{j}^{\mu} P}{D_{1}^{a_{1}} \cdots D_{k}^{a_{k}}} = 0$$

where *P* and  $v_i^{\mu}$  are polynomials in  $\ell_i, p_j$ , and  $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Role in perturbative QFT calculations:

- Reduction. Reduce number of contributing loop integrals by factor of  $\mathcal{O}(10^2) \mathcal{O}(10^6)$  to basis.
- **Computing master integrals.** Enable setting up differential equations for basis integrals  $I_i$ :

[Gehrmann and Remiddi, Nucl. Phys. B 580, 485 (2000)] [Henn, PRL 110 (2013) 251601]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon) = A_m(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon) \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon)$$

where  $x_m$  denotes a kinematical invariant.

## IBP reductions on unitarity cuts

#### Standard approach: enumerate all linear relations and apply Gauss-Jordan elimination to *large* linear systems

[Laporta, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A 15 (2000) 5087-5159]

Idea here: use unitarity cuts to block-diagonalize system



We use the Baikov representation  $(k = \frac{L(L+1)}{2} + LE)$ ,

$$I(N;a) \equiv \int \prod_{j=1}^{L} \frac{d^{D} \ell_{j}}{i \pi^{D/2}} \frac{N}{D_{1}^{a_{1}} \cdots D_{k}^{a_{k}}} = \int \frac{d z_{1} \cdots d z_{k}}{z_{1}^{a_{1}} \cdots z_{k}^{a_{k}}} \operatorname{Gram}_{(\hat{p},\ell)}(z)^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}} N$$

[Baikov, Phys.Lett. B 385 (1996) 404-410]

in which cuts are straightforward to apply,

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d} z_i}{z_i^{a_i}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{cut}} \oint_{\Gamma_\epsilon(0)} \frac{\mathrm{d} z_i}{z_i^{a_i}} \qquad i \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathrm{cut}}$$

## Example: Zurich-flag cut

Let us construct IBP identities on the Zurich-flag cut



Define  $S_{\text{cut}} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7\}$  and  $G = \text{Gram}_{(\widehat{p}, \ell)}$ .

On  $S_{\rm cut}$ , the double-box integral takes the form

$$I_{\rm cut}^{\rm DB}[P] = \prod_{i \in S_{\rm cut}} \oint_{\Gamma_{\epsilon}(0)} \frac{{\rm d}\widetilde{z}_i}{\widetilde{z}_i} \int_{j \notin S_{\rm cut}} {\rm d}\widetilde{z}_j \frac{{\rm d}(\widetilde{z})^{\frac{D-6}{2}}}{\widetilde{z}_3 \widetilde{z}_6} P(\widetilde{z})$$

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Relabeling  $z_{\{1,2,3,4\}} = \widetilde{z}_{\{3,6,8,9\}}$ , this becomes

$$I_{\rm cut}^{\rm DB}[P] = \int \frac{dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 dz_4}{z_1 z_2} G(z)^{\frac{D-6}{2}} P(z)$$

Need to find IBP identities which involve

$$I_{\rm cut}^{\rm DB}[P] = \int \frac{dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 dz_4}{z_1 z_2} G(z)^{\frac{D-6}{2}} P(z)$$

Total derivatives  $\longrightarrow$  IBP identities. Generic total derivative on cut:

$$0 = \int \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \left( \frac{a_i(z)G(z)^{\frac{D-6}{2}}}{z_1 z_2} \right) \right] dz_1 \cdots dz_4$$
  
= 
$$\int \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left( \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial z_i} + \frac{D-6}{2G} a_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_i} \right) - \sum_{j=1,2} \frac{a_j}{z_j} \right] \frac{G(z)^{\frac{D-6}{2}}}{z_1 z_2} dz_1 \cdots dz_4$$

The red term corresponds to an integral in (D-2) dimensions, and the purple term in general produces doubled propagators.

To avoid dimension shifts and doubled propagators in

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we demand that each term is polynomial,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} a_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_i} + bG = 0$$
$$a_j + b_j z_j = 0$$

with *a<sub>i</sub>*, *b<sub>i</sub>*, *b* polynomials in *z*. Such eqs. are known as *syzygy equations*. [Gluza, Kajda, Kosower, PRD**83**(2011)045012], [Schabinger, JHEP**01**(2012)077], [Ita, PRD**94**(2016)116015]

Obtain IBPs by plugging  $(a_i, b)$  into the top equation. Note:  $(qa_i, qb)$  is also a solution, for polynomial q.

## Strategy to solve syzygy equations

Solve syzygy equations with c cuts

$$a_{j} + b_{j}z_{j} = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, k-c$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m-c} a_{j} \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_{k}} + bG = 0$$
(2)

as follows.

1) The generators of (1) are trivial:  

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle z_1 \mathbf{e}_1, \dots, z_k \mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m \rangle$$

2) Generators 
$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \left\langle (a_1, \dots, a_m, b), \dots \right\rangle$$
 of (2) for the *off-shell* case  $c = 0$  can be explicitly found:

$$(\mathbf{a}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{b}) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{E+L} (1+\delta_{ik}) x_{jk} \frac{\partial z_{\alpha}}{\partial x_{ik}}, 2\delta_{ij}\right)$$

where  $x_{ij} = v_i \cdot v_j$  with  $v_{i,j} \in \{p_1, \dots, p_E, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_L\}$ . [Böhm, Georgoudis, KJL, Schulze, Zhang, PRD **98**(2018)025023]

3) Take module intersection  $\mathcal{M}_1\big|_{\mathsf{cut}} \cap \mathcal{M}_2\big|_{\mathsf{cut}}$ 

# Spanning set of cuts for IBPs

To find the complete IBP reduction, we must consider the cuts associated with "uncollapsible" masters:



A bit more explicitly, the cuts we need to consider are



## Main example: non-planar hexagon box

**Task:** IBP reduce non-planar hexagon box with numerator insertions of degree four in the *z*; [Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Hartanto, Peraro, PRL 120(2018)092001]



There are 10 cuts to consider:



Construct and solve IBP identities on a spanning set of cuts.

Cut {1,5,7}

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Cut {4,6,8}

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#### Cut {1,4,5,8}

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# Syzygies for the non-planar hexagon box

#### Syzygies for ensuring *D*-dimensionality:



#### Syzygies for ensuring no doubled propagators:

$$\begin{split} M_2 &= \left\langle (z_1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, z_2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, z_3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, z_4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, 0, 2_5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right. \\ \left. (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \right\rangle \right. \\ \end{split}$$

#### Compute intersection of $M_1|_{cut} \cap M_2|_{cut}$ on each of the 10 cuts.

• Resources to compute  $M_1|_{cut} \cap M_2|_{cut}$ : 25-800 s and 1-14 GB RAM (on 24 cores, 3.40 GHz)

• Size of generating systems after trimming: 1.5-10 MB

Plug resulting generators into ansatz for total derivative:

$$0 = \int \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{m-c} \left( \frac{\partial a_{r_i}}{\partial z_{r_i}} + \frac{D-L-E-1}{2G(z)} a_{r_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_{r_i}} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{k-c} \frac{a_{r_i}}{z_{r_i}} \right] \frac{G(z)^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}}}{z_{r_1} \cdots z_{r_{k-c}}} dz_{r_1} \cdots dz_{r_{m-c}}$$

• Resulting linear systems to solve:

700-1200 equations, size 1 MB, density 1.5%

# Gauss-Jordan elimination of IBP systems

To find the IBP reductions, Gauss-Jordan eliminate IBP systems.

Some remarks:

- To preserve sparsity, use a *total pivoting* strategy (i.e., allow column swaps)
- For cut {1,4,6,7}, the RREF can be performed fully analytically, requiring 31 minutes on one core and 1.5 GB RAM.

For {3, 6, 7}, assigned numerical values to two s<sub>ij</sub>.
 Ran 440 points on cluster (2.5 h and 1.8 GB RAM per job).
 Used interpolation code to get analytical results (23 min and 15 GB RAM on one core).

[von Manteuffel and Schabinger, PLB 744(2015)101] [Peraro, JHEP12(2016)030]

## Merging on-shell IBP reductions

By solving the IBP identities on the following cuts



we reconstruct the *complete IBP reductions* by merging the partial results.

An example of an IBP relation produced by our method  $(\chi \equiv t/s)$ :  $(\bullet - \cdots \bullet \bullet)^2 = \frac{(D-4)s^2\chi}{8(D-3)} - \frac{(3D-2\chi-12)s}{4(D-3)} \bullet \cdots \bullet + \frac{(4-D)(9\chi+7)}{4(D-3)} + 2 + 2 + \frac{(10-3D)(2\chi-13)}{8(D-4)s} \bullet + \frac{2D(\chi+1)-8\chi-7}{2(D-4)s} \bullet + \frac{9(3D-10)(3D-8)}{4(D-4)^2s^2\chi} \bullet + \frac{(3D-10)(3D-8)(2\chi+1)}{2(D-4)^2(D-3)s^2} \bullet + \frac{9(3D-10)(3D-8)(2\chi+1)}{4(D-4)^2s^2\chi} \bullet + \frac{9(3D-10)(3D-8)(3D-$ 

### Results for IBP reductions

• Fully analytic IBP reductions of the 32 hexagon boxes

 $\{I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -4),$ I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -1, -3),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -2, -2)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -3, -1),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -4, 0),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 0, -3)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -2),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -2, -1), I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -3, 0)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, 0, -2),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, -1, -1), I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, -2, 0)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -3, 0, -1),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -3, -1, 0),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -4, 0, 0)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -1, -2)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -2, -1)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -3),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -3, 0).I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 0, -2),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -2, 0),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, 0, -1),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, -1, 0)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -3, 0, 0).I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -2),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -1, -1)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0)I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -2, 0),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 0, -1).I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -1),I(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -1, 0)

- can be downloaded from (268 MB compressed / 790 MB uncompressed) https://github.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_reduction/releases/download/1.0.0/hexagon\_box\_degree\_4\_Final.zip
- Our results agree with fully numerical results from FIRE5 C++ (6 hours per point).
   [A. Smirnov, CPC 189(2015)182]

## AZURITE: a code to construct bases of integrals

Given an input set of inverse propagators  $D_1, \ldots, D_k$ , AZURITE determines a basis as follows.

[A. Georgoudis, KJL, Y. Zhang, CPC 221(2017)203]

- Find automorphism groups G of the graph Γ and its subgraphs.
- Pind a list C of cuts such that no two elements of C are related by a discrete symmetry of a (sub)graph of Γ.
- So For each cut c ∈ C, construct IBP identities and symmetry relations on c (with Z<sub>p</sub> values for kinematics and D).
- Apply Gauss-Jordan elimination to the system of identities. The non-pivot columns correspond to basis integrals.

## Example: determine list of needed cuts $\mathcal{C}$

A priori  $2^7 = 128$  cuts to consider for four gluons at two loops. Mod out by discrete symmetries  $\implies$  only 34 cuts are needed.



## Example: IBP relations on the maximal cut

Consider IBP identities on maximal cut {1,2,3,4,5,6,7}



With  $I[m, n] \equiv I[(\ell_1 + p_4)^{2m}(\ell_2 + p_1)^{2n}]$  and  $(s \equiv 1, t \equiv 3, D \equiv 8009 \pmod{9001})$ :

I[0,2] = -1075I[0,0] + 3228I[1,0]

Wrt. {/[0, 3], /[1, 2], /[2, 1], /[3, 0], /[0, 2], /[1, 1], /[2, 0], /[0, 1], /[1, 0], /[0, 0]}, record the linear relations as

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|------|---|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|------|--|
|   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3228   | 1075 |   | ) (           |   | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1611    | -536 |  |
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|   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -4499   | 4499 |   |               |   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -449    | 3477 |  |
|   | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1611    | -536 |   | $\rightarrow$ |   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3228   | 1075 |  |
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Add non-pivot elements {*I*[1,0], *I*[0,0]} to basis.

### Example: IBPs on less-than-maximal cuts

On the six-fold cut {1,2,3,4,5,7}:



 $\implies$  no elements added to basis

On the five-fold cut  $\{1,2,4,5,7\}$ :

$$\xrightarrow{4}{2} \xrightarrow{7}{1} 5 \left[ (\ell_1 + P_{12})^{2m} (\ell_1 + p_4)^{2n} (\ell_2 + p_1)^{2p} (\ell_2 + p_4)^{2q} \right] \longrightarrow c_{mnpq}$$

$$\xrightarrow{7}{1} \left[ (0, 0, 0, 0) \right] \text{ added to basis}$$

$$[1]$$

## AZURITE: sample results and timings



## AZURITE: timing compared to MINT

#### $MINT: \ \mbox{[Lee and Pomeransky, JHEP 1311 (2013) 165]}$

| topology     | MINT timing                | AZURITE timing | ratio  |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Щ            | 3.1 s                      | 1.3 s          | 2.4    |
| $\mathbf{X}$ | 3.2 s                      | 1.3 s          | 2.5    |
| Щ            | 6.9 s                      | 3.5 s          | 2.0    |
| -\X          | 29.5 s                     | 6.4 s          | 4.6    |
| Ħ            | $> 2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}$ | 170 s          | > 1000 |

#### AZURITE: master integral count comparison

REDUZE2: [Manteuffel and Studerus, 1201.4330]



MINT undercounting: misses critical point(s) at infinity.

## Conclusions

- New formalism for IBP reductions. Main ideas: cuts, IBP identities from syzygies, total pivoting, rational reconstruction
- Obtained the fully analytic IBP reductions of



with numerator insertions up to degree 4 in the  $z_i$ .

 Powerful framework. IBP reductions for further 2 → 3 two-loop processes seem well within reach.