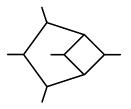
# Integration-by-parts reductions via unitarity cuts and syzygies

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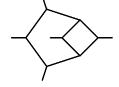
#### Overview

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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)]

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

where P and  $v_j^{\mu}$  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  $\mathcal{I}_i$ :

[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

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \end{array}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \end{array}\right)$$

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

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

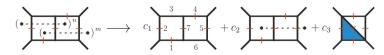
[Baikov, Phys.Lett. B 385 (1996) 404-410]

in which cuts are straightforward to apply,

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

#### Example: Zurich-flag cut

Let us construct IBP identities on the Zurich-flag cut



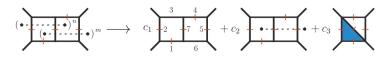
Define  $S_{\text{cut}} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7\}$  and  $G = \text{Gram}_{(\widehat{\boldsymbol{p}}, \boldsymbol{\ell})}$ .

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

$$I_{\text{cut}}^{\text{DB}}[P] = \prod_{i \in S_{\text{cut}}} \oint_{\Gamma_{\epsilon}(0)} \frac{d\widetilde{z}_{i}}{\widetilde{z}_{i}} \int_{j \notin S_{\text{cut}}} d\widetilde{z}_{j} \frac{G(\widetilde{z})^{\frac{D-6}{2}}}{\widetilde{z}_{3} \widetilde{z}_{6}} P(\widetilde{z})$$

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

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

#### Generic total derivative on cut

Need to find IBP identities which involve

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

**Total derivatives** → **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.

# IBP identities from syzygies

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  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ , b polynomials in z. Such eqs. are known as syzygy equations. [Gluza, Kajda, Kosower, PRD83(2011)045012], [Schabinger, JHEP01(2012)077], [Ita, PRD94(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

$$a_j + b_j z_j = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, k-c$$
 (1)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m-c} \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_k} + bG = 0$$
 (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:

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

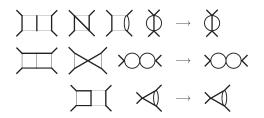
where  $x_{ij} = v_i \cdot v_j$  with  $v_{i,j} \in \{p_1, \dots, p_E, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_L\}$ .

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

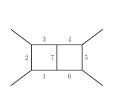
[Böhm, Georgoudis, KJL, Schulze, Zhang, PRD 98(2018)025023]

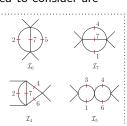
#### Spanning set of cuts for IBPs

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  $z_i$  [Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Hartanto, Peraro, PRL 120(2018)092001]

[Chawdhry, Lim, Mitov, 1805.09182]

[Abreu, Page, Zeng, JHEP 01(2019)006]

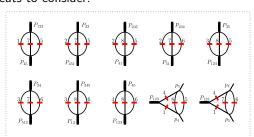
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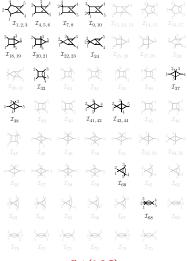
[Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng, 1812.08941]

[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia, 1812.11160, 1812.11057]

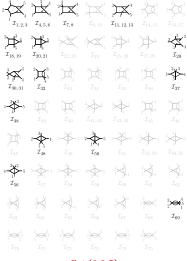
There are 10 cuts to consider:

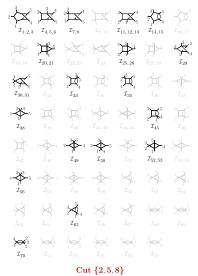


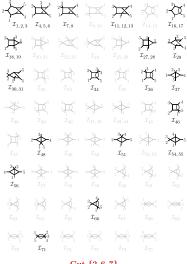
Construct and solve IBP identities on a spanning set of cuts.

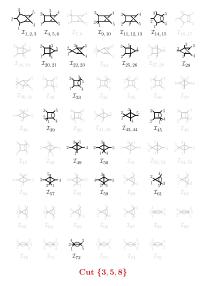


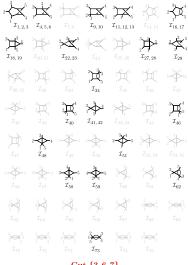
Cut {1,5,7}

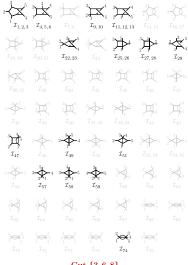


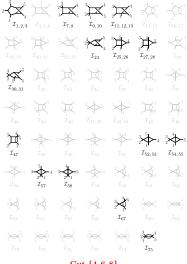


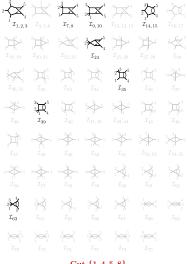




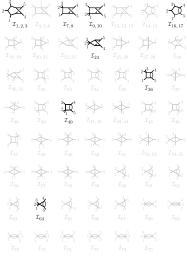








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Cut {1, 4, 6, 7}

#### Syzygies for the non-planar hexagon box

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

#### Syzygies for ensuring no doubled propagators:

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\begin{split} M_2 &= \left\langle (z_1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0), (0,z_2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0) \right. \\ & (0,0,z_3,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0), (0,0,0,z_4,0,0,0,0,0,0,0) \\ & (0,0,0,z_5,0,0,0,0,0,0), (0,0,0,0,z_6,0,0,0,0,0,0) \\ & (0,0,0,0,0,z_7,0,0,0,0), (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,z_8,0,0) \\ & (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0), (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0) \\ & (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0), (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0) \\ \end{split}
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Compute intersection of  $M_1\big|_{\text{cut}}\cap M_2\big|_{\text{cut}}$  on each of the 10 cuts.

# Complexity of IBP systems

• Resources to compute  $M_1|_{\text{cut}} \cap M_2|_{\text{cut}}$ : 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.

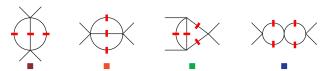
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For {3, 6, 7}, assigned numerical values to two s<sub>ij</sub>.
 Ran 440 points on cluster (2.5 h and 1.8 GB RAM per job).
 Used interpolation code to get analytical results (23 min and 15 GB RAM on one core).

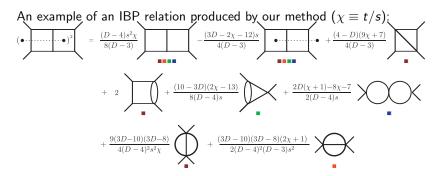
[von Manteuffel and Schabinger, PLB **744**(2015)101]
[Peraro, JHEP**12**(2016)030]

#### 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.



#### Results for IBP reductions

• Fully analytic IBP reductions of the 32 hexagon boxes

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\{I(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,-4),
                                         I(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, 0, -3, -1),
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can be downloaded from (268 MB compressed / 790 MB uncompressed)

 $https://github.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_reduction/releases/download/1.0.0/hexagon\_box\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_reduction/releases/download/1.0.0/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_reduction/releases/download/1.0.0/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_reduction/releases/download/1.0.0/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox\_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree\_4\_Final.zip.com/yzhphy/hexagonbox_degree_4\_Final.zip.com$ 

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

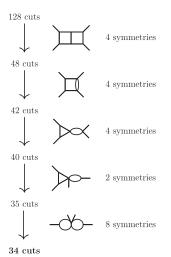
Given an input set of inverse propagators  $D_1, \ldots, D_k$ , AZURITE determines a basis as follows.

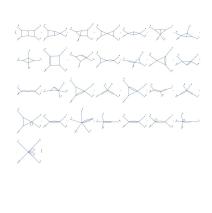
[A. Georgoudis, KJL, Y. Zhang, CPC 221(2017)203]

- **①** Find automorphism groups G of the graph  $\Gamma$  and its subgraphs.
- ② Find a list C of cuts such that no two elements of C are related by a discrete symmetry of a (sub)graph of  $\Gamma$ .
- **③** For each cut  $c \in C$ , construct IBP identities and symmetry relations on c (with  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  values for kinematics and D).
- 4 Apply Gauss-Jordan elimination to the system of identities. The non-pivot columns correspond to basis integrals.

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

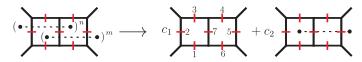
A priori  $2^7 = 128$  cuts to consider for four gluons at two loops. Mod out by discrete symmetries  $\implies$  only 34 cuts are needed.





#### Example: IBP relations on the maximal cut

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



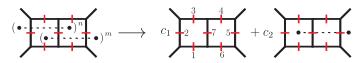
With  $I[m, n] \equiv I[(\ell_1 + p_4)^{2m}(\ell_2 + p_1)^{2n}]$  and  $(s \equiv 1, t \equiv 3, D \equiv 8009 \pmod{9001})$ :

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

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

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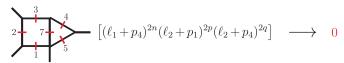
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Add non-pivot elements {I[1,0], I[0,0]} to basis.

# Example: IBPs on less-than-maximal cuts

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

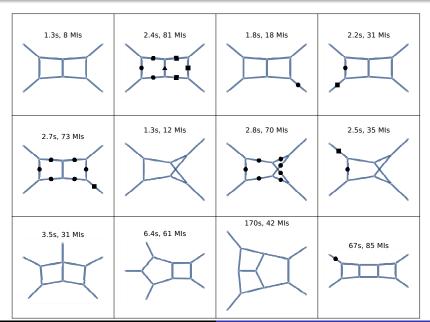


⇒ no elements added to basis

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

 $\implies$  I[0,0,0,0] added to basis

# AZURITE: sample results and timings



# AZURITE: timing compared to MINT

MINT: [Lee and Pomeransky, JHEP 1311 (2013) 165]

topology	MINT timing	AZURITE timing	ratio
Ж	3.1 s	1.3 s	2.4
	3.2 s	1.3 s	2.5
Ж	6.9 s	3.5 s	2.0
<del>\</del>	29.5 s	6.4 s	4.6
川	$> 2 \cdot 10^5$ s	170 s	> 1000

# AZURITE: master integral count comparison

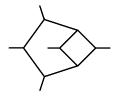
REDUZE2: [Manteuffel and Studerus, 1201.4330]

sector	Mint	Reduze2	Azurite
3 1	1	2	2
2	0	1	1

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.