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On one-loop corrections to the Bunch-Davies wavefunction of the universe

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Loop-the-Loop: Feynman Calculus and its Applications to Gravity and Particle Physics

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 Infrared effects in de Sitter: for theories with light scalar fields in a FLRW spacetime, at late times the accumulation of long wavelength modes leads to the breakdown of perturbation theory.

> [Tsamis, Woodard], [Polyakov], [Baumgart, Sundrum], [Senatore, Gorbenko], [Green, Cohen], [Céspedes, David, Wang], [Benincasa, F.V.], ...

• Phenomenology: the inflaton couples to fermions at loop level.

[Chen, Wang, Xianyu]

Cosmological Wavefunction

$$\Psi[\Phi] = \mathcal{N} \int_{\phi(-\infty)=0}^{\phi(0)=\Phi} \mathcal{D}\phi \, e^{iS^{(\varepsilon)}[\phi]} \longrightarrow \langle f \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi |\Psi[\Phi]|^2 f[\Phi]$$

The action for a general scalar in power-law FLRW cosmologies, after a conformal transformation:

$$S[\phi] = -\int_{-\infty}^{0} d\eta \int d^d x \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial \phi \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2(\eta) \phi^2 - \sum_{k \ge 3} \lambda_k(\eta) \phi^k \right]$$

With couplings:

$$\lambda_k(\eta) = \lambda_k \left[a(\eta) \right]^{2 + \frac{(d-1)(2-k)}{2}} \qquad \qquad \xi = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Minimal Coupling}$$

Wavefunction Expansion

Expanding the fields around the classical solution, the wavefunction acquires the form:

Sum of connected Feynman graphs:

$$\tilde{\psi}_{n}^{(L)}\Big|_{\text{connected}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}_{n}^{(L)}} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathcal{G}} \longrightarrow \tilde{\psi}_{\mathcal{G}} = \int_{-\infty}^{0} \prod_{s \in \mathcal{V}} [d\eta_{s} V_{s} \phi_{\circ}^{(s)}] \prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}} G_{e}(y_{e}; \eta_{s_{e}}, \eta_{s_{e}'})$$

Momentum

flowing in the

These can be seen as Feynman integrals for scalars in FRW cosmologies.

Cosmological Integrals

[Arkani-Hamed, Benincasa, Postnikov]

[Benincasa]

More concretely, for a general scalar in FRW cosmologies the Feynman integrals become:

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\{l_e\}} = \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left[\frac{1}{E_j^l} \, \hat{\mathcal{O}}_l(E_j) \right] \prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \left[\frac{1}{y_e^{2l_e}} \right] \int_{-\infty}^{0} \prod_{s \in \mathcal{V}} \left[d\eta_s \, \frac{\lambda_k(\eta_s)}{(-\eta_s)^{\rho_s}} \, e^{iX_s \eta_s} \prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}} G(y_e; \, \eta_{s_e}, \, \eta_{s'_e}) \right]$$

Boundary energies for external states are:

$$X_s := \sum_{j=1}^{k_s} E_j$$

Here l_j labels the external states and l_e the internal:

$$\rho_s := \sum_{j=1}^{k_s} l_j + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_s} l_e \qquad \begin{array}{c} l = 0 & \text{Conformally} \\ \text{coupled} \\ l = 1 & \begin{array}{c} \text{Minimally} \\ \text{coupled} \end{array}$$

The explicit form of the couplings is:

$$\lambda_k(\eta_s) = \lambda_k \left[-\ell_\gamma/\eta_s\right]^{\gamma \left[2 - \frac{(k-2)(d-1)}{2}\right]}$$

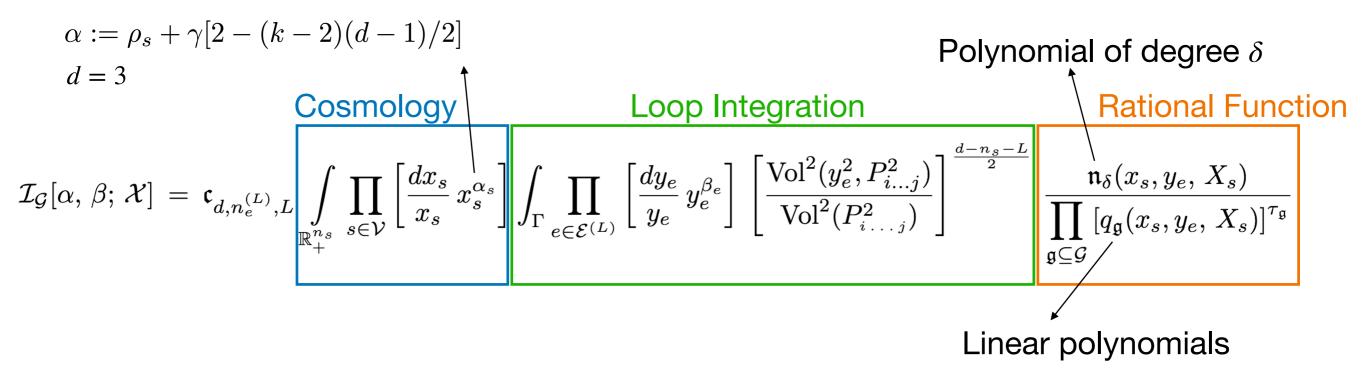
And after the Fourier Transform:

$$\frac{\lambda_k(\eta_s)}{(-\eta_s)^{\rho_s}} = i^{\beta_{k_s,l}}(i\lambda_k)\ell_{\gamma}^{\gamma\left[2-\frac{(k-2)(d-1)}{2}\right]}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\epsilon_s \, e^{i\epsilon_s\eta_s} \, \epsilon_s^{\beta_{k_s,l}-1}\vartheta(\epsilon_s)$$

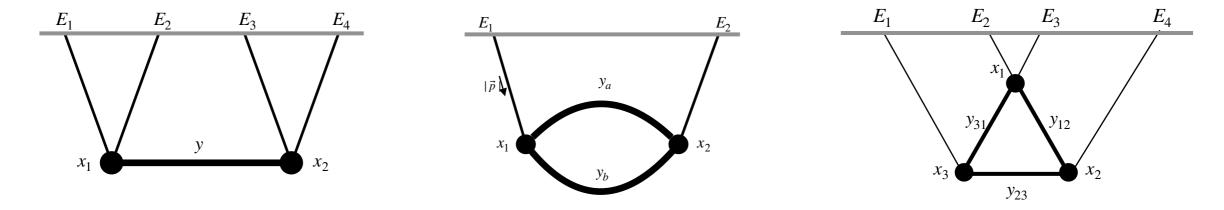
One can get the momentum representation of these cosmological Feynman integrals in terms of $x_s = \epsilon_s + X_s$ and y_e

Cosmological Integrals

[Benincasa, FV]



Examples of graphs:

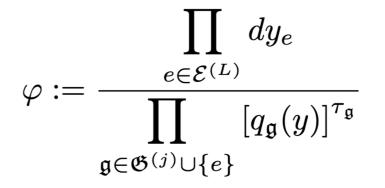


Cosmological Loop Integrals as Twisted Period Integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}^{(\mathcal{G})} := \int_{\Gamma} \prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(L)}} \left[\frac{dy_e}{y_e} \, y_e^{\beta_e} \right] \mu_d\left(y_e; \mathcal{X}\right) \, \frac{\mathfrak{n}_{\delta}(x, y; \mathcal{X})}{\prod_{\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathcal{G}} \left[q_{\mathfrak{g}}(x, y; \mathcal{X}) \right]^{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}}}$$

Twisted period integral structure:

$$\mathcal{I}^{\scriptscriptstyle (j)}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}:=\int_{\Gamma} u\,\varphi$$



With:

$$u := \mu_{d} = \kappa_{0} \kappa^{\chi} \qquad \kappa := \operatorname{Vol}^{2} \left\{ \Sigma_{n_{e}^{(L)}} \left(y^{2}, P_{i...j}^{2} \right) \right\}$$
$$\chi := \frac{d - n_{s} - L}{2} \qquad \kappa_{0} := c_{d, n_{e}^{(L)}, L} \left[\operatorname{Vol}^{2} \left\{ \Sigma_{n_{e}^{(L)} - L} \left(P_{i...j}^{2} \right) \right\} \right]^{-\chi}$$

The integrals are dimensionally regulated.

The twist vanishes in the boundary of the integration contour:

$$\kappa|_{\partial\Gamma} = 0$$

Differential Equations for Loop Cosmological Integrals

Triangulations of Cosmological Polytope help decomposing the universal integrand into a sum of rational functions with trivial numerator. Bubble example:

[Benincasa, Torres Bobadilla]

Solution of Syzygy equations

[Singular]

$$\frac{2(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2}+y_{12}+y_{21})}{(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2})(\tilde{x}_{1}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{2}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2}+2y_{12})(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2}+2y_{21})} = \frac{1}{(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2})(\tilde{x}_{1}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{2}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2}+2y_{12})} + \frac{1}{(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2})(\tilde{x}_{1}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{2}+y_{12}+y_{21})(\tilde{x}_{1}+\tilde{x}_{2}+2y_{21})}$$
ntegral relations:

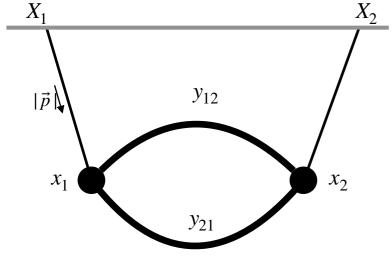
Partial fraction identities:
$$q_{\mathfrak{g}'}(y) = c_{\mathfrak{g}'0} + \sum_{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}\in\mathfrak{G}_{\mathrm{B}}} c_{\mathfrak{g}'\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}} q_{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}}(y) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}'}-1}^{(j)} = c_{\mathfrak{g}'0}\mathcal{I}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}^{(j)} + \sum_{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}\in\mathfrak{G}_{\mathrm{B}}} c_{\mathfrak{g}'\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}}\mathcal{I}_{\tau_{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}}-1}^{(j)}$$

Integration by parts identities:

$$\sum_{e'\in\mathcal{E}^{(L)}}\int_{\Gamma}\left[\prod_{e\in\mathcal{E}^{(L)}}dy_e\right]\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{e'}}\left[\kappa^{\chi}\frac{n_e(x,y,\mathcal{X})}{\prod_{g\subseteq\mathcal{G}}[q_{\mathfrak{g}}]^{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}}}\right] = 0 \quad \bigstar \quad \sum_{e\in\mathcal{E}^{(L)}}\left(\partial_{y_e}\kappa\right) n_e = n_0 \kappa$$

Differential Equations:

Bubble Integral



Consider the twisted period integral:

Basis of master integrals of dimension 6:

$$\{\mathcal{I}_{00}, \mathcal{I}_{10}, \mathcal{I}_{01}, \mathcal{I}_{02}, \mathcal{I}_{-11}, \mathcal{I}_{11}\}$$

"Zero-Sector" is a Feynman integral with half-integer powers in the propagators:

$$\mathcal{I}_{00} := \int \frac{d\vec{\ell}}{|\vec{\ell}| \, |\vec{\ell} + \vec{P}|}$$

Bubble Integral

After rotating to get an ϵ -factorised form:

[Lee], [CANONICA], [Initial]

$$\partial_x \mathcal{I}_i = \epsilon \sum_j (\mathbb{A}_x)_{ij} \mathcal{I}_j \qquad d\mathbb{A} = \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{\tilde{x}_1} d\tilde{x}_1 + \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{\tilde{x}_2} d\tilde{x}_2 + \hat{\mathbb{A}}_P dP = \sum_{i=1}^8 \mathbb{M}_i d\log(w_i)$$

With symbol letters:

$$w_i \in \{P, \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_1 + P, \tilde{x}_2 + P, \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 + 2P, \tilde{x}_1 - P, \tilde{x}_2 - P, \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 - 2P\}$$

One can then integrate the differential equations and fix boundary conditions by:

- Computing the zero-sector integral directly.
- Demanding a finite solution at the singularities: $\{\tilde{x}_1 P, \tilde{x}_2 P, \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 2P\}$.
- Computing one integral directly in the line $\tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{\{1\}}^{(2,1)} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon(\tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2)} + \frac{(-2\log(P) - \gamma_E + 2 - \log(4\pi))}{\tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2} + \frac{2}{\tilde{x}_1^2 - \tilde{x}_2^2} \left[\tilde{x}_2 \log\left(\frac{P + \tilde{x}_1}{P}\right) - \tilde{x}_1 \log\left(\frac{P + \tilde{x}_2}{P}\right) \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{P} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{P - \tilde{x}_2}{P + \tilde{x}_1}\right) + \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{P - \tilde{x}_1}{P + \tilde{x}_2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{P + \tilde{x}_1}{P + \tilde{x}_2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

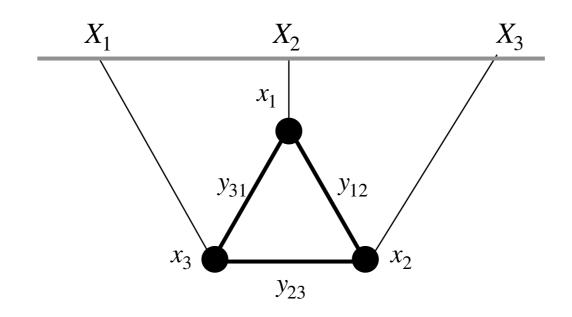
Bubble Integral: Site Integration

One can integrate the flat-space wavefunction over the site-weights via Method of Brackets:

$$\begin{split} I_{2}^{(1)} &= \frac{2^{-3-2a}\pi^{3/2}\left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)^{1+2a}\csc(\pi a)^{2}\Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2}-a\right)}{\Gamma[-a]}\left(2-\frac{1}{c}-\log\left(4\pi e^{\gamma_{E}}P^{2}\right)\right) \\ &+ \frac{\pi^{3/2}\csc^{2}(\pi a)}{8(a+1)^{2}P}\left[-4\sqrt{\pi}\left(\left(P+X_{1}\right)^{a+1}-2\left(X_{1}-P\right)^{a+1}\right)\left(P+X_{2}\right)^{a+1}-\frac{4^{-a}\Gamma\left(-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)^{2a+2}}{\Gamma(-\alpha)}{}_{2}F_{1}\left(1,-2(\alpha+1);-a;\frac{P+X_{1}}{X_{1}+X_{2}}\right)\right] \\ &+ \frac{\pi^{2}\csc(\pi a)\csc(2\pi a)(P+X_{1})^{a}}{4\alpha+2}\left[-2\left(P+X_{1}\right)\left(\left(P-X_{2}\right)^{a}+(-1)^{a}\left(P+X_{2}\right)^{a}\right)+(-1)^{a}\left(X_{1}-X_{2}\right)\left(P+X_{1}\right)^{a}{}_{2}F_{1}\left(1-\alpha,-2\alpha;1-2\alpha;\frac{X_{1}-X_{2}}{P+X_{1}}\right)\right] \\ &+ \left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)\left(P+X_{1}\right)^{a}{}_{2}F_{1}\left(1-\alpha,-2\alpha;1-2\alpha;\frac{X_{1}+X_{2}}{P+X_{1}}\right)\right] \\ &- \frac{\pi^{5/2}4^{-\alpha-1}\csc(\pi a)\csc(2\pi a)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)\Gamma\left(\alpha+\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(P+X_{1}\right)}\left[(-1)^{a}\left(X_{1}-X_{2}\right)^{2\alpha+2}{}_{3}F_{2}\left(1,1,\alpha+2;2,2\alpha+3;\frac{X_{1}-X_{2}}{P+X_{1}}\right)+\left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)^{2\alpha+2}{}_{3}F_{2}\left(1,1,\alpha+2;2,2\alpha+3;\frac{X_{1}+X_{2}}{P+X_{1}}\right)\right] \\ &+ \frac{\pi^{5/2}2^{-2\alpha-1}\csc(\pi a)\csc(2\pi a)\left((-1)^{a}\left(X_{1}-X_{2}\right)^{2\alpha+1}+\left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)^{2\alpha+1}\right)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)\Gamma\left(\alpha+\frac{3}{2}\right)} \log\left(\frac{P+X_{1}}{P}\right) \\ &+ \left(X_{1}\leftrightarrow X_{2}\right) \end{split}$$

In the limit $\alpha \to 1$, only Log, Log^2 and Li_2 appear.

Triangle Integral



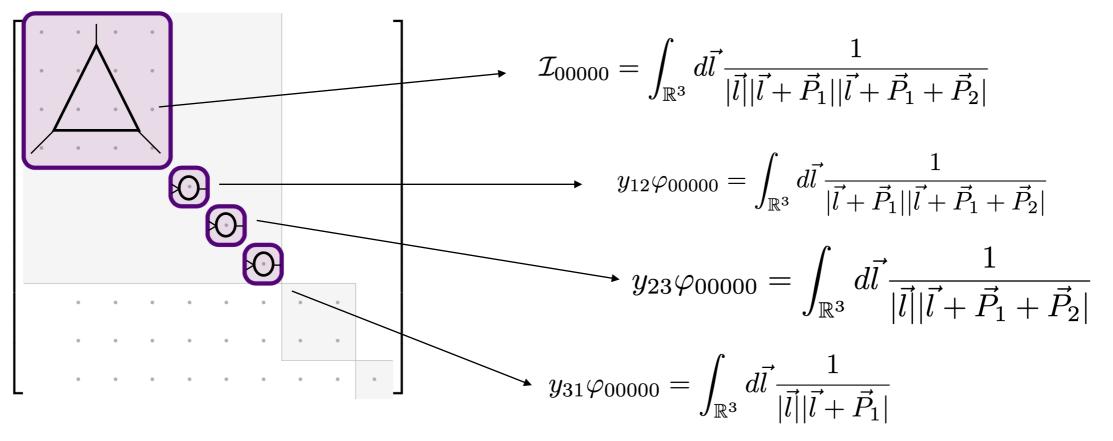
We will consider the cases where there is only one external leg per site:

$$P_1 \to X_1, P_2 \to X_2, P_3 \to X_3$$

Triangle Integral

$$\mathcal{I}_{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{1}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{2}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{3}}\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{23}}} = \int_{\Gamma} \mu_{d} \varphi_{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{1}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{2}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{3}}\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{23}}} \qquad \varphi_{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{1}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{2}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{3}}\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{23}}} = \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}} dy_{e}}{q_{\mathfrak{g}_{1}}^{\tau\mathfrak{g}_{1}} q_{\mathfrak{g}_{2}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{2}} q_{\mathfrak{g}_{3}}^{\mathfrak{g}_{3}} q_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}^{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}_{23}}}}$$

The "zero-sector" of the Triangle can be decomposed into homogeneous blocks:



This sector has a basis of dimension seven:

 $\{\varphi_{0000}, y_{12}^2\varphi_{0000}, y_{23}^2\varphi_{0000}, y_{31}^2\varphi_{0000}, y_{12}\varphi_{0000}, y_{23}\varphi_{0000}, y_{31}\varphi_{0000}\}$

Zero Sector for General one loop graphs

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{1\}}^{(n_{s},\,1;\,0)} = \frac{\kappa_{0}}{2^{n}} \int \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}} dy_{e}^{2}}{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}} \left[y_{e}^{2}\right]^{1/2}} \left[\kappa(y_{e}^{2})\right]^{\epsilon} \longrightarrow \qquad \mathcal{I}_{\{1\}}^{(n_{s},\,1;\,0)} = \frac{1}{2^{n}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} d\vec{l} \frac{1}{\left|\vec{l}\right| \left|\vec{l} + \vec{P}_{1}\right| \cdots \left|\vec{l} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_{s}-1} \vec{P}_{j}\right|}$$

- Integration by parts identities relate integrals shifted by integer powers
- Each sub-sector will be one combination of integer and half-integer powers

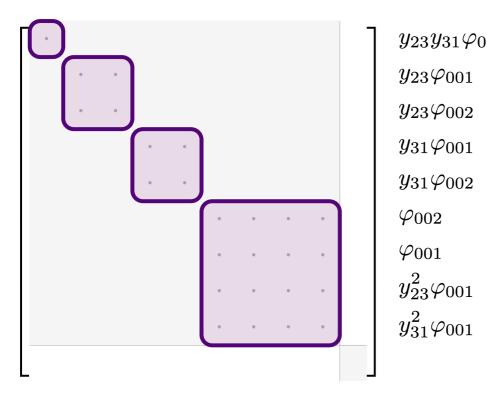
• The "zero-sector" admits the following dimension for a one-loop n_s -sites graph:

$$\nu_{n_s}^{(\text{CI})} = 3^{n_s} - 2^{n_s - 1} (2 + n_s)$$

Triangle: Elliptic Sector

$$\mathcal{I}_{\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}} = \int_{\Gamma} \mu_d \, \varphi_{\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}} \qquad \qquad \varphi_{\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{21}}} = \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(1)}} dy_e}{q_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}^{\tau_{\mathcal{G}_{12}}}} \qquad \qquad q_{\mathcal{G}_{12}} = \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{x}_3 + 2y_{12}$$

The Picard-Fuchs operator of the 4x4 homogenous block factorises: $\mathcal{L}_4 = \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{L}_2$



$$\mathcal{L}_{2} = \frac{d^{2}}{d\lambda^{2}} + \frac{5(a^{2}-1)^{2}\lambda^{4} - 6(a^{2}+1)\lambda^{2} + 1}{(a^{2}-1)^{2}\lambda^{5} - 2(a^{2}+1)\lambda^{3} + \lambda}\frac{d}{d\lambda} + \frac{3(a^{2}-1)^{2}\lambda^{2} - 2(a^{2}+1)}{(a^{2}-1)^{2}\lambda^{4} - 2(a^{2}+1)\lambda^{2} + 1}$$

Solution:
$$\psi_{1,2}(K^2)$$
, $K^2 = \frac{(a-1)^2 \lambda^2 - 1}{(a+1)^2 \lambda^2 - 1}$

In the total energy pole $\tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{x}_3 \rightarrow 0$, it factorises in two linear operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{d}{d\lambda} + \frac{2\lambda^4 + 5\lambda^2 - 1}{(\lambda - 1)\lambda(\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 + 1)} \quad \mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{d}{d\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1)}$$



- Find canonical form for the differential equations of the Triangle graph and integrate.
- Classification of the geometries appearing in higher point one loop graphs.
- Differential equations for site- and loop-integration.

[Baumann, Goodhew, Lee]