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2D fishnet integrals and Calabi-Yau geometries

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- Feynman integrals are the building blocks for multi-loop scattering amplitudes.
 - Important both for collider and gravitational wave phenomenology.
 - ➡ A window into the mathematical structure of pQFT.
- They exhibit a rich mathematical structure, with connections to (algebraic) geometry.
- We would like to understand the underlying mathematics as well as we can!



• Example: All 1-loop integrals compute the volumes of some polytope in hyperbolic space. [Davydychev, Delbourgo; Schnetz; ...]



Bloch-Wigner Dilogarithm: $D(z) = \operatorname{Im}\left[\operatorname{Li}_{2}(z) + \log|z| \log(1 + \log|z|) \log(1 + \log|z|)) \log(1 + \log|z|) \log(1 + \log|z|)) \log(1 + \log|z|)) \log(1 + \log|z|)) \log(1 + \log|z|)) \log(1 + \log|z|$



Fishnet integrals



• Here: We focus on **fishnet integrals** (in *D* dimensions).



[Gürdogan, Kazakov; Chicherin, Kazakov, Löbbert, Müller, Zhong]

 α_7

 ξ_5

 α_8

Feynman rules:

$$- \oint \mathbf{d}^D \boldsymbol{\xi}$$





• They are invariant under the Yangian $Y(\mathfrak{so}(1, D + 1))$ of the conformal group in D (Euclidean) dimensions (with conformal weight 1 at each external point). [Chicherin, Kazakov, Löbbert, Müller, Zhong;

Löbbert, Miczajka, Müller, Münkler]

→ Conformal (level 0) generators: J^A = ∑_{j=1}ⁿ J_j^A
P^µ_j = -i∂^µ_j, L^{µν}_j = ix^µ_j∂^ν_j - ix^ν_j∂^µ_j, D_j = -ix_{jµ}∂^µ_j - iΔ_j, K^µ_j = -i(2x^µ_jx^ν_j - η^{µν}x²_j)∂_{j,ν} - 2iΔ_jx^µ_j, K^µ_j = -i(2x^µ_jx^ν_j - η^{µν}x²_j)∂_{j,ν} - 2iΔ_jx^µ_j,
→ Level 1 generators: J^A = ½f^A_{BC} ∑_{k=1}ⁿ ∑_{j=1}^{k-1} J^C_j J^B_k + ∑_{j=1}ⁿ s_j J^A_j

• Invariance of the integral associated to the fishnet graph G:

$$\mathbf{J}^A I_G = \widehat{\mathbf{J}}^A I_G = 0$$





- They compute correlators in the *D* dimensional fishnet theory: $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{FN},D} = N_c \operatorname{tr} \left| \overline{X} (-\Box)^{D/4} X + \overline{Z} (-\Box)^{D/4} Z + \lambda^2 \, \overline{XZ} X Z \right|$ [Gürdogan, Kazakov; Kazakov, Olivucci]
 - $Z \longrightarrow \overline{Z} = \lambda^2 \int \mathrm{d}^D \xi$ $= \frac{1}{[(\xi_1 - \xi_2)^2]^{D/4}}$
- Traintrack integrals compute specific supercomponents of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ amplitudes in D = 4. [Caron-Huot, Larsen;

Bourjaily, He, McLeod, von Hippel, Wilhelm]





Results in D = 4



• Ladder integrals: (single-valued) classical polylogs (for all loops).



[Davydychev, Ussyukina]

• Two-loop train track: elliptic polylogs.

[Kristensson, Wilhelm, Zhang; Morales, Spiering, Wilhelm, Yang, Zhang]

• ℓ -loop traintrack: geometry is Calabi-Yau ($\ell - 1$)-fold.

[Bourjaily, He, McLeod, von Hippel, Wilhelm]

Basso-Dixon Formula:





Results in D = 2



- ℓ -loop ladder integral: bilinear in $\ell+1F_{\ell}$ functions.
- Basso-Dixon formula in 2D:

[Derkachov, Kazakov, Olivucci]



- No known results for multi-variable traintracks.
- Observation: 1-loop can be expressed as elliptic integrals:

$$\alpha_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \alpha_3 = \frac{4}{|a_{12}a_{34}|} \left[\mathbf{K}(z) \mathbf{K}(1-\bar{z}) + \mathbf{K}(1-z) \mathbf{K}(\bar{z}) \right] \qquad \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ periods of an} \\ \text{elliptic curve} \end{array}$$
$$\mathbf{K}(z) = \int_0^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-zx^2)}} \quad z = \frac{a_{23}a_{14}}{a_{21}a_{34}} \qquad a_k = \alpha_k^1 + i\,\alpha_k^2 \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{[Corcoran, Löbbert,} \\ \text{Miczajka]} \end{array}$$







- 1. Brief overview of Calabi-Yau geometry.
- 2. 2d fishnets and Calabi-Yau geometry.
- 3. Yangian-invariant Calabi-Yau periods
- 4. Fishnet integrals as volumes.

Brief overview of Calabi-Yau geometry



Calabi-Yau varieties



- A Calabi-Yau *l*-fold is an *l*-dimensional complex Kähler manifold with a unique nowhere vanishing (*l*, 0)-form.
 - \rightarrow (*p*, *q*)-form: *p* holomorphic and *q* anti-holomorphic differentials.
 - ➡ Uniqueness of (ℓ, 0)-form is equivalent to vanishing of 1st Chern class.
- A Calabi-Yau ℓ -fold is uniquely defined by a triple

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Complex manifold of} \quad (M,\Omega,\omega) \quad \text{K\"ahler form; (1,1)-form (~metric)} \\ \text{dimension } \ell \\ \quad (\ell,0)\text{-form (defines complex structure)} \end{array}$

• Example: Calabi-Yau 1-fold = elliptic curve

$$\left(\mathcal{E}, \mathrm{d}z = \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{y}, A\,\mathrm{d}z\wedge\mathrm{d}\bar{z}\right)$$



Calabi-Yau varieties



• We are typically interested in families of CY varieties:



- For each z there is a CY variety M_z with a given top-form Ω_z .
- Example: Family of elliptic curves: $y^2 = x(1-x)(1-zx)$ • For each z there is \mathcal{E}_z with $\Omega_z = \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{y} = \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{x(1-x)(1-zx)}}$.
 - This does not fix the Kähler form! (We can still scale the torus, i.e., its area is not fixed!)







- We can integrate Ω_z over a basis of cycles of $H_\ell(M_z, \mathbb{Z})$. • Periods: $\Pi(z) = (\Pi_0(z), \dots, \Pi_{b_\ell - 1}(z))$, $\Pi_i(z) = \int_{\Gamma_i} \Omega_z$
- The periods are multivalued functions of z.
 There is a monodromy-invariant bilinear pairing on periods:

$$\int_{M_z} \Omega_z \wedge \overline{\Omega}_z \sim \Pi(z)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi(z) \qquad \Sigma^T = (-1)^{\ell} \Sigma$$

• The periods are not all independent, but there is a quadratic relation among them:

$$\Pi(z)^T \Sigma \Pi(z) \sim \int_{M_z} \Omega_z \wedge \Omega_z = 0$$



Picard-Fuchs ideal



- For every family of CYs, there is a set of differential operators whose solutions are precisely spanned by the periods!
 - They generate an ideal of differential operators, the <u>Picard-</u> <u>Fuchs ideal</u> (PFI) of the family of CYs.
 - For 1-parameter families, we only need a single operator, the <u>Picard-Fuchs operator</u>.
- Advantage: We can obtain the periods as solutions of certain differential equations.
- For certain 1-parameter families, the corresponding differential operators have been studied extensively.



[van Straten; Bogner; ...]



The Legendre family



• Example: Family of elliptic curves: $y^2 = x(1-x)(1-zx)$

$$\prod_{\alpha} (z) = \int_{\alpha} \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{y} = 2 \operatorname{K}(z) \qquad \Pi_{\beta}(z) = \int_{\beta} \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{y} = 2i \operatorname{K}(1-z)$$

→ Bilinear pairing: $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\Pi(z)^T \Sigma \Pi(z) = 4i \left[K(z) K(1-z) - K(z) K(1-z) \right] = 0$ $\Pi(z)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi(z) = 4i \left[K(z) K(1-\overline{z}) + K(\overline{z}) K(1-z) \right]$ 1-loop 2D fishnet integral!

→ Picard-Fuchs operator: $L = z^2(1-z)\partial_z^2 + z(1-2z)\partial_z - \frac{z}{4}$

$$Lf(z) = 0 \leftrightarrow f(z) = A \Pi_{\alpha}(z) + B \Pi_{\beta}(z) \qquad A, B \in \mathbb{C}$$

2D fishnets and Calabi-Yau geometry







• Holomorphic factorisation: $x_k = \xi_k^1 + i\xi_k^2$ $a_k = \alpha_k^1 + i\alpha_k^2$



• The Yangian also splits holomorphically:

 $Y(\mathfrak{so}(1,3)) = Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})) \oplus \overline{Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}))}$





- When does $y^2 = P_G(x, a)$ define a CY ℓ -fold?
 - ➡ The 1st Chern class must vanish.
 - This happens if $P_G(x, a)$ has degree 4 in each x_k .
 - This conditions is always satisfied for fishnet graphs, because all vertices are 4-valent!

Conclusion:

To every ℓ -loop fishnet graph G we can associate a family M_G of CY ℓ -folds parametrised by $a = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ and holomorphic $(\ell, 0)$ -form

$$\Omega_G = \frac{\mathrm{d}x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathrm{d}x_\ell}{\sqrt{P_G(x,a)}}$$

[CD, Klemm, Löbbert, Nega, Porkert]





• The Feynman integral is related to the periods:

$$I_G(a) = \int \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} \frac{\mathrm{d}x_j \wedge \mathrm{d}\bar{x}_j}{-2i} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{|P_G(x,a)|^2}}$$
$$\sim \int_{M_G} \Omega_G \wedge \overline{\Omega}_G \quad \sim \Pi_G(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi_G(a)$$

➡ Generalises the bilinear expression at 1-loop:

$$\Pi(z)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi(z) = 4i \left[\mathrm{K}(z) \mathrm{K}(1-\bar{z}) + \mathrm{K}(\bar{z}) \mathrm{K}(1-z) \right]$$
^{1-loop 2D}fishnet integral!

- The periods are obtained by solving the PF differential equations.
 - How can we find them?





- Let $J \in Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}))$. Yangian-invariance implies:
 - $0 = J \left[I_G(a) \right] \sim J \left[\Pi_G(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi_G(a) \right] \sim \Pi_G(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma J \left[\Pi_G(a) \right]$
 - $\implies J[\Pi_G(a)] = 0$
 - $\Rightarrow Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})) \subset \mathrm{PFI}$
- The PFI contains more operators...
- Issue:
- The Yangian is built on a cyclic ordering of the external points.
- Fishnet graphs have more symmetries.

• Example:
$$G = a_1 - a_2$$

 a_4 Aut $(G) = S_4$





• For all examples we studied: we obtain the complete PFI if we add to the Yangian all its Aut(*G*) permutations.

Conjecture:

The PFI of M_G is generated by the Yangian $Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ and all its $\operatorname{Aut}(G)$ permutations. [CD, Klemm, Löbbert, Nega, Porkert]

Geometry informs physics, physics informs geometry!





2- & 3-loop traintracks



- We reproduce in this way results for 1-parameter ladder and fishnet graphs to high loop order!
- New results: 2- and 3-loop traintrack in general kinematics:





 $I_G(a) = |F_G(a)|^2 \phi_G(z)$ cross ratios

[CD, Klemm, Löbbert, Nega, Porkert]



2-loop ladder



- Periods of a 1-parameter family of CY 2-folds (K3 surfaces) can always be expressed in terms of products of elliptic integrals! [Doran; Bogner]
 - The two-loop ladder integral can be expressed in terms of elliptic integrals!

$$a_{1} - \underbrace{A_{2}}_{a_{4}} = \frac{32}{|a_{12}a_{34}a_{24}|} \left(\mathbf{K}_{+} \, \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{-} + \mathbf{K}_{-} \, \overline{\mathbf{K}}_{+} \right)^{2}$$

 $K_{\pm} = K\left(\frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{1-z})\right) \qquad \qquad z = \frac{a_{23}a_{14}}{a_{21}a_{34}}$

[CD, Klemm, Löbbert, Nega, Porkert]

• For higher loops, no representation in terms of elliptic integrals is expected to exist.

Yangian-invariant Calabi-Yau periods





- $Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})) \subset PFI$ implies that the periods are Yangian-invariants!
 - → Do we get all invariants (for this particular representation)?
- No! Example: The following 8-point integrals are both Yangianinvariant:



- We get all invariants with a prescribed symmetry group of the form $\operatorname{Aut}(G)$.
 - → Why all? The PFI is generated by $Y(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ and $\operatorname{Aut}(G)$, and the periods form a complete set of solutions.





• The periods compute the 1D fishnet integrals!

Fishnet integral in 1D: $I_G^{D=1}(a) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^L} \Omega_G$

• 'Double-copy' formula for 2D fishnets?

$$I_G(a) \sim \int_{M_G} \Omega_G \wedge \overline{\Omega}_G \sim \Pi_G(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi_G(a) \sim \int_{\Gamma_i} \Omega_G$$

Similar to KLT relation for string amplitudes.

In fact, it is the single-valued map, just like in string theory!

[cf. Stieberger, Taylor; Schlotterer, Schnetz; Brown, Dupont; ...]







Basso-Dixon formula for 1D fishnet/ Yangian-invariant periods:



CY 3-fold / 4 Yangian-invariant periods: $\left(\Pi_0(z), \Pi_1(z), \Pi_2(z), \Pi_3(z)\right)$

CY 4-fold / 5 Yangian-invariant periods:

 $(D_{01}(z), D_{02}(z), D_{03}(z), D_{12}(z), D_{23}(z))$

$$D_{ij}(z) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_i(z) & \Pi_j(z) \\ \partial_z \Pi_i(z) & \partial_z \Pi_j(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

1 relation from $\Pi(z)^T \Sigma \Pi(z) = 0$:

 $D_{13}(z) = D_{02}(z)$ [cf. Almkvist]

- In general: the periods associated to $M \times N$ fishnets $(M \le N)$ are $M \times M$ determinants of the (derivatives) periods of (M + N 1)-loop ladders graphs.
 - Basso-Dixon formula for Yangian-invariant CY periods!







• We can combine the 'double-copy' formula with the Basso-Dixon formula in 1D and 2D:

 $I_{\rm FN}^{D=2}(a) \stackrel{\rm DC}{\sim} \Pi_{\rm FN}(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma_{\rm FN} \Pi_{\rm FN}(a)$

 $\overset{\mathbf{1D-BD}}{\sim} \det(\partial^k \Pi_{\mathrm{Lad}}(a))^{\dagger} \Sigma_{\mathrm{FN}} \det(\partial^l \Pi_{\mathrm{FN}}(a))$ $\overset{\mathbf{2D-BD}}{\sim} \det\left(\partial^k I^{2D}_{\mathrm{Lad'}}(a)\right)$ $\overset{\mathbf{DC}}{\sim} \det\left(\partial^k \Pi_{\mathrm{Lad'}}(a)^{\dagger} \Sigma_{\mathrm{Lad'}} \partial^l \Pi_{\mathrm{Lad'}}(a)\right)$

- Highly non-trivial relation between CY periods!
- Not even the loop orders of the ladder integrals involved are the same!

Fishnet integrals as volumes



➡ No known extension beyond 1-loop.

- In 2D: Which metric shall we use?
 - ⇒ Ω_G defines a complex structure on M_G , but no Kähler structure!
 - → We have no canonical choice of metric to compute a volume...





• Mirror symmetry: CY
$$\ell$$
-folds come in pairs (M, W) s.t.

$$\dim H^{p,q}(M) = \dim H^{\ell-p,q}(W)$$

 $H^{p,q}(M) =$ cohomology classes of (p,q)-forms

Mirror symmetry exchanges complex and Kähler structures:

$$H^{\ell-1,1}(M) \xrightarrow{\text{MS}} H^{1,1}(W)$$
Parametises complex
structures on M

$$\Omega_z \xrightarrow{\text{MS}} \omega = \sum_i (\text{Im } t_i(z)) e_i \xrightarrow{\text{Basis of}}_{H^{1,1}(W)}$$
Mirror map: $t_i(z) = \frac{\prod_i(z)}{\prod_0(z)} \sim \log z_i + \mathcal{O}(z^2) \xrightarrow{\text{log-divergent solutions}}_{\text{holomorphic solution}}$







• Classical volume:

$$\operatorname{Vol}_{\operatorname{cl.}}(W_G) = \int_{W_G} \frac{\omega_G^{\ell}}{\ell!} \qquad t_i^{\mathbb{R}}(z) = \operatorname{Im} t_i(z)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\ell!} \sum_{i_1, \cdots, i_{\ell}} C_{i_1, \cdots, i_{\ell}}^{\operatorname{cl.}} t_{i_1}^{\mathbb{R}}(z) \cdots t_{i_{\ell}}^{\mathbb{R}}(z)$$

 $ightarrow C_{i_1,\cdots,i_{\ell}}^{\text{cl.}}$ are (explicit computable) intersection numbers.



Fishnets as volumes



• 1 loop:

$$I_{1-\text{loop}}(a) \sim K(z)K(1-\bar{z}) + K(\bar{z})K(1-z) = 2 |K(z)|^2 \text{Im} \tau(z)$$

$$\tau(z) = iK(1-z)/K(z) \qquad |\Pi_{1-\text{loop},0}(z)|^2; \text{ overall scale} \quad \text{Vol}_{\text{cl.}}(W_{1-\text{loop}})$$

• 2 loops:

$$I_{2-\text{loop}}(a) \sim \left(\mathbf{K}_{+} \,\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{-} + \mathbf{K}_{-} \,\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{+}\right)^{2} = 4 \left|\mathbf{K}_{-}\right|^{4} \left(\text{Im}\,\tau(z)\right)^{2}$$
$$|\Pi_{2-\text{loop},0}(z)|^{2} \,\operatorname{Vol}_{\text{cl.}}(W_{2-\text{loop}})$$

• 3 loops:

$$I_{3-\text{loop}}(a) \nsim |\Pi_{3-\text{loop},0}(z)|^2 \operatorname{Vol}_{cl.}(W_{3-\text{loop}})$$





- For $\ell \geq 3$, the volume receives instanton corrections:
 - Quantum volume:

 $\Pi_G(z)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi_G(z) \sim |\Pi_{G,0}(z)|^2 \operatorname{Vol}_q(W_G)$ $\sim |\Pi_{G,0}(z)|^2 \operatorname{Vol}_{cl.}(W_G) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-t_i(z)})$

- The same notion of quantum volume appears in string theory and geometry.
 [cf. e.g. Lee, Lerche, Weigand]
- Instanton corrections are absent for elliptic curves and K3 surfaces.
 - → The classical and quantum volumes agree for $\ell = 1, 2$.



Pure functions?



- For 1-parameter families, the periods close to z = 0 behave like: $\Pi_{G,k}(z) = \Pi_{G,1}(z) \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \log^{k-1} z + \mathcal{O}(z) \qquad \text{(For fishnets, z is the cross ratio)}}$
- They can be written as [CD, Klemm, Nega, Tancredi]:
 - $\Pi_{G,k}(z) = \Pi_{G,1}(z) I(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-2}; q)$ Iterated integrals

letters = Y-invariants of the CY [cf. Bogner]

$$I(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-2}; q) = \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \log^{k-1} q + \mathcal{O}(q) \qquad \text{Pure functions?}$$

Interesting observation: quadratic relations among CY periods turn into simple shuffle relations among iterated integrals!

$$\Pi(z)^T \Sigma \Pi(z) = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{II}(\operatorname{id} \otimes S) \Delta_{\operatorname{dec}} = 0 \quad \text{[cf. Nega's talk]}$$



Pure functions?



$$\Pi_{G,k}(z) = \Pi_{G,1}(z) I(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-2}; q)$$

Pure functions?

$$\Pi_G(z)^{\dagger} \Sigma \Pi_G(z) \sim |\Pi_{G,0}(z)|^2 \operatorname{Vol}_q(W_G)$$

• To be compared with 4D box:



- Does the same work for more parameters?
 - → Works for K3 / 2-loop, currently checking 3 loops!







Physics

- ℓ -loop fishnet graph G
- Feynman integrand $\Omega_G \wedge \overline{\Omega}_G$
- Cross ratios of external points
- Yangian and graph symmetries
- Yangian invariants
- Basso-Dixon formula
- Feynman integral $I_G(a)$

CY geometry

- Family of CY ℓ -folds M_G
- $(\ell, 0)$ -form Ω_G
- Independent moduli
- Picard Fuchs ideal
- Periods
- Alternating products of PF operators.
- Quantum volume of W_G



Conclusions



- 2D Yangian-invariant fishnet integrals are closely related to Calabi-Yau geometries!
- This gives a new way to compute these integrals:
 - Computation of these fishnet integrals is reduced to the computation of the periods.
 - Periods are obtained form PF differential equations.
 - PF differential equations are generated by Yangian and permutation symmetries.
- Bonus: first interpretation of a multi-loop integral as a volume.
 - Receives instanton corrections starting from 3 loops.



Conclusions



- Implications of Yangian symmetry for geometry?
 - Basso-Dixon formula for periods?
- Implications for integrability of fishnet theories?
 - ➡ Explanation of instanton corrections at 3 loops?
 - ➡ Are there other Yangian invariants besides the periods?
- Is there a similar story for 4D fishnet integrals?
 - ➡ Volume interpretation in 4D?
 - Role of mirror symmetry in this context?







1-loop integrals as volumes



