

Grassmannian integral for form factors in $N=4$ SYM.

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N=4 SYM theory.

- N=4 SYM - one may hope that this theory is exactly solvable.
- The correlation functions in this theory can be studied in the weak and strong regimes (via AdS/CFT).
- The computation of anomalous dimensions of local operators in N=4 SYM in planar limit can be reduced to the problem of solving some integrable system.
- There are numerous results for perturbative expansions of amplitudes (S-matrix) with some results valid in all orders of PT (BDS ansatz for 4,5 points, collinear OPE).
- Some perturbative results for generalisations of amplitudes (form factors) with arbitrary number of on-shell states.
- N=4 SYM is perfect theoretical laboratory development and tests of new ideas, methods and representations for D=4 gauge theories

Integral over Grassmannian for amplitudes.

One of such remarkable ideas is representations of amplitudes and leading singularities in N=4 SYM in terms of Grassmannian integral and development of on-shell diagram formalism and geometrical interpretation (“amplituhedron”):

$$A_n^{(k)}(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{1}{M_1 \dots M_n} \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \tilde{\lambda}_l \right) \delta^4 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \eta_l \right) \times$$

$$\times \prod_{b=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{C}_{al} \lambda_l \right).$$

Annotations:

- On shell information about external particles (points to $\tilde{\lambda}_l$ and η_l)
- C - is $n \times k$ matrix - a point in Grassmannian (points to C_{al})

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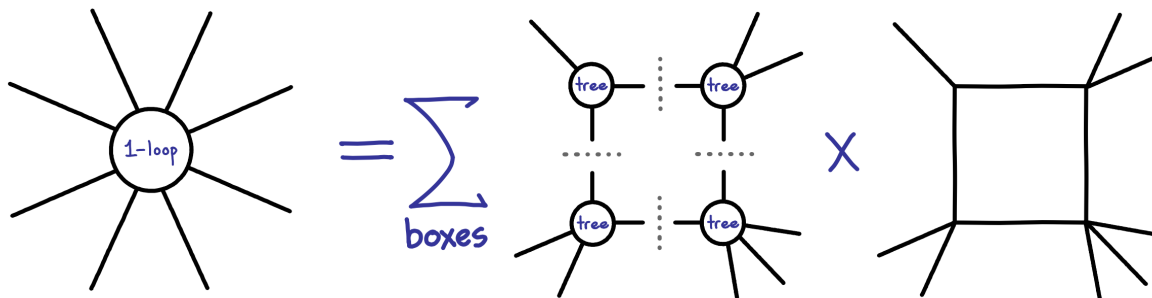
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$$C \tilde{C}^T = \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ai} \tilde{C}_{bi} = 0.$$

This is multidimensional integral over multiple complex variables, which can be computed by residues. Different choices of integration contour gives different BCFW representations for tree amplitudes and leading singularities to all loop order (!). Also this is the most general form of rational Yangian invariant. And do not forget about twistor strings!

About leading singularities ...

1-loop example. Roughly speaking leading singularities are coefficients before master integrals in loop corrections to the amplitudes.



l-loop example:

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$$\sum_{\text{graphs}} \left(\int_{\text{graphs}} \frac{d^{(k-2)(n-k-2)} \tau}{(12\dots k) \dots (n1\dots k-1)} \delta^4(C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \right) \times \text{master integral}$$

The diagram shows a sum over graphs of an integral over graphs of a fraction involving the dimension of the space of master integrals, the master integral itself, and a delta function, multiplied by a master integral diagram.

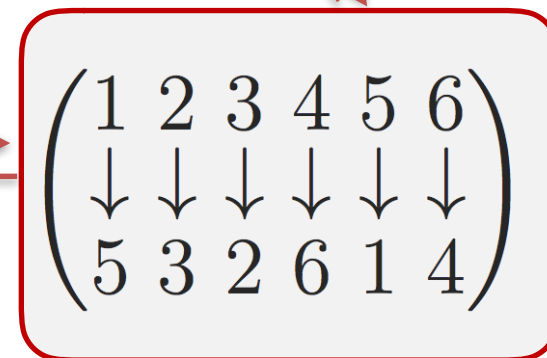
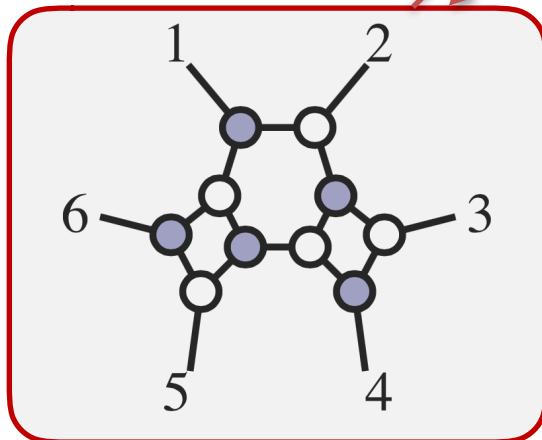
Grassmannian integral, on shell diagrams and (decorated) permutations.

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{1}{M_1 \dots M_n} \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \tilde{\lambda}_l \right) \delta^4 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \eta_l \right) \times \\ \times \prod_{b=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{C}_{al} \lambda_l \right).$$

There is one to one correspondence between the following objects:

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Grassmannian integral and Form Factors ?

- Considerable progress with understanding the structure of form factors in $N=4$ SYM (at least from PT point of view) [Brandhuber, Travaglini *et-al* 10](#), [Bork, Kazakov 10-14](#), [Zhiboedov 10](#), [Nandan, Wen 12](#), [Wen *et-al* 14](#), [Wilhelm & Co 15](#), [Bork, Onishchenko 15](#) and more!
- Most of “on shell methods” for the amplitudes, such as BCFW at tree level, generalized unitarity, can be applied for form factors as well.
- What about Grassmannian integral representation ?
- Motivation: arguments (proofs) in favour of equivalence between different BCFW representations, cancellation of spurious poles; leading singularities and also (possibly) BCFW recursion for integrands.
- Here (for simplicity) we will consider $q^2=0$, stress tensor supermultiplet form factors only and form factors of operators of Wilson line insertion (gauge invariant off shell gluon). (See also [Wilhelm & Co 15](#) for the form factors with off shell momentum q .)

½ BPS and Wilson line operator form factors in N=4 SYM.

$$\mathcal{F} = \langle \Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_N | \mathcal{O}(p) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{T}_p = \text{Tr}([W^{++}(x, \theta^+, u)]^p)$$

We are most
interested in $p=2$!

$$\mathcal{O}(p) = \int d^4x e^{ix \cdot k} \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi g} t^c \mathcal{P} \exp \left[\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \, p \cdot A_b(x + sp) t^b \right] \right\}$$

$$|\Omega_{1\dots n}\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^n \Omega_i |0\rangle$$

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$$|\Omega_i\rangle = \left(g_i^+ + \eta_A \Gamma_i^A + \frac{1}{2!} \eta_A \eta_B \phi_i^{AB} + \frac{1}{3!} \eta_A \eta_B \eta_C \varepsilon^{ABCD} \bar{\Gamma}_{i,D} + \frac{1}{4!} \eta_A \eta_B \eta_C \eta_D \varepsilon^{ABCD} g_i^- \right) |0\rangle$$

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$$W^{++}(x, \theta^+, u) = \phi^{++} + i\sqrt{2} \theta_\alpha^{+a} \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta^{+b} + -i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \theta_\alpha^{+a} \epsilon_{ab} \theta_\beta^{+b} F^{\alpha\beta} + \dots \quad \frac{SU(4)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)' \times U(1)}$$

$$\phi^{++}(x, u) = -1/2 u_A^{+a} \epsilon_{ab} u_B^{+b} \phi^{AB}$$

Most natural and simple way to treat form factors in
N=4 SYM is to use superspace and on-shell techniques

½ BPS form factors in N=4 SYM in on shell momentum superspace - general structure.

In more details, using supersymmetry arguments one can write form factor as
(*Brandhuber et al 10-14, Bork et al 10-14*):

$$Z_{p,n}(\{\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}, \eta\}, \{q, \gamma_+\}) = \delta^4\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\alpha,i} \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha},i} - q_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\right) \delta^{-4}(q_{+a\alpha} + \gamma_{+a\alpha}) \delta^{+4}(q_{-a'\alpha}) \mathcal{X}_{p,n}(\{\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}, \eta\})$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{p,n} = \mathcal{Y}_{p,n}^{(2p-4)} + \mathcal{Y}_{p,n}^{(2p)} + \dots + \mathcal{Y}_{p,n}^{(4n+2p-12)} \quad q_{+a\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\alpha,i} \eta_{+a,i}, \quad q_{-a'\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\alpha,i} \eta_{-a',i}$$

“MHV” form factors
Total helicity n-p

“NMHV” form factors
Total helicity n-(p+2)

etc

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$$\mathcal{Y}_{2,n}^{(0)} = \mathcal{X}_n^{(0)}, \quad \mathcal{X}_n^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Tree level, stress tensor (p=2) supermultiplet} \\ \text{Form factors.} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{3,n}^{(2)} = \mathcal{X}_n^{(0)} \sum_{i < j=1}^n \langle ij \rangle \frac{1}{2} \eta_{+a,i} \epsilon^{ab} \eta_{+b,j} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Tree level, } \frac{1}{2}\text{-BPS (p=3) supermultiplet} \\ \text{Form factors.} \end{array}$$

Soft theorems for form factors.

$$Z_{2,n+1} \left(\{ \epsilon \lambda_s, \tilde{\lambda}_s, \eta_s \}, \{ \lambda_1, \tilde{\lambda}_1, \eta_1 \}, \dots, \{ \lambda_n, \tilde{\lambda}_n, \eta_n \}; q, \gamma \right) = \left(\frac{\hat{S}_1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\hat{S}_2}{\epsilon} \right) Z_{2,n} \left(\{ \lambda_1, \tilde{\lambda}_1, \eta_1 \}, \dots, \{ \lambda_n, \tilde{\lambda}_n, \eta_n \}; q, \gamma \right) + \text{reg.}, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$\hat{S}_1 = \frac{\langle 1n \rangle}{\langle ns \rangle \langle s1 \rangle}, \quad \hat{S}_2 = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_s^{\dot{\alpha}}}{\langle s1 \rangle} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_1^{\dot{\alpha}}} + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_s^{\dot{\alpha}}}{\langle sn \rangle} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_n^{\dot{\alpha}}} + \frac{\eta_s^\Lambda}{\langle s1 \rangle} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_1^\Lambda} + \frac{\eta_s^\Lambda}{\langle sn \rangle} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_n^\Lambda}.$$

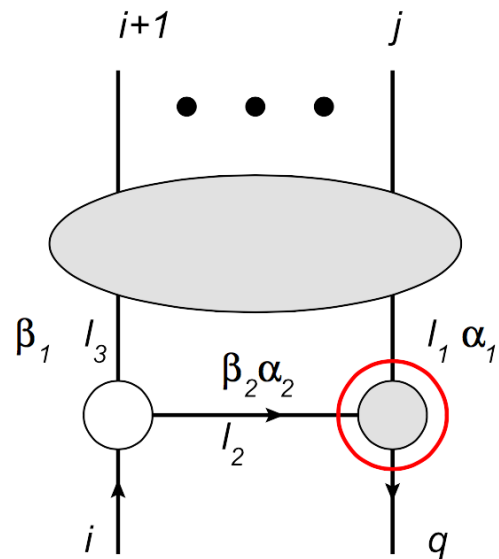
Full analogy with amplitudes ! The same for other (1/2-BPS and Konishi form factors). In contrast when $q \rightarrow 0$:

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$$Z_{2,n}(\{ \lambda, \tilde{\lambda}, \eta \}; 0, 0) = g \frac{\partial A_n(\{ \lambda, \tilde{\lambda}, \eta \})}{\partial g}$$

Regular soft limit
with respect to
q momentum

On shell diagrams and form factors with $q^2=0$.



One can write the first none vanishing form factor as:

$$Z_2^{(2)}(1, 2) = \int \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \text{Reg.}(1, 2|q) \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha_1 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_2 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \\ \times \delta^2(\lambda_3 + \alpha_1 \lambda_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2) \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_1 + \alpha_1 \eta_3) \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_2 + \alpha_2 \eta_3).$$

$$\text{Reg}(i, i+1|q) \equiv S^{-1}(i, q, i+1) = \frac{\langle iq \rangle \langle qi+1 \rangle}{\langle ii+1 \rangle}$$

In some very specific case for carefully chosen coordinates (“canonical”) on Grassmannian:

$$\text{Reg}(l_1[\alpha, \beta], l_2[\alpha, \beta]|q) = \frac{\langle ql_1[\alpha, \beta] \rangle \langle l_2[\alpha, \beta]q \rangle}{\langle l_1[\alpha, \beta] l_2[\alpha, \beta] \rangle} = \langle iq \rangle \alpha_2 \beta_2.$$

However one can conjecture that in general case (M - are minors of C matrix):

$$\text{Reg} = \sum_i \langle iq \rangle \frac{M_a^{(i)}}{M_b^i}.$$

Is Reg. really the regulator ?

So for every on-shell diagram with form factor vertex one can obtain the following Grassmannian integral:

$$\Omega_n = \int \prod_{i=1}^{n_w} \frac{d\alpha_{1i}}{\alpha_{1i}} \frac{d\alpha_{2i}}{\alpha_{2i}} \prod_{j=1}^{n_b} \frac{d\beta_{1i}}{\beta_{1i}} \frac{d\beta_{2i}}{\beta_{2i}} \prod_{m=1}^{n_I} \frac{1}{U(1)_m} \text{Reg}(l_1[\alpha, \beta], l_2[\alpha, \beta]|q) \times \\ \times \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, i, q, i+1, \dots, n),$$

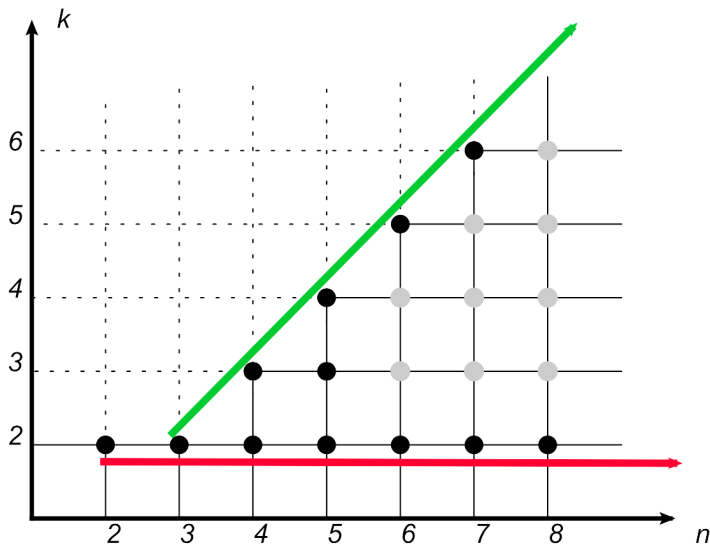
where

$$\delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, i, q, i+1, \dots, n) = \\ = \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^{n+1} C_{al}[\alpha, \beta] \tilde{\lambda}_l \right) \delta^4 \left(\sum_{l=1}^{n+1} C_{al}[\alpha, \beta] \eta_l \right) \prod_{b=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \tilde{C}_{al}[\alpha, \beta] \lambda_l \right)$$

Where for some specific diagrams one can get:

$$\text{Reg}(l_1[\alpha, \beta], l_2[\alpha, \beta]|q) = \frac{\langle ql_1[\alpha, \beta] \rangle \langle l_2[\alpha, \beta] q \rangle}{\langle l_1[\alpha, \beta] l_2[\alpha, \beta] \rangle} = \langle iq \rangle \alpha_2 \beta_2.$$

Grassmannian integral representation for form factors with $q^2=0$. The conjecture.



One can solve BCFW ([1,2> shift is implemented) for MHV (red) and $n=k+1$ N^k MHV sectors (green). The result for N^k MHV can be written as:

$$Z_n^{(0)MHV} = \delta^8(q + \gamma) \mathcal{X}_n^{(0)} \quad k=2$$

$$\mathcal{X}_n^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

and:

$$Z_{k+1}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=4}^{k+1} \frac{\langle q | p_1 + p_j + \dots + p_{k+1} | 2 \rangle}{[q2]} A_{k+2}^{(k)}(1, \dots, j-1, q, j, \dots, k+1) + \frac{\langle q | p_1 | 2 \rangle}{[q2]} A_{k+2}^{(k)}(1, \dots, k+1, q), \quad k \geq 3.$$

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Grassmannian integral representation for form factors with $q^2=0$. The conjecture.

Our conjecture is that the following grassmannian integral for appropriate choice of the contour can reproduce tree level form factors:

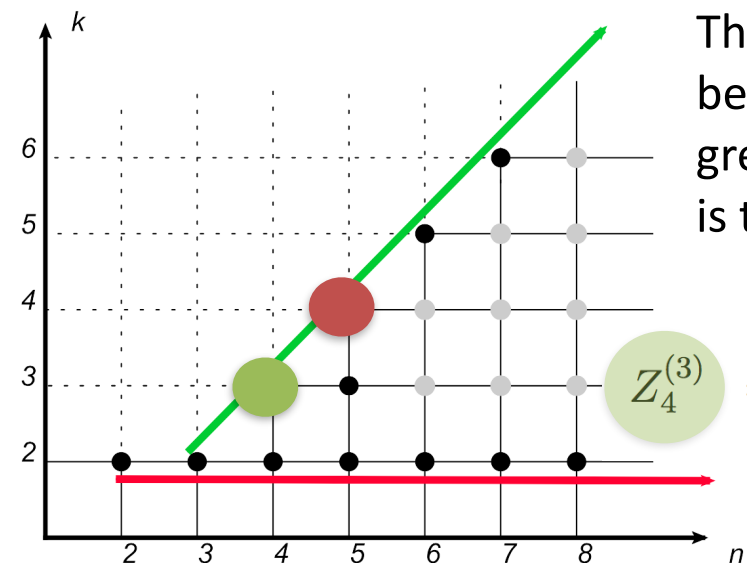
$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_n^{(k)}[\Gamma] &= \sum_{j=4}^{k+1} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\text{Reg}_j^{R,(k)}}{M_1 \dots M_n} \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, j-1, q, j, \dots, n) + \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\text{Reg}_n^{L,(k)}}{M_1 \dots M_n} \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, n, q),\end{aligned}$$

Where we choose Reg. functions as follows. $(i \dots j)$ are minors of C constructed from $i \dots j$ columns of C matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Reg}_j^{R,(k)} &= \langle q1 \rangle \frac{(kk+2 \ 3 \dots k)}{(13 \dots j-1 \ j+1 \dots n+1)} + \sum_{i=j}^{k+1} \langle qi \rangle \frac{(13 \ 4 \dots i \ i+2 \dots k+2)}{(13 \dots j-1 \ j+1 \dots n+1)} \\ \text{Reg}_n^{L,(k)} &= \langle q1 \rangle \frac{(nn+1 \ 3 \dots k)}{(1n \ 3 \dots k)},\end{aligned}$$

For $k=2$ the first line is zero.

Buy the way ...



The explicit form of $n=5, k=4$ form factor for example can be seen below. Our Grassmannian integral reproduces all green and red form factors. But the Grassmannian integral is trivial in such cases.

$$Z_4^{(3)} = \delta^8(q_{1\dots 4} + \gamma) \frac{\hat{\delta}^4(123)}{\langle 4q \rangle^4} \left(\frac{\langle 1q \rangle [12] [q3] [14] + \langle 3q \rangle [23] [34] [q1]}{[1q] [2q] [3q] [4q] \mathcal{P}^*(1234)} \right)$$

Here:

$$\hat{\delta}^4(ijk) = \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_i[jk] + \eta_j[k i] + \eta_k[ij]).$$

$$Z_5^{(4)} = \delta^8(q_{1\dots 5} + \gamma) \left(\frac{\hat{\delta}^4(12q) \hat{\delta}^4(345)}{(p_{345}^2)^4} \frac{\langle q|p_1|2]}{[q2] \mathcal{P}^*(12345q)} + \frac{\hat{\delta}^4(125) \hat{\delta}^4(34q)}{(p_{125}^2)^4} \frac{\langle q|p_3|5]}{[q5] \mathcal{P}^*(12q345)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\hat{\delta}^4(125) \hat{\delta}^4(34q)}{(p_{125}^2)^4} \frac{\langle q|p_4|2]}{[q2] \mathcal{P}^*(1234q5)} \right),$$

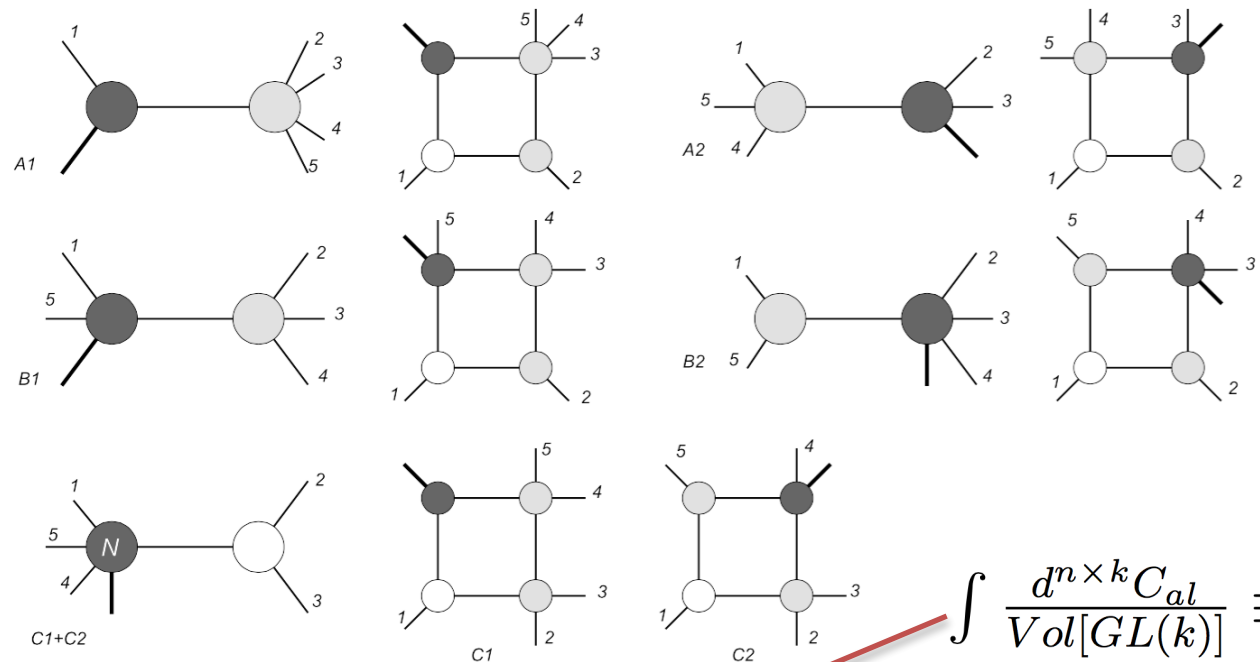
Where: $\mathcal{P}^*(1\dots n) = [12][23]\dots[n1]$

Not so trivial example. NMHV 5 point form factor.

$$Z_5^{(3)} = Z_5^{(2)} \left(R_{132}^{(1)} + R_{142}^{(1)} + R_{153}^{(1)} + R_{152}^{(2)} + R_{142}^{(2)} + R_{153}^{(2)} \right)$$

[1,2>
Shift

The 5 point NMHV form factor are give by the following set of BCFW terms ([1,2> shift).



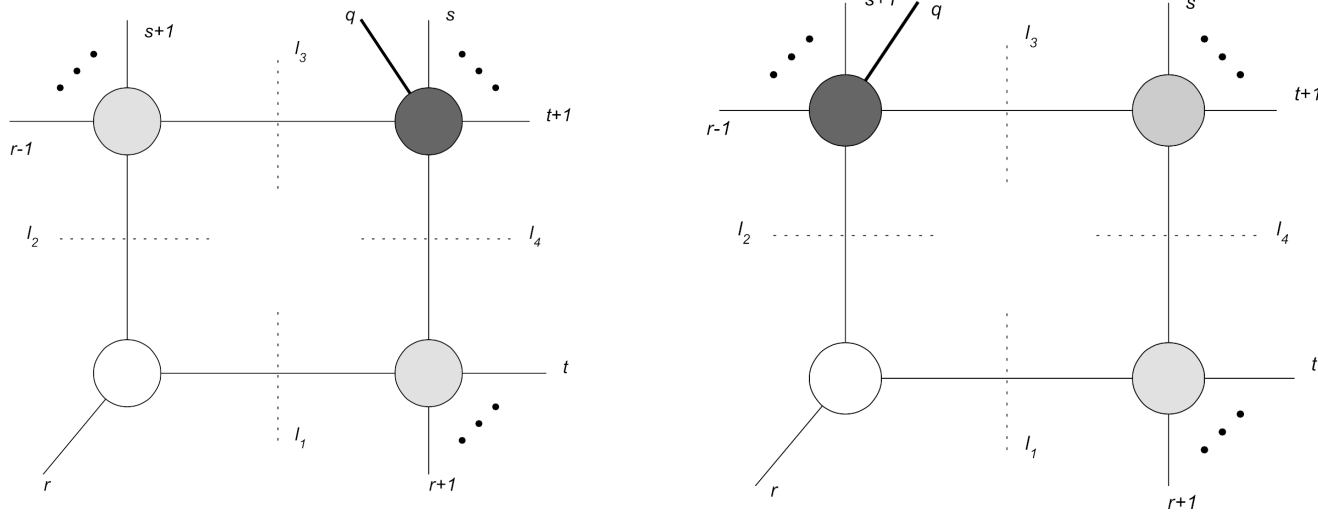
Can our Grassmannian integral (which is no longer trivial) reproduce this result ?

$$\int \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \equiv \int$$

$$\Omega_5^{(3)} = \int \left(\langle 1q \rangle \frac{(345)}{(135)} + \langle 4q \rangle \frac{(134)}{(135)} \right) \frac{\delta^{4|4}(1, 2, 3, q, 4, 5)}{M_1 \dots M_6} + \int \left(\langle 1q \rangle \frac{(356)}{(135)} \right) \frac{\delta^{4|4}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, q)}{M_1 \dots M_6}.$$

Not so trivial example. NMHV 5 point form factor. factor. R-functions definitions.

Some more details about NMHV 5 point form factor. The R functions are five by:



$$R_{rst}^{(1)} = \frac{\langle s+1s \rangle \langle t+1t \rangle \hat{\delta}^4 \left(\sum_{i=r+1}^t \eta_i \langle i | p_{s+1\dots t} p_{s+1\dots r+1} | r \rangle - \sum_{i=r}^{s+1} \eta_i \langle i | p_{s+1\dots t} p_{t\dots r+1} | r \rangle \right)}{p_{s+1\dots t}^2 \langle r | p_{r\dots s+1} p_{t\dots s+1} | t+1 \rangle \langle r | p_{r\dots s+1} p_{t\dots s+1} | t \rangle \langle r | p_{t\dots r} p_{t\dots s+1} | s+1 \rangle \langle r | p_{t\dots r} p_{t\dots s+1} | s \rangle},$$

$$R_{rst}^{(2)} = \frac{\langle s+1s \rangle \langle t+1t \rangle \hat{\delta}^4 \left(\sum_{i=t}^{r+1} \eta_i \langle i | p_{s\dots t+1} p_{r+1\dots s} | r \rangle + \sum_{i=r}^{s+1} \eta_i \langle i | p_{s\dots t+1} p_{t\dots r+1} | r \rangle \right)}{p_{s\dots t+1}^2 \langle r | p_{r\dots s} p_{s\dots t+1} | t+1 \rangle \langle r | p_{r\dots s} p_{s\dots t-1} | t \rangle \langle r | p_{t\dots r+1} p_{s\dots t+1} | s+1 \rangle \langle r | p_{t\dots r+1} p_{s\dots t+1} | s \rangle}.$$

Not so trivial example. NMHV 5 point form factor. The choice of the contour.

$$\Omega_5^{(3)} = \int \left(\langle 1q \rangle \frac{(345)}{(135)} + \langle 4q \rangle \frac{(134)}{(135)} \right) \frac{\delta^{4|4}(1, 2, 3, q, 4, 5)}{M_1 \dots M_6} + \int \left(\langle 1q \rangle \frac{(356)}{(135)} \right) \frac{\delta^{4|4}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, q)}{M_1 \dots M_6}.$$

In the case under consideration Grassmannian integral can be reduced to the one parameter integral over complex variable τ

$$\int \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \equiv \int$$

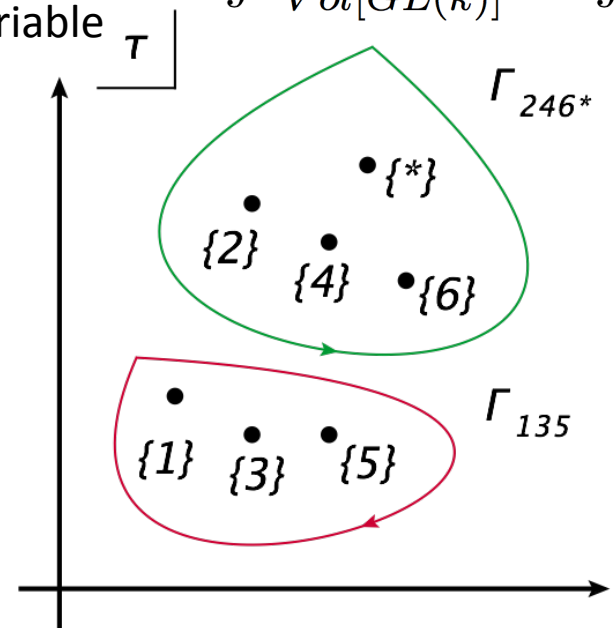
By appropriate choice of integration contour one can obtain the following identity:

$$\Omega_5^{(3)}[\Gamma_{135}] = Z_5^{(3)}[1, 2].$$

And (with some subtleties) with different contour:

$$\Omega_5^{(3)}[\Gamma_{246*}] = Z_5^{(3)}[2, 3]$$

Full analogy with NMHV 6 point amplitude case!



NMHV 5 point form factor example.

Spurious poles cancellation.

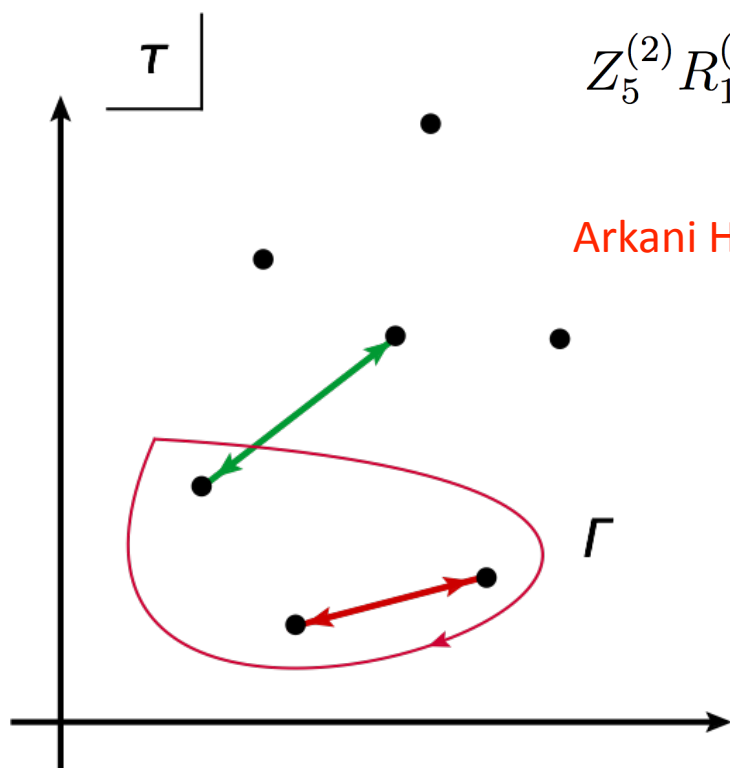
Typical form of individual BCFW term:

$$Z_5^{(2)} R_{132}^{(1)} = \frac{\langle 3q \rangle \hat{\delta}^4(234)}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 15 \rangle [3q] [2q] \langle 1|5 + 4|q \rangle \langle 4|5 + 1|2 \rangle p_{154}^2}$$

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Spurious poles.

Phys. pole.



Poles like

$$\langle 3|5 + 4|q \rangle$$

or

$$\langle 3|1 + 2|5 \rangle$$

should cancel in the full result (sum of all BCFW terms).

Poles like

$$p_{123}^2$$

should remain in the full answer.

In Grassmannian picture spurious poles can be avoided by the choice of integration contour, while physical poles cannot! (see NMHV 5 example).

What about Wilson line operator form factors (gauge invariant off-shell amplitudes) ?

Using similar ideas as in $q^2=0$ case one can obtain:

$$A_{n+1}^{*(k)} = \hat{\Pi}_{n+1,n+2} \int \frac{d^{k \times (n+2)} C'}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\text{Reg}}{M_1 \cdots M_{n+1} M_{n+1}} \times \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, n, p, \xi)$$

$$\text{Reg} \sim \langle \xi p \rangle \frac{M_{n+2}}{(n+1 \ 1 \cdots k-1)}$$

From this, for example, using NMHV6 tree contour one can obtain :

$$A_{4+1}^{*(3)}(1^+ 2^+ 3^- 4^- | q) = \frac{1}{\kappa^*} \frac{\langle p | 3 + 4 | 2 \rangle^3}{\langle p 1 \rangle [23] [34] p_{2,4}^2 \langle 1 | 2 + 3 | 4 \rangle} + \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\langle 3 | 1 + 2 | p \rangle^3}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle [4p] p_{1,3}^2 \langle 1 | 2 + 3 | 4 \rangle}$$

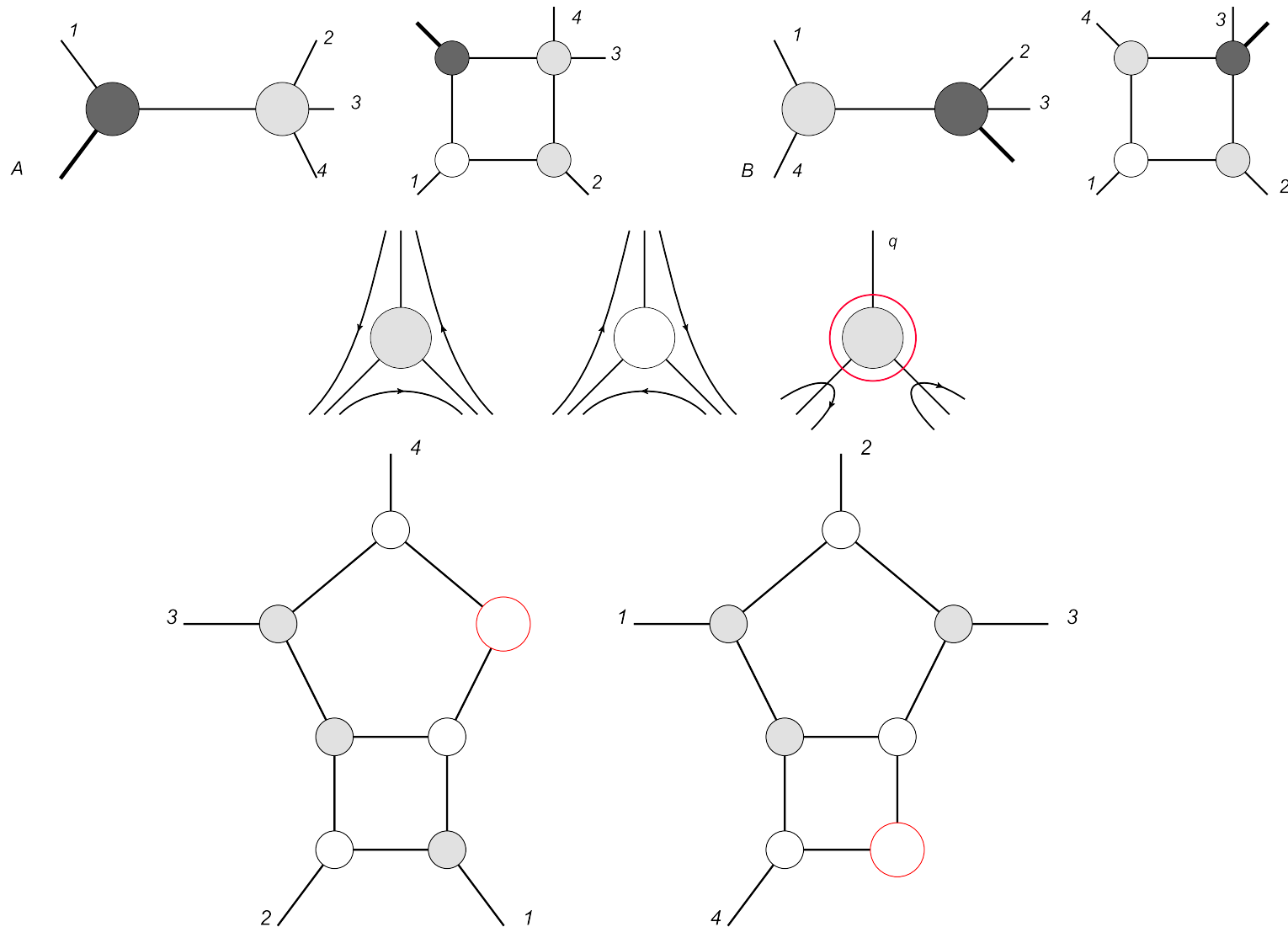
$$q = p + q^\perp, \quad p^2 = q^{\perp 2} = 0, \quad \kappa^* \kappa = q^2$$

Result coincides with BCFW. Also other consistency tests were performed.

Conclusions.

- The powerful on-shell methods in $N=4$ SYM can be applied to partially off-shell objects and objects with different colour structures as well.
- The Grassmannian representation can be formulated for form factors in $N=4$ SYM more or less in the same way as for the amplitudes.
- Duality between operators and states in $N=4$ SYM ?
- Leading singularities structure of form factors from Grassmannian integral ?
- Twistor string description of form factors as well as amplitudes ?
- Additional simplifications in suggested Grassmannian representation (true top-cell object, not linear combination of amplitude like top-cells) ?
- There is hope that $N=4$ SYM is integral theory and its S-matrix can be completely fixed by the symmetry arguments. If this is the case, then one may expect even more rich structure for form factors (like in 2D sin-gordon models).

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Inverse soft limit recursion and integrability for form factors.

New recursion relations from soft limit (Dhritiman Nandan, Congkao Wen):

$$Z_n(1, \dots, n|q, \gamma) = \sum_{i; R, L} [(\prod_R \mathcal{S}_R) Z_{i+1}(\hat{1}, \dots, i \hat{+} 1|q, \gamma) + (\prod_L \mathcal{S}_L) Z_{n-i}(\hat{i}, \dots, \hat{n}|q, \gamma)]$$

Where (+ substitutions of spinors):

$$\mathcal{S}_+(n, i-1, i) = \frac{\langle ni \rangle}{\langle ni-1 \rangle \langle i-1 i \rangle},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_-(n, i-1, i) = \frac{1}{[ni-1][i-1i][in]^3} \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_n[ii-1] + \eta_i[ni-1] + \eta_{i-1}[in])$$

With interpretations as R-matrixes of $\mathfrak{gl}(4|4)$ spin chain!

Inverse soft limit recursion and integrability for form factors.

$$\mathcal{S}_+(n, i-1, i) = \frac{\langle ni \rangle}{\langle ni-1 \rangle \langle i-1i \rangle},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_-(n, i-1, i) = \frac{1}{[ni-1][i-1i][in]^3} \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_n[ii-1] + \eta_i[ni-1] + \eta_{i-1}[in])$$

$$(\mathcal{S}_+(n1n-1))^* X|_{sub.} = R(0)_{n1} R(0)_{nn-1} X \delta^2(\lambda_n),$$

$$\mathcal{S}_-(n1n-1) X|_{sub.} = R(0)_{n1} R(0)_{12} X \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_n) \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_n).$$

Where R's are R-matrixes of $\mathfrak{gl}(4|4)$ spin chain

(Chicerin, Derkachov, Krichner, Staudacher et.al 13-14):

$$R_{12}(u) = \int \frac{dz}{z^{1-u}} \exp[-z(\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)],$$

Where $\mathbf{x}_i = (\lambda_i, \partial/\partial \tilde{\lambda}_i, \partial/\partial \eta_i)$ and $\mathbf{p}_i = (\partial/\partial \lambda_i, -\tilde{\lambda}_i, -\eta_i)$. $L(u)$ matrix is given by

$$L(u) = u\mathbb{I} + \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{p},$$

The subtleties with (pseudo)vacuum state for form factors. Form factors (in general) are eigenvectors of $\text{Tr}(M)$ while amplitudes are eigenvectors of M .