# Evaluating Feynman Integrals with the Help of the Landau Equations 

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In line with strategy of state of the art precision calculations, e.g.
[Abreu,Ita,Moriello,Page,Tschernow,Zeng'20]

## The Landau equations

Yield specific values of (kinematic) parameters of any (Feynman) integral, for which it may become singular.

$$
f_{1}=\int \prod_{l=1}^{L} \frac{d^{D} k_{l}}{i \pi^{D / 2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{E} d x_{i} \frac{\delta\left(\sum_{j} x_{j}-1\right)}{\left(\sum_{j} x_{j} D_{j}\right)^{\sum_{k} \nu_{k}}}
$$

where $D_{i}=-q_{i}^{2}+m_{i}^{2}$.

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Landau equations:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial k_{l}} \sum_{i=1}^{E} x_{i} D_{i}=0, \quad \forall l=1, \ldots, L
$$

Formulated as conditions for the contour of integration to become trapped between two poles of integrand.

Believed for long to only provide information on where $W_{i}=0$.

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Example: 'Two-mass easy' box with $p_{2}^{2}=p_{4}^{2}=0, p_{1}^{2}, p_{3}^{2} \neq 0$ :

$E_{A}$ equipped with natural factorization, $\left(s=\left(p_{1}+p_{2}\right)^{2}, t=\left(p_{1}+p_{4}\right)^{2}\right)$

$$
E_{A}=\left(p_{1}^{2} p_{3}^{2}-s t\right) p_{1}^{2} p_{3}^{2} s t\left(p_{1}^{2}+p_{3}^{2}-s-t\right)\left(p_{3}^{2}-t\right)\left(p_{3}^{2}-s\right)\left(p_{1}^{2}-t\right)\left(p_{1}^{2}-s\right)
$$

where each factor is indeed a letter of the integral!

## Outline

## Introduction and Motivation

Feynman integrals, Landau singularities \& GKZ systems

One-loop principal $A$-determinants and symbol letters

Conclusions and Outlook

Feynman integrals in the Lee-Pomeransky representation:

$$
f_{1}=\frac{\Gamma(D / 2)}{\Gamma\left((L+1) D / 2-\sum_{i} \nu_{i}\right)} \int_{0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{E}\left(\frac{x^{\nu_{i}-1} d x_{i}}{\Gamma\left(\nu_{i}\right)}\right) \frac{1}{\mathcal{G}^{D / 2}}
$$

where $\mathcal{G}=\mathcal{U}+\mathcal{F}$, and for graph $G$ associated to integral $f_{1}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{U}=\sum_{\substack{T \text { a spanning } \\
\text { tree }^{1} \text { of } G}} \prod_{e \notin T} x_{e}, \\
& \mathcal{F}=\mathcal{U} \sum_{e \in E} m_{e}^{2} x_{e}-\sum_{\substack{F \text { a spanning } \\
2 \text {-forest }{ }^{2} \text { of } G}} p(F)^{2} \prod_{e \notin F} x_{e},
\end{aligned}
$$

are the $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ Symanzik polynomials, of degree $L, L+1$ in the $x_{i}$. In this form, $f_{1}$ is special case ${ }^{3}$ of $\mathcal{A}$-hypergeometric function as defined by Gelfand, Graev, Kapranov \& Zelevinsky (GKZ). [de la Cruz'19] [Klausen'19]
${ }^{1}$ Connected subgraph of $G$ containing all vertices but no loops.
${ }^{2}$ Defined similarly, but with 2 connected components.
${ }^{3}$ Generic case: All $\mathcal{G}$ polynomial coefficients are variables, different from each other.

## Singularities of GKZ-systems

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In practice, compute via theorem factorizing it into contributions from each face $\Gamma$ of polytope with vertices $\left(a_{1 j}, \ldots, a_{E j}\right), j=1, \ldots, m$

$$
E_{A}(\mathcal{G})=\prod_{\Gamma} \Delta_{\Gamma}(\mathcal{G})
$$

where the $A$-discriminant $\Delta_{\Gamma}(\mathcal{G})$ also polynomial in $c_{i}$, that vanishes when

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## Example: Principal $A$-determinant of bubble

$\mathcal{G}=x_{1}+x_{2}+\left(m_{1}^{2}+m_{2}^{2}-p^{2}\right) x_{1} x_{2}+m_{1}^{2} x_{1}^{2}+m_{2}^{2} x_{2}^{2}$,

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Cluster algebras also describe triangulations of geometric spaces
[Fomin,Zelevinsky'01] [Felikson,Shapiro,Tumarkin'11]
First-principle derivation of observed cluster-algebraic structure of Feynman integrals? [Chicherin,Henn,Papathanasiou'20] ... [He,Liiu,Tang,Yang' 22]

## Generic $n$-point 1 -loop integrals

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because $A$-discriminants reduce to usual determinants:

- $\Delta_{\operatorname{Newt}(\mathcal{F})}(\mathcal{F})=\operatorname{det} Y$ : Leading ${ }^{1}$ Landau singularity of type I (finite $k$ )
- $\Delta_{\operatorname{Newt}(\mathcal{G})}(\mathcal{G})=\operatorname{det} \mathcal{Y}:$ Leading ${ }^{1}$ Landau singularity of type II $(k \rightarrow \infty)$
- Subleading Landau singularity where $x_{i_{1}}, \ldots, x_{i_{m}}=0 \sim$ Leading singularity of subgraph where internal edges $i_{1}, \ldots, i_{m}$ removed [Klausen'21]

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## Principal $A$-determinant of generic 1-loop graphs

Gathering previous bits of information, arrive at

$$
E_{A}(\mathcal{G})=\mathcal{Y}\left[\cdot \cdot \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \mathcal{Y}\left[\begin{array}{l}
i \\
i
\end{array}\right] \ldots \prod_{i_{n-1}>\ldots>i_{1}=1}^{n+1} \mathcal{Y}\left[\begin{array}{l}
i_{1} \ldots i_{n-1} \\
i_{1} \ldots i_{n-1}
\end{array}\right] \prod_{i=2}^{n+1} \mathcal{Y}_{i i}\right.
$$

Product of all diagonal $k$-dimensional minors of $\mathcal{Y}$ with $k=1, \ldots, n+1$, except $\mathcal{Y}_{11}=0$.

$$
2^{n+1}-n-2 \text { factors, e.g. } 1,4,11,26,57,120 \text { factors for } n=1, \ldots, 6 \text {. }
$$

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Motivated by interpretation of 1-loop integrals as volumes of spherical simplices. [Davydychev,Delbourgo'99] Jacobi identities,

$$
A[\cdot] A\left[\begin{array}{ll}
i & j \\
i & j
\end{array}\right]=A\left[\begin{array}{l}
i \\
i
\end{array}\right] A\left[\begin{array}{l}
j \\
j
\end{array}\right]-A\left[\begin{array}{l}
i \\
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$$

crucial for their computation. Point 2 adopts widely observed pattern in 1and 2-loop computations.

## All 1-loop letters I

Need only ratio $\frac{f-\sqrt{g}}{f+\sqrt{g}}$, as product already contained in rational alphabet. Letting $D=D_{0}-2 \epsilon$, obtain $N$ letters of type,

## All 1-loop letters II

In addition, $n(n-1) / 2$ letters of type,

$$
W_{1, \ldots,(i-1), \ldots,(j-1), \ldots, n}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{\mathcal { Y } [ \begin{array} { l } 
{ i } \\
{ j }
\end{array} ] - \sqrt { - \mathcal { Y } [ \begin{array} { l } 
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{ \cdot }
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Total letter count: Assuming $n \leq d+1$ for external kinematics dimension $d$,

$$
|W|=2^{n-3}\left(n^{2}+3 n+8\right)-\frac{1}{6}\left(n^{3}+5 n+6\right)
$$

e.g. $|W|=1,5,18,57,166$ for $n=1, \ldots, 5$ and $D_{0}$ even.

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Furthermore, compared to previous results for $D_{0}$ even based on

1. the diagrammatic coaction $\left.{ }^{[A b r e u, B r i t t o, D u h r, G a r d i 1 ~} 17\right]$
2. the Baikov representation ${ }^{[C h e n, M a, ~ Y a n g ' ~}{ }^{22]}$

Agreement in form of CDE, as well as in letters for orientations presented in 2, see also.

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$$
\lim _{x \rightarrow a} E_{A}=\left.\frac{\partial^{l} \widetilde{E_{A}}}{\partial x^{l}}\right|_{x=a} \neq 0, \text { with }\left.\frac{\partial^{l^{\prime}} E_{A}}{\partial x^{l^{\prime}}}\right|_{x=a}=0 \text { for } l^{\prime}=0, \ldots, l-1
$$

While multivariate generalization straightforward, highly nontrivial that limit does not depend on order. E.g. triangle Cayley in limit $p_{i}^{2} \rightarrow 0$ :

$$
\operatorname{det} Y=0+2 \sum_{i=1}^{3} p_{i}^{2}\left(m_{i}^{2}-m_{i-1}^{2}\right)\left(m_{i+1}^{2}-m_{i-1}^{2}\right)+\mathcal{O}\left(p_{j}^{2} p_{k}^{2}\right)
$$

While limits of individual factors in $E_{A}$ depend on limit order, $E_{A}$ as a whole does not, since different orders produce factors it already contains.

Strong evidence that alphabet of non-generic FI correctly obtained as limit of generic one, in line with previous observations.

## Mathematica Notebook

(- Symbol alphabets*)
(- Generic Box in even dimension *)
$\mathrm{D} 日=4$;
Evaluateletter [AllLettersList[4]] // Short
(- Two-mass easy box linit *)
Factor [PLimit [\%, ms [1] $\rightarrow \theta$, $\mathrm{ms}[2] \rightarrow \theta, \mathrm{ms}[3] \rightarrow \theta, \mathrm{ms}[4] \rightarrow \theta, \mathrm{s}[1,3] \rightarrow \theta, \mathrm{ps}[2] \rightarrow \theta]]$;
(* In the limit the letters become multiplicatively dependent. Since all of them are rational, a basis may be found as follows *) dlexpand[dl/e*];

Length [ ${ }^{2}$ ]
(* Product indeed yields corresponding limit of the principal. A-determinant *)
LS2meBox - Times ee ax
(* Differential equations *)
(*Box basis*)
basis ee Range [4]
(*Box canonical differential equations*) CDEs [3] // MatrixForm
$\mathrm{ms}(1] \ll 24 \gg<\mathrm{ms}[3)^{2} \mathrm{ps}[1)^{2}-2 \mathrm{~ms}[3] \times \mathrm{ms}[4] \mathrm{ps}[1]^{2}+\mathrm{ms}[4]^{2} \mathrm{ps}[1]^{2}-2 \mathrm{~ms}[1] \times \mathrm{ms}[3] \quad \mathrm{ps}[1] \times \mathrm{ps}[2]+$
$2 \mathrm{~ms}[1]-\mathrm{ms}[4]$ ps $\left.[1] \mathrm{ps}[2]+\propto 172 x+\mathrm{ms}[3]^{2} \mathrm{~s}[2,3]^{2}-2 \mathrm{~ms}[1] \times s[1,2] \mathrm{s}[2,3]^{2}-2 \mathrm{~ms}[3] \mathrm{s}[1,2] \mathrm{s}[2,3]^{2}+\mathrm{s}[1,2]^{2} \mathrm{~s}[2,3]^{2}\right)$

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Two-loop example of principal $A$-determinant-alphabet relation


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 1-mass slashed box, } \\
& p_{1}^{2} \neq 0, p_{2}^{2}=p_{3}^{2}=p_{4}^{2}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
E_{A}(\mathcal{G})=\left(p_{1}^{2}-t\right)\left(p_{1}^{2}-s\right)\left(p_{1}^{2}-s-t\right)(s+t) s t p_{1}^{2}
$$

Agrees precisely with ( 2 dHPL ) alphabet known to describe 2-loop master integrals with these kinematics! [Gehrmann,Remiddiºo]

## Conclusions and Outlook

Evidence that rational letters of polylogarithmic FI captured by polynomial form of Landau equations in terms of principal $A$-determinant $E_{A}$ !

- Through 2 loops
- 1 loop: Also obtain square-root letters from Jacobi identities + CDE
- Strong evidence for well-defined limits to non-generic kinematics
- Easy-to-use Mathematica file with our results


## Next Stage

1. More efficient evaluation of $E_{A}+$ more 2-loop checks
2. New predictions for pheno, e.g. letters for $2 \rightarrow 3$ with 2 massive legs
[Les Houches Standard Model Precision Wishlist'21]
3. Explore implications for beyond-polylogarithmic case

Further mathematical properties of Feynman integrals:Cohen-Macauley

## Guarantees that

$$
\# \text { master integrals = volume of } \operatorname{Newt}(\mathcal{G})
$$

Proved it for currently largest known class of 1-loop integrals, including completely on-shell/massless. For earlier work, see $\left.{ }^{[T e l l a n d e r, H e l m e r}{ }^{\top} 21\right][$ Walther' 22$]$

Relation to other properties:


## Further mathematical properties of Feynman integrals

 :Generalized permutohedron (GP) propertyA polytope $P \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is GP if and only if every edge is parallel to $\mathbf{e}_{i}-\mathbf{e}_{j}$, where $\mathbf{e}_{i}$ is unit vector on coordinate axis, for some $i, j \in\{1, \ldots, n\}$. E.g.


Practical utility: This property facilitates new methods for fast Monte Carlo evaluation of Feynman integrals. $\left.{ }^{\left[B o r i n s k y^{\prime} 20\right] ~[B o r i n s k y, M u n c h, T e l l a n d e r ' ~} 23\right]$

Previously proven for generic kinematics. ${ }^{\left[S c h u l t k a a^{18]}\right.}$ Here: Generalized to any graph where all external vertices joined by massive path.


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