

Bulk Locality on the Celestial Sphere

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Motivation:

Great progress in the S-matrix bootstrap

Unitarity + Causality + Crossing

→ carving out the space of consistent gravity amp
(See Simon's Talk.)

But not enough!

Maximal SUSY 10D $\mathcal{M}(S,t) = R^+ \left(\frac{1}{stu} t \cdot 80t \dots \right)$

$$0 \leq g_0 \leq 3 \frac{8\pi G}{M^6} \quad (2102.08951)$$

$$2 \zeta(3) \sim 2.4$$

We're missing control over the H.E. behavior.

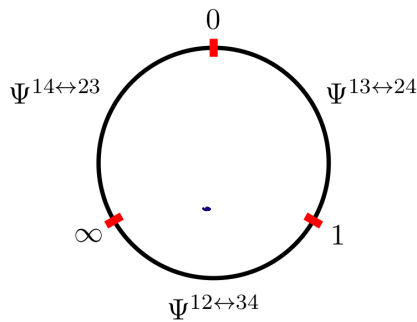
CA has the appealing feature that H.E. fixed angle ($\frac{t}{s}$) soft-ness is built in.

→ can we build a bootstrap program

we will focus on the 4-pt amp.

$$\Psi(\beta, l_i, z) \propto \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} T_{l_i}(s, t)$$

Importantly, there are 3 distinct functions on the equator.



kinematics	12 ↔ 34	13 ↔ 24	14 ↔ 23
physical region	$z \geq 1$ $s \geq 0 \geq u, t$	$1 \geq z \geq 0$ $u \geq 0 \geq s, t$	$0 \geq z$ $t \geq 0 \geq s, u$
ω	$\frac{2\tilde{\omega}_4}{\sqrt{z-1}}$	$\frac{2\tilde{\omega}_4}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}}$	$\frac{2\tilde{\omega}_4}{\sqrt{-z}}$
(s, u, t)	$(\omega^2, -\frac{1}{z}\omega^2, -\frac{(z-1)}{z}\omega^2)$	$(-z\omega^2, \omega^2, -(1-z)\omega^2)$	$(-\frac{(-z)}{1-z}\omega^2, -\frac{1}{1-z}\omega^2, \omega^2)$

$$\Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\Delta, l_i, z) = \frac{1}{2^{\Delta-7}} z^2 \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\Delta-5} T_{l_i} \left(\omega^2, -\frac{(z-1)}{z} \omega^2 \right)$$

$$\Psi^{13 \leftrightarrow 24}(\Delta, l_i, z) = \frac{1}{2^{\Delta-7}} z^{\frac{\Delta}{2}} \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\Delta-5} T_{l_i} \left(-z\omega^2, (z-1)\omega^2 \right)$$

$$\Psi^{14 \leftrightarrow 23}(\Delta, l_i, z) = \frac{1}{2^{\Delta-7}} (-z)^{\frac{\Delta}{2}} (1-z)^{2-\frac{\Delta}{2}} \int_0^\infty d\omega \omega^{\Delta-5} T_{l_i} \left(\frac{z}{1-z} \omega^2, \omega^2 \right)$$

How do we see $T |s \rightarrow m^2 \sim \frac{\text{Res}}{s-M^2}$ in $\Psi(\beta, l_i, z)$??

Consider massless scalar. (3D. Lam Shao 1711.06138)

$$T(s, t) = -g^2 \left(\frac{1}{s - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{u - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{t - m^2 + i\epsilon} \right)$$

Take s-channel kinematics

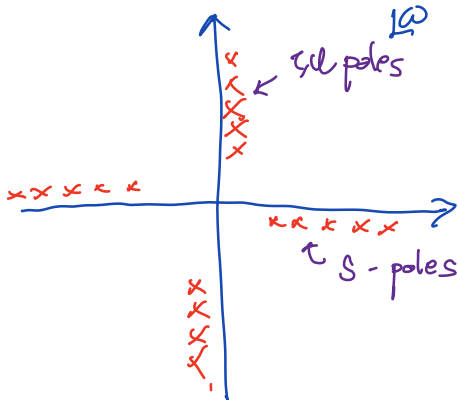
$$\Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \frac{2^{3-\beta} z^2}{(1 - e^{i\pi\beta})} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} T\left(\omega^2, -\frac{(z-1)}{z} \omega^2\right)$$



$$\Psi_{\text{scalar}}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \frac{\pi g^2}{\sin \frac{\pi\beta}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \left[e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} + z^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right] \quad (z \geq 1)$$

unphysical threshold produces real

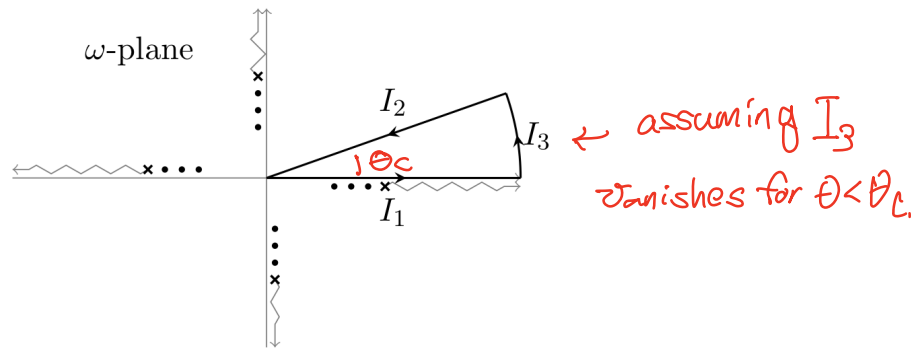
physical threshold produces imaginary part



$$\text{Im } \Psi_{\text{scalar}}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \pi g^2 \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 = 2^{3-\beta} \pi z^2 g^2 \text{Res}_{\omega=m} \left[\omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z) \right]$$

Claim: this is universal

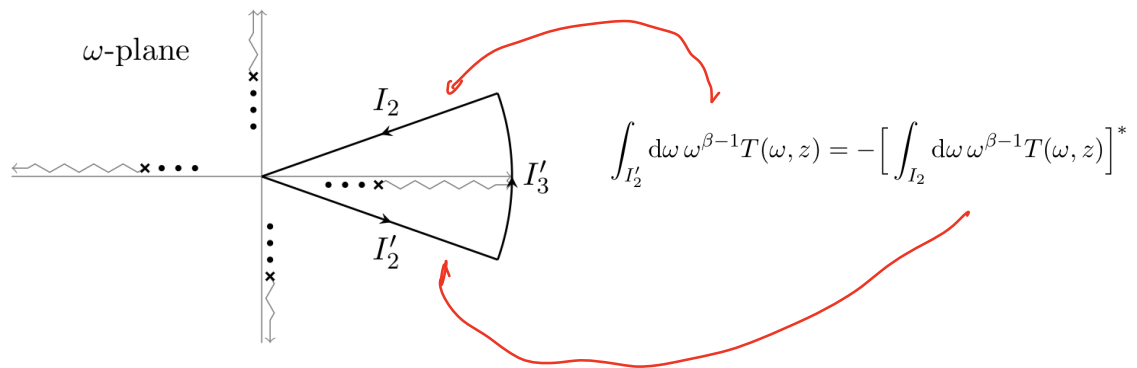
First step: define $\text{Im } \Phi$ via contour integral.



Then

$$\Psi(\beta, z) = B(z) \int_{I_1} d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z) = -B(z) \int_{I_2} d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z)$$

Now instead consider



We arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Im} \Psi(\beta, z) &= -\frac{1}{2i} B(z) \int_{I_2 + I'_2} d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z) \\ &= -B(z) \left\{ \pi \sum_i \mathbf{Res}_{\omega \rightarrow m_i} [\omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z)] + \int_M^\infty d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} \mathbf{Disc} [T(\omega, z)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Verification :

String theory type-I: $\frac{\Gamma[-s]\Gamma[-t]}{\Gamma[1+u]}$, type-II: $\frac{\Gamma[-s]\Gamma[-t]\Gamma[-u]}{\Gamma[1+s]\Gamma[1+u]\Gamma[1+t]}$,

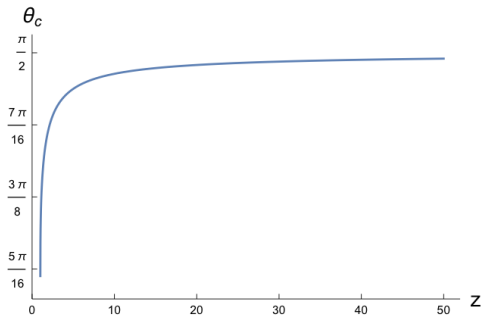
with $s = \omega^2 = (re^{i\theta})^2$ (Stieberger Taylor 1826.05688)

$$T(r^2 e^{2i\theta}, z) \sim \exp \left[g(\theta, z) r^2 + \mathcal{O}(\log r) \right]$$

$$g(\theta, z) < 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < \theta < \theta_c$$

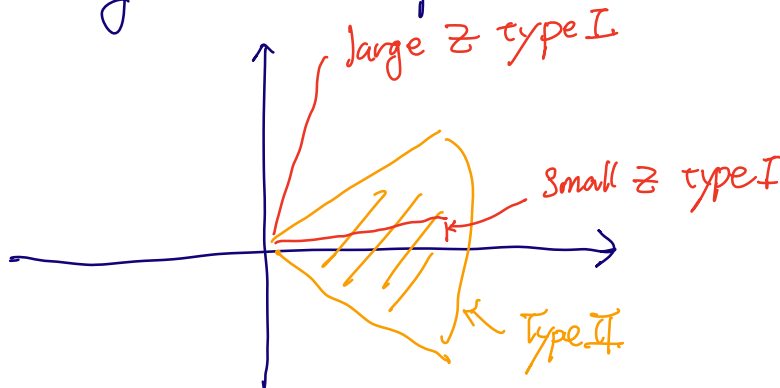
type I

type II



z -independent

Convergence on ω -plane.

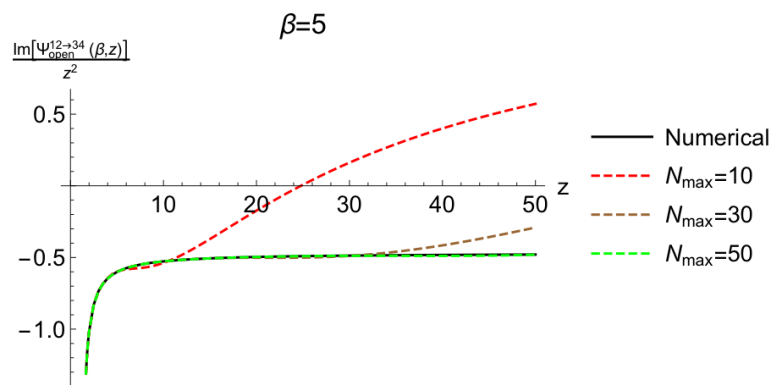


$$\text{Res}_{s=n}[T_{\text{open}}(s, t)] = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (t+k)}{n!} = \frac{[n(\frac{1}{z}-1)+1]_{n-1}}{2\sqrt{nn!}}$$

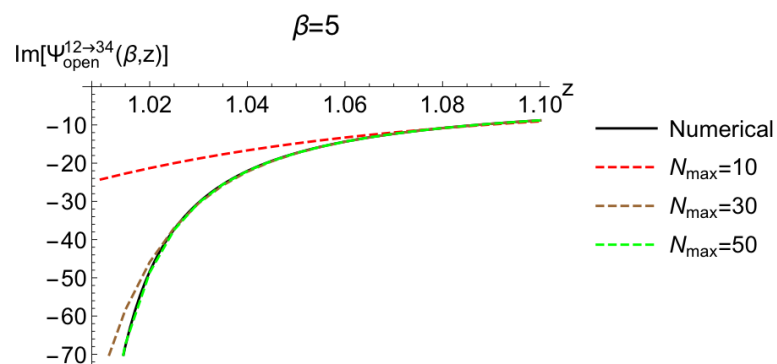
We expect.

$$\text{Im} \Psi_{\text{open}}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = -\pi 2^{3-\beta} z^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{n})^{\beta-2} \frac{[n(\frac{1}{z}-1)+1]_{n-1}}{2n!} \quad (z > 1)$$

$z \gg 1$



$z \rightarrow 1$

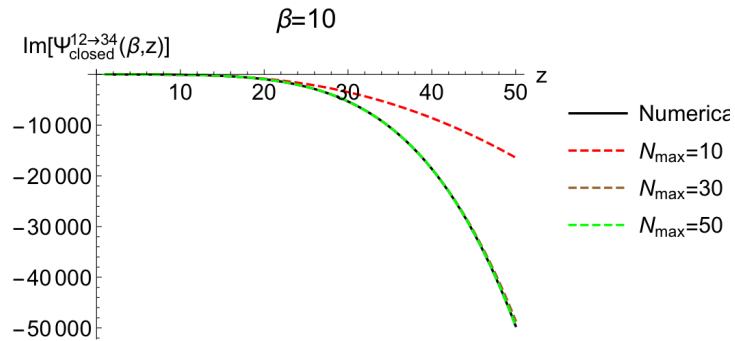


$$\text{Res}_{s=n}[T_{\text{closed}}(s, t)] = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (t+k)^2}{(n!)^2} = \frac{\left[\left(1 + \frac{1-z}{z}n\right)_{n-1} \right]^2}{2\sqrt{n}n(n!)^2}$$

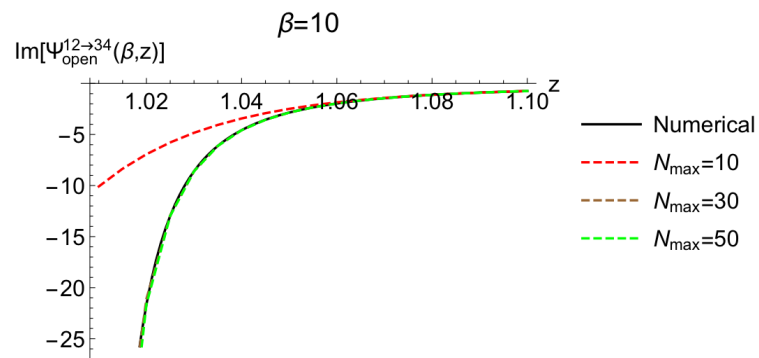
We expect

$$\text{Im} \Psi_{\text{closed}}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = -\pi 2^{3-\beta} z^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sqrt{n})^{\beta-2}}{2} \left(\frac{\left[n \left(\frac{1}{z} - 1 \right) + 1 \right]_{n-1}}{n!} \right)^2$$

$z \gg 1$



$z \rightarrow 1$



We have

$$\text{Im } \Psi(\beta, z) = -B(z) \left\{ \pi \sum_i \text{Res}_{\omega \rightarrow m_i} [\omega^{\beta-1} T(\omega, z)] + \int_M^\infty d\omega \omega^{\beta-1} \text{Disc} [T(\omega, z)] \right\}$$

There is a natural POSITIVE expansion basis !! $\text{Re}(\text{cost})$

Thus we have positivity in the imaginary part of $\Psi(\beta, z)$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \pi z^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} p_i P_{J_i} \left(\frac{z-2}{z} \right) \quad (z \geq 1),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{13 \leftrightarrow 24}(\beta, z) = \pi z^{\frac{\beta}{2}+2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} p_i P_{J_i} (1-2z) \quad (1 \geq z \geq 0),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{14 \leftrightarrow 23}(\beta, z) = \pi (-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}+2} (1-z)^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} p_i P_{J_i} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right) \quad (0 \geq z),$$

$$p_i = g_i^2 \left(\frac{m_i}{2} \right)^{\beta-3} m_i^{2J_i+1}$$

It is straight forward to generalize to helicity states

$$T_{\ell_i}(s, t)|_{s \rightarrow m^2} = -\frac{m^{2J} d_{\ell_{34}, \ell_{12}}^J(\arccos(\frac{u-t}{m^2}))}{s - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i12;34} z^{2-\ell_{12}} (z-1)^{\frac{\ell_{12}-34}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{12}}^{\ell_{12}+34, \ell_{12}-34} \left(\frac{z-2}{z} \right) \quad (z \geq 1),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{13 \leftrightarrow 24}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i13;24} z^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{13}+24}{2}+2} (1-z)^{\frac{\ell_{13}-24}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{13}}^{\ell_{13}+24, \ell_{13}-24} (1-2z) \quad (1 \geq z \geq 0),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{14 \leftrightarrow 23}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i14;23} \frac{(-z)^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{14}+23}{2}+2}}{(1-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}+\ell_{23}}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{23}}^{\ell_{14}+23, \ell_{14}-23} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right) \quad (0 \geq z),$$

$\mathcal{J}_\ell^{\alpha, \beta}$ are Jacobi polynomials $p_{i12;34} = \pi g_i \left(\frac{m}{2} \right)^{\beta-3} m_i^{2J_i+1} B_{12;34}^{J_i} > 0$

Note that these basis polynomials are nothing but
the Poincare Partial Waves (Law, Zlotnikov
2008.02331)

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i) = \langle \Delta_3, z_3, \bar{z}_3, \ell_3, \Delta_4, z_4, \bar{z}_4, \ell_4 | \mathbb{P}_{m, J} | \Delta_1, z_1, \bar{z}_1, \ell_1, \Delta_2, z_2, \bar{z}_2, \ell_2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{P}_1^\mu + \mathcal{P}_2^\mu - \mathcal{P}_3^\mu - \mathcal{P}_4^\mu) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i) &= 0, \\ (\mathcal{M}_1^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{M}_2^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{M}_3^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{M}_4^{\mu\nu}) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{01} &= \frac{i}{2} [(\bar{w}^2 - 1)\bar{\partial} + (w^2 - 1)\partial + 2(\bar{h}\bar{w} + hw)], \\ \mathcal{M}^{02} &= -\frac{1}{2} [(\bar{w}^2 + 1)\bar{\partial} - (w^2 + 1)\partial + 2(\bar{h}\bar{w} - hw)], \\ \mathcal{M}^{03} &= i(\bar{w}\bar{\partial} + w\partial + \bar{h} + h), \\ \mathcal{M}^{12} &= -\bar{w}\bar{\partial} + w\partial - \bar{h} + h, \\ \mathcal{M}^{13} &= \frac{i}{2} [(\bar{w}^2 + 1)\bar{\partial} + (w^2 + 1)\partial + 2(\bar{h}\bar{w} + hw)], \\ \mathcal{M}^{23} &= -\frac{1}{2} [(\bar{w}^2 - 1)\bar{\partial} - (w^2 - 1)\partial + 2(\bar{h}\bar{w} - hw)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^\mu = 2q^\mu e^{\partial\Delta}.$$

We have 2 Casimirs

$$(\mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2)^\mu (\mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2)_\mu \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i) = -m^2 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i)$$

$$\rightarrow -4e^{2\partial\Delta} \Phi_{m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\Delta, \ell_i, z) = -m^2 \Phi_{m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\Delta, \ell_i, z)$$

$$(\mathcal{W}_1 + \mathcal{W}_2)^\mu (\mathcal{W}_1 + \mathcal{W}_2)_\mu \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i) = m^2 J(J+1) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\Delta_i, \ell_i; m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(z_i, \bar{z}_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \left[\frac{(\frac{1}{4}\ell_{12+34}^2 - 4)z^2 + (10 - \ell_{12}\ell_{34})z - 6}{z-1} + (3z-4)z\partial - (z-1)z^2\partial^2 \right] \Phi_{m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\Delta, \ell_i, z) \\ = J(J+1) \Phi_{m, J}^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\Delta, \ell_i, z). \end{aligned}$$

So we find

$$\Phi_{m,J}^{\ell_i}(\beta, z) = \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^\beta \sqrt{\frac{(2J+1)}{m}} \begin{cases} B_{12,34}^J z^{2-\ell_{12}} (z-1)^{\frac{\ell_{12}-34}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J-\ell_{12}}^{\ell_{12}+34, \ell_{12}-34} \left(\frac{z-2}{z}\right) & (z \geq 1), \\ B_{13,24}^J z^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{13}+24}{2}+2} (1-z)^{\frac{\ell_{13}-24}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{s-\ell_{13}}^{\ell_{13}+24, \ell_{13}-24} (1-2z) & (1 \geq z \geq 0), \\ B_{14,23}^J \frac{(-z)^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{14}+23}{2}+2}}{(1-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}+\ell_{23}}} \mathcal{J}_{J-\ell_{23}}^{\ell_{14}+23, \ell_{14}-23} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right) & (0 \geq z). \end{cases}$$

↕ The same basis

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i12;34} z^{2-\ell_{12}} (z-1)^{\frac{\ell_{12}-34}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{12}}^{\ell_{12}+34, \ell_{12}-34} \left(\frac{z-2}{z}\right) \quad (z \geq 1),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{13 \leftrightarrow 24}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i13;24} z^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{13}+24}{2}+2} (1-z)^{\frac{\ell_{13}-24}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{13}}^{\ell_{13}+24, \ell_{13}-24} (1-2z) \quad (1 \geq z \geq 0),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{14 \leftrightarrow 23}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i14;23} \frac{(-z)^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{14}+23}{2}+2}}{(1-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}+\ell_{23}}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{23}}^{\ell_{14}+23, \ell_{14}-23} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right) \quad (0 \geq z),$$

The imaginary part of the celestial sphere amplitude has a positive expansion in terms of Poincaré partial waves

$$\text{Im } \Psi_{>\Lambda}(\beta, \ell_i, z) = \sum_a p_a \Phi_{m_a, J_a}(\beta, \ell_i, z), \quad p_a > 0$$

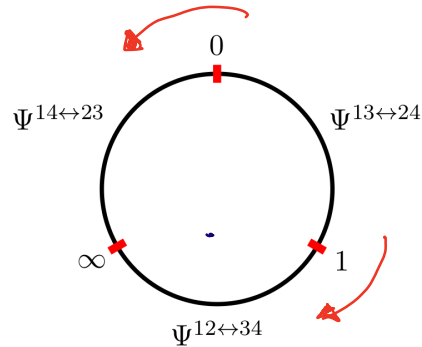
1. What is the image of dispersion relations

for $T(S, t)$

2. Since poles at $\beta = -2N$ are EFT coefficients what is the image of EFThedron?

3. Do we have a bootstrap (Arkani-Hamed, Pate 2102.04208, Raclariu, Strominger)

Problem: we have 3 distinct functions!



We need to analytic continue to unphysical regions

Back to scalar

$$\Psi_{\text{scalar}}^{12\leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \frac{\pi g^2}{\sin \frac{\pi\beta}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \left[e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} + z^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right] \quad (z \geq 1)$$

$$\Psi^{13\leftrightarrow 24}(\beta, z) = \frac{\pi g^2}{\sin \frac{\pi\beta}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \left[1 + e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} z^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + (z(1-z))^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right] \quad (1 \geq z \geq 0),$$

$$\Psi^{14\leftrightarrow 23}(\beta, z) = \frac{\pi g^2}{\sin \frac{\pi\beta}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \left[1 + (-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} \left(\frac{-z}{1-z}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right] \quad (0 \geq z).$$

consider analytic continuing $\Psi^{12\leftrightarrow 34}$

$$\begin{aligned} z-1 &\rightarrow e^{-\pi i}(1-z) & z \rightarrow 1 \\ z &\rightarrow e^{\pi i}(-z) & z \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi_{\text{scalar}}^{12\leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) = \frac{\pi g^2}{\sin \frac{\pi\beta}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \begin{cases} e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} + z^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} \left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} & (1 > z > 0), \\ e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} + e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i\beta} (-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} + \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} & (0 > z). \end{cases}$$

The prescription is such that the continued form matches irrespective of it's origin.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im } \Psi_{\text{scalar}}^{12\leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) &= \pi g^2 \left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\beta-2} z^2 \begin{cases} 1 + \left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} & (S, T) \quad (1 > z > 0), \\ 1 + (-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} & (S, U) \quad (0 > z), \end{cases} \\ &= 2^{3-\beta} \pi z^2 g^2 \begin{cases} \text{Res}_{\omega \rightarrow m, \sqrt{\frac{z}{1-z}}m} [\omega^{\beta-1} T_{\text{scalar}}^{12\leftrightarrow 34}(\omega, z)] & (1 > z > 0), \\ \text{Res}_{\omega \rightarrow m, \sqrt{-z}m} [\omega^{\beta-1} T_{\text{scalar}}^{12\leftrightarrow 34}(\omega, z)] & (0 > z). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The Imaginary part of the continued CA reflects the unphysical poles of the

region!

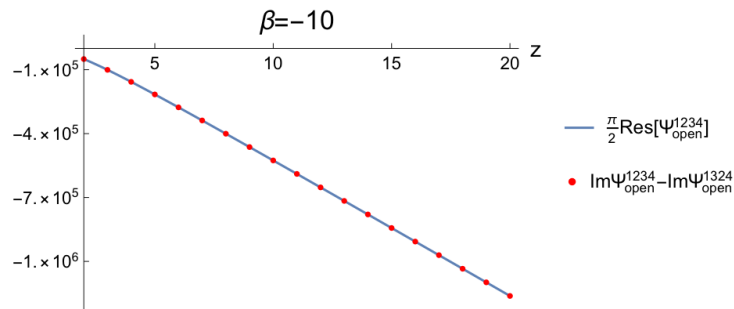
The dispersion relation for the flat space amplitude

$$\sum_{k, q} g_{k, q} s^{k\beta} t^q = \sum_n \int \frac{ds}{s^{n+1}} \text{Im} [M(s, t)]$$

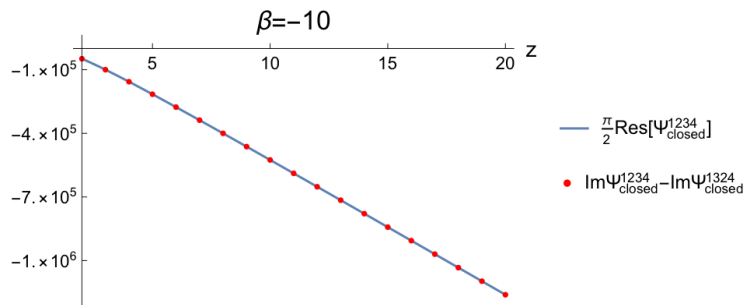
Now the image of this dispersion relation

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \text{Res}_{\beta \rightarrow -2n} [\Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z)] = \text{Im} [\Psi^{12 \leftrightarrow 34}(\beta, z) + (-1)^n \Psi^{13 \leftrightarrow 24}(\beta, z)] \Big|_{\beta \rightarrow -2n} \quad (z \geq 1).$$

Test: (open string)

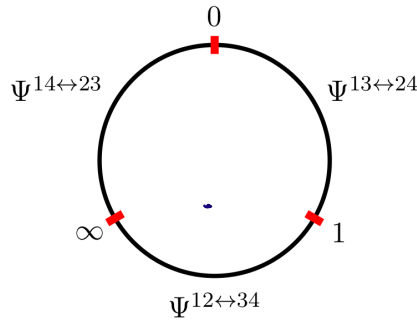


(closed string)



Summary

1. The 4-pt CA is given by 3 separate functions



The imaginary part has a positive exp.

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{12\leftrightarrow34}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i12;34} z^{2-\ell_{12}} (z-1)^{\frac{\ell_{12}-34}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{12}}^{\ell_{12+34}, \ell_{12-34}} \left(\frac{z-2}{z} \right) \quad (z \geq 1),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{13\leftrightarrow24}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i13;24} z^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{13+24}}{2}+2} (1-z)^{\frac{\ell_{13-24}}{2}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{13}}^{\ell_{13+24}, \ell_{13-24}} (1-2z) \quad (1 \geq z \geq 0),$$

$$\text{Im } \Psi^{14\leftrightarrow23}(\beta, z) = \sum_i p_{i14;23} \frac{(-z)^{\frac{\beta+\ell_{14+23}}{2}+2}}{(1-z)^{\frac{\beta}{2}+\ell_{23}}} \mathcal{J}_{J_i-\ell_{23}}^{\ell_{14+23}, \ell_{14-23}} \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right) \quad (0 \geq z),$$

2. Analytic Continuate to unphysical region
leads to a celestial sphere dispersion relation

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \text{Res}_{\beta \rightarrow -2n} [\Psi^{12\leftrightarrow34}(\beta, z)] = \text{Im} [\Psi^{12\leftrightarrow34}(\beta, z) + (-1)^n \Psi^{13\leftrightarrow24}(\beta, z)] \Big|_{\beta \rightarrow -2n} \quad (z \geq 1).$$