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Modern summation and integration methods for multi-loop Feynman diagrams

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A warm up example: Simplify $f(N, k, j)$

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where

$$S_1(N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i}$$

Arose in the context of

I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, and S. Klein, *Evaluating two-loop massive operator matrix elements with Mellin-Barnes integrals*. 2006

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Sigma (based on a refined version of M. Karr's difference fields (1981)) computes

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Summing the telescoping equation over j from 0 to a gives

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$a \rightarrow \infty$

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recurrence solver

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$$\left\{ c \times \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{S_1(n)^2 + S_2(n)}{2n(n+1)} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

where

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3. Find a "closed form"

$A(n)$ = combined solutions.

“Background of our 3-loop computations”

- ▶ The following examples arise in the context of 2- and 3-loop massive single scale Feynman diagrams with operator insertion.
- ▶ These are related to the QCD anomalous dimensions and massive operator matrix elements.
- ▶ At 2-loop order all respective calculations are finished:

M. Buza, Y. Matiounine, J. Smith, R. Migneron, W.L. van Neerven, Nucl. Phys. **B472** (1996) 611;

I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, S. Klein, Nucl. Phys. **B780** (2007) 40;

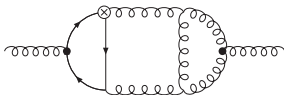
I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, S. Klein, C. Schneider, Nucl.Phys. **B803** (2008)

and lead to representations in terms of harmonic sums.

Example: All n -Results for 3-Loop Ladder Graphs

Joint work with J. Ablinger (RISC), J. Blümlein (DESY),
A. Hasselhuhn (DESY), S. Klein (RWTH)

In total around 50 diagrams (for this class) have been calculated, like e.g.



(containing three massive fermion propagators)



Around 1000 sums have to be calculated for this diagram

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{r=0}^{j+1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-j+r-2} \frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!}$$

Simple sum

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{r=0}^{j+1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-j+r-2} \frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!}$$

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$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{r=0}^{j+1} \left[\sum_{s=0}^{n-j+r-2} \frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!} \right]$$

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$$\left(\binom{j+1}{r} \left(\frac{(-1)^r (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n+1)(-j+n+r-1)(-j+n+r)!} + \frac{(-1)^{n+r} (j+1)! (-j+n-2)! (-j+n-1)_r r!}{(n-1)n(n+1)(-j+n+r)! (-j-1)_r (2-n)_j} \right) \right)$$

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$$\parallel$$

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$$\parallel$$

$$\left(\frac{n^2 - n + 1}{(n-1)^2 n^2 (n+1) (2-n)_j} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^j \frac{(2-n)_i}{(-i+n-1)^2 (i+1)!}}{(n+1) (2-n)_j} + \frac{(-1)^{j+n} (-j-2) (-j+n-2)!}{(j-n+1) (n+1)^2 n!} \right) (j+1)! - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2 (-j+n-1)}$$

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$$\frac{-n^2 - n - 1}{n^2 (n+1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^n (n^2 + n + 1)}{n^2 (n+1)^3} - \frac{2S_{-2}(n)}{n+1} + \frac{S_1(n)}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{S_2(n)}{-n-1}$$

Note: $S_a(n) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\text{sign}(a)^i}{i^{|a|}}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

Multi-Summation

Mathematica Session:

In[1]:= << **Sigma.m**

Sigma - A summation package by Carsten Schneider © RISC-Linz

In[2]:= << **HarmonicSums.m**

HarmonicSums by Jakob Ablinger © RISC-Linz

In[3]:= << **EvaluateMultiSums.m**

EvaluateMultiSums by Carsten Schneider © RISC-Linz

In[4]:= **EvaluateMultiSum** $\left[\frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!}, \{ \{s, 0, n-j+r-2\}, \{r, 0, j+1\}, \{j, 0, n-2\} \} \right]$

Out[4]= $\frac{-n^2 - n - 1}{n^2(n+1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^n (n^2 + n + 1)}{n^2(n+1)^3} - \frac{2S_{-2}(n)}{n+1} + \frac{S_1(n)}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{S_2(n)}{-n-1}$

A typical sum

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{s=1}^{j+1} \sum_{r=0}^{n+s-j-2} \sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} \frac{-2(-1)^{s+r} \binom{j+1}{s} \binom{-j+n+s-2}{r} (n-j)!(s-1)!\sigma! S_1(r+2)}{(n-r)(r+1)(r+2)(-j+n+\sigma+1)(-j+n+\sigma+2)(-j+n+s+\sigma)!}$$

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$$= \frac{(2n^2 + 6n + 5) S_{-2}(n)^2}{2(n+1)(n+2)} + S_{-2,-1,2}(n) + S_{-2,1,-2}(n)$$

$$+ \dots$$

where, e.g.,

$$S_{-2,1,-2}(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(-1)^i \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{\sum_{k=1}^j (-1)^k}{k^2}}{j^2}$$

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A typical sum

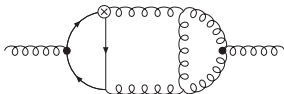
$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{s=1}^{j+1} \sum_{r=0}^{n+s-j-2} \sum_{\sigma=0}^{\infty} \frac{-2(-1)^{s+r} \binom{j+1}{s} \binom{-j+n+s-2}{r} (n-j)!(s-1)!\sigma! S_1(r+2)}{(n-r)(r+1)(r+2)(-j+n+\sigma+1)(-j+n+\sigma+2)(-j+n+s+\sigma)!} \\
&= \frac{(2n^2 + 6n + 5) S_{-2}(n)^2}{2(n+1)(n+2)} + S_{-2,-1,2}(n) + S_{-2,1,-2}(n) \\
&+ \dots - S_{2,1,1,1}(-1, 2, \frac{1}{2}, -1; n) + S_{2,1,1,1}(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2; n) \\
&+ \dots
\end{aligned}$$

where, e.g.,

145 S -sums occur

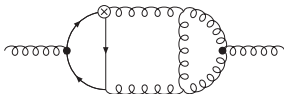
$$S_{2,1,1,1}(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2; n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{\sum_{l=1}^k 2^l}{l}}{k}}{j} \frac{1}{i^2}$$

S. Moch, P. Uwer, S. Weinzierl 02



Sigma.m

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J. Ablinger's HarmonicSum.m

After elimination the following sums remain:

$$S_{-4}(n), S_{-3}(n), S_{-2}(n), S_1(n), S_2(n), S_3(n), S_4(n), S_{-3,1}(n), \\ S_{-2,1}(n), S_{2,-2}(n), S_{2,1}(n), S_{3,1}(n), S_{-2,1,1}(n), S_{2,1,1}(n)$$

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$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-3} \sum_{k=0}^j \sum_{l=0}^k \sum_{q=0}^{-j+n-3-l+n-q-3} \sum_{s=1}^{-l+n-q-3} \sum_{r=0}^{-l+n-q-s-3} (-1)^{-j+k-l+n-q-3} \times$$

$$\times \frac{\binom{j+1}{k+1} \binom{k}{l} \binom{n-1}{j+2} \binom{-j+n-3}{q} \binom{-l+n-q-3}{s} \binom{-l+n-q-s-3}{r} r! (-l+n-q-r-s-3)! (s-1)!}{(-l+n-q-2)! (-j+n-1) (n-q-r-s-2) (q+s+1)}$$

$$\left[4S_1(-j+n-1) - 4S_1(-j+n-2) - 2S_1(k) \right.$$

$$\left. - (S_1(-l+n-q-2) + S_1(-l+n-q-r-s-3) - 2S_1(r+s)) \right.$$

$$\left. + 2S_1(s-1) - 2S_1(r+s) \right] + \mathbf{3 \text{ further 6-fold sums}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\boxed{F_0(n)} = & \\
& \frac{7}{12} S_1(n)^4 + \frac{(17n+5)S_1(n)^3}{3n(n+1)} + \left(\frac{35n^2-2n-5}{2n^2(n+1)^2} + \frac{13S_2(n)}{2} + \frac{5(-1)^n}{2n^2} \right) S_1(n)^2 \\
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