

# Analytic Evaluation of Multiple Mellin-Barnes Integrals

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**Loops & Legs in QFT**

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# Multiple MB Representation

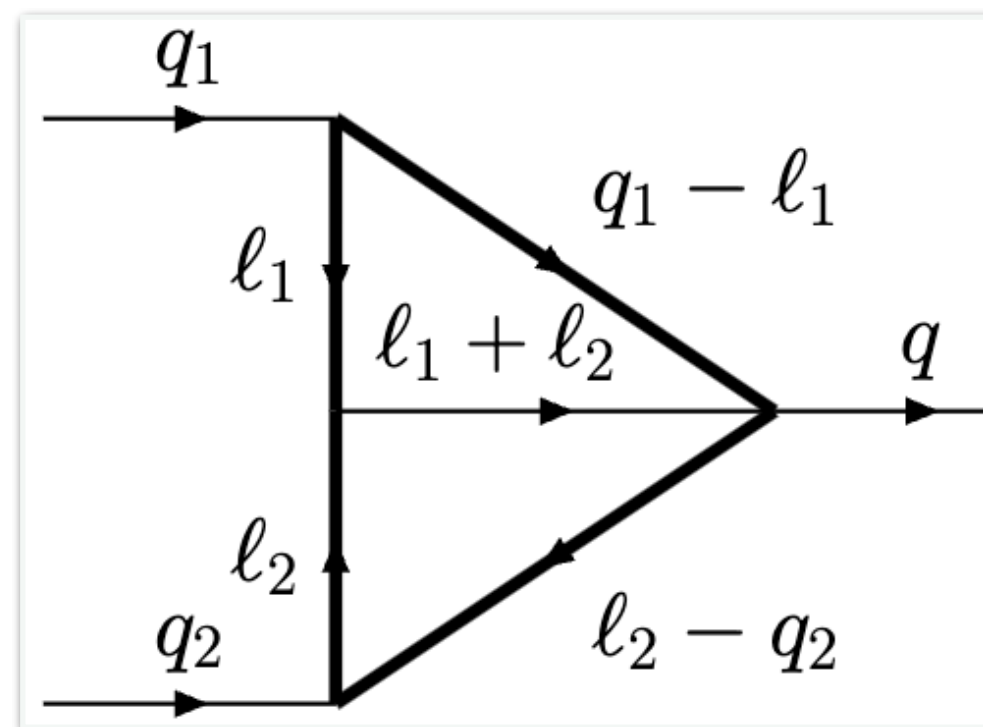
## Motivation

Overview: [arXiv: 2211.13733]

- Feynman Integrals can be evaluated using Mellin-Barnes (MB) Representation

$$\frac{1}{(A+B)^\alpha} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z)\Gamma(\alpha+z)A^{-\alpha-z}B^z$$

- Example: Two-Loop Triangle



[arXiv: 0704.2423]

AMBRE

Fold      Scale

$$\int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{s}{4m^2}\right)^z \frac{\Gamma(-z)\Gamma^3(1+z)\Gamma(1+z+\epsilon)\Gamma(1+z+2\epsilon)}{\Gamma^2(2+z)\Gamma(2+z-\epsilon)\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}+z+\epsilon\right)}$$

Separate poles of  $\Gamma(-z)$  and  $\Gamma(\alpha+z)$

- Useful for computing boundary conditions

Talk by H. Zhang

# Multiple MB Representation

## Motivation

- **Hypergeometric Functions** have MB representation

Useful for deriving analytic continuations

$${}_2F_1(a, b, c; x) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \frac{\Gamma(-z_1)\Gamma(a+z_1)\Gamma(b+z_1)}{\Gamma(c+z_1)} (-x)^{z_1}$$

- **Multiple Polylogs** special class of MB

# of numerator  $\Gamma(\dots)$   
 $\propto$  weights

$$\text{Li}_{m_1, m_2}(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2^2 \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_3}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z_1)\Gamma(-z_2)\Gamma(1+z_1)\Gamma(1+z_2) \frac{\Gamma^{m_1}(1+z_1)\Gamma^{m_2}(2+z_{12})}{\Gamma^{m_1}(2+z_1)\Gamma^{m_2}(3+z_{12})} (-x_1 x_2)^{z_1} (-x_2)^{z_2}$$

# Multiple MB Representation

## N-Fold Case

- N-fold MB Representation

$\mathbf{e}_i$  &  $\mathbf{f}_j$   
N-dimensional

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \cdots \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_N}{2\pi i} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma^{a_i}(\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{z} + g_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^l \Gamma^{b_j}(\mathbf{f}_j \cdot \mathbf{z} + h_j)} x_1^{z_1} \cdots x_N^{z_N}$$

Degenerate:  
 $\sum_i \mathbf{e}_i - \sum_j \mathbf{f}_j = \mathbf{0}$

Analytic  
Evaluation

Numerical  
Evaluation

$\mathbf{z} = \{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$

This talk

- MBConichulls.wl
- MBsums.m [arXiv: 1511.01323]

- MB.m
- MBresolve.m
- MBnumerics.m

[arXiv: 2211.00009]

# Analytic Evaluation

## Conic Hull Approach

- Find **All Possible N-Combinations** of **Numerator** Gamma functions
- Associate Series (**Building Block**) with each N-Combination
- Associate **Conic Hull** with each N-Combination
- Find **Largest Subsets** of Intersecting Conic Hulls
- **Final Solution** = **Sum of Building Blocks** associated with each **Largest Subset**

**Intersecting Region  
(Master Conic Hull)**

**Several  
Solutions possible  
for a given MB**

# Analytic Evaluation

## Evaluating Appell $F_1$ using Conic Hulls

${}^5C_2 = 10$   
possible 2-combinations

- Appell  $F_1$  MB Representation:

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \frac{dz_2}{2\pi i} (-u_1)^{z_1} (-u_2)^{z_2} \frac{\overset{1}{\Gamma}(-z_1) \overset{2}{\Gamma}(-z_2) \overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2) \overset{4}{\Gamma}(b_1+z_1) \overset{5}{\Gamma}(b_2+z_2)}{\Gamma(c+z_1+z_2)}$$

- 2-Combinations of Numerator Gamma Functions

1

$$\{\overset{1}{\Gamma}(-z_1), \overset{2}{\Gamma}(-z_2)\}$$

2

$$\{\overset{1}{\Gamma}(-z_1), \overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2)\}$$

3

$$\{\overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2), \overset{5}{\Gamma}(b_2+z_2)\}$$

4

$$\{\overset{4}{\Gamma}(b_1+z_1), \overset{5}{\Gamma}(b_2+z_2)\}$$

5

$$\{\overset{2}{\Gamma}(-z_2), \overset{4}{\Gamma}(b_1+z_1)\}$$

6

$$\{\overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2), \overset{4}{\Gamma}(b_1+z_1)\}$$

7

$$\{\overset{2}{\Gamma}(-z_2), \overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2)\}$$

8

$$\{\overset{1}{\Gamma}(-z_1), \overset{5}{\Gamma}(b_2+z_2)\}$$

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- Singular 2-Combinations Omitted:

$$\{\Gamma(-z_1), \Gamma(b_1+z_1)\}$$

$$\{\Gamma(-z_2), \Gamma(b_2+z_2)\}$$

# Analytic Evaluation

## Evaluating Appell $F_1$ using Conic Hulls

- 8 Associated Building Blocks

**1**

$\{\overset{1}{\Gamma(-z_1)}, \overset{2}{\Gamma(-z_2)}\}$

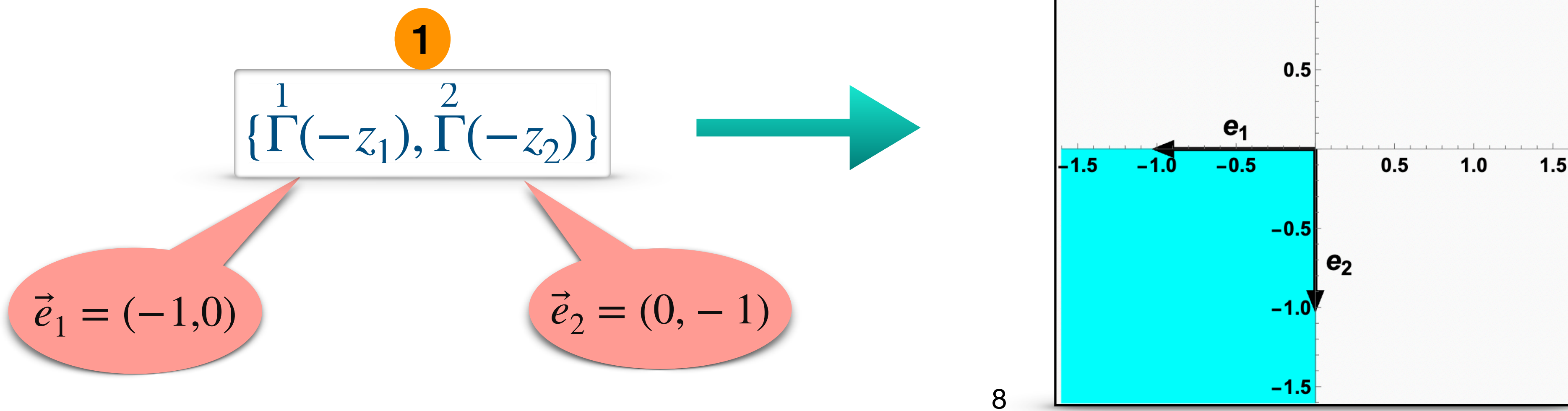
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$$\sum_{n_1, n_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(a + n_1 + n_2) \Gamma(b_1 + n_1) \Gamma(b_2 + n_2)}{\Gamma(c + n_1 + n_2)} \frac{u_1^{n_1} v_2^{n_2}}{n_1! n_2!}$$

$B_{1,2}$

Residues of poles of  $\{\Gamma(-z_1), \Gamma(-z_2)\}$  at  $(z_1, z_2) = (n_1, n_2)$

- 8 Associated Conic Hulls



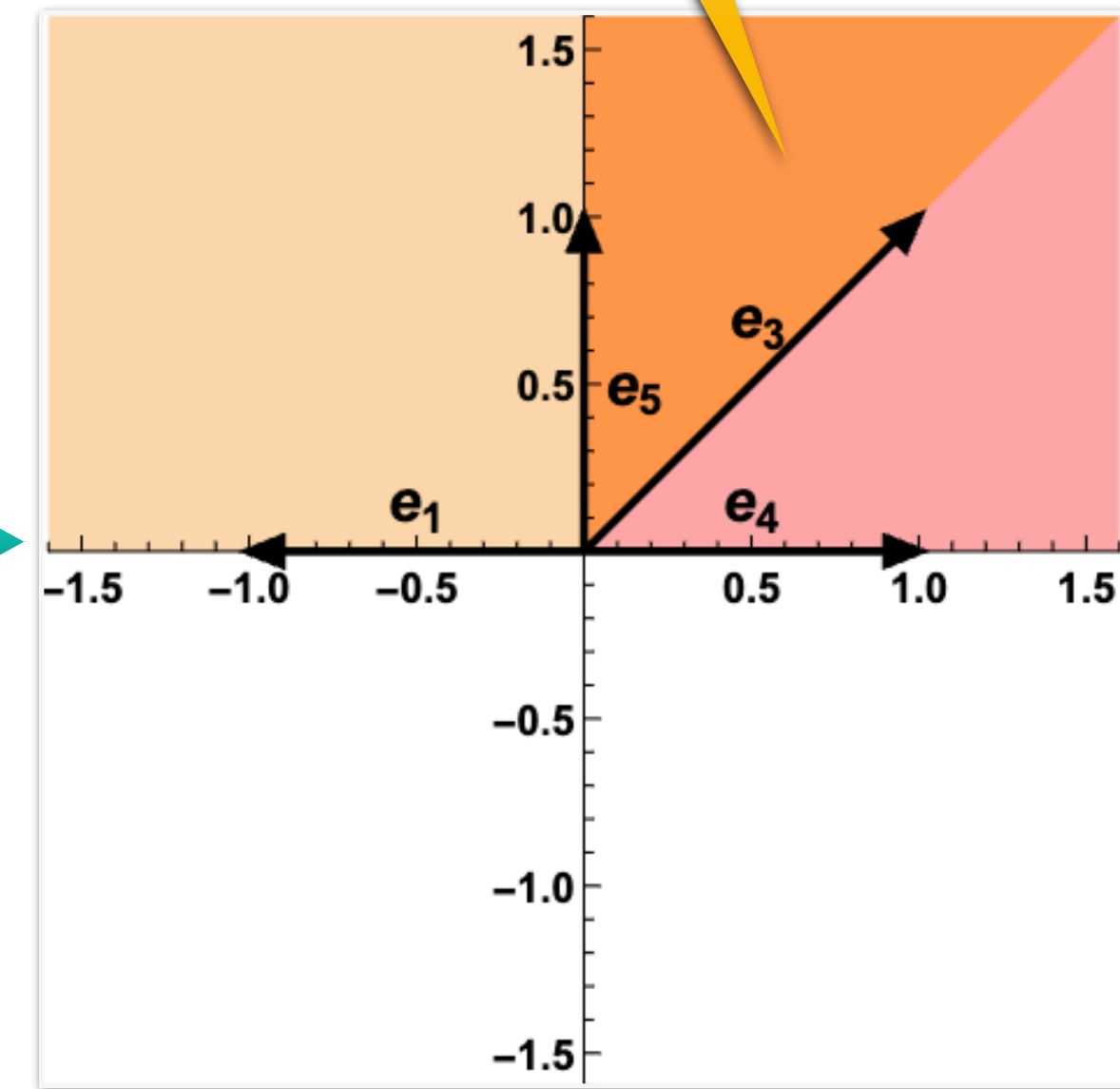
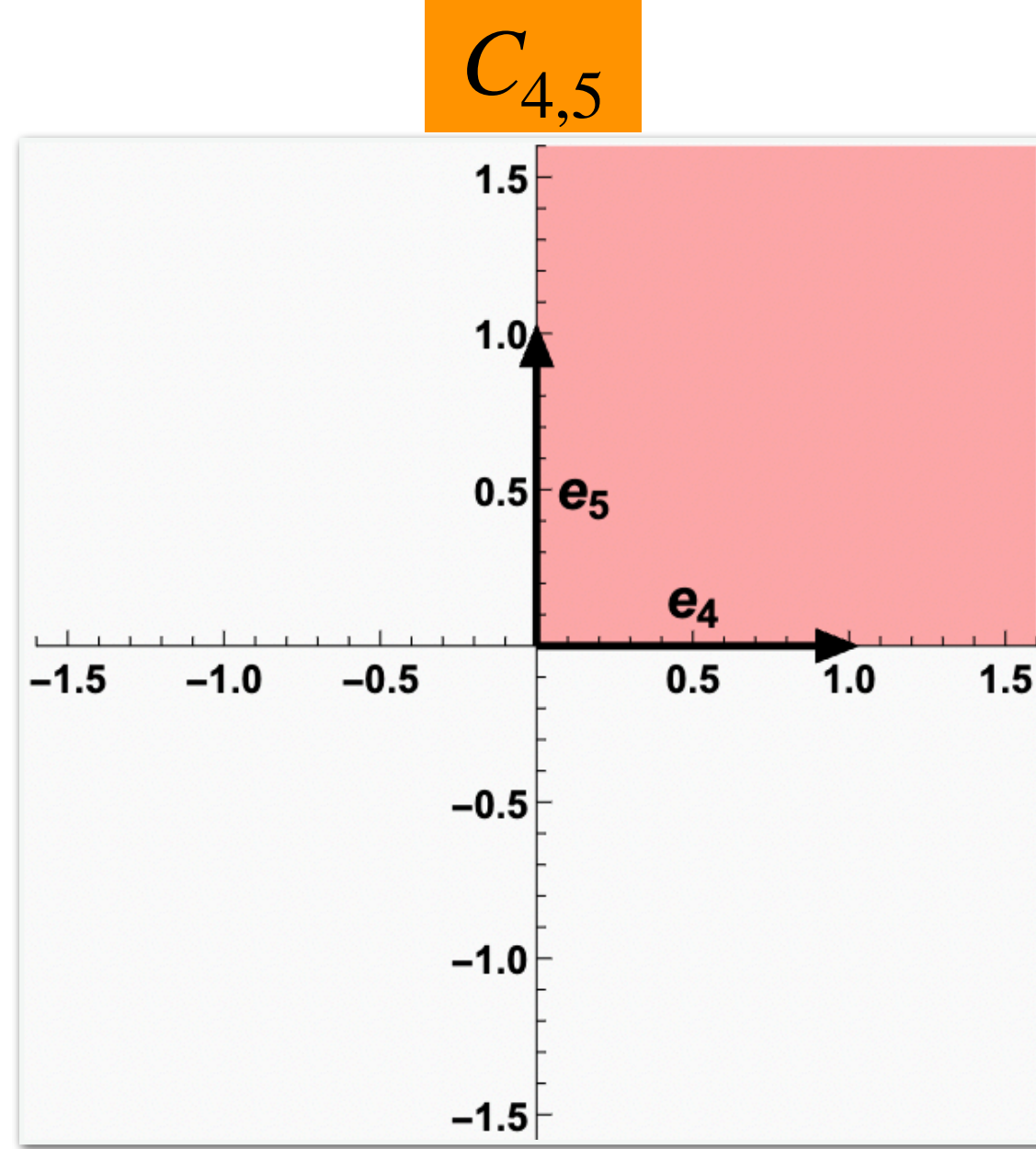
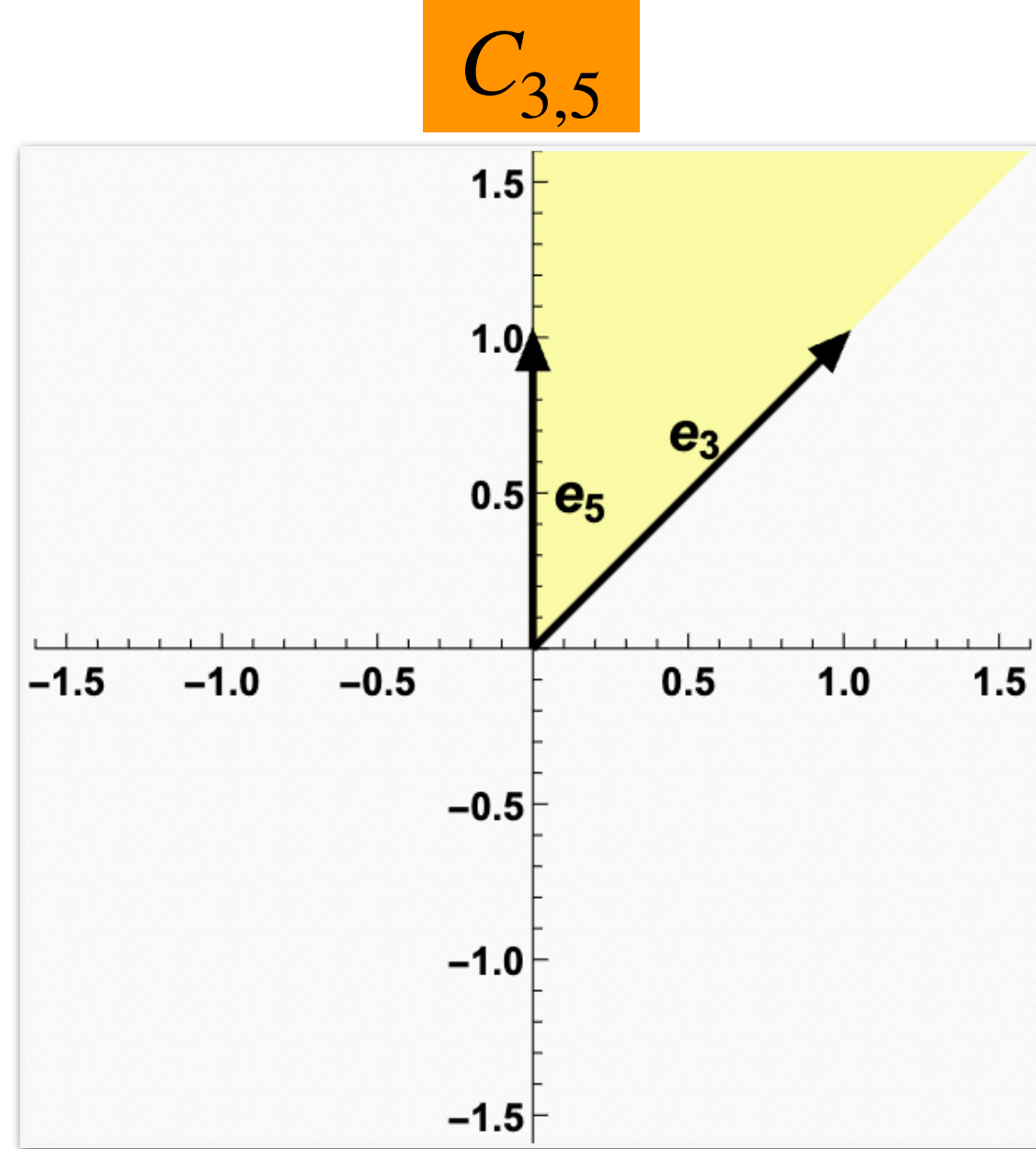
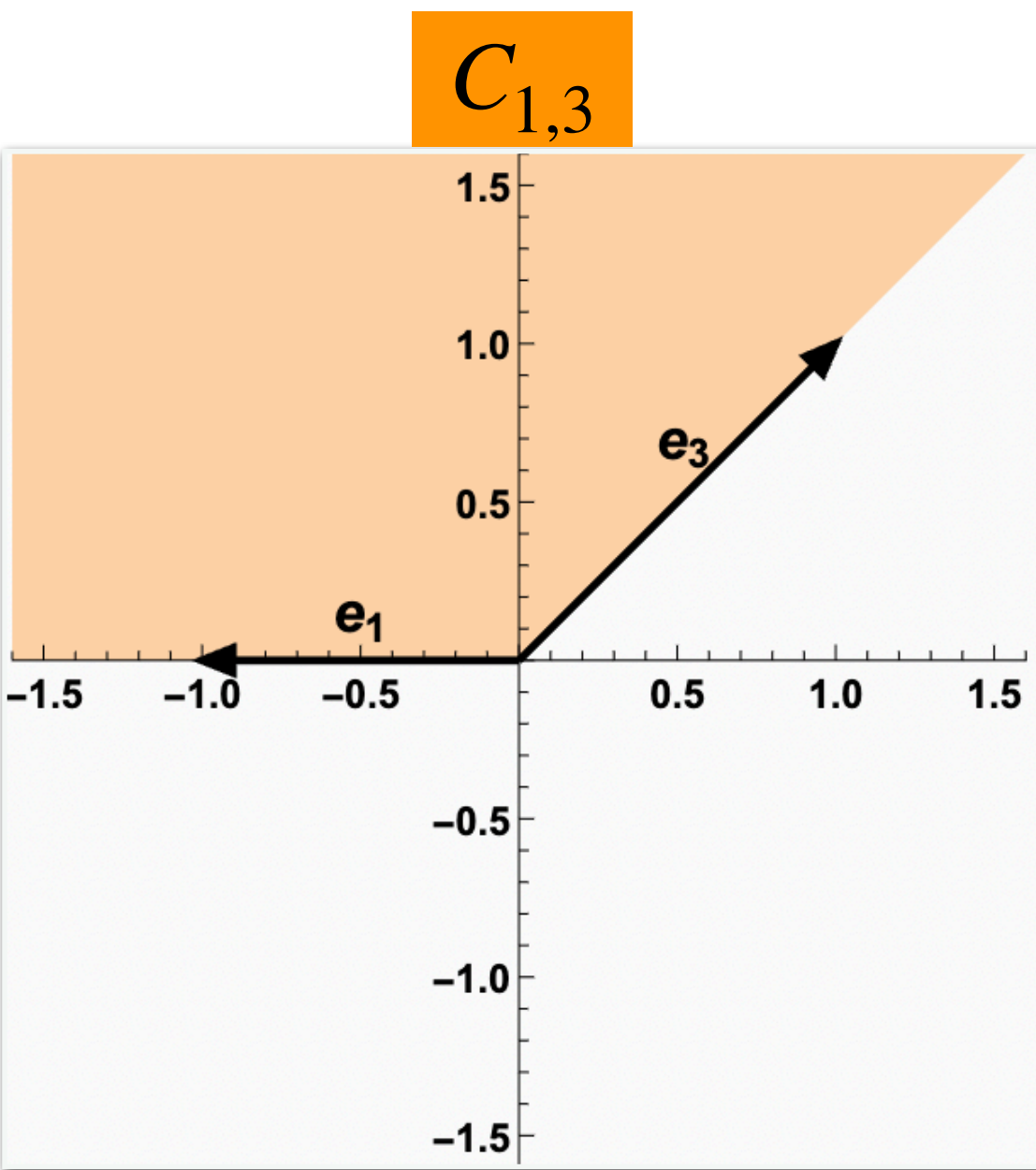


# Analytic Evaluation

## Appell $F_1$ Solutions

○ 5 Largest Subsets → 5 Series Solutions

Master Conic Hull



○ Solutions:

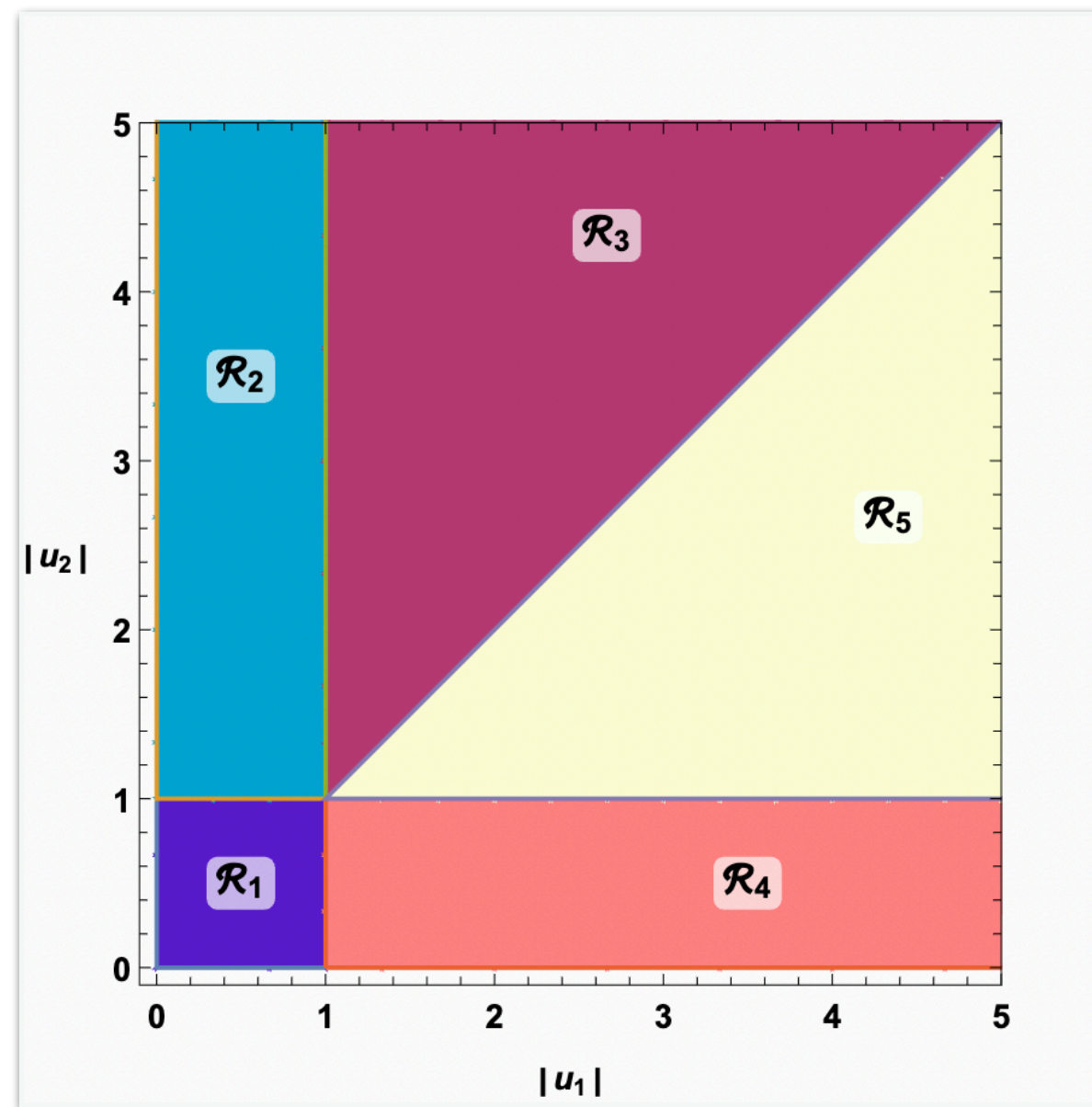
1.  $B_{1,2}$
2.  $B_{1,3} + B_{3,5} + B_{4,5}$
3.  $B_{1,3} + B_{1,5}$

4.  $B_{2,3} + B_{2,4}$
5.  $B_{2,3} + B_{3,4} + B_{4,5}$

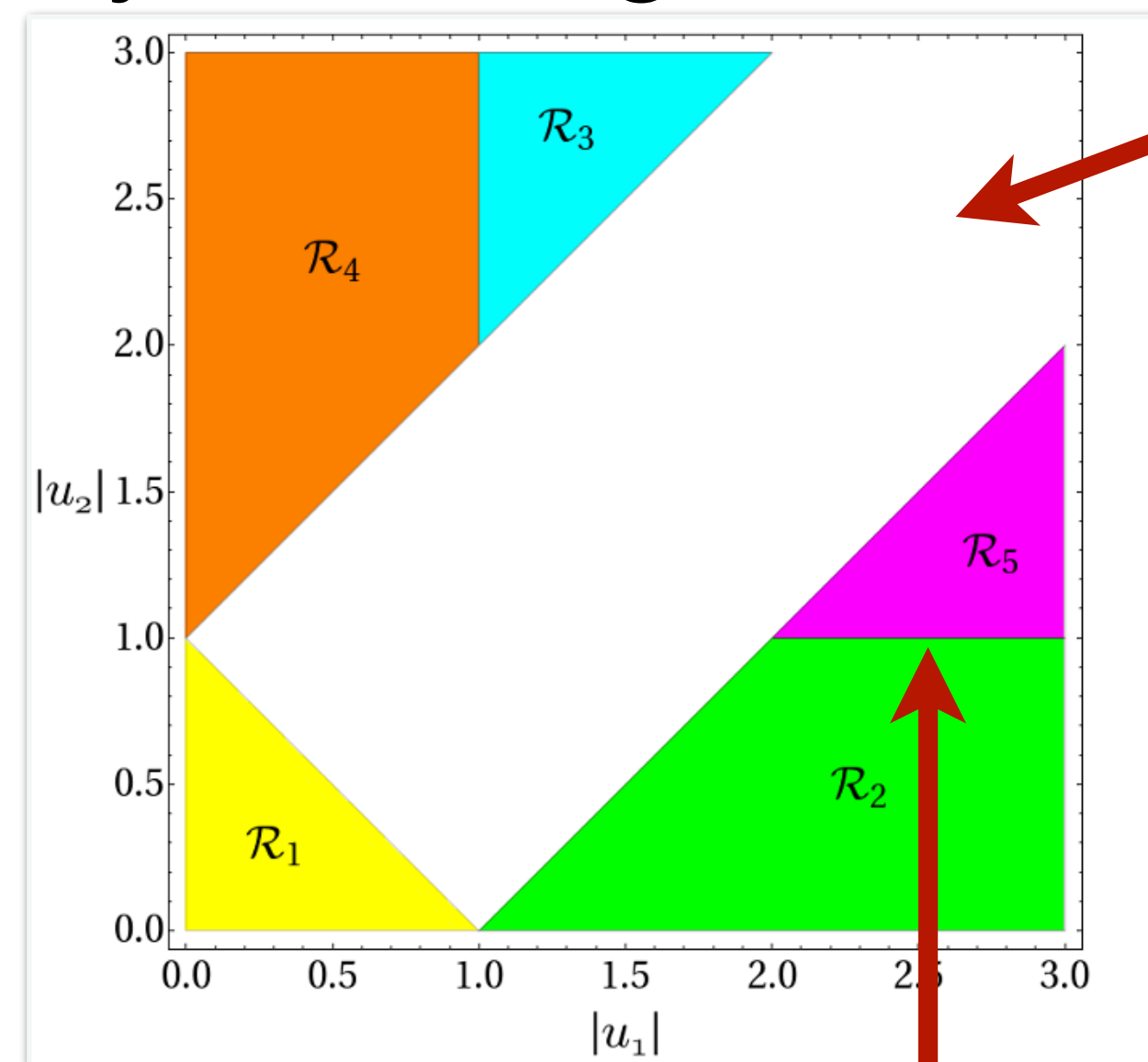
# Analytic Evaluation

## Challenges in Conic Hull Approach

- Convergent Solutions if # of Scales = # of Folds
- Full set of solutions may not always converge for all values (White Zone)



Appell  $F_1$



$R_{-1}(u_1, u_2)$

- Final solutions may converge slowly near boundaries
- Slow for high-fold MB

# Analytic Evaluation

## Triangulation Approach

- Find **All Possible N-Combinations** of **Numerator** Gamma functions
- Associate Series (**Building Block**) with each N-Combination
- Associate **Point Configuration**
- Find all **Possible Regular Triangulations**
- **Final Solution** = **Sum of Building Blocks** associated with each **Triangulation**

Triangles in each triangulation mapped to building blocks

# of solutions = # of triangulations

# Analytic Evaluation

## Evaluating Appell $F_1$ using Triangulation

- Appell  $F_1$  MB Representation:

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \frac{dz_2}{2\pi i} (-u_1)^{z_1} (-u_2)^{z_2} \frac{\overset{1}{\Gamma}(-z_1)\overset{2}{\Gamma}(-z_2)\overset{3}{\Gamma}(a+z_1+z_2)\overset{4}{\Gamma}(b_1+z_1)\overset{5}{\Gamma}(b_2+z_2)}{\Gamma(c+z_1+z_2)}$$

- Point Configuration: # of points = # of numerator  $\Gamma(\dots)$

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$z_1$  coefficients of non-trivial gamma

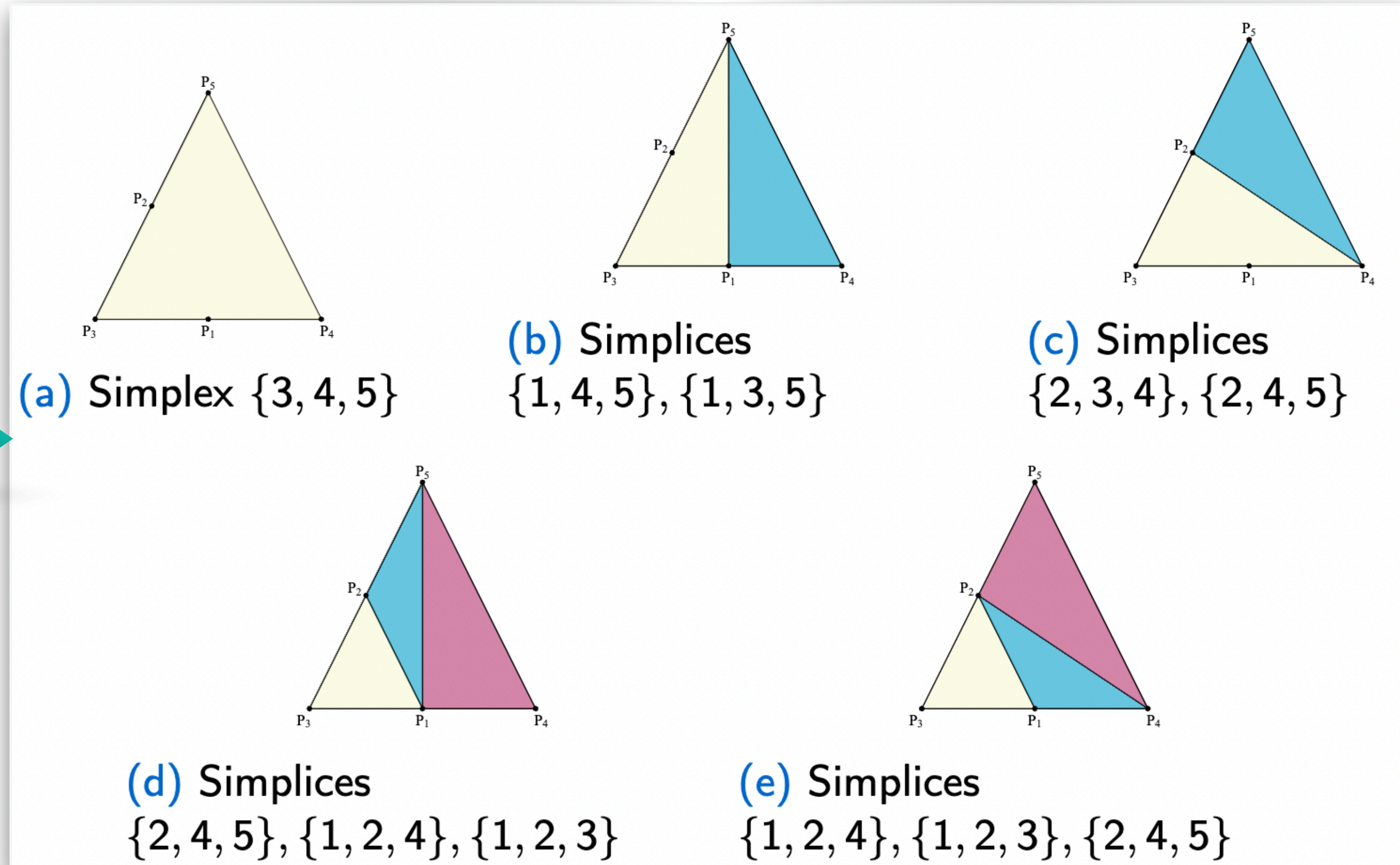
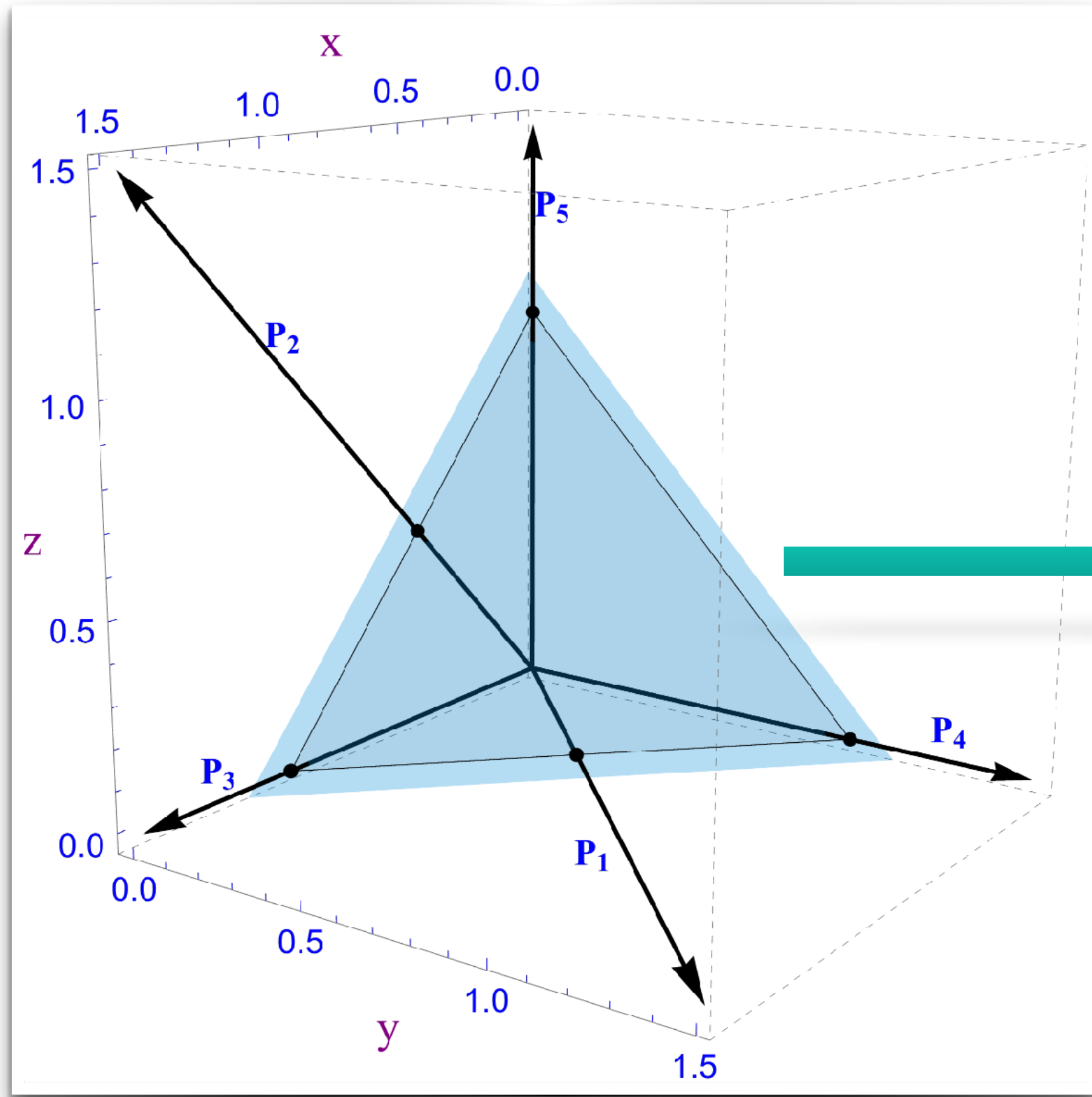
$z_2$  coefficients of non-trivial gamma

Unit Vectors

# Analytic Evaluation

## Evaluating Appell $F_1$ using Triangulation

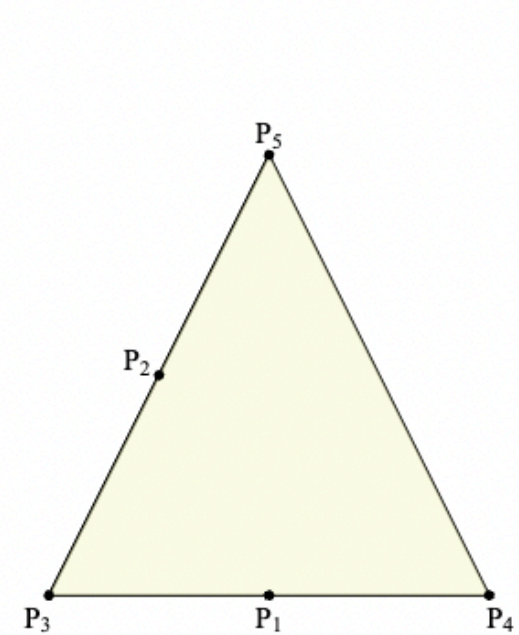
- Point Configuration:  $P = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5\}$



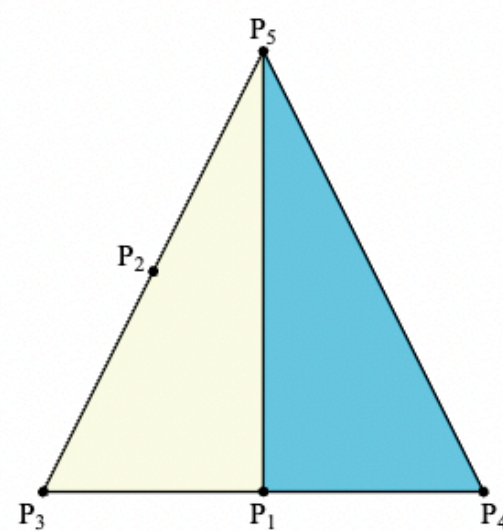
# Analytic Evaluation

## Evaluating Appell $F_1$ using Triangulation

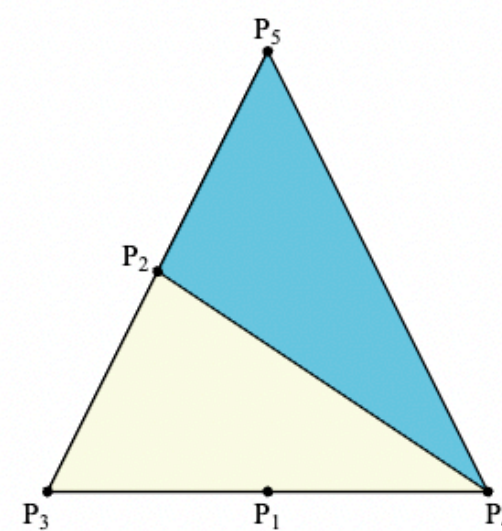
### ○ Five Possible Triangulations



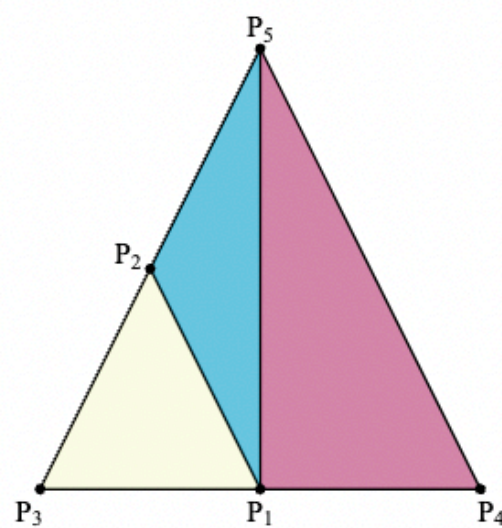
(a) Simplex  $\{3, 4, 5\}$



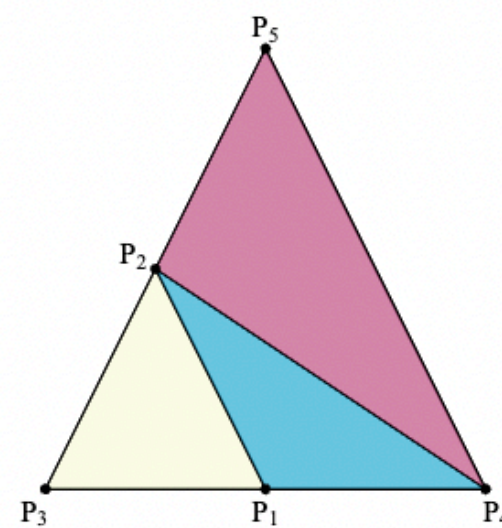
(b) Simplices  $\{1, 4, 5\}, \{1, 3, 5\}$



(c) Simplices  $\{2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 4, 5\}$



(d) Simplices  $\{2, 4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$



(e) Simplices  $\{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 4, 5\}$

Same solution as conic hull approach

1.  $\{C_{1,2}\}$

2.  $\{C_{1,3}, C_{1,5}\}$

3.  $\{C_{2,3}, C_{2,4}\}$

4.  $\{C_{1,3}, C_{3,5}, C_{4,5}\}$

5.  $\{C_{2,3}, C_{3,4}, C_{4,5}\}$

○ Take **complement** of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$  with each simplex in the triangulation

# Analytic Evaluation

## Speed Comparison

TOPCOM  
interfaced with  
Mathematica

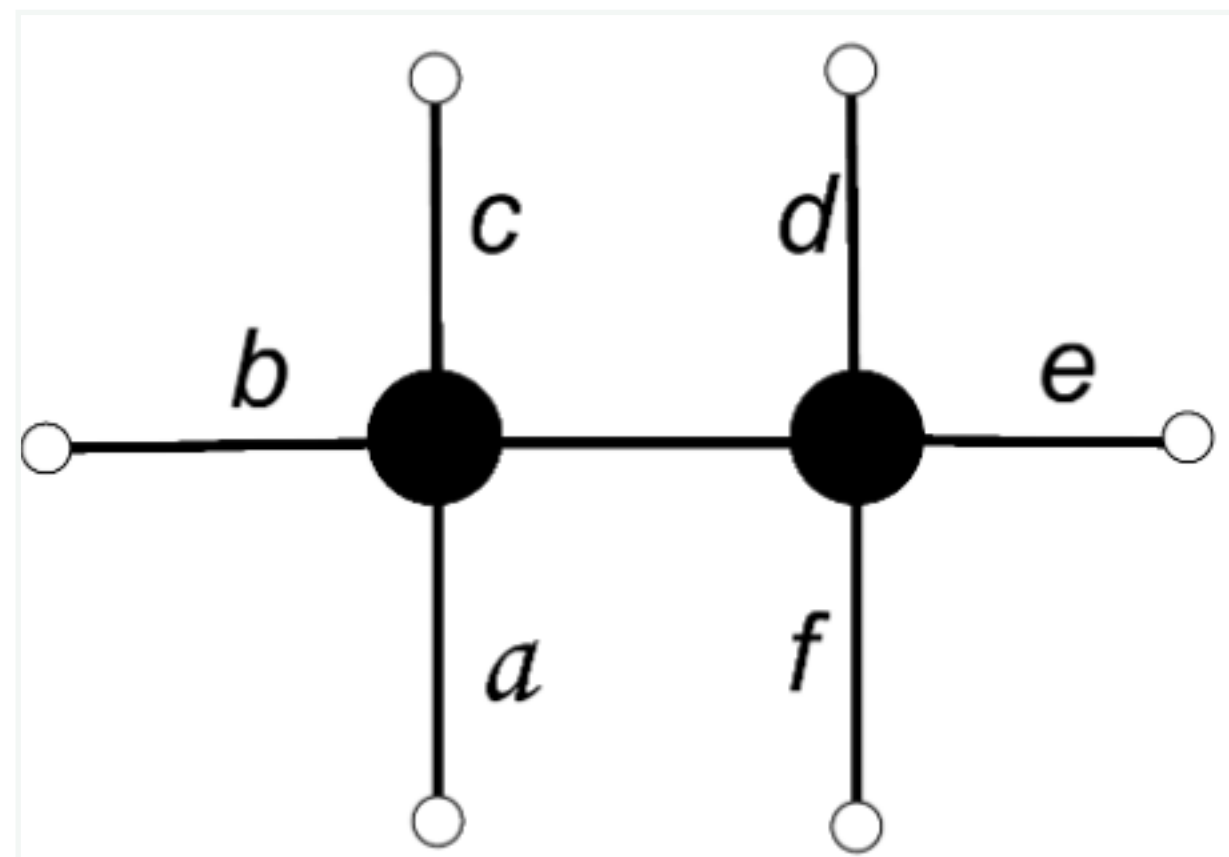
- [MBConicHulls.wl](#) for automated evaluation
- Triangulation approach **much faster** than the conic hull approach

Feynman integral	MB folds	Total solution number	Conic hulls method		Triangulation method	
			One solution	All solutions	One solution	All solutions
Conformal triangle	3	14	0.186 sec.	1.44 sec.	0.543 sec.	0.483 sec.
Massless pentagon	5	70	1.276 sec.	1.25 h.	0.318 sec.	2.78 sec.
Conformal hexagon	9	194160	1 min.	-	0.489 sec.	40 min.
Conformal double-box	9	243186	1.9 min.	-	0.635 sec.	1.8 h.
Hard diagram	8	1471926	6 min.	-	1.4 sec.	-

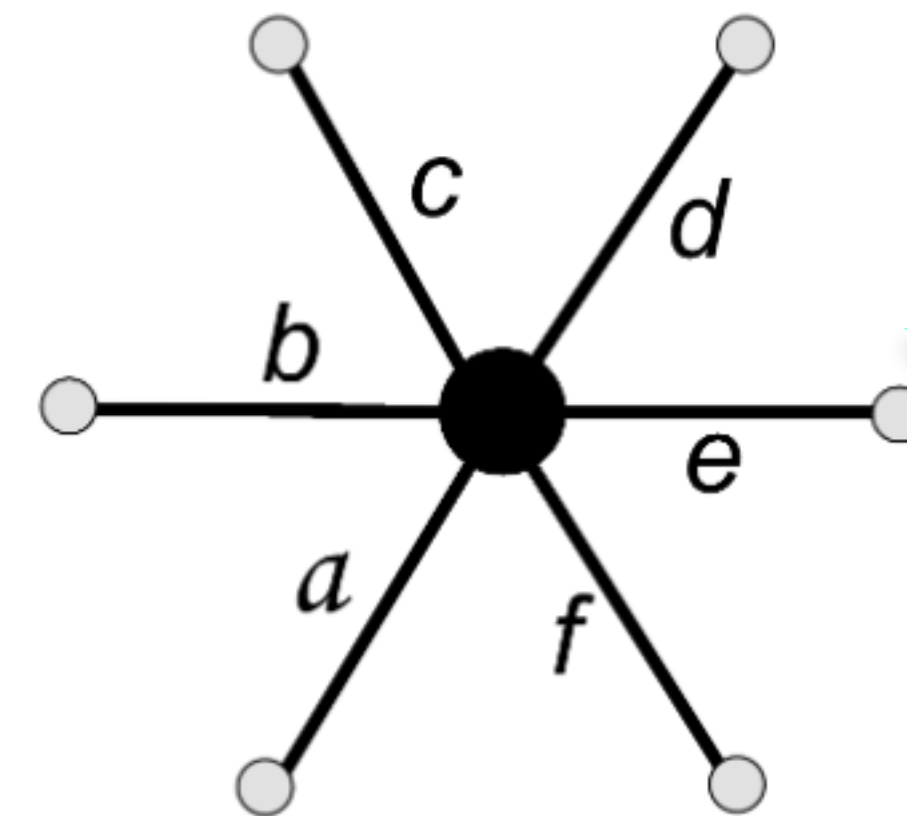
# Double Box and Hexagon

## New Solutions

- Recomputed conformal off-shell **double box** and **hexagon**
- **9-fold** MB representation



4834 Building Blocks  
Old Solution Length: 44



2530 Building Blocks  
Old Solution Length: 26

- Simpler solution **of length 25** found using triangulation approach



# Multiple Polylogarithms

## Analytic Continuations

- **MPLs** have a MB representation

$$\text{Li}_m(x) = x \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z_1) \Gamma(1+z_1) \frac{\Gamma^m(1+z_1)}{\Gamma^m(2+z_1)} (-x)^{z_1}$$

- General Expressions:

[arXiv: 1311.1425]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_{m_1, \dots, m_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N) &= (x_1 x_2^2 \dots x_N^N) \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \dots \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_N}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z_1) \dots \Gamma(-z_N) \Gamma(1+z_1) \dots \Gamma(1+z_N) \\ &\times \frac{\Gamma^{m_1}(1+z_1) \Gamma^{m_2}(2+z_{12})}{\Gamma^{m_1}(2+z_1) \Gamma^{m_2}(3+z_{12})} \dots \frac{\Gamma^{m_N}(N+z_{1\dots N})}{\Gamma^{m_N}(N+1+z_{1\dots N})} (-x_1 x_2 \dots x_N)^{z_1} (-x_2 \dots x_N)^{z_2} \dots (-x_N)^{z_N} \end{aligned}$$

- **Degenerate MB** and **no white zones**

# Multiple Polylogarithms

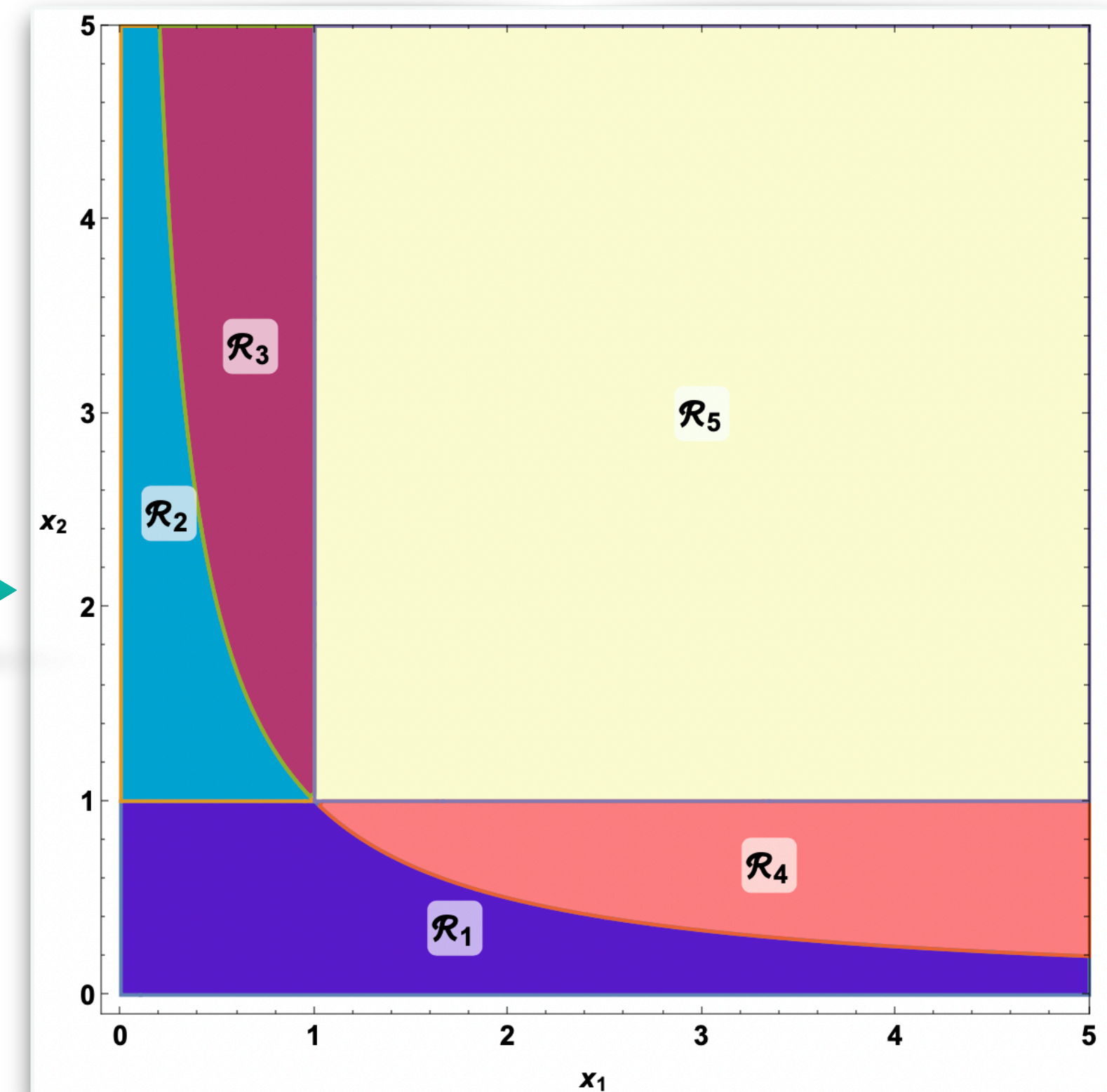
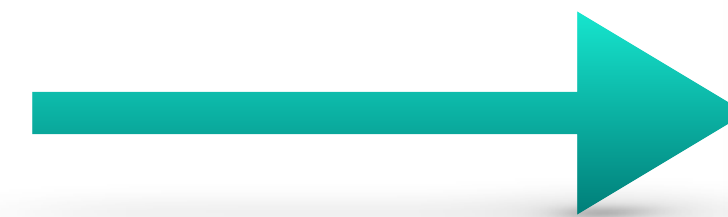
## Analytic Continuations

○ Example:  $\text{Li}_{1,1}(x_1, x_2)$

$$\text{Li}_{1,1}(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2^2 \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_2}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z_1)\Gamma(-z_2)\Gamma(1+z_1)\Gamma(1+z_2) \frac{\Gamma(1+z_1)\Gamma(2+z_{12})}{\Gamma(2+z_1)\Gamma(3+z_{12})} (-x_1 x_2)^{z_1} (-x_2)^{z_2}$$

○ 11 conic hulls associated; 6 points for triangulations

○ 5 series solutions with no white zones



# Conclusion & Summary

- MB integrals can be solved using **conic hulls** and **triangulations**
- **MBConicHulls.wl** for automated evaluation
- **Simpler solution** of conformal double box and hexagon diagram
- **MPLs** special class of MB with **no white zones**
- **Reducing fold** of MB integrals a key challenge



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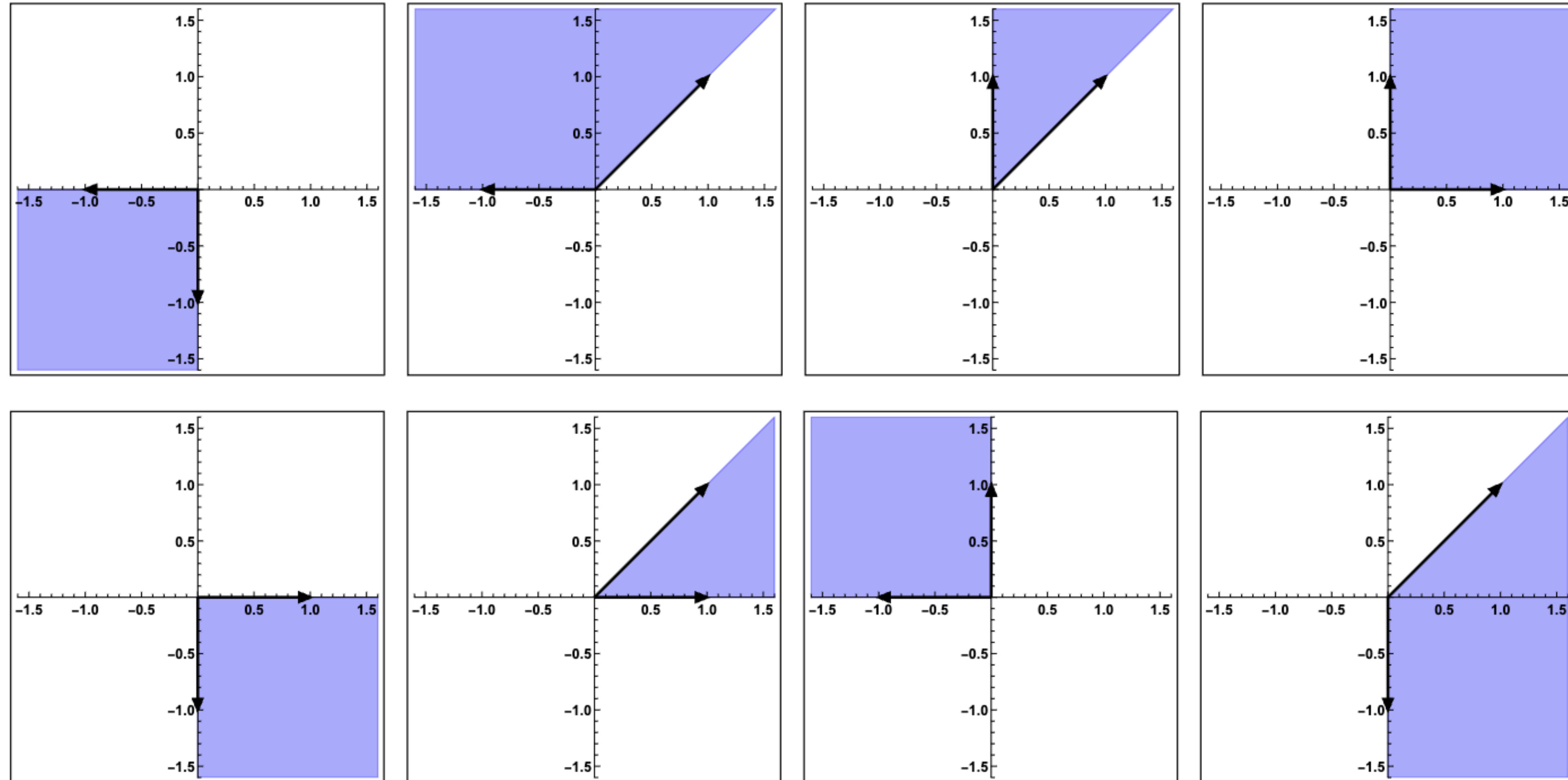
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**Backup**

# Analytic Evaluation

## Appell $F_1$ Solutions

- All 8 Conic Hulls



# Double Box and Hexagon

## Numerical Comparison

Numerical Comparison for Hexagon			
Upper Limit	Sum	Series Representation (Time)	Feynman Parametrization (Time)
2		636.76884 (14 sec)	636.76882 (9 Hours)

**Table:** Computed for  $u_1 = 1, u_2 = 10^{12}, u_3 = 1/10^{12}, u_4 = 1, u_5 = 1, u_6 = 100, u_7 = 1/100, u_8 = 10000, u_9 = 1/10^8$  for propagator powers  $a = 42/100, b = 11/100, c = 15/100, d = 32/100, e = 59/100, f = 55/100$

# Multiple Polylogarithms

## Analytic Continuations

- Numerical comparison with **GiNaC** for  $\text{Li}_{1,1,1}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

[\[Link\]](#)

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In[87]:= Sub = {x1 → 0.03, x2 → 0.02, x3 → 10};  
Lim = 80;  
SumAllSeries[PolyLogWMBSeriesOut, Sub, Lim, RunInParallel → True];
```

Numerical Result:  $-0.000409347 - 0.0000191085 i$

Time Taken 2.63637 seconds

```
In[90]:= Sub = {x1 → 0.03, x2 → 0.02, x3 → 10};  
SubVal = XVars /. Sub;  
Ginsh[Li[WeightList, SubVal], {}]
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```
Out[92]=  $-0.0004093467863786605081355196475494932002 - 0.000019108543116203301158737782799149320410 i$ 
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