

The Four-Point Non-Planar Integrand in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang–Mills Theory at Five Loops

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Strategy

Constrain integrand
as much as possible



Fix remaining freedom
with twistor calculation

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Partial non-renormalization theorem: [Eden, Petkou, Schubert, Sokatchev '00]

$$G_4^{(\ell > 0)}(x_i, y_i) \sim R_4(x_i, y_i) \times F(x_i)$$

Unique 4-point
superconformal invariant



Only depends on x_i
 $i = 1, \dots, 4 + \ell$



ℓ	$\mathcal{N}$
1	1
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Properties of $F^{(\ell)}(x_i)$:

- At most simple poles in x_{ij}^2
- Conformal weight of +4 in each point
- Hidden $S_{4+\ell}$ symmetry

[Eden, Heslop, Korchemsky, Sokatchev '12]

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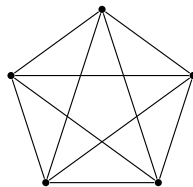
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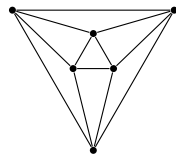
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$$F^{(\ell)}(x_i) = \sum_{g \geq 0} \frac{1}{N_c^{2g}} \sum_{k=1}^{\mathcal{N}_\ell} c_k^{(g,\ell)} f_k^{(\ell)}$$

The $(1/N_c^{2g})$ -correction to $G_4^{(\ell)}$ only depend on f -graphs up to genus g :

$$c_k^{(g,\ell)} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \text{genus}(f_k^{(\ell)}) > g$$

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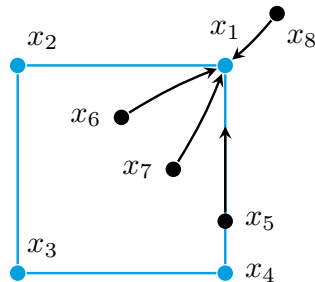
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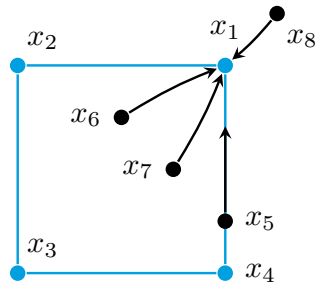
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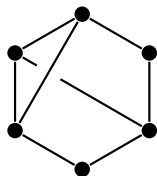
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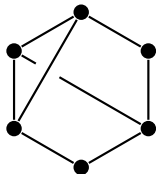
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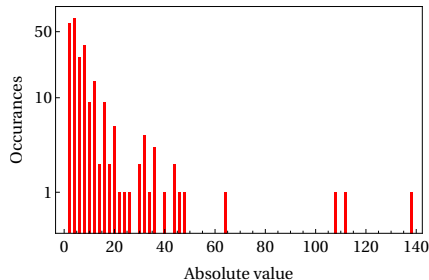
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Translate Grassmann contraction to **sparse tensor multiplications**

→ Efficient implementation on GPUs (~ 17 hours / point)

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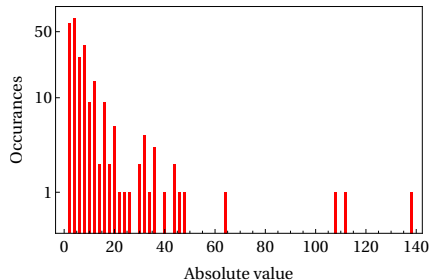


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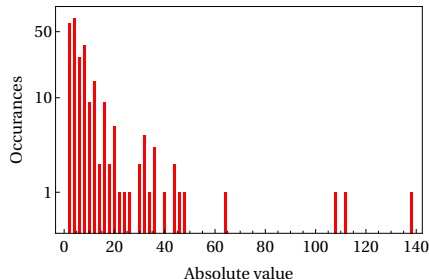


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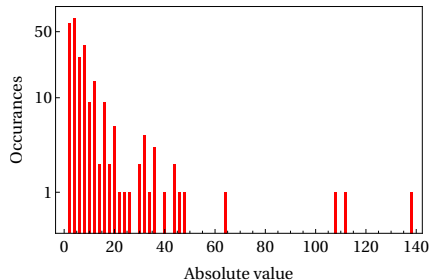


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