

Evaluating Kinematical Factors of Pure Spinor Scattering Amplitudes

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What do I want to do?

- Compute the kinematical factors of amplitudes obtained with the pure spinor formalism
 - PRL 96 (2006), 011602 ([Berkovits, C.M.](#))
 - JHEP 0601 (2006), 075 ([C.M.](#))
 - JHEP 0611 (2006), 079 ([Berkovits, C.M.](#))
- Check if they agree with RNS and GS results
 - For example, the 4-point 1-loop kinematical factor:

$$\langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda \gamma^m W^2)(\lambda \gamma^n W^3) \mathcal{F}_{mn}^4 \rangle + \text{perm}(234) = t_8 F^4 + \text{fermions}$$

- Or the 4-point amplitude at 2-loops

$$\langle (\lambda \gamma^{mnpqr} \lambda) \mathcal{F}_{mn}^1 \mathcal{F}_{pq}^2 \mathcal{F}_{rs}^3 (\lambda \gamma^s W^4) \rangle + \text{perm}(1234) = (t - u) t_8 F^4 + \dots$$

- Or the gauge variation of the 6-point amplitude at 1-loop

$$\langle (\lambda \gamma^m W)(\lambda \gamma^n W)(\lambda \gamma^p W)(W \gamma_{mnp} W) \rangle = \epsilon_{10} F^5$$

What do I want to do?

- Or how to prove the following interesting identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (\lambda\gamma^r\gamma^{m_1n_1}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^s\gamma^{m_2n_2}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^t\gamma^{m_3n_3}\theta)(\theta\gamma^m\gamma^n\gamma_{rst}\gamma^{m_4n_4}\theta) \rangle = \\ & = -\frac{2}{45} \left(\eta^{mn} t_8^{m_1n_1m_2n_2m_3n_3m_4n_4} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{10}^{mnm_1n_1m_2n_2m_3n_3m_4n_4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Find tricks and shortcuts to compute general scattering amplitudes
- Note: Compact notation $t_8 F^4$ means

$$\begin{aligned} t_8 F^4 \equiv & 4(F^1 F^2 F^3 F^4) + 4(F^1 F^3 F^2 F^4) + 4(F^1 F^2 F^4 F^3) \\ & - (F^1 F^2)(F^3 F^4) - (F^1 F^3)(F^2 F^4) - (F^1 F^2)(F^4 F^3) \end{aligned}$$

Pure Spinor Formalism

The pure spinor formalism is a CFT based on the following action

Action (Minimal Pure Spinor Formalism)

$$S = \int d^2z \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial X^m \bar{\partial} X_m + p_\alpha \bar{\partial} \theta^\alpha - w_\alpha \bar{\partial} \lambda^\alpha \right)$$

With a bosonic **pure spinor** λ^α

Constraints

$$(\lambda \gamma^m \lambda) = 0$$

Some important definitions for amplitude computations:

- Lorentz current

$$N^{mn} = \frac{\alpha'}{4} (w \gamma^{mn} \lambda)$$

- Supersymmetric momentum

$$\Pi^m = \partial X^m + \frac{1}{2} (\theta \gamma^m \partial \theta)$$

- Supersymmetric derivative

$$D_\alpha = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} (\theta \gamma^m)_\alpha \partial_m$$

- Supersymmetric Green-Schwarz constraint

$$d_\alpha = \frac{\alpha'}{2} p_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} (\gamma^m \theta)_\alpha \partial X_m - \frac{1}{8} (\gamma^m \theta)_\alpha (\theta \gamma_m \partial \theta)$$

Relevant OPE's

$$X^m(z, \bar{z})X^n(w, \bar{w}) \longrightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\eta^{mn} \ln |z - w|^2$$

$$N^{mn}(z)\lambda^\alpha(y) \longrightarrow \frac{\alpha' (\gamma^{mn}\lambda)^\alpha}{4} \frac{1}{z - y}$$

$$d_\alpha(z)V(y, \theta) \longrightarrow \frac{D_\alpha V(y, \theta)}{z - y}$$

$$\Pi^m(z)V(y, \theta) \longrightarrow \frac{\partial^m V(y, \theta)}{z - y}$$

Space-time SUSY

The pure spinor formalism has manifest space-time supersymmetry

Covariant BRST Quantization

$$Q_{\text{BRST}} = \oint \lambda^\alpha d_\alpha$$

- Massless Vertex Operators:

- Unintegrated

$$V = \lambda^\alpha A_\alpha(X, \theta)$$

- Integrated

$$U = \int dz \left(\partial\theta^\alpha A_\alpha + A_m \Pi^m + d_\alpha W^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} N^{mn} \mathcal{F}_{mn} \right)$$

- Where $A_\alpha(x, \theta)$, $A_m(x, \theta)$, $W^\alpha(x, \theta)$ and $\mathcal{F}_{mn}(x, \theta)$ are the SYM superfields.

Tree-level Amplitudes

- The prescription for tree-level amplitudes is given by

Tree-level N-point

$$\mathcal{A}_N = \langle V_1(z_1) V_2(z_2) V_3(z_3) \int dz_4 U_4(z_4) \dots \int dz_N U_N(z_N) \rangle$$

- Computation proceeds as usual in a CFT
- Use OPE's to integrate out conformal weight 1 variables
- Then integrate out zero-modes

- For our purposes now, integration over λ^α and θ^α zero-modes is done with the rule

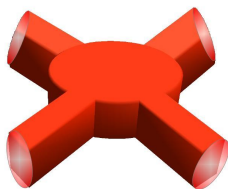
$\lambda^3\theta^5$ prescription

$$\langle (\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\theta)(\theta\gamma_{mnp}\theta) \rangle = 1$$

Pure Spinor Superspace

- The computation of scattering amplitudes gives rise to **pure spinor superspace** expressions
- Compact way of writing the full amplitude
 - Contain all possible contributions of fermionic and bosonic external states
- To compare results with RNS/GS one has to express these pure spinor expressions in terms of polarization and momenta
- This is now a solved problem:
 - Systematic procedure to evaluate pure spinor superspace expressions in components
 - I have made Mathematica functions that make this job

Four gravitons at tree-level



Example

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle V^1(z_1, \bar{z}_1) V^2(z_2, \bar{z}_2) V^3(z_3, \bar{z}_3) \int_{\mathbb{C}} d^2z U^4(z, \bar{z}) \rangle$$

where $V^i(z, \bar{z}) = V^i(z) \otimes \tilde{V}^i(\bar{z}) e^{ik \cdot X}$ and $U(z, \bar{z}) = U(z) \otimes \tilde{U}(\bar{z}) e^{ik \cdot X}$

Sidenote

Previous computation ([PolICASTRO, Tsimpis 2006](#)) were done in a way that hid the simplicity of the result. Cancellations were overlooked and no simple pure spinor expression was written down for the kinematical factor.

- We have to compute

$$\langle (\lambda A^1)(z_1)(\lambda A^2)(z_2)(\lambda A^3)(z_3) \int d^2z (\Pi^m A_m^4 + (dW^4) + \frac{1}{2} N^{mn} \mathcal{F}_{mn}) \rangle$$

⊗ (right-moving part)

- SL(2,C) invariance allows the fixing $z_1 = 0$, $z_2 = 1$ and $z_3 \rightarrow \infty$

- $\Pi^m A_m^4$ term of integrated vertex contribute only with

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3)A_m^4 \Pi^m : e^{ik_1 X} :: e^{ik_2 X} : e^{ik_3 X} : e^{ik_4 X} : \rangle = \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{\alpha'}{2} \frac{ik_i^m}{z_i - z_4} \langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3)A_m^4 \rangle \otimes \Pi(z_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

Tree-level 4-graviton computation

- One can use some identities to simplify result of other OPE's
- Delay as long as possible explicit evaluation of pure spinor integrals

Lemma

One can show the OPE identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3)((dW^4) + \frac{1}{2} N^{mn} \mathcal{F}_{mn}) \rangle = \\ & + \frac{\alpha'}{2(z_1 - z_4)} \langle A_m^1(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3)(\lambda \gamma^m W^4) \rangle - (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \end{aligned}$$

- We organize the computation as

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{const} \int d^2 z_4 \left(\frac{F_1}{z_1 - z_4} + \frac{F_2}{z_2 - z_4} \right) \otimes \left(\frac{\tilde{F}_1}{\bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_4} + \frac{\tilde{F}_2}{\bar{z}_2 - \bar{z}_4} \right) \\ \cdot |z_4|^{-\alpha' t/2} |1 - z_4|^{-\alpha' u/2}$$

where

$$F_1 = ik_m^1 \langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3) A_m^4 \rangle + \langle A_m^1 (\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3)(\lambda \gamma^m W^4) \rangle$$

$$F_2 = ik_m^2 \langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda A^2)(\lambda A^3) A_m^4 \rangle - \langle (\lambda A^1) A_m^2 (\lambda A^3)(\lambda \gamma^m W^4) \rangle$$

Tree-level 4-graviton computation

- Using the general formula

$$\int d^2z z^A (1-z)^B \bar{z}^{\tilde{A}} (1-\bar{z})^{\tilde{B}} = 2\pi \frac{\Gamma(1+A)\Gamma(1+B)}{\Gamma(2+A+B)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(-1-\tilde{A}-\tilde{B})}{\Gamma(-\tilde{A})\Gamma(-\tilde{B})}$$

we get

$$\mathcal{A} = K \tilde{K} \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha' t/4)\Gamma(-\alpha' u/4)\Gamma(-\alpha' s/4)}{\Gamma(1+\alpha' s/4)\Gamma(1+\alpha' t/4)\Gamma(1+\alpha' u/4)}$$

where

$$K = uF_1 - tF_2 \quad \tilde{K} = u\tilde{F}_1 - t\tilde{F}_2$$

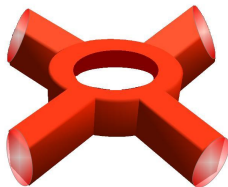
Pure Spinor Superspace Result

$$\mathcal{A} = K \otimes \tilde{K} \frac{\Gamma(-s/4)\Gamma(-t/4)\Gamma(-u/4)}{\Gamma(1+s/4)\Gamma(1+t/4)\Gamma(1+u/4)}$$

where the kinematical factor is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \langle \partial^n(\lambda A^1) \partial^m(\lambda A^2) (\lambda A^3) \mathcal{F}_{mn}^4 \rangle \\ &+ \langle (\partial_\rho A_m^1) (\lambda A^2) \partial^\rho(\lambda A^3) (\lambda \gamma^m W^4) \rangle \\ &+ \langle (\lambda A^1) (\partial_\rho A_m^2) \partial^\rho(\lambda A^3) (\lambda \gamma^m W^4) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Massless 4-point one-loop amplitude



Prescription

$$\mathcal{A}_N = \langle \mathcal{N} \left(\int \mu \cdot b \right) V_1(z_1) \int U_2 \int U_3 \int U_4 \rangle$$

Massless 4-point one-loop amplitude

- This amplitude was computed with the minimal pure spinor formalism ([Berkovits 2004](#)) and shown to agree with the RNS and GS results ([C.M. 2005](#)).
- Computed also in the non-minimal pure spinor formalism ([Berkovits 2005](#), [Berkovits & C.M. 2006](#))

4-gravitons interaction at one-loop order

$$\mathcal{A} = K \otimes \tilde{K} \int \frac{d^2\tau}{(\text{Im}\tau)^2} F(\tau)$$

- Minimal Pure Spinor Formalism

$$K_{\text{one-loop}} = \langle (\lambda \mathbf{A})(\lambda \gamma^m \mathbf{W})(\lambda \gamma^n \mathbf{W}) \mathcal{F}_{mn} \rangle$$

- Now one has to show that $K_{\text{one-loop}}$ is proportional to $t_8 F^4$
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Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions



Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

- Pure spinor superspace expressions are compact and elegant
- However, until the Pure Spinor Formalism becomes the *de facto* standard superstring formalism, one needs to check the results in components
- Straightforward to do with the $(\lambda^3\theta^5)$ rule

$\lambda^3\theta^5$ prescription

$$\langle (\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\theta)(\theta\gamma_{mnp}\theta) \rangle = 1$$

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

- Suppose one wants to compute the 1-loop pure spinor superspace integral

$$\langle (\lambda A)(\lambda \gamma^m W)(\lambda \gamma^n W) \mathcal{F}_{mn} \rangle$$

- We first expand superfields in θ 's as follows

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

SYM Superfields θ -Expansion

$$A_\alpha(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} a_m (\gamma^m \theta)_\alpha - \frac{1}{3} (\xi \gamma_m \theta) (\gamma^m \theta)_\alpha - \frac{1}{32} F_{mn} (\gamma_p \theta)_\alpha (\theta \gamma^{mnp} \theta) + \dots$$

$$A_m(x, \theta) = a_m - (\xi \gamma_m \theta) - \frac{1}{8} (\theta \gamma_m \gamma^{pq} \theta) F_{pq} + \frac{1}{12} (\theta \gamma_m \gamma^{pq} \theta) (\partial_p \xi \gamma_q \theta) + \dots$$

$$W^\alpha(x, \theta) = \xi^\alpha - \frac{1}{4} (\gamma^{mn} \theta)^\alpha F_{mn} + \frac{1}{4} (\gamma^{mn} \theta)^\alpha (\partial_m \xi \gamma_n \theta) \\ + \frac{1}{48} (\gamma^{mn} \theta)^\alpha (\theta \gamma_n \gamma^{pq} \theta) \partial_m F_{pq} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{mn}(x, \theta) = F_{mn} - 2(\partial_{[m} \xi \gamma_{n]} \theta) + \frac{1}{4} (\theta \gamma_{[m} \gamma^{pq} \theta) \partial_{n]} F_{pq} + \dots,$$

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

- Remember that correlator must have 5 θ 's to be non-zero
- If we want the bosonic contribution we distribute θ 's as follows

$A_\alpha(\theta)$	$W^\alpha(\theta)$	$W^\alpha(\theta)$	$\mathcal{F}_{mn}(\theta)$
1	1	1	2
1	1	3	0
1	3	1	0
3	1	1	0

Sidenote

Previous computation ([Anguelova, Grassi, Vanhove 2004](#)) was wrong. Omitted first three lines of above table.

- In JHEP 0601 (2006) ([C.M.](#)) it was shown that to get the right result one also has to include the first three lines.
- In JHEP 0705 (2007) ([C. Stahn](#)) the fermionic contributions were also computed.

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

- Considering all lines of the table we get

$$\begin{aligned} K_1^{NS} = & + \frac{15}{64} F_{mn}^1 F_{pq}^2 F_{rs}^3 F_{tu}^4 \langle (\lambda \gamma^{[t|} \gamma^{pq} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^{|u]} \gamma^{rs} \theta) (\lambda \gamma_a \theta) (\theta \gamma^{mna} \theta) \rangle + \\ & + \frac{15}{16} (k_m^4 e_n^1) F_{pq}^2 F_{rs}^3 F_{tu}^4 \langle (\lambda \gamma^{[m|} \gamma^{pq} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^{|a]} \gamma^{rs} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^n \theta) (\theta \gamma_a \gamma^{tu} \theta) \rangle + \\ & + \frac{5}{16} (k_m^2 e_n^1) F_{pq}^2 F_{rs}^3 F_{tu}^4 \langle (\lambda \gamma^{[t|} \gamma^{ma} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^{|u]} \gamma^{rs} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^n \theta) (\theta \gamma_a \gamma^{pq} \theta) \rangle + \\ & + \frac{5}{16} (k_m^3 e_n^1) F_{pq}^2 F_{rs}^3 F_{tu}^4 \langle (\lambda \gamma^{[t|} \gamma^{pq} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^{|u]} \gamma^{ma} \theta) (\lambda \gamma^n \theta) (\theta \gamma_a \gamma^{rs} \theta) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

Practical Question

How do we compute $\langle(\lambda\gamma^{[t}\gamma^{pq}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{u]}\gamma^{rs}\theta)(\lambda\gamma_a\theta)(\theta\gamma^{mna}\theta)\rangle$ or

$$\langle(\lambda\gamma^m\gamma^{m_1n_1}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\gamma^{m_2n_2}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\gamma^{m_3n_3}\theta)(\theta\gamma^{m_4n_4}\gamma_{mnp}\gamma^{m_5n_5}\theta)\rangle$$

$$\langle(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^a\gamma^{m_1n_1}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{bcn}\gamma^{m_2n_2}\theta)(\theta\gamma^{m_3n_3}\gamma_{abc}\gamma^{m_4n_4}\theta)\rangle$$

in general?

- One has to relate a general pure spinor superspace expression to $\langle(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\theta)(\theta\gamma_{mnp}\theta)\rangle$
- One can always do that by symmetry arguments
- Example:

$$\langle(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\theta)(\theta\gamma_{ijk}\theta)\rangle = \frac{1}{120}\delta_{ijk}^{mnp}$$

Identities

- $(\lambda\gamma^m\gamma^{np}\theta) = (\lambda\gamma^{mnp}\theta) + \eta^{mn}(\lambda\gamma^p\theta) - \eta^{mp}(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)$
- $(\lambda\gamma^{abc}\gamma^{de}\theta) = +(\lambda\gamma^{abcde}\theta) - 2\delta_{de}^{bc}(\lambda\gamma^a\theta) + 2\delta_{de}^{ac}(\lambda\gamma^b\theta) - 2\delta_{de}^{ab}(\lambda\gamma^c\theta)$
 $-\delta_e^c(\lambda\gamma^{abd}\theta) + \delta_d^c(\lambda\gamma^{abe}\theta) + \delta_e^b(\lambda\gamma^{acd}\theta) - \delta_d^b(\lambda\gamma^{ace}\theta)$
 $-\delta_e^a(\lambda\gamma^{bcd}\theta) + \delta_d^a(\lambda\gamma^{bce}\theta)$
- $(\theta\gamma^{m_4n_4}\gamma_{mnp}\gamma^{m_5n_5}\theta) = G_{mnp r_1 r_2 r_3}^{m_4 n_4 m_5 n_5}(\theta\gamma^{r_1 r_2 r_3}\theta)$ where

$$G_{mnp r_1 r_2 r_3}^{m_4 n_4 m_5 n_5} = +\frac{1}{6}\epsilon^{mm_4 m_5 nn_4 n_5 p r_1 r_2 r_3} - 24\delta_{n_4 n_5}^{np}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mm_4 m_5} + 12\delta_{n_4 p}^{m_5 n_5}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mm_4 n}$$

$$-6\delta_{np}^{m_5 n_5}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mm_4 n_4} + 12\delta_{n_5 p}^{m_4 n_4}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mm_5 n} - 6\delta_{np}^{m_4 n_4}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mm_5 n_5} - 2\delta_{m_5 n_5}^{m_4 n_4}\delta_{r_1 r_2 r_3}^{mnp}$$

$$+ [mnp] + [m_4 n_4] + [m_5 n_5],$$

Identities

- $(\theta\gamma^{abc}\gamma^{mn}\theta) = (\theta\gamma^{r_1r_2r_3}\theta)K_{r_1r_2r_3}^{abc mn}$ where

$$K_{r_1r_2r_3}^{abc mn} = -\eta^{cn}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{abm} + \eta^{cm}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{abn} + \eta^{bn}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{acm} \\ - \eta^{bm}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{acn} - \eta^{an}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{bcm} + \eta^{am}\delta_{r_1r_2r_3}^{bcn}$$

$$(\gamma^{mnp})_{\alpha\beta}(\gamma_{mnp})^{\gamma\delta} = 48 \left(\delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma}\delta_{\beta}^{\delta} - \delta_{\beta}^{\gamma}\delta_{\alpha}^{\delta} \right), \quad (\lambda\gamma_m\psi)(\lambda\gamma^m\xi) = 0 \quad \forall \psi^{\alpha}, \xi^{\alpha}$$

$$(\lambda\gamma^{mnpqr}\lambda)(\lambda\gamma_{mna}\theta) = 0, \quad (\lambda\gamma^{mnpqr}\lambda)(\lambda\gamma_m\theta) = 0$$

- The identities below are necessary to get recursion relations between different pure spinor superspace identities

$$(\lambda\gamma^{amn}\theta)(\lambda\gamma_a\theta) = 2(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)$$

$$(\lambda\gamma^{abm}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{abn}\theta) = -4(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)$$

$$(\lambda\gamma^{mabcn}\lambda)(\theta\gamma_{abc}\theta) = 96(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta),$$

$$(\lambda\gamma^{abcmn}\theta)(\lambda\gamma_{abc}\theta) = -36(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta),$$

$$(\lambda\gamma^a\gamma^{bcmn}\theta)(\lambda\gamma_{abc}\theta) = -28(\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta),$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda\gamma^{abc}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{ade}\theta) &= -(\lambda\gamma^{cde}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^b\theta) + (\lambda\gamma^{bde}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^c\theta) \\ &\quad + (\lambda\gamma^{bce}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^d\theta) - (\lambda\gamma^{bcd}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^e\theta) \\ &\quad - \eta^{ce}(\lambda\gamma^b\theta)(\lambda\gamma^d\theta) + \eta^{cd}(\lambda\gamma^b\theta)(\lambda\gamma^e\theta) \\ &\quad + \eta^{be}(\lambda\gamma^c\theta)(\lambda\gamma^d\theta) - \eta^{bd}(\lambda\gamma^c\theta)(\lambda\gamma^e\theta) \end{aligned}$$

- And many many more...

Pure Spinor Superspace Identities

$$\langle (\lambda\gamma^m\theta)(\lambda\gamma^n\theta)(\lambda\gamma^p\theta)(\theta\gamma_{ijk}\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{120} \delta_{ijk}^{mnp}$$

$$\langle (\lambda\gamma^{mnp}\theta)(\lambda\gamma_q\theta)(\lambda\gamma_t\theta)(\theta\gamma_{ijk}\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{70} \delta_{[q}^{[m} \eta_{t][i} \delta_j^n \delta_k^p]$$

$$\langle (\lambda\gamma_t\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{mnp}\theta)(\lambda\gamma^{qrs}\theta)(\theta\gamma_{ijk}\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{8400} \epsilon^{ijkmnpqrst}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{140} \left[\delta_t^{[m} \delta_{[i}^n \eta^{p][q} \delta_j^r \delta_k^s] - \delta_t^{[q} \delta_{[i}^r \eta^{s][m} \delta_j^n \delta_k^p] \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{280} \left[\eta_{t[i} \eta^{v[q} \delta_j^r \eta^{s][m} \delta_k^n \delta_v^p] - \eta_{t[i} \eta^{v[m} \delta_j^n \eta^{p][q} \delta_r^s \delta_v^s] \right]$$

Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

- It is straightforward to compute pure spinor superspace expressions in components (although tedious):
 - 1 Substitute SYM superfields by their theta expansions
 - 2 Use above PS superspace identities (and a lot more!)
 - 3 Write everything in terms of polarization (e_j^m , ξ^α) and momenta
- Doing that we finally get

$$\langle (\lambda A^1)(\lambda \gamma^m W^2)(\lambda \gamma^n W^3) \mathcal{F}_{mn}^4 \rangle + \text{perm} = t_8 F^4 + \text{fermions}$$

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Evaluating Pure Spinor Superspace Expressions

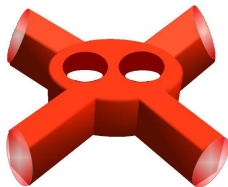
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 - 2 Use above PS superspace identities (and a lot more!)
 - 3 Write everything in terms of polarization (e_i^m, ξ^α) and momenta
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Massless 4-point two-loop amplitude



Prescription

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4 gravitons at two-loop order

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where

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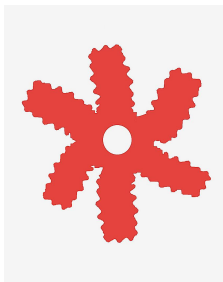
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Gauge Variation of Massless 6-point one-loop amplitude

- Gauge variation of unintegrated vertex is $\delta(\lambda^\alpha A_\alpha) = Q_{BRST}\Omega$
- Computed in the non-minimal pure spinor formalism (**Berkovits & C.M. 2006**)

Pure Spinor Superspace Result

$$\delta\mathcal{A} = K_{\text{anom}} \times \text{moduli space part}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\text{anom}} &= \langle (\lambda\gamma^m W)(\lambda\gamma^n W)(\lambda\gamma^p W)(W\gamma_{mnp}W) \rangle \\ &= \epsilon_{10} F^5 \end{aligned}$$

Example

- Four gravitons at tree-level

$$K_{\text{tree}} = (t_8 \cdot F^4)$$

- Four gravitons at one-loop

$$K_{\text{one-loop}} = (t_8 \cdot F^4)$$

- Four gravitons at two-loop

$$K_{\text{two-loop}} = (t_8 \cdot F^4) [(t - u)\Delta(z_1, z_2)\Delta(z_3, z_4) + \text{permutations}]$$

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TODO list

- Compute the coefficients and check unitarity (work in progress)
- Compute higher-point amplitudes
- Study the properties of pure spinor superspace integrals

THE END

