

# Constructing canonical Feynman integrals with intersection theory

Xiaofeng Xu

based on work in collaboration with  
J. Chen, X. Jiang, L. Yang

# Outline

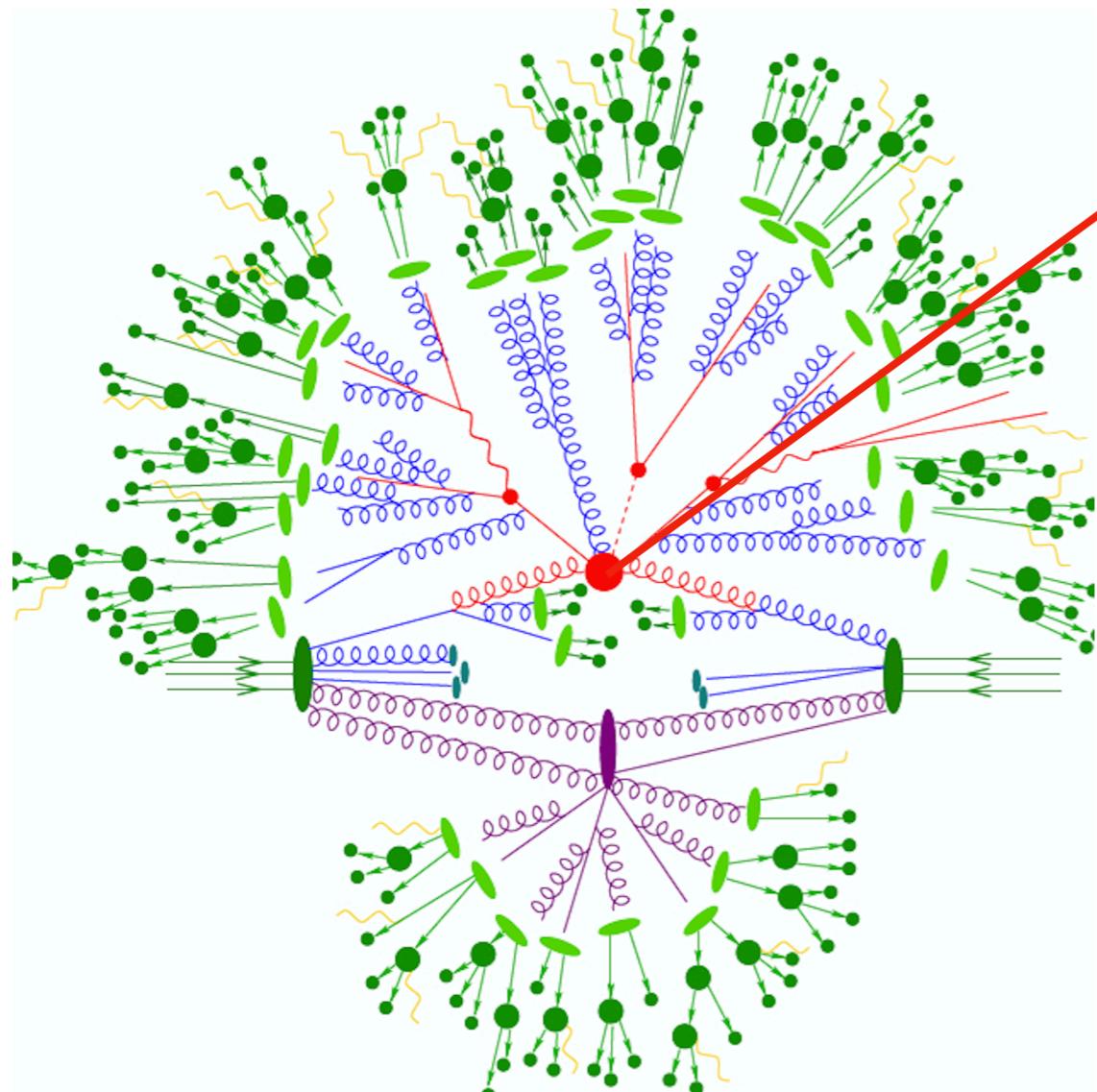
---

1. Introduction
2. Baikov representation and intersection theory
3. Canonical integrals for univariate case
4. Canonical integrals for general case
5. Conclusion and outlook

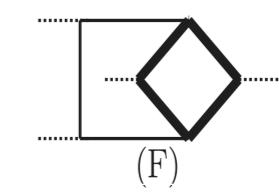
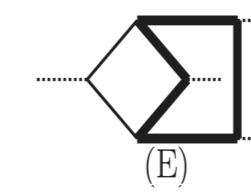
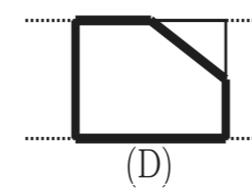
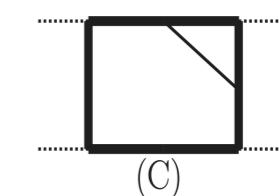
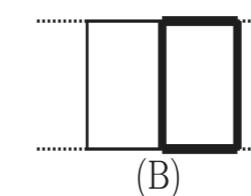
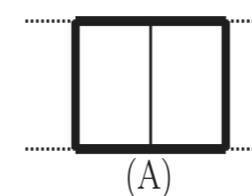
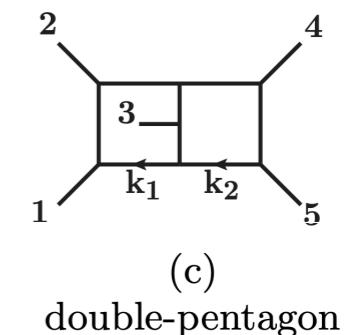
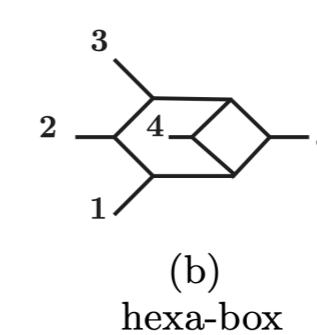
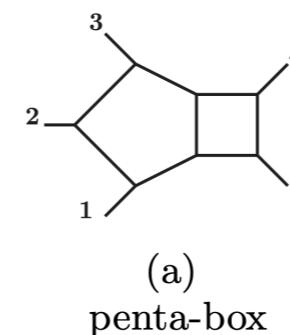
# Introduction

## Proton-proton collision at LHC

Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser,  
Zhang, Zoia, 1812.11160  
Wang, Wang, X.Xu, Xu, Yang, 2010.15649



Precise predictions of hard scattering processes require higher order corrections



# Introduction

- Numerical method: sector decomposition [ Heinrich '2008 ]

- differential equation method



canonical master integrals

[ Henn '2013 ]

$$df_i(\epsilon, \vec{x}) = \epsilon dA_{ij}(\vec{x}) f_j(\epsilon, \vec{x})$$



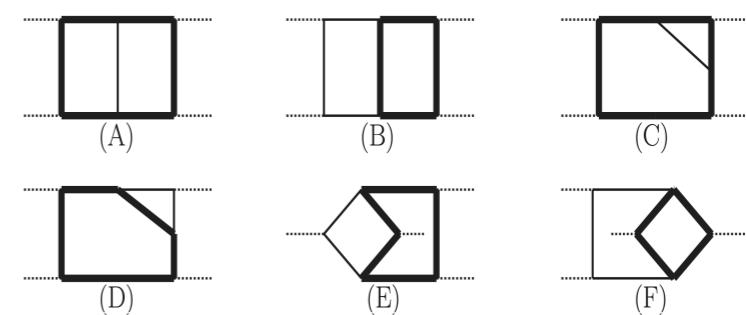
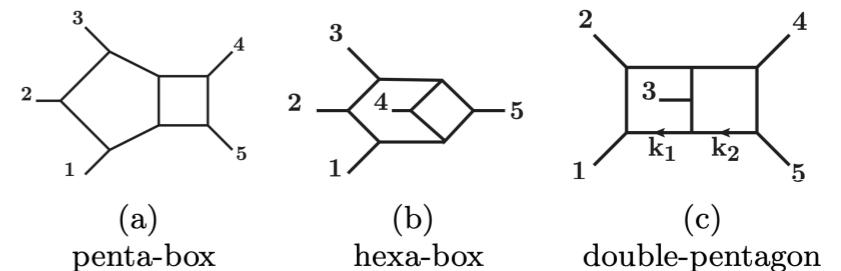
d-log form integrand

$$d \log(\alpha_1(\vec{x})) \wedge \cdots \wedge d \log(\alpha_2(\vec{x}))$$

[ N.Arkani-Hamed, J.L. Bourjaily, .etc '2012]

[ T.Gehrmann, J.M. Henn, T.Huber '2012]

[ J.Drummond, C.Duhr, B.Eden, .etc '2013] ...



# Baikov representation and intersection theory

- Hypergeometric function

$$I = \int_{\mathcal{C}_R} u(\mathbf{z}) \varphi_L(\mathbf{z}) = \langle \varphi_L | \mathcal{C}_R \rangle$$

$$u(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p_i(\mathbf{z})^{\gamma_i}$$
 multiple-valued function

$$u(\partial \mathcal{C}) = 0$$

$$\varphi_L(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{q(\mathbf{z})}{\prod_i p_i(\mathbf{z})^{n_i}} dz_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_n$$

single valued n-form

Stoke's theorem

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{C}_R} d(u\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{C}_R} u (d \log(u) \wedge + d) \xi$$

$$w = d \log(u) \quad \nabla_w \equiv d + w \wedge$$

$$\text{twisted cohomology } H_w^n \equiv \left\{ \langle \varphi_L | \Big| \langle \varphi_L | : \varphi_L \sim \varphi_L + \nabla_w \xi \right\}$$

# Baikov representation and intersection theory

---

- Dual integral and intersection number

[Frellesvig, Gasparotto, .etc ‘2019]  
[Weinzierl ‘2020]

$$\tilde{I} = \int_{\mathcal{C}_L} u(\mathbf{z})^{-1} \varphi_R(\mathbf{z}) = [\mathcal{C}_L | \varphi_R \rangle$$

$$\text{twisted cohomology } H_{-w}^n \equiv \left\{ |\varphi_R\rangle \middle| |\varphi_R\rangle : \varphi_R \sim \varphi_R + \nabla_{-w} \xi \right\}$$

intersection number

computation of intersection number

univariate case

$$\langle \varphi_L | \varphi_R \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \int \varphi_L^c \varphi_R$$

$$\langle \varphi_L | \varphi_R \rangle = \sum_{p \in \text{pole of } w} \mathbf{Res}_{z=p} (\psi \varphi_R)$$

$\varphi_L^c$  is the same cohomology but vanished on boundary

$$\nabla_w \psi = \varphi_L$$

# Baikov representation and intersection theory

---

- Reduction

$$I = \int_{\mathcal{C}} u(\mathbf{z}) \varphi_L(\mathbf{z})$$



master integrals       $J_i = \int_{\mathcal{C}} u(\mathbf{z}) e_i(\mathbf{z})$

$$I = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} c_i J_i \quad \text{or} \quad \langle \varphi_L | = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} c_i \langle e_i |$$

$$\nu = \{\text{the number of solutions of } w = 0\}$$



$$c_i = \sum_j \langle \varphi | h_j \rangle (\mathbf{C}^{-1})_{ji}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{ij} = \langle e_i | h_j \rangle.$$

dual basis       $\{|h_i\rangle\} \in H_{-w}^n$

# Baikov representation and intersection theory

- Baikov representation

L-loop Feynman integral with E+1 external legs

$$F_{a_1, \dots, a_N} = \int \left[ \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^d k_i}{i\pi^{d/2}} \right] \frac{1}{D_1^{a_1} D_2^{a_2} \cdots D_N^{a_N}} \quad N = \frac{L(L+1)}{2} + LE$$

standard Baikov representation

$$F_{a_1, \dots, a_N} = CG(p_1, \dots, p_E)^{\frac{E-D+1}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{C}} G(k_1, \dots, k_L, p_1, \dots, p_E)^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{dz_1 \cdots dz_N}{z_1^{a_1} \cdots z_N^{a_N}}$$

$$G(\{q_i\}) = \det(q_i \cdot q_j) \text{ and } z_i \equiv D_i$$

loop-by-loop Baikov representation

$$F_{a_1, \dots, a_N} = \mathcal{N}_\epsilon \int_{\mathcal{C}} \left[ \prod_i [G_i(\mathbf{z})]^{-\gamma_i - \beta_i \epsilon} \right] \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{dz_j}{z_j^{\alpha_j}} \quad \mathbf{z} \equiv \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$$

$u(\mathbf{z})$        $\varphi_L(\mathbf{z})$

# Baikov representation and intersection theory

---

- d-log form integral

[ Henn '2013 ]

canonical differential equations

$$d\vec{F}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}) = \epsilon dA(\mathbf{x})\vec{F}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}) = \epsilon \sum_i d \log(\alpha_i(\mathbf{x}))\vec{F}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x})$$
$$\vec{F}(\epsilon, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{P} \exp \left[ \epsilon \sum_i \int_{\gamma} d \log(\alpha_i(\mathbf{x})) \right] \vec{F}(\epsilon, x_0)$$

canonical integrals in Baikov representation

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \left[ \prod_i [G_i(\mathbf{z})]^{-\beta_i \epsilon} \right] \prod_{j=1}^n d \log f_j(\mathbf{z})$$

Questions:

1. How to construct d-log form integrand?
2. How to transform it to Feynman integrals?

# Canonical integrals for univariate case

---

- univariate case

$$u(z) = \prod_i G_i(z)^{-\gamma_i - \beta_i \epsilon}$$

all  $\gamma_i$  are integer

one half-integer  $\gamma_i$  and two distinct roots

$$u(z) = \frac{\mathcal{K}_1^\epsilon}{\mathcal{K}_0} \prod_{j=0}^{\nu} (z - c_j)^{-\gamma'_j - \beta'_j \epsilon}$$

$$u(z) = \frac{\mathcal{K}_1^\epsilon}{\mathcal{K}_0} [(z - c_0)(z - c_1)]^{-\gamma_1 - \beta_1 \epsilon} \prod_{j=2}^{\nu} (z - c_j)^{-\gamma'_j - \beta'_j \epsilon}$$

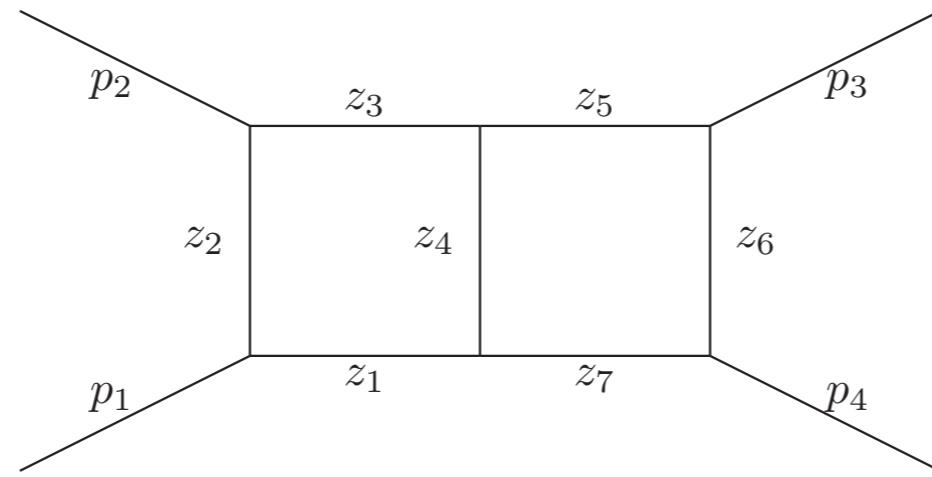
$$\hat{\phi}_i(z) = \frac{\mathcal{K}_0}{z - c_i} \prod_{j=0}^{\nu} (z - c_j)^{\gamma'_j}, \quad (i = 1, \dots, \nu)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1(z) = \frac{\mathcal{K}_0}{[(z - c_0)(z - c_1)]^{1/2 - \gamma_1}} \prod_{j=2}^{\nu} (z - c_j)^{\gamma'_j}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_i(z) = \frac{\mathcal{K}_0}{z - c_i} \frac{\sqrt{(c_0 - c_i)(c_1 - c_i)}}{[(z - c_0)(z - c_1)]^{1/2 - \gamma_1}} \prod_{j=2}^{\nu} (z - c_j)^{\gamma'_j},$$

# Canonical integrals for univariate case

- Maximal-cut double box



$$u(z) = \frac{1}{s^2} \left( \frac{t(s+t)}{s^2} \right)^\epsilon z^{-1-\epsilon} (s+z)^\epsilon (t-z)^{-1-2\epsilon}$$

Master integrals

$$E_1 = F_{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0} \rightarrow \langle e_1 | = dz$$

$$E_2 = F_{1,2,1,1,1,1,1,0,0} \rightarrow \langle e_2 | = \frac{1+2\epsilon}{z} dz$$

canonical integrals

$$I_1 \rightarrow \phi_1 = s^2 z dz$$

$$I_2 \rightarrow \phi_2 = s^2 (t-z) dz$$

# Canonical integrals for univariate case

---

- reduction

$$I_1 = -\frac{s(1+3\epsilon)}{2\epsilon} E_1 + \frac{st(1+\epsilon)}{2\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)} E_2$$
$$I_2 = \frac{s(1+3\epsilon) + 2\epsilon t}{2\epsilon} E_1 - \frac{st(1+\epsilon)}{2\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)} E_2$$

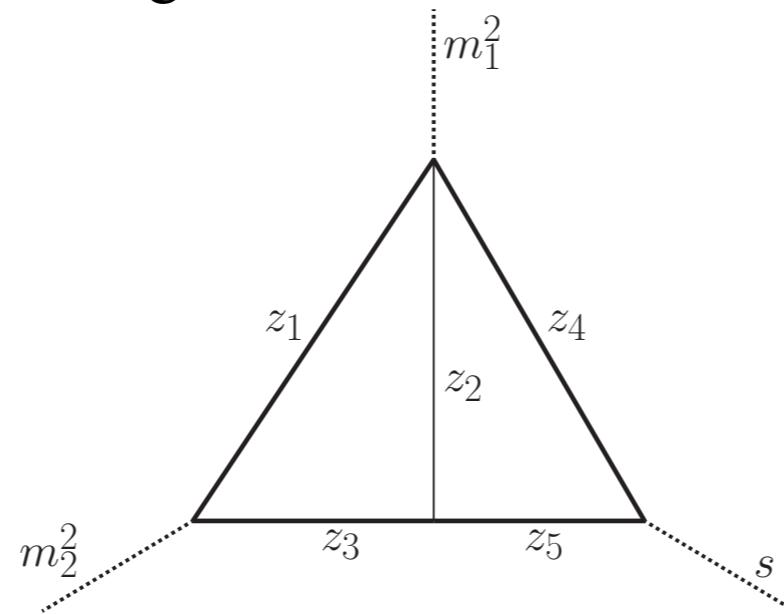
- differential equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{s} & \frac{1}{s+t} \\ \frac{2}{s} & -\frac{s+2t}{s(s+t)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{s}{t(s+t)} \\ -\frac{2}{t} & -\frac{s}{t(s+t)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Canonical integrals for univariate case

- Maximal-cut two-loop triangle



$$u(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}} z^{-2\epsilon} [-(z - c_0)(z - c_1)]^{-1/2+\epsilon} [(z - c_2)(z - c_3)]^{-\epsilon}$$

master integrals

$$F_{1,1,1,1,1,0,0}$$

$$F_{2,1,1,1,1,0,0}$$

$$F_{2,1,1,2,1,0,0}$$

$$F_{1,1,1,2,1,0,0}$$

canonical integrals

$$\hat{\phi}_1(z) = \sqrt{\lambda}, \quad \hat{\phi}_4(z) = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{c_0 c_1}}{z},$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{2,3}(z) = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{(c_0 - c_{2,3})(c_1 - c_{2,3})}}{z - c_{2,3}}$$

# Canonical integrals for general case

- general case

$$u(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i [G_i(\mathbf{z})]^{-\gamma_i - \beta_i \epsilon}$$



pick up one of the variables  $u(\mathbf{z}) = u_1(\mathbf{z})u'(\mathbf{z}')$

Construct d-log for  $z_1$ :  $u(\mathbf{z})\hat{\varphi}_i^{(1)}(\mathbf{z})dz_1$



involving  $\sqrt{(c_0 - c_i)(c_1 - c_i)}$

Linear combination of  $\hat{\varphi}_i^{(1)}(\mathbf{z})$  making it rational or  $\sqrt{\Lambda(\mathbf{z}')}\ g(\mathbf{z})$

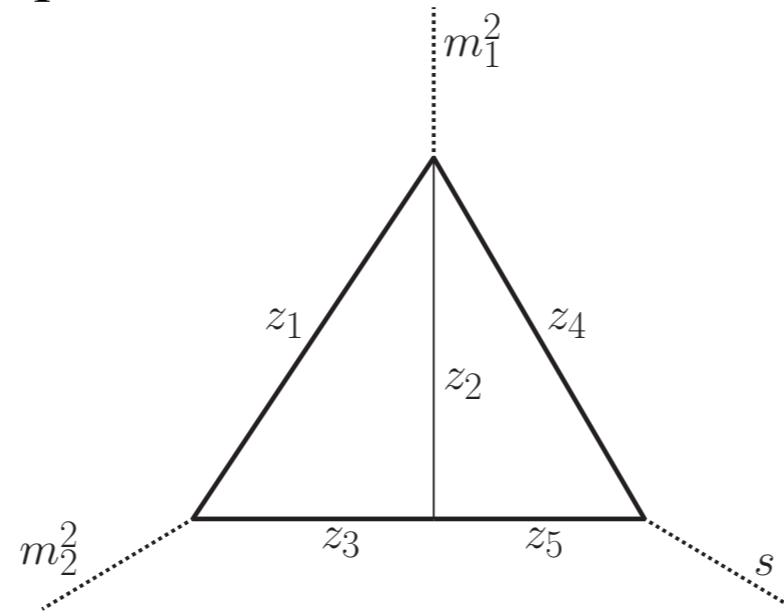


$u$  for remaining variables  $\frac{u'(\mathbf{z}')}{\sqrt{\Lambda(\mathbf{z}')}}$

Iterated constructing d-log for remaining variables

# Canonical integrals for general case

- two-loop triangle example



$$u(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{(-\lambda)^{-1/2} s^{-\epsilon} (z_3 + m^2)^{-\epsilon}}{[-(z - c_0)(z - c_1)]^{1/2-\epsilon}} \prod_{i=2}^5 (z - c_i)^{-\epsilon}$$

roots

$$c_{0,1} = m_2^2 + z_5 \pm 2\sqrt{m_2^2(m^2 + z_5)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{2,3} = \frac{1}{2s} & \left[ z_4(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2) + z_5(s + m_1^2 - m_2^2) \right. \\ & \left. + s(m_1^2 + m_2^2 - s) \pm \sqrt{\lambda \rho_1(z_4, z_5)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Canonical integrals for general case

---

- d-log form associated with  $c_2$  and  $c_3$

$$\hat{\phi}_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{(c_0 - c_2)(c_1 - c_2)}}{z - c_2} = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}(s - z_4 + z_5) - \sqrt{\rho_1}(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{2s(z - c_2)},$$

$$\hat{\phi}_3^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{(c_0 - c_3)(c_1 - c_3)}}{z - c_3} = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}(s - z_4 + z_5) + \sqrt{\rho_1}(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{2s(z - c_3)}.$$

- linear combination

$$\hat{\varphi}_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \hat{\phi}_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) + \hat{\phi}_3^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{2\lambda(s - z_4 + z_5)}{2s(z - c_2)}$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_3^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \hat{\phi}_3^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) - \hat{\phi}_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}\sqrt{\rho_1}(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{2s(z - c_3)}$$

- construct d-log form for remaining variables

$$\hat{\varphi}_2(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{2\lambda(s - z_4 + z_5)}{2s(z - c_2)} \frac{1}{z_1 z_2 z_3 z_4 z_5}$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_3(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}\sqrt{\rho_1}(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{2s(z - c_3)} \frac{\sqrt{s(s - 4m^2)}}{\sqrt{\rho_1} z_1 z_2 z_3 z_4 z_5}$$

# Canonical integrals for general case

---

- reduction to master integrals

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \varphi_2 | &= \frac{s(s - m_1^2 - m_2^2)}{\epsilon} \langle F_{11121} | - \frac{m_2^2(s + m_1^2 - m_2^2)}{\epsilon} \langle F_{21111} | \\ &+ \frac{m^2\lambda + sm_1^2m_2^2}{\epsilon^2} \langle F_{21121} | + \frac{2[2m^2(s - m_1^2 + m_2^2) - sm_2^2]}{\epsilon^2} \langle F_{10221} | \\ &+ \frac{m_2^2}{\epsilon^2} \langle F_{21002} | + \frac{s}{\epsilon^2} \langle F_{01220} | - \frac{m_1^2}{\epsilon^2} \langle F_{21020} |, \\ \langle \varphi_3 | &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}\sqrt{s(s - 4m^2)}}{\epsilon} \langle F_{11121} |.\end{aligned}$$

# Summary and outlook

---

## Summary

1. introduce basis idea of intersection theory and reduction
2. How to construct d-log form integrand in Baikov representation
3. Transform the d-log form integrand into Feynman integrals with intersection theory

## Outlook

1. Apply to some other examples
2. Integrand beyond d-log form for elliptic integrals
3. Geometric properties of Feynman integrals