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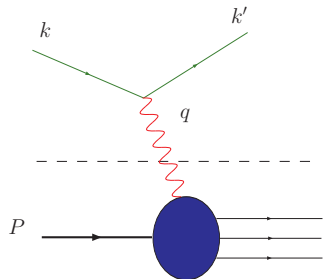
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Unpolarized Deep-Inelastic Scattering (DIS):



$$\longrightarrow L_{\mu\nu}$$

$$Q^2 := -q^2, \quad x := \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \quad \text{Bjorken-}x$$

$$\longrightarrow W_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} \sim W_{\mu\nu} L^{\mu\nu}$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}(q, P, s) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4\xi \exp(iq\xi) \langle P, s | [J_\mu^{em}(\xi), J_\nu^{em}(0)] | P, s \rangle =$$

$$\frac{1}{2x} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) F_L(x, Q^2) + \frac{2x}{Q^2} \left(P_\mu P_\nu + \frac{q_\mu P_\nu + q_\nu P_\mu}{2x} - \frac{Q^2}{4x^2} g_{\mu\nu} \right) F_2(x, Q^2).$$

Structure Functions: $F_{2,L}$ contain **light** and **heavy** quark contributions.

At **3-Loop order** also graphs with **two** heavy quarks of **different mass** contribute.

⇒ **Single and 2-mass contributions:** **c** and **b** quarks in one graph.

Factorization of the Structure Functions



At leading twist the structure functions factorize in terms of a Mellin convolution

$$F_{(2,L)}(x, Q^2) = \sum_j \underbrace{C_{j,(2,L)}\left(x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\text{perturbative}} \otimes \underbrace{f_j(x, \mu^2)}_{\text{nonpert.}}$$

into (pert.) **Wilson coefficients** and (nonpert.) **parton distribution functions (PDFs)**.

\otimes denotes the Mellin convolution

$$f(x) \otimes g(x) \equiv \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dz \delta(x - yz) f(y) g(z).$$

The subsequent calculations are performed in Mellin space, where \otimes reduces to a multiplication, due to the Mellin transformation

$$\hat{f}(N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} f(x).$$

Wilson coefficients:

$$C_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = C_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + H_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right).$$

At $Q^2 \gg m^2$ the heavy flavor part

$$H_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = \sum_i C_{i,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) A_{ij} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, N \right)$$

[Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven 1996]

factorizes into the **light flavor Wilson coefficients** C and the **massive operator matrix elements (OMEs)** of local operators O_i between partonic states j

$$A_{ij} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, N \right) = \langle j | O_i | j \rangle.$$

→ additional **Feynman rules with local operator insertions** for partonic matrix elements.

The unpolarized light flavor Wilson coefficients are **known up to NNLO** [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2005; JB, Marquard, Schneider, Schönwald, 2022].

For $F_2(x, Q^2)$: at $Q^2 \gtrsim 10m^2$ the asymptotic representation holds at the 1% level.

Introduction



- Massive OMEs allow to describe the massive DIS Wilson coefficients for $Q^2 \gg m_Q^2$.
- Furthermore, they form the transition elements in the variable flavor number scheme (VFNS).
- The current state of art is 3-loop order, including two-mass corrections, because m_c/m_b is not small.
- After having calculated a series of moments in 2009 I. Bierenbaum, JB, S. Klein, Nucl. Phys B **820** (2009) 417, we started to calculate all OMEs for general values of the Mellin variable N .
- There are the following massive OMEs: $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$, $A_{qg,Q}$, $A_{qq,Q}^{PS}$, $A_{gq,Q}$, A_{Qq}^{PS} , $A_{gg,Q}$, A_{Qg} .
- To 2-loop order $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$, A_{Qq}^{PS} , A_{Qg} , [2007] $A_{gq,Q}$, $A_{gg,Q}$ [2009] contribute. These quantities are represented by harmonic sums resp. harmonic polylogarithms. [Older work by van Neerven, et al.]
- The 3-loop contributions of $O(N_F)$ [2010] to all OMEs and the $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$, $A_{qg,Q}$, $A_{gq,Q}$, A_{Qq}^{PS} [2014] are also given by harmonic sums only. [Also all logarithmic terms of all OMEs.]
- For A_{Qq}^{PS} [2014] also generalized harmonic sums are necessary.
- $A_{gg,Q}$ [2022] requires finite binomial sums.
- Finally, A_{Qg} depends also on ${}_2F_1$ -solutions [2017] (or modular forms).
- In the **two-mass case** to 3-loop order $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$, $A_{qg,Q}$, $A_{qq,Q}^{PS}$, A_{Qq}^{PS} , $A_{gq,Q}$, $A_{gg,Q}$ [2017-2020] can be solved analytically due to 1st order factorization of the respective differential equations. The solution for A_{Qg} is by far more involved.

- Also the corresponding quantities in the **polarized case** were calculated.
 - **A very long tale:**
 - 42 physics and 27 algorithmic and mathematical journal/book publications so far.
- All solved cases up to now could be calculated in the single mass case in Mellin space.
- In the two-mass PS-case one has to refer to x space, because in Mellin space there is no 1st order factorization.
- Massless 3-loop calculations: anomalous dimensions and Wilson coefficients (unpolarized/polarized), JB, P. Marquard, C. Schneider, K. Schönwald, Nucl. Phys B **971** (2021) 115542, JHEP **01** (2022) 193, Nucl. Phys. B **980** (2022) 115794, JHEP **11** (2022) 156 (extending and confirming earlier work by Moch, Vermaseren and Vogt, [2004,2005,2014])
- massive QED applications: JB, A. De Freitas, C. Raab, K. Schönwald, W.L. van Neerven, 2011, 2019/21.
- $A_{gg,Q}$: Also here one diagram is better computed in x -space first.
- A_{Qg} : ongoing: ${}_2F_1$ contributions; not yet implemented in N -space algorithms.
- Very large recurrences can be computed. However, their factorization beyond the first order factors is still not possible.
- Therefore, we will deal with the ${}_2F_1$ -dependent master integrals in x space first.
- **How to go from N -space to x -space analytically ?**

Mathematical Structure of Feynman Integrals



- **1998:** Harmonic Sums [Vermaseren; JB]. At this time Nielsen integrals were exhausted and something new had to be done for single scale quantities.

A new era in QFT started.

- **1997** More was known (or claimed to be) on numbers [zero scale quantities] [Broadhurst, Kreimer]
- **1999:** Harmonic Polylogarithms [Remiddi, Vermaseren]
- **2000, 2003, 2009:** Analytic continuation of harmonic sums, systematic algebraic reduction; structural relations [JB]
- **1999,2001:** Generalized Harmonic Sums [Borwein, Bradley, Broadhurst, Lisonek], [Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl]
- **2004:** Infinite harmonic (inverse) binomial sums [Davydychev, Kalmykov; Weinzierl]
- **2009:** MZV data mine [JB, Broadhurst, Vermaseren]
- **2011:** (generalized) Cyclotomic Harmonic Sums, polylogarithms and numbers [Ablinger, JB, Schneider]
- **2013:** Systematic Theory of Generalized Harmonic Sums, polylogarithms and numbers [Ablinger, JB, Schneider]
- **2014:** Finite nested Generalized Cyclotomic Harmonic Sums with (inverse) Binomial Weights [Ablinger, JB, Raab, Schneider]
- **2014-:** Elliptic integrals with (involved) rational arguments.
- **now:** More-scale problem: Kummer-elliptic integrals

Particle Physics Generates **NEW** Mathematics & steadily needs new methods from Mathematics.

Function Spaces



Sums

Harmonic Sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=1}^k \frac{(-1)^l}{\beta^l}$$

gen. Harmonic Sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(1/2)^k}{k} \sum_{l=1}^k \frac{(-1)^l}{\beta^l}$$

Cycl. Harmonic Sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \sum_{l=1}^k \frac{(-1)^l}{\beta^l}$$

Binomial Sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^2} \binom{2k}{k} (-1)^k$$

Integrals

Harmonic Polylogarithms

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{y} \int_0^y \frac{dz}{1+z}$$

gen. Harmonic Polylogarithms

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{y} \int_0^y \frac{dz}{z-3}$$

Cycl. Harmonic Polylogarithms

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{1+y^2} \int_0^y \frac{dz}{1-z+z^2}$$

root-valued iterated integrals

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{y} \int_0^y \frac{dz}{z\sqrt{1+z}}$$

iterated integrals on ${}_2F_1$ functions

$$\int_0^z dx \frac{\ln(x)}{1+x} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{3} \\ 2 \end{matrix}; \frac{x^2(x^2-9)^2}{(x^2+3)^3} \right]$$

Special Numbers

multiple zeta values

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{\text{Li}_3(x)}{1+x} = -2\text{Li}_4(1/2) + \dots$$

gen. multiple zeta values

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{\ln(x+2)}{x-3/2} = \text{Li}_2(1/3) + \dots$$

cycl. multiple zeta values

$$\mathbf{c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^2}$$

associated numbers

$$H_{8,w_3} = 2\text{arccot}(\sqrt{7})^2$$

associated numbers

$$\int_0^1 dx {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{3} \\ 2 \end{matrix}; \frac{x^2(x^2-9)^2}{(x^2+3)^3} \right]$$

shuffle, stuffle, and various structural relations \implies algebras

Except the last line integrals, all other ones stem from 1st order factorizable equations \implies modular forms.

Principal computation steps



Chains of packages are used to perform the calculation:

- QGRAF, [Nogueira, 1993](#) Diagram generation
- FORM, [Vermaseren, 2001](#); [Tentyukov, Vermaseren, 2010](#) Lorentz algebra
- Color, [van Ritbergen, Schellekens and Vermaseren, 1999](#) Color algebra
- Reduze 2 [Studerus, von Manteuffel, 2009/12](#), [Crusher, Marquard, Seidel](#) IBPs
- Method of arbitrary high moments, [JB, Schneider, 2017](#) Computing large numbers of Mellin moments
- Guess, [Kauers et al. 2009/2015](#); [JB, Kauers, Schneider, 2009](#) Computing the recurrences
- Sigma, [EvaluateMultiSums](#), [SolveCoupledSystems](#), [Schneider, 2007/14](#) Solving the recurrences
- OreSys, [Zürcher, 1994](#); [Gerhold, 2002](#); [Bostan et al., 2013](#) Decoupling differential and difference equations
- Diffeq, [Ablinger et al, 2015](#), [JB, Marquard, Rana, Schneider, 2018](#) Solving differential equations
- HarmonicSums, [Ablinger and Ablinger et al. 2010-2019](#) Simplifying nested sums and iterated integrals to basic building blocks, performing series and asymptotic expansions, Almkvist-Zeilberger algorithm etc.

- Use IBP relations to obtain large sets of Mellin moments [JB, Schneider, 2017](#)
- Compute the corresponding recurrences for all color- ζ factors.
- Solve all 1st order factorizing cases by using the package [Sigma](#).
- Inverse Mellin transform by using the tools of the package [HarmonicSums](#).
- Numerical implementations in N - and x space.
- **Remaining:** Non-first order factorizable cases.
 - $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$: color coefficients $\propto T_F^2$: 8000 moments allow to get all recurrences.
 - $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$: color coefficients $\propto T_F \zeta_3$: 15000 moments allow to get all recurrences.
 - Many more moments needed to obtain the recurrences for the rational terms $\propto T_F$.
 - the solutions for $\propto T_F^2$ and $\propto T_F^2 \zeta_3$ each do diverge for $N \rightarrow \infty$, while their sum converges to 0.
 - Observe the [dynamical creation of a \$\zeta_3\$ term](#) in the large N limit.
- One may try to compute the asymptotic behaviour of these recurrences, but this needs much more work.
- Usually it is important here to know the associated x space solution.
- More work is needed here.

$$f_2(N, \varepsilon) \equiv f_1^C(N, \varepsilon) = - \sum_{k=0}^N (-1)^k \binom{N}{k} f_1(k, \varepsilon)$$

$$\tilde{f}_1^C(x, \varepsilon) = -\tilde{f}_1(1-x), x \in]0, 1[.$$

Example: Vermaseren, 1998

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

$$\left(-\frac{1}{1-x} \right)^C = \frac{1}{x}$$

- Relates many master integrals, which need not to be calculated individually.
- Can be easily traced by inspecting their (known) Mellin moments.
- Holds for general ε .
- Saves us one ${}_2F_1$ dependent 3×3 system, since conjugation holds irrespectively of 1st order factorization.

Inverse Mellin transform via analytic continuation: $a_{Qg}^{(3)}$



Resumming Mellin N into a continuous variable t , observing crossing relations. Ablinger et al. 2014

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^k (\Delta \cdot p)^k \frac{1}{2} [1 \pm (-1)^k] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{1 - t\Delta \cdot p} \pm \frac{1}{1 + t\Delta \cdot p} \right]$$

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{f_1(t), \dots, f_m(t)\}, \quad G(b, \vec{a}; t) = \int_0^t dx_1 f_b(x_1) G(\vec{a}; x_1), \quad \left[\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{f_{a_{k-1}}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \dots \frac{1}{f_{a_1}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right] G(\vec{a}; t) = f_{a_k}(t).$$

Regularization for $t \rightarrow 0$ needed.

$$F(N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} [f(x) + (-1)^{N-1} g(x)]$$

$$\tilde{F}(t) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} t^N F(N)$$

$$f(x) + (-1)^{N-1} g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\text{Disc}_x \tilde{F} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) + (-1)^{N-1} \text{Disc}_x \tilde{F} \left(-\frac{1}{x} \right) \right]. \quad (1)$$

t -space is still Mellin space. One needs closed expressions to perform the analytic continuation (1). Continuation is needed to calculate the **small x behaviour** analytically.

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{HPL}} = \{f_0, f_1, f_{-1}\} \left\{ \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{1}{1+t} \right\}$$

$$H_{b,\vec{a}}(x) = \int_0^x dy f_b(y) H_{\vec{a}}(y), \quad f_c \in \mathfrak{A}_{\text{HPL}}, \quad H_{\underbrace{0,\dots,0}_k}(x) := \frac{1}{k!} \ln^k(x).$$

A finite **monodromy at $x = 1$** requires at least one letter $f_1(t)$.

Example:

$$\tilde{F}_1(t) = H_{0,0,1}(t)$$

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} H_0^2(x)$$

$$\mathbf{M}[F_1(x)](n-1) = \frac{1}{n^3}$$

$$\tilde{F}_1(t) = t + \frac{t^2}{8} + \frac{t^3}{27} + \frac{t^4}{64} + \frac{t^5}{125} + \frac{t^6}{216} + \frac{t^7}{343} + \frac{t^8}{512} + \frac{t^9}{729} + \frac{t^{10}}{1000} + O(t^{11})$$

Cyclotomic harmonic polylogarithms



Also here the index set has to contain $f_{\pm}1(t)$.

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{cycl}} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{1-x}, \frac{1}{1+x}, \frac{1}{1+x+x^2}, \frac{x}{1+x+x^2}, \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \frac{x}{1+x^2}, \frac{1}{1-x+x^2}, \frac{x}{1-x+x^2}, \dots \right\}.$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_3(t) &= \frac{1}{3(1-t)t^{1/3}} G \left[\frac{\xi^{1/3}}{1-\xi}; t \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-t} \left(-1 + \frac{t^{-1/3}}{3} \left(H_1(t^{1/3}) + 2H_{\{3,0\}}(t^{1/3}) + H_{\{3,1\}}(t^{1/3}) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$F_3(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right]_+ + \frac{1}{18} \left[\sqrt{3}\pi + 9(-2 + \ln(3)) \right] \delta(1-x) + \frac{1-x^{4/3}}{3(1-x)}$$

Generalized harmonic polylogarithms



$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{gHPL}} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x-a} \right\}, \quad a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$F_5(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \frac{t}{t-1} \left[H_{0,0,0,1}(t) + 2G(\gamma_1, 0, 0, 1; t) \right] = -\frac{1}{1-x} \left\{ \theta(1-x) \left[\frac{1}{24} (4 \ln^3(2) - 2 \ln(2)\pi^2 + 21\zeta_3) - H_{2,0,0}(x) \right] - \theta(2-x) \frac{1}{24} (4 \ln^3(2) - 2 \ln(2)\pi^2 + 21\zeta_3) \right\},$$

In intermediary steps Heaviside functions occur and the support of the x-space functions is here [0,2].

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_a^{+,b}[g(x)](N) = \int_0^a dx (x^N - b^N) f(x), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_2^{+,1}[F_5(x)](N) = -S_{1,3} \left(2, \frac{1}{2} \right) (N-1),$$

$$S_{b,\vec{a}}(c, \vec{d})(N) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c^k}{k^b} S_{\vec{a}}(\vec{d})(k), \quad b, a_i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, \quad c, d_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Square root valued alphabets



$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{sqrt}} = \left\{ f_4, f_5, f_6 \dots \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{x}, \sqrt{x(1-x)}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1\pm x}}, \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1\pm x}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1\pm x}\sqrt{2\pm x}}, \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1\pm x/4}}, \dots \right\},$$

Monodromy also through:

$$(1-t)^\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$F_7(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{t} G\left(4; \frac{1}{t}\right) = 1 - \frac{2(1-x)(1+2x)}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} - \frac{8}{\pi} G(5; x),$$

$$F_8(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{t} G\left(4, 2; \frac{1}{t}\right) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[4 \frac{(1-x)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{x}} + 2(1-x)(1+2x) \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} [H_0(x) + H_1(x)] \right. \\ \left. + 8[G(5, 2; x) + G(5, 1; x)] \right],$$

- Master integrals, solving differential equations not factorizing to 1st order
- ${}_2F_1$ solutions [Ablinger et al. \[2017\]](#)
- Mapping to complete elliptic integrals: **duplication** of the higher transcendental letters.
- Complete elliptic integrals, modular forms [Sabry, Broadhurst, Weinzierl, Remiddi, Tancredi, Duhr, Broedel et al. and many more](#)
- Abel integrals
- K3 surfaces [Brown, Schnetz \[2012\]](#)
- Calabi-Yau motives [Klemm, Duhr, Weinzierl et al. \[2022\]](#)

Refer to as few as possible higher transcendental functions, the properties of which are known in full detail.

- $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$: effectively only one 3×3 system of this kind.
- The system is connected to that occurring in the case of ρ parameter. [Ablinger et al. \[2017\]](#), [JB et al. \[2018\]](#), [Abreu et al. \[2019\]](#)
- Most simple solution: **two** ${}_2F_1$ functions.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \\ F_3(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{t} & -\frac{1}{1-t} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{t(1-t)} & -\frac{2}{1-t} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t(8+t)} & \frac{1}{8+t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \\ F_3(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} R_1(t, \varepsilon) \\ R_2(t, \varepsilon) \\ R_3(t, \varepsilon) \end{bmatrix} + O(\varepsilon),$$

It is very important to which function $F_i(t)$ the system is decoupled.

Iterative non-iterative Integrals



- Decoupling for F_1 first leads to a **very involved solution**: ${}_2F_1$ -terms seemingly enter at $O(1/\varepsilon)$ already.
- However, these terms are actually not there.
- Furthermore, there is also a **singularity at $x = 1/4$** .
- All this can be seen, when decoupling for F_3 first.

Homogeneous solutions:

$$F_3'(t) + \frac{1}{t}F_3(t) = 0, \quad g_0 = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$F_1''(t) + \frac{(2-t)}{(1-t)t}F_1'(t) + \frac{2+t}{(1-t)t(8+t)}F_1(t) = 0,$$

with

$$g_1(t) = \frac{2}{(1-t)^{2/3}(8+t)^{1/3}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \\ 2 \end{matrix}; -\frac{27t}{(1-t)^2(8+t)} \right],$$

$$g_2(t) = \frac{2}{(1-t)^{2/3}(8+t)^{1/3}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{matrix}; 1 + \frac{27t}{(1-t)^2(8+t)} \right],$$

Iterative non-iterative Integrals



Alphabet:

$$\mathfrak{A}_2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{1}{8+t}, g_1, g_2, \frac{g_1}{t}, \frac{g_1}{1-t}, \frac{g_1}{8+t}, \frac{g_1'}{t}, \frac{g_1'}{1-t}, \frac{g_1'}{8+t}, \frac{g_2}{t}, \frac{g_2}{1-t}, \frac{g_2}{8+t}, \frac{g_2'}{t}, \frac{g_2'}{1-t}, \frac{g_2'}{8+t}, tg_1, tg_2 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(t) = & \frac{8}{\varepsilon^3} \left[1 + \frac{1}{t} H_1(t) \right] - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left[\frac{1}{6} (106 + t) + \frac{(9 + 2t)}{t} H_1(t) + \frac{4}{t} H_{0,1}(t) \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (271 + 9t) + \left[\frac{71 + 32t + 2t^2}{12t} + \frac{3\zeta_2}{t} \right] H_1(t) + \frac{(9 + 2t)}{2t} H_{0,1}(t) + \frac{2}{t} H_{0,0,1}(t) \right. \\ & \left. + 3\zeta_2 \right\} + \frac{1}{t} \left\{ \frac{6696 - 22680t - 16278t^2 - 255t^3 - 62t^4}{864t} + (9 + 9t + t^2) g_1(t) \left[\frac{31 \ln(2)}{16} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{144} (265 + 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) + \frac{3}{8} \ln(2)\zeta_2 + \frac{1}{24} (10 + \pi(-3i + \sqrt{3}))\zeta_2 - \frac{7}{4}\zeta_3 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +G(18, t) \left[-\frac{93 \ln(2)}{16} + \frac{1}{48} (-265 - 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) + \left(-\frac{9 \ln(2)}{8} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{1}{8} (-10 - \pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) \right) \zeta_2 + \frac{21}{4} \zeta_3 \right] \dots \\
& + \frac{5}{2} [G(4, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(5, 8, 1, 2; t)] + \frac{1}{4} [G(13, 8, 1, 2; t) - G(7, 14, 1, 2; t)] \\
& + \frac{9}{4} [G(10, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(16, 8, 1, 2; t)] + \frac{3}{4} [G(19, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(19, 8, 1, 2; t)] \left. \right\} + O(\varepsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2(t) = & \frac{8}{\varepsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left[-\frac{1}{3}(34 + t) + \frac{2(1-t)}{t} H_1(t) \right] + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{116 + 15t}{12} + 3\zeta_2 - \frac{(1-t)(8+t)}{3t} H_1(t) \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{1-t}{t} H_{0,1}(t) \right] + \frac{992 - 368t + 75t^2 - 27t^3}{144t} + (1-t) \left(\frac{(43 + 10t + t^2)}{12t} H_1(t) + \frac{(4-t)}{4t} \right. \\
& \left. \times H_{0,1}(t) + \frac{3\zeta_2}{4t} H_1(t) \right) + (1-t) g_1(t) \left(\frac{31 \ln(2)}{16} + \frac{1}{144} (265 + 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) \dots \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Structure in x space



Expansion around $x = 1$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^L \hat{a}_{k,l} (1-x)^k \ln^l(1-x).$$

Expansion around $x = 0$:

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^S \hat{b}_{k,l} x^k \ln^l(x).$$

Expansion around $x = 1/2$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{c}_k \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^k.$$

The occurring **constants** $G(\dots; 1)$ are calculated numerically. [At most double integrals.]

Iterating on ${}_2F_1$ solutions



- In $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ only $2 \times 3 \times 3$ systems contribute, which are not factorizing at 1st order & they are conjugate to each other.
- Both form seeds on which only 1st order factorizing factors have to be iterated to obtain all ${}_2F_1$ -dependent master integrals.
- The corresponding differential equations read

$$y'(x) + \frac{A}{x-b}y(x) = h(x)$$

$$y(x) = (b-x)^{-A} \left[C b^A + \int_0^x dy (b-y)^A h(y) \right].$$

- $h(x)$ is a G-functions containing ${}_2F_1$ -dependent letters.
- The occurring G-functions containing ${}_2F_1$ -dependent letters have a rather simple structure, which helps in expansions and the calculation of constants.
- In this way we compute all ${}_2F_1$ -dependent master integrals contributing to $a_{Qg}^{(3)}$. **All types of other letters up to root-valued letters contribute here too.**

The massive OME $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



A 1st order factorizing, but involved case.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{\varepsilon/2} \left[\frac{\hat{\gamma}_{gg}^{(0)}}{\varepsilon} + a_{gg,Q}^{(1)} + \varepsilon \bar{a}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} + \varepsilon^2 \bar{\bar{a}}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} \right] + O(\varepsilon^3), \\ \hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(2)} &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(-2)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(-1)} + c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(0)} + \varepsilon c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(1)} \right] + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ \hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(3)} &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{3\varepsilon/2} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon^3} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-3)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-2)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-1)} + a_{gg,Q}^{(3)} \right] + O(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

The alphabet:

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{f_k(x)\}_{k=1..6} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{1-x}, \frac{1}{1+x}, \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{x}, \sqrt{x(1-x)}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \right\}.$$

Binomial Sums



$$BS_0(N) = \frac{1}{2N - (2l + 1)}, \quad l \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$BS_2(N) = \frac{1}{4^N} \frac{(2N)!}{(N!)^2},$$

$$BS_4(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1} (\tau_1!)^2}{(2\tau_1)! \tau_1^2},$$

$$BS_6(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_8(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{\sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{\tau_1},$$

$$BS_{10}(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1}}{(2\tau_1)!} \frac{1}{\tau_1^2} S_1(\tau_1).$$

$$BS_1(N) = 4^N \frac{(N!)^2}{(2N)!},$$

$$BS_3(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)!}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_5(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1} (\tau_1!)^2}{(2\tau_1)! \tau_1^3},$$

$$BS_7(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^3}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_9(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2 \sum_{\tau_3=1}^{\tau_2} \frac{1}{\tau_3}}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

Recursions and Asymptotic Representation



$$BS_8(N) - BS_8(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_4(N),$$

$$BS_9(N) - BS_9(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_3(N) BS_{10}(N),$$

$$BS_0(N) \propto \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2k+1}{2N} \right)^k BS_{10}(N) - BS_{10}(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_1(N) S_1.$$

$$BS_8(N) \propto -7\zeta_3 + \left[+3(\ln(N) + \gamma_E) + \frac{3}{2N} - \frac{1}{4N^2} + \frac{1}{40N^4} - \frac{1}{84N^6} + \frac{1}{80N^8} - \frac{1}{44N^{10}} \right] \zeta_2$$

$$+ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{N}} \left[4 - \frac{23}{18N} + \frac{1163}{2400N^2} - \frac{64177}{564480N^3} - \frac{237829}{7741440N^4} + \frac{5982083}{166526976N^5} \right.$$

$$+ \frac{5577806159}{438593126400N^6} - \frac{12013850977}{377864847360N^7} - \frac{1042694885077}{90766080737280N^8}$$

$$\left. + \frac{6663445693908281}{127863697547722752N^9} + \frac{23651830282693133}{1363413316298342400N^{10}} \right],$$

Inverse Mellin Transform



$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}[\text{BS}_8(N)](x) = \left[-\frac{4(1-\sqrt{1-x})}{1-x} + \left(\frac{2(1-\ln(2))}{1-x} + \frac{H_0(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} \right) H_1(x) - \frac{H_{0,1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} + \frac{H_1(x)G(\{6,1\},x)}{2(1-x)} - \frac{G(\{6,1,2\},x)}{2(1-x)} \right]_+,$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}[\text{BS}_{10}(N)](x) = \left[-\frac{1}{1-x} \left[-4 - 4\ln(2)(-1 + \sqrt{1-x}) + 4\sqrt{1-x} + \zeta_2 \right] + 2(-1 + \ln(2))(-1 + \sqrt{1-x} + x) \frac{H_0(x)}{(1-x)^{3/2}} - 2 \frac{H_1(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} + \frac{H_{0,1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} - \frac{(-2 + \ln(2))G(\{6,1\},x)}{1-x} + \frac{G(\{6,1,2\},x)}{2(1-x)} - \frac{G(\{1,6,1\},x)}{2(1-x)} \right]_+.$$

Small x limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$a_{gg,Q}^{x \rightarrow 0}(x) \propto$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \ln(x) \left[C_A^2 T_F \left(-\frac{11488}{81} + \frac{224\zeta_2}{27} + \frac{256\zeta_3}{3} \right) + C_A C_F T_F \left(-\frac{15040}{243} - \frac{1408\zeta_2}{27} \right. \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left. - \frac{1088\zeta_3}{9} \right) \right] + C_A T_F^2 \left[\frac{112016}{729} + \frac{1288}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{1120}{27}\zeta_3 + \left(\frac{108256}{729} + \frac{368\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{448\zeta_3}{27} \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \times N_F \right] + C_F \left[T_F^2 \left(-\frac{107488}{729} - \frac{656}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{3904}{27}\zeta_3 + \left(\frac{116800}{729} + \frac{224\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{1792\zeta_3}{27} \right) N_F \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left(-\frac{5538448}{3645} + \frac{1664B_4}{3} - \frac{43024\zeta_4}{9} + \frac{12208}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{211504}{45}\zeta_3 \right) \right] \right. \\ & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left(-\frac{4849484}{3645} - \frac{352B_4}{3} + \frac{11056\zeta_4}{9} - \frac{1088}{81}\zeta_2 - \frac{84764}{135}\zeta_3 \right) \right. \\ & \left. + C_F^2 T_F \left(\frac{10048}{5} - 640B_4 + \frac{51104\zeta_4}{9} - \frac{10096}{9}\zeta_2 - \frac{280016}{45}\zeta_3 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Small x limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left[-\frac{4}{3} C_F C_A T_F + \frac{2}{15} C_F^2 T_F \right] \ln^5(x) + \left[-\frac{40}{27} C_A^2 T_F + \frac{4}{9} C_F^2 T_F + C_F \left(-\frac{296}{27} C_A T_F \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \left(\frac{28}{27} + \frac{56}{27} N_F \right) T_F^2 \right) \right] \ln^4(x) + \left[\frac{112}{81} C_A (1 + 2N_F) T_F^2 + C_F \left(\left(\frac{1016}{81} + \frac{496}{81} N_F \right) T_F^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left(-\frac{10372}{81} - \frac{328\zeta_2}{9} \right) \right) + C_F^2 T_F \left[-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4\zeta_2}{9} \right] + C_A^2 T_F \left[-\frac{1672}{81} + 8\zeta_2 \right] \right] \ln^3(x) \\
 & + \left[\frac{8}{81} C_A (155 + 118N_F) T_F^2 + C_F \left[T_F^2 \left(-\frac{32}{81} + N_F \left(\frac{3872}{81} - \frac{16\zeta_2}{9} \right) + \frac{232\zeta_2}{9} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left(-\frac{70304}{81} - \frac{680\zeta_2}{9} + \frac{80\zeta_3}{3} \right) \right) + C_A^2 T_F \left[\frac{4684}{81} + \frac{20\zeta_2}{3} \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[56 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{8\zeta_2}{3} - 40\zeta_3 \right] \right] \ln^2(x) + \left[C_F \left[T_F^2 \left(\frac{140992}{243} + N_F \left(\frac{182528}{243} - \frac{400\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{640\zeta_3}{9} \right) \right) \right. \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

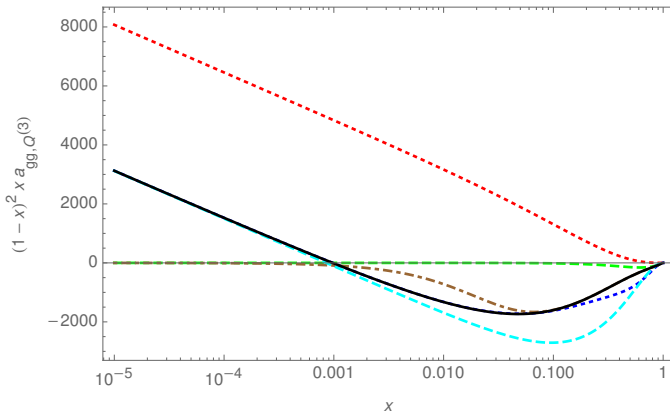
Small and large x limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{728}{27}\zeta_2 - \frac{224}{9}\zeta_3 \Big) + C_A T_F \left(-\frac{514952}{243} + \frac{152\zeta_4}{3} - \frac{21140\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{2576\zeta_3}{9} \right) \Big] \\
 & + C_A T_F^2 \left[\frac{184}{27} + N_F \left(\frac{656}{27} - \frac{32\zeta_2}{27} \right) + \frac{464\zeta_2}{27} \right] + C_A^2 T_F \left[-\frac{42476}{81} - 92\zeta_4 + \frac{4504\zeta_2}{27} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{64\zeta_3}{3} \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[-\frac{1036}{3} - \frac{976\zeta_4}{3} - \frac{58\zeta_2}{3} + \frac{416\zeta_3}{3} \right] \Big] \ln(x),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{gg,Q}^{(3),x \rightarrow 1}(x) & \propto a_{gg,Q,\delta}^{(3)} \delta(1-x) + a_{gg,Q,\text{plus}}^{(3)}(x) + \left[-\frac{32}{27} C_A T_F^2 (17 + 12N_F) + C_A C_F T_F \left(56 - \frac{32\zeta_2}{3} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left(\frac{9238}{81} - \frac{104\zeta_2}{9} + 16\zeta_3 \right) \right] \ln(1-x) + \left[-\frac{8}{27} C_A T_F^2 (7 + 8N_F) \right. \\
 & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left(\frac{314}{27} - \frac{4\zeta_2}{3} \right) \right] \ln^2(1-x) + \frac{32}{27} C_A^2 T_F \ln^3(1-x).
 \end{aligned}$$

- The logarithmic parts of $(\Delta)A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ were computed in [Behring et al., (2014)], [JB et al. (2021)].
- We did not spent efforts to choose the MI basis such that the needed ε -expansion is minimal, which we could afford in all first order factorizing cases.
- N space
 - Recursions available for all building blocks: $N \rightarrow N + 1$.
 - Asymptotic representations available.
 - Contour integral around the singularities of the problem at the non-positive real axis.
- x space
 - All constants occurring in the transition $t \rightarrow x$ can be calculated in terms of ζ -values.
 - This can be proven analytically by first rationalizing and then calculating the obtained cyclotomic G-functions.
 - Separate the $\delta(1 - x)$ and +-function terms first.
 - Series representations to 50 terms around $x = 0$ and $x = 1$ can be derived for the regular part analytically (12 digits).
 - The accuracy can be easily enlarged, if needed.



The non- N_F terms of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}(N)$ (rescaled) as a function of x . Full line (black): complete result; upper dotted line (red): term $\propto \ln(x)/x$, **BFKL limit**; lower dashed line (cyan): small x terms $\propto 1/x$; lower dotted line (blue): small x terms including all $\ln(x)$ terms up to the constant term; upper dashed line (green): large x contribution up to the constant term; dash-dotted line (brown): complete large x contribution.

1st order factorizing contributions: $a_{Qg}^{(3)}$

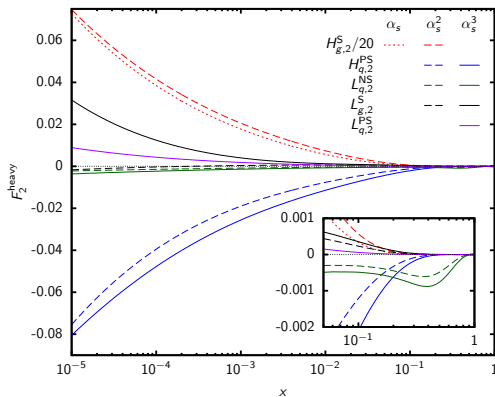


- 1009 of 1233 contributing Feynman diagrams
- Solved: N_F -terms, ζ_2, ζ_4 and B_4 terms, unpolarized and polarized.
- Contributions to the rational and ζ_3 terms:
 - The sum of the contributions vanishes for $N \rightarrow \infty$, while the individual terms $\propto 1$ and $\propto \zeta_3$ do strongly diverge.
 - Dynamical generation of a factor of ζ_3 .
 - Calculated asymptotic expansions in N space: harmonic sums, generalized harmonic sums, binomial sums
 - Appearance of a large set of special numbers given as G-functions at $x = 1$
 - individually divergent contributions for $N \rightarrow \infty$: $\propto 2^N, 4^N$ cancel between the different terms
- Calculated inverse Mellin transforms: requires the use of the t -variable method in the most involved cases for nested binomial sums.

Current summary on F_2^{charm}



An example to show numerical effects: the **charm quark** contributions to the structure function $F_2(x, Q^2)$



Allows to strongly reduce the current theory error on m_c .

Started \sim 2009; might be completed this year.

Lots of new algorithms had to be designed; different new function spaces; new analytic calculation techniques ...



- Contributions to massless & massive OMEs and Wilson coefficients factorizing at 1st order can be computed in Mellin N space using difference ring techniques as implemented in the package `Sigma`.
- N -space methods also applicable in the case of non-1st order factorization are more involved and need further study.
- x -space representations are needed also to determine the small x behaviour, since it cannot be obtained by the N -space methods, because they are related to integer values in N not covered.
- The t -resummation of the original N -space expressions is already necessary to perform the IBP reduction.
- The transformation from the continuous variable t to the continuous variable x is possible through the optical theorem.
- This applies to all 1st order factorizing cases and also to non-1st order factorizing situations, provided one can derive a **closed form solution** of the respective equations and perform the analytic continuation.
- This includes also the calculation of various new constants, which might open up a new field for **special numbers**, unless these quantities finally reduce to what is known already.
- The moments of the master integrals depend on ζ -values only.

- It is most efficient to work with ${}_2F_1$ -solutions in the present examples, because they are most compact and since everything is known about them.
- For numerical representations analytic expansions around $x = 0$, $x = 1/2$ and $x = 1$ suffice, with ~ 50 terms, (Example: $a_{Qg}^{(3)}$). In some cases further overlapping series expansions have to be performed.
- $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$ has contributions from finite central binomial sums or square-root valued alphabets, factorizing at 1st order.
- Both efficient N - and x -space solutions can be derived which are very fast numerically. \implies QCD analysis.
- BFKL-like approaches are shown to utterly fail in describing these quantities. Various sub-leading terms are needed in addition.