

$\begin{matrix} 8 \\ \parallel \\ n \end{matrix}$ n -particle interaction.
 $\begin{matrix} K \\ \parallel \\ 3 \end{matrix}$ K -MHV interaction.
 $([8], \{(1,3), (5,8), (5,7)\})$

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Def | Wilson loop diagram: $([n], P)$
 $P = K$ pairs in $[n]$

Thm | If \exists m vertices adjacent upon both endpoints of $m-2$ propagators
 $\Rightarrow W$ defines representable matroid (a.k.a. elem of $Gr(K, n+1)$)

Defn | $Z_\alpha, Z_1, \dots, Z_n \in \mathbb{R}^4$ $Z_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} -z_\alpha \\ -z_1 \\ \vdots \\ -z_n \end{bmatrix} \in M_{(n+1) \times 4}$ no zero max minors.
 $Z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} \in M_{n \times 4}$ (a.k.a. in general position in \mathbb{R}^4)
physical
given

• $\sim \rightarrow Z_\alpha + C_{p_i} Z_i + C_{p_{i+1}} Z_{i+1} + C_{p_j} Z_j + C_{p_{j+1}} Z_{j+1} = (1, C_p) \cdot Z_\alpha$

• $([n], P) \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & C(W(z)) \end{array} \right]$ rows given by $(1, C_p)$

$$I(w) = \int \prod_{p=1}^K \frac{d\hat{c}_{p0} d\hat{c}_{p1} \dots d\hat{c}_{p,n}}{\hat{c}_{p0} \dots \hat{c}_{p,n}} f(z) \int_{(CP)^{n+1}} ((1, C_p) \cdot Z_\alpha)$$

$\hat{c}_{p,i}$ shifted coordinates such that variables take positive values.

$$C_p(w) \text{ above } \begin{bmatrix} \hat{c}_{11} & \hat{c}_{12} & \hat{c}_{13} & \hat{c}_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\hat{c}_{21} & 0 & 0 & \hat{c}_{25} & \hat{c}_{26} & 0 & -\hat{c}_{28} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \hat{c}_{25} \hat{c}_{35} & \hat{c}_{26} \hat{c}_{36} + \hat{c}_{30} & \hat{c}_{37} & \hat{c}_{38} \\ & & & & C_{35} & C_{36} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Note!! Delta function in $I(w)$ gives values for $\frac{C_{p_i}}{C_{p_0}}$
 $(1, C_p) \in \text{Ker } Z_\alpha^T$

Better with defn:

$g \in P; V(g) \subset [n]$ subset of 4 verts defining endpts of g

$$P \subset \mathcal{P}, V(P) = \bigcup_{g \in P} V(g)$$

$\Rightarrow (1, C_g) \in \text{Ker } Z_*^T|_{V(g)}$ selecting columns.

$\{(1, C_g) | g \in P\} \in \text{Ker } Z_*^T|_{V(P)}$

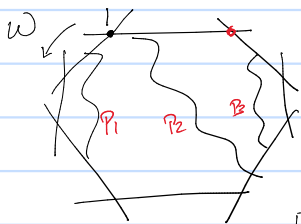
Namely: If $|V(P)| = m$ $|P| > m - 3 \Rightarrow (1, C_g)$ not all indep.

Call these graphs over defined. IGNORE.



Cell structure of $([n], P)$:

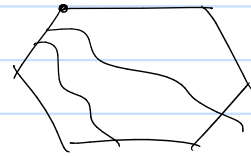
Dfn $\text{Prop}(V) =$ set of Propagator adjacent upon elem in V .



$\text{Prop}(8) = \{p_2, p_3\}$

$\text{Prop}(V)$ can be empty.

$\text{Prop}(6, 7) = p_3$



$\text{Prop } 5 = \emptyset$

$\{5\} = V(\emptyset)$

$$V(\text{Prop}(w)) \supset w$$

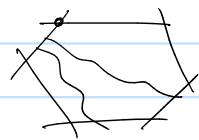
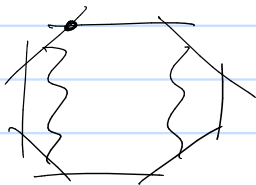
Thm $V \subset ([n], |P|)$ a cell $\Leftrightarrow \nexists U \subseteq V$ s.t. $|U| > |\text{Prop}(U)|$
 $\text{dim} = 3 |P|$

When is this positive?

Step 1 When is W connected?

W disconnected $\Leftrightarrow \exists P_1, P_2$ partitioning P (possibly empty) s.t.

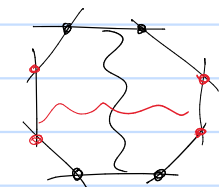
$V(P_1), V(P_2)$ partition $[n]$, not empty.



disconnected.

Step 2 if connected components of W positive, don't cross $\Rightarrow W$ positive.

Eg



not positive.

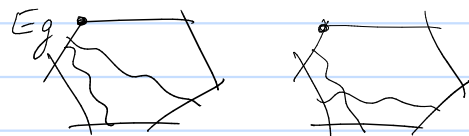
Step 3] Assume ① W connected ② For all $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}$, $|V(P)| > |P| + 3$

No crossing propagators \Rightarrow Positive.

Conj] Each such diagram defines a unique cell.

Step 4] If w ① connected, ② $\exists P \subset V(P)$ s.t. $|V(P)| = |P| + 3$
 $P \setminus P$ don't cross \Rightarrow positive.

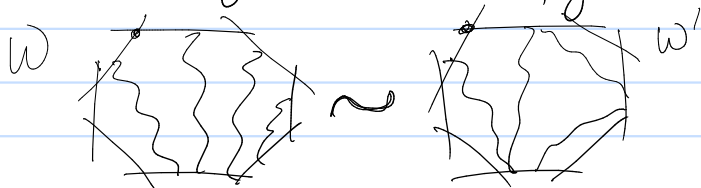
In particular: If $V(P) = |P| + 3$



totally positive Grassmannian.

More: $\{ (1, C_p) \}_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \in \text{Ker } Z_*^T|_{V(P)}$ $\dim = |V(P)| - 3$

Any such configuration gives same Grassmannian.



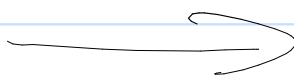
Notes, Problems, future directions:

$A_{n,k}(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ " = " volume form on a geometric object defined by Z_i

$\sum_{\substack{\text{positive,} \\ \text{non crossing } \mathcal{P}}} I(w, P) \rightarrow$ also gives a volume form, collection of cells.

• WLD more than just a matroid.

① $C(w) = C(w')$ but $I(w) \neq I(w')$



*! If the goal is to attach a volume form to each diagram that defines a volume on the (dual) amplitude on \rightarrow What is going on?

② Wilson loop diagrams know to ignore crossing propagator.



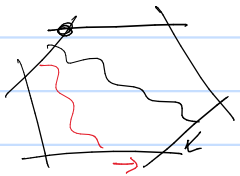
Fact

$$\beta I(\text{diagram with crossing}) + \alpha I(\text{diagram with crossing}) = I(\text{diagram with crossing})$$

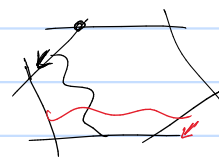
③ MHV diagrams. $A_{n,n-3}^{\text{MHV}}(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ canonically defined.

We see that MHV sub diagrams special.

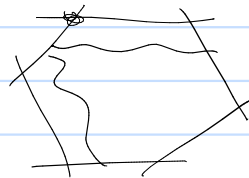
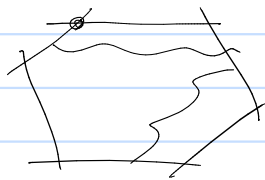
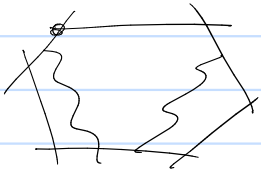
• What are the boundaries of these cells? $[\dots | C(w)]$ good boundary ✓ others must cancel



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 & c & d & 0 \\ \underline{a} & \underline{b} & \underline{c} & \underline{d} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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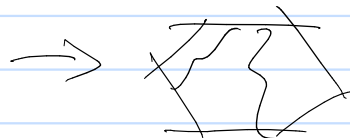
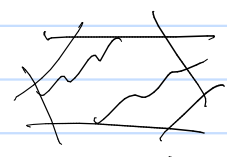
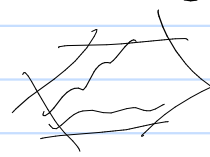
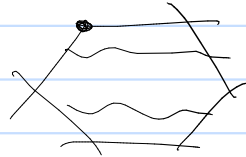
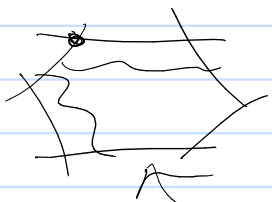


all share codim 2 boundary.

What about codim 1?

④ Ignored first col. $[\underline{1} | C(w)] \in \text{Gr}(IP^1, n)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 & -c & -d \\ 0 & e & f & g & h & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} d & a & b & 0 & 0 & -c \\ 0 & e & f & g & h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \rightarrow \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Not some elem in $\text{Gr}(k, n+1)$!

