Using Algebraic Geometry in Theoretical Physics



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This talk is about using computational algebraic geometry methods for

various areas of theoretical physics

• Feynman integrals • Integrable Spin Chain







For details, please have a look at my lecture in SAGEX Network 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q-1Q0IIIKY

Motivation

In the research direction of QFT and integrable spin chain we have a lot of physical quantities which can be difficult to calculate

> Multi-loop scattering amplitude Feynman integrals Partition function

Somehow, they all have roots from polynomials/rational functions

Therefore, we try computational algebraic geometry a modern mathematical branch to deal with polynomials

Algebraic Geometry



Algebraic geometry originates from the study of curves/surfaces defined by multivariate polynomial equations.

Modern algebraic geometry generalised these geometric objects to abstract objects (like scheme), and has been applied to number theory, complex analysis , topology and physics.

Computational Algebraic Geometry (CAG)



Bruno Buchberger, Frank-Olaf Schreyer, Jean-Charles Faugère David Eisenbud, Michael Stillman, Daniel Grayson, Wolfram Decker ...

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Personally I learnt CAG from Professor Michael Stillman.

CAG in one slide

Groebner basis





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Solve homogeneous linear equations with polynomial solutions Schreyer algorithm

"Gaussian elimination" for several multivariate polynomials Buchberger algorithm

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Solve inhomogeneous linear equations with polynomial solutions

Polynomial ring and ideal
Polynomial ring
$$R = \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

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field, $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}/p$

An ideal *I* in the polynomial ring $R = \mathbb{F}[z_1, \ldots z_n]$ is a linear subspace of *R* such that, For $\forall f \in I$ and $\forall h \in R$, $hf \in I$.

The ideal in the polynomial ring generated by a polynomial set S is the collection of all such polynomials,

$$\sum_i h_i f_i, \quad h_i \in R, \quad f_i \in I$$

This ideal is denoted as $\langle S \rangle$.

(Noether) Any ideal in a polynomial ring is finitely generated.

- $p, \mathbb{Q}[c_1, \ldots c_m], \ldots$

- *S*.

Ideal and algebraic set

To solve $f_1 = \ldots = f_k = 0$ is equivalent to solve all polynomials in $\langle f_1, \ldots, f_k \rangle$

$$\mathcal{Z}(S) = \mathcal{Z}$$

common zero set in \mathbb{F}^n

 $\mathcal{Z}(I)$, with I an ideal is called an *affine algebraic set*.

(Zariski topology) Define Zariski topology of \mathbb{F}^n by setting all algebraic set to be topologically closed.

$$\bigcap_i \mathcal{Z}(I_i) = \mathcal{Z}(\bigcup_i I_i), \quad \mathcal{Z}(I_1)$$

Zariski topology is *different* from the usual topology defined by Euclidean distance.

For example, the "open" unit disc defined by $D = \{z | |z| < 1\}$ is not Zariski open in \mathbb{C} . $\mathbb{C} - D = \{z | |z| \ge 1\}$ is not Zariski closed, i.e. it cannot be the solution set of one or several complex polynomials in z.

 $(\langle S \rangle),$

 $\bigcup \mathcal{Z}(I_2) = \mathcal{Z}(I_1 \cap I_2)$

Variety

With Zariski topology, an algebraic set (closed set) may be a union of several closed set

 $V = V_1 \cup \ldots V_l$

If V cannot be decompose as a nontrivial union, then V is called an *affine* variety.

In
$$\mathbb{C}$$
, $\{0,1\} = \{0\} \bigcup \{1\}$.
In \mathbb{C}^2 , $\mathcal{Z}(z_1 z_2) = \mathcal{Z}(z_1) \bigcup \mathcal{Z}(z_2)$

Algebraic geometry is a subject to study the relation between ideals and algebraic sets (varieties).



Hilbert's weak Nullstellensatz

(Hilbert) Let I be an ideal of $\mathbb{F}[x_1, \ldots x_n]$ and \mathbb{F} is algebraically closed. If $\mathcal{Z}(I) = \emptyset$, then $I = \langle 1 \rangle$. See Commutative algebra, Zariski and Samuel, Chapter 7 for the proof.

• $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$. $\mathcal{Z}(\langle x^2 - 1, x^3 + x \rangle) = \emptyset$ and the we $1 = \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} - 1\right)(x^2 - 1)$ • $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}, \mathcal{Z}(x^2 - y^2, x + y + 1, 2x - y) = \emptyset$ and the we $1 = -3(x^2 - y^2) + (1 + 3x - 3y)$ • $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{Z}(x^2 - 2) = \emptyset$ and the we cannot claim

 $\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$ not algebraically closed

> The theorem itself does not give coefficients, it is the task of computational algebraic geometry

$$(1) + \frac{x}{2}(x^3 + x)$$

$$(x + y + 1) - 2(2x - y)$$

Hilbert's Nullstellensatz

Given a set U in \mathbb{F}^n , we want to go backwards to find all f s in the polynomial ring such that

$$f(p)=0,$$

Such f's form an ideal, which is denoted as $\mathcal{I}(U)$. One may naively think that

For example, $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$, $I = \langle x^2 \rangle$ and $\mathcal{Z}(I) =$

(Hilbert) Let \mathbb{F} be an algebraically closed field and $R = \mathbb{F}[z_1, \dots z_n]$. Let *I* be an ideal of *R*. If $f \in R$ and,

 $f(p) = 0, \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{Z}(I),$

then there exists a positive integer k such that $f^k \in I$.

 $\forall p \in U$

 $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{Z}(I)) = I \quad \mathbf{X}$

$$\{0\}$$
. However, $\mathcal{I}(\{0\}) = \langle x \rangle \neq I$.

Groebner basis

This is like a "nonlinear" version of Gaussian elimination

For an ideal I in $\mathbb{F}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ with a monomial order, a Groebner basis $G(I) = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ is a generating set for *I* such that for each $f \in I$, there always exists $g_i \in G(I)$ such that, $LT(g_i)|LT(f)|$.

invented by B. Buchburger, in the namesake of his supervisor, W.Groebner

- independent of the polynomial order.
- If $f \in I$, then the remainder of f over the Groebner basis is zero.
- The remainder provides a canonical representation of $F[x_1, \ldots, x_n]/I$.
- With a fixed monomial order, the reduced Groebner basis is unique. \bullet

Polynomial division over a Groebner basis, provide a unique remainder,

Ideal identification problem is solved.

Buchberger's algorithm

Algorithm 3 Buchberger algorithm

1: Input: $B = \{f_1 \dots f_n\}$ and a monomial order \succ 2: queue := all subsets of B with exactly two elements 3: while $queue! = \emptyset$ do $\{f, g\} := \text{head of } queue$ 4: $r := \overline{S(f,g)}^B$ 5:if $r \neq 0$ then 6: $B := B \cup r$ 7: queue $<< \{\{B_1, r\}, \dots \{\text{last of } B, r\}\}$ 8: end if 9: delete head of queue 10:11: end while 12: return B (Gröbner basis)

Buchberger algorithm calculates Groebner basis

can be thought as a non-linear generalization of Gaussian elimination

Buchberger algorithm is computationally very heavy, double exponentially in the number of variables.

$$S(f_i, f_j) = \frac{\operatorname{LT}(f_j)}{\operatorname{gcd}\left(\operatorname{LT}(f_i), \operatorname{LT}(f_j)\right)} f_i - \frac{\operatorname{LT}(f_i)}{\operatorname{gcd}\left(\operatorname{LT}(f_i), \operatorname{LT}(f_j)\right)} f_j$$

$$S-pair$$

Groebner basis, A first look in Mathematica

PolynomialSet1={x-y, x+y-1, x-2}; Gr1=GroebnerBasis[PolynomialSet1, {x,y}, MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic] PolynomialSet2={x-y, y-y+1}; Gr2=GroebnerBasis[PolynomialSet2, {x,y}, MonomialOrder->DegreeReverseLexicographic]

[1] The equation system has no solution $\{x - y, 1 - y + y^2\}$

PolynomialSet3={ $x^{3}-2 \times y, x^{2} y-2 y^{2}+x$ };

 $\{-x + 2y^2, xy, x^2\}$ $\{\{0, 0, x\}, 0\}$



Gr3=GroebnerBasis[PolynomialSet3, {x,y}, MonomialOrder→DegreeReverseLexicographic] PolynomialReduce [x^3 , PolynomialSet3, {x,y}, MonomialOrder \rightarrow DegreeReverseLexicographic] PolynomialReduce [x^3 , Gr3, {x, y}, MonomialOrder \rightarrow DegreeReverseLexicographic]

{{1, 0}, $2 \times y$ } remainder nonzero, x^3 is not in the ideal?

remainder is zero for the Groebner basis $x^{\wedge}3$ is is in the ideal !

Application of algebraic geometry for Feynman integrals

Based on

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"All master integrals for three-jet production at NNLO", PhysRevLett. 123 (2019), no. 4 041603 "Analytic result for a two-loop five-particle amplitude", PhysRevLett. 122 (2019), no. 12 121602

Particle Physics, precision era



Large Hadron Collider Run III (Geneva, Switzerland)

HL-LHC in progress CEPC, FCC, ILC proposed

particle scattering



Feynman integrals



Basic tool for the theoretical prediction in particle physics













Feynman integrals, nowadays



precision particle physics

> Feynman integrals



formal theory

Julius Wess Jonathan Bagger

Supersymmetry and Supergravity

SECOND EDITION REVISED AND EXPANDED

N=8 supergravity is UV-finite until five loop

Gravitational wave

Feynman integrals, nowadays



Significant progress after 2010

Why analytic Feynman integrals?

- Once the analytic expression is obtained, the phase point generation is extremely fast
- Avoid unstable numeric phase points
- Understand the deep structure and hidden symmetry in quantum field theory

and yes, we can.

Main stream Feynman integral computation method Canonical Differential Equation for Analytic Feynman integrals





Computational algebraic geometry

It is usually easier to compute Feynman integrals with differential equations than by the direct integration.

From Feynman integrals to master integrals

For a scattering process, there are a huge number of integrals

After a tensor reduction

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1}}$$

IBP reduction

at the two/three loop orders,

IBP reduction can reduce millions of Feynman integrals to hundreds of master integrals.

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_i^{\mu}} \frac{v_i^{\mu}}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}} = 0$$

$\frac{1}{D_k^{\alpha_k}}, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{negative index means} \\ \text{the numerator} \end{array}$

Chetyrkin, Tkachov 1981

IBP reduction

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_i^{\mu}} \frac{v_i^{\mu}}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}} = 0$$

Usually by choosing different vectors, we also have a huge number of IBP relations To get the complete reduction: Gaussian Elimination (Laporta algorithm 2000)

Two issues:

1. The Gaussian Elimination is computationally heavy, sometimes the most time consuming step for a scattering amplitude computation

2. The IBP reduction coefficients may be too large to use.

Use computational algebraic geometry for help!

Our method

module intersection

IBP in Baikov representation

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}} \propto \int_{\Omega}$$

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} dz_1 \dots dz_k \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \left(\int_{\Omega} dz_i \right)^{k-1} dz_i = 0$$

No boundary term feel free to set some of



Baikov 1996



IBP in **Baikov** representation with constraints

Require

1. no shifted exponent:

2. no propagator degree increase:

Larsen, YZ 2015 YZ 2016

Both M_1 and M_2 are pretty simple ...

 $M_1 \cap M_2$

polynomials $\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j(z) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z)F = 0 \quad \text{These } (a_1(z), \dots a_k(z)) \text{ form a module } M_1 \subset R^k.$ $a_i(z) \in \langle z_i \rangle$, $1 \le i \le m$ These $(a_1(z), \dots, a_k(z))$ form a modul $M_2 \subset R^k$.

Intersection of two modules a typical

Determine the first module



If F is a determinant matrix whose elements are from the second s syzygy module is simple.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Laplace expansion

$$\sum_{j} a_{k,j} \frac{\partial (\det A)}{\partial a_{i,j}} - \delta_{k,i} \cdot e^{-i \theta - \delta_{k,j}} = \delta_{k,i} \cdot e^{-i \theta - \delta_{k,j}} + \delta_{k,i} \cdot e^{-i \theta - \delta_$$

Get all first order annihilator, proved by Gulliksen–Negard and Jozefiak exact sequences Boehm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schulze, YZ 2017

Roman Lee's trick

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equivalent to canonical IBP in momentum space

 $\det A = 0$

Module Intersection

computational algebraic geometry problem

very similar to linear space intersection, but only polynomials are allowed



Gröbner Basis computation to eliminate first t components of a row

Example, massless double box



 $M_1 \cap M_2$ is computed within seconds, with Singular 4.1.2's intersect

(Each row is a module generator)

Now module intersection is really fast



5 Mandelstam variables, with a triple cut seconds to get the module intersection (and truncated IBPs)

After module intersection







lowest MI











Research example

module intersection

Cut	# relations	# integrals	si
$\{1,5,7\}$	2723	2749	1.4
$\{1,\!5,\!8\}$	2753	2777	1.6
$\{1, 6, 8\}$	2817	2822	2.1
$\{2, 4, 8\}$	2918	2921	2.1
$\{2,5,7\}$	2796	2805	1.5
$\{2, 6, 7\}$	2769	2814	1.2
$\{2, 6, 8\}$	2801	2821	1.6
$\{3, 4, 7\}$	2742	2771	1.4
$\{3, 4, 8\}$	2824	2849	1.9
$\{3, 6, 7\}$	2662	2674	1.5
$\{1,3,4,5\}$	1600	1650	0.72

100 times smaller system than the system from the standard program FIRE6

Bendle, Boehm, Decker, Georgoudis, Pfreundt, Rahn, Wasser, YZ *JHEP 02 (2020) 079*



Application of algebraic geometry for integrable spin chain

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Bethe Ansatz Equation

Heisenberg spin chains are solved by BAE

$$\left(\frac{u_j + i/2}{u_j - i/2}\right)^L = \prod_{k \neq j}^M \frac{u_j - u_k - i}{u_j - u_k + i}, \quad j = 0$$

Physical quantities are usually symmetric functions of Bethe roots for example:

$$E \propto \sum_{k=1}^{M} \frac{1}{u_k^2 + 1/2}$$

Solving BAE usually provides numeric roots with errors Can we get analytic physical quantities from BAE?



$= 1, \ldots, M$

Hans Bethe

ethe roots



Symmetric function

Symmetric function of roots

For one univariate equation

$$0 = x^n - e_1 x^{n-1} + e_2 x^{n-2} + \ldots + (-1)^n e_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (x - x_i)$$
symmetric function of roots are clearly polynomials of e.'s the coeffi-

Any symmetric function of roots are clearly polynomials of e_i 's, the coefficients of the equation.

multivariate (multiple) equations

Any symmetric polynomial (rational function) of roots would also be rational function of the equation coefficients

with the help of computational algebraic geometry

no need to solve the equation

Companion Matrix method

polynomial ring

equations

quotient ring

The quotient ring is a finite dimensional linear space with multiplication

$$R/I = \operatorname{span}\{b_1,$$

We consider the linear representation of R/I,

$$[f \cdot b_i] = a_{ij}[b_j],$$
Companion Matri



 $\ldots b_k$

 $[f] \in R/I$

rix, with the size of the solution

Companion Matrix method

$$[f \cdot b_i] = a_{ij}[b_j] \quad \Rightarrow f(p)b_i$$

Each eigenvalue of the companion matrix is the value of f on a solution

$$\mathrm{tr}M_{[f]} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Z}_{p \in \mathcal{Z}}$$

Symmetric polynomial (rational) function of roots is the trace of the companion matrix

This key property plays the central role of evaluating physical quantities from BAE



 $\mathcal{Z}(I) f(p)$

Jiang, **YZ** 2018

Companion Matrix example

 $x^{2} -$

MultiplicationMatrix[y^2,Gr,kbasis,{x,y,z},MonomialOrder→DegreeReverseLexicographic]//MatrixForm Tr[Normal[%]]

MatrixForm=

	4	Θ	Θ	-1	0	-1	Θ	0	
	-2	2	-2	Θ	Θ	1	Θ	0	
	-1	Θ	2	1	1	Θ	-1	0	
	-3	Θ	-1	3	Θ	Θ	Θ	-1	
	0	-2	3	-2	2	Θ	-2	1	
	5	1	Θ	Θ	Θ	Θ	1	0	
	0	1	-1	1	1	Θ	1	0	
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 $\sum_{p\in\mathcal{Z}(I)} y^2|_p = 14$

consistent with the numeric result

NSolve[Ideal, {x,y,z}]		
{ { $x \rightarrow -1.48768 - 0.314318 i$, y → 1.11439 + 0.935209 i, z	$\rightarrow 0.76724 - 1.5632 imes \}$,
$\{x \rightarrow -1.48768 + 0.314318 i$, y $ ightarrow$ 1.11439 – 0.935209 i, z	\rightarrow 0.76724 + 1.5632 i },
$\{x \rightarrow -0.0219091 - 0.45052\}$	i, $y \rightarrow -1.20249 + 0.019741$, z → 0.164836 – 1.22257 i },
$\{x \rightarrow -0.0219091 + 0.450523\}$	i, y \rightarrow -1.20249 - 0.019741	, $z \rightarrow 0.164836 + 1.22257 \text{ i}$ },
$\{x \rightarrow 0.0618829 + 1.00477 i$, y $\rightarrow -2.00574 + 0.124357$ i,	$z \rightarrow -0.372019 - 2.0209 i$ },
$\{x \rightarrow 0.0618829 - 1.00477 i$, y \rightarrow -2.00574 - 0.124357 i,	$z \rightarrow -0.372019 + 2.0209 \text{ i}$ },
$\{x \rightarrow 1.4477 - 0.0448355 i,$	$y \rightarrow \texttt{1.09384} - \texttt{0.129817}$ i, z	→ -0.560057 - 0.213516 i },
$\{x \rightarrow 1.4477 + 0.0448355 i,$	$y \rightarrow \texttt{1.09384} + \texttt{0.129817}$ i, z	→ -0.560057 + 0.213516 i } }

$$y - 1 = y^2 + z^2 - x = xz - y^2 + 2 = 0$$

Implement:



calling Singular from Mathematica

https://www.singular.uni-kl.de

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Research level example: 6-vertex model



a lattice model to describe ice or potassium dihydrogen phosphate It is mapped to Heisenberg XXX spin chain

Use our algebraic geometry method, we get the exact partition function for the lattice size 100×14

(Brute Force) to compute 100th power of a 16384×16384 matrix, impossible

Jacobson, Jiang, YZ, 2019 Bajnok, Jacobson, Jiang, Nepomechie, YZ, 2020



• Novel methods for analytic computations in theoretical physics Computational algebraic geometry applications:

Analytic Feynman integral reduction Analytic computations with Bethe Ansatz Equation

Vielen Dank!

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