

Practical guide to analytic loop integration

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Exercise Sheet 4

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You might find the Mathematica packages MB Tools useful: https://mbtools.hepforge.org/. Consider using especially MB.m, MBresolve.m, and barnesroutines.m.

Exercise 1: Mellin Barnes expansion

In this example, we will consider once again a sunset diagram

$$= \int [\mathrm{d}k_1] [\mathrm{d}k_2] \frac{1}{\left[k_1^2 - m^2\right] \left[k_2^2 - M^2\right] \left[(k_1 - k_2 - p)^2\right]}$$
(1)

with $p^2 = m^2$.

a) Use a single MB split to solve the Feynman integrals. There is no need to sum the MB series yet.

The MB will be of the form

$$I = \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} dz \left(\frac{m^2}{M^2}\right)^{-z} f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m^2}{M^2}\right)^n f'(n)$$

with some f(z) and f'(n) assuming we have closed the contour on the correct side.

We can at this point decide that $0 < m \ll M$ and expand the integral. Conceptually, this is done by noting that the terms in the series of residues are suppressed by $(m^2/M^2)^n$. To expand to any order in m^2/M^2 we just truncate the series.

- b) Calculate the integral up to $\mathcal{O}(m^4)$.
- c) Solve the integral exactly in m by calculating the full series, expand in ϵ using HypExp. Finally expand in m to verify your result.

(for the adventurous)

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Exercise 2: Multiple Mellin Barnes

Consider the following non-planar integral

$$= \int [dk_1] [dk_2] \frac{1}{[k_1^2] [k_2^2] [(k_1 - p - q)^2] [(k_1 - k_2)^2] [(k_1 - k_2 - q)^2] [(k_2 - p)^2]}$$

with $p^2 = q^2 = 0$ and $(p+q)^2 = s$.

a) Solve the Feynman integration. This can be done using two Mellin Barnes splits

$$\frac{1}{(A_1 + A_2 + A_3)^{\lambda}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathrm{d}z_1 \mathrm{d}z_2 A_1^{z_1} \Gamma(-z_1) A_2^{z_2} \Gamma(-z_2) A_3^{-\lambda - z_1 - z_2} \Gamma(\lambda + z_1 + z_2)$$

Hint: You might find the substitution $x_2 \rightarrow x_6 x_2$ useful.

- b) Resolve the singularities and expand in ϵ up to ϵ^0 .
- c) Use the Barnes Lemmas and PSLQ to solve the resulting integral