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- This is an attempt to shed some new light on nonrenormalizable interactions with the aim to make sense of them at least in some cases
- As an example we consider maximally supersymmetric gauge theory in D=8 dimensions and focus on the on-shell scattering amplitudes
- The reason is that this case was studied in detail

in collaboration with A. Borlakov, D.Tolkachev and D.Vlasenko

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and has important advantages

All analysis in performed within dimensional regularization

Motivation



D=4 N=8 Supergravity

On-shell finite up to 8 loops Similar to higher dim SYM

<u>Object</u>: Helicity Amplitudes on mass shell with arbitrary number of legs and loops

 $N_c \to \infty, g_{YM}^2 \to 0 \text{ and } g_{YM}^2 N_c$ - fixed <u>The case:</u> Planar limit

<u>The aim</u>: to get all loop (exact) result

Study of higher dim SYM gives insight into quantum gravity

UV divergences in all Loops

Spinor-helicity formalism: S-matrix elements

- D=4 N=4 No UV div IR div on shell
- D=6 N=2 UV div from 3 loops No IR div
- D=8 N=1 UV div from 1 loop No IR div
- D=10 N=1 UV div from 1 loop No IR div

All these theories are non-renormalizable by power counting The coupling g^2 has dimension $[g^2] = \frac{1}{M^{D-4}}$

The aim: to get all loop (exact) result for the leading (at least) divs

Perturbation Expansion for the 4-point Amplitudes for any D



Universal expansion for any D in maximal SYM due to Dual conformal invariance

Leading Divergences from Generalized «Renormalization Group»

• In renormalizable theories the leading divergences can be found from the 1-loop term due to the renormalization group, in particular, for a single coupling theory the coefficient of $1/\epsilon^n$ in n loops is

$$\mathcal{R}'G = \sum_{n} \frac{a_n^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n} \qquad a_n^{(n)} = (a_1^{(1)})^n$$

 In non-renormalizable theories the leading divergences can be also found from 1-loop due to locality and R-operation

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{R}'G &= 1 - \sum_{\gamma} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma} + \sum_{\gamma,\gamma'} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma'} - ..., \\ \mathcal{R}'G_n &= -\frac{A_n^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{n\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{A_{n-1}^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{(n-1)\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + ... + \frac{A_1^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} \\ -\text{eading pole} &+ \frac{B_n^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{n\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} + \frac{B_{n-1}^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{(n-1)\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} + ... + \frac{B_1^{(n)}(\mu^2)^{\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} \\ &\quad +\text{lower order terms} \\ \text{SubLeading pole} & A_1^{(n)}, B_1^{(n)} & \text{1-loop graph} \\ B_2^{(n)} & \text{2-loop graph} \end{split}$$

SubLeading Divergences from Generalized «Renormalization Group»

 In non-renormalizable theories the leading divergences can be also found from 1-loop due to locality and R-operation

All terms like $(log\mu^2)^m/\epsilon^k$ should cancel

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^{(n)} &= (-1)^{n+1} \frac{A_1^{(n)}}{n}, \\ B_n^{(n)} &= (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{n} B_2^{(n)} + \frac{n-2}{n} B_1^{(n)}\right) \\ \mathcal{K}\mathcal{R}'G_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{A_k^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{B_k^{(n)}}{\epsilon^{n-1}}\right) \equiv \frac{A_n^{(n)'}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{B_n^{(n)'}}{\epsilon^{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$B_n^{(n)'} = \left(\frac{2}{n(n-1)}B_2^{(n)} + \frac{2}{n}B_1^{(n)}\right)$$

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subheading, etc

divergences from

1, 2, etc diagrams

One-loop box



This is true to all orders of PT like in renormalizable theories via the locality of the counterterms due to the R-operation

Ladder diagrams (leading divs)



 $A_3 = \frac{2}{33!4!4!} + \frac{2}{35!3!3!}$

Ladder diagrams (leading divs)



$$\Sigma(z) = -(z/6 + z^2/144 + z^3/2880 + 7z^4/414720 + \dots) \qquad z_0 = \arcsin(\sqrt{3/8})$$

All loop Exact Recurrence Relation

D=8 N=1

s-channel term $S_n(s,t)$ t-channel term $T_n(s,t)$ $T_n(s,t) = S_n(t,s)$

Exact relation for ALL diagrams

$$nS_{n}(s,t) = -2s^{2} \int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{0}^{x} dy \ y(1-x) \ (S_{n-1}(s,t') + T_{n-1}(s,t'))|_{t'=tx+yu}$$

+ $s^{4} \int_{0}^{1} dx \ x^{2}(1-x)^{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \sum_{p=0}^{2k-2} \frac{1}{p!(p+2)!} \ \frac{d^{p}}{dt'^{p}} (S_{k}(s,t') + T_{k}(s,t')) \times$
 $S_{1} = \frac{1}{12}, \ T_{1} = \frac{1}{12} \qquad \times \frac{d^{p}}{dt'^{p}} (S_{n-1-k}(s,t') + T_{n-1-k}(s,t'))|_{t'=-sx} \ (tsx(1-x))^{p}$

summation $\Sigma_3(s,t,z) = \Sigma_1(s,t,z) - S_2(s,t)z^2 + S_1(s,t)z, \ \Sigma_2(s,t,z) = \Sigma_1(s,t,z) + S_1(s,t)z$ Diff eqn

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dz}\Sigma(s,t,z) &= -\frac{1}{12} + 2s^2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy \ y(1-x) \ (\Sigma(s,t',z) + \Sigma(t',s,z))|_{t'=tx+yu} \\ &- s^4 \int_0^1 dx \ x^2(1-x)^2 \sum_{p=0}^\infty \frac{1}{p!(p+2)!} (\frac{d^p}{dt'^p} (\Sigma(s,t',z) + \Sigma(t',s,z))|_{t'=-sx})^2 \ (tsx(1-x))^p. \end{split}$$

All loop Solution (leading divs)



Subleading divergences

$$\Sigma_L(z) + \epsilon \Sigma_{NL}(z) + \epsilon^2 \Sigma_{NNL}(z) + \cdots$$

$$\Sigma(z) = \sum_{n}^{\infty} z^n F_n$$

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D=8 N=1

sLadder case

$$\Sigma_{NL} = s\Sigma_{sB}(z) + t\Sigma_{tB}(z) \qquad \qquad z = \frac{g^2 s^2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Sigma_{tB}'(z) = \frac{5}{6} \left[e^{z/60} (2\cos(z/30) - \sin(z/30)) - 2 \right]$$

$$\Sigma_{tB} = -\frac{1}{36} \left[60 + z + e^{z/60} (-(60 + z)\cos(z/30) - 2(-15 + z)\sin(z/30)) \right]$$

Sum of Ladder diagrams (subleading divs)

$$\frac{d^2 \Sigma'_{sB}(z)}{dz^2} + f_1(z) \frac{d \Sigma'_{sB}(z)}{dz} + f_2(z) \Sigma'_{sB}(z) = f_3(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diff eqn} & f_1(z) = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\Sigma_A}{15}, \\ f_2(z) &= \frac{1}{80} - \frac{\Sigma_A}{360} + \frac{\Sigma_A^2}{600} + \frac{1}{15}\frac{d\Sigma_A}{dz}, \\ f_3(z) &= \frac{2321}{5!5!2}\Sigma_A + \frac{11}{1800}\Sigma_{tB}' - \frac{47}{5!45}\Sigma_A^2 - \frac{1}{5!72}\Sigma_A\Sigma_{tB}' + \frac{23}{6750}\Sigma_A^3 + \frac{1}{1200}\Sigma_A^2\Sigma_{tB}' \\ &- \frac{19}{36}\frac{d\Sigma_A}{dz} - \frac{1}{15}\frac{d\Sigma_{tB}'}{dz} + \frac{23}{225}\frac{d\Sigma_A^2}{dz} + \frac{1}{30}\frac{d(\Sigma_A\Sigma_{tB}')}{dz} - \frac{3}{32} \end{aligned}$$

Solution to Diff eqn

 $\Sigma_{sB}' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} z^n B_{sn}'$

smooth monotonic function

$$\Sigma_{sB}'(z) = \frac{d\Sigma_A}{dz}u(z) \qquad u(z) = \int_0^z dy \int_0^y dx \frac{f_3(x)}{d\Sigma_A(x)/dx}$$

Scheme dependence and arbitrariness of subtraction

subleading case

$$A'_{1} + B'_{s1} = \frac{1}{6\epsilon} (1 + c_{1}\epsilon) \qquad \Delta \Sigma'_{sB} = c_{1}z \frac{d\Sigma'_{A}}{dz}. \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad z \to z(1 + c_{1}\epsilon).$$

sub-subleading case

$$A'_{2} + B'_{2} = \frac{s}{3!4!\epsilon^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{5}{12}\epsilon + 2c_{1}\epsilon + c_{2}\epsilon^{2} \right) \qquad \Delta \Sigma'_{sC} = c_{2}\epsilon^{2} \frac{d\Sigma'_{A}}{dz}.$$
$$\longrightarrow \qquad z \to z(1 + c_{1}\epsilon) + z^{2}c_{2}\epsilon^{2}.$$

$$\Delta \Sigma'_{sC} = -\underbrace{c_1^2 z_1}_{4!} \left(\frac{d\Sigma'_A}{dz} - 12 \frac{d^2 \Sigma'_A}{dz^2} \right) \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad z \to z(1 + c_1 \epsilon) + z^2 (c_2 + \underbrace{c_1^2}_{4!} 4!) \epsilon^2$$

Scheme dependence and arbitrariness of subtraction



 $z \to z(1+c_1\epsilon) + z^2(c_2 - c_1^2/4!)\epsilon^2 + z^3c_1^3/6!\epsilon^3 - z^4c_1^4/4!6!\epsilon^4 + \dots$

R-operation is equivalent to

renormalizable theories

nonrenormalizable theories

$$ar{A}_4 = Z_4(g^2)ar{A}_4^{bare}|_{g^2_{bare} ->g^2 Z_4} \ g^2_{bare} = \mu^\epsilon Z_4(g^2)g^2. \ Z = 1 - \sum_i KR'G_i$$

simple multiplication

<u>operator</u> multiplication

$$Z = 1 + \frac{g^2}{\epsilon} + g^4 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) + \dots$$

$$Z = 1 + \frac{g^2}{\epsilon} st + g^4 st \left(\frac{s^2 + t^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{s^2 + st + t^2}{\epsilon}\right) + \cdots$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{g^2}{\epsilon} (D_\rho D_\sigma F_{\mu\nu})^2$$

<u>operator</u> kinematically dependent renormalization

at 2 loops

R'

$$\bar{A}_4 = 1 - \frac{g_B^2 st}{3!\epsilon} - \frac{g_B^4 st}{3!4!} \left(\frac{s^2 + t^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{27/4s^2 + 1/3st + 27/4t^2}{\epsilon}\right) + \dots$$

 $\bar{A}_4 = Z_4(g^2)\bar{A}_4^{bare}|_{g^2_{bare} \to g^2 Z_4}$

$$Z_4 = 1 + \frac{g^2 st}{3!\epsilon} + \frac{g^4 st}{3!4!} \left(-\frac{s^2 + t^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{5/12s^2 + 1/3st + 5/12t^2}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$$g_B^2 = g^2 (1 + \frac{s}{3!\epsilon})$$

$$\frac{g^2 s t}{\epsilon} \Longrightarrow \frac{g^2}{\epsilon} \left(s \right) + t \right)$$

this is operator action!

compare with R-operation



Z-operator reproduces R-operation like in renormalizable theories

Two-loop box operator action



Three-loop box counterterms

Tennis court counterterms

Z-operator reproduces R-operation like in renormalizable theories

renormalizable theories

scheme dependence

$$g^2 = zg'^2$$
, $z = 1 + g'^2c_1 + g'^4c_2 + \dots$

infinite number of free parameters lead to a single multiplication constant -> redefinition of a single coupling

nonrenormalizable theories

scheme dependence

$$g^2 = zg'^2$$
, $z = 1 + g'^2 stc_1 + g'^4 st(s^2 + t^2)c_2 + \dots$

infinite number of free parameters lead to a single multiplication constant acting as an operator -> redefinition of a series of couplings

Conclusions

- The structure of UV divergences in non-renormalizable theories essentially copies that of renormalizable ones
- The main difference is that the renormalization constant Z depends on kinematics and acts like an operator rather than simple multiplication
- As a result, one can construct the higher derivative theory that gives the finite scattering amplitudes with a single arbitrary coupling g defined in PT within the given renormalization scheme.
- Fransition to another scheme is performed by the action on the amplitude of a finite renormalization operator z that depends on kinematics.
- Assuming that one accepts these arguments, there is still a problem that at each order of PT the amplitude increases with energy, thus violating unitarity. However, apparently, this problem has to be addressed after summation of the whole PT series.