



Structure of the UV Divergences in Maximally Supersymmetric Theories



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Motivation

Maximal SYM

D=4 N=4

D=6 N=2

D=8 N=1

D=10 N=1

- Partial or total cancellations (all bubble and triangle diagrams cancel)
- First discovered in 1970s at D=4+6/L
- Maximal conformal symmetry
- Hidden structure of the integrands

All of them can be obtained from 10dim superstring by compactification on a torus

Bern, Dixon & Co 10

Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev 10

Arkani-Hamed 12

D=4 N=8 Supergravity

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

Object: Helicity Amplitudes on mass shell with arbitrary number of legs and loops

The case: Planar limit $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, $g_{YM}^2 \rightarrow 0$ and $g_{YM}^2 N_c$ - fixed

The aim: 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

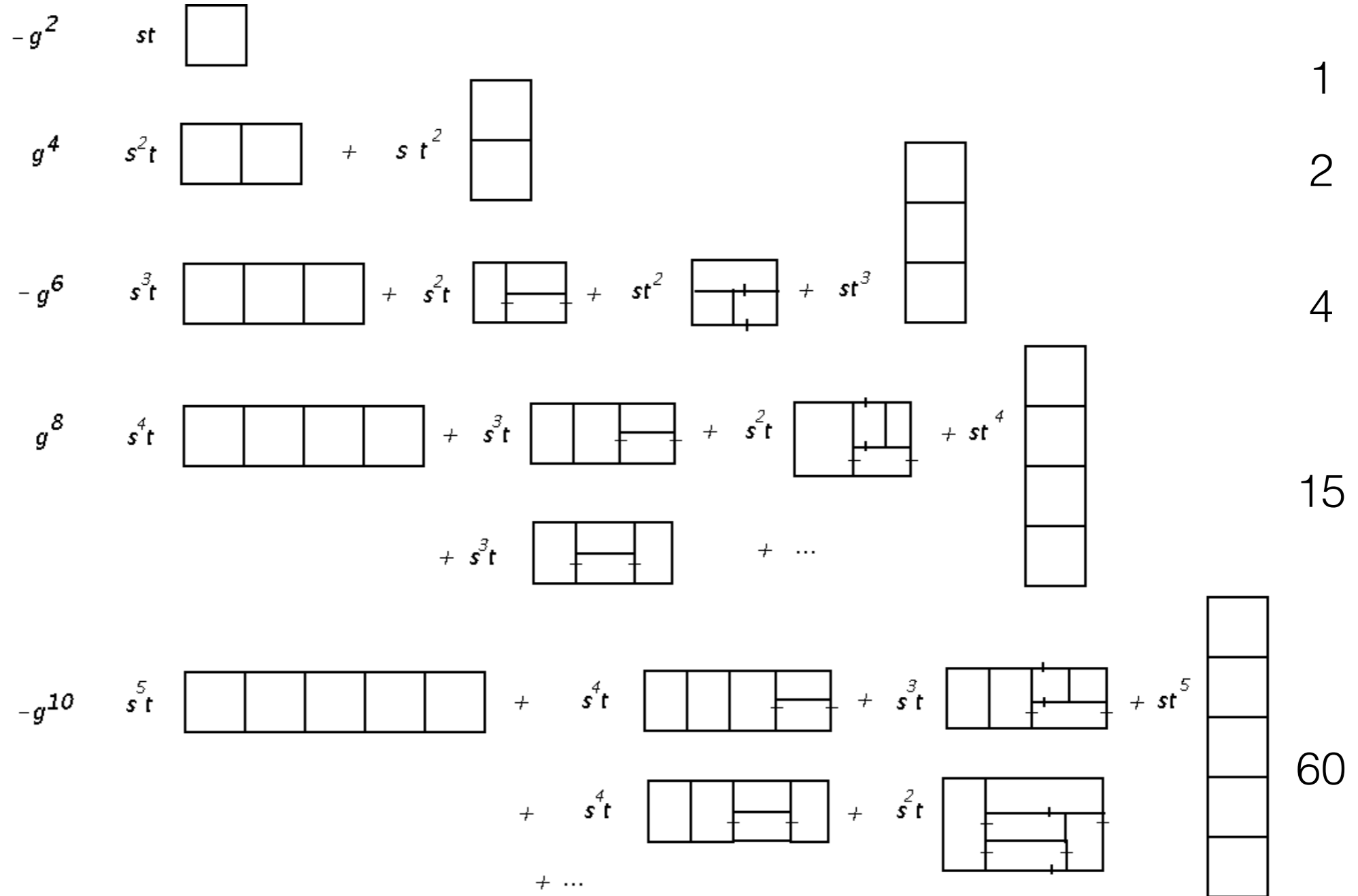
Perturbation Expansion for the 4-point Amplitudes for any D

$$A_4/A_4^{tree}$$

No bubbles
No Triangles

First UV div at
 $L=[6/(D-4)]$ loops

IR finite



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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

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

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

$$\mathcal{R}'G = 1 - \sum_{\gamma} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma} + \sum_{\gamma, \gamma'} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma} K \mathcal{R}'_{\gamma'} - \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{R}'G_n = \frac{A_n^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{n\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{A_{n-1}^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{(n-1)\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n} + \dots + \frac{A_1^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{\epsilon}}{\epsilon^n}$$

$$+ \frac{B_n^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{n\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} + \frac{B_{n-1}^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{(n-1)\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{B_1^{(n)} (\mu^2)^{\epsilon}}{\epsilon^{n-1}}$$

+lower order terms

Leading pole

SubLeading pole

$A_1^{(n)}, B_1^{(n)}$

$B_2^{(n)}$

1-loop graph

2-loop graph

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

$$A_n^{(n)} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{A_1^{(n)}}{n},$$

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

Leading pole
from 1 loop
diagrams

SubLeading pole
from 2 loop
diagrams

$$\mathcal{KR}'G_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{A_k^{(n)}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{B_k^{(n)}}{\epsilon^{n-1}} \right) \equiv \frac{A_n^{(n)'}}{\epsilon^n} + \frac{B_n^{(n)'}}{\epsilon^{n-1}}.$$

$$A_n^{(n)'} = (-1)^{n+1} A_n^{(n)} = \frac{A_1^{(n)}}{n},$$

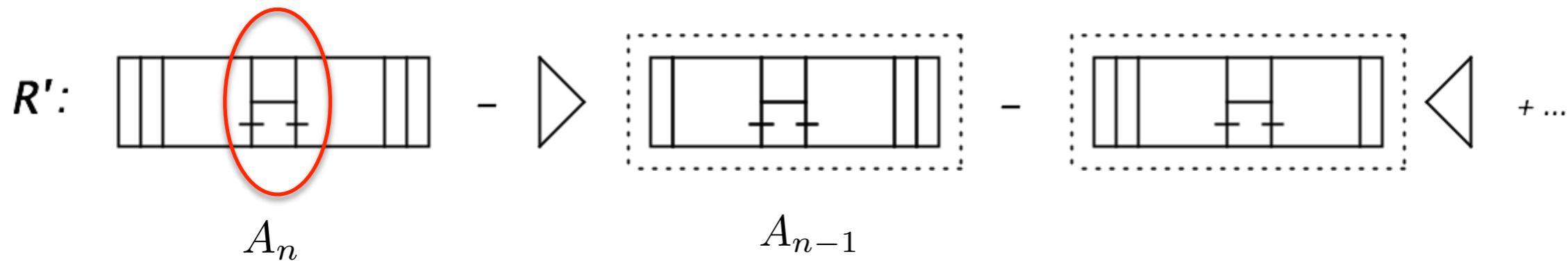
$$B_n^{(n)'} = \left(\frac{2}{n(n-1)} B_2^{(n)} + \frac{2}{n} B_1^{(n)} \right)$$

Just like in
renormalizable
theories one can
deduce the
leading,
subleading, etc
divergences from
1, 2, etc diagrams

R-operation and Recurrence Relation

D=6 N=2

Horizontal boxes + tennis court



$$nA_n = -A_{n-1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_n = (-1)^n \frac{2}{n!} \quad (-g^2 s)^n$$

Summation

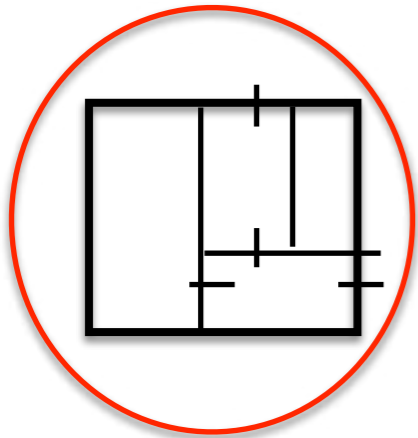
$$\Sigma_L = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} A_n (-z)^n \quad z \equiv \frac{g^2 s}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Sigma_L = \frac{2}{z^2} \left(e^z - 1 - z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad \Sigma_L \rightarrow \begin{cases} \infty & s > 0 \\ -1 & s < 0 \end{cases}$$

R-operation and Recurrence Relation

D=6 N=2



Horizontal boxes + double tennis court

$$nA_n^t = -\frac{1}{3}A_{n-1}^t, \quad nA_n^s = -A_{n-1}^s + \frac{1}{3}A_{n-1}^t$$

$$A_n^t = \frac{(-1)^n}{3^{n-3}} \frac{1}{n!}, \quad A_n^s = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(-1)^n}{3^{n-3}} \frac{1}{n!} - \frac{1}{2} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$(-g^2s)^{n-1}(-g^2t) \quad (-g^2s)^n$$

Summation

$$\Sigma_{L2} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} A_n^s (-z)^n + \frac{t}{s} A_n^t (-z)^n \quad z \equiv \frac{g^2s}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Sigma_{L2} = \frac{1}{2s^2z^2} \left[27(e^{z/3} - 1 - \frac{z}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{z^2}{9} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{z^3}{27}) (1 + 2\frac{t}{s}) - (e^z - 1 - sz - \frac{1}{2}z^2 - \frac{1}{6}z^3) \right]$$

- **Similar relations one can get for all other series**
- **All of them have 1/n! behavior**
- **Number of these series group as n!**

All loop Exact Recurrence Relation

D=6 N=2

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

$$nS_n(s, t) = -2s \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy (S_{n-1}(s, t') + T_{n-1}(s, t')) \quad n \geq 4$$

$$t' = t(x - y) - sy$$

$$S_3 = -s/3, \quad T_3 = -t/3$$

Summation

$$\Sigma_k(s, t, z) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (-z)^n S_n(s, t)$$

Diff eqn

$$\frac{d}{dz} \Sigma_4(s, t, z) = 2s \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy (\Sigma_3(s, t', z) + \Sigma_3(t', s, z))|_{t'=xt+yu}$$

$$\Sigma_4(s, t, z) = \Sigma_3(s, t, z) + S_3(s, t)z^3 \quad \Sigma(s, t, z) = z^{-2}\Sigma_3(s, t, z)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \Sigma(s, t, z) = s - \frac{2}{z} \Sigma(s, t, z) + 2s \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy (\Sigma(s, t', z) + \Sigma(t', s, z))|_{t'=xt+yu}$$

Ladder diagrams (leading divs)

D=8 N=1

Horizontal boxes

$$A_n^{(n)} = s^{n-1} A_n$$

$$nA_n = -\frac{2}{4!}A_{n-1} + \frac{2}{5!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} A_k A_{n-1-k}, \quad n \geq 3$$

$$A_1 = 1/6$$

1 loop box

Summation

$$\Sigma_m(z) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n (-z)^n$$

$$-\frac{d}{dz}\Sigma_3 = -\frac{2}{4!}\Sigma_2 + \frac{2}{5!}\Sigma_1\Sigma_1. \quad \Sigma_3 = \Sigma_1 + A_1z - A_2z^2, \quad \Sigma_2 = \Sigma_1 + A_1z, \quad A_1 = \frac{1}{3!}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{1}{3!4!}$$

$$\Sigma_A \equiv \Sigma_1$$

Diff eqn

$$\frac{d}{dz}\Sigma_A = -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{2}{4!}\Sigma_A - \frac{2}{5!}\Sigma_A^2$$

$$z = g^2 s^2 / \epsilon$$

$$\Sigma_A(z) = -\sqrt{5/3} \frac{4 \tan(z/(8\sqrt{15}))}{1 - \tan(z/(8\sqrt{15}))\sqrt{5/3}} = \sqrt{10} \frac{\sin(z/(8\sqrt{15}))}{\sin(z/(8\sqrt{15}) - z_0)}$$

$$\Sigma(z) = -(z/6 + z^2/144 + z^3/2880 + 7z^4/414720 + \dots)$$

$$z_0 = \arcsin(\sqrt{3/8})$$

All loop Exact Recurrence Relation

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Exact relation for ALL diagrams

$$\begin{aligned}
 nS_n(s, t) &= -2s^2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy y(1-x) (S_{n-1}(s, t') + T_{n-1}(s, t'))|_{t'=tx+yu} \\
 + s^4 \int_0^1 dx x^2(1-x)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \sum_{p=0}^{2k-2} \frac{1}{p!(p+2)!} \frac{d^p}{dt'^p} (S_k(s, t') + T_k(s, t')) \times \\
 S_1 = \frac{1}{12}, T_1 = \frac{1}{12} &\times \frac{d^p}{dt'^p} (S_{n-1-k}(s, t') + T_{n-1-k}(s, t'))|_{t'=-sx} (tsx(1-x))^p
 \end{aligned}$$

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

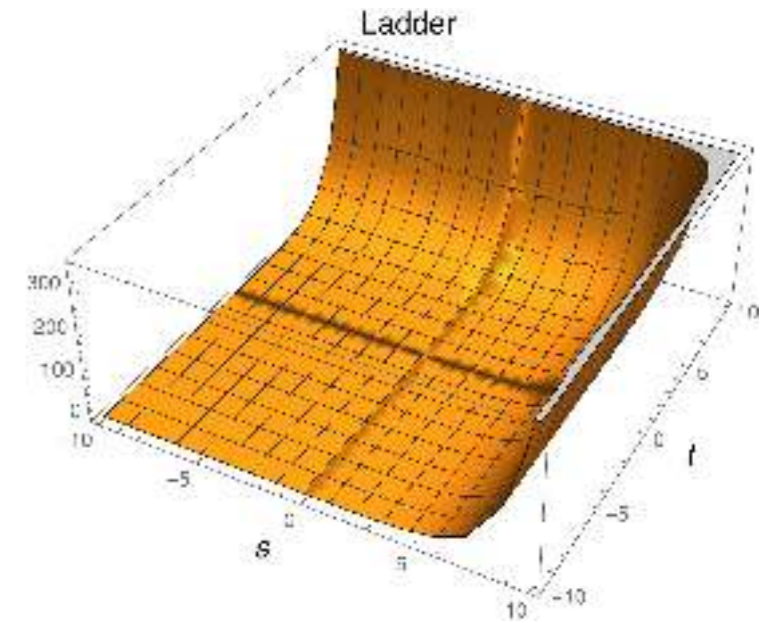
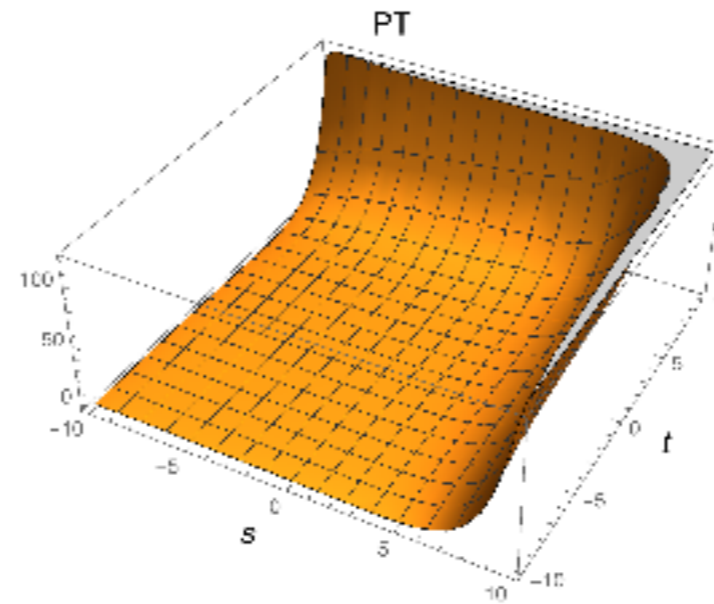
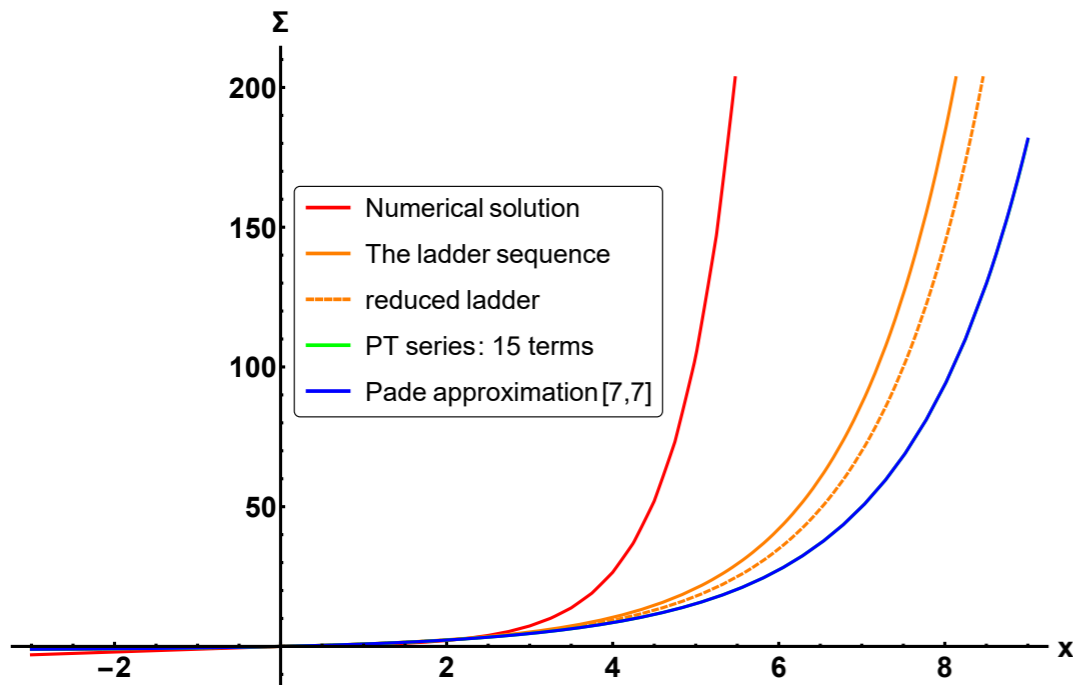
Diff eqn

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

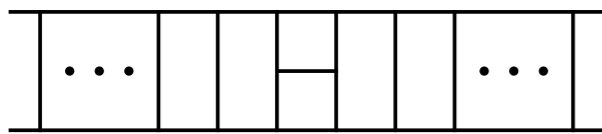
All loop Solution (leading divs)

D=6 N=2

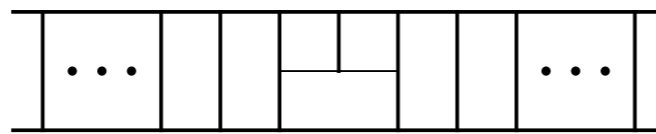
PT (15 terms)



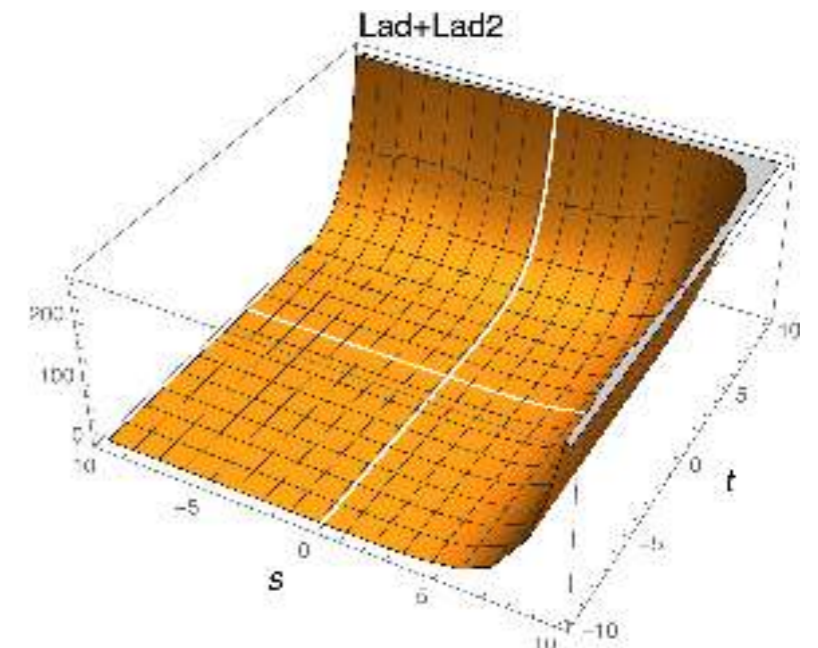
PT and Pade versus ladder for t=s



Ladder



Ladder 2



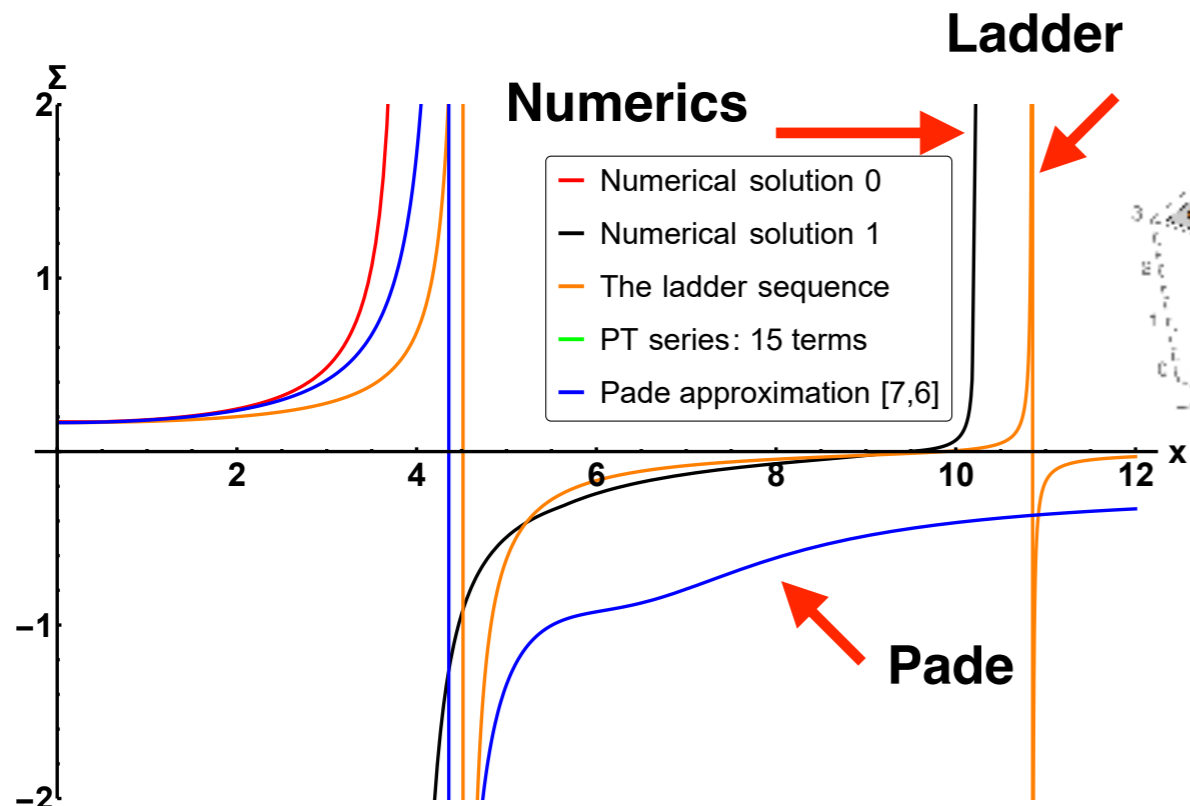
$$\Sigma_L(s, z) = \frac{2}{s^2 z^2} \left(e^{sz} - 1 - sz - \frac{s^2 z^2}{2} \right)$$

$$z = \frac{g^2}{\epsilon}$$

Numerical solution of the full equation is close to the ladder approx

All loop Solution (leading divs)

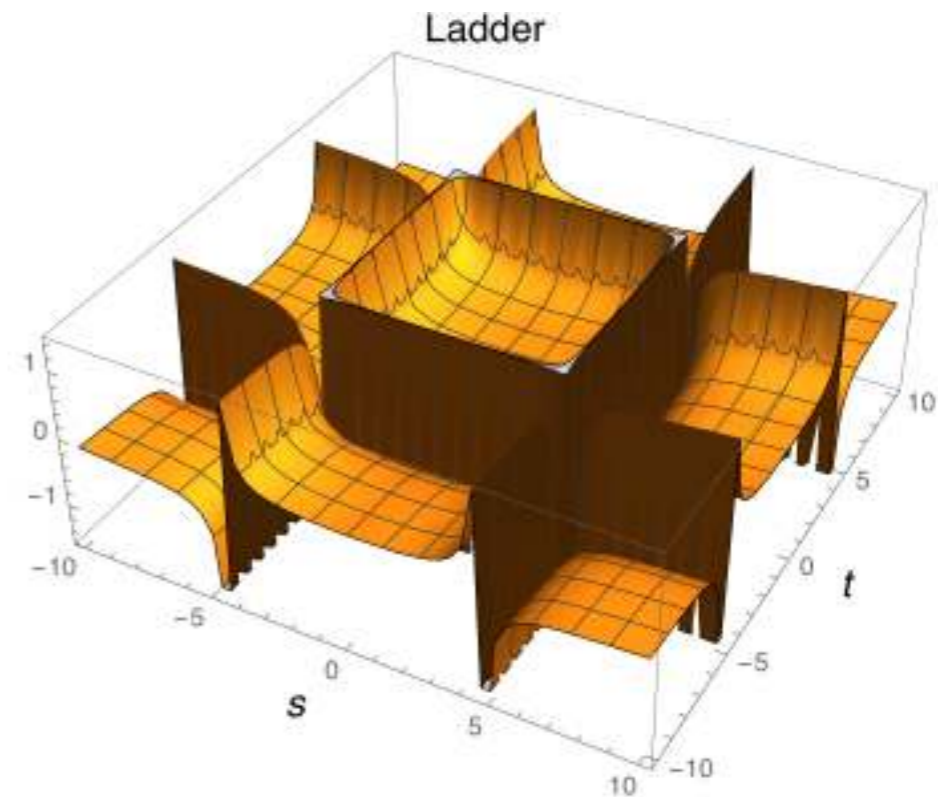
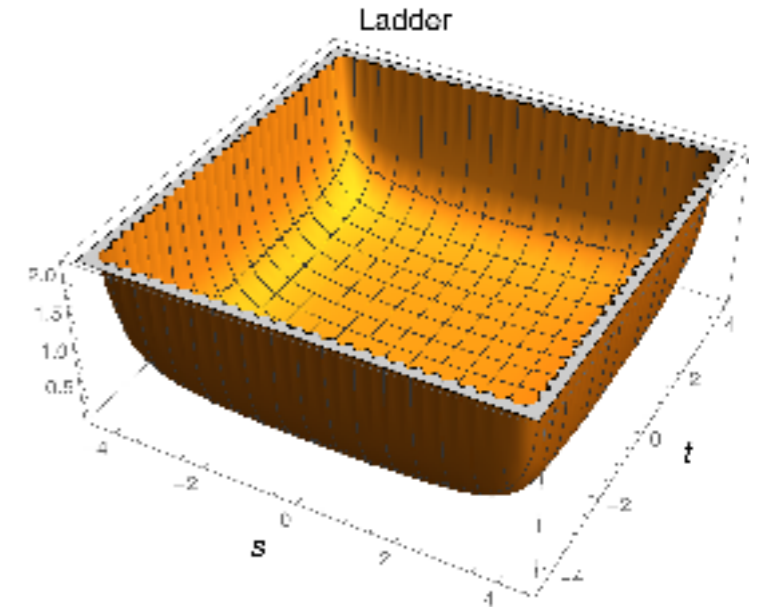
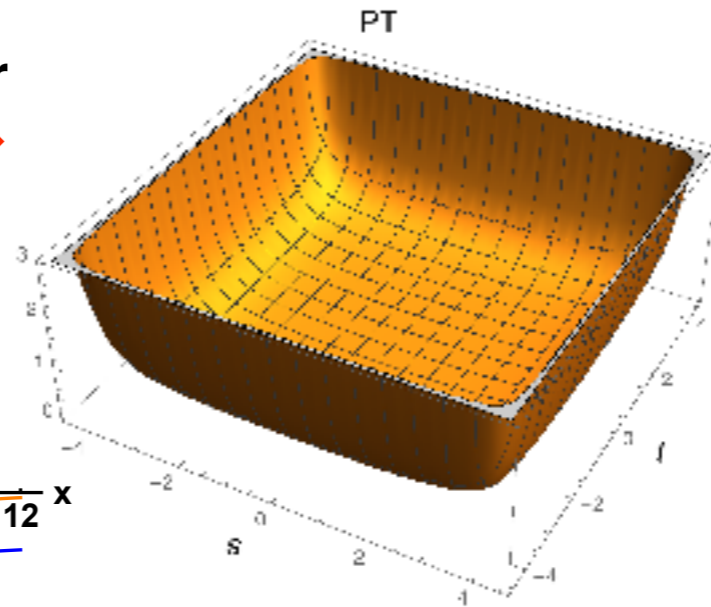
D=8 N=1



PT and Pade versus ladder for t=s



$$z = \frac{g^2}{\epsilon}$$



$$\Sigma_L(s, z) = -\sqrt{5/3} \frac{4 \tan(zs^2 / (8\sqrt{15}))}{1 - \tan(zs^2 / (8\sqrt{15}))\sqrt{5/3}}$$

Subleading divergences

$$\Sigma_L(z) + \epsilon \Sigma_{NL}(z) + \epsilon^2 \Sigma_{NNL}(z) + \dots \qquad \Sigma(z) = \sum_n^\infty z^n F_n$$

$$D = 4 \quad N = 4 \quad z = g^2/\epsilon$$

$$D = 6 \quad N = 2 \quad z = g^2 s/\epsilon, z = g^2 t/\epsilon$$

$$D = 8 \quad N = 1 \quad z = g^2 s^2/\epsilon, z = g^2 st/\epsilon, ..$$

$$D = 10 \quad N = 1 \quad z = g^2 s^3/\epsilon, z = g^2 s^2 t/\epsilon, ..$$

D=8 N=1

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

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

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

Sum of Ladder diagrams (subleading divs)

$$\Sigma'_{sB} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} z^n B'_{sn}$$

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

Diff eqn

$$f_1(z) = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\Sigma_A}{15},$$

$$f_2(z) = \frac{1}{80} - \frac{\Sigma_A}{360} + \frac{\Sigma_A^2}{600} + \frac{1}{15} \frac{d \Sigma_A}{dz},$$

$$f_3(z) = \frac{2321}{5!5!2} \Sigma_A + \frac{11}{1800} \Sigma'_{tB} - \frac{47}{5!45} \Sigma_A^2 - \frac{1}{5!72} \Sigma_A \Sigma'_{tB} + \frac{23}{6750} \Sigma_A^3 + \frac{1}{1200} \Sigma_A^2 \Sigma'_{tB} \\ - \frac{19}{36} \frac{d \Sigma_A}{dz} - \frac{1}{15} \frac{d \Sigma'_{tB}}{dz} + \frac{23}{225} \frac{d \Sigma_A^2}{dz} + \frac{1}{30} \frac{d(\Sigma_A \Sigma'_{tB})}{dz} - \frac{3}{32}$$

Solution to Diff eqn

$$\Sigma'_{sB}(z) = \frac{d \Sigma_A}{dz} u(z)$$

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

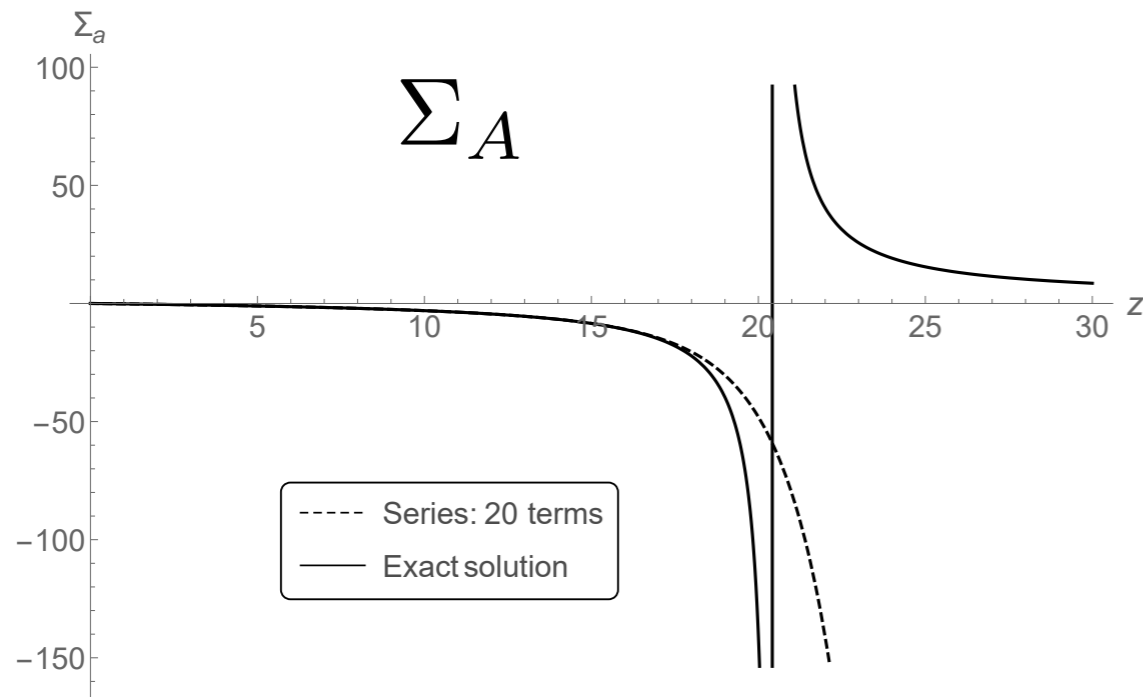
smooth monotonic function



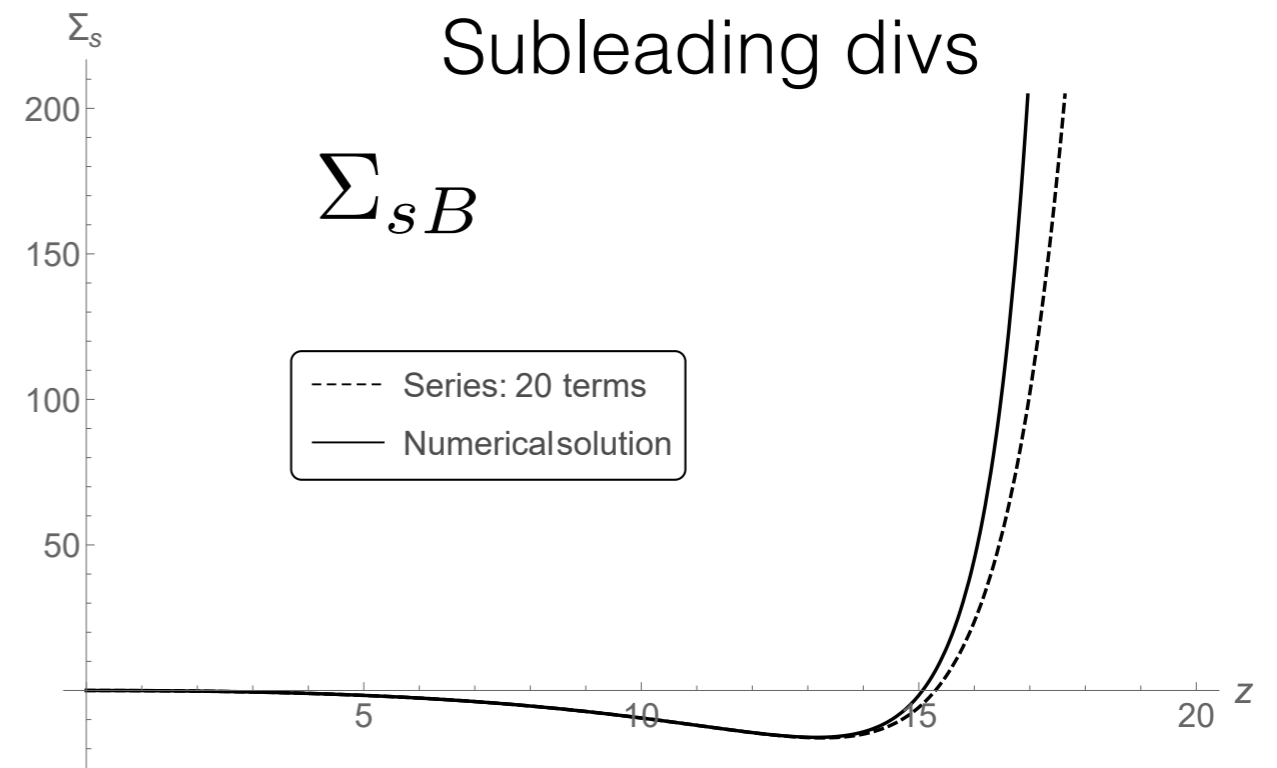
Sum of the Ladder diagrams

solutions

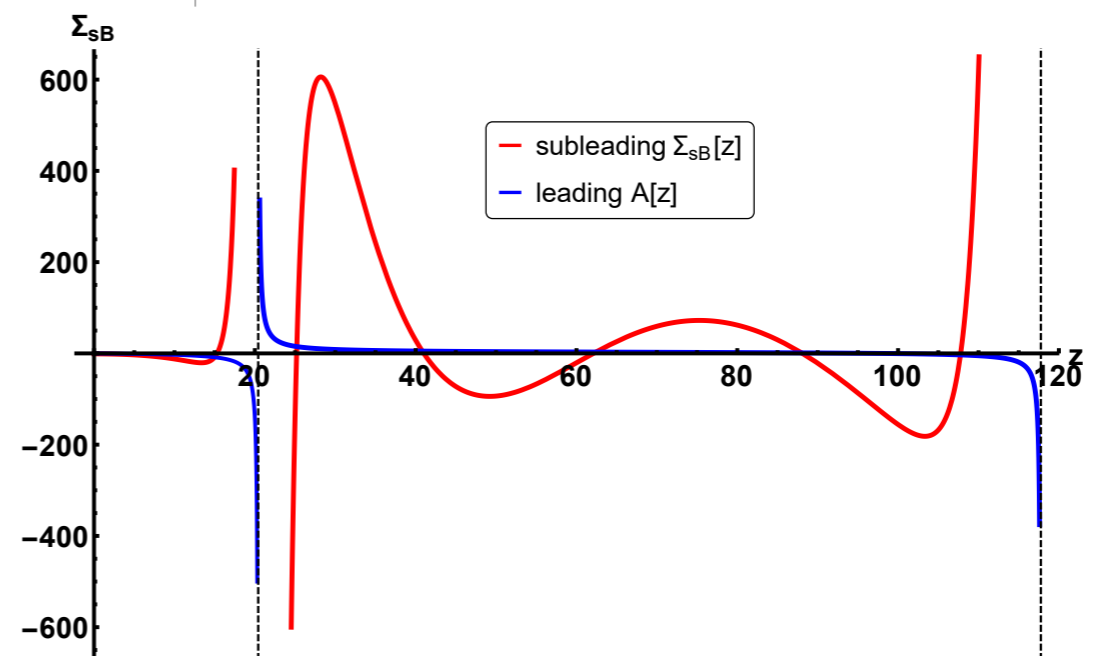
Leading divs



Subleading divs



Infinite number of poles



Infinite number of poles at the same position

Scheme dependence and arbitrariness of subtraction

subleading case

$$A'_1 + B'_{s1} = \frac{1}{6\epsilon}(1 + c_1\epsilon) \quad \Delta\Sigma'_{sB} = c_1 z \frac{d\Sigma'_A}{dz} \quad \longrightarrow \quad z \rightarrow z(1 + c_1\epsilon).$$

sub-subleading case

$$A'_2 + B'_2 = \frac{s}{3!4!\epsilon^2} \left(1 - \frac{5}{12}\epsilon + 2c_1\epsilon + c_2\epsilon^2 \right) \quad \Delta\Sigma'_{sC} = c_2 z^2 \frac{d\Sigma'_A}{dz}.$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad z \rightarrow z(1 + c_1\epsilon) + z^2 c_2 \epsilon^2.$$

$$\Delta\Sigma'_{sC} = -\frac{c_1^2}{4!} z \left(\frac{d\Sigma'_A}{dz} - 12 \frac{d^2\Sigma'_A}{dz^2} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad z \rightarrow z(1 + c_1\epsilon) + z^2 (c_2 + c_1^2/4!) \epsilon^2$$

Scheme dependence and arbitrariness of subtraction

sub-subleading case

linear term

$$A'_2 + B'_2 = \frac{s}{3!4!\epsilon^2} \left(1 - \frac{5}{12}\epsilon + 2c_1\epsilon + c_2\epsilon^2 \right)$$

new contribution from subleading term

$$\Delta\Sigma'_{sC}(3-loop) = -\frac{719c_1s^2}{1036800\epsilon}$$



$$\Sigma'_{sB}(3-loop) = -\frac{71s^2}{345600\epsilon^2}$$



$$\Sigma'^{trunc}_{sB}(3-loop) = -\frac{719s^2}{3110400\epsilon^2}$$

the source of a problem

$$\Delta\Sigma'_{sC}(3-loop) = c_1 z \frac{d\Sigma'^{trunc}_{sB}}{dz}(3-loop)$$

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

Kinematically dependent renormalization

- **R-operation is equivalent to**

renormalizable theories

nonrenormalizable theories

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

$$g_{bare}^2 = \mu^\epsilon Z_4(g^2) g^2.$$

$$Z = 1 - \sum_i KR'G_i$$

simple multiplication

operator multiplication

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

$$Z = 1 + \frac{g^2}{\epsilon} st + g'^4 st \left(\frac{s^2 + t^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{s^2 + st + t^2}{\epsilon} \right) + \dots$$

scheme dependence

scheme dependence

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

$$g^2 = zg'^2, \quad z = 1 + g'^2 st c_1 + g'^4 st (s^2 + t^2) c_2 + \dots$$

Kinematically dependent renormalization

operator kinematically dependent renormalization

at 2 loops

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

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

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

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

$$g^2 s t \square \implies g^2 \left(s \triangle + t \nabla \right)$$

this is operator action!

Conclusions

- **The UV divergences for the on-shell scattering amplitudes DO NOT CANCEL in any given order of PT**
- **The recurrence relations allow one to calculate the leading UV divergences in ALL orders of PT algebraically starting from 1 loop**
- **The recurrence relations allow one to calculate the sub leading UV divergences in ALL orders of PT algebraically starting from 1 and 2 loops**
- **This procedure apparently continues the same way for all divergences just like in renormalizable theories**

Conclusions cont'd

- **The sum of the leading UV divergences to ALL orders obeys the nonlinear integro-differential equation**
- **The numerical solution indicates that solution to the full equation seems to behave like the ladder approximation**
- **There is no simple limit when $\epsilon \rightarrow +0$**
- **This means that one cannot simply remove the UV divergence and non-renormalizability of a theory is not improved when summing the infinite series**

Conclusions cont'd

- **The structure of UV divergences in non-renormalizable theories essentially copies that of renormalizable ones**
- **The main difference is that the renormalization constant 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.**
- **Transition to another scheme is performed by the action on the amplitude of a finite renormalization operator z that depends on kinematics.**