

Six-dimensional box integrals

From the Feynman parametrized result for the $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ integral

$$I_4^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(p_1^2, p_2^2, p_3^2, p_4^2; (p_1 + p_2)^2, (p_2 + p_3)^2; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) = \mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(2 + \epsilon)}{r_\Gamma} \int_0^1 d^4 a_i \frac{\delta(1 - \sum_i a_i)}{\left[a_i a_j Y_{ij} - i\epsilon \right]^{2+\epsilon}}$$

We can obtain the corresponding result close to six dimensions, by shifting $\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon - 1$ in the integral. (The overall factors are chosen for convenience).

$$I_4^{\{D=6-2\epsilon\}}(p_1^2, p_2^2, p_3^2, p_4^2; (p_1 + p_2)^2, (p_2 + p_3)^2; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) = \mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(n - 3 + \epsilon)}{r_\Gamma} \int_0^1 d^4 a_i \frac{\delta(1 - \sum_i a_i)}{\left[a_i a_j Y_{ij} - i\epsilon \right]^{n-3+\epsilon}}$$

Y is the so-called modified Cayley matrix.

$$Y_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left[m_i^2 + m_j^2 - (q_{i-1} - q_{j-1})^2 \right]$$

Defining c_i

$$c_i = \sum_j Y_{ij}^{-1}, \quad c_0 = \sum_i c_i$$

we find the n -point integral may be expressed as a sum of $(n - 1)$ -point integrals and an n -point integral close to six dimensions.

$$I_n^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[- \sum_{i=1}^n c_i I_n^{(i)} + (n - 5 + 2\epsilon) c_0 I_n^{\{D=6-2\epsilon\}} \right]$$

In this equation $I_n^{(i)}$ is the $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensional integral obtained from I_n by removing the propagator between legs $i - 1$ and i

For the case of the box integrals ($n = 4$) the six-dimensional box is finite so we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_4^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(p_1^2, p_2^2, p_3^2, p_4^2; s_{12}, s_{23}; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[c_0 I_n^{\{D=6\}}(p_1^2, p_2^2, p_3^2, p_4^2; s_{12}, s_{23}; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) \right. \\
& + c_1 I_3^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(s_{23}, p_2^2, p_3^2; m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) + c_2 I_3^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(s_{12}, p_3^2, p_4^2; m_1^2, m_3^2, m_4^2) \\
& \left. + c_3 I_3^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(p_1^2, s_{23}, p_4^2; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_4^2) + c_4 I_3^{\{D=4-2\epsilon\}}(p_1^2, p_2^2, s_{12}; m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

The six dimensional box is finite; if the triangle integrals are known analytically this relation can be verified numerically as a check of the $4 - 2\epsilon$ -dimensional box integrals.

An approach to calculating the general divergent box integral would be to calculate the most general six-dimensional box, whose $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ -dimensional counterpart would have a divergence. The integral needed is $I_4^{\{D=6\}}(m_2^2, p_2^2, p_3^2, p_4^2; s_{12}, s_{23}, 0, m_2^2, m_3^2, m_4^2)$. The Cayley matrix for this integral is

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}m_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}s_{12} & \frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_4^2 \\
0 & m_2^2 & \frac{1}{2}m_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_2^2 & \frac{1}{2}m_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}s_{23} \\
\frac{1}{2}m_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}s_{12} & \frac{1}{2}m_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_2^2 & m_3^2 & \frac{1}{2}m_3^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_3^2 \\
\frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_4^2 & \frac{1}{2}m_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}s_{23} & \frac{1}{2}m_3^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_4^2 - \frac{1}{2}p_3^2 & m_4^2
\end{pmatrix}$$

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