

Problem Set 6: Scattering amplitudes in gauge theories

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Exercise 10 – The n -point MHV superamplitude

Use the super-BCFW recursion

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}_n^{\text{N}^p\text{MHV}} &= \int \frac{d^4\eta_P}{P^2} \mathbb{A}_3^{\overline{\text{MHV}}}(z_P) \mathbb{A}_{n-1}^{\text{N}^p\text{MHV}}(z_P) \\ &\quad + \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{i=4}^{n-1} \int \frac{d^4\eta_{P_i}}{P_i^2} \mathbb{A}_i^{\text{N}^m\text{MHV}}(z_{P_i}) \mathbb{A}_{n-i+2}^{\text{N}^{(p-m-1)}\text{MHV}}(z_{P_i}). \end{aligned}$$

to prove the MHV super-amplitude formula

$$\mathbb{A}_n^{\text{MHV}}(\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i) = \frac{\delta^{(4)}(p) \delta^{(8)}(q)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle},$$

at n -points.

Exercise 11 – Component level amplitudes

Use the above result for $\mathbb{A}_n^{\text{MHV}}$ to establish the four point gluino-quark component field amplitudes

$$\begin{aligned} A_4(1_{\tilde{g}}^-, 2_{\tilde{g}}^+, 3^-, 4^+) &= \delta^{(4)}(p) \frac{\langle 31 \rangle^3 \langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}, \\ A_4(1_{\tilde{g}}^-, 2_{\tilde{g}}^+, 3_{\tilde{g}}^-, 4_{\tilde{g}}^+) &= -\delta^{(4)}(p) \frac{\langle 31 \rangle^3 \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

What follows from this result for the 4-point single-flavor massless QCD tree-level amplitudes with one and two quark lines?