# Single-Valued Multiple Zeta Values and String Amplitudes



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#### <u>Outline</u>

• Real iterated integral on  $(\mathbf{RP}^1/\{0,1,\infty\})^{N-3}$ 

$$Z \sim \int_{x_1 < \ldots < x_N} \left( \prod_{l=2}^{N-2} dx_l \right) \prod_{i < j} |x_i - x_j|^{\alpha' s_{ij}} (x_i - x_j)^{n_{ij}}, \quad s_{ij} \in \mathbf{R}, \ n_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$$

periods: MZVs decomposition of motivic MZVs

• Complex integral on  $({f CP}^1/\{0,1,\infty\})^{N-3}$ 

$$J \sim \int_{\mathbf{C}^{N-3}} \left( \prod_{l=2}^{N-2} d^2 z_l \right) \prod_{i < j} |z_i - z_j|^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}' s_{ij}} (z_i - z_j)^{n_{ij}} (\overline{z}_i - \overline{z}_j)^{\overline{n}_{ij}}, \quad s_{ij} \in \mathbf{R}, \ n_{ij}, \overline{n}_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$$



single-valued MZVs

 $\overline{n}_{ij}$ 

for given

• Relation: J = sv(Z)



Actually we consider:  $z_1 = 0$ ,  $z_{N-1} = 1$ ,  $z_N = \infty$  due to  $PSL(2, \mathbf{R})$  symmetry

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iterated real integral on  $\,({f RP}^1/\{0,1,\infty\})^{N-3}$ 

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• power series in  $\alpha'$  :

 $\underbrace{\text{Example:}}_{z_1 < \dots < z_5} \int_{l=2}^{3} dz_l \int \frac{\prod_{i < j}^{4} |z_{ij}|^{\alpha' s_{ij}}}{z_{12} z_{23} z_{41}} \\
 = \alpha'^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{s_{12} s_{45}} + \frac{1}{s_{23} s_{45}} \right) + \zeta_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{34}}{s_{12}} - \frac{s_{12}}{s_{45}} - \frac{s_{23}}{s_{45}} - \frac{s_{51}}{s_{23}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'') \\
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- \* yields **iterated integrals**, which are **periods** of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{0,N}$  of genus zero curves with N ordered marked points
- \* integrate to Q-linear combinations of MZVs (Brown, Terasoma)

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 $F = (N-3)! \times (N-3)! \text{ matrix with } \operatorname{rk}(F) = (N-3)!$ 

 $F = \text{period matrix of } \mathcal{M}_{0,N}$ private discussion with S. Goncharov

#### S = KLT kernel

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$$A = F A_{YM}$$

Mafra, Schlotterer, St.St. (2011) Broedel, Schlotterer, St.St. (2013)



F has also physical meaning

#### **Observation/Result**

$$F(\alpha') = P Q \exp\left\{\sum_{n\geq 1} \zeta_{2n+1} M_{2n+1}\right\}$$

Schlotterer, Stieberger, arXiv:1205.1516

organization according to zeta values

$$P = 1 + \sum_{n \ge 1} \zeta_2^n P_{2n}, \quad P_{2n} = F(\alpha')|_{\zeta_2^n}$$
$$M_{2n+1} = F(\alpha')|_{\zeta_{2n+1}}$$

$$Q = 1 + \frac{1}{5} \zeta_{3,5} [M_5, M_3] + \left\{ \frac{3}{14} \zeta_5^2 + \frac{1}{14} \zeta_{3,7} \right\} [M_7, M_3] \\ + \left\{ 9 \zeta_2 \zeta_9 + \frac{6}{25} \zeta_2^2 \zeta_7 - \frac{4}{35} \zeta_2^3 \zeta_5 + \frac{1}{5} \zeta_{3,3,5} \right\} [M_3, [M_5, M_3]] + \dots$$

$$\zeta_{n_1,\dots,n_r} := \zeta(n_1,\dots,n_r) = \sum_{0 < k_1 < \dots < k_r} \prod_{l=1}^r k_l^{-n_l}, \quad n_l \in \mathbf{N}^+, \ n_r \ge 2$$

• all information is kept in P and M

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$$\underline{\textit{E.g. N=5:}} \qquad P_2 = {\alpha'}^2 \begin{pmatrix} -s_{34} \ s_{45} + s_{12} \ (s_{34} - s_{51}) & s_{13} \ s_{24} \\ s_{12} \ s_{34} & (s_{12} + s_{23}) \ (s_{23} + s_{34}) - s_{45} \ s_{51} \end{pmatrix}$$

- this form exactly appears in F. Browns decomposition of motivic multiple zeta values
- coaction gives rise to factorisation of the amplitude

#### Construct **closed string amplitude**: need a set of complex world-sheet integrals



N=4

Complex integral on  $(\mathbf{CP}^1)^{N-3}$  (thrice punctered sphere)

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## Complex vs. iterated integrals

N = 5:





Physics:

"double copy constructions"

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 $\mathcal{M}_{FT} = (-1)^{N-3} \sum \tilde{A}_{YM}(\rho) S[\rho|\sigma] A_{YM}(\sigma)$  $\sigma \in S_{N-3} \rho \in S_{N-3}$ 





Taylor, St.St. (2014)



 $\mathcal{M}_{N} = (-1)^{N-3} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{N-3}} \sum_{\rho \in S_{N-3}} \tilde{A}^{\text{HET}}(\rho) S[\rho|\sigma] A_{YM}(\sigma)$ Taylor, St.St. (2014)

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$$\zeta(e_1e_0 \dots e_1e_0) = \zeta_{n_1,\dots,n_r}$$
  
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#### F. Brown (2013): there is a natural homomorphism:



$$\operatorname{sv}:\zeta_{n_1,\ldots,n_r}\longrightarrow \zeta_{\operatorname{sv}}(n_1,\ldots,n_r)$$

<u>E.g.:</u>

$$\zeta_{sv}(2) = 0$$
  
 $\zeta_{sv}(2n+1) = 2 \zeta_{2n+1}$   
 $\zeta_{sv}(3,5) = -10 \zeta_3 \zeta_5$ 

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perturbation theory in D=2:

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![](_page_33_Figure_4.jpeg)

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![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

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$$(DF)F^{l-1} \hookrightarrow F^{l+1}$$

<u>three-loop</u> l = 3

![](_page_36_Figure_2.jpeg)

Feynman diagram corresponding to structure

$$\partial X^{\nu} D_{\mu_1} F_{\nu} \stackrel{\mu_3}{\to} F_{\mu_3} \stackrel{\mu_4}{\to} F_{\mu_4} \stackrel{\mu_1}{\longrightarrow} F^4$$

![](_page_36_Figure_5.jpeg)

<u>four-loop</u> l = 4

![](_page_37_Picture_1.jpeg)

Feynman diagram corresponding to structure

 $\partial X^{\nu} D_{\mu_1} F_{\nu} \stackrel{\mu_3}{\to} F_{\mu_4} \stackrel{\mu_5}{\to} F_{\mu_3} \stackrel{\mu_4}{\to} F_{\mu_5} \stackrel{\mu_1}{\longrightarrow} \longrightarrow F^5$ 

![](_page_37_Figure_4.jpeg)

### Remarks

sv-map acts on individual graphs
 (associated to individual terms in effective action)

 reformulated perturbation theory in terms of identical Feynman diagrams

proposal relies on a "sv-compatible regularization scheme"

(tangential base point regularization)

#### Addon: coefficients of an associator W:

(reduced) KZ equation: 
$$\frac{d}{dz} L_{e_0,e_1}(z) = L_{e_0,e_1}(z) \left(\frac{e_0}{z} + \frac{e_1}{1-z}\right)$$

with generators  $e_0$  and  $e_1$ of the free Lie algebra g

its unique solution can be given as generating series of multiple polylogarithms:

$$L_{e_0,e_1}(z) = \sum_{w \in \{e_0,e_1\}^{\times}} L_w(z) w \qquad \text{with the symbol } w \in \{e_0,e_1\}^{\times} \qquad L_1 = 1,$$
  

$$L_1 = 1,$$
  

$$L_{e_0^n} = \frac{1}{n!} \ln^n z,$$
  

$$w_1 w_2 \dots \text{ in the letters } w_i \in \{e_0,e_1\} \qquad L_{e_1^n} = \frac{1}{n!} \ln^n (1-z)$$

Drinfeld associator Z:

$$\zeta(e_1 e_0^{n_1 - 1} \dots e_1 e_0^{n_r - 1}) = \zeta_{n_1, \dots, n_r}$$

$$\zeta(w_1)\zeta(w_2) = \zeta(w_1 \sqcup w_2) \text{ and } \zeta(e_0) = 0 = \zeta(e_1)$$

$$Z(e_0, e_1) := L_{e_0, e_1}(1) = \sum_{w \in \{e_0, e_1\}^{\times}} \zeta(w) \ w = 1 + \zeta_2 \ [e_0, e_1] + \zeta_3 \ (\ [e_0, [e_0, e_1]] - [e_1, [e_0, e_1]] \ ) + \dots$$

F. Brown (2004) defines generating series of SVMPs:

$$\mathcal{L}_{e_0,e_1}(z) = L_{-e_0,-e_1'}(\overline{z})^{-1} L_{e_0,e_1}(z) \qquad \begin{array}{l} e_1' \text{ determined recursively by fixed-point equation:} \\ Z(-e_0,-e_1') e_1' Z(-e_0,-e_1')^{-1} = Z(e_0,e_1) e_1 Z(e_0,e_1)^{-1} \end{array}$$

Deligne associator W:

$$W(e_0, e_1) := \mathcal{L}(1) = Z(-e_0, -e_1')^{-1} Z(e_0, e_1) = \sum_{w \in \{e_0, e_1\}^{\times}} \zeta_{sv}(w) w$$

 $W(e_0, e_1) = 1 + 2 \zeta_3 ([e_0, [e_0, e_1]] - [e_1, [e_0, e_1]) + \dots$  F. Brown (2013)