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Equivariant iterated Eisenstein integrals and modular graph forms

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Introduction

- Feynman integrals and string amplitudes are fruitful settings for studying special functions.
- We obtain special types of **iterated integrals** by working order-by-order in the dimensional regulator ϵ . These include:
 - Multiple polylogarithms (MPLs).
 - Elliptic multiple polylogarithms (eMPLs).
 - **Iterated integrals of modular forms.**
- In this talk, we focus on Modular Graph Forms (MGFs).
 - Show up in **genus one closed-string** amplitudes.
 - Conjecturally evaluate to single-valued MZV's at the cusp $\tau \rightarrow i\infty$.
 - Can be thought of as versions of **single-valued eMZV's**.
 - MGFs are **non-holomorphic modular forms**.
 - Can be written in terms of non-holomorphic combinations of **iterated integrals of Eisenstein series**.

String amplitudes and special functions

- String amplitudes admit an expansion in **genus**: [Figures taken from PhD thesis of J. Gerken]

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- The boundaries may be conformally mapped to punctures, leading to:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{closed}} = g_s^{-2} \int_{\mathcal{M}_{0,4}} \text{[Diagram 1]} + \int_{\mathcal{M}_{1,4}} \text{[Diagram 2]} + g_s^2 \int_{\mathcal{M}_{2,4}} \text{[Diagram 3]} + \dots$$

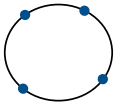
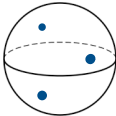
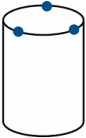
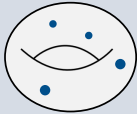
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String amplitudes and special functions

- Various types of special functions show up depending on whether we have **open/closed** strings, and depending on the **genus**:

	Open string	Closed string
$g = 0$	 <p>Disk: (MZV's)</p>	 <p>Riemann sphere: (sv. MZV's)</p>
$g = 1$	 <p>Cylinder: (eMZV's)</p>	 <p>Torus: MGF's (\approx sv. eMZV's)</p>

- In this talk we consider the **MGF's**, which can be expressed in terms of non-holomorphic combinations of iterated integrals of Eisenstein series.

Introduction: Connection to Feynman integrals

- Various Feynman integrals can be solved in terms of **iterated integrals of modular forms**:
e.g.: [Adams, Weinzierl, 1704.08895],
[Adams, Weinzierl, arXiv:1802.05020]

$$I(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n; q) = (2\pi i)^n \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\tau_1 f_1(\tau_1) \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_1} d\tau_2 f_2(\tau_2) \dots \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_{n-1}} d\tau_n f_n(\tau_n)$$

(In this talk we do not consider z -dependence, in which case we would consider kernels $f^{(k)}(z | \tau)$ from the Kronecker-Eisenstein series.)

- Such representations can sometimes be obtained from **ϵ -factorized differential equations** of the form $(d + \epsilon A)I = 0$.
- Integrating a modular form **does not** usually result in another modular form.

$$\int_{\tau}^{i\infty} d\tau_1 (\tau_1)^j G_k(\tau_1) \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow -1/\tau} (-1)^j \left(\int_{\tau}^{i\infty} - \int_0^{i\infty} \right) d\tau_1 (\tau_1)^{k-j-2} G_k(\tau_1)$$

- The contributions from $\int_0^{i\infty}$ are known as **multiple modular values** (MMV's).
- We can construct **non-holomorphic** combinations of iterated Eisenstein integrals that **do** yield modular forms. We study these special combinations in this talk!

Multiple Modular Values (MMV's)

- MMV's are numbers that **extend beyond the realm of Multiple Zeta Values (MZV's)**. For example, we have:

$$\mathfrak{m} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \int_0^{i\infty} d\tau_1 \tau_1^{j_1} G_{k_1}(\tau_1)$$
$$\mathfrak{m} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \int_0^{i\infty} d\tau_2 \tau_2^{j_2} G_{k_2}(\tau_2) \int_{\tau_2}^{i\infty} d\tau_1 \tau_1^{j_1} G_{k_1}(\tau_1)$$

- The following examples at **weight ≥ 14** contain new numbers: [Brown, 1904.00179]

$$\mathfrak{m} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{7613\pi^{14}}{1361455395300} - \frac{4}{27}\pi^2 \rho^{-1} (f_3 f_9) - \frac{1024\pi^{14} c(\Delta_{12}, 12)}{652995}$$
$$\mathfrak{m} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{4i\pi^{11}\zeta_3}{2525985} - \frac{i\pi^5}{243}\zeta_9 + \frac{11i\pi^3}{270}\zeta_{11} - \frac{128i\pi^{13}\Lambda(\Delta_{12}, 12)}{1913625}$$

(The completed L-function of a holomorphic cusp form $\Delta(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n$ is

$\Lambda(\Delta, t) = (2\pi)^{-t}\Gamma(t) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)n^{-t}$, which converges absolutely for $\text{Re}(t) > s + \frac{1}{2}$ and can be extended to a meromorphic function.)

Modular Forms

- MGFs can be thought of as **generalizations of Eisenstein series**. Let us briefly review these.
- The **holomorphic** Eisenstein series $G_k(\tau)$ is given by:

$$G_k(\tau) = \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}} \frac{1}{(m + n\tau)^k} = \sum_{p \in \Lambda'} \frac{1}{p^k}, \quad k \geq 4,$$

where the **discrete momentum** $p = m\tau + n \in \Lambda'$ and $\Lambda' = (\mathbb{Z}\tau + \mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{0\}$.

- The Eisenstein series $G_k(\tau)$ is a **modular form** of weight k :

$$G_k\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^k G_k(\tau) \quad \text{for } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

- Modular forms admit **q -series**, where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$, due to T-invariance ($\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$), e.g:

$$G_4(\tau) = 2\zeta_4 (1 + 240q + 2160q^2 + 6720q^3 + 17520q^4 + \mathcal{O}(q^5))$$

- If the zeroth power in q has coefficient zero, we call it a **cusp form**.

Non-Holomorphic Modular Forms

- The **non-holomorphic** Eisenstein series $E_k(\tau)$ is given by:

$$E_k(\tau) = \left(\frac{\text{Im } \tau}{\pi}\right)^k \sum_{\rho \in \Lambda'} \frac{1}{|\rho|^{2k}}, \quad k \geq 2$$

- It is modular invariant, such that:

$$E_k\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = E_k(\tau) \quad \text{for } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

- More generally, a **non-holomorphic modular form** $h(\tau)$ of weight (a, b) satisfies:

$$h\left(\frac{\alpha\tau + \beta}{\gamma\tau + \delta}\right) = (\gamma\tau + \delta)^a (\gamma\bar{\tau} + \delta)^b h(\tau)$$

- The simplest example is $\text{Im}(\tau') = \frac{\text{Im}(\tau)}{|\gamma\tau + \delta|^2}$ which is a non-holomorphic modular form of weight $(-1, -1)$.
- Non-holomorphic modular forms admit expansions in q, \bar{q} and $\text{Im}(\tau)$:


$$h(\tau) = \sum_{n,m \geq 0} \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} c_{n,m,r} \text{Im}(\tau)^r q^n \bar{q}^m.$$

- The coefficients $c_{n,m,r}$ contain odd zeta's for E_k and **MZV's in general**.

Modular Graph Forms

[D'Hoker, Gürdogan, Green, Vanhove 1512.06779], [D'Hoker, Green 1603.00839]

- **Modular Graph Forms** (MGFs) arise in the **low-energy** (α' -expansion) of **genus-one closed string** amplitudes. (In type II or the Heterotic string.)
- For **dihedral graphs** the definition of MGFs reduces to the following nested sums over discrete torus momenta:


$$\mathcal{C}^+ \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & a_R \\ b_1 & \dots & b_R \end{bmatrix} (\tau) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^R \frac{(\text{Im } \tau)^{a_j}}{\pi^{b_j}} \right) \sum_{p_1, \dots, p_R \in \mathcal{N}'} \frac{\delta(p_1 + \dots + p_R)}{p_1^{a_1} \bar{p}_1^{b_1} \dots p_R^{a_R} \bar{p}_R^{b_R}}.$$

- In general MGF's can be represented by a connected graph of discrete momenta, with a momentum conserving delta-function for each vertex.
- We have the special cases:

$$G_k(\tau) = \text{Im}(\tau)^{-k} \mathcal{C}^+ \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (\tau), \quad E_k(\tau) = \mathcal{C}^+ \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ k & 0 \end{bmatrix} (\tau).$$

- MGF's are **non-holomorphic modular forms**:

$$\mathcal{C}^+ \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right) = (c\bar{\tau} + d)^{|B| - |A|} \mathcal{C}^+ \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} (\tau),$$

where $A = (a_1, \dots, a_R)$ and $B = (b_1, \dots, b_R)$ are non-negative integers.

Iterated Eisenstein Integrals

- MGFs satisfy various **non-trivial relations**: e.g. [J. Gerken, PhD thesis]

$$\mathcal{C}^+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] (\tau) = E_3(\tau) + \zeta_3, \quad [\text{D. Zagier, Notes on Lattice Sums}]$$

$$\mathcal{C}^+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] (\tau) = 24\mathcal{C}^+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] (\tau) - 18E_4(\tau) + 3E_2(\tau)^2,$$

which are difficult to obtain from the definition as a lattice-sum.

- Relations between MGF's can be exposed by writing them in terms of **iterated integrals**. Let us define the following kernels:

$$\omega_+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j \\ k \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_1 \right] = \frac{d\tau_1}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{\tau - \tau_1}{4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau)} \right)^{k-2-j} (\bar{\tau} - \tau_1)^j G_k(\tau_1),$$

$$\omega_- \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j \\ k \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_1 \right] = -\frac{d\bar{\tau}_1}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}_1}{4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau)} \right)^{k-2-j} (\bar{\tau} - \bar{\tau}_1)^j \overline{G_k(\tau_1)},$$

where $0 \leq j \leq k-2$. These kernels are **modular forms** with **vanishing holomorphic modular** weight. Next, consider iterated integrals of the type:

$$\beta_+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{smallmatrix}; \tau \right] = \int_{\tau}^{i\infty} \omega_+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_\ell \\ k_\ell \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_\ell \right] \dots \int_{\tau_3}^{i\infty} \omega_+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_2 \\ k_2 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_2 \right] \int_{\tau_2}^{i\infty} \omega_+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_1 \right],$$

$$\beta_- \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{smallmatrix}; \tau \right] = \int_{\bar{\tau}}^{-i\infty} \omega_- \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_\ell \\ k_\ell \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_\ell \right] \dots \int_{\bar{\tau}_3}^{-i\infty} \omega_- \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_2 \\ k_2 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_2 \right] \int_{\bar{\tau}_2}^{-i\infty} \omega_- \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau, \tau_1 \right].$$

Iterated Eisenstein Integrals

- These integrals **fail** to be modular forms by:

$$\beta_{\pm} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_1 & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{matrix}; \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d} \right] = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (c\bar{\tau}+d)^{k_i-2-2j_i} \right) \beta_{\pm} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_1 & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{matrix}; \tau \right] \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{mod lower depth} \\ \& \text{MMV's} \end{array} \right).$$

- The non-holomorphic Eisenstein series can be written as :

$$E_k(\tau) = -\frac{(2k-1)!}{(k-1)!^2} \left\{ \beta_+ \left[\begin{matrix} k-1 \\ 2k \end{matrix}; \tau \right] + \beta_- \left[\begin{matrix} k-1 \\ 2k \end{matrix}; \tau \right] - \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau))^{k-1}} \right\}.$$

- Because $E_k(\tau)$ is modular invariant, we identify the **modular invariant combination**:

$$\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} k-1 \\ 2k \end{matrix}; \tau \right] = \beta_+ \left[\begin{matrix} k-1 \\ 2k \end{matrix}; \tau \right] + \beta_- \left[\begin{matrix} k-1 \\ 2k \end{matrix}; \tau \right] - \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau))^{k-1}}$$

- More generally, we have that:

$$C^+ \left[\begin{matrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & b \end{matrix} \right] (\tau) = -\frac{(2i)^{b-a}(a+b-1)!}{(a-1)!(b-1)!} \left(\beta_+ \left[\begin{matrix} a-1 \\ a+b \end{matrix}; \tau \right] + \beta_- \left[\begin{matrix} a-1 \\ a+b \end{matrix}; \tau \right] - \frac{2\zeta_{a+b-1}}{(a+b-1)(4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau))^{b-1}} \right).$$

and we may identify the combination within the brackets as $\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} a-1 \\ a+b \end{matrix}; \tau \right]$.

Iterated Eisenstein Integrals

- We seek to generalize to **higher-depth** $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$, which **are modular forms**:

$$\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & \dots & k_\ell \end{matrix}; \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d} \right] = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (c\bar{\tau}+d)^{k_i-2-2j_i} \right) \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & \dots & k_\ell \end{matrix}; \tau \right].$$

- A defining property is the **holomorphic differential equation**:

$$2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})^2 \partial_\tau \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & \dots & k_\ell \end{matrix}; \tau \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (k_i - j_i - 2) \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_{i+1} & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & \dots & k_i & \dots & k_\ell \end{matrix}; \tau \right] \\ - \delta_{j_\ell, k_\ell - 2} (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k_\ell} G_{k_\ell}(\tau) \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_{\ell-1} \\ k_1 & \dots & k_{\ell-1} \end{matrix}; \tau \right] \pmod{\beta_\Delta^{\text{sv}}}$$

- We may again draw inspiration from MGF's. For example, it turns out that:

$$C^+ \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] = -126 \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{matrix} \right] - 18 \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{matrix} \right],$$

$$C^+ \left[\begin{matrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{279}{2} \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{matrix} \right] + 30 \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{matrix} \right] + \frac{15}{2} \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{matrix} \right],$$

$$2i \operatorname{Im} C^+ \left[\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{matrix} \right] = 60(\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{matrix} \right] - \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{matrix} \right]) - 270(\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{matrix} \right] - \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{matrix} \right]) \\ + 390(\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{matrix} \right] - \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{matrix} \right]) - 3\zeta_3 \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \right],$$

Iterated Eisenstein Integrals

- Let us briefly consider the origin of the representations of the $\mathcal{C}^+[\dots](\tau)$ in terms of $\beta_+[\dots; \tau]$ and $\beta_-[\dots; \tau]$, which we'll rewrite as $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$.
- The main idea is that repeated actions of so-called **Maass operators** $\nabla_\tau = 2i(\text{Im } \tau)^2 \partial_\tau$ **simplify** the lattice sums.

$$(\pi \nabla_\tau)^3 \mathcal{C}^+ \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] = \frac{9}{10} (\pi \nabla_\tau^3) E_4 - 6(\text{Im } \tau)^4 G_4 (\pi \nabla_\tau) E_2$$

- By plugging in the **depth-one** integral representations for G_k and E_k , and **integrating**, we obtain representations in terms of iterated integrals.
- Unfortunately, at higher depths the collections of MGF's and $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$ are **not one-to-one**. Only particular combinations of $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$ appear in MGF's, subject to **Tsunogai's derivation algebra**.
- To investigate this point further, let us switch to the **generating series point of view**.

Generating series of Modular Graph Forms

- A **generating series of convergent MGFs** (that do not simplify under holomorphic subgraph reduction) was defined in [Gerken, Kleinschmidt, Schlotterer, 1911.03476, 2004.05156]:

$$Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma | \rho) = (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{n-1} \int \left(\prod_{j=2}^n \frac{d^2 z_j}{\text{Im } \tau} \right) \exp \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j} s_{ij} G(z_i - z_j, \tau) \right) \\ \times \sigma \left[\overline{\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)} \right] \rho \left[\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, (\tau - \bar{\tau})\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j) \right],$$

where the n **punctures** z_j are integrated over a **torus** of modular parameter τ , and the η_j and $\bar{\eta}_j$ are **formal variables** of the generating series.

- The integrals $Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}$ are indexed by permutations $\sigma, \rho \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}$ that act on the subscripts $2, 3, \dots, n$ of the $\{z_j, \eta_j\}$ variables and leave z_1 inert.
- The integrand involves **doubly-periodic functions** $\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, \dots) = \varphi^{\tau}(z_j + 1, \dots) = \varphi^{\tau}(z_j + \tau, \dots)$, build out of products of the **Kronecker-Eisenstein series**:

$$\Omega(z, \eta, \tau) = \exp \left(2\pi i \eta \frac{\text{Im } z}{\text{Im } \tau} \right) \frac{\theta'(0, \tau) \theta(z + \eta, \tau)}{\theta(z, \tau) \theta(\eta, \tau)}.$$

- The exponent (**Koba-Nielsen factor**) features the closed-string Green function $G(z, \tau)$ on the torus.

Generating series of Modular Graph Forms

- On the one hand, these integrals may be computed by performing a **Fourier transform**, which leads to sums over discrete momenta and **which yields expressions in terms of MGFs**.
- Alternatively, we note that the (KZB-type) **differential equations** are of the form:

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\alpha \in S_{n-1}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{(\tau - \bar{\tau})^2} R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)_{\rho}^{\alpha} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (1-k)(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k-2} G_k(\tau) R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)_{\rho}^{\alpha} \right\} Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha),$$

and can be solved in terms of a **generating series**

$$Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_P R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon[P]) \underbrace{\left(\sum_{P=ABC} \overline{\kappa[A; \tau]} \beta_{-} [B^t; \tau] \beta_{+} [C; \tau] \right)}_{\text{(collecting holo/antiholo. contributions)}} \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4\pi \operatorname{Im}(\tau)}\right) \hat{Y}_{\bar{\eta}}^{i\infty}}_{\text{(initial value)}}$$

- The first sum is over **words** $P = \begin{matrix} j_1 & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_1 & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{matrix}$ of length $\ell \geq 0$ with $k_i \geq 4$ even and $0 \leq j_i \leq k_i - 2$, while the second sum is over **deconcatenations** of P .
- The term $\overline{\kappa[X; \tau]}$ is a **purely antiholomorphic** term which carries combinations of MZV's and which can be determined through **reality properties** of the MGF's.

Generating series of Modular Graph Forms

- The coefficients $\epsilon[P]$ are defined by:

$$\epsilon[P] = \epsilon \left[\begin{array}{cccc} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{array} \right] = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_i} (k_i - 1)}{(k_i - j_i - 2)!} \right) \epsilon_{k_\ell}^{(k_\ell - 2 - j_\ell)} \dots \epsilon_{k_2}^{(k_2 - 2 - j_2)} \epsilon_{k_1}^{(k_1 - 2 - j_1)},$$

where the quantities $\epsilon_k^{(j)}$ are defined using the shorthand:

$$\epsilon_k^{(j)} = \text{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j (\epsilon_k) = \underbrace{[\epsilon_0, [\dots, [\epsilon_0, \epsilon_k]] \dots]}_{j\text{-times}}$$

- The notation $R_{\vec{j}}(\epsilon[P])$ indicates that we are considering a particular **matrix representation** of the generators ϵ_k . The ϵ_k -derivations satisfy various relations furnished by **Tsunogai's derivation algebra**: [Tsunogai 1995, ..., Pollack 2009]

$$0 = \epsilon_k^{(k-1)}, \quad k \geq 4 \text{ even},$$

$$0 = [\epsilon_4, \epsilon_{10}] - 3[\epsilon_6, \epsilon_8],$$

$$0 = -462[\epsilon_4, [\epsilon_4, \epsilon_8]] - 1725[\epsilon_6, [\epsilon_6, \epsilon_4]] - 280[\epsilon_8, \epsilon_8^{(1)}] \\ + 125[\epsilon_6, \epsilon_{10}^{(1)}] + 250[\epsilon_{10}, \epsilon_6^{(1)}] - 80[\epsilon_{12}, \epsilon_4^{(1)}] - 16[\epsilon_4, \epsilon_{12}^{(1)}]$$

Tsunogai derivation algebra

- The Tsunogai derivation algebra has the following impact on the generating series.
1. Relations like $[\epsilon_4, \epsilon_{10}] - 3[\epsilon_6, \epsilon_8] = 0$ **project out** cusp-form contributions to non-holomorphic modular forms in J^{eqv} , in other words there are no $\int_{\tau} d\tau_1 \Delta_k(\tau_1)$
 2. Therefore, MGF's and the $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$ are not one-to-one. It turns out that a 'full' set of $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$ requires (iterated) integrals of cusp forms starting from $k \geq 14$.

Generating Series of β^{eqv}

- We now consider a **generating series for the $\beta^{\text{eqv}}[\dots; \tau]$** :

$$J^{\text{eqv}}(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) = \sum_P \epsilon[P] \beta^{\text{eqv}}[P; \tau]$$

- The central result of our paper is that:

$$J^{\text{eqv}}(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) = J_+(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) \mathcal{B}^{\text{sv}}(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) \phi^{\text{sv}}(\tilde{J}_-(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau)).$$

which makes explicit a construction in [Brown, 1707.01230, 1708.03354] of these integrals. The holomorphic / antiholomorphic contributions are packaged in the following way:

$$J_{\pm}(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) = \sum_P \epsilon[P] \beta_{\pm}[P; \tau].$$

- The tilde of $\tilde{J}_-(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau)$ instructs us to **reverse the words**:

$$\epsilon_{k_1}^{(j_1)} \dots \epsilon_{k_\ell}^{(j_\ell)} \rightarrow \epsilon_{k_\ell}^{(j_\ell)} \dots \epsilon_{k_1}^{(j_1)}$$

- We furthermore have $\mathcal{B}^{\text{sv}}(\{\epsilon_k\}; \tau) = \sum_P \epsilon[P] b^{\text{sv}}[P; \tau]$, with

$$b^{\text{sv}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & j_i & \dots \\ \dots & k_i & \dots \end{array}; \tau \right] = \sum_{\rho_i=0}^{k_i-2-j_i} \sum_{\ell_i=0}^{j_i+\rho_i} \binom{k_i-2-j_i}{\rho_i} \binom{j_i+\rho_i}{\ell_i} \frac{(-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{\ell_i}}{(4\pi \text{Im}(\tau))^{\rho_i}} c^{\text{sv}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & j_i - \ell_i + \rho_i & \dots \\ \dots & k_i & \dots \end{array} \right],$$

- The new ingredient $B^{\text{SV}}(\epsilon_k)$ is specified by the c^{SV} which are composed out of **single-valued MZV's**. For example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\zeta_3}{907200}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_3}{226800}, \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_5}{7200}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\zeta_5}{21600}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_5}{21600}, \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_3^2}{315}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\zeta_3^2}{1260}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_3^2}{1890}, \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{7\zeta_7}{360}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{7\zeta_7}{720}, & c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{2\zeta_3\zeta_5}{15}. \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{1}{450}\zeta_{3,5,3}^{\text{SV}} - \frac{2}{45}\zeta_3^2\zeta_5 - \frac{221}{21600}\zeta_{11}, \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3750}\zeta_{5,3,5}^{\text{SV}} + \frac{2}{375}\zeta_3\zeta_5^2 + \frac{1804427}{124380000}\zeta_{13}, \\
 c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{1}{1764}\zeta_{3,7,3}^{\text{SV}} + \frac{1}{1470}\zeta_{5,3,5}^{\text{SV}} - \frac{2}{63}\zeta_3^2\zeta_7 - \frac{137359}{24378480}\zeta_{13},
 \end{aligned}$$

- Conjecturally:**

$$c^{\text{SV}} \begin{bmatrix} k_1-2 & \dots & k_\ell-2 \\ k_1 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{1}{1-k_i} \right) \text{sv}(f_{k_1-1} \dots f_{k_\ell-1}) \pmod{\text{fewer } f_i}$$

The change of alphabet ϕ^{sv}

- The map ϕ^{sv} applies a **change of alphabet** to the $\epsilon[P]$. For example:

$$\phi^{\text{sv}}(\epsilon_2) = \epsilon_4 + \frac{\zeta_3}{252} \left([\epsilon_6^{(2)}, \epsilon_4] - 3 [\epsilon_6^{(1)}, \epsilon_4^{(1)}] + 6 [\epsilon_6, \epsilon_4^{(2)}] \right) + \dots$$

- More generally, the map ϕ^{sv} can be described through a **conjugation** with another generating series: $\phi^{\text{sv}}(\epsilon_k) = \mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}} \epsilon_k (\mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}})^{-1}$, which is given by:

$$\mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}}(z_i) = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_\ell \in 2\mathbb{N}+1} \text{sv}(f_{m_1} f_{m_2} \dots f_{m_\ell}) z_{m_1} z_{m_2} \dots z_{m_\ell}$$

- Here the f_i are letters in the so-called **f-alphabet** of (motivic) multiple zeta values, and the z_j are a new class of operators in the derivation algebra which **normalize** the set $\{\epsilon_k\}$. For example:

$$[z_3, \epsilon_4] = \frac{1}{504} \left([\epsilon_6^{(2)}, \epsilon_4] - 3 [\epsilon_6^{(1)}, \epsilon_4^{(1)}] + 6 [\epsilon_6, \epsilon_4^{(2)}] \right)$$

- Putting things together, we find (in shorthand notation):

$$J^{\text{eqv}} = J_+ \mathbb{B}^{\text{sv}} \mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}} \tilde{J}_- (\mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}})^{-1}$$

Iterated Integrals of Holomorphic Cusp Forms

- We may generalize the construction by relaxing the constraints from Tsunogai's derivation algebra. In this case **we also require contributions from holomorphic cusp forms $\Delta_k(\tau) = q + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$ in the modular completion**. For example:
[Brown, 1407.5167, 1707.01230]
[Dorigoni, Kleinschmidt, Schlotterer, 2109.05018]

$$\begin{aligned}\beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{matrix}; \tau \right] &= (\beta_{\pm} \text{ and MZVs}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{52920000} \frac{\Lambda(\Delta_{12}, 12)}{\Lambda(\Delta_{12}, 10)} (\beta_+ [\Delta_{12}^5; \tau] - \beta_- [\Delta_{12}^5; \tau]) \\ \beta^{\text{eqv}} \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 10 \end{matrix}; \tau \right] &= (\beta_{\pm} \text{ and MZVs}) \\ &- \frac{1}{122472000} \frac{\Lambda(\Delta_{12}, 12)}{\Lambda(\Delta_{12}, 10)} (\beta_+ [\Delta_{12}^5; \tau] - \beta_- [\Delta_{12}^5; \tau])\end{aligned}$$

- The coefficients contain ratios of (critical and non-critical) **L-values** $\frac{\Lambda(\Delta_k, \text{n.c.})}{\Lambda(\Delta_k, \text{crit.})}$.

Conclusion and outlook

- MGFs are an interesting class of non-holomorphic modular forms, which have (conjecturally s.v.) MZV's in the coefficients of their q -expansions.
- We provided the dictionary between MGF's and Brown's equivariant iterated Eisenstein integrals, and provide evidence for Brown's conjecture that equivariant iterated Eisenstein integrals contain all modular graph forms.
- Future work: explore similar generating-function approach to z -dependent elliptic MGFs / single-valued elliptic polylogarithms and their iterated-integral representation.
- Future work: explore connections to the recent one-loop KLT formula?
[Stieberger, 2212.06816]