

# Monodromy Relations in Higher-Loop String Amplitudes



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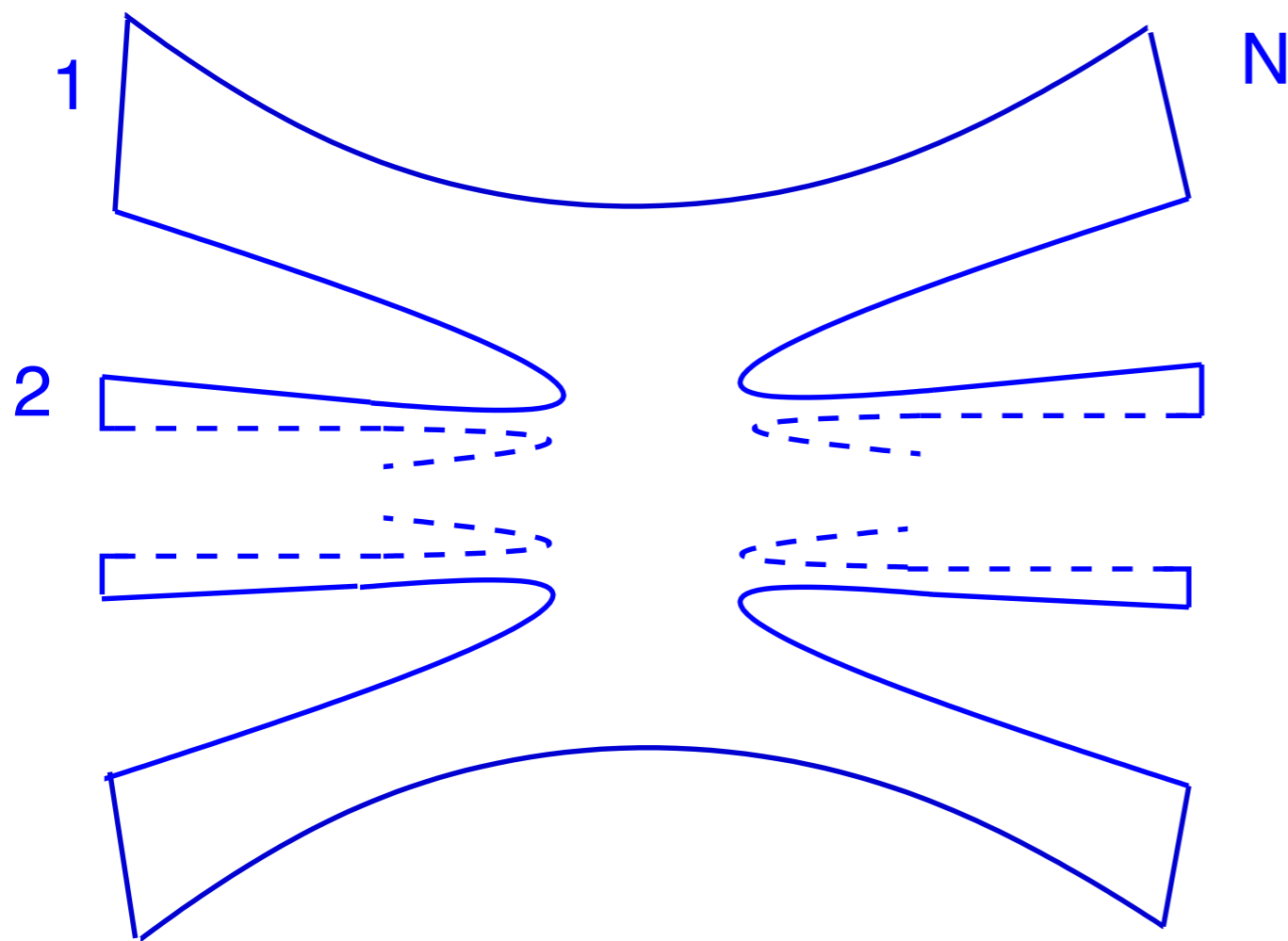
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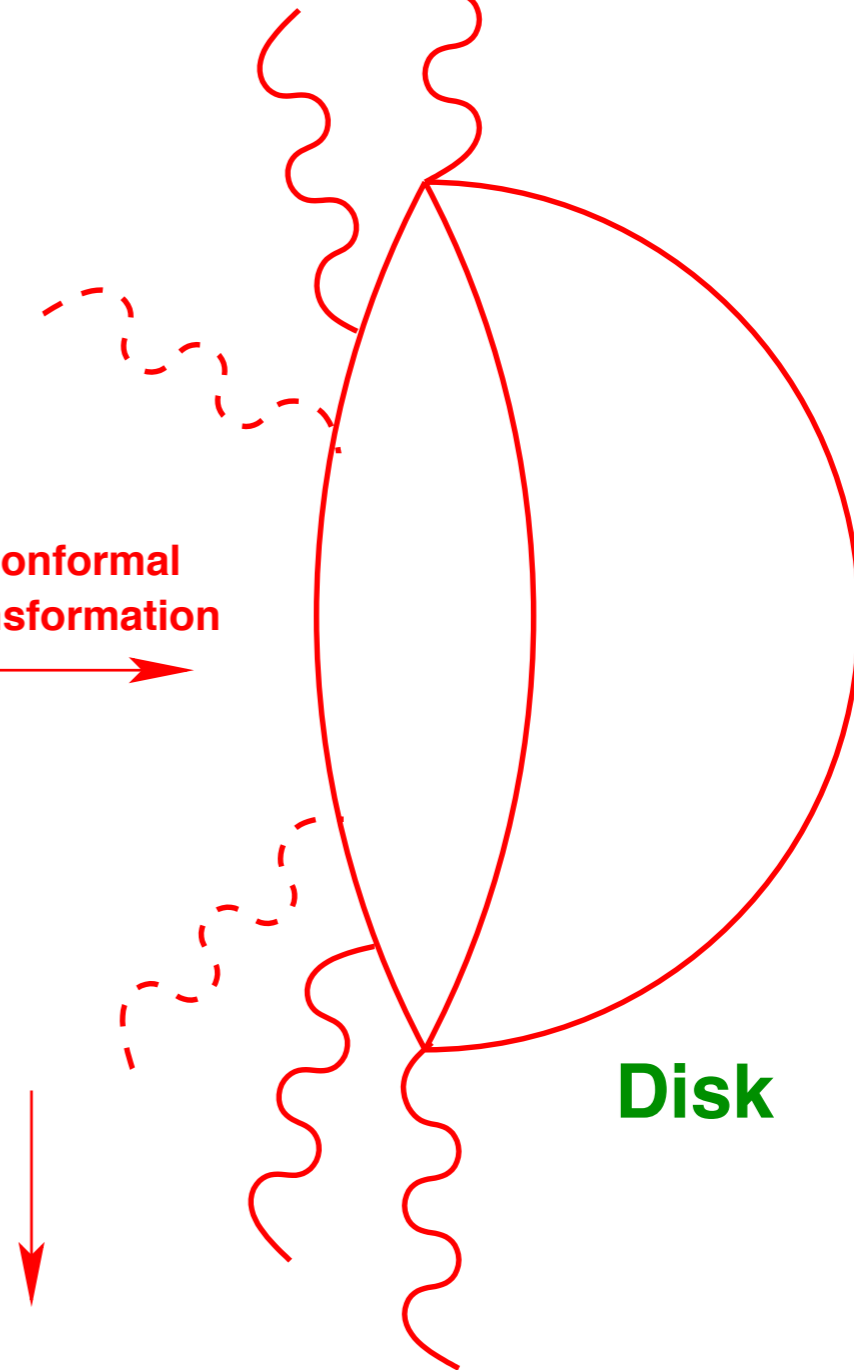
S. Hohenegger, St.St.:

- **Monodromy Relations in Higher-Loop String Amplitudes,**  
[arXiv:1702.04963]
- **work in progress**

Tree-level disk world-sheet:

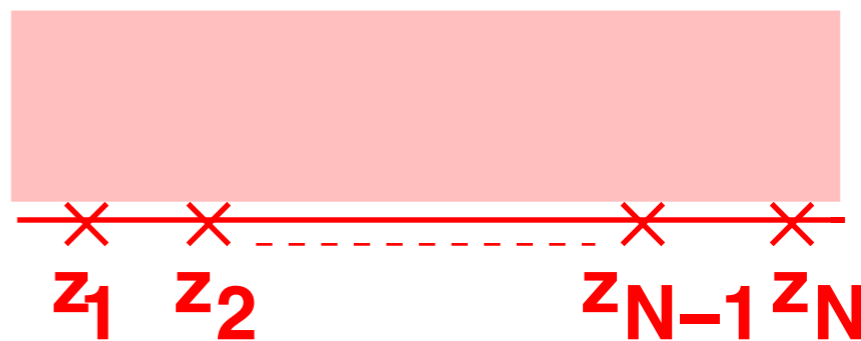


conformal transformation



$$s_{ij} = \alpha' (k_i + k_j)^2$$

$\mathbb{C}^+$



$$A(1, \dots, N) = V_{\text{CKG}}^{-1} \int_{z_1 < \dots < z_N} \left( \prod_{j=1}^N dz_j \right) \sum_{\mathcal{K}_I} \mathcal{K}_I \prod_{i < j}^N |z_i - z_j|^{s_{ij}} (z_i - z_j)^{n_{ij}^I}$$

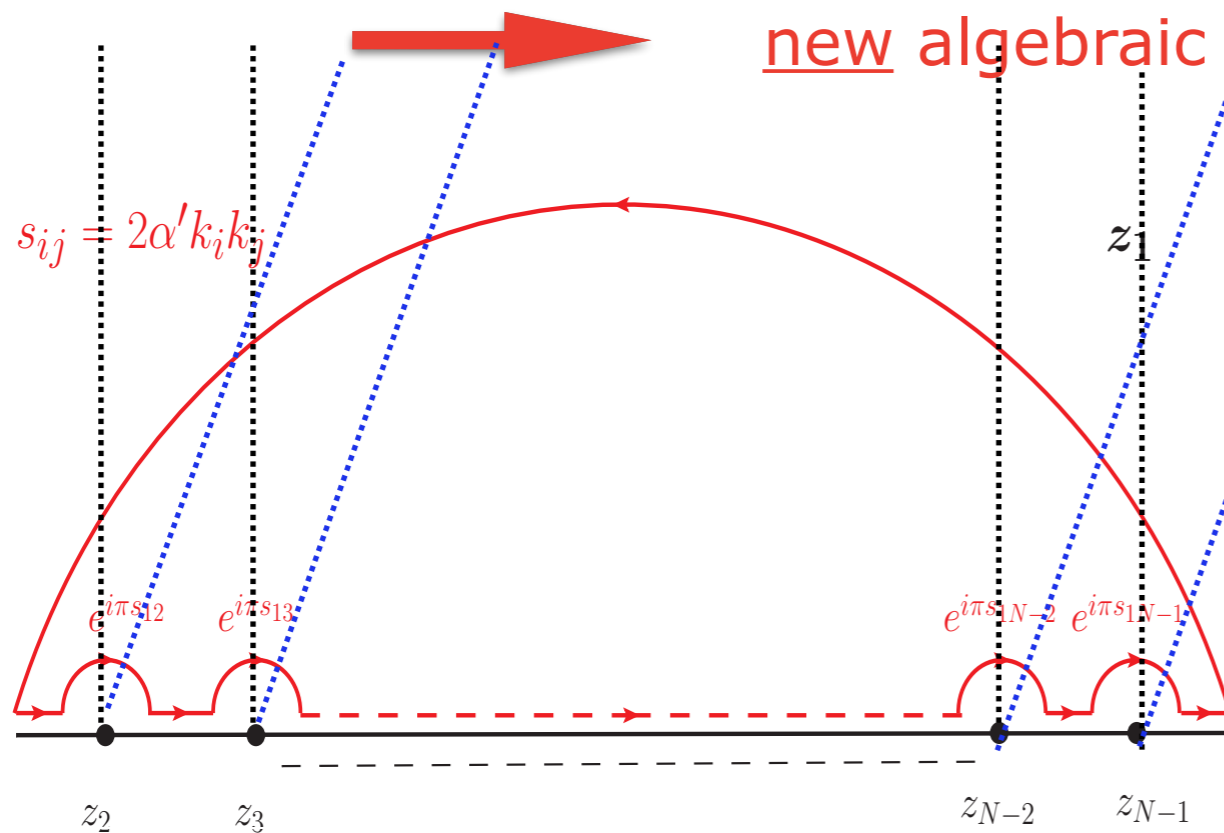
# I. Tree-level amplitude relations

$$A(1, \dots, N) = V_{\text{CKG}}^{-1} \int_{z_1 < \dots < z_N} \left( \prod_{j=1}^N dz_j \right) \sum_{\mathcal{K}_I} \mathcal{K}_I \prod_{i < j}^N |z_i - z_j|^{s_{ij}} (z_i - z_j)^{n_{ij}^I}$$

By applying world-sheet string techniques

new algebraic identities

integrate along single-valued function



by analytically continuing the  $z_1$ -integration to the whole complex plane and integrating  $z_1$  along the contour integral

$$A(1, 2, \dots, N) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} A(2, 1, 3, \dots, N-1, N) + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13})} A(2, 3, 1, \dots, N-1, N) + \dots + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13}+\dots+s_{1N-1})} A(2, 3, \dots, N-1, 1, N) = 0$$



*monodromy relations*

- proof does not rely on **any kinematic properties** of subamplitudes
- for any open string state: **boson or fermion**
- these relations hold in **any space–time dimensions  $D$**
- for **any amount of supersymmetry**

Take  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$  limit:  $e^{\pi i s_{ij}} = 1 + \pi i s_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$

(real part) field–theory relations (Kleiss–Kuijf relations):

$$A_{YM}(1, 2, \dots, N) + A_{YM}(2, 1, 3, \dots, N - 1, N) + \dots + A_{YM}(2, 3, \dots, N - 1, 1, N) = 0$$

(imaginary part) field–theory relations (BCJ relations):

$$s_{12} A_{YM}(2, 1, 3, \dots, N - 1, N) + \dots + (s_{12} + s_{13} + \dots + s_{1N-1}) A_{YM}(2, 3, \dots, N - 1, 1, N) = 0$$



proof of BCJ relations from string theory !

St.St., arXiv:0907.2211

Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove, arXiv:0907.1425

# subamplitude relations in string theory

E.g.  $N = 4$  :

$$\frac{A(1, 2, 4, 3)}{A(1, 2, 3, 4)} = \frac{\sin(\pi u)}{\sin(\pi t)} \quad , \quad \frac{A(1, 3, 2, 4)}{A(1, 2, 3, 4)} = \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\sin(\pi t)}$$

As a result these relations allow to express all six partial amplitudes in terms of **one**, say  $A(1, 2, 3, 4)$ :

$$A(1, 4, 3, 2) = A(1, 2, 3, 4) \quad ,$$

$$A(1, 2, 4, 3) = A(1, 3, 4, 2) = \frac{\sin(\pi u)}{\sin(\pi t)} A(1, 2, 3, 4) \quad ,$$

$$A(1, 3, 2, 4) = A(1, 4, 2, 3) = \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\sin(\pi t)} A(1, 2, 3, 4) \quad .$$

generic  $N$ :

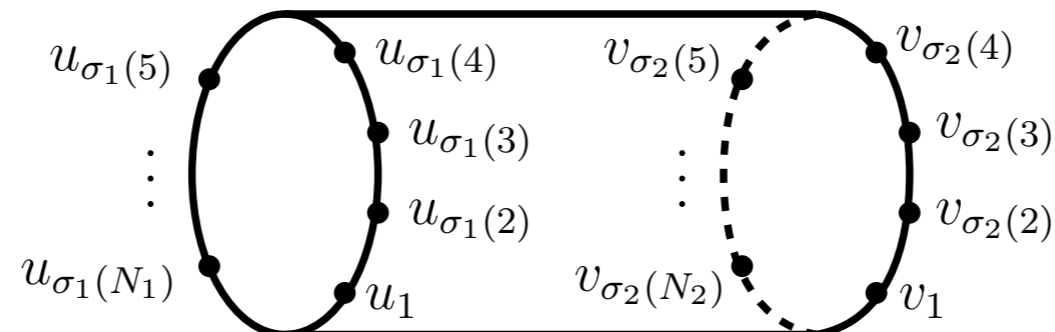


these relations allow for a **complete reduction**  
of the full string subamplitudes to a  
**minimal basis** of  
 **$(N-3)!$  dimensional basis** of subamplitudes

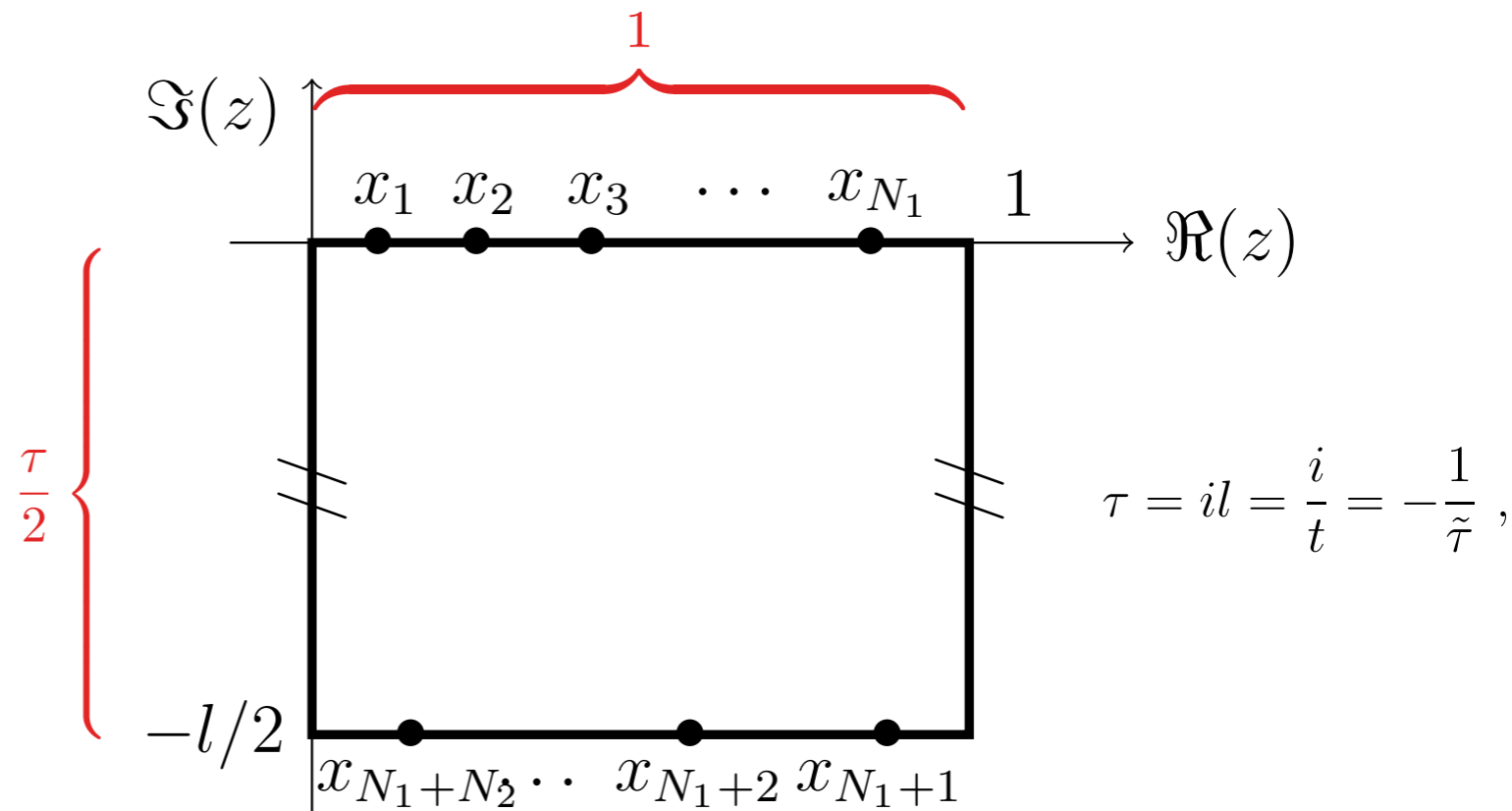
## II. One-loop amplitude relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{A}_N^{(1)} = & g_{YM}^N \left\{ N_c \sum_{\sigma \in S_{N-1}} \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(N)}}) A^{(1)}(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(N)) \right. \\
 & + \sum_{c=2}^{\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor + 1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N / S_{N;c}} \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(c-1)}}) \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(c)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(N)}}) \\
 & \left. \times A^{(1)}(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(c-1) | \sigma(c), \dots, \sigma(N)) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

One-loop cylinder world-sheet:



dual (closed string) channel:



bosonic Green functions:

$$G(z, \tau) = \ln \left| \frac{\theta_1(z, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} \right|^2$$

$$G_T(z, \tau) = \ln \left| \frac{\theta_4(z, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} \right|^2$$

$$A^{(1)}(1, \dots, N) = \delta(k_1 + \dots + k_N) \int_0^\infty dl V_{\text{CKG}}^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{I}_1} \prod_{i=1}^N dz_i P_N(z_1, \dots, z_N, \tau) \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} s_{ij} G(z_{ji}, \tau) \right\}$$



# elliptic functions (Jacobi theta functions):

$$\theta_1(z, \tau) = \theta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} (z, \tau) \quad , \quad \theta_4(z, \tau) = \theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} (z, \tau)$$

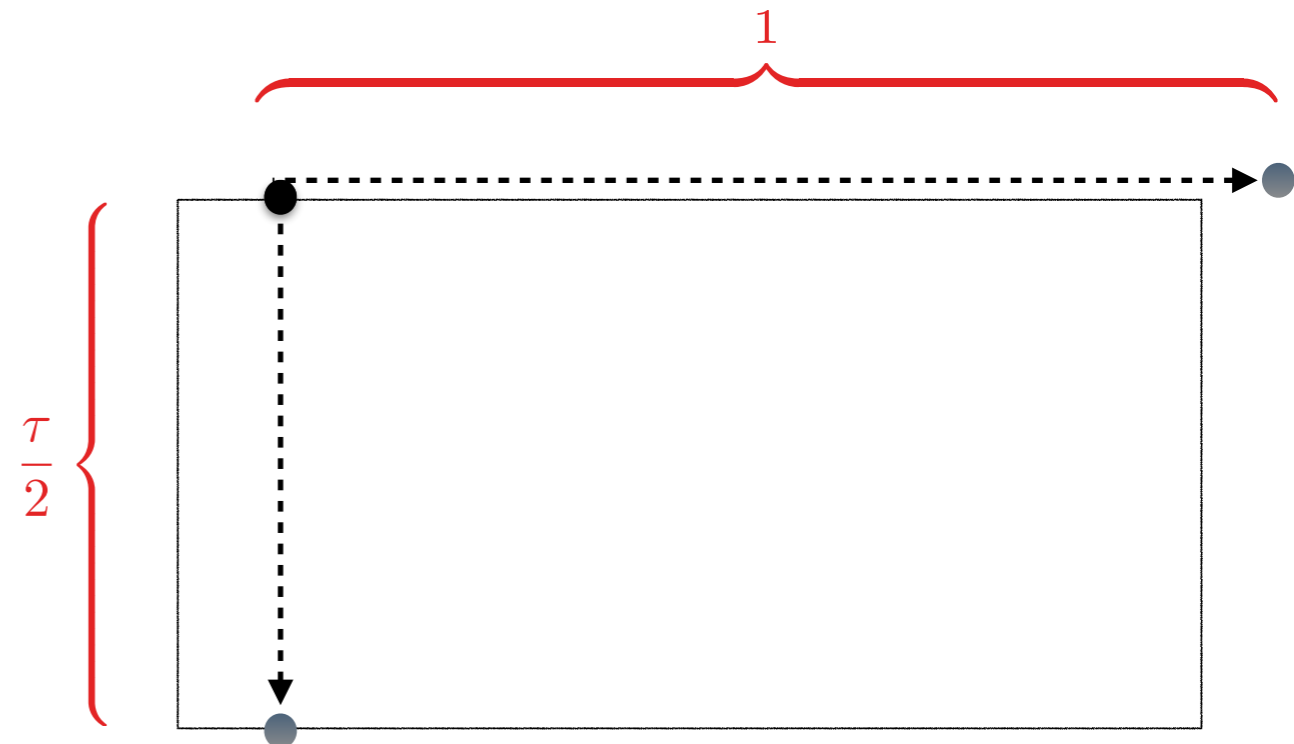
$$\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \left( z + \frac{\epsilon_1}{2} \tau + \frac{\epsilon_2}{2}, \tau \right) = e^{-\frac{i\pi\tau}{4} \epsilon_1^2 - \frac{i\pi\epsilon_1}{2} (2z-b) - \frac{i\pi}{2} \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} \theta \begin{bmatrix} a - \epsilon_1 \\ b - \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} (z, \tau)$$

$$\ln \frac{\theta_1(z + 1, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} = \ln \frac{\theta_1(z, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} + i\pi$$

$$\ln \frac{\theta_4(z + 1, \tau)}{\theta_4'(0, \tau)} = \ln \frac{\theta_4(z, \tau)}{\theta_4'(0, \tau)}$$

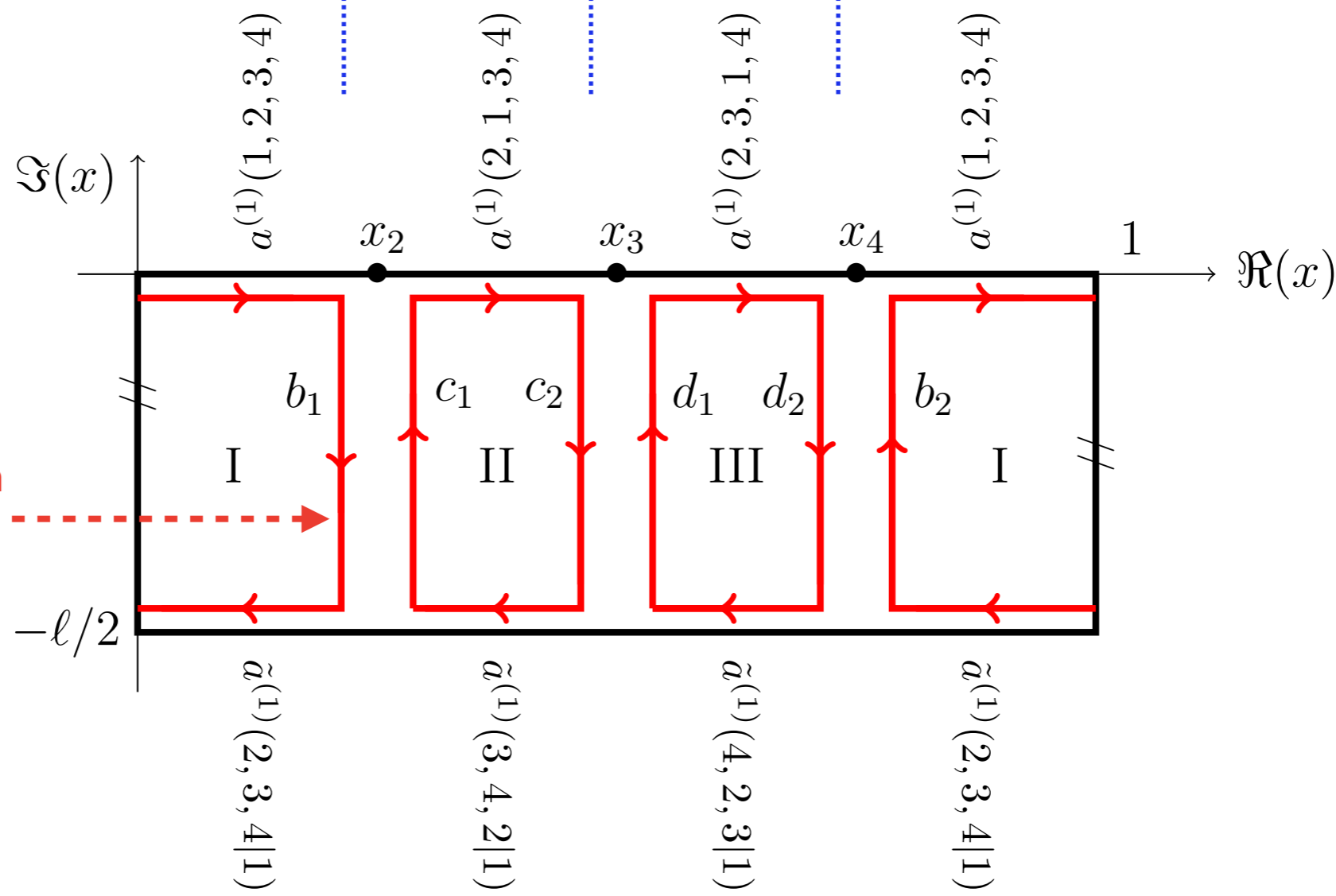
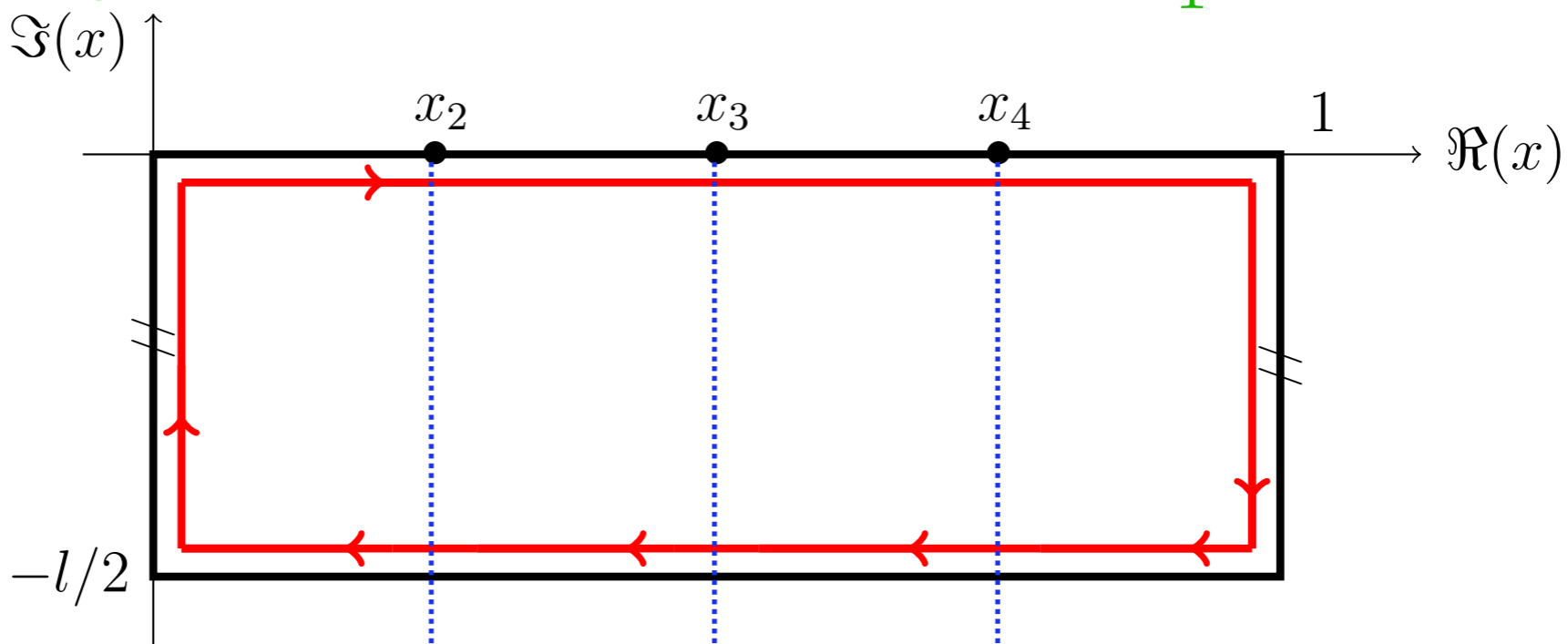
$$\ln \frac{\theta_1(z + \frac{\tau}{2}, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} = \ln \frac{\theta_4(z, \tau)}{\theta_4'(0, \tau)} - \frac{1}{4} i\pi\tau + \frac{1}{2} i\pi - i\pi z$$

$$\ln \frac{\theta_4(z + \frac{\tau}{2}, \tau)}{\theta_4'(0, \tau)} = \ln \frac{\theta_1(z, \tau)}{\theta_1'(0, \tau)} - \frac{1}{4} i\pi\tau + \frac{1}{2} i\pi - i\pi z$$

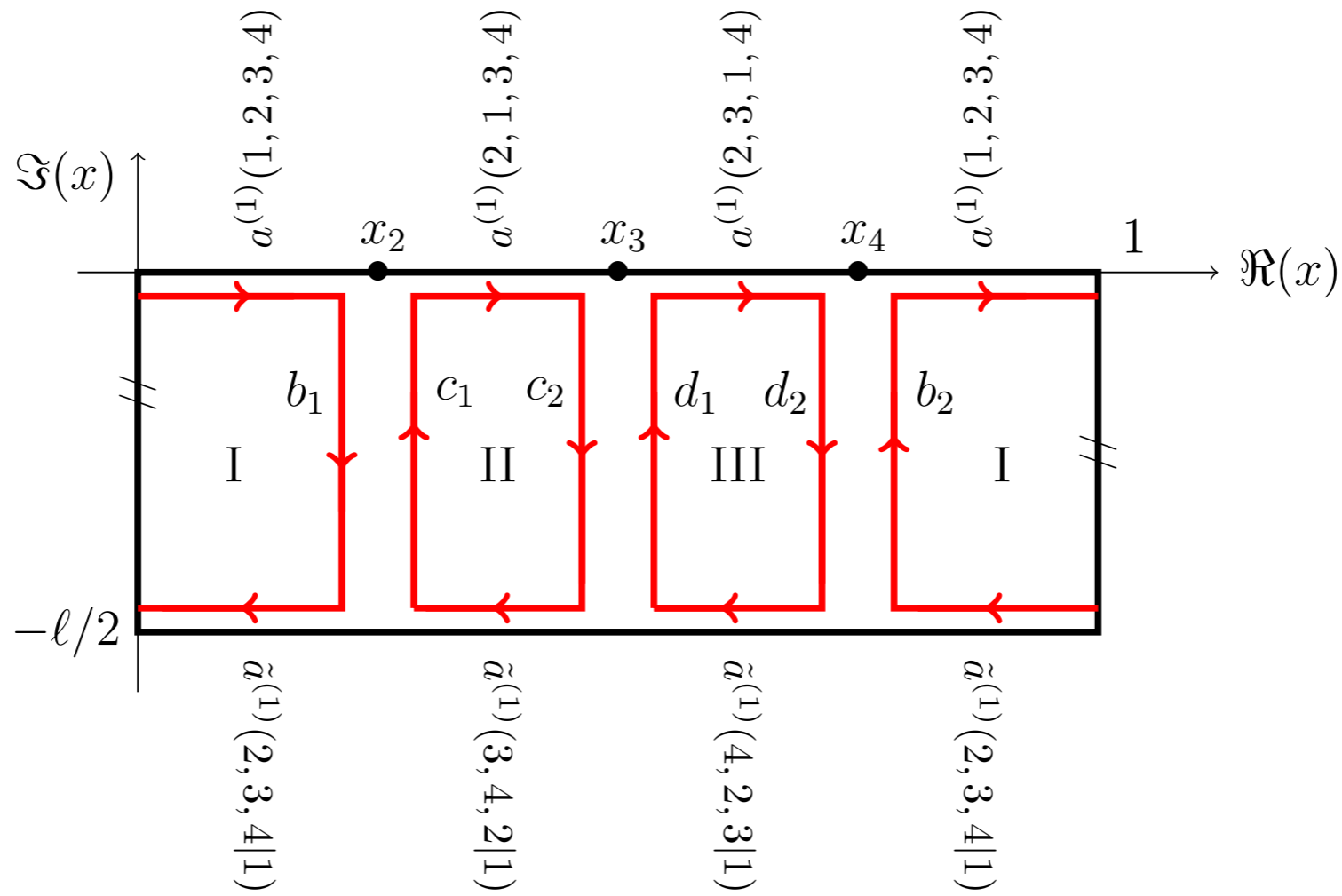


planar monodromy relation:

*consider contour integral w.r.t. holomorphic coordinate  $x_1$ :*



integrate along  
single-valued function



$$a^{(1)}(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) = V_{\text{CKG}}^{-1} P_4 \int_0^1 dx_{i_4} \int_0^{x_{i_4}} dx_{i_3} \int_0^{x_{i_3}} dx_{i_2} \int_0^{x_{i_2}} dx_{i_1} \prod_{1 \leq a < b \leq 4} \left( \frac{\theta_1(x_{i_b i_a}, i_l)}{\theta_1'(0, i_l)} \right)^{s_{i_a i_b}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a}^{(1)}(i_1, i_2, i_3 | j) &= V_{\text{CKG}}^{-1} P_4 \int_0^1 dx_{i_3} \int_0^{x_{i_3}} dx_{i_2} \int_0^{x_{i_2}} dx_{i_1} \int_0^{x_{i_1}} dx_j \exp \left\{ i\pi \sum_{l=1}^3 s_{j i_l} x_{j i_l} \right\} \\ &\times \prod_{a=1}^3 \left( \frac{\theta_4(x_{j i_a}, i_l)}{\theta_1'(0, i_l)} \right)^{s_{j i_a}} \prod_{1 \leq a < b \leq 3} \left( \frac{\theta_1(x_{i_b i_a}, i_l)}{\theta_1'(0, i_l)} \right)^{s_{i_a i_b}} \end{aligned}$$

# Monodromy relations

planar monodromy relation:

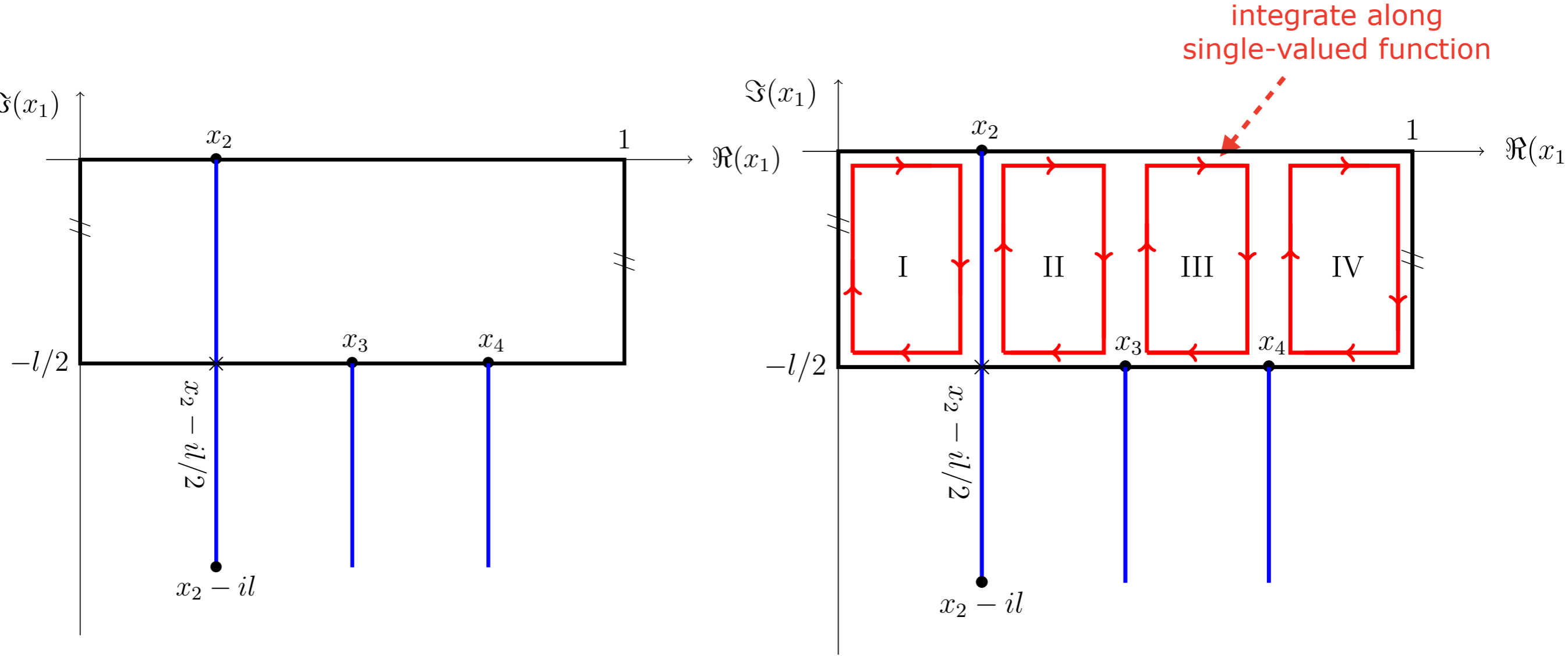
$$\begin{aligned} & A^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} A^{(1)}(2, 1, 3, 4) + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13})} A^{(1)}(2, 3, 1, 4) \\ &= \tilde{A}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} \tilde{A}^{(1)}(3, 4, 2|1) + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13})} \tilde{A}^{(1)}(4, 2, 3|1) \end{aligned}$$

generalization to arbitrary N is straightforward

see also: Tourkine, Vanhove, arXiv:1608.01665  
for related, but differing findings

non-planar monodromy relation:

consider contour integral w.r.t. holomorphic coordinate  $x_1$ :



$$\frac{1}{2} A^{(1)}(2, 1|3, 4) + \hat{A}^{(1)}(2|1, 3, 4) - (1 - e^{-i\pi s}) B^{(1)}(2, 1|3, 4) = 0$$

$\alpha' \ln q$

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generalization to arbitrary N is straightforward

## field-theory limit (I):

$$A_{YM}^{(1)}(1|2, 3, 4) = -A_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) - A_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 1, 3, 4) - A_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 3, 1, 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2|3, 4) &= A_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 3, 2, 4) + A_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 1, 3, 4) \\ &\quad + A_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 3, 1, 4) + A_{YM}^{(1)}(3, 1, 2, 4) + A_{YM}^{(1)}(3, 2, 1, 4) \end{aligned}$$

corresponds to leading order in field-theory (real part or KK like relations)

agrees with Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower (1994)



there are also relations from imaginary part (BCJ like relations)

# We have performed various *checks* by computing $\alpha'$ - expansions in *two* regimes:

- field-theory limit: non-analytic terms, branch cuts in kinematic invariants stemming from boundaries of moduli space of Riemann surface  
effects can be decoupled in the limit  $\tau \rightarrow i\infty$

lowest order yields N=4 SYM

Brink, Green, Schwarz  
1982

- finite  $\tau$ : perform  $\alpha'$ - expansion and get analytic terms

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} s_{ij} G(z_j - z_i, \tau) \right\} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} s_{ij} G(x_j - x_i, \tau) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq N_1 \\ N_1+1 \leq j \leq N_2}} s_{ij} G_T(z_j - z_i + \frac{il}{2}, \tau) \right\} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq N_1 \\ N_1+1 \leq j \leq N_2}} s_{ij} G_T(x_j - x_i, \tau) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$$x_l \in [0, 1]$$

yields iterated integrals over elliptic polylogarithms (elliptic iterated integrals)

$$\int_0^z \omega^{(n_1)}(z_1) \int_0^{z_1} \omega^{(n_2)}(z_2) \cdots \int_0^{z_{r-1}} \omega^{(n_r)}(z_r)$$

$\omega^{(k)}$  = family of one-forms on  $E_\tau^\times$

may be integrated over A and B-cycle  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Enriquez A-elliptic multiple zeta values} \\ \text{Enriquez B-elliptic multiple zeta values} \end{array} \right.$

This program has been accomplished for

planar-amplitude in: Broedel, Mafra, Matthes, Schlotterer, arXiv:1412.5535

non-planar amplitude in: Hohenegger, St.St, arXiv:1702.04963

Broedel, Matthes, Richter, Schlotterer, arXiv:1704.03449



Example:

$$A^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) = (s_{12}s_{14}) A_{YM}^{(0)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \int_0^\infty dl [ g(s, u) + g(t, s) + g(u, t) ]$$

$$g(s, u) = \int_0^1 dx_4 \int_0^{x_4} dx_3 \int_0^{x_3} dx_2 \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} s_{ij} G(x_j - x_i, \tau) \right\} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^4 s_{1j} G_T(x_j - x_1, \tau) \right\}$$

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} s_{ij} G(x_j - x_i, \tau) \right\} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^4 s_{1j} G_T(x_j - x_1, \tau) \right\}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} s [ G_T(x_{21}) + G(x_{43}) - G_T(x_{31}) - G(x_{42}) ]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} u [ G_T(x_{41}) + G(x_{32}) - G_T(x_{31}) - G(x_{42}) ] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$$\text{e.g.: } \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dz_4 \int_0^{z_4} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_2 G_T(z_2) = -\frac{1}{6} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{48} \ln q + \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{q^{m/2}}{1 - q^m} \left( \frac{1}{3m} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2 m^3} \right) + \frac{1}{6} Q_3$$

$$g(s, u) = \frac{1}{6} - (s + u) \left\{ \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \zeta_3 + \frac{3}{2\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\mathcal{L}i_3(q^n) + \mathcal{L}i_3(q^{n-1/2})] \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

## field-theory limit (II):

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} A^{(1)}(2, 1, 3, 4) + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13})} A^{(1)}(2, 3, 1, 4) \\ &= \tilde{A}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} \tilde{A}^{(1)}(3, 4, 2|1) + e^{i\pi(s_{12}+s_{13})} \tilde{A}^{(1)}(4, 2, 3|1) \end{aligned}$$

*consider field-theory expansion:*

*use:*  $A^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) = A_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ ,

$$\tilde{A}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) = \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) + i\pi \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4)[k_1] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$$

*with:*  $A_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) = \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) + \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(3, 4, 2|1) + \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(4, 2, 3|1)$

$$\tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4)[k_1] = s_{12}s_{23} A_{YM}^{(0)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{g}_{YM}(s_{12}, s_{23})$$

with field-theory object:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}_{YM}(s, u) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^{D/2-3}} \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 d\eta_i \right) \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^4 \eta_i \right) (\eta_3 s - \eta_4 u) e^{-\lambda (s\eta_1\eta_3 + u\eta_2\eta_4)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+\gamma) \Gamma(1+\gamma)^2 \Gamma(-\gamma)}{(2+\gamma) \Gamma(2\gamma+4)} (s^{\gamma+1} - u^{\gamma+1}) \quad , \quad \gamma = \frac{D}{2} - 4 \end{aligned}$$

altogether:

$$\tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4)[k_1] = s_{12}s_{23} A_{YM}^{(0)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{g}_{YM}(s_{12}, s_{23}) ,$$

$$\tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2)[k_1] = s_{12}s_{23} A_{YM}^{(0)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{g}_{YM}(s_{13}, s_{34}) ,$$

$$\tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3)[k_1] = s_{12}s_{23} A_{YM}^{(0)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{g}_{YM}(s_{14}, s_{24}) .$$

“new” field-theory relation:

$$\tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4)[k_1] + \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2)[k_1] + \tilde{A}_{YM}^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3)[k_1] = 0$$

  $\tilde{g}_{YM}(s, u) + \tilde{g}_{YM}(t, s) + \tilde{g}_{YM}(u, t) = 0$

let us understand, what this relation does mean in field-theory

box diagram with momentum insertion  $lk_i$ :

$$\square_i(s, u) := \left(\frac{\alpha'}{2\pi}\right)^\gamma \int d^D l \frac{lk_i}{l^2(l+k_1)^2(l+k_1+k_2)^2(l-k_4)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^{D/2-3}} \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{j=1}^4 d\eta_j \right)$$

$$\times \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^4 \eta_i \right) [ \eta_4 s_{4i} - \eta_3 (s_{1i} + s_{2i}) - \eta_2 s_{1i} ] e^{-\lambda(s\eta_1\eta_3 + u\eta_2\eta_4)} , \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 .$$

actually we have:

$$\tilde{g}_{YM}(s, u) = -2 \square_1(s, u) = -\Delta_1(s, u) + \Delta_4(s, u) ,$$

$$\tilde{g}_{YM}(t, s) = -2 \square_2(s, t) - s \square(s, t) = -\Delta_2(s, t) + \Delta_1(s, t) ,$$

$$\tilde{g}_{YM}(u, t) = -2 \square_3(u, t) + u \square(u, t) = -\Delta_3(u, t) + \Delta_2(u, t) .$$

with:

$$\Delta_i = \int d^D l \frac{d_i}{d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4} , \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 ,$$
$$d_i = (l + q_i)^2$$

i.e.:

$$\tilde{g}_{YM}(s, u) + \tilde{g}_{YM}(t, s) + \tilde{g}_{YM}(u, t) = 0$$

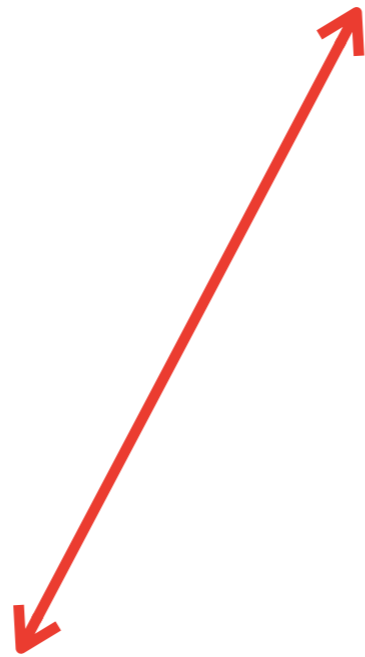
turns into:

$$\Delta_1(s, u) - \Delta_4(s, u) + \Delta_2(s, t) - \Delta_1(s, t) + \Delta_3(u, t) - \Delta_2(u, t) = 0$$

identity between triangles

this is just the (integrated) integrand relation:

$$2 \square_1(s, u) + 2 \square_2(s, t) + s \square(s, t) + 2 \square_3(u, t) - u \square(u, t) = 0$$



$$s_{1l} I(1, 2, 3, 4) + (s_{12} + s_{1l}) I(2, 1, 3, 4) + (s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{1l}) I(2, 3, 1, 4) = 0$$

$$I(1, 2, 3, 4) = \frac{1}{l^2 (l + k_1)^2 (l + k_1 + k_2)^2 (l - k_4)^2} = \frac{1}{d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4}$$

Boels, Isermann (2011)  
Du, Luo (2012)

# III. Amplitudes in non-commutative background

introduce constant background B-field

(metric  $g$ )

open string anti-symmetric tensor:

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = (-2\pi\alpha') \left( \frac{1}{g+B} B \frac{1}{g-B} \right)^{\mu\nu}$$

open string metric:

$$G^{\mu\nu} = \left( \frac{1}{g+B} g \frac{1}{g-B} \right)^{\mu\nu}$$

Seiberg, Witten (1999)

$$[x^\mu, x^\nu] = i \Theta^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mu, \nu = 0, \dots, p$$

$$A_{NC}^{(0)}(1, \dots, N) = A^{(0)}(1, \dots, N) \exp \left\{ -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} k_i \times k_j \right\}$$

Filk (1996)

$$k \cdot p := k_\mu G^{\mu\nu} p_\nu$$

$$k_i \times k_j = k_{i\mu} \Theta^{\mu\nu} k_{j\nu}$$

one-loop open string theory:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^{(1)}(2, 3, 4|1) &= -i\sqrt{\det G} \frac{g_o^4}{4\alpha'^2} (2\alpha')^4 (2\pi)^{p-3} \delta^{(p+1)} \left( \sum_{q=1}^4 k_q \right) \mathcal{K} \int_0^\infty \frac{dl}{2} l^{-5} \\
 &\times \left( \frac{8\pi^2 \alpha'}{l} \right)^{-\frac{p+1}{2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{k_\mu (\Theta G \Theta)^{\mu\nu} k_\nu l}{8\pi\alpha'} \right\} \left( \prod_{q=1}^4 \int_0^1 dx_q \right) \prod_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} \left| \frac{\theta_1(x_{ij}, il)}{\theta_1(0, il)} \right|^{2\alpha' k_i \cdot k_j} \\
 &\times \prod_{i=2}^4 \left| \frac{\theta_4(x_{1i}, il)}{\theta_1(0, il)} \right|^{2\alpha' k_1 \cdot k_i} \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} (k_i \times k_j) \left[ x_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Liu, Michelson (2001)

$$k = k_2 + k_3 + k_4 = -k_1 \quad = \text{non-planar momentum}$$

equate:

$$-i\pi \sum_{i=2}^4 s_{1i} x_i \stackrel{!}{=} -i \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq 4} (k_i \times k_j) (x_i - x_j)$$

yields:

$$k_{1\mu} (2\pi\alpha' G^{\mu\nu} - \Theta^{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

has solution:

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = 2\pi\alpha' \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & & \\ 1 & 0 & & \\ & & \mathcal{V}^{mn} & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

for the choice:

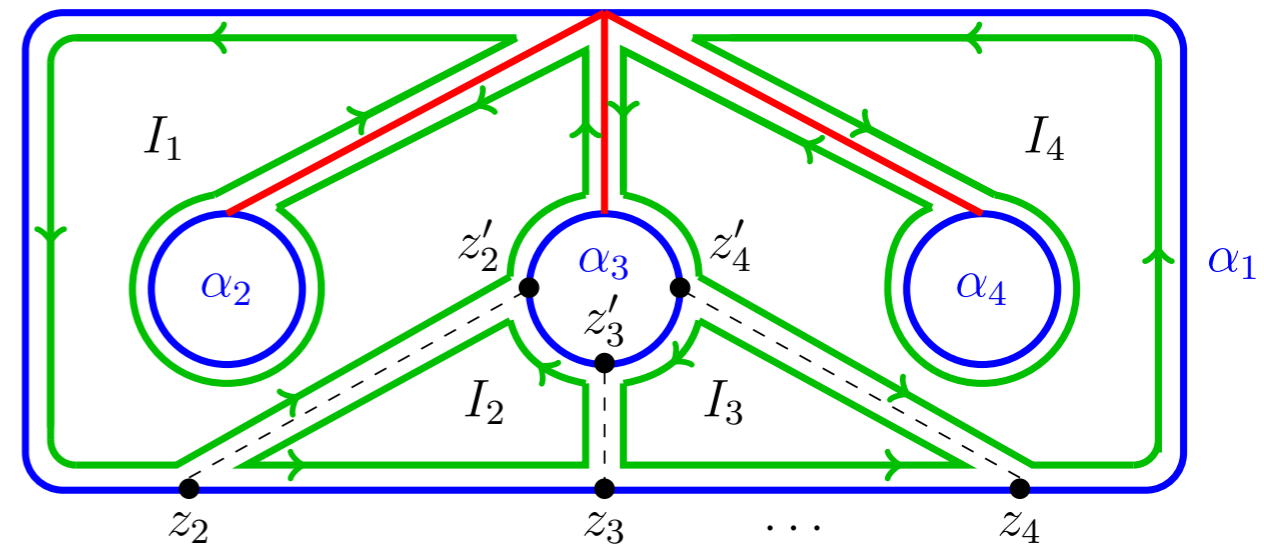
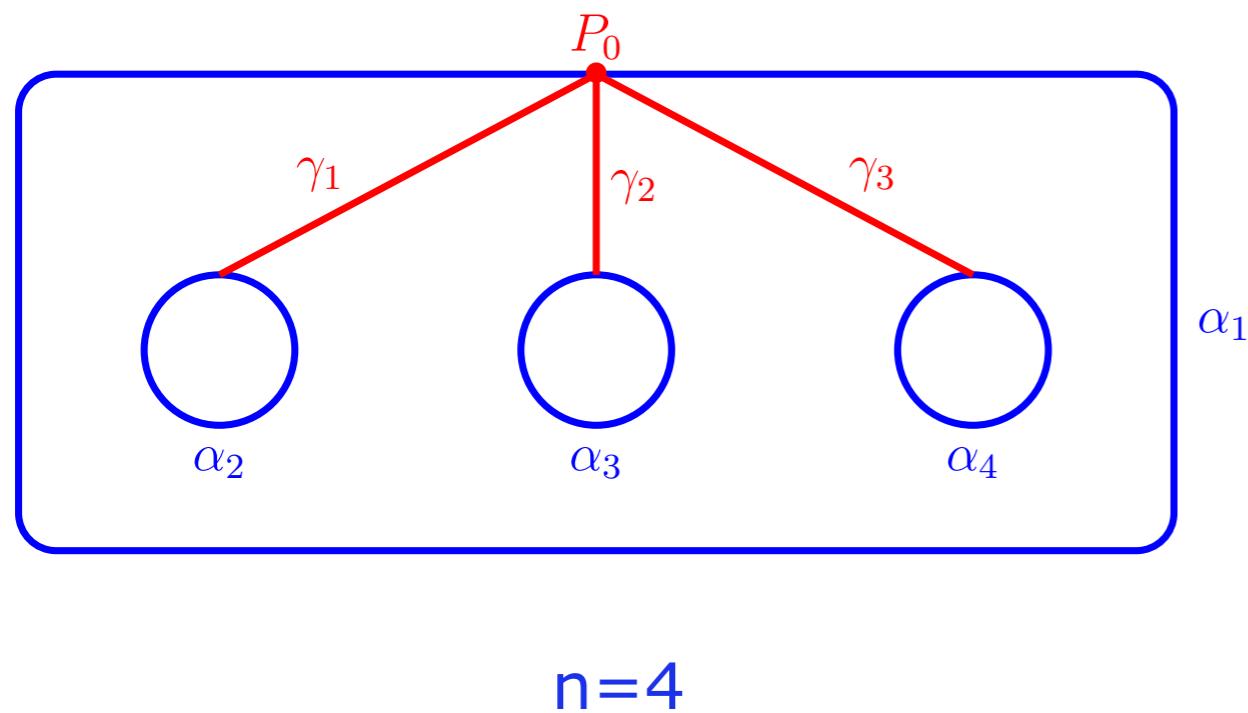
$$k_{1\mu} = (k, k, 0, \dots, 0),$$

$$G^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, \dots, 1)$$



# IV. Monodromy relations at g-loop

E.g. only n boundaries involved:  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  involution of Riemann surface of genus  $g=n-1$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & A^{(g)}(1, 2, \dots, N) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} A^{(g)}(2, 1, \dots, N) + \dots + e^{i\pi \sum_{j=2}^{N-1} s_{1j}} A^{(g)}(2, \dots, 1, N) \\
 & = \tilde{A}^{(g)}(2, 3, \dots, N|1) + e^{i\pi s_{12}} \tilde{A}^{(g)}(3, 4, \dots, N, 2|1) + \dots + e^{i\pi \sum_{j=2}^{N-1} s_{1j}} \tilde{A}^{(g)}(N, 2, \dots, N-1|1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Concluding remarks

- *correct* monodromy relations for N-point at g-loop
- additional “boundary” terms necessary to cancel tachyonic poles
- expansion in terms of elliptic multiple zeta values
- interpretation in terms of scattering in non-commutative background
- subamplitude relations play crucial role for KLT at higher loops !
- basis of independent subamplitudes ?
- include closed strings ?