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## Gaussian Integration, Determinants, Feynman Diagrams

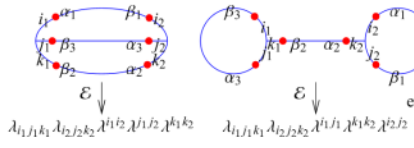
**Gaussian Integration.**  $(\lambda_{ij})$  is a symmetric positive definite matrix and  $(\lambda^{ij})$  is its inverse, and  $(\lambda_{ijk})$  are the coefficients of some cubic form. Denote by  $(x^i)_{i=1}^n$  the coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $(t_i)_{i=1}^n$  be a set of "dual" variables, and let  $\partial^i$  denote  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$ . Also let  $C := \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2}}{\det(\lambda_{ij})}$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{ij}x^i x^j + \frac{\epsilon}{6}\lambda_{ijk}x^i x^j x^k} = \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{\epsilon^m}{6^m m!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\lambda_{ijk}x^i x^j x^k)^m e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{ij}x^i x^j}$$

$$= \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{C \epsilon^m}{6^m m!} (\lambda_{ijk} \partial^i \partial^j \partial^k)^m e^{\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{\alpha\beta} t_\alpha t_\beta} \Big|_{t_\alpha=0} = \sum_{\substack{m, l \geq 0 \\ 3m=2l}} \frac{C \epsilon^m}{6^m m! 2^l l!} (\lambda_{ijk} \partial^i \partial^j \partial^k)^m (\lambda^{\alpha\beta} t_\alpha t_\beta)^l$$

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$$= \sum_{\substack{m, l \geq 0 \\ 3m=2l}} \frac{C \epsilon^m}{6^m m! 2^l l!} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \lambda^{\alpha_1 \beta_1} \quad \lambda^{\alpha_2 \beta_2} \quad \lambda^{\alpha_3 \beta_3} \quad \dots \quad \lambda^{\alpha_l \beta_l} \\ \text{--- sum over all pairings ---} \\ \lambda_{i_1 j_1 k_1} \quad \lambda_{i_2 j_2 k_2} \quad \dots \quad \lambda_{i_m j_m k_m} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{m, l \geq 0 \\ 3m=2l}} \frac{C \epsilon^m}{6^m m! 2^l l!} \sum_{\text{m-vertex fully marked Feynman diagrams } D} \mathcal{E}(D)$$


$$= C \sum_{\text{unmarked Feynman diagrams } D} \frac{\epsilon^{m(D)} \mathcal{E}(D)}{|\text{Aut}(D)|}$$

**Claim.** The number of pairings that produce a given unmarked Feynman diagram  $D$  is  $\frac{6^m m! 2^l l!}{|\text{Aut}(D)|}$ .

**Proof of the Claim.** The group  $G_{m,l} := [(S_3)^m \times S_m] \times [(S_2)^l \times S_l]$  acts on the set of pairings, the action is transitive on the set of pairings  $P$  that produce a given  $D$ , and the stabilizer of any given  $P$  is  $\text{Aut}(D)$ .  $\square$

**Determinants.** Now suppose  $Q$  and  $P_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) are  $d \times d$  matrices and  $Q$  is invertible.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{ij}x^i x^j + \frac{\epsilon}{6}\lambda_{ijk}x^i x^j x^k} \det(Q + \epsilon x^j P_i)$$

$$= \sum_{m, k \geq 0, \sigma \in S_k} \frac{\epsilon^{m+k}}{6^m m! k!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\lambda_{ijk}x^i x^j x^k)^m \text{tr}(\sigma(x^i Q^{-1} P_i)^{\otimes k}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{ij}x^i x^j}$$

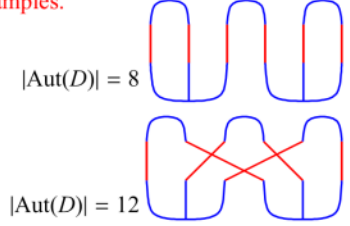
= a diagrammatic description  
 = sum unmarked diagrams

## The Fourier Transform.

$(F: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow (\tilde{f}: V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C})$  via  $\tilde{F}(\varphi) := \int_V f(v) e^{-i\langle \varphi, v \rangle} dv$ . Some facts:

- $\tilde{f}(0) = \int_V f(v) dv$ .
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi_i} \tilde{f} \sim v^i f$ .
- $(e^{Q/2}) \sim e^{Q^{-1}/2}$ , where  $Q$  is quadratic,  $Q(v) = \langle Lv, v \rangle$  for  $L: V \rightarrow V^*$ , and  $Q^{-1}(\varphi) := \langle \varphi, L^{-1}\varphi \rangle$ . (This is the key point in the proof of the Fourier inversion formula!)

## Examples.



**Perturbing Determinants.** If  $Q$  and  $P$  are matrices and  $Q$  is invertible,

$$\det(Q + \epsilon P) = \det(Q) \det(I + \epsilon Q^{-1} P)$$

$$= \det(Q) \sum_{k \geq 0} \epsilon^k \text{tr} \left( \bigwedge^k Q^{-1} P \right)$$

$$= \det(Q) \sum_{k \geq 0, \sigma \in S_k} \frac{\epsilon^k}{k!} \text{tr}(\sigma(Q^{-1} P)^{\otimes k})$$

= a diagrammatic description

A box on Berezin integration Berezin

A box on interior multiplication.