

Exercise for Scattering Amplitude (F, T6)

Problem set 4, due to 5 June, 2019

1) For the helicity choice $1^-, 2^-, 3^+$ and 4^+ we have:

$$A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+) = g_{YM}^2 \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle} .$$

- After using cyclic invariance there are six four-gluon MHV amplitudes. What are the other five amplitudes starting with 1^- and give their explicit form in terms of spinor helicity brackets.
- Write down all photon decoupling relations for $A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+)$ and express all six amplitudes in terms of $A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+)$ and $A_4(1^-, 3^+, 2^-, 4^+)$.
- In addition we have the BCJ relation:

$$s_{12} A_4(2^-, 1^-, 3^+, 4^+) = s_{14} A_4(2^-, 3^+, 1^-, 4^+) \quad (*) .$$

Check this relation by inserting the explicit expressions for the corresponding four-gluon amplitudes. Use reflection symmetry to bring $(*)$ into canonical form and use the latter to express all six amplitudes in terms of $A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+)$ only.

2) Consider the five-gluon MHV amplitude

$$A_5(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) = g_{YM}^3 \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} .$$

Take the soft-limit for gluon 4^+ and show directly (without using the general formula of the lecture):

$$A_5(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) \xrightarrow{p_4 \rightarrow 0} g_{YM} \frac{\langle 35 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle} A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 5^+) .$$

3) Consider the six-gluon NMHV amplitude

$$A_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-) = g_{YM}^4 \left\{ \frac{\langle 6|p_1 + p_2|3 \rangle^3}{\langle 61 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle [34] [45] [5|p_1 + p_6|2 \rangle} \frac{1}{(p_6 + p_1 + p_2)^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\langle 4|p_5 + p_6|1 \rangle^3}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle [16] [65] [5|p_1 + p_6|2 \rangle} \frac{1}{(p_5 + p_6 + p_1)^2} \right\} ,$$

with $\langle a|p_b + p_c|d \rangle = \langle ab \rangle [bd] + \langle ac \rangle [cd]$.

Take the soft-limit for gluon 4⁻ and show directly (without using the general formula of the lecture):

$$A_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-) \xrightarrow{p_4 \rightarrow 0} g_{YM} \frac{[35]}{[34][45]} A_5(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 5^-, 6^-) .$$

4) Consider the five-gluon MHV amplitude

$$A_5(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) = g_{YM}^3 \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} .$$

Take the collinear-limit for gluons 4⁺ and 5⁺, i.e. $p_4 = xP$ and $p_5 = (1-x)P$ and show directly (without using the general formula of the lecture):

$$A_5(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) \xrightarrow{p_4 \parallel p_5} g_{YM} \frac{1}{\langle 45 \rangle} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, P^+) .$$