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\underline{\lambda\in G(2,4)\quad \lambda_{a}\in\mathbb{P}^{1}}{\left(\begin{array}{ccc}\lambda_{1}^{1}&\lambda_{2}^{1}&\lambda_{3}^{1}&\lambda_{4}^{1}\\\lambda_{1}^{2}&\lambda_{2}^{2}&\lambda_{3}^{2}&\lambda_{4}^{2}\end{array}\right)}\\
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\frac{\lambda\in G(2,4)\quad\lambda_{a}\in\mathbb{P}^{1}}{\left(\begin{array}{c}\lambda_{1}^{1}\quad\lambda_{2}^{1}\quad\lambda_{3}^{1}\quad\lambda_{4}^{1}\\\lambda_{1}^{2}\quad\lambda_{2}^{2}\quad0&0\end{array}\right)}\\ \\
\lambda_{3}\longrightarrow\alpha_{3\,4}\lambda_{4}
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\begin{array}{c}
\lambda\in G(2,4) \quad \lambda_{a}\in\mathbb{P}^{1}\\
\begin{pmatrix}\lambda_{1}^{1} \quad \lambda_{2}^{1} \quad \lambda_{3}^{1} \quad \lambda_{4}^{1}\\
0 \quad \lambda_{2}^{2} \quad \lambda_{3}^{2} \quad 0
\end{array}$$

$$\lambda_{4}\longrightarrow \alpha_{41}\lambda_{1}$$

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\mathcal{A}_{4}^{(2)}(1,2,3,4):\\
\underline{\delta^{2\times4}(\lambda\cdot\tilde{\eta})\delta^{2\times2}(\lambda\cdot\tilde{\lambda})}{\alpha_{12}\langle 2\,3\rangle\,\alpha_{3\,4}}\\
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
\overline{\lambda\in G(2,4)} \quad \lambda_{a}\in\mathbb{P}^{1}\\
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 0 & \lambda_{3}^{1} & \lambda_{4}^{1}\\
\lambda_{1}^{2} & \lambda_{2}^{2} & 0 & 0\end{array}\right)\\
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
\lambda_{1}\longrightarrow\alpha_{12}\lambda_{2}\\
\lambda_{3}\longrightarrow\alpha_{3\,4}\lambda_{4}\end{array}$$





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\left(\begin{array}{ccc}\lambda_{1}^{1}&\lambda_{2}^{1}&\lambda_{3}^{1}&0\\\lambda_{1}^{2}&\lambda_{2}^{2}&\lambda_{3}^{2}&0\end{array}\right)\\
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\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \lambda_{1}^{1} \quad \lambda_{2}^{1} \quad \lambda_{3}^{1} \quad 0\\ 0 \quad 0 \quad \lambda_{3}^{2} \quad 0\end{array}\right)\\
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Recall the natural desire to generalize the Parke-Taylor formula according to:

Amplitudes with 2 negative-helicity gluons

$$\mathcal{A}_{n}^{(2)} = \frac{\delta^{2 \times 4} (\lambda \cdot \widetilde{\eta}) \delta^{2 \times 2} (\lambda \cdot \widetilde{\lambda})}{\langle 1 \, 2 \rangle \langle 2 \, 3 \rangle \langle 3 \, 4 \rangle \cdots \langle n \, 1 \rangle}$$

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$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^1 & \lambda_2^1 & \lambda_3^1 & \cdots & \lambda_n^1 \\ \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 & \lambda_3^2 & \cdots & \lambda_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Recall the natural desire to generalize the Parke-Taylor formula according to:

Amplitudes with *m* negative-helicity gluons:

$$\mathcal{A}_{n}^{(m)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\delta^{m \times 4} (\mathbf{C} \cdot \widetilde{\eta}) \delta^{m \times 2} (\mathbf{C} \cdot \widetilde{\lambda})}{\langle 1 \cdots m \rangle \langle 2 \cdots m + 1 \rangle \cdots \langle n \cdots m - 1 \rangle}$$





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In order for momentum conservation, $\delta^{2\times 2}(\lambda \cdot \tilde{\lambda})$, to be part of the constraints, we must have that $C \supset \lambda$

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Amplitudes with *m* negative-helicity gluons:

$$\mathcal{A}_{n}^{(m)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\delta^{m \times 4}(\mathbf{C} \cdot \widetilde{\eta}) \delta^{m \times 2}(\mathbf{C} \cdot \widetilde{\lambda}) \delta^{2 \times (n-m)}(\lambda \cdot \mathbf{C}^{\perp})}{\langle 1 \cdots m \rangle \langle 2 \cdots m+1 \rangle \cdots \langle n \cdots m-1 \rangle}$$



In order for momentum conservation, $\delta^{2\times 2}(\lambda \cdot \tilde{\lambda})$, to be part of the constraints, we must have that $C \supset \lambda$, imposed via $\delta^{2\times (n-m)}(\lambda \cdot C^{\perp})$

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$$C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} c_1^1 & c_2^1 & c_3^1 & \cdots & c_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_1^m & c_2^m & c_3^m & \cdots & c_n^m \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$\oint \frac{d\tau}{\langle 123\rangle(\tau)\cdot\langle 234\rangle(\tau)\cdot\langle 345\rangle(\tau)\cdot\langle 456\rangle(\tau)\cdot\langle 561\rangle(\tau)\cdot\langle 612\rangle(\tau)}$$

$$C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^1 & \lambda_2^1 & \lambda_3^1 & \lambda_4^1 & \lambda_5^1 & \lambda_6^1 \\ \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 & \lambda_3^2 & \lambda_4^2 & \lambda_5^2 & \lambda_6^2 \\ c_1^3 & c_2^3 & c_3^3 & c_4^3 & c_5^3 & c_6^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\mathcal{A}_{3}^{(2)} = \frac{\delta^{2\times4}(\lambda\cdot\widetilde{\eta})}{\langle 12\rangle\langle 23\rangle\langle 31\rangle} \delta^{2\times2}(\lambda\cdot\widetilde{\lambda}) \equiv \int \frac{d^{2\times3}B}{\operatorname{vol}(GL_{2})} \frac{\delta^{2\times4}(B\cdot\widetilde{\eta})}{(12)(23)(31)} \delta^{2\times2}(B\cdot\widetilde{\lambda}) \underbrace{\delta^{1\times2}(\lambda\cdot B^{\perp})}_{B\mapsto B^{*}=\lambda} \mathcal{A}_{3}^{(1)} = \frac{\delta^{1\times4}(\widetilde{\lambda}^{\perp}\cdot\widetilde{\eta})}{[12][23][31]} \delta^{2\times2}(\lambda\cdot\widetilde{\lambda}) \equiv \int \frac{d^{1\times3}W}{\operatorname{vol}(GL_{1})} \frac{\delta^{1\times4}(W\cdot\widetilde{\eta})}{(1)(2)(3)} \underbrace{\delta^{1\times2}(W\cdot\widetilde{\lambda})}_{W\mapsto W^{*}=\widetilde{\lambda}^{\perp}} \delta^{2\times2}(\lambda\cdot W^{\perp})$$

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