

BCJ duality, the Double copy and Black Holes

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- BCJ duality is a kinematic identity for n-point tree level color-ordered gauge theory amplitudes,

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{tree}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2,3,\dots,n)} \text{Tr}[T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n}] A_n^{tree}(1, 2, \dots, n) \quad (1)$$

- Kinematic analog of Jacobi identity for numerators in the amplitudes.
- Using generalized unitarity, the numerators identity has applications at higher loops.

- Color-ordered, tree level amplitudes satisfy some identities (cyclic, reflection and photon-decoupling). At four points, photon-decoupling identity reads,

$$A_4^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_4^{tree}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_4^{tree}(1, 4, 2, 3) = 0. \quad (2)$$

- Then, using kinematic considerations we obtain the following relations between four point amplitudes,

$$\begin{aligned} tA_4^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4) &= uA_4^{tree}(1, 3, 4, 2), \\ tA_4^{tree}(1, 4, 2, 3) &= sA_4^{tree}(1, 3, 4, 2), \\ sA_4^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4) &= uA_4^{tree}(1, 4, 2, 3), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $s = (k_1 + k_2)^2$, $t = (k_1 + k_4)^2$, $u = (k_1 + k_3)^2$.

- Expressing these tree color-ordered amplitudes in terms of the poles that appear,

$$\begin{aligned}A_4^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4) &\equiv \frac{n_s}{s} + \frac{n_t}{t}, \\A_4^{tree}(1, 3, 4, 2) &\equiv -\frac{n_u}{u} - \frac{n_s}{s}, \\A_4^{tree}(1, 4, 2, 3) &\equiv -\frac{n_t}{t} + \frac{n_u}{u}.\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

- Comparing the last two expressions, we get the relation,

$$n_u = n_s - n_t,\tag{5}$$

which mimics the Jacobi identity,

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Four point example

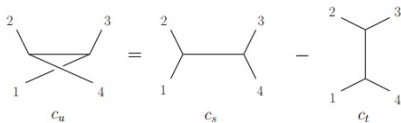


FIG. 2: The Jacobi identity relating the color factors of the u, s, t channel “color diagrams”. The color factors are given by dressing each vertex with an \tilde{f}^{abc} following a clockwise ordering.

$$C_U = C_S - C_T, \quad (6)$$

where,

$$C_U \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_4 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_1}, \quad C_S \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}, \quad C_T \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}. \quad (7)$$

- Given three dependent color factors $c_\alpha, c_\beta, c_\gamma$ associated with tree level color diagrams, scattering amplitudes can be decomposed into kinematic diagrams with numerator factors $n_\alpha, n_\beta, n_\gamma$ that satisfy

$$c_\alpha - c_\beta + c_\gamma = 0, \Rightarrow n_\alpha - n_\beta + n_\gamma = 0. \quad (8)$$

- For example, in the five-point case, the diagrams in the figure satisfy the color identity

$$c_3 = c_5 - c_8, \quad (9)$$

where

$$c_3 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_5 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_1 a_2}, \quad c_5 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_2 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_1 a_5}, \quad c_8 \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_3 a_4 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_1 c} \tilde{f}^{c a_2 a_5}. \quad (10)$$

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Five point example

$$c_3 = c_5 - c_8$$

FIG. 4: The Jacobi identity at five points. These diagrams can be interpreted as relations for color factors, where each color factor is obtained by dressing the diagrams with \tilde{f}^{abc} at each vertex in a clockwise ordering. Alternatively it can be interpreted as relations between the kinematic numerator factors of corresponding diagrams, where the diagrams are nontrivially rearranged compared to Feynman diagrams.

- Then, it is possible to write the numerators, in such a form that they satisfy the same identities as the color factors. This is,

$$c_3 - c_5 + c_8 = 0, \Rightarrow n_3 - n_5 + n_8 = 0, \quad (11)$$

where the kinematic numerators come from expressing the full color dressed amplitude via

$$\mathcal{A}_5^{tree} = g^3 \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{n_i c_i}{p_i}. \quad (12)$$

- This will have as a consequence, simple relations between color-ordered amplitudes. For example

$$A_5^{tree}(1, 3, 4, 2, 5) = \frac{-s_{12}s_{45}A_5^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) + s_{14}(s_{24} + s_{25})A_5^{tree}(1, 4, 3, 2, 5)}{s_{13}s_{24}} \quad (13)$$

(and another three of those).

- Derived by Kawai, Lewellen and Tye in 1986.
- First uncovered in string theory, hold in field theory (string's low energy limit).
- Relate gauge and gravity theories amplitudes. For example,

$$M_5^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = i s_{12} s_{34} A_5^{tree}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{tree}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ + i s_{13} s_{24} A_5^{tree}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{tree}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5). \\ (14)$$

- BCJ conjectured this duality is true to all loop orders and (partially inspired by KLT relations) we can write gravity theories scattering amplitudes by "squaring" a gauge theory scattering amplitude. This process is called Double copy.
- A general massless m-point gauge theory amplitude in d space-time can be written as,

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{(L)} = i^L g^{m-2+2L} \sum_{i \in \Gamma} \int \prod_{\ell=1}^L \frac{d^d p_\ell}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}. \quad (15)$$

- If kinematic numerators satisfy BCJ relations, the m-point, L-loop gravity amplitude will be,

$$\mathcal{M}_m^{(L)} = i^{L+1} \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{m-2+2L} \sum_{i \in \Gamma} \int \prod_{\ell=1}^L \frac{d^d p_\ell}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}. \quad (16)$$

Why solutions?

- Trying to understand better the origin of BCJ and Double copy.
- Because they are defined in a purely perturbative context, multiloop calculations make difficult to explore the deeper meaning.
- Do features manifest themselves in a classical context? (Or at Lagrangian level).

Kerr-Schild coordinates

Kerr-Schild coordinates

- In Kerr-Schild coordinates, spacetime metric may be written in the form,

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\mu\nu} &= \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \\ &= \eta_{\mu\nu} + k_{\mu}k_{\nu}\phi,\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

where the vector k_{μ} has the property of being null with both the Minkowski and the Kerr-Schild metrics:

$$\eta_{\mu\nu}k_{\mu}k_{\nu} = 0 = g_{\mu\nu}k_{\mu}k_{\nu}.\tag{18}$$

Kerr-Schild coordinates

Einstein equations

- In terms of function ϕ and vector k_μ , one has the tensor,

$$R_\nu^\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \partial_\alpha (\phi k^\alpha k_\nu) + \partial_\nu \partial_\alpha (\phi k^\alpha k^\mu) - \partial^2 (\phi k^\mu k_\nu)). \quad (19)$$

- In the stationary case (where $\partial_0 = 0$, $k^0 = 1$), Einstein vacuum equations are,

$$R_0^0 = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \phi \quad (20)$$

$$R_0^i = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_j [\partial^i (\phi k^j) - \partial^j (\phi k^i)] \quad (21)$$

$$R_j^i = \frac{1}{2} \partial_l [\partial^i (\phi k^l k_j) + \partial_j (\phi k^l k^i) - \partial^l (\phi k^i k_j)]. \quad (22)$$

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Yang-Mills equation

- If we define a vector field $A_\mu = \phi k_\mu$, the Einstein vacuum equations $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ imply, in the stationary case,

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu(\partial^\mu(\phi k^\nu) - \partial^\nu(\phi k^\mu)) = 0. \quad (23)$$

Kerr-Schild coordinates and Double Copy

Stationary Kerr-Schild solutions

- Let,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + k_\mu k_\nu \phi, \quad (24)$$

be a stationary solution of the Einstein equations, then,

$$A_\mu^a = c_a \phi k^\mu, \quad (25)$$

is a solution of the Yang Mills equations. This constitutes a class of solutions identifiable between gauge and gravity theories.

- The Gauge solution is referred as single copy, or square root of the gravity solution.

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EXAMPLE 1: Schwarzschild Black Hole

- Most general spherically symmetric solution of vacuum Einstein equation.
- Considering the energy-momentum tensor,

$$T^{\mu\nu} = M v^\mu v^\nu \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (26)$$

where $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$. The exterior metric may be put in the form,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2GM}{r} k_\mu k_\nu, \quad (27)$$

(which is in Kerr-Schild form), where,

$$k^\mu = \left(1, \frac{x^i}{r}\right), \quad r^2 = x^i x_i, \quad 1 = 1 \dots 3. \quad (28)$$

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EXAMPLE 1: Schwarzschild Black Hole

- Using $\kappa^2 = 16\pi G$, the graviton will be,

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \phi k_\mu k_\nu, \quad \phi = \frac{M}{4\pi r}. \quad (29)$$

And we can have the single copy,

$$A^\mu = \frac{g c_a T^a}{4\pi r} k_\mu, \quad (30)$$

via the replacements,

$$\frac{\kappa}{2} \rightarrow g, \quad M \rightarrow c_a T^a, \quad k_\mu k_\nu \rightarrow k_\mu, \quad \frac{1}{4\pi r} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi r}. \quad (31)$$

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EXAMPLE 1: Schwarzschild Black Hole

- Given that this is a solution of Abelian Maxwell equations, we can perform a gauge transformation,

$$A_{\mu}^a \rightarrow A_{\mu}^a + \partial_{\mu} \chi^a(x), \quad (32)$$

Let us choose,

$$\chi^a = -\frac{g c_a}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right). \quad (33)$$

In this gauge, one has,

$$A_{\mu} = \left(\frac{g c_a T^a}{4\pi r}, 0, 0, 0 \right). \quad (34)$$

This is a Coulomb-like solution.

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EXAMPLE 2: Kerr Black Hole

- The uncharged, rotating black hole (Kerr) can be put in Kerr-Schild form, with the graviton,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \phi(r)k_{\mu}k_{\nu}, \quad (35)$$

where,

$$\phi(r) = \frac{2MGr^3}{r^4 + a^2z^2}, \quad (36)$$

and,

$$k^{\mu} = \left(1, \frac{rx + ay}{r^2 + a^2}, \frac{ry - ax}{r^2 + a^2}, \frac{z}{r} \right), \quad (37)$$

and r is implicitly defined by,

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2}{r^2 + a^2} + \frac{z^2}{r^2} = 1. \quad (38)$$

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EXAMPLE 2: Kerr Black Hole

- Following the Kerr-Schild single copy procedure, one may construct the gauge field,

$$A_{\mu}^a = \frac{g}{4\pi} \phi(r) c_a k_{\mu}, \quad (39)$$

where again this is a solution to the Abelian Maxwell equations.

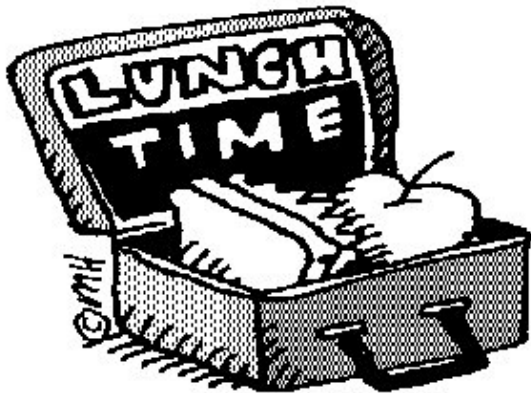
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Time dependent solutions

This single copy procedure, can be applied to time dependent solutions, like,

- Plane waves solutions.
- Shockwave solutions.
- Taub-NUT solutions. (?) (Further Work)

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