

# On the four-loop cusp anomalous dimension

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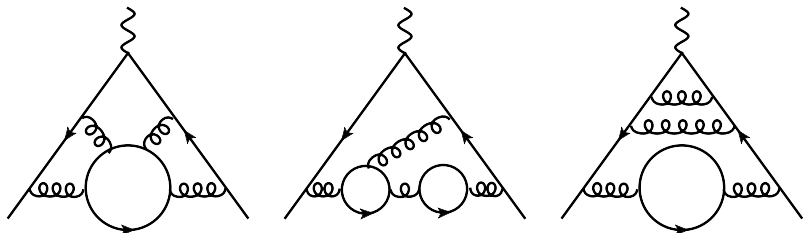
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Analytic results for the three-loop master integrals up to weight 8

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motivated by a future four-loop calculation.

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Our result is the fermionic contribution to  $F_q^{(4)}$  in the large- $N_c$  limit.

$$F_q^{(4)}|_{\text{large-}N_c} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\epsilon^7} \left[ \frac{1}{12} N_c^3 n_f \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^6} \left[ \frac{41}{648} N_c^2 n_f^2 - \frac{37}{648} N_c^3 n_f \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^5} \left[ \frac{1}{54} N_c n_f^3 + \frac{277}{972} N_c^2 n_f^2 \right. \\ & + \left. \left( \frac{41\pi^2}{648} - \frac{6431}{3888} \right) N_c^3 n_f \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \left[ \left( \frac{215\zeta_3}{108} - \frac{72953}{7776} - \frac{227\pi^2}{972} \right) N_c^3 n_f \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{11}{54} N_c n_f^3 + \left( \frac{5}{24} + \frac{127\pi^2}{1944} \right) N_c^2 n_f^2 \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \left[ \left( \frac{229\zeta_3}{486} - \frac{630593}{69984} + \frac{293\pi^2}{2916} \right) N_c^2 n_f^2 \right. \\ & + \left. \left( \frac{2411\zeta_3}{243} - \frac{1074359}{69984} - \frac{2125\pi^2}{1296} + \frac{413\pi^4}{3888} \right) N_c^3 n_f + \left( \frac{127}{81} + \frac{5\pi^2}{162} \right) N_c n_f^3 \right] \\ & + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\log(F_q)|_{\text{pole part}} \left| \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^4 = \right.$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon^5} \left[ \frac{25}{96} \beta_0^3 C_F \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^0 \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \left[ C_F \left( -\frac{13}{96} \beta_0^2 \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^1 - \frac{5}{12} \beta_1 \beta_0 \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^0 \right) - \frac{1}{4} \beta_0^3 \gamma_q^0 \right] \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \left[ C_F \left( \frac{5}{32} \beta_2 \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^0 + \frac{3}{32} \beta_1 \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^1 + \frac{7}{96} \beta_0 \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{4} \beta_0^2 \gamma_q^1 + \frac{1}{2} \beta_1 \beta_0 \gamma_q^0 \right]$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \beta_2 \gamma_q^0 - \frac{1}{4} \beta_1 \gamma_q^1 - \frac{1}{4} \beta_0 \gamma_q^2 - \frac{1}{32} C_F \gamma_{\text{cusp}}^3 \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ \frac{\gamma_q^3}{4} \right] \right\},$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_q^0 &= -\frac{3N_c}{2}, \quad \gamma_q^1 = \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{65}{54}\right) N_c n_f + \left(7\zeta_3 - \frac{5\pi^2}{12} - \frac{2003}{216}\right) N_c^2, \\
\gamma_q^2 &= \left(-\frac{\pi^4}{135} - \frac{290\zeta_3}{27} + \frac{2243\pi^2}{972} + \frac{45095}{5832}\right) N_c^2 n_f + \left(-\frac{4\zeta_3}{27} - \frac{5\pi^2}{27} + \frac{2417}{1458}\right) \\
&\quad + N_c^3 \left(-68\zeta_5 - \frac{22\pi^2\zeta_3}{9} - \frac{11\pi^4}{54} + \frac{2107\zeta_3}{18} - \frac{3985\pi^2}{1944} - \frac{204955}{5832}\right), \\
\gamma_q^3 &= N_c^3 \left[ \left(-\frac{680\zeta_3^2}{9} - \frac{1567\pi^6}{20412} + \frac{83\pi^2\zeta_3}{9} + \frac{557\zeta_5}{9} + \frac{3557\pi^4}{19440} - \frac{94807\zeta_3}{972}\right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{354343\pi^2}{17496} + \frac{145651}{1728}\right) n_f \right] + \left(-\frac{8\pi^4}{1215} - \frac{356\zeta_3}{243} - \frac{2\pi^2}{81} + \frac{18691}{13122}\right) N_c n_f^3 \\
&\quad + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\pi^2\zeta_3 + \frac{166\zeta_5}{9} + \frac{331\pi^4}{2430} - \frac{2131\zeta_3}{243} - \frac{68201\pi^2}{17496} - \frac{82181}{69984}\right) N_c^2 n_f^2 + \dots
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For example, if  $x_k = 0, -1, 1$  then results are expressed in terms of HPLs [E. Remiddi & J.A.M. Vermaseren]

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n; x) = \int_0^x f(a_1; t) H(a_2, \dots, a_n; t) dt,$$

where  $f(\pm 1; t) = 1/(1 \mp t)$ ,  $f(0; t) = 1/t$

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- If you have almost reached the  $\varepsilon$ -form, make a small final rotation of the current basis.  
See, e.g., [S. Caron-Huot, J. Henn,'14], [T. Gehrmann, A. von Manteuffel, L. Tancredi and E. Weihs'14]

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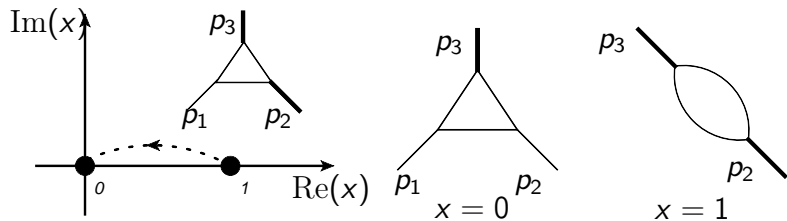
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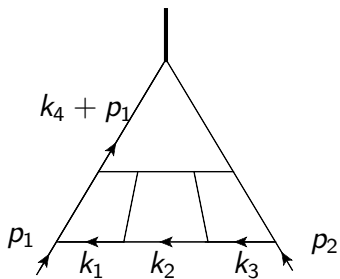
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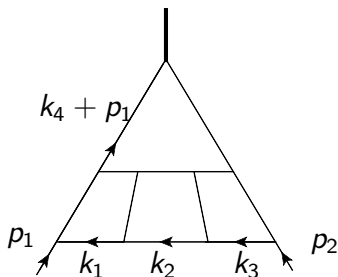
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