

# The Six Gluon One-Loop Amplitude

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This article brings together in a single place the different components of the six gluon one-loop amplitude

## 1. Introduction

The one-loop scattering amplitude for six-gluons in pure QCD has been an interesting test case for the development of analytic techniques in perturbative gauge theories. The amplitude can be decomposed into various subamplitudes which were calculated between 1993 and 2006 [1–13] in thirteen different publications by 23 authors.

The results for the amplitude are spread across a large number of papers. The purpose of this contribution is to bring as many of these as practical together in a common source with a reasonably consistent notation. There is no original material in this process although some of the original results have been expressed in alternate forms.

The different pieces have been used in the development of various techniques: this article will focus upon the results not the processes by which they were created. The amplitudes discussed here are available at <http://pyweb.swan.ac.uk/~dunbar/sixgluon.html> in `Mathematica` format. Many of the helicity amplitudes are included in expressions which are valid for  $n$  legs. We will try to show how these specialise to the six gluon case and give the six-gluon case explicitly.

## 2. Organisation

The organisation of loop amplitudes into physical sub-amplitudes is an important step toward computing these amplitudes: although eventually all the pieces must be reassembled.

For one-loop amplitudes of adjoint representation particles in the loop, one may perform a

colour decomposition similar to the tree-level decomposition [14]. The one-loop decomposition is [15],

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g^n \sum_{c=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n / S_{n;c}} \text{Gr}_{n;c}(\sigma) A_{n;c}(\sigma)$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . The leading colour-structure factor,

$$\text{Gr}_{n;1}(1) = N_c \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_n}),$$

is just  $N_c$  times the tree colour factor, and the subleading colour structures ( $c > 1$ ) are given by,

$$\text{Gr}_{n;c}(1) = \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_{c-1}}) \text{Tr}(T^{a_c} \dots T^{a_n}).$$

$S_n$  is the set of all permutations of  $n$  objects and  $S_{n;c}$  is the subset leaving  $\text{Gr}_{n;c}$  invariant [15]. The contributions with fundamental representation quarks can be obtained from the same partial amplitudes, except that sum runs only over the  $A_{n;1}$  and the overall factor of  $N_c$  in  $\text{Gr}_{n;1}$  is dropped. For one-loop amplitudes of gluons the  $A_{n;c}$ ,  $c > 1$  can be obtained from the  $A_{n;1}$  by summing over permutations [15,3]. Hence it is suffice to compute  $A_{n;1}$  in what follows. The partial amplitudes  $A_{n;1}$  have cyclic symmetry rather than full crossing symmetry

The amplitudes are also organised according to the helicity of the outgoing gluon which may be  $\pm$ . We use polarisation tensors formed from Weyl spinors [16]

$$\epsilon_\mu^+(k; q) = \frac{\langle q^- | \gamma_\mu | k^- \rangle}{\sqrt{2} \langle q k \rangle}, \quad \epsilon_\mu^-(k; q) = \frac{\langle q^+ | \gamma_\mu | k^+ \rangle}{\sqrt{2} [k q]}$$

where  $k$  is the gluon momentum and  $q$  is an arbitrary null ‘reference momentum’ which drops out of final gauge-invariant amplitudes. The plus and minus labels on the polarization vectors refer to the gluon helicities and we use the notation  $\langle ij \rangle \equiv \langle k_i^- | k_j^+ \rangle$ ,  $[ij] \equiv \langle k_i^+ | k_j^- \rangle$ . In the twistor-inspired studies of gauge theory amplitudes the two component Weyl spinors are often expressed as

$$\lambda_a = |k^+ \rangle \quad \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} = |k^- \rangle$$

Helicity amplitudes are related to those with all legs of opposite helicity by conjugation  $\langle ab \rangle \leftrightarrow [ba]$ . Consequently, up to conjugation and relabeling, there are eight independent helicity color ordered amplitudes for the six-gluon amplitude as given in table 1. Of these amplitudes the  $A(1^+2^+3^+4^+5^+6^+)$  and  $A(1^-2^+3^+4^+5^+6^+)$  have the simplest one-loop structure: a consequence that the tree partial amplitudes vanish. In fact, these amplitudes vanish to all orders in perturbation theory within any supersymmetry theory. Amplitudes with exactly two negative helicities are referred to as MHV (“maximally helicity violating”) amplitudes and those with three negative helicities as NMHV (“next to MHV”) amplitudes.

Using spinor helicity leads to amplitudes which are functions of the spinor variables  $\langle ab \rangle$  and  $[ab]$ . It is also useful to define combinations of spinor products

$$[a|K_{b\dots f}|m \rangle \equiv [ab] \langle bm \rangle + \dots + [af] \langle fm \rangle$$

etc. In terms of Dirac traces

$$\text{tr}_+( \not{k}_a \not{k}_b \not{k}_c \not{k}_d ) = [ab] \langle bc \rangle [cd] \langle da \rangle$$

A general one-loop amplitude for massless particles can be expressed, after an appropriate Passarino-Veltman reduction [17], in terms of scalar integral functions with rational coefficients,

$$A_n^{1\text{-loop}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} a_i I_4^i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{D}} b_j I_3^j + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{E}} c_k I_2^k + R_n, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  and  $R_n$  are rational functions of the  $|k_i^\pm\rangle$  (or equivalently of  $\lambda_a$  and  $\bar{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}$ ). The  $I_4$ ,  $I_3$ , and  $I_2$  are scalar box, triangle and bubble functions respectively and these contain the logarithms and dilogarithms of the amplitude. The

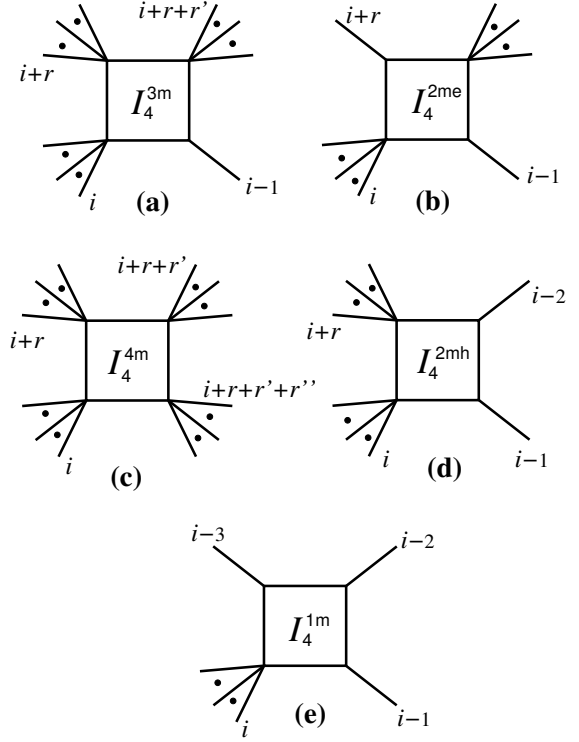


Figure 1. The various box integral functions

functional form of the scalar integrals depends upon the number of legs with non-null momenta inflowing. These are frequently referred to as massive legs although strictly we are dealing with massless states throughout.

We also choose to use a *supersymmetric decomposition*. Instead of calculating the one-loop contributions from massless gluons,  $A_n^{[1]}$  or quarks  $A_n^{[1/2]}$  circulating in the loop it is considerably more convenient to calculate the contributions from a full  $N = 4$  multiplet, a  $N = 1$  chiral multiplet and a complex scalar. In terms of these

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^{[1]} &= A_n^{N=4} - 4A_n^{N=1 \text{ chiral}} + A_n^{[0]}, \\ A_n^{[1/2]} &= A_n^{N=1 \text{ chiral}} - A_n^{[0]}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Finally, we find it useful to split an amplitude into its *cut-constructible part* and *rational part*.

The  $I_n$  span the cut-constructible part and

$$A_n = C_n + R_n$$

This is a convenient rather than a physical split. The split into  $R_n$  and  $C_n$  is, to some extent arbitrary. Some of the integral functions eg. the bubble function  $I_2$  contain rational pieces however it is much more logical to keep these within  $C_n$ . When doing so, for the supersymmetric contributions  $R_n = 0$ . In fact, it is useful to redefine different integral functions which include as much of the rational terms within  $C_n$  as possible. When this happens we will use the notation  $\hat{R}_n$ .

Finally, we present our results in the ‘‘four-dimensional-helicity’’ (FDH) scheme of dimensional regularisation which since it respects supersymmetry merges well with the supersymmetric decomposition. The translation to ‘t Hooft-Veltman scheme is immediate with

$$A_n^{N=4 \text{ tHV}} = A_n^{N=4 \text{ FDH}} - \frac{c_\Gamma}{3} A_n^{\text{tree}}$$

Amplitude	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$\mathcal{N} = 1$	$[0]^C$	$[0]^R$
(++++++)	0	0	0	93 [2]
(-++++++)	0	0	0	93 [1]
(--++++++)	94 [3]	94 [4]	94 [4]	05 [8]
(-+ -++++++)	94 [3]	94 [4]	04 [6]	06 [12]
(-++ -++++++)	94 [3]	94 [4]	04 [6]	06 [12]
(---++++++)	94 [4]	04 [5]	05 [9]	06 [11]
(--+-++++++)	94 [4]	05 [7]	06 [10]	06 [13]
(-+-+ -++++++)	94 [4]	05 [7]	06 [10]	06 [13]

Table 1

The components of the six-gluon amplitude with the year of computation and original references

### 3. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ amplitudes

The one-loop amplitudes for gluon scattering within  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super-Yang-Mills are particularly

simple being heavily constrained by the large symmetry. In terms of the integral basis they can be expressed entirely in terms of scalar boxes [3]

$$A_n^{N=4} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} a_i I_4^i$$

The scalar box functions are illustrated in figure 1. It is convenient to define rescaled box functions  $F_4^i$  where

$$I_{4:i}^{1m} = -2r_\Gamma \frac{F_{4:i}^{1m}}{t_{i-3}^{[2]} t_{i-2}^{[2]}}$$

$$I_{4:r;i}^{2me} = -2r_\Gamma \frac{F_{4:r;i}^{2me}}{t_{i-1}^{[r+1]} t_i^{[r+1]} - t_i^{[r]} t_{i+r+1}^{[n-r-2]}}$$

$$I_{4:r;i}^{2mh} = -2r_\Gamma \frac{F_{4:r;i}^{2mh}}{t_{i-2}^{[2]} t_{i-1}^{[r+1]}}$$

where  $r_\Gamma = \Gamma(1 + \epsilon)\Gamma^2(1 - \epsilon)/\Gamma(1 - 2\epsilon)$ . The  $F$ -functions are the box functions with the appropriate momentum prefactor removed. For example, the scalar box function with one-massive leg is

$$F_4^{1m}(s_{12}, s_{23}, m_4^2) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{12}} \right)^\epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{23}} \right)^\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-m_4^2} \right)^\epsilon + \text{Li}_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{-m_4^2}{-s_{12}} \right] + \text{Li}_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{-m_4^2}{-s_{23}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left( \frac{-s_{12}}{-s_{23}} \right)$$

These integrals are expressed in the Euclidean region where all momentum invariants are negative i.e.  $-s > 0$  etc.  $m_4^2$  is the momentum invariant inflowing to the fourth leg not a physical mass.

The expressions are given in the physical region through the usual analytic continuation. We use notations,

$$t_j^{[m]} = K_{j\dots j+m}^2 \equiv (k_j + k_{j+1} + \dots + k_{j+m})^2$$

but also the shorthand  $s_{ij} = (k_i + k_j)^2$  and  $t_{ijk} = (k_i + k_j + k_k)^2$ .

Closed analytic expressions are known for the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  MHV and NMHV  $n$ -point one-loop amplitudes. The MHV amplitudes are given by

$$A_n^{N=4, MHV} = c_\Gamma A_n^{\text{tree}} \times \left( \sum_i F_4^{1m} + \sum_i F_4^{2me} \right)$$

where the sum over  $F$ -functions is over all possible inequivalent functions with the appropriate cyclic ordering of legs. For the six-point amplitude this consists of the six one-mass box functions and the three independent  $F_4^{2me}$  box functions. The three different MHV amplitudes only differ by the overall  $A_6^{\text{tree}}$  factor. The amplitude has an overall factor of

$$c_\Gamma = \frac{(4\pi)^\epsilon \Gamma(1+\epsilon)\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)}{16\pi^2 \Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} = \frac{r_\Gamma}{(2\pi)^{2-\epsilon}}$$

In subsequent amplitudes we will usually suppress this factor. In terms of elementary functions we can express the six-point amplitude as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum_i F_4^{1m} + \sum_i F_4^{2me} \right) = \\ & \sum_{i=1}^6 -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-t_i^{[2]}} \right)^\epsilon - \sum_{i=1}^6 \ln \left( \frac{-t_i^{[2]}}{-t_i^{[3]}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i+1}^{[2]}}{-t_i^{[3]}} \right) \\ & - \text{Li}_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{t_1^{[2]} t_6^{[4]}}{t_1^{[3]} t_6^{[3]}} \right] - \text{Li}_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{t_2^{[2]} t_1^{[4]}}{t_2^{[3]} t_1^{[3]}} \right] \\ & - \text{Li}_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{t_3^{[2]} t_2^{[4]}}{t_3^{[3]} t_2^{[3]}} \right] + \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^6 \ln \left( \frac{-t_i^{[3]}}{-t_{i+4}^{[3]}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i+1}^{[3]}}{-t_{i+3}^{[3]}} \right) + \pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

The three independent NMHV amplitudes also contain the one-mass box functions but contain  $F_4^{2mh}$  boxes. The boxes which appear in the six-point NMHV amplitudes appear in the very spe-

cial combination

$$\begin{aligned} W_6^{(i)} & \equiv F_{4:i}^{1m} + F_{4:i+3}^{1m} + F_{4:2;i+1}^{2mh} + F_{4:2;i+4}^{2mh} \\ & = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \sum_{j=1}^6 \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{j,j+1}} \right)^\epsilon \\ & - \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i,i+1}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+1,i+2}} \right) \\ & - \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+3,i+4}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+4,i+5}} \right) \\ & + \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+2,i+3}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-t_{i,i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+5,i}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i,i+1}}{-s_{i+3,i+4}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+4,i+5}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i-1,i}}{-s_{i,i+1}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i+1,i+2}}{-s_{i+2,i+3}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i+2,i+3}}{-s_{i+3,i+4}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-s_{i+4,i+5}}{-s_{i+5,i}} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

As we can see the dilogarithms drop out of this expression. It is an example where the expansion in terms of scalar boxes is probably not optimal in some sense. This feature of the  $\mathcal{N}=4$  NMHV six-point amplitude persists for amplitudes involving external states other than gluons [18] but not beyond six-points.

The first NMHV  $\mathcal{N}=4$  amplitude is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A_{6;1}^{N=4} & (1^- 2^- 3^- 4^+ 5^+ 6^+) \\ & = i c_\Gamma \left[ B_1 W_6^{(1)} + B_2 W_6^{(2)} + B_3 W_6^{(3)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

The coefficients  $B_i$  are given in terms of the  $B_0$  function

$$B_0 = \frac{t_{123}^3}{[12][23]\langle 45\rangle\langle 56\rangle[1|K_{23}|4][3|K_{12}|6]}.$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 & = B_0, \\ B_2 & = \left( \frac{[4|K_{123}|1]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 B_0^+ + \left( \frac{\langle 23\rangle[56]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^+, \\ B_3 & = \left( \frac{[6|K_{345}|3]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 B_0^- + \left( \frac{\langle 12\rangle[45]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^-. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_0^+ \equiv B_0|_{i \rightarrow i+1} \quad B_0^- \equiv B_0|_{i \rightarrow i-1}$$

and

$$\bar{B}_0 \equiv B_0|_{\langle a b \rangle \leftrightarrow [a b]}$$

i.e. conjugation.

The other amplitudes are

$$\begin{aligned} A_{6;1}^{N=4}(1^- 2^- 3^+ 4^- 5^+ 6^+) \\ = i c_{\Gamma} \left[ D_1 W_6^{(1)} + D_2 W_6^{(2)} + D_3 W_6^{(3)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \left( \frac{[3|K_{123}|4]}{t_{123}} \right)^4 B_0 + \left( \frac{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle}{t_{123}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0, \\ D_2 &= \left( \frac{[3|K_{234}|1]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 B_0^+ + \left( \frac{\langle 24 \rangle [56]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^+, \\ D_3 &= \left( \frac{[6|K_{345}|4]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 B_0^- + \left( \frac{\langle 12 \rangle [35]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^-, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{6;1}^{N=4}(1^- 2^+ 3^- 4^+ 5^- 6^+) \\ = i c_{\Gamma} \left[ G_1 W_6^{(1)} + G_2 W_6^{(2)} + G_3 W_6^{(3)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= \left( \frac{[2|K_{456}|5]}{t_{123}} \right)^4 B_0 + \left( \frac{\langle 13 \rangle [46]}{t_{123}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0, \\ G_2 &= \left( \frac{[6|K_{234}|3]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^+ + \left( \frac{\langle 51 \rangle [24]}{t_{234}} \right)^4 B_0^+, \\ G_3 &= \left( \frac{[4|K_{612}|1]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 \bar{B}_0^- + \left( \frac{\langle 35 \rangle [62]}{t_{345}} \right)^4 B_0^-. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. $\mathcal{N} = 1$ amplitudes $(--++++)$ , $(---+++)$

The simplest of the non-zero  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  amplitudes is the MHV with the two-minus helicities arranged adjacent to each other [4]. For this configuration the amplitude contains no boxes (or triangles) and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A^{N=1}(1^- 2^- 3^+ \dots n^+) = \\ \frac{c_{\Gamma} A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left\{ \left( K_0(-t_2^{[2]}/\mu^2) + K_0(-t_n^{[2]}\mu^2) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{t_1^{[2]}} \sum_{m=4}^{n-1} c_{12}^m \frac{L_0\left(-t_2^{[m-2]}/(-t_2^{[m-1]})\right)}{t_2^{[m-1]}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

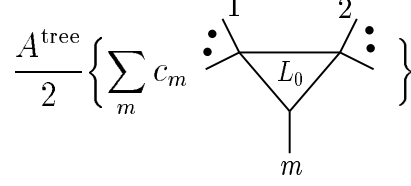


Figure 2. The  $\mathcal{N}=1$  one-loop contribution to the simplest of the MHV amplitudes  $A(1^- 2^- 3^+ 4^+ \dots n^+)$ . The  $L_0$  function can be thought of as either a combination of bubble functions or as arising from a Feynman parameter integral of the two mass triangle indicated.

where

$$c_{12}^m = \left( \text{tr}_+[\not{h}_1 \not{h}_2 \not{h}_m \not{q}_{m,1}] - \text{tr}_+[\not{h}_1 \not{h}_2 \not{q}_{m,1} \not{h}_m] \right)$$

using

$$q_{m,l} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=m}^l k_i, & m \leq l, \\ \sum_{i=m}^n k_i + \sum_{i=1}^l k_i, & m > l, \end{cases}$$

and

$$L_0(r) = \frac{\ln(r)}{1-r} \quad K_0(r) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \ln(r) + 2$$

The  $K_0$  function is just the bubble integral function  $I_2(s) = K_0(-s/\mu^2)$ . We have expressed the amplitude using  $L_0(s/s')/s'$  expressions to avoid spurious singularities. In the limit  $s/s' \rightarrow 1$ ,

$$\frac{L_0(-s/s')}{s'} = \frac{\ln(-s) - \ln(-s')}{s' - s} \rightarrow -1$$

which is obviously non-singular however if we express the amplitude in terms of the scalar bubble functions  $I_2$  using

$$\frac{L_0(-s/s')}{s'} = \frac{I_2(-s') - I_2(-s)}{s' - s}$$

then the coefficients of  $I_2(s)$  and  $I_2(s')$  both contain the spurious singularity. For the six-point case there are just two  $L_0$  functions in the summations and

$$A^{N=1}(1^-2^-3^+4^+5^+6^+) = \frac{c_\Gamma A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left\{ \left( K_0(-s_{23}/\mu^2) + K_0(-s_{61}/\mu^2) \right) - \frac{c_{12}^4}{s_{12}} \frac{L_0(-s_{23}/(-t_{234}))}{t_{234}} - \frac{c_{12}^5}{s_{12}} \frac{L_0(-s_{61}/(-t_{234}))}{t_{234}} \right\}$$

The next simplest amplitude we present is not one of the remaining MHV amplitudes but the amplitude  $A(- - - + +)$ . This example of a ‘‘split helicity’’ configurations contains many simplifications and can be expressed using  $L_0$  and  $K_0$  functions. The amplitude is symmetrical under the operations

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow A|_{123456 \longrightarrow 321654} \\ A &\longrightarrow \bar{A}|_{123456 \longrightarrow 456123} \end{aligned}$$

There is an all- $n$  expression for the configuration with three adjacent negative helicities [19],

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^{N=1 \text{ chiral}}(1^-2^-3^-4^+5^+ \dots n^+) &= \frac{c_\Gamma A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left( K_0(-s_{n1}/\mu^2) + K_0(-s_{34}/\mu^2) \right) \\ &- \frac{ic_\Gamma}{2} \left( \sum_{r=4}^{n-1} \hat{d}_{n,r} \frac{L_0[q_{3,r}^2/q_{2,r}^2]}{q_{2,r}^2} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{r=4}^{n-2} \hat{g}_{n,r} \frac{L_0[q_{2,r}^2/q_{2,r+1}^2]}{q_{2,r+1}^2} + \sum_{r=4}^{n-2} \hat{h}_{n,r} \frac{L_0[q_{3,r}^2/q_{3,r+1}^2]}{q_{3,r+1}^2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_{n,r} &= \frac{\langle 3|q_{3,r}q_{2,r}|1\rangle^2 \langle 3|q_{3,r}[k_2, q_{2,r}]q_{2,r}|1\rangle \langle r r + 1\rangle}{[2|q_{2,r}|r][2|q_{2,r}|r+1] \prod_{k=3}^n \langle k k + 1\rangle q_{2,r}^2 q_{3,r}^2}, \\ \hat{g}_{n,r} &= \sum_{j=4}^r \frac{\langle 3|q_{3,j}q_{2,j}|1\rangle^2 \langle 3|q_{3,j}q_{2,j}[k_{r+1}, q_{2,r}]|1\rangle \langle j j + 1\rangle}{[2|q_{2,j}|j][2|q_{2,j}|j+1] \prod_{k=3}^n \langle k k + 1\rangle q_{3,j}^2 q_{2,j}^2}, \\ \hat{h}_{n,r} &= (-1)^n \hat{g}_{n,n-r+2} |_{(123..n) \rightarrow (321n..4)}. \end{aligned}$$

This general expression reduces to the explicit

form for the six-point case,

$$\begin{aligned} A_6^{N=1}(1^-2^-3^-4^+5^+6^+) &= a_1 K_0[-s_{61}/\mu^2] + a_2 K_0[-s_{34}/\mu^2] \\ &- \frac{ic_\Gamma}{2} \left[ c_1 \frac{L_0[t_{345}/s_{61}]}{s_{61}} + c_2 \frac{L_0[t_{234}/s_{34}]}{s_{34}} \right. \\ &\left. + c_3 \frac{L_0[t_{234}/s_{61}]}{s_{61}} + c_4 \frac{L_0[t_{345}/s_{34}]}{s_{34}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the coefficients are

$$a_1 = a_2 = \frac{c_\Gamma}{2} A_6^{\text{tree}}(1^-2^-3^-4^+5^+6^+),$$

and

$$c_1 = \frac{[6|K|3]^2 [6|(k_2 K - K k_2)K|3]}{[2|K|5][6|1][1|2]\langle 3|4\rangle \langle 4|5\rangle K^2}, \quad K = K_{345}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_2 &= c_1 |_{123456 \longrightarrow 321654} \quad c_4 = c_3 |_{123456 \longrightarrow 321654} \\ c_3 &= \bar{c}_1 |_{123456 \longrightarrow 654321} \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Basis of Box Functions

At this point we must discuss a suitable basis for expressing the amplitudes. We could use the basis (2.1) however this is not the most efficient option. By choosing a suitable basis of box functions we can considerably simplify the structure of the triangle coefficients.

Triangle integral functions may have one, two or three massless legs:  $I_3^{2m}$ ,  $I_3^{1m}$ ,  $I_3^m$ . The one-mass triangle depends only on the momentum invariant of the massive leg  $K_1$  and is

$$I_3^{1m} = \frac{r_\Gamma}{\epsilon^2} (-K_1^2)^{-1-\epsilon}.$$

whilst the two-mass triangle integral with non-null momenta  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  is,

$$I_3^{2m} = \frac{r_\Gamma}{\epsilon^2} \frac{(-K_1^2)^{-\epsilon} - (-K_2^2)^{-\epsilon}}{(-K_1^2) - (-K_2^2)}.$$

Both these integral functions contain  $\ln(K^2)/\epsilon$  IR singularities. The key point is that the IR singularity of an amplitude must be [20]

$$A_{IR}^{N=1 \text{ chiral}} = \frac{c_\Gamma}{\epsilon} A^{\text{tree}} \quad A_{IR}^{[0]} = \frac{c_\Gamma}{3\epsilon} A^{\text{tree}}$$

so that the  $\ln(K^2)/\epsilon$  singularities must cancel. This constraint effectively determines the coefficients of  $I_3^{1m}$  and  $I_3^{2m}$  in terms of the box coefficients.

Specifically, the one and two mass triangles are linear combinations of the set of functions,

$$G(-K^2) = r_\Gamma \frac{(-K^2)^{-\epsilon}}{\epsilon^2},$$

with

$$I_3^{1m} = G(-K_1^2),$$

$$I_3^{2m} = \frac{1}{(-K_1^2) - (-K_2^2)} (G(-K_1^2) - G(-K_2^2)).$$

The  $G(-K^2)$  are labeled by the independent momentum invariants  $K^2$  and in fact form an independent basis of functions, unlike the one and two-mass triangles which are not all independent.

In practice we need never calculate the coefficients of the  $G$  functions once we know the box coefficients. The only functions containing  $\ln(s)/\epsilon$  terms are the box functions and  $I_4^{1m}$  and  $I_4^{2m}$  so

$$\sum a_i I_4 |_{\ln(K^2)/\epsilon} + b_G \frac{\ln(K^2)}{\epsilon} = 0$$

This equation fixes the single  $b_G$  in terms of the  $a_i$ .

The simplest approach to implement this simplification is to express the amplitude in terms of truncated finite  $F$ -functions. If we define the function

$$\mathcal{F}_4^{1m}(s_{12}, s_{23}, K_4^2) = F_4^{1m}(s_{12}, s_{23}, K_4^2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{12}} \right)^\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{23}} \right)^\epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-K_4^2} \right)^\epsilon$$

and use these, together with the other truncated functions, as a basis then the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  and scalar amplitudes can be expressed as

$$A^{1\text{-loop}} = \sum a_i \mathcal{F}_4^i + \sum b_j^{3m} I_3^{3m,j} + \sum c_k I_2^k + R$$

with no  $I_3^{1m}$  and  $I_3^{2m}$  present. The truncated two-mass-easy box functions is

$$\mathcal{F}_4^{2me}(S, T, K_2^2, K_4^2) = F_4^{2me}(S, T, K_2^2, K_4^2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-S} \right)^\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-T} \right)^\epsilon$$

$$- \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-K_2^2} \right)^\epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-K_4^2} \right)^\epsilon$$

where  $S = (k_1 + K_2)^2$  and  $T = (K_2 + k_3)^2$ . This function was labeled  $M_0(S, T, K_2^2, K_4^2)$  in ref. [4] and fig. 2. It has the feature that its soft limit is smooth

$$\mathcal{F}_4^{2me}(S, T, 0, K_4^2) = \mathcal{F}_4^{1m}(S, T, K_4^2)$$

which means the  $F^{2me}$  and  $F^{1m}$  can be combined in a single summation. The truncated two-mass-hard box functions is

$$\mathcal{F}_4^{2mh}(S, T, K_3^2, K_4^2) = F^{2mh}(S, T, K_3^2, K_4^2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-S} \right)^\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-T} \right)^\epsilon$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-K_3^2} \right)^\epsilon - \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-K_4^2} \right)^\epsilon$$

## 6. $\mathcal{N} = 1$ amplitudes $(- + - + +), (- + + + +)$

These are the two remaining MHV amplitudes.

$$A(1^{-2}3^{-4}5^{+6}) \quad A(1^{-2}3^{+4}5^{-6})$$

These two amplitudes can be expressed in a general way. Suppose we have a MHV amplitude with the negative helicity legs being  $i$  and  $j$  then the amplitude is a combination of  $F_4^{2me}$ ,  $F^{1m}$ ,  $L_0$  and  $K_0$  functions

$$A^{\text{tree}} \times \left( \sum a_{ij}^{n_1 n_2} \mathcal{F}_4^{2me} + \sum c_{m,a}^{ij} L_0 \right)$$

In the above the functions  $\mathcal{F}^{1m}$  and  $K_0$  are implicit as special cases. When one of the Kinematic invariants is zero we *replace*  $L_0(s/s')/s'$  by  $K_0(-s/\mu^2)/s$ . This is *not* a smooth limit. The boxes which are present are a restricted set of the  $I_4^{2me}$  and  $I_4^{1m}$ . To be included in the sum the two negative helicities must lie in the two massive legs of the integral function. For such a  $I_4^{2me}$  if we label the two massless legs by  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  then the coefficient of this box is

$$a_{ij}^{n_1 n_2} = 2 \frac{\langle n_1 i \rangle \langle n_1 j \rangle \langle n_2 i \rangle \langle n_2 j \rangle}{\langle ij \rangle^2 \langle n_1 n_2 \rangle^2}$$

The formula also holds when one of the two masses is zero. For the  $L_0$  functions there is a

$$\frac{A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left\{ \sum_{m_1, m_2} b_{m_1, m_2}^j \begin{array}{c} m_2 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} M_0 \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ m_1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{m, a} c_{m, a}^j \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} L_0 \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ m \end{array} \right\}$$

Figure 3. The  $N=1$  one-loop contributions to a generic MHV configuration  $A(1^-, 2^+, \dots, j^-, \dots, n^+)$ . The summation of  $M_0$  terms runs over all (scaled and truncated) box functions where the negative helicity legs 1 and  $j$  lie in the massive legs. Explicitly  $1 < m_1 < j < m_2$ . The sum include the case where one massive leg is in fact null.

visual realisation of the summation if we recognize that  $L_0$  is also the result of carrying out a Feynman parameter integral of a two-mass triangle  $L_0(s/s')/s' = I_3^{2m}(s, s')[a_2]$ . In this case the summation runs over  $L_0$  where one of the negative helicities lies in each of the massive legs. The general summation formula is given in ref. [4]. The coefficient is given by

$$c_{m, a}^{ij} = \frac{(\text{tr}_+[k_i k_j k_m q_{m, a}] - \text{tr}_+[k_i k_j q_{m, a} k_m])}{[(k_i + k_j)^2]^2} \\ \times \langle m i \rangle [i j] \langle j m \rangle \frac{\langle a a + 1 \rangle}{\langle a m \rangle \langle m a + 1 \rangle}$$

The six-point case is rather a degenerate form of the general case so it is useful to present here

the explicit form

$$A(1^- 2^+ 3^- 4^+ 5^+ 6^+) = \frac{c_\Gamma A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left( \begin{aligned} & a_{62}^{13} \mathcal{F}^{1m}(s_{61}, s_{12}, t_{345}) + a_{24}^{13} \mathcal{F}^{1m}(s_{23}, s_{34}, t_{561}) \\ & + a_{25}^{13} \mathcal{F}^{2me}(t_{234}, t_{345}, s_{34}, s_{61}) \\ & + c_{2,4}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{34}/t_{234})}{t_{234}} + c_{2,5}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{61}/t_{612})}{t_{612}} \\ & + c_{4,1}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{23}/t_{234})}{t_{234}} + c_{5,1}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{61}/t_{561})}{t_{561}} \\ & + c_{5,2}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{34}/t_{345})}{t_{345}} + c_{6,2}^{13} \frac{L_0(s_{12}/t_{612})}{t_{612}} \\ & + c_{2,6}^{13} \frac{K_0(-s_{12}/\mu^2)}{s_{12}} + c_{6,1}^{13} \frac{K_0(-s_{23}/\mu^2)}{s_{23}} \\ & + c_{4,2}^{13} \frac{K_0(-s_{34}/\mu^2)}{s_{34}} + c_{2,3}^{13} \frac{K_0(-s_{23}/\mu^2)}{s_{23}} \end{aligned} \right) \quad (6.1)$$

and

$$A(1^- 2^+ 3^+ 4^- 5^+ 6^+) = \frac{c_\Gamma A^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left( \begin{aligned} & b_{62}^{14} \mathcal{F}^{1m}(s_{61}, s_{12}, t_{345}) + b_{35}^{14} \mathcal{F}^{1m}(s_{34}, s_{45}, t_{612}) \\ & + b_{63}^{14} \mathcal{F}^{2me}(t_{612}, t_{123}, s_{12}, s_{45}) \\ & + b_{52}^{14} \mathcal{F}^{2me}(t_{561}, t_{612}, s_{61}, s_{34}) \\ & + c_{2,5}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{61}/t_{612})}{t_{612}} + c_{3,6}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{12}/t_{123})}{t_{123}} \\ & + c_{6,3}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{45}/t_{456})}{t_{456}} + c_{5,2}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{34}/t_{345})}{t_{345}} \\ & + c_{6,2}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{12}/t_{612})}{t_{612}} + c_{5,1}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{61}/t_{561})}{t_{612}} \\ & + c_{2,4}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{34}/t_{234})}{t_{234}} + c_{3,5}^{14} \frac{L_0(s_{45}/t_{345})}{t_{345}} \\ & + c_{2,6}^{14} \frac{K_0(-s_{12}/\mu^2)}{s_{12}} + c_{6,1}^{14} \frac{K_0(-s_{23}/\mu^2)}{s_{23}} \\ & + c_{4,3}^{14} \frac{K_0(-s_{45}/\mu^2)}{s_{45}} + c_{2,4}^{14} \frac{K_0(-s_{34}/\mu^2)}{s_{34}} \end{aligned} \right) \quad (6.2)$$

## 7. $N = 1$ amplitudes $A_6(- - + - + +)$ , $A_6(- + - + - +)$

These amplitudes are not part of any known all- $n$  series. Let us consider the case  $(- + - + - +)$  first because it has the most symmetry being



symmetrical under the operations

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow A|_{i \rightarrow i+2} \\ A &\longrightarrow \bar{A}|_{i \rightarrow i+1} \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude contains all six one-mass and all six two-mass-hard boxes.

$$A(1^- 2^+ 3^- 4^+ 5^- 6^+)_{\text{box}} = \sum_i a_i^{1m} \mathcal{F}_i^{1m} + \sum_i a_i^{2m} \mathcal{F}_i^{2mh}$$

We need only quote  $a_1^{1m}$  and  $a_2^{2m}$  since

$$a_{i+2} = a_i|_{j \rightarrow j+2} \quad a_{i+1} = \bar{a}_i|_{j \rightarrow j+1}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} a_4^{1m} &= \frac{[2|K|5]^2 [1|K|5] [3|K|5]}{[13]^2 \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [3|K|6] [1|K|4] K^2} \quad K = K_{123} \\ a_5^{2m} &= \frac{[2|K|5]^2 [3|K|5] [2|K|4]}{[12] \langle 56 \rangle [3|K|6] [1|K|4] [3|K|4]^2} \quad K = K_{123} \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude also has bubble integral functions, and, two, three-mass triangle functions

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^6 c_{i,2} I_2(s_{ii+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^3 c_{i,3} I_2(t_{ii+1i+2}) \\ + b_1^{3m} I_3^m + b_2^{3m} I_3^m \end{aligned}$$

The bubble functions are of two types depending upon whether they are bubbles in  $s_{ii+1}$  or  $t_{ii+1i+2}$ . Again we need only specify one of each  $c_i$  since

$$\begin{aligned} c_{i+2,a} = c_{i,a}|_{j \rightarrow j+2} \quad c_{i+1,a} = \bar{c}_{i,a}|_{j \rightarrow j+1} \\ b_2^{3m} = \bar{b}_1^{3m}|_{j \rightarrow j+1} \end{aligned}$$

This amplitude (and  $A_6(- - + - ++)$ ) were originally calculated in ref [7] using the fermionic integration unitarity method. We choose to express these amplitude using functions which are explicitly rational in the (components) of the Weyl spinor [21].

To describe the bubble coefficients, it is useful to introduce

$$H_1(a; b; K) \equiv \frac{\langle b|K|a \rangle}{\langle a|K|a \rangle} = \frac{\langle b|K|a \rangle}{a \cdot K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(a; b, c; B; Q, K) \equiv \\ - \frac{[B|K(KQ - QK)|a] \langle b|(KQ - QK)|c \rangle}{2 \langle a|KQ|a \rangle \Delta_3(K, Q)} \\ + \frac{[B|K|a] (\langle b|a \rangle [a|K|c] + \langle c|a \rangle [a|K|d])}{2 \langle a|KQ|a \rangle [a|K|a]} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_3(K, Q) \equiv 4(K \cdot Q)^2 - 4K^2 Q^2$$

is the Gram determinant of the three mass triangle defined by having two legs with massive momenta  $K$  and  $Q$ . Its appearance is a clear indication of the links between the bubble and triangle functions implied by the absence of spurious singularities [22,23].

We also define extended versions  $H_n, G_n$

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(a_1 \cdots a_n; b_1 \cdots b_n; K) = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j=2}^n \langle b_j a_i \rangle}{\prod_{j \neq i} \langle a_j a_i \rangle} H_1(a_i, b_1; K) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_n(a_1 \cdots a_n; B, b_1 \cdots b_{n+1}; K, Q) = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j=2}^n \langle b_j a_i \rangle}{\prod_{j \neq i} \langle a_j a_i \rangle} G_1(a_i; B; b_1, b_{n+1}; K, Q) \end{aligned}$$

Using these functions we can express the bubble coefficients as

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,3} = - \frac{[2|K|5]^2}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [12] [23] t_{123}} \times \\ H_4(4, 6, K|3, K|1; 5, 5, K|2, K|2, K) \end{aligned}$$

where  $K = K_{123}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,2} = \\ \frac{[2|K|5]^2}{[12] \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [3|K|6] t_{123}} \\ \times H_3(2, K|3, K'|K|4; 1, K'|K|5, K'|K|5; K') \\ + \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle [56]} \\ \times G_3(2, Q|5, K'|K|4; 6; 1, 3, X, X; Q'; K') \\ + \frac{[4|K_{345}|1]^2}{\langle 12 \rangle [34] [45] [3|K_{345}|6] t_{345}} \\ \times H_3[2, 6, K_{345}|5; 1, K_{345}|4, K_{345}|4; K']; \end{aligned}$$

where  $K = K_{123}, K' = K_{12}, Q = K_{34}, Q' = K_{56}$  and

$$|X\rangle = -|1\rangle [6|K_{51}|3] - |2\rangle [62] |13\rangle$$

This coefficient contains many spurious singularities. Singularities  $[a|K|a]$  generally cancel between bubble functions

$$cI_2[K^2] + c'I_2[(K+a)^2] \longrightarrow \text{finite}$$

The  $\Delta^{-1}$  singularities vanish between the bubble coefficients and the three-mass triangle functions [22]

The three-mass triangle coefficient is the most complicated function so far being, in the form given in ref. [23],

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1^{3m} = & - \frac{[4|K_{345}|1][5|K_{345}|1][4|K_{345}|6]}{[5|K_{345}|2][3|K_{345}|6][5|K_{345}|6]t_{345}} \times \left( \langle 35 \rangle [26] \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{[4|K_{345}|1](2s_{12}s_{34} + (s_{56} - s_{12} - s_{34})t_{345})}{2\langle 12 \rangle [34][5|K_{345}|6]} \right) \\
& - \frac{[6|K_{561}|2][1|K_{561}|3][6|K_{561}|3]}{[1|K_{561}|2][5|K_{561}|2][1|K_{561}|4]t_{561}} \times \left( \langle 51 \rangle [42] \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{[6|K_{561}|3](2s_{34}s_{56} + (s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{56})t_{561})}{2\langle 34 \rangle [56][1|K_{561}|2]} \right) \\
& - \frac{[2|K_{123}|4][2|K_{123}|5][3|K_{123}|5]}{[1|K_{123}|4][3|K_{123}|4][3|K_{123}|6]t_{123}} \times \left( \langle 13 \rangle [64] \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{[2|K_{123}|5](2s_{12}s_{56} - (s_{12} + s_{56} - s_{34})t_{123})}{2\langle 56 \rangle [12][3|K_{123}|4]} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{\Delta_3(K_{12}, K_{34})} \left( \langle 13 \rangle \langle 35 \rangle [26][34] \right. \\
& + \left. \langle 13 \rangle \langle 15 \rangle [12][46] + \langle 15 \rangle \langle 35 \rangle [24][56] \right) \times \\
& \left( \frac{[5|K_{34}|1][4|K_{35}|6](t_{345} - t_{346})}{[5|K_{345}|2][3|K_{345}|6][5|K_{345}|6]} \right. \\
& + \frac{[6|K_{561}|2][1|K_{561}|3](t_{661} - t_{662})}{[1|K_{561}|2][5|K_{561}|2][1|K_{561}|4]} \\
& + \frac{[2|K_{123}|4][3|K_{123}|5](t_{123} - t_{124})}{[1|K_{123}|4][3|K_{123}|4][3|K_{123}|6]} \\
& \left. - 2 \frac{[6|K_{34}|2][2|K_{56}|4][4|K_{12}|6]}{[5|K_{561}|2][1|K_{456}|4][3|K_{456}|6]} \right) \\
& + 2 \frac{[5|K_{34}|1][1|K_{56}|3][3|K_{12}|5]}{[5|K_{561}|2][1|K_{456}|4][3|K_{456}|6]}
\end{aligned}$$

The amplitude  $A(- - + - + +)$  is a little more complicated since there is less symmetry amongst the coefficients. The amplitude is symmetrical under the operation

$$A \longrightarrow \bar{A}|_{123456 \longrightarrow 654321}$$

We can split up the amplitudes

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{N=1}(1^- 2^- 3^+ 4^- 5^+ 6^+) \\
= A|_{boxes} + A|_{three-mass-triangle} + A|_{bubbles}
\end{aligned}$$

There are three two-mass hard boxes, and two one-mass boxes and the box part of the amplitude is

$$A|_{boxes} = a_1 \mathcal{F}_{4:4}^{2m h} + a_2 \mathcal{F}_{4:6}^{2m h} + a_3 \mathcal{F}_{4:2}^{2m h} + a_4 \mathcal{F}_{4:2}^{1m} + a_5 \mathcal{F}_{4:3}^{1m}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= \frac{[3|K_{24}|1]^2 [3|K_{234}|5] \langle 51 \rangle}{[4|K_{234}|5]^2 [2|K_{234}|5] [23] \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle} \\
a_2 &= \frac{[3|K_{123}|4]^2 [31] \langle 64 \rangle}{[1|K_{123}|6]^2 [12] [23] \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle} \\
a_4 &= \frac{[3|K_{234}|1]^2 [2|K_{234}|1]}{[24]^2 \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle [2|K_{234}|5] K_{234}^2} \\
a_5 &= \bar{a}_4|_{123456 \longrightarrow 654321} \quad a_3 = \bar{a}_1|_{123456 \longrightarrow 654321}
\end{aligned}$$

Note

$$a_2 = \bar{a}_2|_{123456 \longrightarrow 654321}$$

The amplitude contains a single three mass triangle, that with massive legs 61, 23 and 45. The coefficient of this is [23]

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{3m}^{\{\{2^- 3^+\}, \{4^- 5^+\}, \{6^+ 1^-\}\}} = & \frac{[26][2|K_{35}|4][6|K_{35}|4]}{[12][2|K_{45}|3][2|K_{34}|5]t_{345}} \times \left( \langle 12 \rangle [35] + \right. \\
& \left. \frac{[6|K_{345}|4](2s_{61}s_{45} + (s_{23} - s_{61} - s_{45})t_{345})}{2[61]\langle 45 \rangle [2|K_{345}|3]} \right) \\
& + \frac{\langle 51 \rangle [3|K_{234}|5][3|K_{234}|1]}{\langle 56 \rangle [4|K_{234}|5][2|K_{234}|5]t_{234}} \times \left( \langle 24 \rangle [65] + \right. \\
& \left. \frac{[3|K_{234}|1](2s_{23}s_{61} + (s_{45} - s_{23} - s_{61})t_{234})}{2[23]\langle 16 \rangle [4|K_{234}|5]} \right) \\
& + \frac{[13]\langle 64 \rangle [3|K_{123}|4]}{[12]\langle 56 \rangle [1|K_{123}|6]t_{123}} \times \left( \langle 12 \rangle [65] + \right. \\
& \left. \frac{[3|K_{123}|4](2s_{45}s_{23} + (s_{61} - s_{45} - s_{23})t_{123})}{2[23]\langle 45 \rangle [1|K_{123}|6]} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{\Delta_3} \left( \langle 42 \rangle \langle 21 \rangle [32] [65] \right. \\
& + \langle 41 \rangle \langle 21 \rangle [61] [35] + \langle 42 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle [45] [36] \left. \right) \\
& \times \left( 2 \frac{[26] \langle 65 \rangle [36] \langle 64 \rangle - \langle 51 \rangle [12] \langle 41 \rangle [13]}{[12] \langle 56 \rangle [2|K_{61}|5]} \right. \\
& + \frac{[13] \langle 46 \rangle (t_{123} - t_{623})}{\langle 56 \rangle [12] [1|K_{23}|6]} + \frac{[26] [2|K_{345}|4] (t_{345} - t_{245})}{[12] [2|K_{34}|5] [2|K_{45}|3]} \\
& \left. + \frac{\langle 51 \rangle [3|K_{234}|5] (t_{234} - t_{235})}{\langle 56 \rangle [2|K_{34}|5] [4|K_{23}|5]} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

The bubble part of this amplitude is

$$\begin{aligned}
& c_{2,2} K_0(-s_{23}/\mu^2) + c_{2,3} K_0(-s_{34}/\mu^2) \\
& + c_{2,4} K_0(-s_{45}/\mu^2) + c_{2,6} K_0(-s_{61}/\mu^2) \\
& + c_{3,1} K_0(-t_{123}/\mu^2) + c_{3,2} K_0(-t_{234}/\mu^2) \\
& + c_{3,3} K_0(-t_{345}/\mu^2)
\end{aligned}$$

From the symmetry of the amplitude we have

$$c_{3,3} = \bar{c}_{3,2} |123456 \rightarrow 654321 \quad c_{2,4} = \bar{c}_{2,2} |123456 \rightarrow 654321$$

so have five bubble functions which we must define. Firstly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{3,1} &= \frac{-[3|K_{123}|4]^2}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [12] [23] t_{123}} \times \\
& H_2(6, K_{123}|1]; 4, K_{123}|3], K_{123}) \\
c_{3,2} &= \frac{-[3|K_{234}|1]^2}{\langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle [23] [34] t_{234}} \times \\
& H_3(5, K_{234}|2], K_{234}|4]; 1, K_{234}|3], K_{234}|3], K_{234})
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{2,3} &= \frac{[3|K_{234}|1]^2}{\langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle [34] [2|K_{234}|5] t_{234}} \\
& \times H_2(3, K_{34}|2]; 4, K_{34} K_{56}|1]; K_{34}) + \\
& \frac{[6|K_{345}|4]^2}{\langle 34 \rangle [61] [12] [2|K_{345}|5] t_{345}} \\
& \times H_2[3, 5; 4, K_{12}|6]; K_{34}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{2,2} &= -\frac{\langle 24 \rangle^2 [56]^3}{\langle 23 \rangle [61] [1|K_{56}|4] t_{561}} \times \\
& H_2[3, K_{61}|5]; 2, 4; K_{23}] \\
& + \frac{1}{\langle 16 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle [45]} \times \\
& G_4[3, K_{23}|4], K_{61}|5], K_{23} K_{45}|6]; \\
& \quad 5; K_{23}|5], 2, 1, Y, Y; K_{45}; K_{23}] \\
& + \frac{[3|K_{123}|4]^2}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [23] [1|K_{56}|4] t_{123}} \times \\
& \bar{H}_3[2, 1, K_{45}|6]; 3, K_{56}|4], K_{56}|4]; K_{23}]
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$|Y\rangle = |2\rangle [5|K_{24}|1] + |3\rangle \langle 12 \rangle [35]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{2,6} &= \frac{[6|K_{612}|4]^2}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle [61] [2|K_{612}|5] t_{612}} \times \\
& H_3[6, K_{612}|2], K_{61} K_{612}|3]; \\
& \quad 1, K_{61} K_{612}|4], K_{61} K_{612}|4]; K_{61}] \\
& + \frac{1}{\langle 16 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle [45]} \times \\
& G_3[6, K_{23}|4], K_{61} K_{612}|3]; 5; 1, 2, Z, Z; K_{45}, K_{61}] \\
& - \frac{[3|K_{612}|1]^2}{\langle 61 \rangle [23] [34] [2|K_{612}|5] t_{612}} \times \\
& H_3[6, 5, K_{234}|4]; 1, K_{234}|3], K_{234}|3]; K_{61}]
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$|Z\rangle = -|1\rangle [5|K_{41}|2] - |6\rangle [56] \langle 12 \rangle$$

## 8. $A_6^{[0]}(+++++)$

This first of the scalar amplitudes is relatively simple: it vanishes at tree level and consequently is purely rational at one-loop. It was originally deduced by examining collinear limits in ref. [2] and consequently proven to be correct in [1] using off-shell recursion. The general  $n$ -point form is

$$A_n(1^+ \dots n^+) = \frac{ic_\Gamma}{12} \frac{E_n + O_n}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

where

$$E_n = - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 < i_4 \leq n} \text{tr}(\not{H}_{i_1} \not{H}_{i_2} \not{H}_{i_3} \not{H}_{i_4})$$

$$O_n = - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 < i_4 \leq n} \text{tr}(\not{H}_{i_1} \not{H}_{i_2} \not{H}_{i_3} \not{H}_{i_4} \gamma_5)$$

The two trace terms can obviously be combined as  $2 \text{tr}_+(\not{H}_{i_1} \not{H}_{i_2} \not{H}_{i_3} \not{H}_{i_4})$ .

For the six-point amplitude the above sum yields twelve terms.

### 9. $A_6^{[0]}(-++++)$

This amplitude also vanishes at tree level and consequently is purely rational at one-loop. It was first calculated in [1] using off-shell recursion. We present the form [24] which was obtained using on-shell recursion

$$A_6^{[0]}(1^- 2^+ 3^+ 4^+ 5^+ 6^+) = \frac{ic_\Gamma}{6} \left[ \frac{[6|K_{23}|1]^3}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2 [6|K_{12}|3] t_{123}} + \frac{[2|K_{34}|1]^3}{\langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle [2|K_{34}|5] t_{234}} + \frac{[26]^3}{[12][61] t_{345}} \left( \frac{[23][34]}{\langle 45 \rangle [2|K_{34}|5]} - \frac{[45][56]}{\langle 34 \rangle [6|K_{12}|3]} \right) + \frac{[35]}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle} - \frac{\langle 13 \rangle^3 [23] \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle^2 \langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle} + \frac{\langle 15 \rangle^3 \langle 46 \rangle [56]}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle^2} + \frac{\langle 14 \rangle^3 \langle 35 \rangle [4|K_{23}|1]}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 45 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle} \right].$$

### 10. $A_6^{[0]}(---++)$

Surprisingly this NMHV amplitude is the simplest of the “non-trivial” scalar amplitudes. A

general form is known and is

$$A_n^{[0]}(1^- 2^- 3^- 4^+ 5^+ \dots n^+) = \frac{1}{3} A_n^{N=1 \text{ chiral}} - \frac{ic_\Gamma}{3} \sum_{r=4}^{n-1} \hat{d}_{n,r} \frac{L_2[t_{3,r}/t_{2,r}]}{t_{2,r}^3} - \frac{ic_\Gamma}{3} \sum_{r=4}^{n-2} \hat{g}_{n,r} \frac{L_2[t_{2,r}/t_{2,r+1}]}{t_{2,r+1}^3} - \frac{ic_\Gamma}{3} \sum_{r=4}^{n-2} \hat{h}_{n,r} \frac{L_2[t_{3,r}/t_{3,r+1}]}{t_{3,r+1}^3} + c_\Gamma \hat{R}_n,$$

The functions

$$L_2(r) = \frac{\ln(r) - (r - r^{-1})/2}{(1-r)^3}$$

$$L_1(r) = \frac{\ln(r) - (1-r)}{(1-r)^2}$$

are non-singular as  $r \rightarrow 1$ . Using these functions includes a part of the rational terms into the integral functions.  $\hat{R}_n$  is the remaining rational terms CITE.

For the six-point the amplitude reduces to

$$A_6^{[0]}(1^- 2^- 3^- 4^+ 5^+ 6^+) = \frac{1}{3} A^{N=1} + - \frac{i}{2} \left[ c_1 \frac{L_2[t_{345}/s_{61}]}{s_{61}^3} + c_2 \frac{L_2[t_{234}/s_{34}]}{s_{34}^2} + c_3 \frac{L_2[t_{234}/s_{61}]}{s_{61}^3} + c_4 \frac{L_2[t_{345}/s_{34}]}{s_{34}^2} \right] + c_\Gamma \hat{R}_6$$

where the coefficients are

$$c_1 = \frac{[6|K k_2 K|3][6|k_2|3][6|(k_2 K - K k_2)K|3]}{[2|K|5][61][12]\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle}$$

where  $K = K_{345}$  and

$$c_2 = c_1|_{123456 \rightarrow 321654} \quad c_4 = c_3|_{123456 \rightarrow 321654}$$

$$c_3 = \bar{c}_1|_{123456 \rightarrow 456123}$$

and the rational term is

$$\hat{R}_6 = X_6 + X_6|_{123456 \rightarrow 321654}$$

where

$$X_6 = \frac{i}{6} \frac{1}{[2\ 3]\langle 5\ 6\rangle[2|K_{34}|5]} \left\{ -\frac{[46]^3[2\ 5]\langle 5\ 6\rangle}{[1\ 2][3\ 4][6\ 1]} - \frac{\langle 1\ 3\rangle^3\langle 2\ 5\rangle[2\ 3]}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle} - \frac{\langle 1\ 3\rangle^2(3[4|K_2|1] + [4|K_3|1])}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle} + \frac{[4|K_{23}|1]^2}{[3\ 4]\langle 6\ 1\rangle} \left( \frac{[4|K_2|1] - [4|K_5|1]}{t_{234}} + \frac{\langle 1\ 3\rangle}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle} - \frac{[46]}{[6\ 1]} \right) + \frac{[46]^2(3[4|K_5|1] + [4|K_6|1])}{[3\ 4][6\ 1]} \right\}$$

### 11. $A^{[0]}(- - + + + +)$

There exist general expressions for the MHV scalar amplitudes [25,12]. Within these the case of adjacent negative helicities simplifies enormously and we have

$$A^{[0]}(1^-2^-3^+4^+5^+6^+) = \frac{1}{3}A_6^{N=1} + \frac{2c_{\Gamma}}{9}A_6^{\text{tree}} + C_6 + c_{\Gamma}\hat{R}_6$$

where

$$C_6 = -\frac{c_{\Gamma}A^{\text{tree}}}{3s_{12}^2} \left( c_4 \frac{L_2(-s_{23}/-t_{234})}{t_{234}^3} + c_5 \frac{L_2(-t_{561}/-s_{61})}{s_{61}^3} \right)$$

with

$$c_m = \text{tr}[k_1 k_2 k_m q_{m,2}] \text{tr}[k_1 k_2 q_{m,2} k_m] \times \text{tr}[k_1 k_2 (q_{m,2} k_m - k_m q_{m,2})]$$

and where

$$\hat{R}_6 = \frac{1}{6} \left\{ -2 \frac{\langle 3\ 5\rangle[3\ 5][3|K_{12}|4][4|K_{12}|6][6|K_{12}|5]}{[1\ 2]\langle 3\ 4\rangle^2\langle 4\ 5\rangle^2[6\ 1][2|K_{34}|5][3|K_{12}|6]} - 2 \frac{\langle 3\ 5\rangle[3\ 6][6|K_{12}|4]^2}{[1\ 2]\langle 3\ 4\rangle^2\langle 4\ 5\rangle^2[6\ 1][2|K_{34}|5]} + 2 \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle\langle 2\ 4\rangle\langle 3\ 5\rangle[3\ 5]^2[5\ 6][6|K_{(1+2)}|5]}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle^2\langle 4\ 5\rangle[6\ 1][5|K_{16}|2][2|K_{34}|5][3|K_{12}|6]} + 2 \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle^2[3\ 5]^2\langle 5|K_{34}K_2|1\rangle + \langle 5|K_3K_5|1\rangle}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle[5|K_{16}|2][2|K_{34}|5][3|K_{12}|6]} - \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle^3\langle 3\ 5\rangle[46][5\ 6]}{\langle 2\ 3\rangle\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle[4|K_{23}|1][6|K_{12}|3]} \right\}$$

$$+ 2 \frac{[3\ 6]^3}{[1\ 2][2\ 3]\langle 4\ 5\rangle^2[6\ 1]} - \frac{[5\ 6][6|K_{12}|5]^2(2\langle 4|K_{35}K_{12}|5\rangle + \langle 1\ 2\rangle[1\ 2]\langle 4\ 5\rangle)}{[1\ 2]\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle^2\langle 5\ 6\rangle[6\ 1][6|K_{12}|3][2|K_{34}|5]} + 2 \frac{\langle 1\ 5\rangle^2[3\ 4]^2[5\ 6](\langle 1\ 6\rangle[3\ 4]\langle 4\ 5\rangle - [3|K_{24}|1]\langle 5\ 6\rangle)}{[2\ 3]\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle^2 t_{234}[4|K_{23}|1][2|K_{34}|5]} - \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle\langle 1\ 5\rangle[3\ 4][5\ 6]\langle 1|K_{56}K_{34}|5\rangle}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle t_{234}[4|K_{23}|1][2|K_{34}|5]} + 2 \frac{\langle 3\ 5\rangle[3|K_{24}|1]^3}{[2\ 3]\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle t_{234}[2|K_{34}|5]} - \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle[3|K_{24}|1](2[3|K_{24}|1] + [3|K_4|1])}{[2\ 3]\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle t_{234}} + 2 \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle^3[46]^2[5|K_{46}|5]}{\langle 2\ 3\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle t_{123}[4|K_{23}|1][6|K_{12}|3]} + 2 \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle^3[3\ 5]^2[4|K_{35}|4]}{\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle t_{612}[5|K_{16}|2][3|K_{12}|6]} - \frac{\langle 1\ 2\rangle^2}{\langle 2\ 3\rangle\langle 3\ 4\rangle\langle 4\ 5\rangle\langle 5\ 6\rangle\langle 6\ 1\rangle} \left[ \frac{[3|K_4|1]}{[2\ 3]} + \frac{[6|K_5|2]}{[6\ 1]} \right] \right\}$$

++++++	+++++	--++++	--+++	-+++
1088	1541	5210	1837	20733

Table 2

LeafCount of the rational terms of some of the amplitudes. This is the LeafCount of the terms expressed as polynomial in  $\lambda_a, \bar{\lambda}_a$  without any attempt at simplification. As such it is of comparative use only. The LeafCount of the MHV tree amplitude, expressed equivalently is about 100

### 12. $A^{[0]}(- + - + + +)$ and $A^{[0]}(- + + - + +)$

The amplitude of course splits into cut-constructible and rational pieces. The cut constructible part of the amplitudes is just, for a MHV amplitude with negative helicities  $i$  and  $j$

$$A^{\text{tree}} \times \left( \sum (b_{ij}^{n_1 n_2})^2 \mathcal{F}_4^{2me} + \sum \hat{e}_{m,a}^{ij} \frac{L_0(s/s')}{s'} + \sum \hat{f}_{m,a}^{ij} \frac{L_1(s/s')}{(s')^2} + \sum g_{m,a}^{ij} \frac{L_2(s/s')}{(s')^3} \right) + \hat{R}_6$$

The box coefficients satisfy

$$b^{[0]} = \frac{(b^{N=1})^2}{b^{N=4}}$$

a feature which is shared by the  $A(- - + - ++)$  and  $A(- + - + - +)$  amplitudes but which needs extending for  $n > 6$  point amplitudes [26]. The coefficients of the  $L_i$  take the form,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_{m,a}^{ij} &= \frac{1}{3}c_{m,a}^{ij} + I_{m,a}^{ij} \\ \hat{f}_{m,a}^{ij} &= \frac{1}{3}S_{m,m+a}^{ij} \\ \hat{g}_{m,a}^{ij} &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{c_{m,a}^{ij}}{s_{ij}^2} \text{tr}(k_i k_j k_m q_{m,a}) \text{tr}(k_i k_j q_{m,a} k_m)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}S_{m,a}^{ij} &= \frac{\text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_m k_{a+1}) \text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_{a+1} k_m)}{s_{am+1}^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_m k_a) \text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_a k_m)}{s_{am}^2} \\ I_{m,a}^{ij} &= \frac{\text{tr}_+^2(k_i k_j k_m k_{a+1}) \text{tr}_+^2(k_i k_j k_{a+1} k_m)}{s_{am+1}^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{\text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_m k_a) \text{tr}_+(k_i k_j k_a k_m)}{s_{am}^3}\end{aligned}$$

For the six-point MHV amplitudes the summations of the  $L_i$  functions run over the same variables as in eq. (6.1) and eq. (6.2).

The rational terms for these two amplitude we do not produce here. They are quite extensive. The `LeafCount` of these expression (as a naive rational function of  $|k^\pm|$ ) is given in table 2. For comparison, the six-point MHV tree amplitude has a `LeafCount` of about 100. The `LeafCount` of expressions is very sensitive to the way the functions are presented. For example the general expression for the rational terms of  $A(1^- 2^- 3^+ \dots n^+)$  when specialised to  $n = 6$  has a `LeafCount` of 34642 as opposed to 5210 for the specialised form. The `Mathematica` expressions of these will be available to download.

### 13. $A^{[0]}(- - + - ++)$ and $A^{[0]}(- + - + - +)$

The cut-constructible parts of these amplitudes were calculated in ref. [10] using fermionic integration unitary methods. The rational terms

were calculated using Feynman diagrams in ref. [13] with a particular notation. We shall not produce these amplitudes here. The expressions are rather complicated and we have no innovative way to present these. The results have been checked by comparison to the results for the six-gluon obtained using numerical methods [27].

## 14. Summary

It is hoped that bringing together as much as practical, at this point, of the six-gluon amplitude is a useful exercise. The amplitudes presented here will be available from <http://pyweb.swan.ac.uk/~dunbar/sixgluon.html> in `Mathematica` format. The amplitudes available there been tested against the numerical results of ref. [27] and as such should be error free. It is intended to correct these as any typographic (or other) problems arise.

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