Positive Geometry, Canonical Forms and Scattering Amplitudes

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Abstract

Inspired by the idea of viewing amplitudes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM as differential forms on momentum twistor space, we introduce differential forms on the space of spinor variables. In $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM, such forms can be thought of as "bosonizing" superamplitudes in non-chiral superspace. Remarkably all tree-level amplitudes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM combine to $d \log$ forms in spinor variables, which are given by pushforward of canonical forms of Grassmannian cells. The tree forms can also be obtained using BCFW or inverse-soft construction, and we present allmultiplicity expression for MHV cases to illustrate their simplicity. We initiate the study of its geometry by connecting it to the moduli space of Witten's twistor-string theory. For comparison, we give another example that amplitudes can be viewed as geometric objects, that is, tree amplitudes in the bi-adjoint ϕ^3 theory can be viewed as canonical forms of associahedra in kinematic space.