

## Section 2

In this notebook we provide an example of computing the scattering amplitude of  $M_{0,5}$  using the Cachazo-He-Yuan formula (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.6575>)  
The following is the log-likelihood function on  $M_{0,5}$ , also called the scattering potential in physics literature.

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In[9]:= logLikelihood = s1 Log[x] + s2 Log[y] + s3 Log[1 - x] + s4 Log[1 - y] + s5 Log[y - x];
```

We symbolically solve for the critical points of the log-likelihood function. They are the points where the partial derivatives vanish.

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In[10]:= {D[logLikelihood, x] == 0, D[logLikelihood, y] == 0}
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$$\text{Out[*]} = \left\{ \frac{s_1}{x} - \frac{s_3}{1-x} - \frac{s_5}{-x+y} == 0, \frac{s_2}{y} - \frac{s_4}{1-y} + \frac{s_5}{-x+y} == 0 \right\}$$

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In[27]:= critPts = FullSimplify[
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  Solve[{D[logLikelihood, x] == 0, D[logLikelihood, y] == 0}, {x, y}]]
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$$\text{Out[*]} = \left\{ \left\{ x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2 (s_1 + s_3 + s_5) (s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5)} \left( 2 s_1^2 + s_2 (s_3 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (2 s_2 + 2 s_3 + s_4 + 3 s_5) - \sqrt{(s_2^2 (s_3 + s_5)^2 + (s_1 (s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5))^2 + 2 s_2 (s_5 (s_3 + s_5) (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (-s_3 s_4 + (s_3 + s_4) s_5 + s_5^2))} \right), \right. \right.$$

$$y \rightarrow \frac{1}{2 (s_2 + s_4 + s_5) (s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5)} \left( 2 s_2^2 + s_1 (2 s_2 + s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_2 (s_3 + 2 s_4 + 3 s_5) + \sqrt{(s_2^2 (s_3 + s_5)^2 + (s_1 (s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5))^2 + 2 s_2 (s_5 (s_3 + s_5) (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (-s_3 s_4 + (s_3 + s_4) s_5 + s_5^2))} \right), \left. \right\}$$

$$\left\{ x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2 (s_1 + s_3 + s_5) (s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5)} \left( 2 s_1^2 + s_2 (s_3 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (2 s_2 + 2 s_3 + s_4 + 3 s_5) + \sqrt{(s_2^2 (s_3 + s_5)^2 + (s_1 (s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5))^2 + 2 s_2 (s_5 (s_3 + s_5) (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (-s_3 s_4 + (s_3 + s_4) s_5 + s_5^2))} \right), \right.$$

$$y \rightarrow \frac{1}{2 (s_2 + s_4 + s_5) (s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5)} \left( 2 s_2^2 + s_1 (2 s_2 + s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_2 (s_3 + 2 s_4 + 3 s_5) - \sqrt{(s_2^2 (s_3 + s_5)^2 + (s_1 (s_4 + s_5) + s_5 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5))^2 + 2 s_2 (s_5 (s_3 + s_5) (s_3 + s_4 + s_5) + s_1 (-s_3 s_4 + (s_3 + s_4) s_5 + s_5^2))} \right), \left. \right\}$$

To compute the scattering amplitude using the CHY formula, we need two ingredients. The first is the Hessian determinant of the log-likelihood function. The second is called the Parke-Taylor factor  $PT = \frac{1}{p_{12} p_{23} p_{34} p_{45} p_{51}}$ .

We first compute the Hessian.

```
In[12]:= H = Table[D[D[logLikelihood, w], z], {w, {x, y}}, {z, {x, y}}];
MatrixForm[H]
```

Out[\*]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{s_1}{x^2} - \frac{s_3}{(1-x)^2} - \frac{s_5}{(-x+y)^2} & \frac{s_5}{(-x+y)^2} \\ \frac{s_5}{(-x+y)^2} & -\frac{s_2}{y^2} - \frac{s_4}{(1-y)^2} - \frac{s_5}{(-x+y)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

We use the following parametrization for  $M_{0,5}$ .

```
In[14]:= M = Transpose[{{1, 1, 1, 1, 0}, {0, x, y, 1, 1}}];
Minors[M, 2]
```

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Out[*]= {{x}, {y}, {1}, {1}, {-x + y}, {1 - x}, {1}, {1 - y}, {1}, {1}}
```

The Parke-Taylor factor is  $PT = \frac{1}{p_{12} p_{23} p_{34} p_{45} p_{51}}$ .

```
In[*]:= Times @@ Map[Det[M[[#]]]^-1 &, {{1, 2}, {2, 3}, {3, 4}, {4, 5}, {5, 1}}]
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Out[*]= -\frac{1}{x (1 - y) (-x + y)}
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In[17]:= PT = \frac{1}{x (-x + y) (1 - y)} ;
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The scattering amplitude is computed as the sum over the critical points of the log-likelihood function of the integrand we described before

$$\sum_{\text{critPts}} \left( \frac{1}{\text{Det}[H]} PT^2 \right)$$

It can be simplified to a rational expression in terms of  $s_i$ , namely expression (10) in the paper. However, this computation is very slow symbolically, so we give a numerical confirmation that the scattering amplitude is indeed equal to expression (10).

We plug in numerical values for  $s_i$ .

```
In[18]:= svar = {s1, s2, s3, s4, s5};
svalue = RandomInteger[{1, 50}, {5}]
ncritPts = critPts /. Thread[svar -> svalue]
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Out[*]= {33, 38, 23, 24, 40}
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Out[*]= { {x -> \frac{16 830 - 6 \sqrt{1 694 649}}{30 336}, y -> \frac{18 246 + 6 \sqrt{1 694 649}}{32 232} },
{ x -> \frac{16 830 + 6 \sqrt{1 694 649}}{30 336}, y -> \frac{18 246 - 6 \sqrt{1 694 649}}{32 232} } }
```

In[21]:= `nH = H /. Thread[svar → svalue];`

`amplitude =`

$$\text{Simplify}\left[\left(\frac{1}{\text{Det}[nH]} \text{PT}^2 /. \text{ncritPts}[[1]]\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\text{Det}[nH]} \text{PT}^2 /. \text{ncritPts}[[2]]\right)\right]$$

Out[21]:= 
$$\frac{5369}{2124540}$$

We evaluate expression (10):

In[23]:= `expression10 =`

$$\frac{1}{s_1 s_4} + \frac{1}{s_4 (s_3 + s_4 + s_5)} + \frac{1}{(s_3 + s_4 + s_5) s_5} + \frac{1}{s_5 (s_1 + s_2 + s_5)} + \frac{1}{(s_1 + s_2 + s_5) s_1};$$

`Simplify[expression10 /. Thread[svar → svalue]]`

Out[23]:= 
$$\frac{5369}{2124540}$$

We see that the amplitudes computed in the two ways agree.