

No- π Theorem for Euclidean Massless Correlators

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Starting point: 1991

The seminal calculation /Gorishnii, Kataev, Larin/ of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ Adler function demonstrated for the first time a mysterious complete cancellation of **all** contributions proportional to ζ_4 (abounding in separate diagrams) while odd zetas ζ_3 and ζ_5 survive! The result is π -free ($\zeta_4 = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$ and $\zeta_6 = \frac{\pi^6}{945}$)

$$d_2 = -\frac{3}{32}C_F^2 + C_F T_f \left[\zeta_3 - \frac{11}{8} \right] + C_F C_A \left[\frac{123}{32} - \frac{11\zeta_3}{4} \right],$$

$$d_3 = -\frac{69}{128}C_F^3 + C_F^2 T_f \left[-\frac{29}{64} + \frac{19}{4}\zeta_3 - 5\zeta_5 \right] + C_F T_f^2 \left[\frac{151}{54} - \frac{19}{9}\zeta_3 \right] + C_F^2 C_A \left[-\frac{127}{64} - \frac{143}{16}\zeta_3 + \frac{55}{4}\zeta_5 \right] \\ + C_F T_f C_A \left[-\frac{485}{27} + \frac{112}{9}\zeta_3 + \frac{5}{6}\zeta_5 \right] + C_F C_A^2 \left[\frac{90445}{3456} - \frac{2737}{144}\zeta_3 - \frac{55}{24}\zeta_5 \right],$$

the authors wrote: **“We would like to stress the cancellations of ζ_4 in the final results for $R(s)$. It is very interesting to find the origin of the cancellation of ζ_4 in the physical quantity.”**

The situation got even more interesting about 20 years later: the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ contributions to the Adler function and to the coefficient function (CF) of C_{Bjp} the Bjorken sum rule /Baikov, Kühn, K. Ch. (2009-2010)/ were found to be

completely π -free★

★ we do not consider any powers of π which are routinely generated during the procedure of analytical continuation to the Minkowskian (negative) values of the momentum transfer Q^2)

	d_4	$(1/C^{Bjp})_4$
C_F^4	$\frac{4157}{2048} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_3$	$\frac{4157}{2048} + \frac{3}{8} \zeta_3$
$n_f \frac{d_F^{abcd} d_F^{abcd}}{d_R}$	$-\frac{13}{16} - \zeta_3 + \frac{5}{2} \zeta_5$	$-\frac{13}{16} - \zeta_3 + \frac{5}{2} \zeta_5$
$\frac{d_F^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_R}$	$\frac{3}{16} - \frac{1}{4} \zeta_3 - \frac{5}{4} \zeta_5$	$\frac{3}{16} - \frac{1}{4} \zeta_3 - \frac{5}{4} \zeta_5$
$C_F T_f^3$	$-\frac{6131}{972} + \frac{203}{54} \zeta_3 + \frac{5}{3} \zeta_5$	$-\frac{605}{972}$
$C_F^2 T_f^2$	$\frac{5713}{1728} - \frac{581}{24} \zeta_3 + \frac{125}{6} \zeta_5 + 3 \zeta_3^2$	$\frac{869}{576} - \frac{29}{24} \zeta_3$
$C_F T_f^2 C_A$	$\frac{340843}{5184} - \frac{10453}{288} \zeta_3 - \frac{170}{9} \zeta_5 - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_3^2$	$\frac{165283}{20736} + \frac{43}{144} \zeta_3 - \frac{5}{12} \zeta_5 + \frac{1}{6} \zeta_3^2 EQN$
$C_F^3 T_f$	$\frac{1001}{384} + \frac{99}{32} \zeta_3 - \frac{125}{4} \zeta_5 + \frac{105}{4} \zeta_7$	$-\frac{473}{2304} - \frac{391}{96} \zeta_3 + \frac{145}{24} \zeta_5$
$C_F^2 T_f C_A$	$\frac{32357}{13824} + \frac{10661}{96} \zeta_3 - \frac{5155}{48} \zeta_5 - \frac{33}{4} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{105}{8} \zeta_7$	$-\frac{17309}{13824} + \frac{1127}{144} \zeta_3 - \frac{95}{144} \zeta_5 - \frac{35}{4} \zeta_7$
$C_F T_f C_A^2$	$-\frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} + \frac{8609}{72} \zeta_3 + \frac{18805}{288} \zeta_5 - \frac{11}{2} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{35}{16} \zeta_7$	$-\frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} - \frac{59}{64} \zeta_3 + \frac{1855}{288} \zeta_5 - \frac{11}{12} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{35}{16} \zeta_7$
$C_F^3 C_A$	$-\frac{253}{32} - \frac{139}{128} \zeta_3 + \frac{2255}{32} \zeta_5 - \frac{1155}{16} \zeta_7$	$-\frac{8701}{4608} + \frac{1103}{96} \zeta_3 - \frac{1045}{48} \zeta_5$
$C_F^2 C_A^2$	$-\frac{592141}{18432} - \frac{43925}{384} \zeta_3 + \frac{6505}{48} \zeta_5 + \frac{1155}{32} \zeta_7$	$-\frac{435425}{55296} - \frac{1591}{144} \zeta_3 + \frac{55}{9} \zeta_5 + \frac{385}{16} \zeta_7$
$C_F C_A^3$	$\frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} - \frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} \zeta_3 - \frac{77995}{1152} \zeta_5 + \frac{605}{32} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{385}{64} \zeta_7$	$\frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} - \frac{(\dots)}{(\dots)} \zeta_3 - \frac{12545}{1152} \zeta_5 + \frac{121}{96} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{385}{64} \zeta_7$

Transcedentals: odd zetas: $\zeta_3, \zeta_5, \zeta_7$ BUT NOT even ones ζ_4 or ζ_6

What is common between the Adler function and C_{Bjp} ? They both are “physical” (no anomalous dimension, depend only on the bare cc α_s).

The Adler function D^{SS} for the scalar correlator is π -dependent already at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ ★ and even more at the next loop (explicit ζ_4 and ζ_6 terms)★★

In fact, one can construct a physical (read: scale-independent) object from $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^L)$ D^{SS} and the $(L+1)$ -loop quark mass anomalous dimension γ_m .

For $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ D^{SS} it was done with expected result: all π dependence indeed disappeared!
/[Vermaseren, Larin van Ritbergen \(1997\)](#)/

BUT for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ correlators this stopped to work:

It was found [/Baikov, K. Ch. Kühn \(2017\)/](#) that ζ_4 does not disappear from a scale-independent (SI) object constructed from $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ D^{SS} and 5-loop AD γ_m .

ζ_4 also does not disappear from the 5-loop gluon correlator (enters the hadronic decays of the Higgs boson) computed in

[/ Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren and Vogt \(2017\)/](#).

★ K. K. Ch. (1997).

★★ Baikov, Kühn, K. Ch. (2006)

2017: 2 new important developments

- 5-loop QCD β -function and quark AD γ_m were computed /Baikov, K. Ch. Kühn; Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren and Vogt; Luthe, Maier, Marquard and Schroder/.

First appearance of π in β_5 (in form of ζ_4)

- Jamin and Miravittas have discovered that after a transition to a new so-called C-scheme all terms proportional to even zetas (ζ_4 and ζ_6) do disappear from (SI versions of) the 5-loop scalar correlator and the 5-loop gluon correlator (both enter the hadronic decays of the Higgs boson /Baikov, K. Ch. Kühn (2005); Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren and Vogt (2017)).

They also suggested that the absence of even zetas after transition to the C-scheme is an universal feature of *all* $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$ physical quantities \equiv **no π -conjecture**

Later many more particular confirmations of the conjecture have been found and discussed and used for non-trivial check of many multiloop (4 and 5) results for ADs in /Davies and Vogt (2017); K. Ch, G. Falcioni, Herzog and Vermaseren (2017)/

A word about notations and conventions (goodbye β_0 and γ_0)

we use

$$1. \quad \gamma(a) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \gamma_i a^i, \quad a = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}$$

$$2. \quad \beta(a) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \beta_i a^i$$

3. Landau gauge for QCD (for simplicity, could be relaxed)

4. G-scheme instead of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ one: all ADs and betas are *not* different from their $\overline{\text{MS}}$ versions but the simplest 1-loop p-integral is just identically equal $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$:

$$\frac{1}{i(2\pi)^D} \int \frac{d^D l}{(-l^2)(-(q-l)^2)} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(-q^2)^\epsilon} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

for finite renormalized quantities: $\left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)_G \rightarrow \left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right)_{\overline{\text{MS}}} + 2$

2017: BIG PUZZLE

What is special in the C-scheme★?

$$a = \bar{a} (1 + c_1 \bar{a} + c_2 \bar{a}^2 + c_3 \bar{a}^3 + c_4 \bar{a}^4)$$

with c_1, c_2 and c_3 are made from $\beta_1 - \beta_4$ (all free from even zetas) and with

$$c_4 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\beta_5}{\beta_1}$$

any SI $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$ correlator $F(\bar{a})$ as well the very β -function $\bar{\beta}(\bar{a})$ loose any dependence on even zetas. We will call the class of renormalization schemes for which

$$\bar{\beta}(\bar{a}) \stackrel{\pi}{=} 0$$

as π -independent schemes

★C-scheme has some interesting features and applications, not relevant in our context of π -hunting; see [/Boito, Jamin and Miravitllas, \[1606.06175\]/](#)

To really appreciate the mystery behind these cancellations induced by the C-scheme, please, look on the following simple facts:

1. a bare physical (massless!) quantity depends on the bare coupling constant, say, α_s^B ;
2. its renormalization is done with the replacement $\alpha_s^B = Z_a \alpha_s$;
3. the charge renormalization constant Z_a depends on the five-loop coefficient in the β -function— β_5 —starting from the *fifth* order, α_s^5 ;
4. as a result the renormalized physical quantity starts to “feel” β_5 only at astonishingly large *sixth* order in α_s ;
5. for the case of the scalar correlator the contribution of order α_s^6 corresponds to the fabulously large 7-loop level

Explanation of the mystery: the ζ_4 term in the β_5 is, in fact, not independent and not genuinely 5-loop but meets a simple factorization formula ($F^{\zeta_i} = \lim_{\zeta_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_i} F$):

$$\beta_5^{\zeta_4} = \frac{9}{8} \beta_1 \beta_4^{\zeta_3}$$

The factorization is not trivial at all:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_4} \beta_5 &= \frac{9}{8} \left(\frac{4}{3} n_f T_F - \frac{11}{3} C_A \right) \left(\frac{44}{9} C_A^4 - \frac{136}{3} C_A^3 n_f T_F \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{656}{9} C_A^2 C_F n_f T_F - \frac{224}{9} C_A^2 n_f^2 T_F^2 - \frac{352}{9} C_A C_F^2 n_f T_F \\ &\quad - \frac{448}{9} C_A C_F n_f^2 T_F^2 + \frac{704}{9} C_F^2 n_f^2 T_F^2 - \frac{704}{3} \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{N_A} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1664}{3} \frac{d_F^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{N_A} n_f - \frac{512}{3} \frac{d_F^{abcd} d_F^{abcd}}{N_A} n_f^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

π -structure of the master p-integrals

We will call a (bare) L -loop p-integral $F(Q^2, \epsilon)$ π -safe if the π -dependence of its pole in ϵ and constant part can be completely absorbed into the properly defined “hatted” odd zetas.

The first observation of a non-trivial class of π -safe p-integrals — all 3-loop ones — was made in [/Broadhurst \(1999\)/](#) An extension of the observation on the class of all 4-loop p-integrals was performed in [/Baikov, K.Ch. \(2010\)/](#) Here it was shown that, given an arbitrary 4-loop p-integral, its pole in ϵ and constant part depend on even zetas *only* via the following combinations:

$$\hat{\zeta}_3 := \zeta_3 + \frac{3\epsilon}{2}\zeta_4 - \frac{5\epsilon^3}{2}\zeta_6, \quad \hat{\zeta}_5 := \zeta_5 + \frac{5\epsilon}{2}\zeta_6 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\zeta}_7 := \zeta_7.$$

Exact meaning for a 4-loop p-integral F_4 :

$$F_4(\zeta_3, \zeta_4, \zeta_5, \zeta_6, \zeta_7) = F_4(\hat{\zeta}_3, 0, \hat{\zeta}_5, 0, \hat{\zeta}_7) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad \star$$

A generalization of the \star for $L=5$ has been recently constructed in [/Georgoudis, Goncalves, Panzer, Pereira, \[1802.00803\]/](#)

\hat{G} -scheme

Let us define the \hat{G} -scheme by pretending that hatted zetas do not depend on ϵ . This means that all p-integrals are assumed to be expressed in term of the hatted zetas and that the extraction of the pole part of a p-integral is defined as:

$$\hat{K} \left(\mathcal{P}(\epsilon) \prod_j \hat{\zeta}_j \right) := \left(\sum_{i < 0} \mathcal{P}_i \epsilon^i \right) \prod_j \hat{\zeta}_j,$$

with $\mathcal{P}(\epsilon) = \sum_i \epsilon^i \mathcal{P}_i$ being a polynomial in ϵ with rational coefficients. The corresponding coupling constant will be denoted as \hat{a} .

The \hat{G} -scheme has some remarkable features. Indeed, one can see just from its definition that the corresponding “hatted” Green function, ADs and Z -factors can be obtained from the normal (that is computed with the G -scheme) by very simple rules.

- As a first step we make a formal replacement of the coupling constant a by \hat{a} in every G -renormalized Green function, AD and Z -factor we want to transform to the \hat{G} -scheme.
- Renormalized Green function $\hat{F}(\hat{a})$ is obtained from $F(\hat{a})$ by setting to zero *all* even zetas in the latter (both are assumed as taken at $\epsilon = 0$).
- The same rule works for ADs and β -functions.
- If Z is a (G -scheme) renormalization constant then one should not only nullify all even zetas in $Z(\hat{a})$ but also replace every odd zeta term in it with its “hatted” counterpart.

\hat{G} -scheme: useful properties and benefits

1. All 2-point (massless, but not necessarily SI) correlators (at least to 5 loops), β -functions and ADs (at least to 6 loops) are π -free in \hat{G} -scheme
2. It is more or less obvious that a change of scheme from \hat{G} one to any other π -free(!) scheme will not induce any π -dependence in correlators. Thus, with the help of the \hat{G} -scheme the no- π -conjecture is upgraded to a

BIG No- π Theorem

Let F be any L -loop massless correlator and all L -loop p-integrals form a π -safe class. Then F is π -free in any (massless) renormalization scheme for which corresponding β -function and AD γ are both π -free at least at the level of $L + 1$ loops.

\hat{G} -scheme: constraints on even zetas

Suppose we know a result for an AD $\hat{\gamma} := (\gamma)_{\hat{G}\text{-scheme}}$ as well as the precise way how hatted zetas are related to the normal ones. The information should be enough to construct the result in normal, say, $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme. Thus, all terms proportional to even zetas in γ should be possible to recover. To do this let us consider the relation between \hat{a} and a :

$$\hat{a} = a \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq L} c_i a^i \right),$$

As the bare charge must not depend on the choice of the renormalization scheme the coefficients c_i are fixed by requiring that

$$Z_a a = \hat{Z}_a(\hat{a}) \hat{a}$$

For simplicity we start from the case of 4 loops. On general grounds we can write

$$\beta = \beta_1 a + \beta_2 a^2 + (r_3 + \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_3) a^3 + (r_4 + \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \zeta_3 + \beta_4^{\zeta_4} \zeta_4 + \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \zeta_5) a^4$$

where r_i is β_i with all zetas set to zero

The corresponding RCs Z_a and \hat{Z}_a read:

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_a = & 1 + \frac{a\beta_1}{\epsilon} + a^2 \left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \beta_1^2 \right) + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{3\epsilon} (r_3 + \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_3) + \frac{7}{6\epsilon^2} \beta_1 \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \beta_1^3 \right) \\
& + a^4 \left(\frac{1}{4\epsilon} (r_4 + \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \zeta_3 + \beta_4^{\zeta_4} \zeta_4 + \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \zeta_5) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{5}{6} \beta_1 r_3 + \frac{5}{6} \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_3 + \frac{3}{8} \beta_2^2 \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{23}{12\epsilon^3} \beta_1^2 \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \beta_1^4 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{Z}_a = & 1 + \frac{\hat{a}}{\epsilon} \beta_1 + \hat{a}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \beta_1^2 \right) + \hat{a}^3 \left(\frac{1}{3\epsilon} (r_3 + \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \hat{\zeta}_3) + \frac{7}{6\epsilon^2} \beta_1 \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \beta_1^3 \right) \\
& + \hat{a}^4 \left(\frac{1}{4\epsilon} (r_4 + \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \hat{\zeta}_3 + \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \hat{\zeta}_5) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{5}{6} \beta_1 r_3 + \frac{5}{6} \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \hat{\zeta}_3 + \frac{3}{8} \beta_2^2 \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{23}{12\epsilon^3} \beta_1^2 \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \beta_1^4 \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Equation for c_i can be now easily solved with the result

$$c_1 = c_2 = 0,$$

$$c_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_4 + \frac{5\epsilon^2}{6} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_6 - \frac{7\epsilon^4}{2} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_8,$$

$$c_4 = \frac{1}{4\epsilon} (\beta_4^{\zeta_4} - \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3}) \zeta_4 - \frac{3}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \zeta_4 - \frac{5}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \zeta_6 \\ + \frac{5\epsilon}{12} \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_6 + \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{5}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \zeta_6 + \frac{35}{16} \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \zeta_8 \right) - \frac{7\epsilon^3}{4} \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \zeta_8 - \frac{21\epsilon^4}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \zeta_8$$

As the coefficients c_i have to be finite at $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we arrive at the exact connection

$$\beta_4^{\zeta_4} = \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3}$$

Repeating the same reasoning for $L=5$ and 6 (and similar one for the case of an AD) we arrive at a host of new exact identities for even zetas terms

Model independent predictions for β and γ for any 1-charge theory

$$\beta_4^{\zeta_4} = \beta_1 \beta_3^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\gamma_4^{\zeta_4} = -\frac{1}{2} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \gamma_1 + \frac{3}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_3^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\beta_5^{\zeta_4} = \frac{1}{2} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \beta_2 + \frac{9}{8} \beta_1 \beta_4^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\gamma_5^{\zeta_4} = -\frac{3}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \gamma_1 + \frac{3}{2} \beta_2 \gamma_3^{\zeta_3} - \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \gamma_2 + \frac{3}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_4^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\beta_5^{\zeta_6} = \frac{15}{8} \beta_1 \beta_4^{\zeta_5}$$

$$\gamma_5^{\zeta_6} = -\frac{5}{8} \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \gamma_1 + \frac{5}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_4^{\zeta_5}$$

$$\beta_5^{\zeta_3 \zeta_4} = 0$$

$$\gamma_5^{\zeta_3 \zeta_4} = 0$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_4} = \frac{3}{4} \beta_2 \beta_4^{\zeta_3} + \frac{6}{5} \beta_1 \beta_5^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_6^{\zeta_4} &= \frac{3}{2} \beta_3^{(1)} \gamma_3^{\zeta_3} - \frac{3}{10} \beta_5^{\zeta_3} \gamma_1 - \frac{3}{4} \beta_4^{\zeta_3} \gamma_2 \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} \beta_2 \gamma_4^{\zeta_3} - \frac{3}{2} \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \gamma_3^{(1)} + \frac{3}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_5^{\zeta_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_6} = \frac{5}{4} \beta_2 \beta_4^{\zeta_5} + 2 \beta_1 \beta_5^{\zeta_5} - \beta_1^3 \beta_3^{\zeta_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_6^{\zeta_6} &= -\frac{1}{2} \beta_5^{\zeta_5} \gamma_1 - \frac{5}{4} \beta_4^{\zeta_5} \gamma_2 + \frac{5}{2} \beta_2 \gamma_4^{\zeta_5} \\ &+ \frac{5}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_5^{\zeta_5} + \frac{3}{2} \beta_1^2 \beta_3^{\zeta_3} \gamma_1 - \frac{5}{2} \beta_1^3 \gamma_3^{\zeta_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_3 \zeta_4} = \frac{12}{5} \beta_1 \beta_5^{\zeta_3^2}$$

$$\gamma_6^{\zeta_3 \zeta_4} = -\frac{3}{5} \beta_5^{\zeta_3^2} \gamma_1 + 3 \beta_1 \gamma_5^{\zeta_3^2}$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_8} = \frac{14}{5} \beta_1 \beta_5^{\zeta_7}$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_3 \zeta_6} = 0$$

$$\beta_6^{\zeta_4 \zeta_5} = 0$$

$$\gamma_6^{\zeta_8} = -\frac{7}{10} \beta_5^{\zeta_7} \gamma_1 + \frac{7}{2} \beta_1 \gamma_5^{\zeta_7}$$

$$\gamma_6^{\zeta_3 \zeta_6} = 0$$

$$\gamma_6^{\zeta_4 \zeta_5} = 0$$

The above constraints have been successfully checked on the following examples:

L=4 and 5: numerous QCD RG functions (including gauge-dependent ones taken in the Landau gauge) recently computed in

[/K.Ch, Falcioni, Herzog and J Vermaseren \[1709.08541\]](#) .

L=4,5 and 6: β -function and ADs of $O(n)$ ϕ^4 model recently computed in

Batkovich, K. Ch. and Kompaniets, [1601.01960] (γ_2 only)

Schnetz, [1606.08598] ($\beta, \gamma_2, \gamma_m$)

Kompaniets and Panzer, [1705.06483] ($\beta, \gamma_2, \gamma_m$)

Predictions for 6-loop QCD RG functions:

$$\beta_6 \stackrel{\pi}{=} \boxed{\frac{608}{405} n_f^5 \zeta_4} + n_f^4 \left(\frac{164792}{1215} \zeta_4 - \frac{1840}{27} \zeta_6 \right) + n_f^3 \left(-\frac{4173428}{405} \zeta_4 + \frac{1800280}{243} \zeta_6 \right) \\ + n_f^2 \left(\frac{68750632}{405} \zeta_4 - \frac{13834700}{81} \zeta_6 \right) + n_f \left(-\frac{146487538}{135} \zeta_4 + \frac{40269130}{27} \zeta_6 \right) \\ + 99 (44213 \zeta_4 - 64020 \zeta_6)$$

$$\gamma_6^m \stackrel{\pi}{=} \boxed{\frac{320}{243} n_f^5 \zeta_4 + n_f^4 \left(-\frac{90368}{405} \zeta_4 + \frac{22400}{81} \zeta_6 \right)} \\ + n_f^3 \left(-\frac{92800}{27} \zeta_3 \zeta_4 - \frac{2872156}{405} \zeta_4 + \frac{503360}{243} \zeta_6 \right) \\ + n_f^2 \left(\frac{661760}{9} \zeta_3 \zeta_4 + \frac{155801234}{405} \zeta_4 - \frac{378577520}{729} \zeta_6 + \frac{12740000}{81} \zeta_8 \right) \\ + n_f \left(-\frac{1413280}{3} \zeta_3 \zeta_4 - \frac{4187656168}{1215} \zeta_4 + \frac{5912758120}{729} \zeta_6 - \frac{96071360}{27} \zeta_8 \right) \\ + 3194400 \zeta_3 \zeta_4 + \frac{272688530}{81} \zeta_4 - \frac{6778602160}{243} \zeta_6 + 15889720 \zeta_8$$

boxed terms are in **FULL AGREEMENT** with (about 20 years old) results by /Gracey (1996)/ and /Ciuchini, Derkachov, Gracey and Manashov (1999-2000)/

all other terms are new

Conclusions

- We have demonstrated that all π -dependent terms in a generic $(L+1)$ -loop $\overline{\text{MS}}$ - (or, equivalently, G -) anomalous dimension γ are completely fixed by π -independent contributions to γ (and corresponding β) with loop number L or less *provided* the (all) L -loop p-master integrals are π -safe
- The π -safeness holds for $L=4$ and $L=5$ and, probably, for $L=6$. It is known that for $L=7$ the property (partially) stops to be valid[★] and, thus, our predictions should be modified (at astronomically large for QCD level of **L=8** RG functions)
- All available results at 5 (QCD), and 6 loops (large n_f QCD and the ϕ^4 -model) do meet all the constraints we have obtained
- The no- π conjecture for all one-scale RG-invariant Euclidean correlators first suggested Jamin and Miravitllas less than a year ago has been proved and extended to a case of generic Euclidean correlators

[★] communicated to us by Oliver Schnetz

(the problem is an appearance of the ζ_{12} as independent term of some 7-loop finite p-integral, see works by (F.Brown, O.Schnetz, E.Panzer . . . on Feynman periods)