

The form factor program - a review and new results - **SU(N) and O(N) models**

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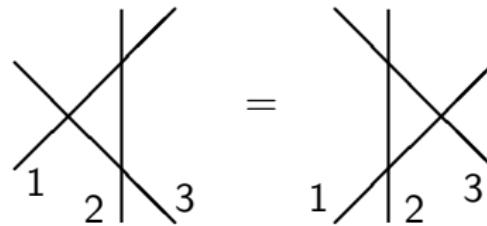
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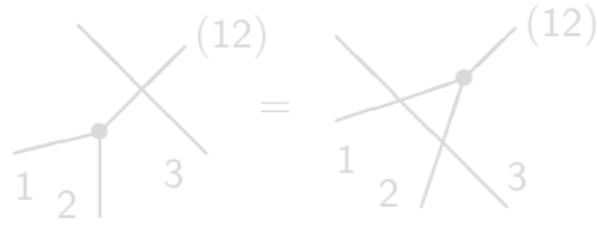
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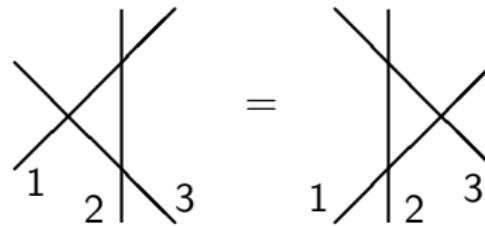
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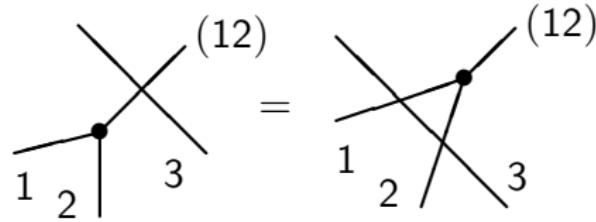
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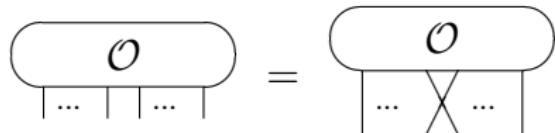
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(i) Watson's equation

$$F_{...ij...}^{\mathcal{O}}(\dots, \theta_i, \theta_j, \dots) = F_{...ji...}^{\mathcal{O}}(\dots, \theta_j, \theta_i, \dots) S_{ij}(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



(ii) Crossing

$$\bar{\alpha}_1 \langle p_1 | \mathcal{O}(0) | \dots, p_n \rangle_{\dots \alpha_n}^{in, conn.} =$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{\bar{\alpha}_1 \alpha_1} \sigma_{\alpha_1}^{\mathcal{O}} F_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1 + i\pi, \dots, \theta_n) = F_{\dots \alpha_n \alpha_1}^{\mathcal{O}}(\dots, \theta_n, \theta_1 - i\pi) \mathbf{C}^{\alpha_1 \bar{\alpha}_1}$$



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(iii) Annihilation recursion relation

$$\frac{1}{2i} \underset{\theta_{12}=i\pi}{\text{Res}} F_{1\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1, \dots) = \mathbf{C}_{12} F_{3\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_3, \dots) \left(\mathbf{1} - \sigma_2^{\mathcal{O}} S_{2n} \dots S_{23} \right)$$

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(iv) Bound state form factors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underset{\theta_{12}=i\eta}{\text{Res}} F_{123\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\underline{\theta}) = F_{(12)3\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_{(12)}, \underline{\theta}') \Gamma_{12}^{(12)}$$

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(v) Lorentz invariance

$$F_{1\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1 + u, \dots, \theta_n + u) = e^{su} F_{1\dots n}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$$

2-particle form factor

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(0) | p_1, p_2 \rangle^{in/out} = F((p_1 + p_2)^2 \pm i\varepsilon) = F(\pm\theta_{12})$$

where $p_1 p_2 = m^2 \cosh \theta_{12}$.

"Watson's equations"

$$\begin{cases} F(\theta) = F(-\theta) S(\theta) \\ F(i\pi - \theta) = F(i\pi + \theta) \end{cases}$$

"maximal analyticity" \Rightarrow unique solution



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