Mathematical structure of heavy flavor operator matrix elements at $O(a_s^2)$ and beyond

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based on:

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1. Introduction

Deep–Inelastic Scattering (DIS):



Hadronic tensor for heavy quark production via single photon exchange:

$$\begin{split} W^{Q\bar{Q}}_{\mu\nu}(q,P) &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^{4}\xi \exp(iq\xi) \langle P \mid [J^{em}_{\mu}(\xi), J^{em}_{\nu}(0)] \mid P \rangle_{Q\bar{Q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2x} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^{2}} \right) F^{Q\bar{Q}}_{L}(x,Q^{2}) + \frac{2x}{Q^{2}} \left(P_{\mu}P_{\nu} + \frac{q_{\mu}P_{\nu} + q_{\nu}P_{\mu}}{2x} - \frac{Q^{2}}{4x^{2}}g_{\mu\nu} \right) F^{Q\bar{Q}}_{2}(x,Q^{2}) \end{split}$$

Need for the calculation:

- Heavy flavor (charm) contributions to DIS structure functions are rather large [20-40% at lower values of x].
- Increase in accuracy of the perturbative description of DIS structure functions.
- \iff QCD analysis and determination of $\Lambda_{\rm QCD}$, resp. $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$, from DIS data: $\delta \alpha_s / \alpha_s < 1 \%$.
- \iff Precise determination of the gluon and sea quark distributions.
- \iff Derivation of variable flavor number scheme for heavy quark production to $O(a_s^3)$.



Calculation of the heavy flavor Wilson coefficients to higher orders for $Q^2 \ge 25 \,\text{GeV}^2$ [sufficient in many applications].

Previous calculations:

Unpolarized DIS :

- LO : [Witten, 1976; Babcock, Sivers, 1978; Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, 1978; Leveille, Weiler, 1979]
- NLO : [Laenen, Riemersma, Smith, van Neerven, 1993, 1995] asymptotic: [Buza, Matiounine, Smith, Migneron, van Neerven, 1996; Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein, 2007]

• Observation: $F_2^{c\bar{c}}(x,Q^2)$ is very well described by $F_2^{c\bar{c}}(x,Q^2)|_{Q^2 \gg m^2}$ for $Q^2 \gtrsim 10 m_c^2$.

Polarized DIS :

- LO : [Watson, 1982; Glück, Reya, Vogelsang, 1991; Vogelsang, 1991]
- NLO :

asymptotic: [Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven, 1997; Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein, 2008, to appear] Mellin-space expressions: [Alekhin, Blümlein, 2003].

Variable flavor number scheme at $O(a_s^2)$: [Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven, 1998]

In the following, we report on results for unpolarized and polarized Heavy Flavor Wilson coefficients beyond NLO.

2. Heavy OMEs

• massless RGE and light-cone expansion in Bjorken-limit $\{Q^2, \nu\} \rightarrow \infty, x$ fixed:

$$\lim_{\xi^2 \to 0} \left[J(\xi), J(0) \right] \propto \sum_{i,N,\tau} c_{i,\tau}^N(\xi^2, \mu^2) \xi_{\mu_1} \dots \xi_{\mu_N} O_{i,\tau}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_m}(0, \mu^2) \ .$$

- **RGE** for collinear singularities
 - \implies mass factorization of the structure functions into Wilson coefficients and parton densities:

$$F_i(x,Q^2) = \sum_j \underbrace{C_i^j\left(x,\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\text{non-porturbal}} \otimes \underbrace{f_j(x,\mu^2)}_{\text{non-porturbal}}$$

perturbative

non-perturbative

• Light-flavor Wilson coefficients: process dependent

$$C_{(2,L);i}^{\text{fl}}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) = \delta_{i,q} + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_s^l C_{(2,L),i}^{\text{fl},(l)}, \quad i = q, g$$

 \implies Known up to $O(a_s^3)$ [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2005.]

- Heavy quark contributions given by heavy quark Wilson coefficient, $H_{(2,L),i}^{S,NS}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2},\frac{m^2}{Q^2}\right)$.
- In the limit $Q^2 \gg m_Q^2 [Q^2 \approx 10 m_Q^2 \text{ for } F_2]$: massive RGE, derivative $m^2 \partial / \partial m^2$ acts on Wilson coefficients only: all terms but power corrections calculable through partonic operator matrix elements, $\langle i|A_l|j\rangle$, which are process independent objects!

$$H_{(2,L),i}^{\mathrm{S,NS}}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right) = \underbrace{A_{k,i}^{\mathrm{S,NS}}\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\mathrm{massive OMEs}} \otimes \underbrace{C_{(2,L),k}^{\mathrm{S,NS}}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\mathrm{light-parton-Wilson coefficients}}$$

• holds for polarized and unpolarized case. OMEs obey expansion

$$A_{k,i}^{\mathrm{S,NS}}\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right) = \langle i|O_k^{\mathrm{S,NS}}|i\rangle = \delta_{k,i} + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_s^l A_{k,i}^{\mathrm{S,NS},(l)}\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right), \quad i = q, g$$

[Buza, Matiounine, Migneron, Smith, van Neerven, 1996; Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven, 1997.]

Operator insertions in light–cone expansion

E.g. singlet heavy quark operator:



 Δ : light–like momentum, $\Delta^2 = 0$.

 \implies additional vertices with 2 and more gluons at higher orders.

- Diagrams contain two scales: the mass m and the Mellin–parameter N.
- 2-point functions with on-shell external momentum, p² = 0.
 → reduce for N = 0 to massive tadpoles.
- E.g. diagrams contributing to the gluonic OME $\hat{A}_{Qg}^{(2)} \implies$



Renormalization

$$\hat{\hat{A}}_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{a}_s^k \hat{\hat{A}}_{ij}^{(k)}$$

need for:

- Mass renormalization (on-mass shell scheme)
- Charge renormalization
- → use $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme $(D = 4 + \varepsilon)$ and decoupling formalism [Ovrut, Schnitzer, 1981; Bernreuther, Wetzel, 1982].
 - Renormalization of ultraviolet singularities \implies are absorbed into Z-factors given in terms of anomalous dimensions γ_{ij} .
 - Factorization of collinear singularities

 \implies are factored into Γ -factors Γ_{NS} , $\Gamma_{ij,S}$ and $\Gamma_{qq,PS}$.

For massless quarks it would hold: $\Gamma = Z^{-1}$.

Here: Γ -matrices apply to parts of the diagrams with massless lines only .

Generic formula for operator renormalization and mass factorization:

$$A_{ij} = Z_{il}^{-1} \hat{A}_{lm} \Gamma_{mj}^{-1}$$

 $\implies O(\varepsilon)$ -terms of the 2-loop OMEs are needed for renormalization at 3-loops.

3. 2–Loops

- Calculation in Mellin-space for space-like q^2 , $Q^2 = -q^2$: $0 \le x \le 1$
- use of generalized hypergeometric functions for general analytic results
- use of Mellin-Barnes integrals for numerical checks (MB, [Czakon, 2006]) and some analytic results
- Summation of lots of new infinite one-parameter sums into harmonic sums. E.g.:

$$N \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_1(i)S_1(i+j+N)}{i(i+j)(j+N)} = 4S_{2,1,1} - 2S_{3,1} + S_1\left(-3S_{2,1} + \frac{4S_3}{3}\right) - \frac{S_4}{2} - S_2^2 + S_1^2S_2 + \frac{S_1^4}{6} + 6S_1\zeta_3 + \zeta_2\left(2S_1^2 + S_2\right)$$

use of integral techniques and the Mathematica package SIGMA [C. Schneider, 2007], [I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, S. K., C. Schneider, arXiv:0707.4659 [math-ph]; arXiv:0803.0273 [hep-ph]]

- Partial checks for fixed values of N using SUMMER, [Vermaseren, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 14 (1999)].
- Algebraic and structural simplification of the harmonic sums [J. Blümlein, 2003, 2007].

Use of hypergeometric functions for general analytic results

$${}_{P}F_{Q}\left[\begin{array}{c}(a_{1})...(a_{P})\\(b_{1})...(b_{Q})\end{array};z\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_{1})_{i}...(a_{P})_{i}}{(b_{1})_{i}...(b_{Q})_{i}} \frac{z^{i}}{\Gamma(i+1)}, \quad {}_{1}F_{0}[a;z] = \frac{1}{(1-z)^{a}}.$$

Consider the massive 2-loop tadpole diagram with arbitrary exponents ν_i and $\nu_{i...j} := \nu_i + ... + \nu_j$ etc.



Using Feynman-parameters, this integral can be cast into the general form

$$I_1 = C_1 \iint_0^1 dx dy \frac{x^a (1-x)^b y^c (1-y)^d}{(1-xy)^e} .$$

Thus one obtains

$$I_{1} = C_{1}\Gamma\begin{bmatrix}\nu_{123} - 4 - \varepsilon, \varepsilon/2 - \nu_{2}, \nu_{23} - 2 - \varepsilon/2, \nu_{12} - 2 - \varepsilon/2\\\nu_{1}, \nu_{2}, \nu_{3}, \nu_{123} - 2 - \varepsilon/2\end{bmatrix}_{3}F_{2}\begin{bmatrix}\nu_{123} - 4 - \varepsilon, \varepsilon/2 + 2 - \nu_{2}, \nu_{3}\\\nu_{3}, \nu_{123} - 2 - \varepsilon/2\end{bmatrix};1$$

For any diagram deriving from the 2–loop tadpole topology, one obtains as a general integral

$$I_2 = C_2 \iint_0^1 dx dy \frac{x^a (1-x)^b y^c (1-y)^d}{(1-xy)^e} \int_0^1 dz_1 \dots \int_0^1 dz_i \, \mathsf{P}\Big(x, y, z_1, \dots, z_i, N\Big) \, .$$

Here P is a rational function of x, y and possibly more parameters $z_1...z_i$. N is the Mellin–parameter and occurs in some exponents.

 \implies for fixed values of N, one obtains for all diagrams a finite sum over integrals of the type I_1 .



Unpolarized case, Singlet, $O(\varepsilon)$

$$\begin{split} \overline{a}_{Qg}^{(2)} &= T_F C_F \bigg\{ \frac{2}{3} \frac{(N^2 + N + 2)(3N^2 + 3N + 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} \zeta_3 + \frac{P_1}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} S_2 + \frac{N^4 - 5N^3 - 32N^2 - 18N - 4}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1^2 \\ &+ \frac{N^2 + N + 2}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \Big(16S_{2,1,1} - 8S_{3,1} - 8S_{2,1}S_1 + 3S_4 - \frac{4}{3}S_3S_1 - \frac{1}{2}S_2^2 - S_2S_1^2 - \frac{1}{6}S_1^4 + 2\zeta_2S_2 - 2\zeta_2S_1^2 - \frac{8}{3}\zeta_3S_1 \Big) \\ &- 8\frac{N^2 - 3N - 2}{N^2(N+1)(N+2)} S_{2,1} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{3N+2}{N^2(N+2)} S_1^3 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{3N^4 + 48N^3 + 43N^2 - 22N - 8}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_3 + 2\frac{3N+2}{N^2(N+2)} S_2S_1 + 4\frac{S_1}{N^2} \zeta_2 \\ &+ \frac{N^5 + N^4 - 8N^3 - 5N^2 - 3N - 2}{N^3(N+1)^3} \zeta_2 - 2\frac{2N^5 - 2N^4 - 11N^3 - 19N^2 - 44N - 12}{N^2(N+1)^3(N+2)} S_1 + \frac{P_2}{N^5(N+1)^5(N+2)} \bigg\} \\ &+ T_F C_A \bigg\{ \frac{N^2 + N + 2}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \Big(16S_{-2,1,1} - 4S_{2,1,1} - 8S_{-3,1} - 8S_{-2,2} - 4S_{3,1} - \frac{2}{3}\beta''' + 9S_4 - 16S_{-2,1}S_1 \\ &+ \frac{40}{3}S_1S_3 + 4\beta''S_1 - 8\beta'S_2 + \frac{1}{2}S_2^2 - 8\beta'S_1^2 + 5S_1^2S_2 + \frac{1}{6}S_1^4 - \frac{10}{6}S_1\zeta_3 - 2S_2\zeta_2 - 2S_1^2\zeta_2 - 4\beta'\zeta_2 - \frac{17}{6}\zeta_2^2 \Big) \\ &+ \frac{4(N^2 - N - 4)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} \Big(-4S_{-2,1} + \beta'' - 4\beta'S_1 \Big) - \frac{2}{3}\frac{N^3 + 8N^2 + 11N + 2}{N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2}S_1^3 + 8\frac{N^4 + 2N^3 + 7N^2 + 22N + 20}{(N+1)^3(N+2)^3} \beta' \\ &+ 2\frac{3N^3 - 12N^2 - 27N - 2}{N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2}S_2S_1 - \frac{16}{3}\frac{N^5 + 10N^4 + 9N^3 + 3N^2 + 7N + 6}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2}S_3 - 8\frac{N^2 + N - 1}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2}\zeta_2S_1 \\ &- \frac{2}{3}\frac{9N^5 - 10N^4 - 11N^3 + 68N^2 + 24N + 16}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2}S_3 - \frac{2P_4}{(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^3}S_2 - \frac{2P_4}{(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^2}\zeta_2 \\ &- \frac{P_5}{N(N+1)^3(N+2)^3}S_1^2 + \frac{2P_6}{N(N+1)^4(N+2)^4}S_1 - \frac{2P_7}{(N-1)N^5(N+1)^5(N+2)^5} \bigg\} . \end{split}$$

- Representation in terms of hypergeometric series allows feasible computation of higher orders in ε & automatized check for fixed values of N.
- For genuine scalar 2–Loop Integrals see [Bierenbaum, Blümlein and S. K., (2007).]
- Structure of expression is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(N+1) &= (-1)^N [S_{-1}(N) + \ln(2)] ,\\ \beta^{(k)}(N+1) &= \Gamma(k+1)(-1)^{N+k} [S_{-k-1}(N) + (1-2^{-k})\zeta_{k+1}] , \ k \ge 2 . \end{aligned}$$

- New: Calculation of the $O(\varepsilon)$ -terms in the polarized and the unpolarized case.
- Appearing functions:

 $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_{-2}, S_{-3}, S_{-4}\}, S_{2,1}, S_{-2,1}, S_{-3,1}, S_{2,1,1}, S_{-2,1,1}$ $S_{-2,2} \text{ depends on } S_{-2,1}, S_{-3,1}$ $S_{3,1} \text{ depends on } S_{2,1}$ $\implies 6 \text{ basic objects}$

→ harmonic sums with index {-1} cancel (holds even for each diagram)
 [cf. Blümlein, 2004; Blümlein and Ravindran, 2005; Blümlein and Moch, in preparation].

4. Fixed moments at 3–loops

Contributing **OMEs**:



• All 2–loop $O(\varepsilon)$ -terms in the unpolarized case are known:

 $\overline{a}_{Qg}^{(2)}, \ \overline{a}_{Qq}^{(2),\mathbf{PS}}, \ \overline{a}_{gg,Q}^{(2)}, \ \overline{a}_{gq,Q}^{(2)}, \ \overline{a}_{qq,Q}^{(2),\mathbf{NS}}.$

- Unpolarized anomalous dimensions are known up to O(a³_s) [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2004.]
 ⇒ All terms needed for the renormalization of unpolarized 3–Loop heavy OMEs are present.
 - $\implies \text{Calculation will provide first independent checks on } \gamma_{qg}^{(3)}, \ \gamma_{qq}^{(3),\text{PS}} \text{ and on respective color projections of } \gamma_{qq}^{(3),\text{NS}\pm,\text{v}}, \ \gamma_{gg}^{(3)} \text{ and } \gamma_{gq}^{(3)}.$
- Calculation proceeds in the same way in the polarized case. Known so far :

 $\Delta \overline{a}_{Qg}^{(2)}, \quad \Delta \overline{a}_{Qq}^{(2),\mathbf{PS}}, \quad \Delta \overline{a}_{qq,Q}^{(2),\mathbf{NS}} = \overline{a}_{qq,Q}^{(2),\mathbf{NS}} .$

First step: Calculation of fixed moments of $A_{ij}^{(3)}(N)$, N = 2, 4, 6, ...

Fixed moments using MATAD

- three–loop "self-energy" type diagrams with an operator insertion
- Extension: additional scale compared to massive propagators: Mellin variable N
- Genuine tensor integrals due to

$$\Delta^{\mu_1}...\Delta^{\mu_n} \langle p|O_{\mu_1...\mu_n}|p\rangle = \Delta^{\mu_1}...\Delta^{\mu_n} \langle p|S \,\bar{\Psi}\gamma_{\mu_1}D_{\mu_2}...D_{\mu_n}\Psi|p\rangle = A(N) \cdot (\Delta p)^N$$
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - igt_a A^a_{\mu} \quad , \qquad \Delta^2 = 0.$$

- Construction of a projector to obtain the desired moment in N [undo Δ -contraction]
- 3-loop OMEs are generated with QGRAF [Nogueira, 1993]
- Color factors are calculated with [Ritbergen, Schellekens, Vermaseren, 1998]
- Translation to suitable input for MATAD [Steinhauser, 2001]

Tests performed: Various 2–loop calculations for N = 2, 4, 6, ... were repeated \rightarrow agreement with our previous calculation.

First Results

Non-singlet terms : $O(T_F^2 C_F) = A_{aa,O}^{(3),NS^{\pm}}(N)$: 2 heavy quark loops $\hat{A}_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}} = \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{3\varepsilon/2} \left(-\frac{8\beta_{0,Q}^2\gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{NS}}}{3\varepsilon^3} - \frac{4\beta_{0,Q}\gamma_{qq,Q}^{(1),\text{NS}}}{3\varepsilon^2} + \frac{\gamma_{qq,QQ}^{(2),\text{NS}} - 12\beta_{0,Q}a_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{NS}}}{3\varepsilon} + a_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}}\right).$ $A_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}} = \frac{1}{6} \ln^3 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right) \beta_{0,Q}^2 \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{NS}} + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right) \beta_{0,Q} \gamma_{qq,Q}^{(1),\text{NS}} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right) \gamma_{qq,QQ}^{(2),\text{NS}}$ $+a_{aa,OO}^{(3),NS} + 4\beta_{0,Q}\overline{a}_{aa,O}^{(2),NS}$. $\gamma_{qq,Q}^{(0),\text{NS}} = 4C_F \left[2S_1 - \frac{3N^2 + 3N + 2}{2N(N+1)} \right]$ $\gamma_{qq,Q}^{(1),\text{NS}} = 4C_F T_F \left\{ \frac{8}{3} S_2 - \frac{40}{9} S_1 + \frac{3N^4 + 6N^3 + 47N^2 + 20N - 12}{9N^2(N+1)^2} \right\}$ $\gamma_{qq,QQ}^{(2),\text{NS}} = C_F T_F^2 \Big(\frac{128}{9} S_3 - \frac{640}{97} S_2 - \frac{128}{97} S_1 \Big)$ $+8\frac{51N^6 + 153N^5 + 57N^4 + 35N^3 + 96N^2 + 16N - 24}{27N^3(N+1)^3}\Big) \ .$

$$\begin{split} \hat{A}_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}}(2) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3} \left(-\frac{2048}{81} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(-\frac{4096}{243} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(-\frac{20224}{729} - \frac{256}{27} \zeta_2 \right) \\ &- \frac{28736}{2187} - \frac{2048}{81} \zeta_3 - \frac{512}{81} \zeta_2 \ , \\ \hat{A}_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}}(8) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3} \left(-\frac{632512}{8505} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(-\frac{144967772}{2679075} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(-\frac{285344205403}{3375634500} - \frac{79064}{2835} \zeta_2 \right) \\ &- \frac{740566685766263}{17013197880000} - \frac{632512}{8505} \zeta_3 - \frac{36241943}{1786050} \zeta_2 \ , \\ A_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}}(2) &= T_F^2 C_F \left[\frac{128}{81} \ln^3 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{512}{81} \ln^2 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{896}{243} \ln \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{25024}{2187} - \frac{1792}{81} \zeta_3 \right] \ , \\ A_{qq,QQ}^{(3),\text{NS}}(8) &= T_F^2 C_F \left[\frac{39532}{8505} \ln^3 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{36241943}{1786050} \ln^2 \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{38920977797}{4500846000} \ln \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{1128638049575063}{34026395760000} - \frac{79064}{1215} \zeta_3 \right] \ . \end{split}$$

All ζ_2 terms vanish after renormalization.

Fixed moments using Feynman–parameters

Consider e.g the 3-loop tadpole diagram



$$I_{4} = C_{4}\Gamma \left[2 + \varepsilon/2 - \nu_{1}, 2 + \varepsilon/2 - \nu_{5}, \nu_{12} - 2 - \varepsilon/2, \nu_{45} - 2 - \varepsilon/2, \nu_{1345} - 4 - \varepsilon, \nu_{12345} - 6 - 3/2\varepsilon \right]$$

$$\sum_{n,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu_{345} - 2 - \varepsilon/2)_{n+m}(\nu_{12345} - 6 - 3/2\varepsilon)_{m}(2 + \varepsilon/2 - \nu_{1})_{m}(2 + \varepsilon/2 - \nu_{5})_{n}(\nu_{45} - 2 - \varepsilon/2)_{n}}{m!n!(\nu_{12345} - 4 - \varepsilon)_{n+m}(\nu_{345} - 2 - \varepsilon/2)_{m}(\nu_{345} - 2 - \varepsilon/2)_{n}}$$

which derives from a Appell–function of the first kind, F_1 .



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As in the 2–loop case, for any diagram deriving from the tadpole–ladder topology, one obtains for fixed values of N a finite sum over double sums of the type I_4 . Consider e.g.



For the above scalar diagram, we calculated first moments using MATAD and a representation in terms of Feynman-parameters (the results of which agree).

Ν	Results for I_4
0	$\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\frac{2}{9} + \frac{79}{36} - 2\zeta_3$
2	$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{2723}{64800} + \frac{2690023}{3888000} - \frac{11}{18}\zeta_3$
4	$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1119191}{79380000} + \frac{2347050779}{6667920000} - \frac{137}{450} \zeta_3$
6	$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{12925711}{2074464000} + \frac{679812813653}{3136589568000} - \frac{363}{1960} \zeta_3$
8	$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{141196078589}{43568189280000} + \frac{71608151768113879}{483084082736640000} - \frac{7129}{56700} \zeta_3$

5. Conclusions

- The heavy flavor contributions to the structure function F_2 are rather large in the region of lower values of x.
- QCD precision analyses therefore require the description of the heavy quark contributions to 3–loop order.
- We calculate the heavy flavor DIS Wilson Coefficients in the asymptotic regime $[Q^2 \ge 10m^2]$ using massive operator matrix elements.
- We recently presented first contributions to these corrections:

$$- \bar{a}_{Qg}^{(2)}, \bar{a}_{Qq}^{PS,(2)}, \bar{a}_{gg,Q}^{(2)}, \bar{a}_{qq}^{NS,(2)} = \Delta \bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{NS,(2)} - \Delta \bar{a}_{Qg}^{(2)}, \Delta \bar{a}_{Qg}^{PS,(2)}$$

in the unpolarized and polarized case for general values of the Mellin variable. These terms contribute to $H_{ij}^{(3)}$, $\Delta H_{ij}^{(3)}$ respectively, through renormalization.

- The calculation is performed in Mellin space, which allows to obtain compact results.
 - The analytic results were obtained using representations in terms of generalized hypergeometric functions.
 - Numerical checks were performed applying Mellin–Barnes integrals.
- Integral techniques and the summation package SIGMA have been used for summation. The results are given in the form of nested harmonic sums.
- We developed a programme-chain to calculate the massive operator matrix elements $A_{ij}^{(3)}$ for fixed Mellin moments based on QGRAF and MATAD
- We checked this procedure for some diagrams at the 3–loop level using representations in terms of infinite sums and found agreement.
- We presented first partial 3–loop results.