Geometry of amplitudes: cuts, singularities, vectors fields and other applications of computational algebraic geometry in theoretical physics. DIJSICS.





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Scattering Amplitudes

Integration-by-Parts reduction for Feynman integrals Differential equation for Feynman integral

Integrability

Bethe Ansatz Equation

New methods of computational method needed

A lot of relations of polynomial or rational functions

Usually there are several parameters, and we need analytic result in these parameters.

Computational Algebraic Geometry

Singular, Macaulay2, Magma, CoCoA5 Fgb, ...

Integration-by-Parts (IBP) reduction New approaches Gluza, Kajda, Kosower 1009.0472

I. Baikov representation without "doubled propagators"

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_m^{\alpha_m} D_{m+1}^{\alpha_{m+1}} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}}, \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_i \leq 1\\ \alpha_i \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

II. Feynman representation without "numerators"

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_m^{\alpha_m} D_{m+1}^{\alpha_{m+1}} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}}, \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_i \ge 0, \\ \alpha_i = 0, \end{cases}$$

Modern IBP reduction: Only work with the chosen smaller integral set Hopefully to get a much smaller linear system

Smaller linear system, even no linear system

- $1, 1 \leq i \leq m$ Smaller set of target integrals $m < i \leq k$ more physical
- review Roman Lee, arXiv:1405.5616
 - $1 \leq i \leq m$ $m < i \leq k$

Smaller set of target integrals also useful for cases

Not arbitrary IBP, but some IBPs satisfying algebraic constraints

Computational Algebraic Geometry!

Baikov representation without "doubled propagators" Ita 1510.05626 Larsen and YZ, 1511.01071 Georgoudis, Larsen, YZ, 1612.04252 When k = LE + L(L + 1)/2, (E is the number of independent legs), the Zeng 1702.02335 Baikov rep. is

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}} \propto \prod_{1 \le i \le L+E, \max\{i, E+1\} \le j \le L+E} \left(\int dx_{ij} \right) dx_{ij} d$$

 $\left(j \right) \det(S)^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{\mathbf{I}}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_k^{\alpha_k}}$ Linear function of x's $z_i \equiv D_i$ Baikov rep. $\overline{z_k^{lpha_k}}$ where $\{v_1, ..., v_{L+E}\} \equiv \{k_1, ..., k_E, l_1, ..., l_L\}$ and $x_{ij} \equiv v_i \cdot v_j$. *S* is a $(L+E) \times (L+E)$ matrix with $S_{ij} = x_{ij}$ (Gram matrix).

$$L = 2, E = 3, m = 7 \text{ and } k = 9. \{v_1, \ldots, v_5\} \equiv \{k_1, k_2, k_4, l_1, l_2\}.$$



Baikov representation without "doubled propagators"

$$\int \frac{d^{D}l_{1}}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^{D}l_{L}}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \dots D_{m}^{\alpha_{m}} D_{m+1}^{\alpha_{m+1}} \dots D_{k}^{\alpha_{k}}}, \quad \begin{cases} a_{1}^{\alpha_{m+1}} \\ a_{1}^{\alpha_{m}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Just consider IBPs $0 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\kappa} \int d_i\right)$

Further require $F \equiv \det(S)$

1. no shifted exponent:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j(z) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z)F =$$

2. no doubled propagator: $a_i(z) \in \langle z_i \rangle$, $1 \le i \le m$ These $(a_1(z), \ldots a_k(z))$ form a module $M_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^k$.

Both M_1 and M_2 are pretty simple ...

Y.Z. 1612.02249

$$R = \mathbb{Q}(\text{parameters})[z_1, \dots z_k]$$

 $\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha_i \leq 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m \\
 & \alpha_i \leq 0, \quad m < i \leq k
 \end{aligned}$

$$dz_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(a_j(z) \det(S)^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{1}{z_1 \dots z_m} \right) \right)$$
Polynomials!

"Affine varieties and Lie algebras of vector fields" Hauser, Müller 1993

0 These $(a_1(z), \ldots a_k(z))$ form a module $M_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^k$.

Intersection of two modules

 $M_1 \cap M_2$

Logarithmic vector field

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j(z) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z)F = 0$$
 \mathcal{D} is the

Geometry of the hyper-surface

 $J = \langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_k}, F \rangle$ is the singular ideal. If $J = \langle 1 \rangle$, then \mathcal{D} is smooth. In the smooth case,

- Der(log D) is a free module
- Der(log *D*) is generated by "principal" syzygies of $\{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z_1}, \ldots, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_k}, F\}$.



e divisor (hyper-surface) F = 0,

$$\alpha_i(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \in \operatorname{Der}(\log \mathcal{D}),$$

Quillen–Suslin theorem

$$\int dz_8 dz_9 F(z_8, z_9)^{\frac{D-6}{2}} N(z_8, z_9)$$

	F(x,y) = 0
= 0	reducible curve: two lines plus one conic
$_{2} = 0$	deformed elliptic curve
$2 \neq 0$	elliptic curve

Logarithmic vector field





Case I, three singular points

In general, syzygies can be computed by Groebner basis + Schreyer theorem

Genus of cut surface

planar curve: Geometric genus = Arithmetic genus - multiplicity of singular points



Numeric algebraic geometry method

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Genus	5	5	9	9	9	13	13	13	13	17	21	21	33

Diagram	\bigtriangledown	\bigcirc	\bigtriangledown	\bigtriangledown	\bigotimes	$\left \right\rangle$	${}$	\square
Genus	9	13	17	21	29	33	45	55

Hauenstein, Huang, Mehta, YZ 1408.3355

Baikov representation without "doubled propagators"

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j(z) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z)F = 0$$
• syzygy for th
• Ann(F^s), and

If *F* is a determinant matrix whose elements are free variables, this kind of syzygy module is simple. (Roman Lee's idea) http://mathsketches.blogspot.ru/2010/07/blog-post.html

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

syzygy generators (Laplace expansion)

$$\sum_{j} a_{k,j} \frac{\partial (\det A)}{\partial a_{i,j}} - \delta_{k,i}$$

or the $\{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_k}, F\}$

nihilator of F^s in Weyl algebra.

 $\cdot \det A = 0$

to be used in Azurite 2.0.0 Georgoudis, K. Larsen and YZ to appear fall, 2017

Baikov representation without "doubled propagators", example I $\mathbb{Q}(s,t)[z_1,\ldots z_9]$: 2 parameters, 9 variables (Each row is a module generator) $M_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} z_{1} - z_{2} & z_{1} - z_{2} & -s + z_{1} - z_{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & z_{1} - z_{2} - z_{6} + z_{9} & t + z_{1} - z_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s - z_{6} + z_{9} & -t - z_{6} + z_{9} & -z_{6} + z_{9} & z_{1} - z_{2} - z_{6} + z_{9} & 0 & -z_{6} + z_{9} \\ s + z_{2} - z_{3} & z_{2} - z_{3} & z_{2} - z_{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & z_{2} - z_{3} + z_{4} - z_{9} & -t + z_{2} - z_{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & z_{4} - z_{9} & t + z_{4} - z_{9} & -s + z_{4} - z_{9} & z_{2} - z_{3} + z_{4} - z_{9} & 0 & z_{4} - z_{9} \\ -z_{1} + z_{8} & -t - z_{1} + z_{8} & s - z_{1} + z_{8} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -z_{1} - z_{5} + z_{6} + z_{8} & -z_{1} + z_{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -s - z_{5} + z_{6} & -z_{5} + z_{6} & -z_{5} + z_{6} & -z_{1} - z_{5} + z_{6} + z_{8} & 0 & t - z_{5} + z_{6} \\ 2 z_{1} & z_{1} + z_{2} & -s + z_{1} + z_{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & z_{1} - z_{6} + z_{7} & z_{1} + z_{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s - z_{3} - z_{6} + z_{7} - z_{6} + z_{7} - z_{8} - z_{1} - z_{6} + z_{7} & z_{1} - z_{6} + z_{7} & 0 & -z_{2} - z_{6} + z_{7} \\ -z_{1} - z_{6} + z_{7} - z_{1} + z_{7} - z_{9} & s - z_{1} - z_{4} + z_{7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -z_{1} + z_{6} + z_{7} & -z_{1} - z_{5} + z_{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -s + z_{4} + z_{6} & z_{5} + z_{6} & 2 z_{6} & -z_{1} + z_{6} + z_{7} & 0 & z_{6} + z_{9} \end{pmatrix}$ 2

 $M_1 \cap M_2$ found in ~4 seconds, with Singular 4.1.0, intersect(M1,M2,"std")

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(Singular + Mathematica)

 $-Z_2 - Z_6 + Z_7$

Complete IBP reduction in 39 seconds, Complete IBP reduction in 211 seconds, for one-massive-double-box

Baikov representation without "doubled propagators", example II $\mathbb{Q}(s_{12}, s_{13}, s_{14}, s_{23}, s_{24})[z_1, \dots, z_{11}]$: 5 parameters, 11 variables



Open problem for scattering amplitudes FIRE, reduze, LiteRed cannot find the IBP reduction for this diagram

$$M_1 \cap M_2 = ?$$

Baikov representation without "doubled propagators", example II variant

 $\mathbb{Q}(s_{12}, s_{13}, s_{14}, s_{23}, s_{24})[z_1, z_2, z_4, z_5, z_8, z_9, z_{10}, z_{11}]$: 5 parameters (11-3=8 variables



 $z_3 \rightarrow 0, z_6 \rightarrow 0, z_7 \rightarrow 0$

(Georgoudis, Larsen and YZ)

symbolic parameter?

Feynman representation without "numerators"

$$\int \frac{d^{D}l_{1}}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^{D}l_{L}}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \dots D_{m}^{\alpha_{m}} D_{m+1}^{\alpha_{m+1}} \dots D_{k}^{\alpha_{k}}}, \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_{i} \geq 0, & \alpha_{i} \geq 0, \\ \alpha_{i} = 0, & \alpha_{i} = 0, \end{cases}$$

When $a_i > 0$, $1 \le i \le m$, the Feynman rep. is

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \dots \int \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_m^{\alpha_m}} \propto \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \int_0^\infty dz_i\right) \frac{G(z)^{-\frac{D}{2}} z_1^{\alpha_1 - 1} \dots z_m^{\alpha_m - 1}}{(\text{combined}) \text{ Symanzik polynomial}}$$

IBP
$$0 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{m} \int dz_i\right) \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(a_j(z)G(z)^{-\frac{D}{2}}\right)$$

Only one requirement

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} a_j(z) \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z) G$$

- syzygy for the $\{\frac{\partial G}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_k}, G\}$
- $Ann(G^s)$, annihilator of G^s in Weyl algebra.

Griffiths-Dwork

 $1 \leq i \leq m$ Roman Lee, arXiv:1405.5616 $m < i \leq k$

Looks simpler than the Baikov rep., but less frequently used for the IBP reduction ...

G = 0

In general, G is not simply a matrix determinant...

Feynman representation without "numerators", example $\mathbb{Q}(s_{12}, s_{13}, s_{14}, s_{23}, s_{24})[z_1, \dots, z_8]$: 5 parameters, 8 variables



 $G = z_1 z_5 + z_2 z_5 + z_3 z_5 - s_{12} z_1 z_3 z_5 + z_4 z_5 - s_{12} z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{13} z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_5 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_5 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_5 - s_{23} z_1 z_5 - s_{23} z_$ $z_1 z_6 + z_2 z_6 + z_3 z_6 - s_{12} z_1 z_3 z_6 + z_4 z_6 - s_{12} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{13} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_6 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_6 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_6 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_6 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_6$ $z_1 z_7 + z_2 z_7 + z_3 z_7 - s_{12} z_1 z_3 z_7 + z_4 z_7 - s_{12} z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{13} z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_7 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{23} z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{23} z_2 z_4 z_7 + z_5 z_1 z_4 z_7 - s_{23} z_1 z_4$ $z_5 z_7 - s_{12} z_1 z_5 z_7 - s_{13} z_1 z_5 z_7 - s_{23} z_1 z_5 z_7 - s_{23} z_2 z_5 z_7 + z_6 z_7 + s_{12} z_2 z_6 z_7 + s_{13} z_7 +$ $s14 z_2 z_6 z_7 + s12 z_3 z_6 z_7 + s13 z_3 z_6 z_7 + s14 z_3 z_6 z_7 + s23 z_3 z_6 z_7 + s24 z_3 z_6 z_7 + z_1 z_8 + z_2 z_8 + z_3 z_8 + z_2 z_8 + z_3 z_8 + z_2 z_8 + z_3 +$ $s12 z_1 z_3 z_8 + z_4 z_8 - s12 z_1 z_4 z_8 - s13 z_1 z_4 z_8 - s23 z_1 z_4 z_8 - s23 z_2 z_4 z_8 + z_5 z_8 - s14 z_2 z_5 z_8 - s14 z_$ $s12 z_3 z_5 z_8 - s14 z_3 z_5 z_8 - s24 z_3 z_5 z_8 + z_6 z_8 - s12 z_3 z_6 z_8 - s12 z_4 z_6 z_8 - s13 z_4 z_6 z_8 - s23 z_4 z_6 z_8$

> numeric parameter easy symbolic parameter difficult

Remarks on the remaining linear system

We still need to solve a linear system for IBP, even if it is much smaller then that from Laporta Algorithm ...

> Fraction-free row reduction (Bareiss, Sasaki-Murao)? 1. Finite-field reconstruction ? 2.

A Groebner basis division algorithm on Weyl algebra

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} a_j(z) \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_j} + \beta(z)G = 0 \qquad 0 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{m} \int dz_i\right) \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\partial a_j(z)}{\partial z_j} + \frac{D}{2}\beta(z)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \cdot a_j(z) + \frac{D}{2}\beta(z) \qquad R \to R/(J \bullet 1) \quad \text{IBP}$$

Weyl algebra element

Consider the right ideal J generated by these elements Stafford theorem

$W \bullet R \to R$

reduction

division via Groebner basis? If successful, it will be much more efficient than linear algebra methods. Integrability

In classical/quantum physics, some systems can be solved by using symmetries (invariants)

Integrability

Bethe Ansatz for spins chains

$$\left(\frac{u_j + 1/2}{u_j - 1/2}\right)^L = \prod_{k \neq j}^S \frac{u_j - u_k - i}{u_j - u_k + i}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots S$$
$$\prod_{j=1}^S \frac{u_j + i/2}{u_j - i/2} = 1$$

mutations of u_i 's.

 N_r sets of Bethe roots, $\mathbf{u}^{(i)}$'s, i = 1, N_{\sim}

$$(C^{\bullet\infty})^{2} = \frac{1}{N_{r}} \sum_{i} \frac{L(l+N)(L+N-l)}{\binom{N+l}{N}\binom{N+L-l}{N}} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})^{2}}{B(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})^{2}}$$
symmetric function in u_{i} 's

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 u_i 's are Bethe roots. Bethe Ansatz equations are symmetric under the per-

Integrability

Bethe Ansatz computation via Groebner basis

 N_r sets of Bethe roots, $\mathbf{u}^{(i)}$'s, $i = 1, \ldots N_r$.

$$(C^{\bullet\infty})^{2} = \frac{1}{N_{r}} \sum_{i} \frac{L(l+N)(L+N-l)}{\binom{N+l}{N}\binom{N+L-l}{N}} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})}{2}\right)^{2} \frac{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})^{2}}{B(\mathbf{u}^{(i)})^{2}} \sum_{i} \frac{f(\mathbf{u}^{\{i\}})}{g(\mathbf{u}^{\{i\}})} = \operatorname{tr}\left(M_{f}M_{g}^{-1}\right)$$

When L = 4, S = 4, l = 2, N = 1, the Gröbner basis method determines that

$$C^{\bullet\infty} = \frac{16}{63}$$

WITHOUT finding Bethe roots explicitly.

Efficient way to determine number of solutions?

Yunfeng Jiang, YZ, to appear Sep. 2017

Companion matrices

Integrability Bethe Ansatz computation via Groebner basis

When S > 4 the Groebner computation is slow with slimgb or std in Singular 4.1.0

Using symmetry

Example L = 4, S = 4

 $\left\{\,s_{1}-4\;s_{3}\,,\,-3\;s_{3}+80\;s_{3}\;s_{4}\,,\,-47-196\;s_{2}+768\;s_{4}+5184\;s_{2}\;s_{4}+16\,128\;s_{4}^{2}\,,\,-47-196\;s_{4}+768\;s_{4}+5184\;s_{5}+16\,128\;s_{4}^{2}\,,\,-48\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s_{5}^{2}\,s_{5}+16\,128\,s$ $-11 - 232 s_2 + 1728 s_3^2 - 10752 s_4 + 16128 s_4^2$, $-14 s_3 + 5 s_2 s_3$, much simpler... $371 - 1424 s_2 + 1296 s_2^2 - 184800 s_4 + 274176 s_4^2$, $-10957 - 464 s_2 + 2764 176 s_4 - 68914944 s_4^2 + 104509440 s_4^3$ $-4 \, s_3 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + u_4 \, , \, s_2 - 4 \, s_3 \, u_2 + u_2^2 - 4 \, s_3 \, u_3 + u_2 \, u_3 + u_3^2 - 4 \, s_3 \, u_4 + u_2 \, u_4 + u_3 \, u_4 + u_4^2 \, ,$ $-s_{3} + s_{2} u_{3} - 4 s_{3} u_{3}^{2} + u_{3}^{3} + s_{2} u_{4} - 4 s_{3} u_{3} u_{4} + u_{3}^{2} u_{4} - 4 s_{3} u_{4}^{2} + u_{3} u_{4}^{2} + u_{3}^{3} u_{4}^{2} + u_{3}^{3} u_{4} - s_{3} u_{4} + s_{2} u_{4}^{2} - 4 s_{3} u_{4}^{3} + u_{4}^{4} \Big\}$

Groebner basis in u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 and auxiliary variables s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 . s_i equals the degree-*i* symmetric polynomial of *u*'s.

An efficient Groebner basis algorithm for symmetric ideals is needed

Groebner basis in u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4

will try "symodstd_lib" in Singular soon

Fast Groebner basis computation needed ...

comparing with Faugere's FGb package, over Z/9001, on a laptop

	Slimgb	FGb
L=7, S=3	$\sim 0~{ m secs}$	$\sim 0 secs$
L=8, S=4	$\sim 5~{ m secs}$	$\sim 0 secs$
L=9, S=4	~183 secs	\sim 5 secs
L=10, S=5	?>8h	$\sim 209 \mathrm{secs}$
L=12, S=5	?>8h	~835 secs
L=12, S=6	?>8h	crashed

sba, mathicgb to be tested ...



- Algebraic geometry approach for theoretical physics frontier problems scattering amplitudes
 - integrability
- Singular is very powerful, and important for our research

• more efficient intersect, syz, slimgb and symmetric ideal tools are very useful