

To solve the integral, we make use of Feynman parametrization:

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \dots \epsilon_n} = \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots \int_0^1 dx_n \cdot \frac{(n-1)! \delta(x_1 + \dots + x_n - 1)}{(\epsilon_1 x_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n x_n)^n} \quad (*)$$

PROOF

Start by noting that

$$\frac{1}{AB} = \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{[xA + (1-x)B]^2} = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{\delta(x+y-1)}{(xA + yB)^2} \quad (**)$$

since  $\frac{1}{AB} = \frac{1}{A-B} \left( \frac{1}{B} - \frac{1}{A} \right) = \frac{1}{A-B} \int_B^A \frac{dz}{z^2}$  By changing int. variable

to

$$u = \frac{z-B}{A-B} \Rightarrow du = \frac{dz}{A-B}, \text{ so that } z = uA + (1-u)B,$$

we get the desired result. (The second equality in (\*\*)) is finally seen).



Next, by differentiating with respect to  $B$  in this formula, we have:

$$\frac{1}{AB^2} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dy \frac{2y \cdot \delta(x+y-1)}{[xA+yB]^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{AB^3} = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{3y \cdot \delta(x+y-1)}{[xA+yB]^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{AB^n} = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{n \cdot y^{n-1} \delta(x+y-1)}{[xA+yB]^{n+1}} \quad (+)$$

We mention this because we will use (+) in our main proof of (X).

First, we have seen that (X) holds for  $n=2$ . Now, we show that if the formula holds for  $n$ , then it holds for  $n+1$ . This completes the proof by induction.

To see this, take (X) and multiply it by  $\frac{1}{C_{n+1}}$ . We get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C_1 C_2 \dots C_n} \cdot \frac{1}{C_{n+1}} &= \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots \int_0^1 dx_n \frac{(n-1)! \delta(x_1 + \dots + x_n - 1)}{(x_1 C_1 + \dots + x_n C_n)^n} \cdot \frac{1}{C_{n+1}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{use (+)} \\ \text{with } (-) = B \\ \text{and } C_{n+1} = A. \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots \int_0^1 dx_n \frac{(n-1)! \delta(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - 1)}{(x_1 C_1 + \dots + x_n C_n)^n} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \frac{n \cdot y^{n-1} \delta(x+y-1)}{[xC_{n+1} + y(x_1 C_1 + \dots + x_n C_n)]^{n+1}} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots \int_0^1 dx_n \int_0^1 dy \frac{n! \delta(yx_1 + \dots + yx_n - y) \cdot y^{n-1}}{[(1-y)C_{n+1} + y(x_1 C_1 + \dots + x_n C_n)]^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$



$$= \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dx_1 \dots \int_0^1 dx_n \cdot \frac{n! \delta(\gamma x_1 + \dots + \gamma x_n - \gamma) \gamma^n}{[(1-\gamma) \binom{n+1}{n+1} + \gamma \binom{n+1}{x_1 \dots x_n}]} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{used} \\ \delta(x) = \gamma \cdot \delta(\gamma x). \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \int_0^1 dy \int_0^\gamma dz_1 \dots \int_0^\gamma dz_n \frac{n! \delta(z_1 + \dots + z_n - \gamma)}{[(1-\gamma) \binom{n+1}{n+1} + \gamma \binom{n+1}{z_1 \dots z_n}]} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{defined } z_i = \gamma \cdot x_i \end{array} \right.$$

Now define  $\gamma' \equiv 1-\gamma$ , so that  $dy' = -dy$  and:

$$= - \int_1^0 dy' \int_0^{1-\gamma'} dz_1 \dots \int_0^{1-\gamma'} dz_n \frac{n! \delta(z_1 + \dots + z_n + \gamma' - 1)}{[\gamma' \binom{n+1}{n+1} + \gamma' \binom{n+1}{z_1 \dots z_n}]} \quad \text{and that}$$

Rename  $\gamma' \equiv z_{n+1}$ .

$$= \int_0^1 dz_1 \dots \int_0^1 dz_{n+1} \frac{n! \delta(z_1 + \dots + z_{n+1} - 1)}{\binom{n+1}{z_1 \dots z_{n+1}}} \quad \text{qed.}$$

In the last step, we made use of the fact that the interior integral domains can be extended from  $\int_0^{1-\gamma'}$  to  $\int_0^1$  without changing the result, since  $\gamma'$  is always positive and because there is a  $\delta$ -function within the integral.\*

\* To see this, consider first  $\int_0^{1-x} dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \delta(x+y-1) f(x,y)$ . The  $\delta$ -function kicks in at  $y=1-x$ , so we can extend  $\int_0^{1-x}$  to  $\int_0^1$  w.o. changing the result as  $x \geq 0$ .

Next, look at  $\int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy_1 \int_0^{1-x} dy_2 \delta(x+y_1+y_2-1) f(x,y_1,y_2)$ .  $\int_0^{1-x} dy_2$  can be extended to  $\int_0^1 dy_2$  for the same reason. If we do that first, and then interchange the two interior integrals to get  $\int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy_2 \int_0^{1-x} dy_1$ , we can use the same rationale on  $\int_0^{1-x} dy_1 \rightarrow \int_0^1 dy_1$ . This can now be generalized to any number of interior integrals.