

## On Evaluating $\mathcal{I}(\vec{v}, \vec{v}')$

The expression for

$$\mathcal{I}(\vec{v}, \vec{v}') = \int \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \left( \frac{2p \cdot p'}{(\hat{k} \cdot p')(\hat{k} \cdot p)} - \frac{m^2}{(\hat{k} \cdot p')^2} - \frac{m^2}{(\hat{k} \cdot p)^2} \right)$$

can be evaluated using the Feynman parameter trick. First of all the last two terms in (6.15) can be evaluated, for each choosing the  $z$  access along the velocity, so together they contribute

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \frac{-2m^2}{E^2} \frac{1}{(1 - v \cos \theta)^2} &= \frac{-m^2}{E^2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{du}{(1 - vu)^2} = -\frac{m^2}{E^2 v} \frac{1}{1 - vu} \Big|_{-1}^1 \\ &= -\frac{m^2}{E^2 v} \left( \frac{1}{1 - v} - \frac{1}{1 + v} \right) = -\frac{2m^2}{E^2} \frac{1}{1 - v^2} = -2. \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, use the Feynman trick

$$\frac{1}{(\hat{k} \cdot p')(\hat{k} \cdot p)} = \int_0^1 d\alpha \frac{1}{(\hat{k} \cdot (\alpha p' + (1 - \alpha)p))^2}.$$

Recalling we are working in a frame with  $E' = E$  and  $q^0 = 0$ , this is just like  $1/2m^2$  times the above with  $Ev \rightarrow \alpha(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) + \vec{p} = \alpha\vec{q} + \vec{p}$ , so the integral is  $\frac{1}{E^2 - \vec{p}^2 - 2\alpha\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} - \alpha^2\vec{q}^2}$ . As  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}' - \vec{p}^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\vec{q}^2 = q^2/2$ , we have

$$\int \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \frac{1}{(\hat{k} \cdot p')(\hat{k} \cdot p)} = \int_0^1 d\alpha \frac{1}{m^2 - \alpha(1 - \alpha)q^2}.$$

$2p \cdot p' = 2m^2 - q^2$  so all together,

$$\mathcal{I}(\vec{v}, \vec{v}') = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{2m^2 - q^2}{m^2 - \alpha(1 - \alpha)q^2} \right) d\alpha - 2 =: 2f_{\text{IR}}(q^2).$$

If  $-q^2 \gg m^2$ , the integral is given by equal contributions near each endpoint, so  $\approx 2 \int_0^1 d\alpha \frac{1}{\alpha - m^2/q^2} \approx 2 \ln(-q^2/m^2)$ .