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Naturalness, renormalization, and the cosmological constant problem

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Introduction

Contribution to vacuum energy from quantum fluctuations $\sim M_P^4$ Value inferred from observed accelerated expansion of the universe $\rho_{\rm vac} \sim 10^{-123} M_P^4$

CC problem: most severe naturalness problem in physics

Several attempts towards its solution

- * Polyakov ... and later Jackiw ... Moscow zero ...
- * Taylor Veneziano ... non-local terms : V log V

... "Infinitely" many other attempts ...

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Consider the one-loop VDW Effective Action

* Euclidean action - Einstein-Hilbert truncation

$$S_{
m grav} = rac{1}{16\pi G}\int {
m d}^4 x\,\sqrt{g}\,\left(-R+2\Lambda
ight)\,.$$

- * Cosmological framework: manifolds with typical length scale $l \gg M_P^{-1}$
- * Gauge-invariant one-loop effective action, $\Gamma_{\rm grav}^{1/} = S_{\rm grav} + \delta S_{\rm grav}^{1/}$ geometrical approach, Vilkovisky-DeWitt
- * Strategy put forward by Fradkin and Tseytlin / Taylor and Veneziano
- * Particular attention to the role played by the measure
- * Background field method: $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$
- * When $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$ has spherical symmetry, one-loop VDW effective action coincides with the standard one calculated with gauge-fixing term

$$S_{
m gf} = rac{1}{32\pi G m{\xi}} \int {
m d}^4 x \, \sqrt{ ilde{g}} \left[
abla_\mu \left(h^\mu_
u - rac{1}{2} \delta^\mu_
u \, h^\sigma_\sigma
ight)
ight]$$

after taking the limit $\xi \rightarrow 0$ at the end of the calculation

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One-loop VDW Effective Action cont'd

Let us calculate the 1-loop correction $\delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/}$

Take spherical background $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu}$ (a radius of the sphere) (coordinates x angles ; $g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu}$ goes like a^2 ; $\int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(a)}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{3}a^4$, $R(g^{(a)}) = \frac{12}{a^2}$)

Classical Action
$$S_{\text{grav}}^{(a)} = \frac{\pi \Lambda}{3G} a^4 - \frac{2\pi}{G} a^2$$

Add to $S_{\text{grav}} + S_{\text{gf}}$ the corresponding ghost action (v_{μ} vector ghost fields)

$$S_{\text{ghost}} = \frac{1}{32\pi G} \int d^4 x \sqrt{g^{(a)}} g^{(a)\,\mu\nu} v^*_{\mu} \left(-\nabla_{\rho} \nabla^{\rho} - \frac{3}{a^2} \right) v_{\mu}$$

Identify 1-loop corrections to $\frac{\Lambda}{G}$ and $\frac{1}{G}$ with coefficients of a^4 and a^2 in $\delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/2}$

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One-loop VDW Effective Action cont'd

VDW one-loop correction $\delta S_{\rm grav}^{1/}$ to $S_{\rm grav}^{(a)}$ given by

$$e^{-\delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/}} = \lim_{\xi \to 0} \int \left[\mathcal{D}u(h) \mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^* \mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \right] e^{-\delta S^{(2)}}$$

where

$$\delta S^{(2)} \equiv S_2 + S_{\rm gf} + S_{\rm ghost}$$

 S_2 quadratic term in the expansion of $S_{
m grav}[\,g^{(a)}_{\mu
u}+h_{\mu
u}]$

$$S_{2} \equiv \frac{1}{32\pi G} \int d^{4}x \sqrt{g^{(a)}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} \left(-\nabla_{\rho} \nabla^{\rho} - 2\Lambda + \frac{8}{a^{2}} \right) h_{\mu\nu} + \frac{h^{2}}{a^{2}} - \nabla^{\rho} \tilde{h}_{\rho\mu} \nabla^{\sigma} \tilde{h}_{\sigma}^{\mu} \right]$$

$$h\equiv g^{(a)}_{\mu
u}h^{\mu
u}$$
 , $~~ ilde{h}_{\mu
u}\equiv h_{\mu
u}-rac{1}{2}g^{(a)}_{\mu
u}h$

indexes raised with $g^{(a)\,\mu\nu}$; covariant derivatives in terms of $g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu}$

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Measure $\left[\mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*}\mathcal{D}v_{\sigma}\right]$

$$\left[\mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*}\mathcal{D}v_{\sigma}\right] \equiv \prod_{x} \left[g^{(a)\,00}(x) \left(g^{(a)}(x)\right)^{-1} \left(\prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} \mathrm{d}h_{\alpha\beta}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\rho} \mathrm{d}v_{\rho}^{*}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\sigma} \mathrm{d}v_{\sigma}(x)\right)\right]$$

 $g^{(a)\,00}(x) \left(g^{(a)}(x)
ight)^{-1}$ from integration over conjugate momenta¹ (Fradkin - Vilkovisky)

Observe: $g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu}$ can be written as $g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} = a^2 g^{(1)}_{\mu\nu}$

 $g^{(1)}_{\mu
u}$ metric of a sphere of unitary radius, a=1

$$\implies \qquad g^{(a)\,00}(x)\,\left(g^{(a)}(x)\right)^{-1} = a^{-10}\,g^{(1)\,00}(x)\,\left(g^{(1)}(x)\right)^{-1}$$

with $g^{(1)00}(x) (g^{(1)}(x))^{-1}$ *a*-independent

 $1_{\text{original expression in FV is } g^{(a)} 00(x) (g^{(a)}(x))^{-\frac{3}{2}}$. Difference due to the fact that here both v and v^* are world vectors, in FV different choice. $\sqrt{g^{(a)}}$ Jacobian due to the change between these two equivalent functional integration variables (Unz).

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Reabsorb $G^{-1/2}a^{-1}$ in $h_{\mu\nu} \implies \widehat{h}_{\mu\nu} = (32\pi G)^{-1/2}a^{-1}h_{\mu\nu}$

 $S_2 + S_{
m gf}$ rewritten as

$$S_{2}+S_{gf} = \int d^{4}x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \overline{h}^{\mu\nu} \left(-\nabla_{\rho} \nabla^{\rho} - 2a^{2}\Lambda + 8 \right) \widehat{h}_{\mu\nu} + \widehat{h}^{2} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi} \right) \nabla^{\rho} \overline{h}_{\rho\mu} \nabla^{\sigma} \overline{h}_{\sigma}^{\mu} \right]$$
$$\widehat{h} \equiv g^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{h}^{\mu\nu} , \ \overline{h}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \widehat{h}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} \widehat{h}$$

indexes raised with $g^{(1)\,\mu
u}$; covariant derivatives in terms of $g^{(1)}_{\mu
u}$

Clearly $\widehat{h}_{\mu\nu}$ defined on a sphere of unitary radius

Redefine $v_\mu o (32\pi G)^{1\over 2} \, v_\mu$ (covariant derivatives in terms of $g^{(1)}_{\mu
u}$)

$$S_{\text{ghost}} = \int d^4 x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} g^{(1)\,\mu\nu} v^*_{\mu} \left(-\nabla_{
ho} \nabla^{
ho} - 3
ight) v_{
u}$$

Same as $\widehat{h}_{\mu\nu}$: v_{μ} defined on a sphere of unitary radius

 \implies when written in terms of $\hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$ and v_{μ} , $\delta S^{(2)} = S_2 + S_{gf} + S_{ghost}$ contains only dimensionless fluctuation operators ...

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... and then ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*} \mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \prod_{x} \begin{bmatrix} a^{-10}g^{(1)\,00}(x) \left(g^{(1)}(x)\right)^{-1} \left(\prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} dh_{\alpha\beta}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\rho} dv_{\rho}^{*}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\sigma} dv_{\sigma}(x)\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{\bigoplus}{\widehat{h}_{\mu\nu}} = (32\pi G)^{-1/2} a^{-1}h_{\mu\nu} \implies \prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} dh_{\alpha\beta}(x) = (32\pi G)^{5} a^{10} \prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} d\widehat{h}_{\alpha\beta}(x)$$

$$\stackrel{\Downarrow}{\downarrow} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*} \mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{N} \prod_{x} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} d\widehat{h}_{\alpha\beta}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\rho} dv_{\rho}^{*}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\sigma} dv_{\sigma}(x)\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

a-independent terms as $\prod_{x} g^{(1)00}(x) (g^{(1)}(x))^{-1}$ included in harmless constant N

Since $\hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$ and v_{μ} fields on a sphere of radius $a = 1 \Longrightarrow$ bases for symmetric tensors and vectors with eigenfunctions of the

Dimensionless Laplace-Beltrami operator $-\Box_{a=1}^{(s)} \equiv -a^2 \Box_a^{(s)}$

 $-\Box_a^{(s)}$ Laplace-Beltrami for sphere of radius *a*; *s* spins: s = 0, 1, 2

Dimensionless eigenvalues $\lambda_n^{(s)}$ and corresponding degeneracies $D_n^{(s)}$

$$\lambda_n^{(s)} = n^2 + 3n - s \qquad ; \qquad D_n^{(s)} = \frac{2s+1}{3} \left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - \frac{(2s+1)^3}{12} \left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

where $n = s, s + 1, \ldots$

Expanding $\widehat{h}_{\mu
u}$, $v^*_
ho$ and v_σ for $\delta S^{1/}_{
m grav}$ we have (backup slides)

$$\delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1\prime} = -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det_1[-\Box_{a=1}^{(1)} - 3] \det_2[-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)} - 6]}{\det_0[-\Box_{a=1}^{(2)} - 2a^2\Lambda + 8] \det_2[-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)} - 2a^2\Lambda]} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2a^2\Lambda) + \mathcal{B}$$

 ${\cal B}$ inessential a-independent term $\ ; \$ index i in det_i signals that product of eigenvalues starts from $\lambda_{s+i}^{(s)}$

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$$\delta S_{\rm grav}^{1/} = -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det_1[-\Box_{a=1}^{(1)} - 3] \det_2[-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)} - 6]}{\det_0[-\Box_{a=1}^{(2)} - 2a^2\Lambda + 8] \det_2[-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)} - 2a^2\Lambda]} + \frac{1}{2} \log (2a^2\Lambda) + \mathcal{B}$$

 $\frac{1}{2}\log(2a^2\Lambda)$ (from integration over one of the modes in $\hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$ (backup slides)) and \mathcal{B} : irrelevant for our scopes

Truly important term: first one in the right hand side

* Peculiarity: written in terms of automatically dimensionless determinants \implies

No need to introduce any arbitrary mass scale (μ)

In typical calculations of $\delta S_{grav}^{1/}$: dimensionful determinants \implies arbitrary μ introduced

* Although calculation is performed for a sphere of radius *a*, Laplace-Beltrami operators are those for sphere of unitary radius

* a only comes in the combination $a^2 \Lambda$

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Calculation of the fluctuation determinants

Two different strategies

- 1 direct calculation in terms of eigenvalues of Laplace-Beltrami ops.
- 2 proper-time, as usually done

Anticipating: both calculations show that quartically and quadratically divergent contributions to the vacuum energy usually present in the literature are actually absent

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1 - Calculation in terms of the eigenvalues $\lambda_n^{(s)}$

$$\delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1l} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{N-2} \left[D_n^{(2)} \log \left(\lambda_n^{(2)} - 2a^2 \Lambda + 8 \right) + D_n^{(0)} \log \left(\lambda_n^{(0)} - 2a^2 \Lambda \right) - D_n^{(1)} \log \left(\lambda_n^{(1)} - 3 \right) - D_n^{(0)} \log \left(\lambda_n^{(0)} - 6 \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \log (2a^2 \Lambda) + \mathcal{B}$$

* UV cutoff introduced as a numerical cut (*) N on the number of eigenvalues (N - 2 rather than N simplifies the expression)

* De Sitter solution for the classical action

$$a_{\rm dS} = \sqrt{rac{3}{\Lambda_{\rm cc}}}$$

 a_{dS} size of the universe \implies connection between N and physical cutoff scale $\Lambda_{cut} \sim M_P$ given by

$$\Lambda_{\rm cut} \sim M_P = \frac{N}{a_{\rm dS}} = N \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{\rm cc}}{3}}$$

 $(*) \ {\sf Numerical\ cut\ also\ introduced\ in\ Becker,\ Reuter,\ Phys.Rev.D\ 102\ (2020)\ 12,\ 125001\ and\ Phys.Rev.D\ 104\ (2021)\ 12,\ 125008\ ;}$

Ferrero, Percacci, e-Print: 2404.12357, but: different perspective, different conclusions

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Calculation in terms of the $\lambda_n^{(s)}$ cont'd

* N-2: number of modes retained in the calculation of the determinants

- * Since the eigenvalues $\widetilde{\lambda}_n^{(s)}$ of $-\Box_a^{(s)}$ go like $\widetilde{\lambda}_n^{(s)} \equiv \frac{\lambda_n^{(s)}}{a^2} \sim \frac{n^2}{a^2}$, the requirement $n \leq N-2$ is not equivalent to require $\widetilde{\lambda}_n^{(s)} \leq \Lambda_{\text{cut}}^2$
- * This latter choice might seem natural, since it would amount to require that the maximal eigenvalue $\widetilde{\lambda}_{max}^{(s)}$ is $\widetilde{\lambda}_{max}^{(s)} \sim \Lambda_{cut}^2$

* But misleading reasoning: since $\tilde{\lambda}_n^{(s)}$ go like $a^{-2} \implies$ introduction of unphysical a-dependence (on the BG $g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}$) in the implementation of the cutoff

Fundamental observation to get the correct result for $\delta S_{\rm grav}^{1/}$, and to see that there are

No quartic and quadratic divergences in the vacuum energy

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Calculation in terms of the $\lambda_n^{(s)}$ cont'd

Remarkably, sum in $\delta S_{\rm grav}^{1/}$ obtained in closed form (backup slides)

Expanding for $N \gg 1$

$$\begin{split} \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1l} &= -\left(\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log N^2\right) a^4 + \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \left(-N^2 + 8 \log N^2\right) a^2 \\ &+ \frac{N^4}{24} \left(-1 + 2 \log N^2\right) + \frac{N^2}{36} \left(203 - 75 \log N^2\right) - \frac{779}{90} \log N^2 + \mathcal{B} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \log \left(2a^2 \Lambda_{\text{cc}}\right) + \mathcal{F}(a^2 \Lambda_{\text{cc}}) + \mathcal{O}\left(N^{-2}\right) \end{split}$$

where $\mathcal{F}(a^2\Lambda)$ contains only UV-finite terms (no dependence on N)

Using $\Lambda_{cut} \sim M_P = \frac{N}{a_{ds}} = N \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{3}}$ $\delta S_{grav}^{1/} = -\left(\Lambda_{cc}^2 \log \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}}\right) a^4 + \left(-3\Lambda_{cut}^2 + 8\Lambda_{cc} \log \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}}\right) a^2$ $+ \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^4}{8\Lambda_{cc}^2} \left(-1 + 2\log \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}}\right) + \frac{\Lambda_{cut}^2}{12\Lambda_{cc}} \left(203 - 75\log \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}}\right) - \frac{779}{90}\log \frac{3\Lambda_{cut}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}} + B$ $+ \frac{1}{2}\log(2a^2\Lambda_{cc}) + \mathcal{F}(a^2\Lambda_{cc}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\Lambda_{cut}^{-2}\right)$

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2 - Calculation with proper-time

Being $(-\Box_{a=1}^{(s)} - \alpha)$ dimensionless \implies determinants regularized in terms of a dimensionless proper-time τ (lower cut: number $N_{\text{pt}} \gg 1$)

$$\det_{i}(-\Box_{a=1}^{(s)} - \alpha) = e^{-\int_{1/N_{pt}^{2}}^{+\infty} \frac{d\tau}{\tau} K_{i}^{(s)}(\tau)} \quad ; \quad K_{i}^{(s)}(\tau) = \sum_{n=s+i}^{+\infty} D_{n}^{(s)} e^{-\tau \left(\lambda_{n}^{(s)} - \alpha\right)}$$

After integration over τ , sum over n performed with EML sum formula

$$\sum_{n=n_i}^{n_f} f(n) = \int_{n_i}^{n_f} \mathrm{d}x \, f(x) + \frac{f(n_f) + f(n_i)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{p} \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \left(f^{(2k-1)}(n_f) - f^{(2k-1)}(n_i) \right) + R_{2p}$$

p is an integer, B_m are Bernoulli numbers, R_{2p} is the rest given by

$$R_{2p} = \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \left(f^{(2k-1)}(n_f) - f^{(2k-1)}(n_i) \right) = \frac{(-1)^{2p+1}}{(2p)!} \int_{n_i}^{n_f} \mathrm{d}x \, f^{(2p)}(x) B_{2p}(x-[x])$$

 $B_n(x)$ are the Bernoulli polynomials, [x] the integer part of x, and $f^{(i)}$ the *i*-th derivative of f with respect to its argument

Calculation with proper-time cont'd

Expanding for $N_{
m pt}\gg 1$

$$\begin{split} \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/} &= -\left(\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log N_{\text{pt}}^2\right) a^4 + \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \left(-N_{\text{pt}}^2 + 8 \log N_{\text{pt}}^2\right) a^2 \\ &- \frac{N_{\text{pt}}^4}{12} + \frac{17}{3} N_{\text{pt}}^2 - \frac{1859}{90} \log N_{\text{pt}}^2 + \mathcal{B} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \log (2a^2 \Lambda_{\text{cc}}) + \mathcal{G}(a^2 \Lambda_{\text{cc}}) + \mathcal{O}\left(N_{\text{pt}}^{-2}\right) \end{split}$$

 $\mathcal{G}(a^2\Lambda)$ contains UV-finite terms (no dependence on $N_{\rm pt}$). As before, connection between $N_{\rm pt}$ and dimensionful cutoff $\Lambda_{\rm pt}$ given by

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_{\text{pt}} &\equiv \frac{N_{\text{pt}}}{a_{\text{ds}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{\text{cc}}}{3}} N_{\text{pt}} \implies \\ \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/} &= -\left(\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log \frac{3\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2}{\Lambda_{\text{cc}}}\right) a^4 + \left(-3\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 + 8\Lambda_{\text{cc}} \log \frac{3\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2}{\Lambda_{\text{cc}}}\right) a^2 \\ &- \frac{3\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^4}{4\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2} + \frac{17\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2}{\Lambda_{\text{cc}}} - \frac{1859}{90} \log \frac{3\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2}{\Lambda_{\text{cc}}} + \mathcal{B} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \log \left(2a^2\Lambda_{\text{cc}}\right) + \mathcal{G}(a^2\Lambda_{\text{cc}}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^{-2}\right) \end{split}$$

The two methods give the same result ... to be compared with ...

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ON THE NEW DEFINITION OF OFF-SHELL EFFECTIVE ACTION

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$$\begin{split} &\Gamma_{\infty} = -\frac{1}{2} \Big(\frac{1}{2} L^4 B_0 + L^2 B_2 + B_4 \log \big(L^2 / \mu^2 \big) \big), \qquad L \to \infty \,, \\ &B_p = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \int \mathrm{d}^4 x \sqrt{g} \, b_p \,, \qquad b_0 = 2 \,, \qquad b_2 = \rho_1 R + \rho_2 \Lambda_0 \,, \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} \tilde{f}_{1} &= r^{4} \Big[-\frac{1}{12} (\alpha')^{-2} - \Lambda(\alpha')^{-1} + \Lambda^{2} \log(\alpha' M^{2}) \Big] \\ &+ r^{2} \Big[\frac{17}{3} (\alpha')^{-1} - 8\Lambda \log(\alpha' M^{2}) \Big] + \frac{1659}{99} \log(\alpha' / r^{2}) \\ &+ \frac{265}{15} \log(M^{2} r^{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \log(r^{2} \Lambda) + \mathscr{O}(1) , \end{split}$$
(3.35)

quartically divergent contribution to the cosmological constant (of order $\mathcal{C}[(\alpha')^{-2}]$) has to be disregarded in a theory where there is a protection (e.g. from broken supersymmetry) of the cosmological constant making $\Lambda \ll (\alpha')^{-1}$.

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Coefficients of a^4 and a^2 identify the one-loop corrections to $\frac{\Lambda_{ee}}{G}$ and $\frac{1}{G}$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\Lambda_{cc}^{1/}}{G^{1/}} &= \frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{G} \left(1 - \frac{3G\Lambda_{cc}}{\pi} \log \frac{3\widetilde{\Lambda}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}} \right) + \text{finite} \\ \frac{1}{G^{1/}} &= \frac{1}{G} \left[1 + \frac{G}{2\pi} \left(3\widetilde{\Lambda}^2 - 8\Lambda_{cc} \log \frac{3\widetilde{\Lambda}^2}{\Lambda_{cc}} \right) \right] + \text{finite} \end{split}$$

* $\widetilde{\Lambda}$ is equivalently either Λ_{cut} or Λ_{pt} (~ M_P)

* Unexpected result: only logarithmic corrections to $\rho = \frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{8\pi G}$

* Taking for G the natural value $G \sim M_p^{-2}$ we see that quantum corrections **do not** spoil the naturalness of this relation

No naturalness problem with the renormaliz. of the Newton constant

$$G\sim G^{1\prime}\sim rac{1}{M_P^2}$$

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Vacuum energy

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\rm cc}^{1/}}{G^{1/}} = \frac{\Lambda_{\rm cc}}{G} \left(1 - \frac{3G\Lambda_{\rm cc}}{\pi} \log \frac{3\widetilde{\Lambda}^2}{\Lambda_{\rm cc}} \right)$$

Quantum correction to the vacuum energy $ho={\Lambda_{ec}\over 8\pi G}$ goes like log M_P rather than M_P^4

* Usual result: $\rho \sim M_P^4 \implies \text{bare value of } \rho \sim M_P^4$ with a coefficient that must be enormously fine-tuned for it to cancel (quite exactly) the one-loop generated M_P^4 correction

* Our result: loop corrections ightarrow only mild (log) correction to $ho \implies$

In pure gravity no naturalness problem arises: the bare cosmological constant Λ_{cc} does not need to be $\sim M_P^2$. We may naturally have $\Lambda_{cc} \ll M_P^2$, and so

 $\Lambda_{cc}^{1\prime}\sim\Lambda_{cc}$

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Incorrect identification of the cutoff

What is at the origin of our unexpected result?

Why usually quartic ^(*) and quadratic divergences found?

$$\begin{split} \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1\prime} &= -\left(\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log N_{\text{pt}}^2\right) a^4 + \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \left(-N_{\text{pt}}^2 + 8 \log N_{\text{pt}}^2\right) a^2 \\ &- \frac{N_{\text{pt}}^4}{12} + \frac{17}{3} N_{\text{pt}}^2 - \frac{1859}{90} \log N_{\text{pt}}^2 \end{split}$$

Connect for a moment N_{pt} and Λ_{pt} through

$$\Lambda_{pt} = rac{N_{pt}}{a}$$
 (rather than through $\Lambda_{pt} = rac{N_{pt}}{a_{dS}}$)

which corresponds to the (incorrect) identification of Λ_{pt} with the maximal eigenvalue $\widetilde{\lambda}_{max}^{(s)}$... then for δS_{grav}^{11} we obtain

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{S}_{\text{grav}}^{1\prime} &= -\left[\Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log\left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 a^2\right)\right] a^4 + \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \left[-\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 a^2 + 8\log\left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 a^2\right)\right] a^2 \\ &- \frac{\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^4}{12} a^4 + \frac{17}{3}\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 a^2 - \frac{1859}{90}\log\left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 a^2\right) \end{split}$$

(*) absence of quartic divergences also noted in Donoghue, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 4, 045005

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Trivially rewritten as

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{S}_{\text{grav}}^{1\prime} &= - \left[\frac{\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^4}{12} + \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 + \Lambda_{\text{cc}}^2 \log \left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 \, a^2 \right) \right] a^4 + \left[\frac{17}{3} \Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 + 8 \Lambda_{\text{cc}} \log \left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 \, a^2 \right) \right] a^2 \\ &- \frac{1859}{90} \log \left(\Lambda_{\text{pt}}^2 \, a^2 \right) \, . \end{split}$$

known result found with heat-kernel

(Taylor, Veneziano ; Fradkin, Tseytlin)

* Implementing the cut in the fluctuation determinants taking as physical cutoff the maximal eigenvalues $\widetilde{\lambda}_{\max}^{(s)}$ introduces in δS_{grav}^{1} spurious, unphysical dependence on $g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}$

* Connection between $N_{\rm pt}$ and $\Lambda_{\rm pt}$ must be realised through $a_{\rm ds}$ (size of the universe)

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ON THE NEW DEFINITION OF OFF-SHELL EFFECTIVE ACTION

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$$\begin{split} &\Gamma_{\infty} = -\frac{1}{2} \Big(\frac{1}{2} L^4 B_0 + L^2 B_2 + B_4 \log \big(L^2 / \mu^2 \big) \big), \qquad L \to \infty \,, \\ &B_p = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \int \mathrm{d}^4 x \sqrt{g} \, b_p \,, \qquad b_0 = 2 \,, \qquad b_2 = \rho_1 R + \rho_2 \Lambda_0 \,, \end{split}$$

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QUANTUM GRAVITY AT LARGE DISTANCES AND THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

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$$\begin{split} \tilde{f}_{1} &= r^{4} \Big[-\frac{1}{12} (\alpha')^{-2} - \Lambda(\alpha')^{-1} + \Lambda^{2} \log(\alpha' M^{2}) \Big] \\ &+ r^{2} \Big[\frac{17}{3} (\alpha')^{-1} - 8\Lambda \log(\alpha' M^{2}) \Big] + \frac{1659}{99} \log(\alpha' / r^{2}) \\ &+ \frac{257}{15} \log(M^{2} r^{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \log(r^{2} \Lambda) + \mathscr{O}(1) , \end{split}$$
(3.35)

quartically divergent contribution to the cosmological constant (of order $\mathcal{C}[(\alpha')^{-2}]$) has to be disregarded in a theory where there is a protection (e.g. from broken supersymmetry) of the cosmological constant making $\Lambda \ll (\alpha')^{-1}$.

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Free real scalar field ϕ of mass *m* on the grav. background $g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}$ (sphere of radius *a*)

$$S = \frac{\pi\Lambda}{3G}a^4 - \frac{2\pi}{G}a^2 + \int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(a)}} \left[\frac{1}{2}g^{(a)\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2\right]$$

* Write $\phi(x) = \Phi + \eta(x)$, Φ constant background. Effective gravitational action $S_{\text{grav}}^{\text{eff}}$ with quantum fluctuations of ϕ included

$$S_{
m grav}^{
m eff} = rac{\pi\Lambda}{3G}a^4 - rac{2\pi}{G}a^2 + \delta S_{
m grav}$$

with δS_{grav} given by

$$e^{-\delta S_{\text{grav}}} = \int \prod_{x} \left[\left(g^{(a)\,00}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(g^{(a)}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \mathrm{d}\eta(x) \right] e^{-\int \mathrm{d}^{4}x \sqrt{g^{(a)}} \left[-\frac{1}{2}\eta \Box \eta + \frac{1}{2}m^{2}\eta^{2} \right]}$$

* As before $(g^{(a)\,00}(x))^{\frac{1}{2}} (g^{(a)}(x))^{\frac{1}{4}}$ from integration over conjugate momenta (Fradkin, Vilkovisky). Since $g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} = a^2 g^{(1)}_{\mu\nu} \Longrightarrow$ $(g^{(a)\,00}(x))^{\frac{1}{2}} (g^{(a)}(x))^{\frac{1}{4}} = a (g^{(1)\,00}(x))^{\frac{1}{2}} (g^{(1)}(x))^{\frac{1}{4}}$, no dimensionful parameter in $e^{-\delta S_{\text{grav}}} = \mathcal{N} \int \prod_{x} \left[d \, \widehat{\eta}(x) \right] e^{-\int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \, \widehat{\eta} \left(\Box^{(0)}_{a=1} \right) \, \widehat{\eta} + \frac{1}{2} a^2 m^2 \, \widehat{\eta}^2 \right]}$

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- * $-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)}$: Laplace-Beltrami operator for sphere of unitary radius
- * $\widehat{\eta} \equiv \textit{a}\eta$: dimensionless fluctuation field
- * \mathcal{N} : inessential *a*-independent constant

Expanding $\widehat{\eta}(x)$ in terms of the eigenfunctions² $\phi_n^{(i)}(x)$ (*i* degeneracy index and n = 0, 1, ...) of $-\Box_{a=1}^{(0)}$: $\widehat{\eta} = \sum_{n,i} a_n^{(i)} \phi_n^{(i)}$

$$e^{-\delta S_{\text{grav}}} = \mathcal{N} \int \prod_{n,i} \mathrm{d} a_n^{(i)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,i} \left[a_n^{(i)}\right]^2 \left(\lambda_n^{(0)} + a^2 m^2\right)}$$

and then (C inessential *a*-independent constant)

$$S^{\rm eff}_{\rm grav} = \frac{\pi\Lambda}{3G} a^4 - \frac{2\pi}{G} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log\left[\det\left(-\Box^{(0)}_{a=1} + a^2 m^2\right)\right] + \mathcal{C} \,. \label{eq:stars}$$

²The $\phi_n^{(i)}$ are normalized as $\int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} \phi_n^{(i)}(x) \phi_m^{(j)}(x) = \delta^{ij} \delta_{nm}$.

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* Calculate determinant with direct product of $\lambda_n^{(0)}$ up to n = N - 2 as before, and expand for $N \gg 1$

$$S_{\text{grav}}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{G} - \frac{m^4}{8\pi} \log N^2 \right) a^4 - 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{G} - \frac{m^2}{24\pi} \left(N^2 + 2\log N^2 \right) \right] a^2 + \frac{N^4}{48} \left(-1 + 2\log N^2 \right) - \frac{N^2}{72} \left(13 + 3\log N^2 \right) - \frac{29}{180} \log N^2 + C + \mathcal{H}(a^2 m^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(N^{-2} \right)$$

* Similarity with the result obtained in the pure gravity case : evident

* Consider the vacuum energy term. Once again : if N correctly related to $\Lambda_{cut} \sim M_P$ through $\Lambda_{cut} \sim M_P = \frac{N}{a_{dS}} = N \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{3}} \implies \rho = \frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{8\pi G}$ receives only

mild logarithmically divergent correction

$$\delta\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\rm cc}}{G}\right) = -\frac{m^4}{8\pi}\log\frac{3\Lambda_{\rm cut}^2}{\Lambda_{\rm cc}}$$

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... But ...

If again we perform the *incorrect* replacement of N as $N = a \Lambda_{cut}$ \implies spurious quartically and quadratically divergent terms generated

For instance:



Quadratically divergent contribution to $\frac{\Lambda_{cc}}{G}$

Pure gravity

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Conclusions

The **absence** of quartic and quadratic divergences in our result for the vacuum energy even when the presence of matter is taken into account possibly a progress towards the solution of the CC problem

Naturally

the question of how to dispose of the terms $m^4 \log \Lambda_{cut}$ needs to be further investigated maybe along the lines put forward in the present work



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ADDITIONAL SLIDES

Comparison with Becker-Reuter, PRD 102 (2020) 12 - PRD 104 (2021) 12

and Ferrero-Percacci, e-Print: 2404.12357

Consider the modified Einstein equation at one-loop Becker, Reuter PRD 104 (2021) 12

$$\frac{3G}{\pi} a \frac{d}{da} \Gamma_{\text{grav}}^{1/}(a) = 4\Lambda_{\text{cc}} a^4 - 12a^2 + \frac{3G}{\pi} a \frac{d}{da} \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/}(a) = 0 \qquad (g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)})$$

* BRST-invariant Fujikawa measure (or measure not fully considered)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*}\mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \prod_{x} \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\left(g^{(a)}(x)\right)^{-2}}_{\propto a^{-16}} \left(\prod_{\alpha \leq \beta} dh_{\alpha\beta}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\rho} dv_{\rho}^{*}(x)\right) \left(\prod_{\sigma} dv_{\sigma}(x)\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/}(a) \sim N^{4} \log (a\mu) \implies \text{ solution } \bar{a}_{N} \sim N \sqrt{M_{\rho}^{-1} \Lambda_{\text{cc}}^{-1}}$$

* Fradkin-Vilkovisky measure

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D}u(h)\mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^{*}\mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \prod_{x} \begin{bmatrix} g^{(a)\ 00}(x) & (g^{(a)}(x) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} (\prod_{\alpha \le \beta} dh_{\alpha\beta}(x)) (\prod_{\rho} dv_{\rho}^{*}(x)) (\prod_{\sigma} dv_{\sigma}(x)) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\implies \delta S_{\text{grav}}^{1/}(a) \text{ does not contain } N^{4} \log (a\mu) \implies \text{NO } \bar{a}_{N} \text{ solution}$$

Similar considerations apply to the results found in Becker-Reuter, PRD 102 (2020) 12, and Ferrero-Percacci, e-Print: 2404.12357

Why Fradkin-Vilkovisky measure?

Free real, massless scalar field ϕ in grav. background $g_{\mu\nu} = (1 + h(x)) \eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$\sqrt{-g}\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + h(x)\right) \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi \qquad (\text{Donoghue, PRD 104 (2021) 4})$$

Of the kind

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\delta^{ab} + \bar{G}^{ab}(\pi) \right] \partial_{\mu} \pi^{a} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{b} \qquad (\text{Gerstein, Jackiw, Lee and Weinberg, "Chiral loops", PRD 3, 2486 (1971))}$$

* Canonical quantization (us

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(using GJLW result)

1.
$$\mathcal{H}_{I} = -\frac{1}{2}h(x)\partial_{\mu}\tilde{\phi}\,\partial^{\mu}\tilde{\phi} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{0}\tilde{\phi}\left[\frac{h^{2}}{1+h}\right]\partial_{0}\tilde{\phi} \oplus \text{ non-std prop. } \Delta_{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{iq_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^{2}+i\epsilon} - i\eta_{\mu0}\eta_{\nu0}$$

2. $\mathcal{H}_{I} = -\frac{1}{2}h(x)\partial_{\mu}\tilde{\phi}\,\partial^{\mu}\tilde{\phi} + \frac{i}{2}\delta^{(4)}(0)\log(1+h(x)) \oplus \text{ std Feynman rules}$

* Functional methods (Honerkamp and Meetz, "Chiral-invariant perturbation theory", PRD 3, 1996 (1971)) path integral measure from integration over conjugate momenta

$$\mathcal{D}u(\phi) = \prod_{x} (1+h(x))^{1/2} d\phi(x) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \Delta \mathcal{L} = -\frac{i}{2} \delta^{(4)}(0) \log (1+h(x))$$

same as that in canonical quantization

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Why Fradkin-Vilkovisky measure? Cont'd

For generic metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

(Donoghue, PRD 104 (2021) 4)

$$\mathcal{D}u(\phi) = \prod_{x} \left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x) \right)^{1/8} \mathrm{d}\phi(x)$$

Measure we use (from integration over conjugate momenta)

(Fradkin-Vilkovisky, Unz)

$$\mathcal{D}u(\phi) = \prod_{x} \left[\left(g^{00}(x) \right)^{1/2} \left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x) \right)^{1/4} \mathrm{d}\phi(x) \right]$$

Fujikawa measure

$$\mathcal{D}u(\phi) = \prod_{x} \left[\left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x) \right)^{1/4} \mathrm{d}\phi(x) \right]$$

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$$g_{\mu\nu} = (1 + h(x)) \eta_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow (-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x))^{1/8} = (g^{00}(x))^{1/2} (-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x))^{1/4} = (1 + h(x))^{1/2}$$

 $(-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x))^{1/4} = 1 + h(x)$ DIFFERENT!

* Sphere
$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} \implies \left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(x) \right)^{1/8}$$
 and $\left(g^{(a)\,00}(x) \right)^{1/2} \left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(x) \right)^{1/4}$ both $\sim a$
 $\left(-\det g_{\mu\nu}(x) \right)^{1/4} \sim a^2$

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Additional comments

 $\frac{1}{2}\log(2a^2\Lambda_{cc})$ and $\mathcal{G}(a^2\Lambda_{cc})$ are negligible $\mathcal{O}(1)$ contributions to $\delta S_{grav}^{1/2}$

The constant terms (proportional to a^0) in principle could be interpreted as corrections to $\int d^4x \sqrt{g} R^2$ rather then as constants to be discarded

... Due to the high symmetry of the background considered (sphere), it is impossible to distinguish between constant terms and corrections to R^2

... since our universe seems to be well described by the Einstein-Hilbert action (with cosmological constant) even at large energy scales, we rather expect these terms to be interpreted as inessential constants ...

This question should be further investigated ...

Expansion of $\hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$, v_{ρ}^* and v_{σ}

We indicate with $h_n^{\mu\nu(i)}$ (transverse-traceless), $\xi_n^{\mu(i)}$ (transverse) and $\phi_n^{(i)}$ the pure spin-2, spin-1 and spin-0 eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami operator on the sphere of unitary radius that are normalized as

$$\delta^{ij}\delta_{nm} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} h_n^{\mu\nu(i)}(x)h_{\mu\nu}^{m(j)}(x) = \int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} \xi_n^{\mu(i)}(x)\xi_{\mu}^{m(j)}(x) = \int d^4x \sqrt{g^{(1)}} \phi_n^{(i)}(x) \phi_m^{(j)}(x)$$
(1)

corresponding to the eigenvalues $\lambda_n^{(2)}$, $\lambda_n^{(1)}$ and $\lambda_n^{(0)}$ respectively. The modes $\{h_n^{\mu\nu}, v_n^{\mu\nu}, w_n^{\mu\nu}, z_n^{\mu\nu}\}$, with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{n}^{\mu\nu} &= \left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\lambda_{n}^{(1)}-3\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \nabla^{(\mu}\xi_{n}^{\nu)}, \quad n=2,\ldots, \\ \mathbf{w}_{n}^{\mu\nu} &= \left[\lambda_{n}^{(0)}\left(\frac{3}{4}\lambda_{n}^{(0)}-3\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\nabla^{\mu}\nabla^{\nu}-\frac{1}{4}g^{(1)\,\mu\nu}\,\Box\right)\phi_{n}, \quad n=2,\ldots, \\ \mathbf{z}_{n}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2}g^{(1)\,\mu\nu}\phi_{n}, \quad n=0,1,2,\ldots, \end{aligned}$$

$$(2)$$

of which we do not write explicitly the degeneracy indexes form the orthonormal basis for symmetric tensors.

Moreover, defining the longitudinal vector modes

$$I_n^{\mu} = \left(\lambda_n^{(0)}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \nabla^{\mu} \phi_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$
(3)

the latter, together with the transverse modes ξ_n^{μ} , form the orthonormal basis for vectors.

Expand the graviton field $\hat{h}^{\mu\nu}$ as [8]

$$\widehat{h}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n h_n^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n v_n^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n w_n^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e_n z_n^{\mu\nu}$$
(4)

$$\widehat{h} \equiv g_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \widehat{h}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e_n \phi_n , \qquad (5)$$

and the ghost field v^{μ} as

$$v^{\mu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n \, \xi_n^{\mu} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \, I_n^{\mu} \tag{6}$$

so that we have

$$64\pi G \left(S_{2} + S_{gf}\right) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n}^{2} \left[\lambda_{n}^{(2)} - 2a^{2}\Lambda + 8\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_{n}^{2} \left[\xi^{-1} \left(\lambda_{n}^{(1)} - 3\right) - 2a^{2}\Lambda + 6\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_{n}^{2} \left[\xi^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\lambda_{n}^{(0)} - 6\right) - \frac{\lambda_{n}^{(0)}}{2} - 2a^{2}\Lambda + 6\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e_{n}^{2} \left[\frac{-3 + \xi^{-1}}{2}\lambda_{n}^{(0)} + 2a^{2}\Lambda\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 2e_{n}c_{n}(\xi^{-1} - 1) \left[\lambda_{n}^{(0)} \left(\frac{3}{4}\lambda_{n}^{(0)} - 3\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(7)

$$32\pi G S_{\text{ghost}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n^* g_n \left(\lambda_n^{(1)} - 3\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n^* f_n \left(\lambda_n^{(0)} - 6\right) \,. \tag{8}$$

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Therefore, the functional measure in (??) can be written as (defined as)

$$\widehat{\mathcal{D}h}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}v_{\rho}^* \mathcal{D}v_{\sigma} \equiv \frac{1}{V_{SO(5)}} \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}a_n \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}b_n \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}c_n \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}e_n \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}g_n^* \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}g_n \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}f_n^* \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}f_n ,$$
(9)

Notice that there is no integration over the zero modes g_1^* and g_1 of S_{ghost} [16]. The corresponding ghost fields are proportional to the ten Killing vectors ξ_1^{μ} . These zero eigenmodes correspond to residual gauge invariances which are not eliminated by gauge fixing in the presence of an SO(5) spherical symmetry. Overcounting has been compensated by inserting the explicit group-volume factor $V_{SO(5)}$ in Eq. (9) (see, e.g., [17]).

Sum over the eigenvalues in closed form

$$\begin{split} F(a^{2}\Lambda) &= 9\Lambda a^{2} - \frac{1}{6}\Lambda\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\right)a^{2} - 5\Lambda\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15} + 7\right)\right)a^{2} \\ &- 5\Lambda\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\right)a^{2} - \Lambda\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9} + 7\right)\right)a^{2} \\ &- \Lambda\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\right)a^{2} + \frac{1}{6}\Lambda\log\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9} + 7\right)\right)\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}a^{2} \\ &- 5\log(120) + \frac{49\log(A)}{3} - 2\sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{33} + 7\right)\right) \\ &- \frac{5}{6}\left(a^{2}\Lambda - 5\right)\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\right) \\ &- \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\log\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\right) + 3\psi^{(-4)}(1) + 3\psi^{(-4)}(6) + \psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}\right) \\ &+ \psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{33} + 7\right)\right) - 5\psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15} + 7\right)\right) - 5\psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\right) \\ &- \psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9} + 7\right)\right) - \psi^{(-4)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^{2} + 9}\right) + \frac{15\psi^{(-3)}(1)}{2} - \frac{15\psi^{(-3)}(6)}{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{33}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{33} + 7\right)\right) - \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8a^{2}\Lambda - 15}\right) \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} &-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}\right)+\frac{33\psi^{(-2)}(1)}{4}+\frac{33\psi^{(-2)}(6)}{4}\\ &+\frac{49}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}\right)+\frac{49}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{33}+7\right)\right)+\frac{175}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8a^2\Lambda-15}+7\right)\right)\\ &+\frac{175}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8a^2\Lambda-15}\right)-\frac{13}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}+7\right)\right)\\ &-\frac{13}{12}\psi^{(-2)}\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}\right)\sqrt{33}+2\log\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}-\frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}\right)\sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}\\ &+\frac{5}{6}\left(a^2\Lambda-5\right)\log\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8a^2\Lambda-15}+7\right)\right)\sqrt{8a^2\Lambda-15}\\ &+\frac{5}{2}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}+7\right)\right)\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}\\ &+\frac{1}{2}\psi^{(-3)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}+7\right)\right)\sqrt{8\Lambda a^2+9}+\frac{7\zeta(3)}{4\pi^2}-\frac{2}{3}\zeta'(-3)-\frac{20801}{1080}\end{split}$$

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$$g^{(a)}_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_2 \sin^2 \theta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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