

# Partially Massless Higher Spin Gravity at One Loop

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where  $r := \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor$ , while  $\mathbb{Y} = (s_1, \dots, s_r)$  is the spin of the field, and

$$m_{\mathbb{Y}}^2 = \Delta(\Delta - d) - \sum_{k=1}^r s_k.$$

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All data of a free field can be encompassed in the *character*  $\chi_{\Delta, \mathbb{Y}}^{so(2,d)}(\beta; \vec{\alpha})$  of the corresponding  $\mathfrak{so}(2, d)$  module  $\mathcal{D}(\Delta; \mathbb{Y})$ .

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## Advantages:

- Computation of the one-loop zeta function of a theory in **one shot**;
- Avoid **divergences** due to the summation on an **infinite spectrum** (reduced to a group theoretical statement).

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with

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_r) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\alpha}_k := (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{k-1}, \alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_r)$$

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- Derivative expansion:

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where  $\mathfrak{D}_{(n)}$  are differential operators whose explicit form are dictated by the *root system of  $so(d+2)$* .

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Simplest case: **free scalar**

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Propagate an intermediate number of helicities between that of a massive and a massless spin- $s$  field.

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