Looping with Combinatorics





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Quantum) consistency of the theory

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Why loops?



Phenomenology

E.g.: Coupling inflaton-fermions



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- Quantum) consistency of the theory
 - Infra-red effects
 - Renormalisation
 - Perturbation theory breakdown
 - General consistency conditions



Guiding principles

Symmetries

Quantum Mechanics



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Flat Space Poincaré invariance

Unitarity

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It is important to understand the analytic structure of observables on general grounds



Deeper understanding of the physics encoded into cosmological observables

Novel rules which can allow to go beyond the regime in which the combinatorial description has been formulated

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Probability
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Wavefunction of the universe (transition amplitude from $|0\rangle$ to $\langle\Phi|)$

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Perturbation theory





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Cosmology

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[P.B.; '19]





External kinematics:
$$X_s := \sum_{j \in s} |\vec{p}^{(j)}|, y_e := \left| \sum_{j \in s_e} \vec{p}^{(j)} \right| (e \in \mathcal{E} \setminus \{\mathcal{E}^{(L)}\})$$

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$$------ x_1 + x_2 = 0$$





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A flavour of cosmological polytopes



The singularities form a bounded region to which a function Ω is naturally associated

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{(x_1 + x_2)(x_1 + y)(y + x_2)} \equiv \frac{\mathfrak{n}_{\delta}}{q_{\mathcal{G}}q_{\mathfrak{g}_1}q_{\mathfrak{g}}}$$

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Example: $\{\mathfrak{G}_{\circ}\}$ for a triangle graph





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Compatibility conditions allow to:

- write all the possible representations without spurious singularities
- 2 make manifest the symmetries that maps a simplex into another one
- improve analytical/numerical efficiency of the integration.

(Weighted) Cosmological Polytopes & I_G : A dictionary

Cosmological Polytope $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}}$

Canonical form $\boldsymbol{\omega}$

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Trascendental
function $f_k = \int_a^b d \log R_1 \circ \ldots \circ d \log R_k$ Iterated
integralSymbols $\mathcal{S}(f_k) := R_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes R_k$

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Towards a combinatorial RG: The JR/UV structure of cosmological integrals

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$$\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} y_{12} \\ \mathbf{x}_1 \end{array}}_{X_1} x_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \prod_{j=1}^2 \left[\frac{dx_j}{x_j} x_j^{\alpha} \right] \frac{1}{(x_1 + x_2 + \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{G}})(x_1 + \mathcal{X}_{g_1})(x_2 + \mathcal{X}_{22})} \end{array}$$

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$$\underbrace{ \sum_{x_1}^{y_{12}} }_{x_2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \prod_{j=1}^2 \left[\frac{dx_j}{x_j} x_j^{\alpha} \right] \frac{1}{(x_1^1 x_2^0 + x_1^0 x_2^1 + \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{G}} x_1^0 x_2^0)(x_1^1 x_2^0 + \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}_1} x_1^0 x_2^0)(x_1^0 x_2^1 + \mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}_2} x_1^0 x_2^0)}$$



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$$\mathfrak{W}^{(12)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha - 3\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathfrak{W}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - 2\\ 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathfrak{W}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - 2\\ 0\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathfrak{W}^{'(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha\\ -1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathfrak{W}^{'(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha\\ 0\\ -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

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E.g.: if $\lambda^{(12)} \longrightarrow 0$: sector decomposition

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m div}_{\Delta_{j,12}} \ = \ \int_{0}^{1} {d\zeta_{j}\over \zeta_{j}} \ {(\zeta_{j})^{-\lambda^{(j)}}\over 1+\zeta_{j}} \ imes \ \int_{0}^{1} {d\zeta_{12}\over \zeta_{12}} \ (\zeta_{12})^{-\lambda^{(12)}}$$



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$$\mu(y) \sim \left[\frac{\text{Vol}^2 \Sigma_2(y_e^2, P^2)}{\text{Vol}^2 \Sigma_1(P^2)}\right]^{\frac{d-3}{2}}$$

$$y_a \swarrow y_b$$

$$P$$

$$Y_a \Rightarrow \text{Volume of the triangle, and all its side, are positive}$$

$$(y_a + y_b + P)(y_a + y_b - P)(y_a - y_b + P)(-y_a + y_b + P) \ge 0,$$

$$y_a \ge 0, \quad y_b \ge 0, \quad P \ge 0$$

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The asymptotic structure of $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}}$ is captured by:

) a nestohedron, which is determined by the underlying cosmological polytope $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}}$, and whose facets are fixed via subgraphs

$$\mathfrak{W}^{(i_1\ldots i_{\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})}+\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})})}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{(i_1\ldots j_{\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})}+\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})})} \\ \mathfrak{e}_{(i_1\ldots i_{\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})}+\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})})} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \lambda^{(i_1\ldots i_{\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})}+\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathfrak{s}}^{(\mathfrak{g})})} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{s}\in\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}} \alpha_{\boldsymbol{s}} + \sum_{\boldsymbol{e}\in\mathcal{E}^{(L)}} \beta_{\boldsymbol{e}} - \sum_{\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{g}}'\in(\mathsf{tubings})} \tau_{\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{g}}'}$$

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the contour of the loop integration Γ , which selects the divergent directions among the \mathfrak{W} 's of the nestohedron

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This combinatorial picture allows to:

- straightforwardly determine both the directions along which I_G can diverge and their degree of divergence;
- straightforwardly compute leading and subleading divergences (both in the IR and in the UV) via sector decomposition;
- the leading divergence in the IR are associated to the restriction of the underlying cosmological polytope onto special hyperplanes;
- write a systematic substraction that produces IR-finte quantities.

Towards IR-finte computables

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indicates that two sites are collapsed into one, and their site-weight integration measure is shifted

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• Our systematic procedure automatically returns an IR finite flat-space limit despite the cosmological box integral might not a IR-divergent loop integral.

One loop corrections without integration

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can be expressed in terms of

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(twisted period} \\ \text{integrals)} \end{array} \quad \quad \mathcal{I}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}^{(j)} := \int_{\Gamma} \mu_d \, \varphi \ \, , \qquad \varphi := \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(L)}} dy_e}{\prod_{\mathfrak{g} \in \mathfrak{G}^{(j)} \cup \{e\}} [q_{\mathfrak{g}}(y)]^{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}}},$$

Each of these integrals can be expressed as a *finite* linear combination of master integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}^{(j)} := \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} c_{j} \mathcal{J}_{j}, \qquad d\mathcal{J} = d\mathbb{A} \mathcal{J}$$

Canonical form: $d\mathcal{J} = \varepsilon d\mathbb{A} \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} = \mathbb{P} \exp\left\{\varepsilon \int_{\Gamma} d\mathbb{A}\right\} \mathcal{J}_{\circ}$

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First clues on constraints on cosmological processes: perturbative unitarity, flat-space limit, factorisations, higher-codimensions singularities

General framework to have a direct formulation with IR safe observables

We scratched the surface of the one-loop structure: first glimpses of its analytic structure and its space of functions.