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The first order form of the Einstein-Hilbert action is shown to reduce the number of vertices needed to compute Feynman diagrams to just three three-point ones; in addition there are two propagating fields. This simplified set of Feynman rules can be used to derive the same results as the usual second order form of the Einstein-Hilbert action. We also consider the contributions to the effective action of the graviton in a thermal background.

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