

# Homework problems #4b

1. For polarization tensors  $\varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(k)$  of a massive graviton, write down the most general form for  $\sum_a \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(k)\varepsilon_{\lambda\sigma}^{(a)}(k)$  using symmetry repeatedly. For example, it must be invariant under the exchange  $\{\mu\nu \leftrightarrow \lambda\sigma\}$ . You might end up with something like

$$AG_{\mu\nu}G_{\lambda\sigma} + B(G_{\mu\lambda}G_{\nu\sigma} + G_{\mu\sigma}G_{\nu\lambda}) + C(G_{\mu\nu}k_\lambda k_\sigma + k_\mu k_\nu G_{\lambda\sigma}) \\ + D(k_\mu k_\lambda G_{\nu\sigma} + k_\mu k_\sigma G_{\lambda\nu} + k_\nu k_\sigma G_{\mu\lambda} + k_\nu k_\lambda G_{\mu\sigma}) + Ek_\mu k_\nu k_\lambda k_\sigma$$

where

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{m^2}$$

and  $A, \dots, E$  are unknown constants. Apply  $k^\mu \sum_a \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(k)\varepsilon_{\lambda\sigma}^{(a)}(k) = 0$  and find out what that implies for the constants. Proceeding this way, derive

$$\sum_a \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{(a)}(k)\varepsilon_{\lambda\sigma}^{(a)}(k) = (G_{\mu\lambda}G_{\nu\sigma} + G_{\mu\sigma}G_{\nu\lambda}) - \frac{2}{3}G_{\mu\nu}G_{\lambda\sigma}.$$

2. Assuming the following interaction Lagrangian between the symmetric tensor field  $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$  and a source  $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \lambda T^{\mu\nu}(x)h_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

show that the energy of the field configuration created by a stationary source  $T_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x})$  could be written as

$$E = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \int d^3\vec{x} d^4y T^{\mu\nu}(x) D_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}(x-y) T^{\sigma\rho}(y)$$

where  $D_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}(x)$  is a propagator of  $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$ . Find  $E$  for  $T_{\mu\nu}(x) = m_1\delta_{\mu 0}\delta_{\nu 0}\delta^{(3)}(\vec{x}) + m_2\delta_{\mu 0}\delta_{\nu 0}\delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{z})$ .