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Infrared finiteness in axion production through heavy meson decays

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Axions as dark matter candidates may be produced via an infrared freeze-in mechanism from heavy meson decays in the early universe. In this scenario, higher-order corrections to the axion production rate contain infrared divergences. We demonstrate how holomorphic cutting rules, together with the Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem, allow one to identify the minimal set of contributions required to achieve infrared-finite results. The procedure is systematic and can be straightforwardly generalized to other production processes.

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