

Anomaly Cancellation in Effective Supergravity Theories from the Heterotic String: Two Simple Examples

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We use Pauli-Villars regularization to evaluate the conformal and chiral anomalies in the effective field theories from Z_3 and Z_7 compactifications of the heterotic string without Wilson lines. We show that parameters for Pauli-Villars chiral multiplets can be chosen in such a way that the anomaly is universal in the sense that its coefficient depends only on a single holomorphic function of the three diagonal moduli. It is therefore possible to cancel the anomaly by a generalization of the four-dimensional Green-Schwarz mechanism. In particular we are able to reproduce the results of a string calculation of the four-dimensional chiral anomaly for these two models.

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