

Title: Quantum Field Theory 1 - Lecture 6A

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Abstract: Quantum Field Theory I course taught by Volodya Miransky of the University of Western Ontario

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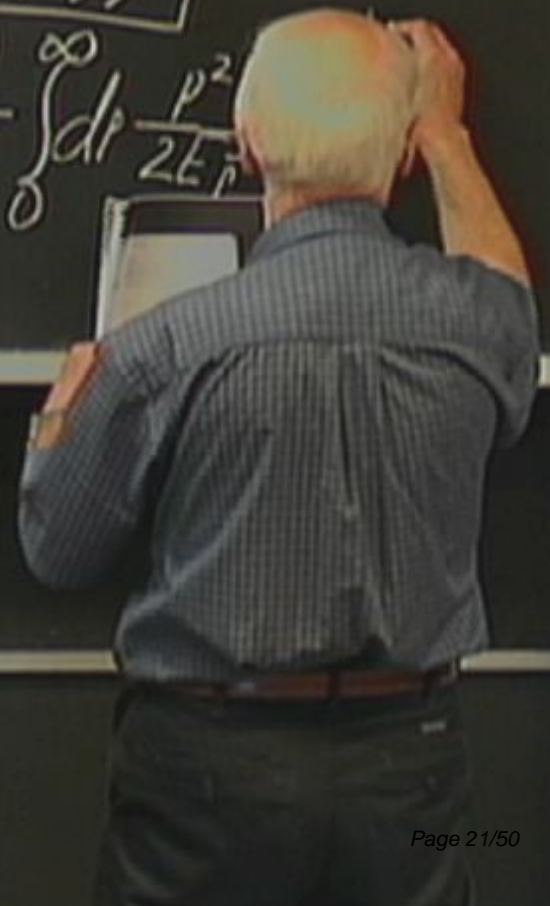
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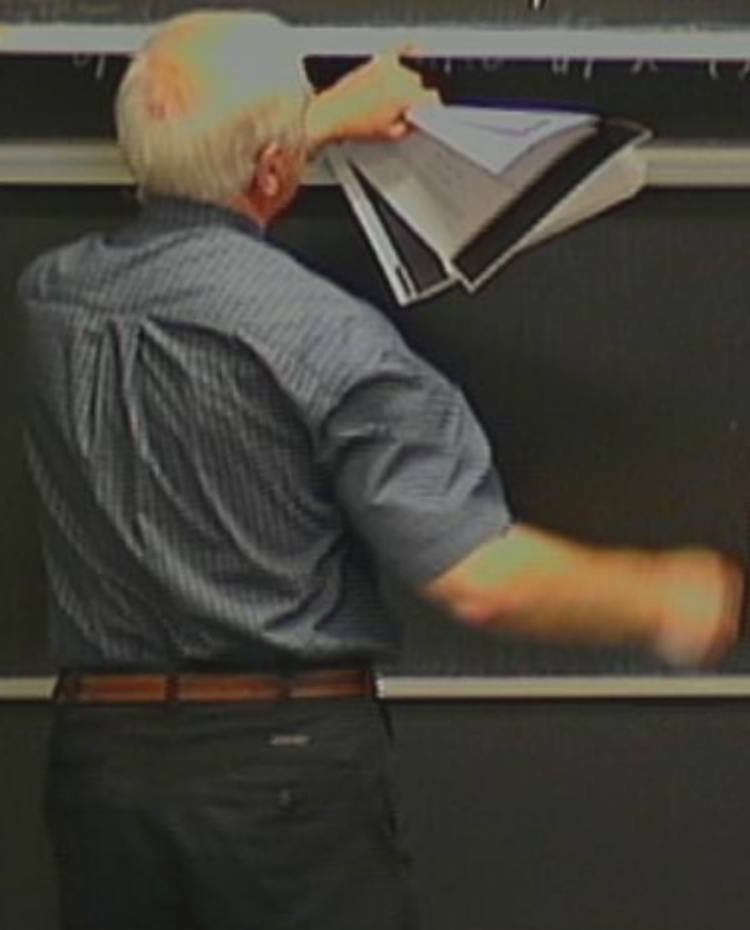
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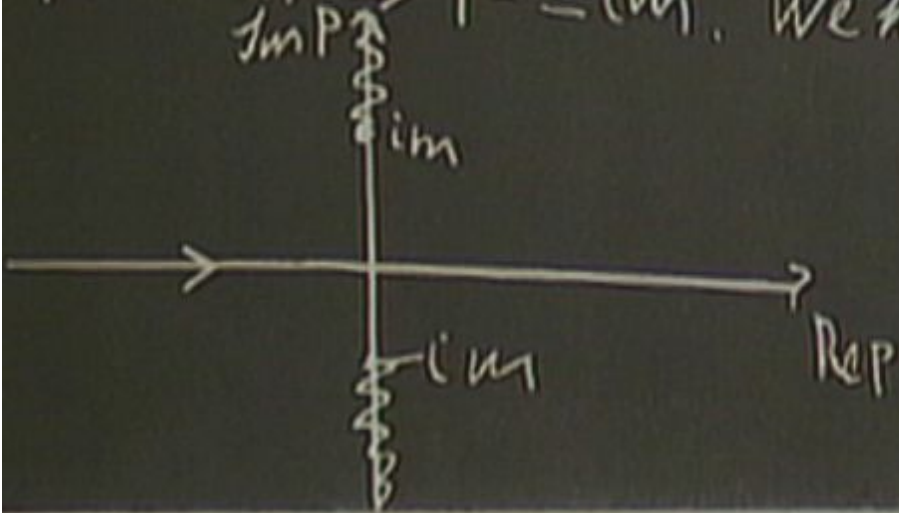


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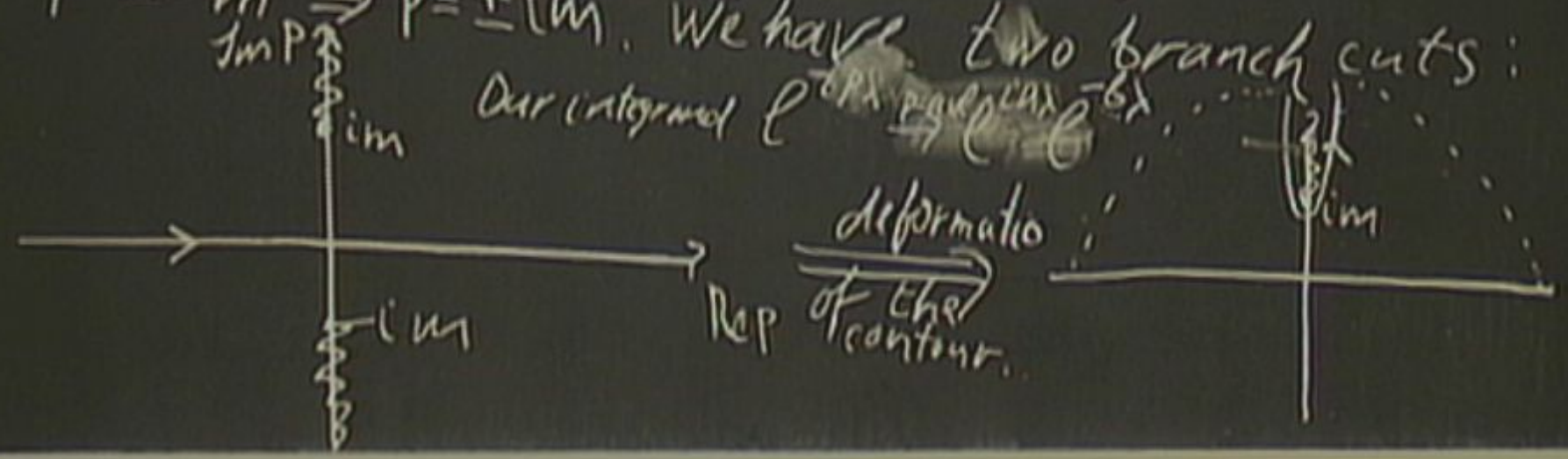
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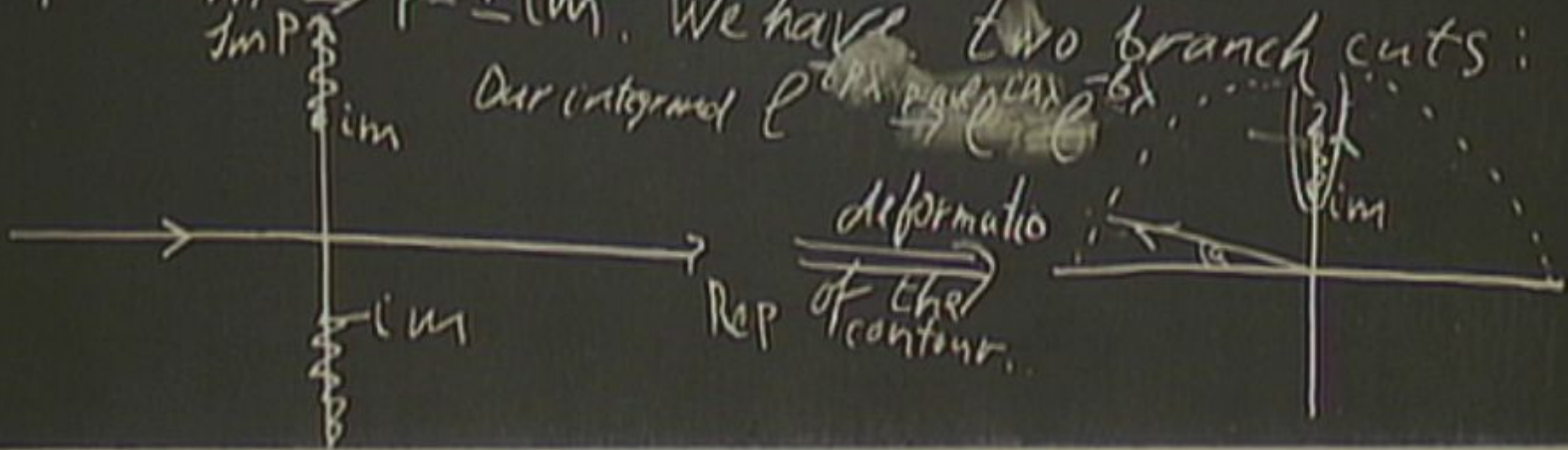
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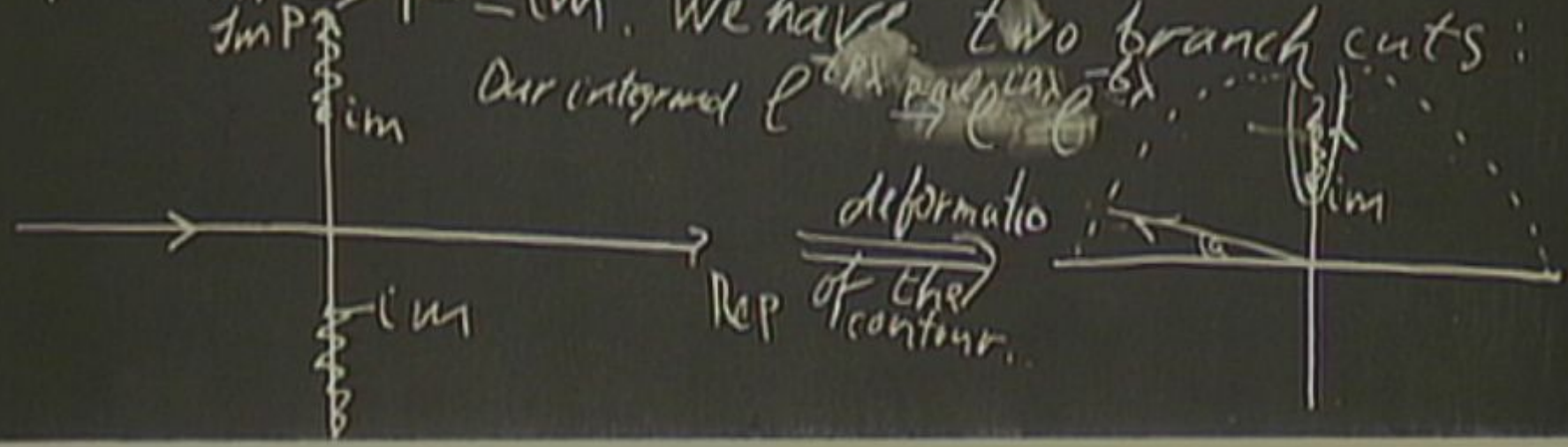
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Lorentz invariant normalization,
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$$U^\dagger(\Lambda) = U^{-1}(\Lambda) \quad = 2E_{\vec{p}'} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}' - \vec{q}')$$

On the other hand, $\langle \vec{p}' | U^\dagger(\Lambda) U(\Lambda) | \vec{q}' \rangle = \langle \Lambda \vec{p}' | \Lambda \vec{q}' \rangle = 2E_{\Lambda \vec{p}'} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\Lambda \vec{p}' - \Lambda \vec{q}')$

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