

Title: Quantum Field Theory 1 - Lecture 6B

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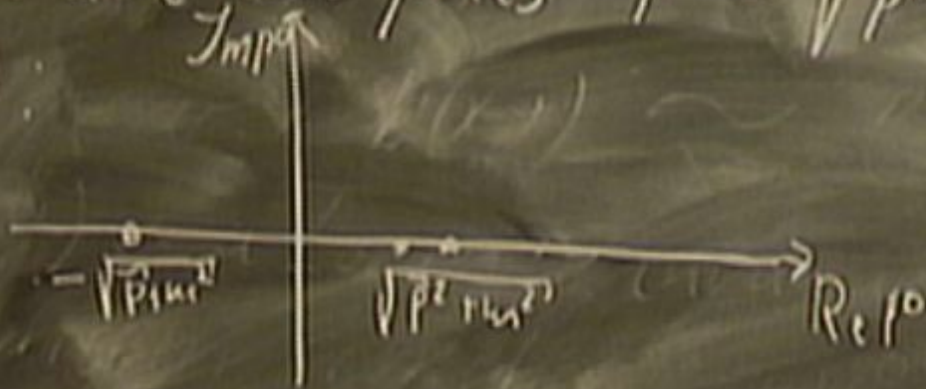
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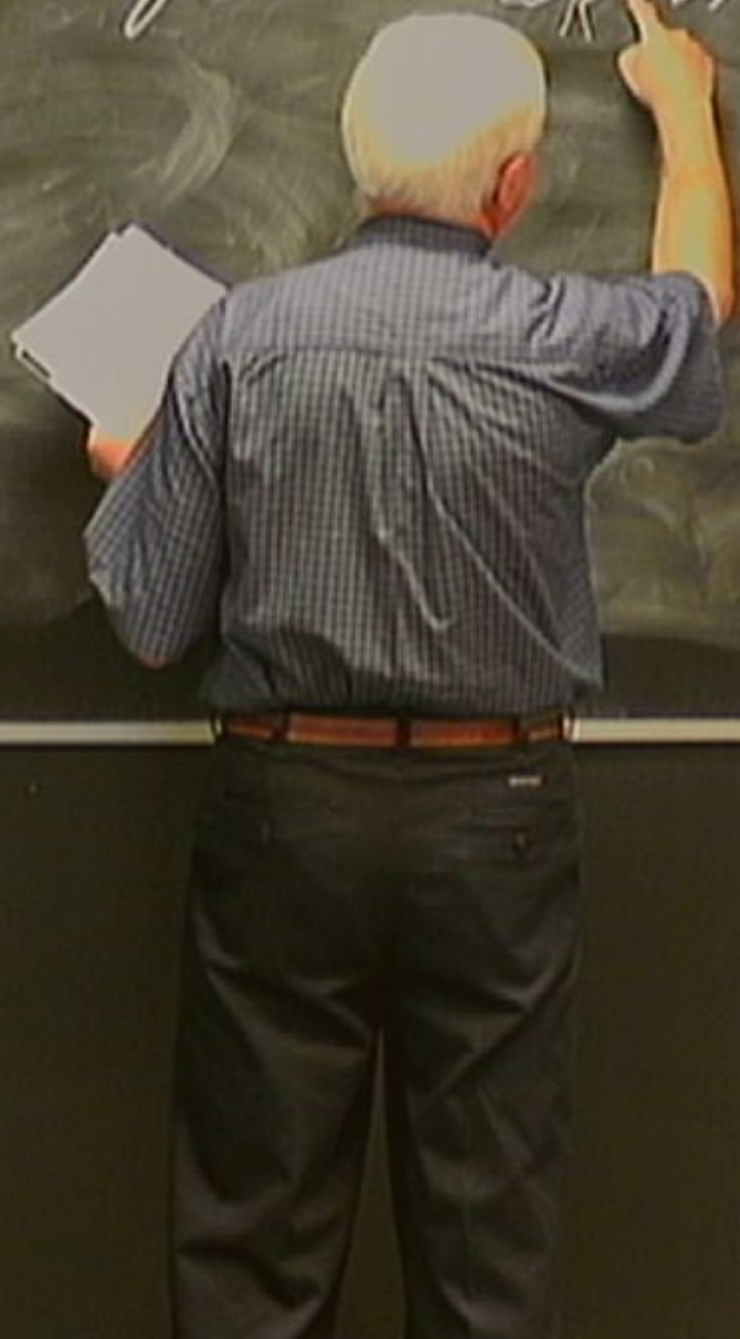
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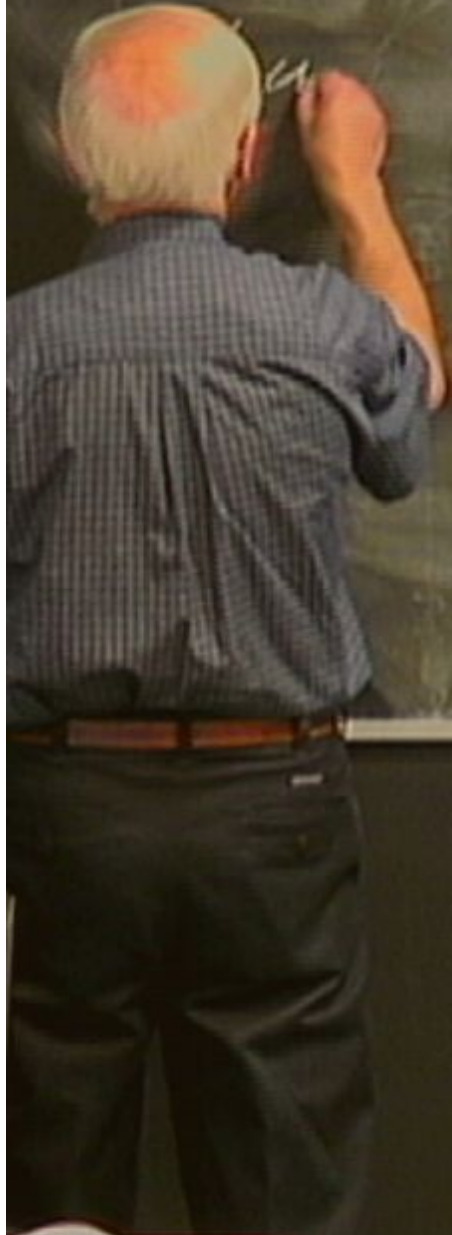


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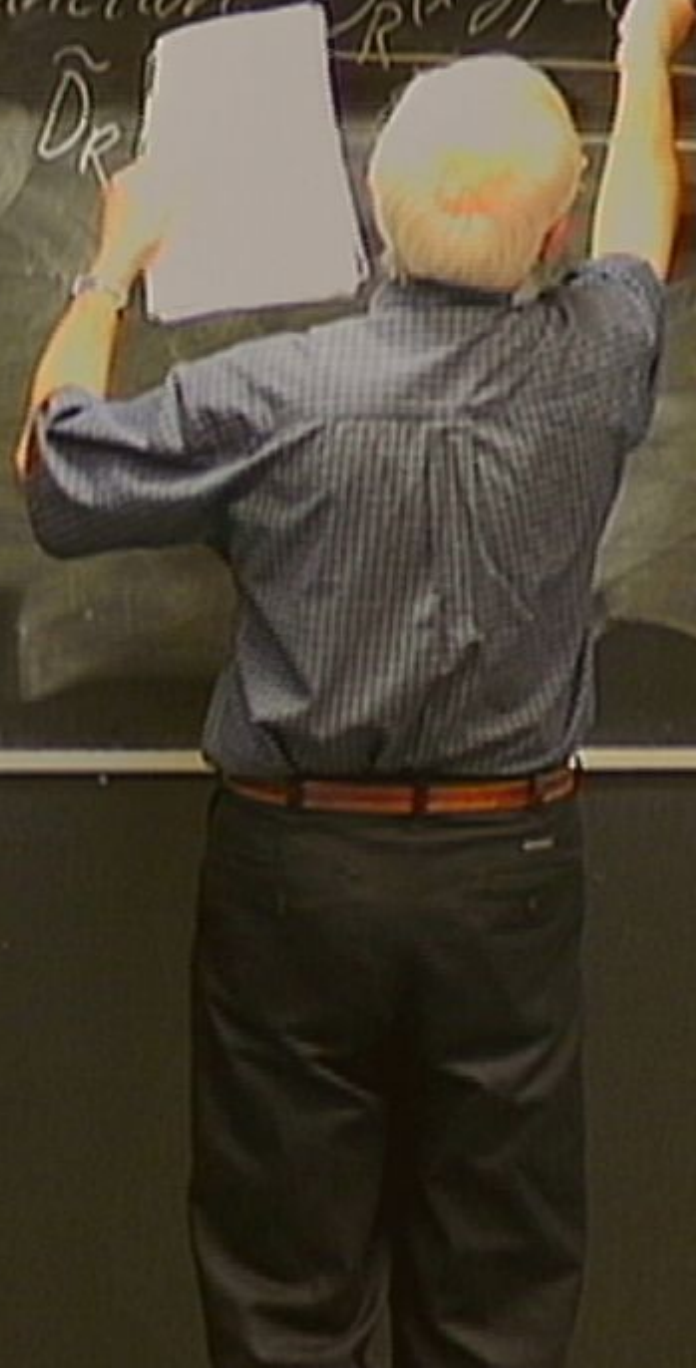




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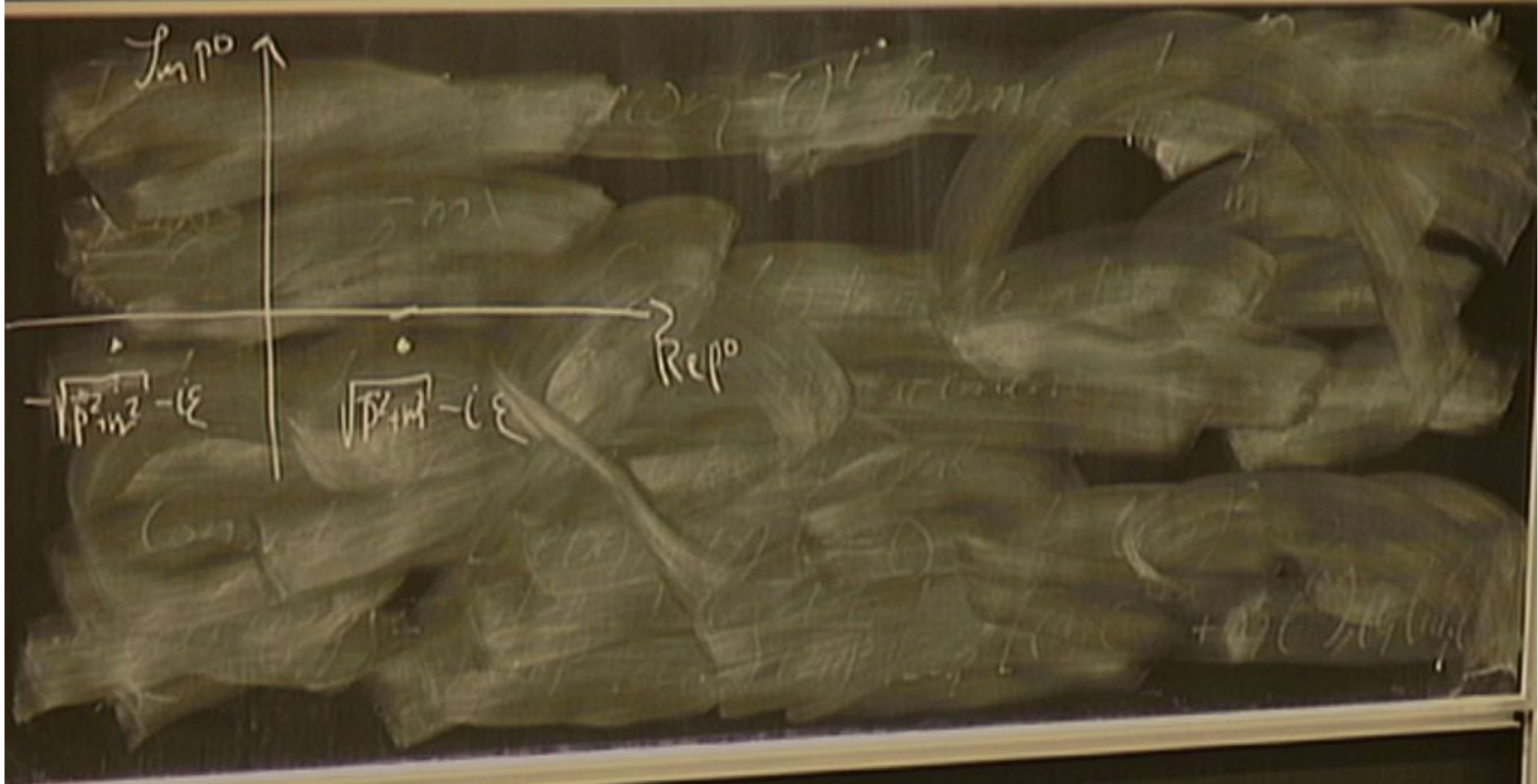
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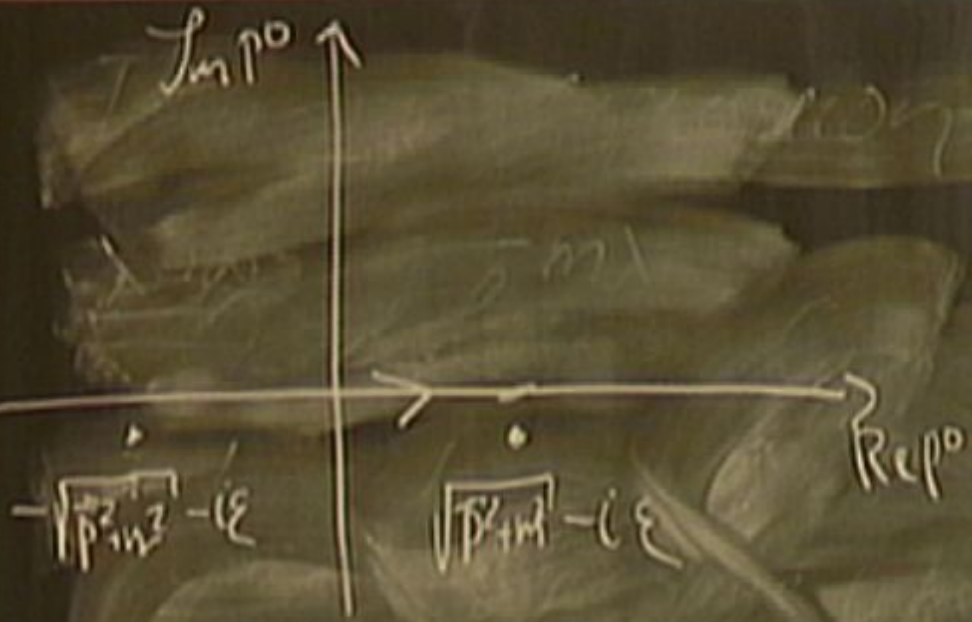
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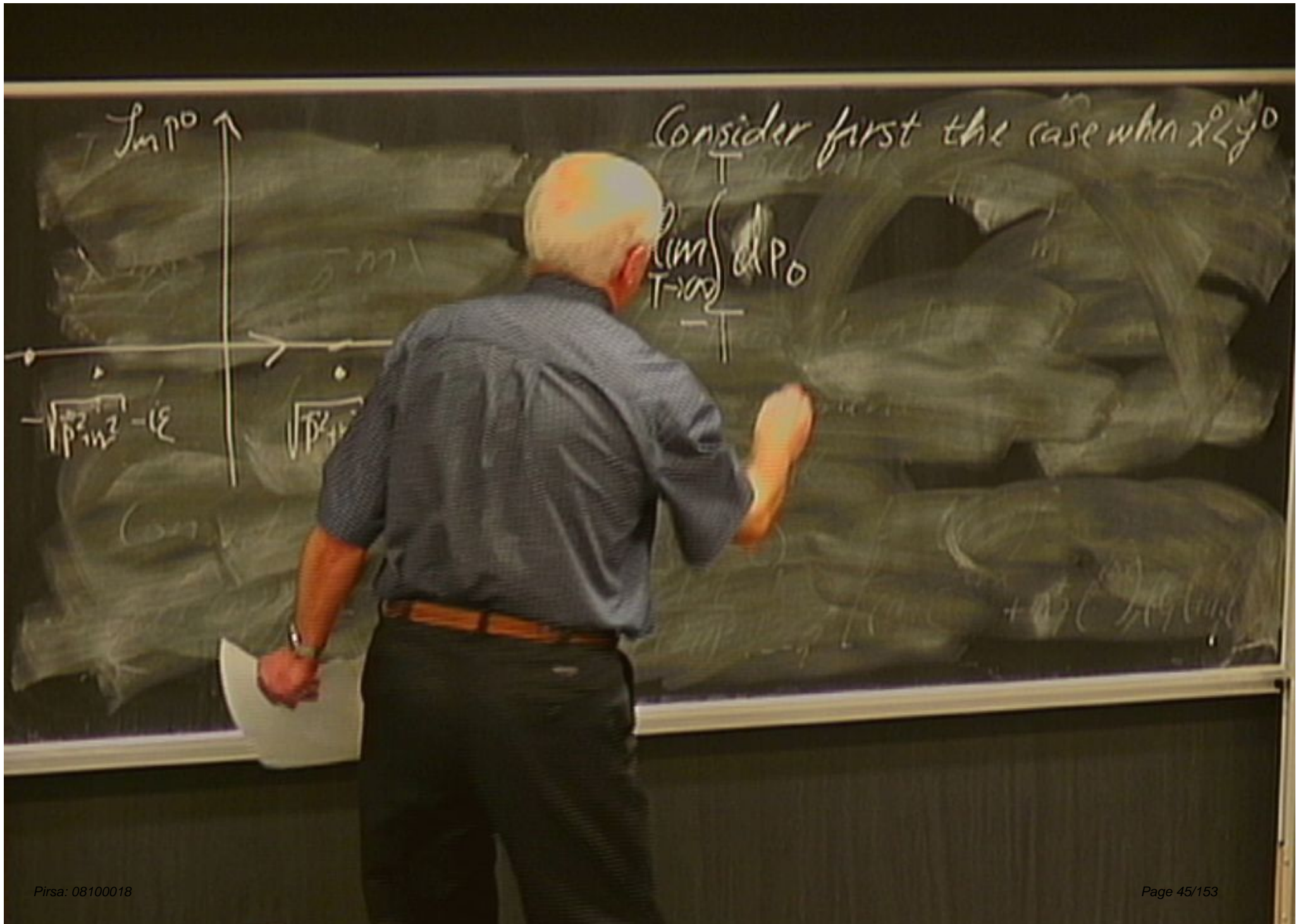
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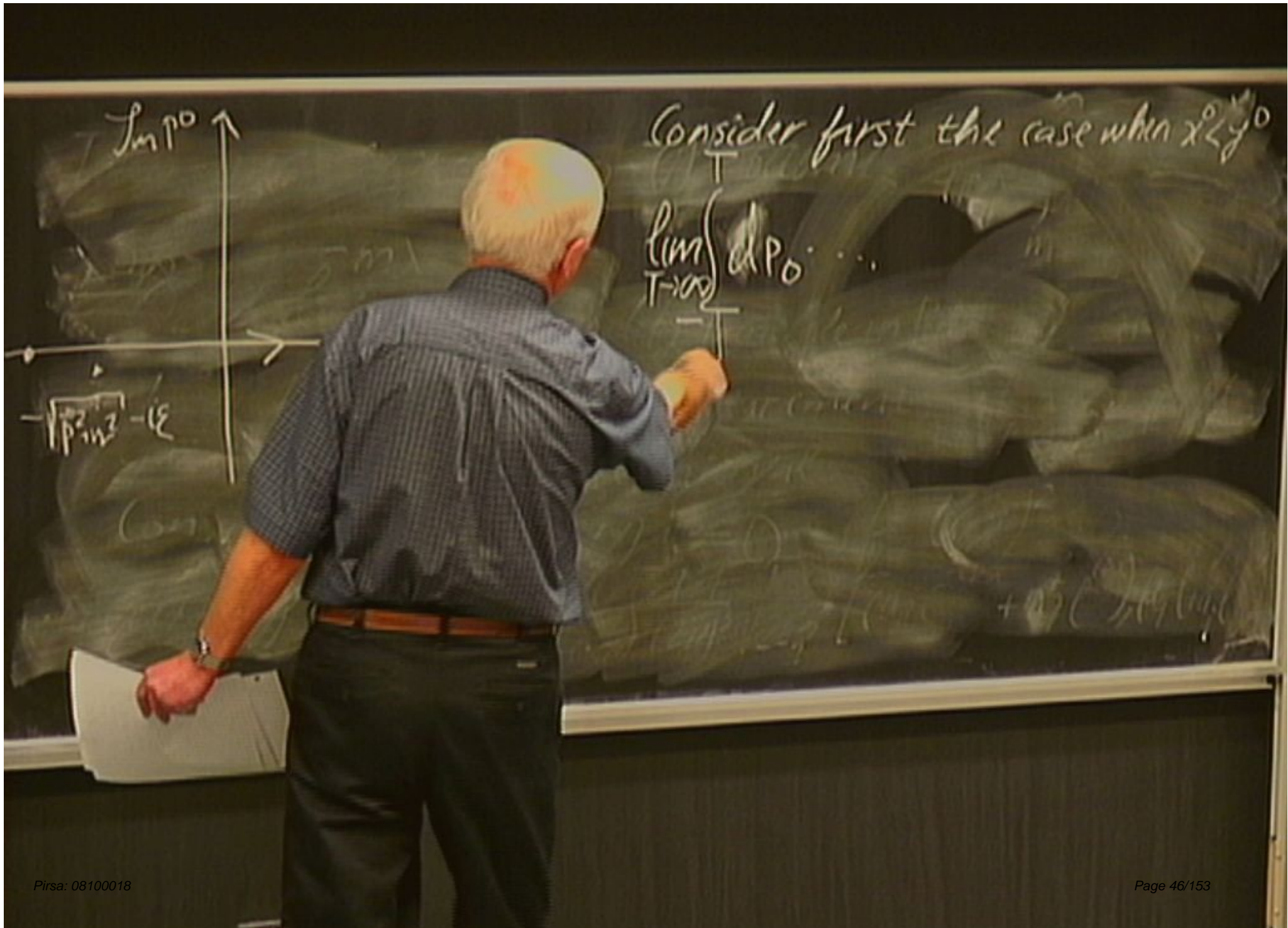
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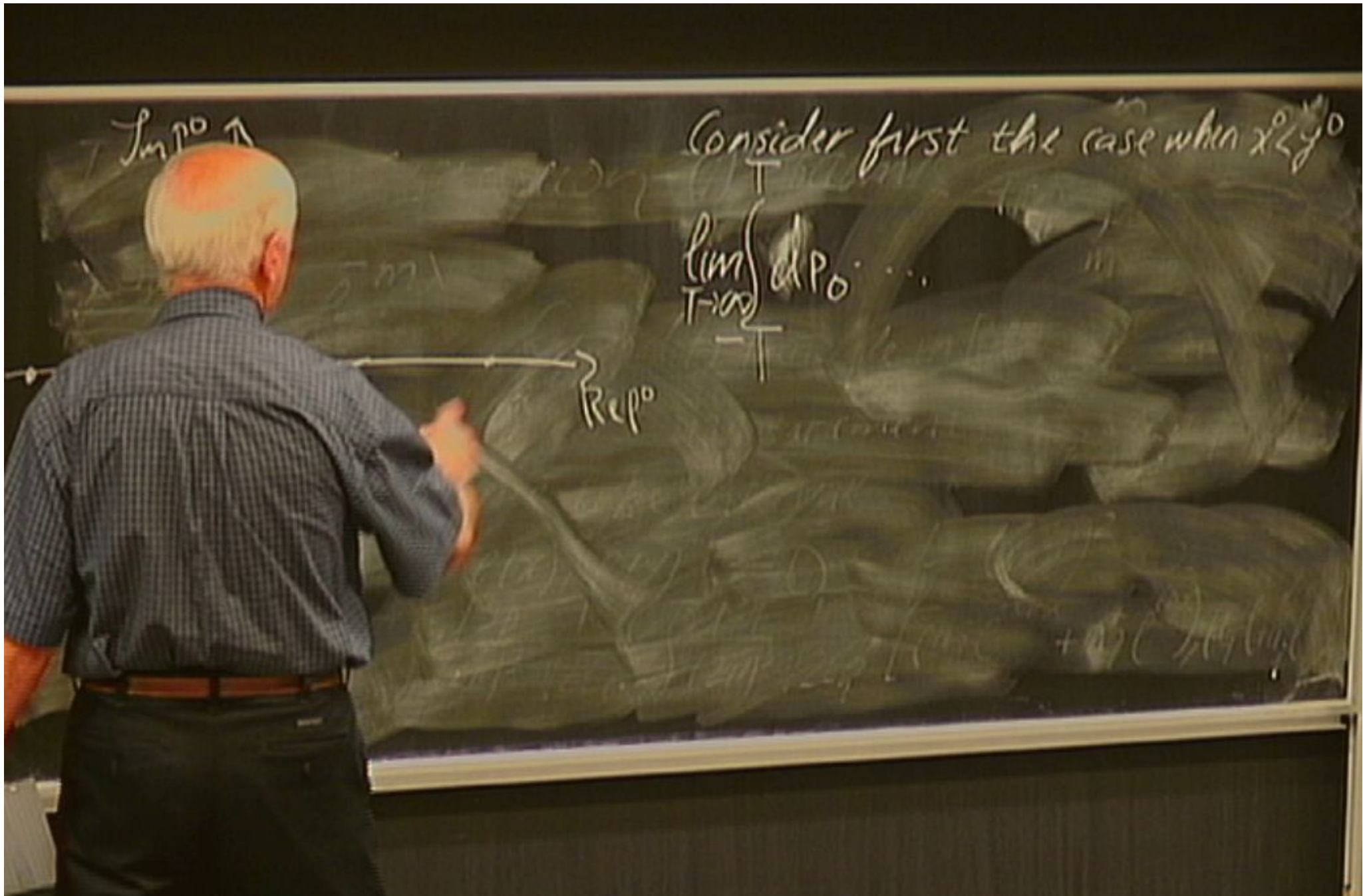


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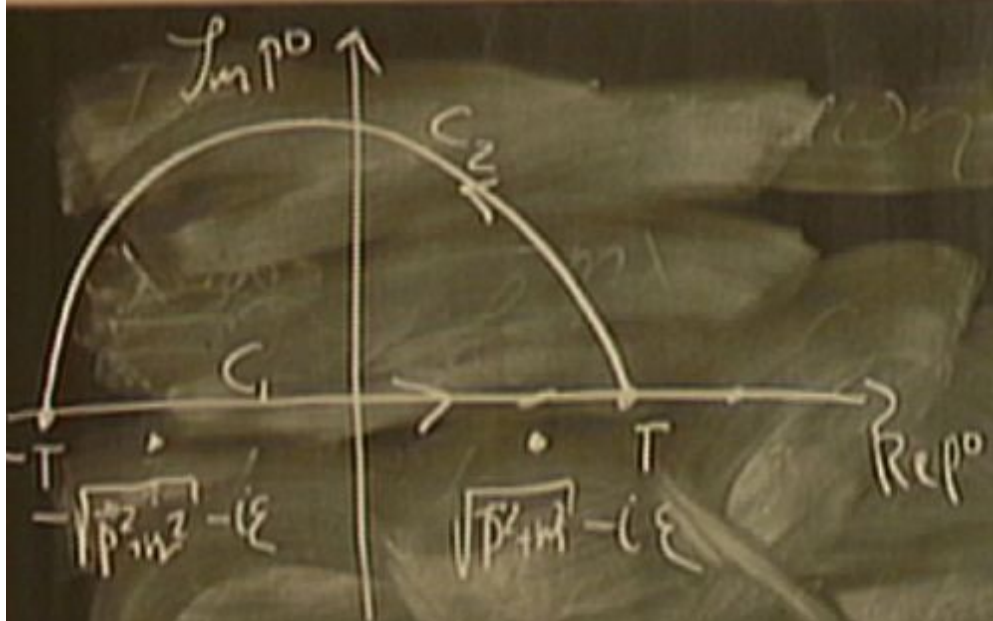


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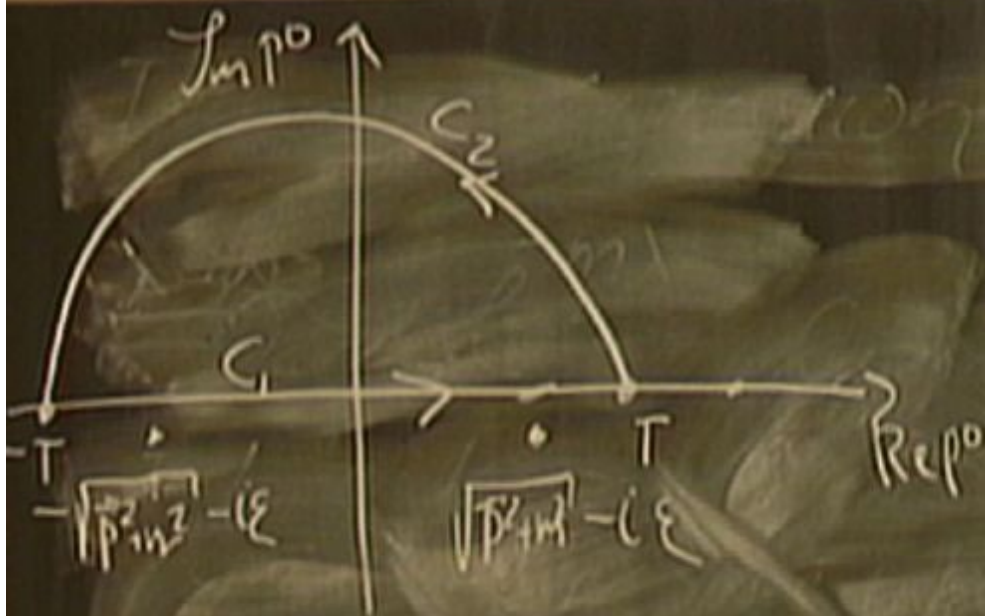
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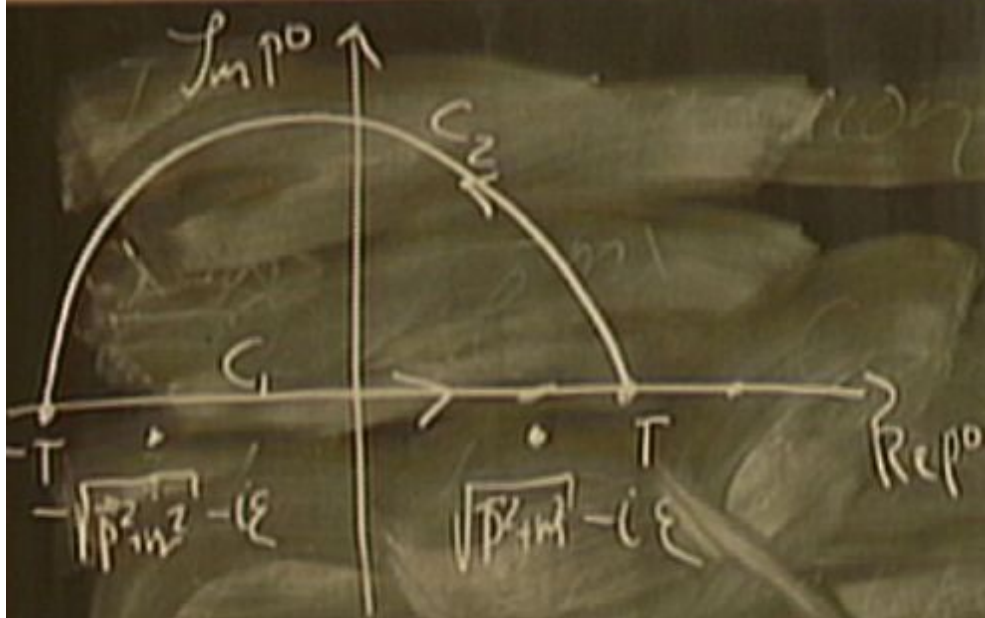
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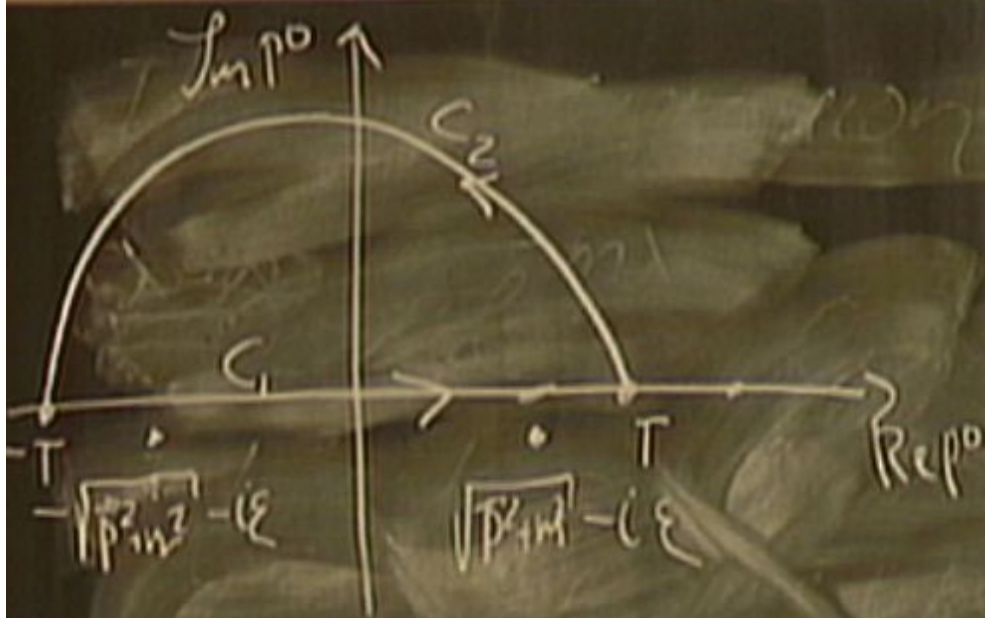
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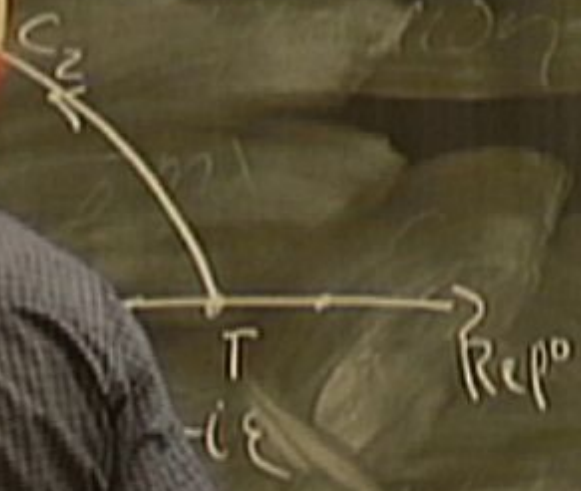
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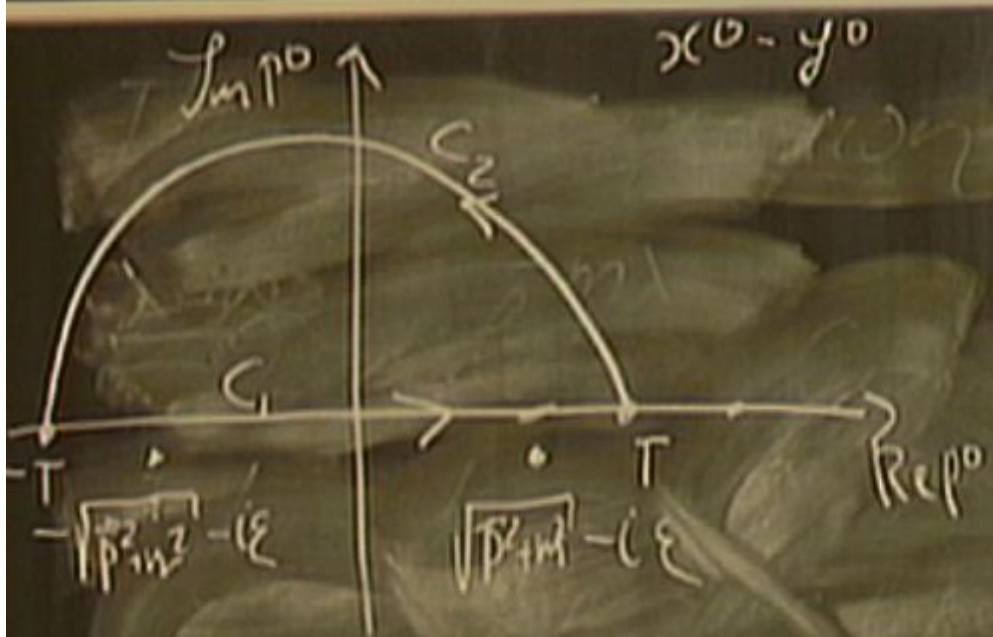


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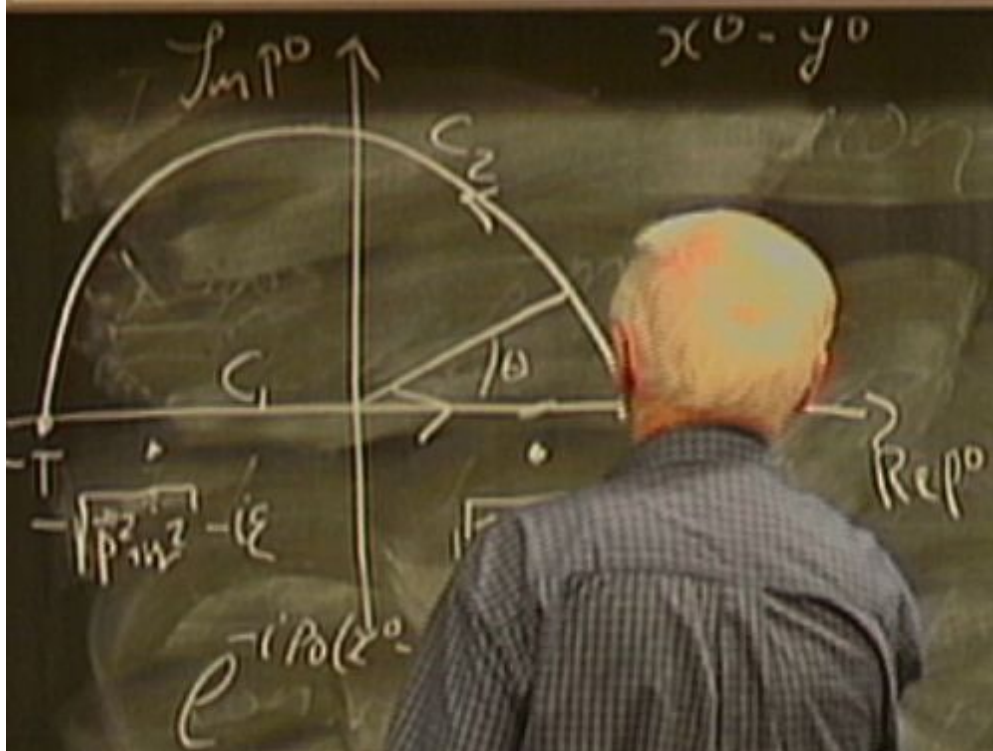
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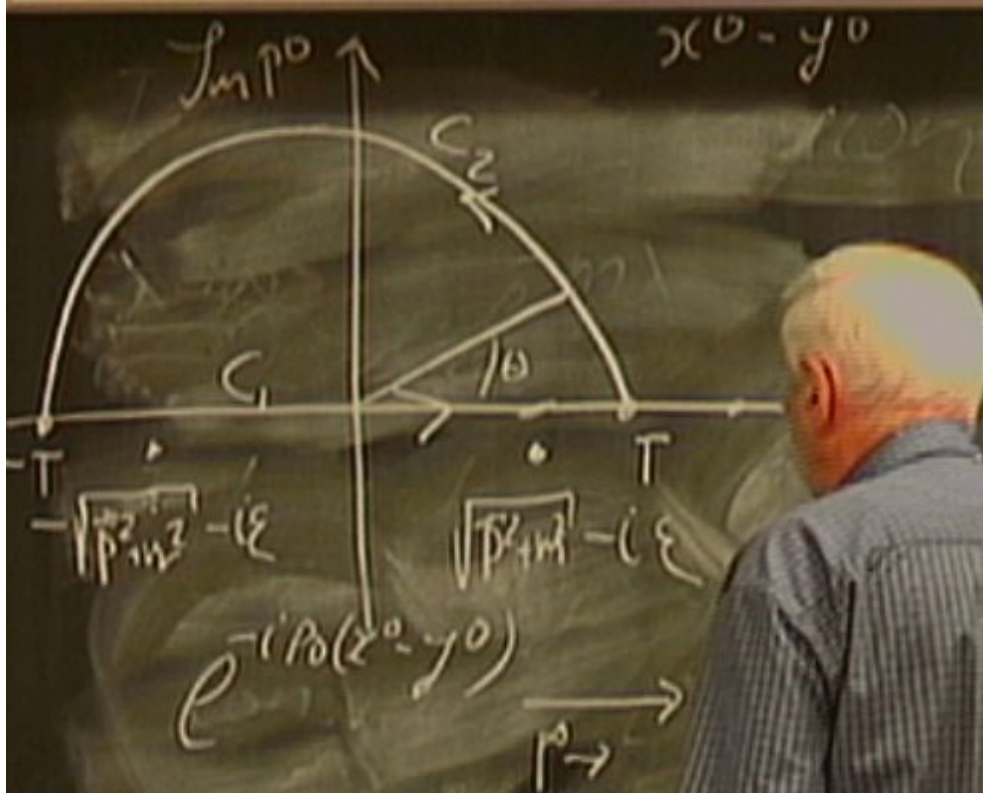
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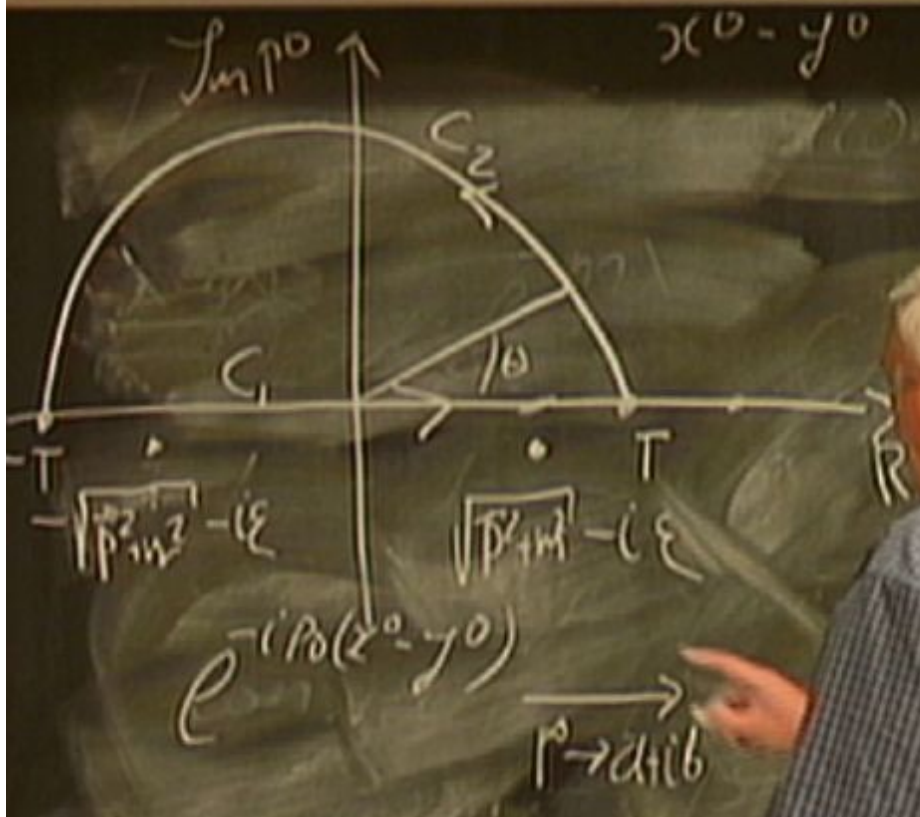


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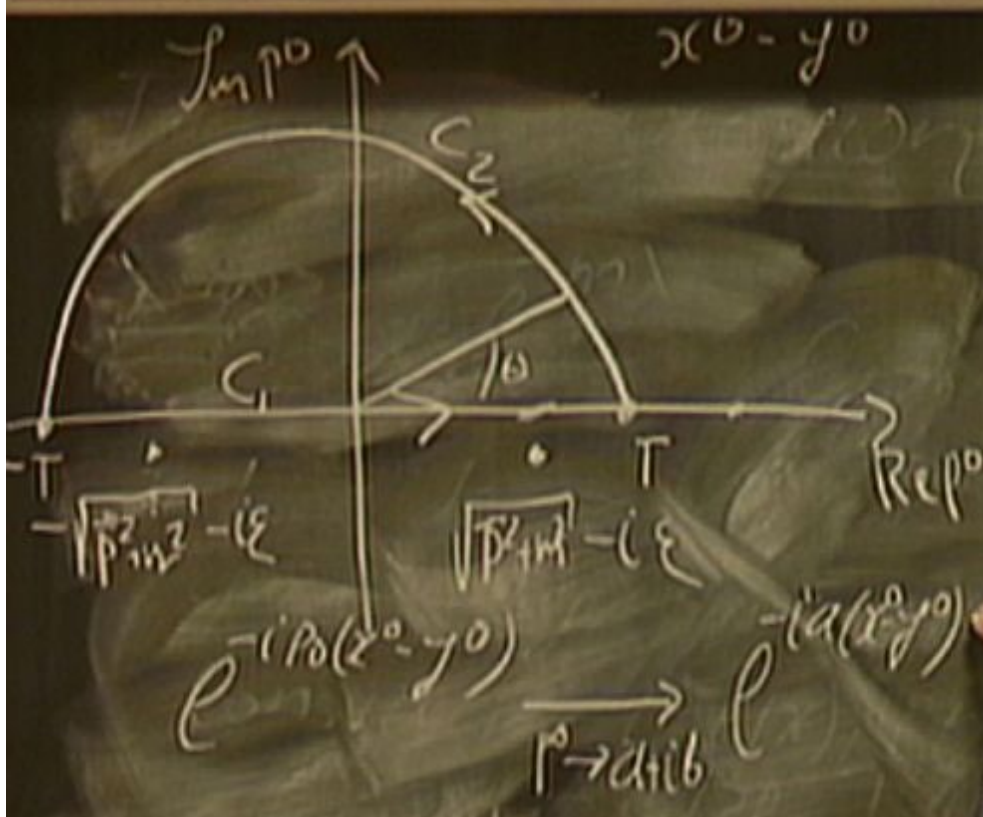


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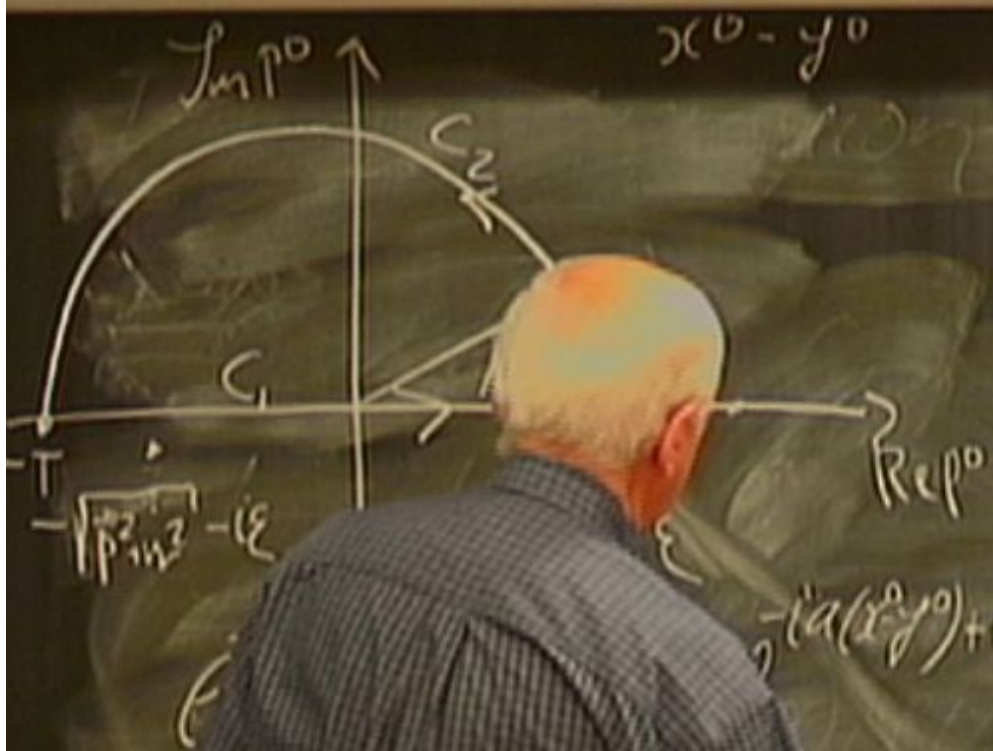
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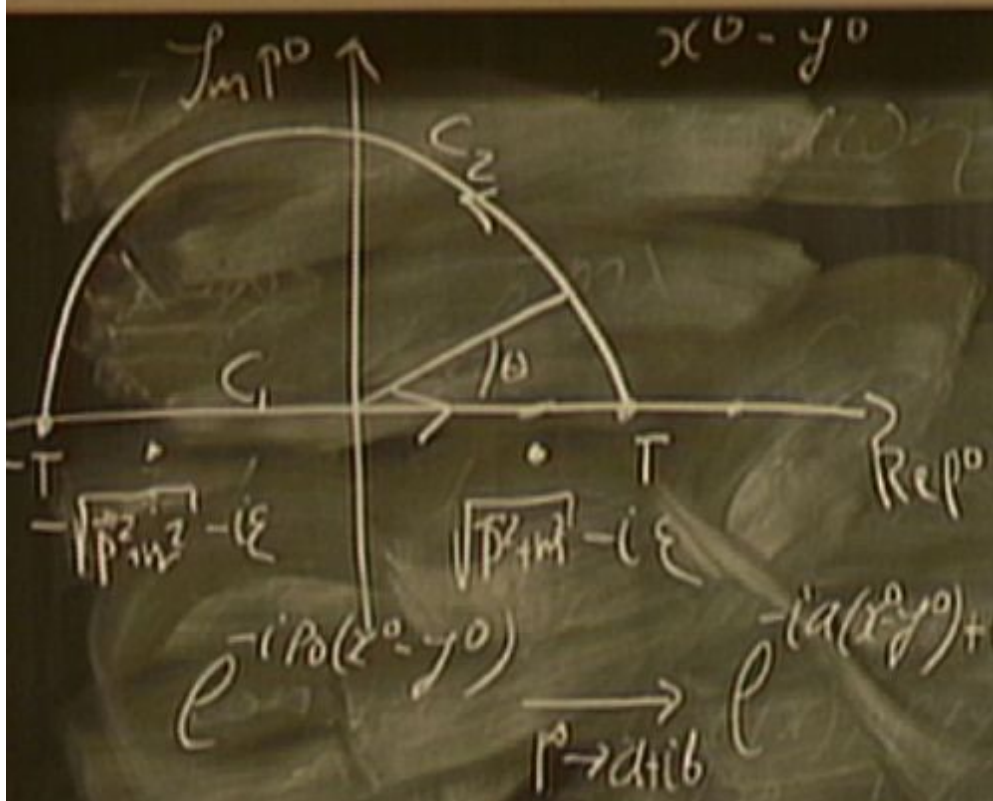


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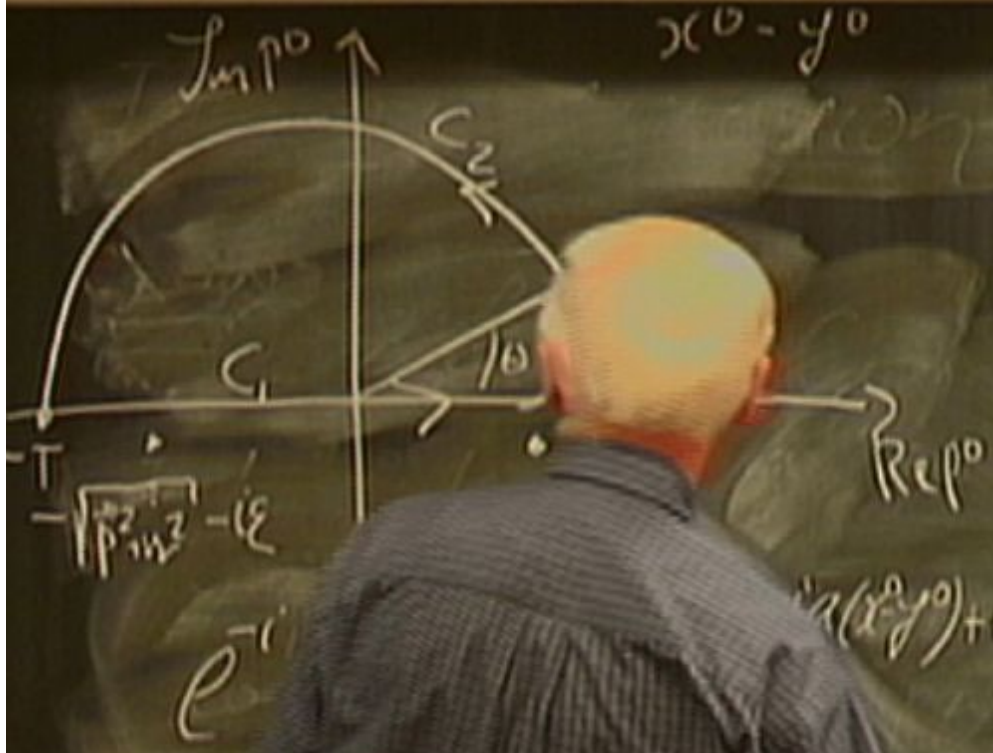


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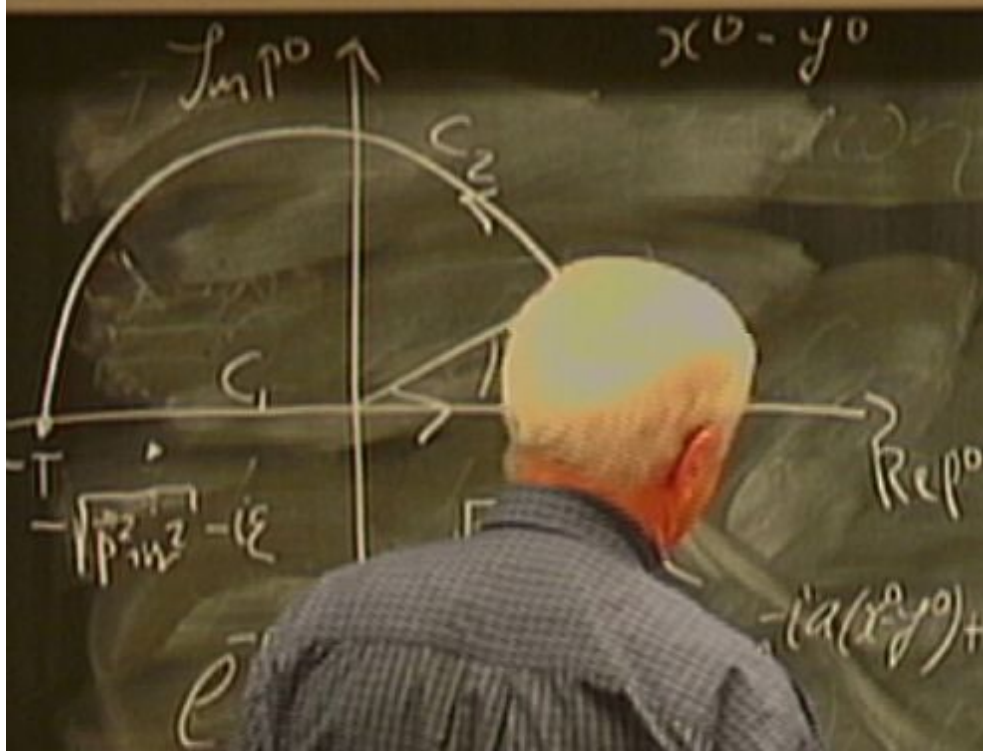


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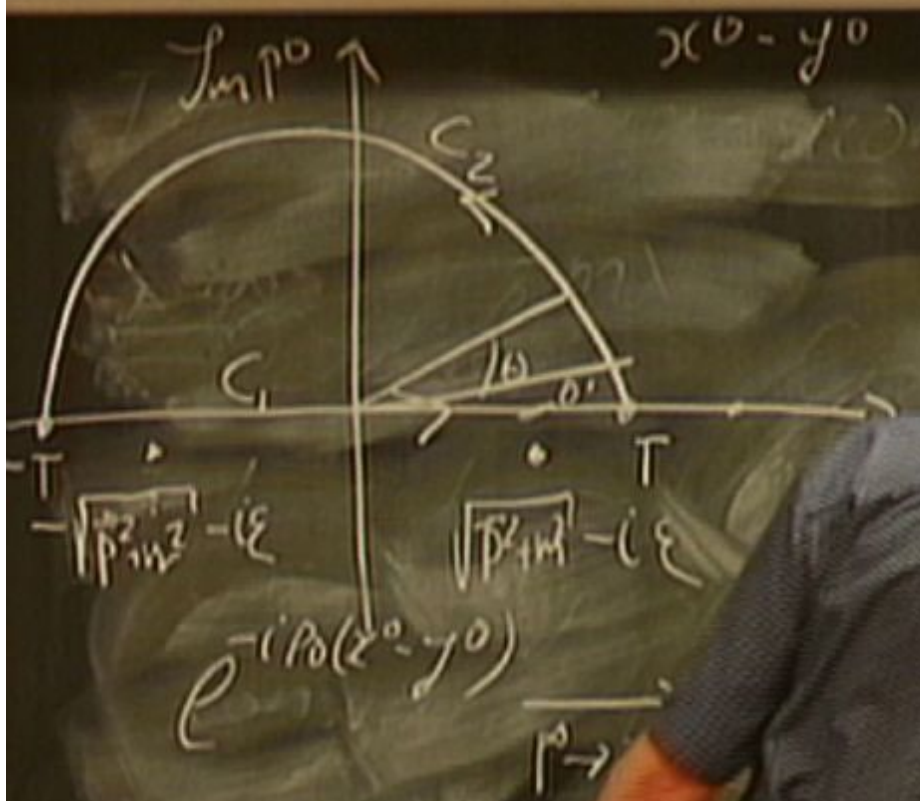


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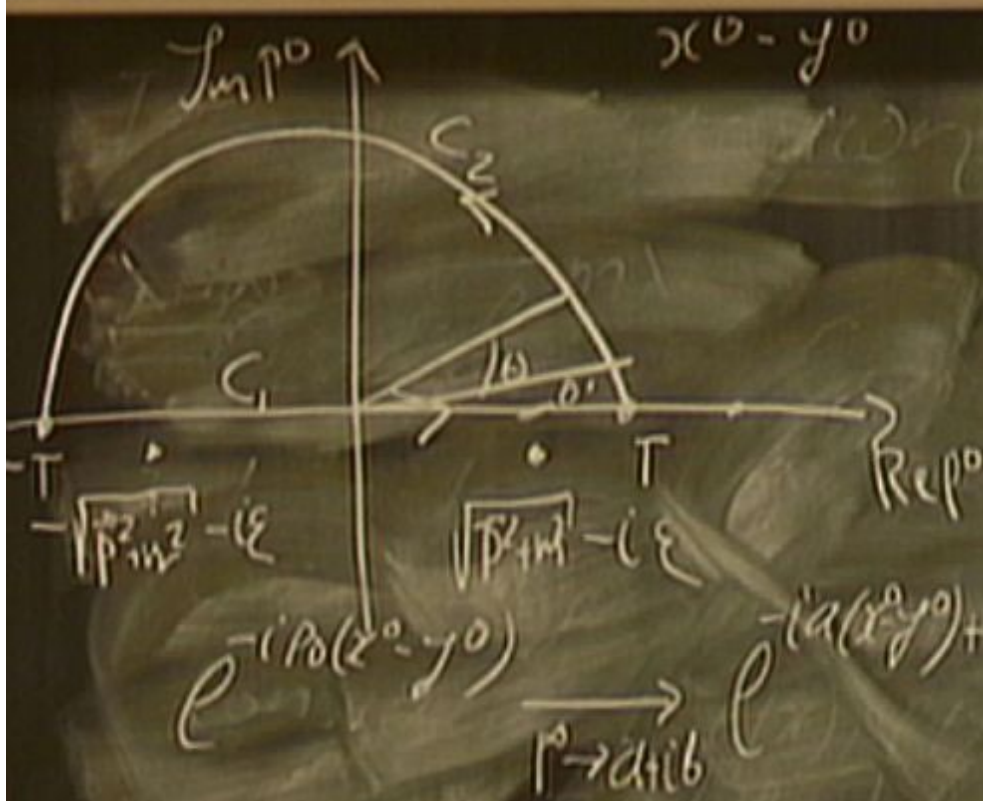
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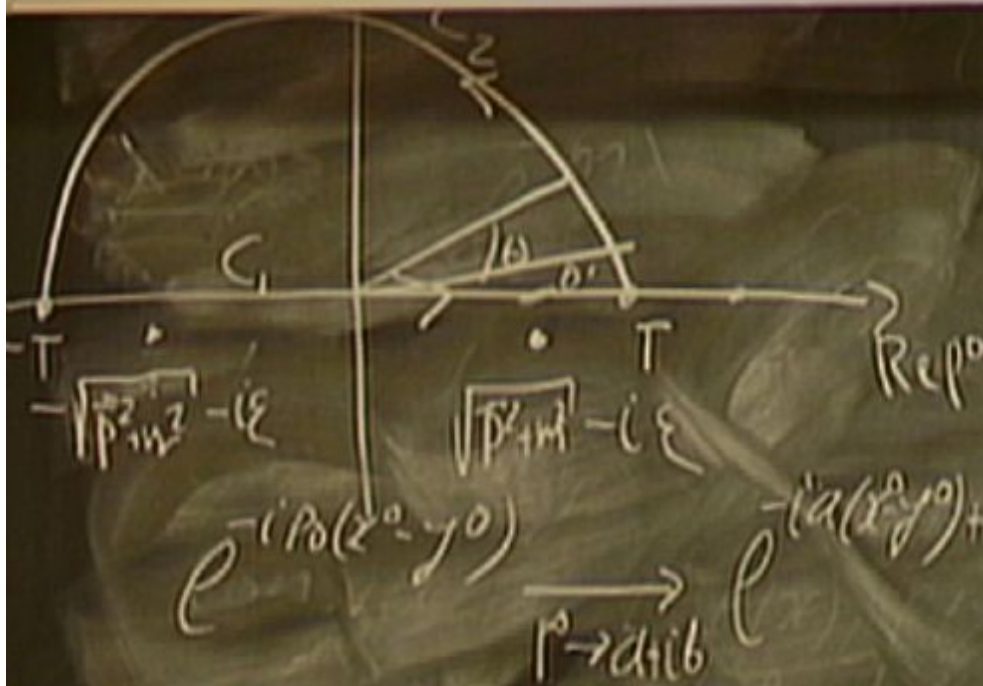
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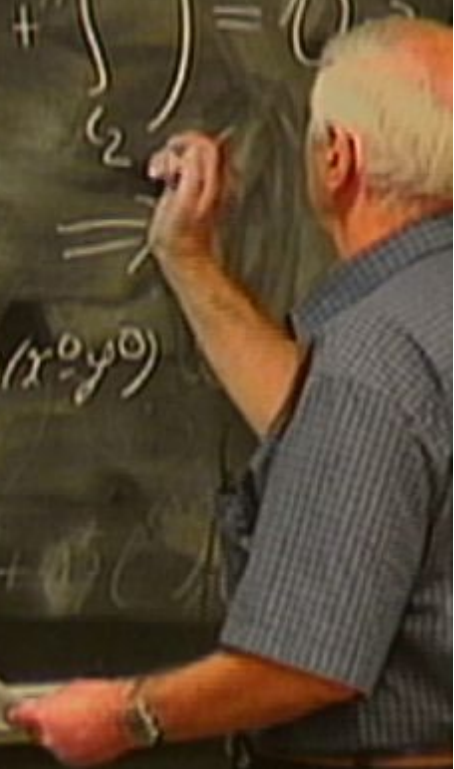


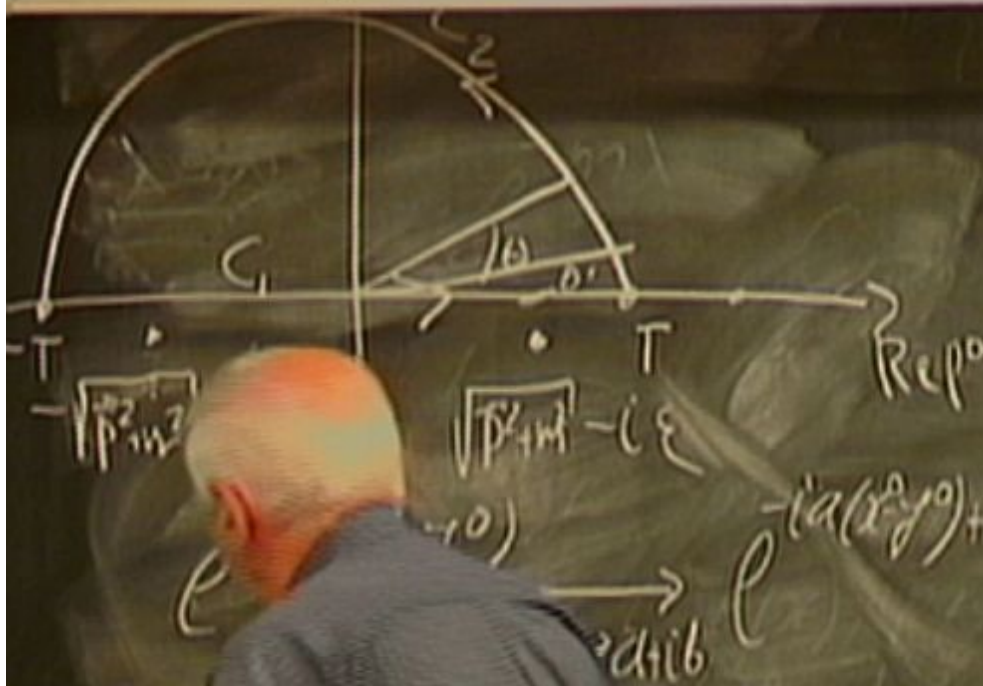


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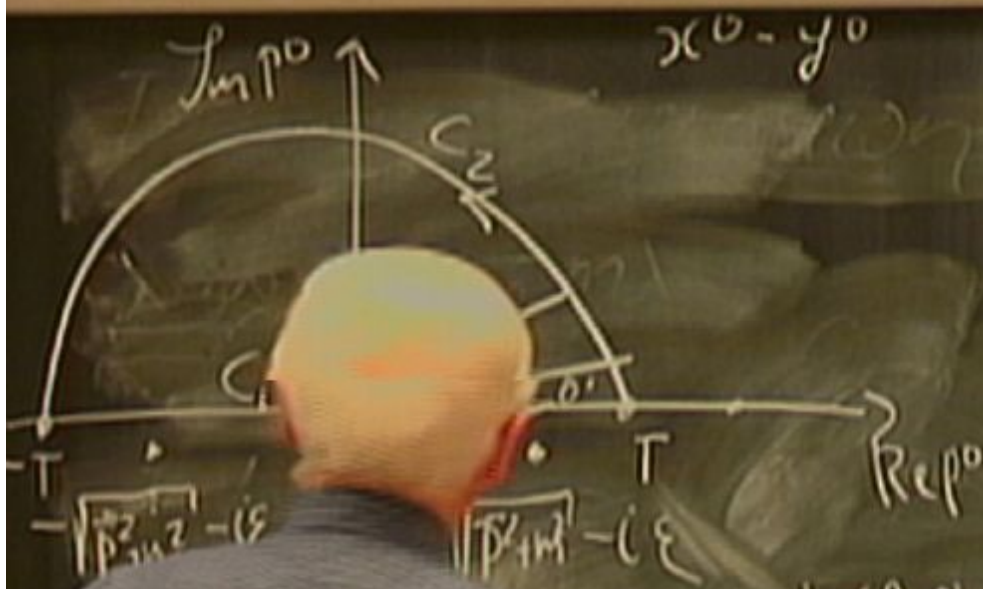




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$$e^{-ia(x^0 - y^0) + b(x^0 - y^0)} \sim \begin{cases} e^{-b(y^0 - x^0)} & -ia(x^0 - y^0) \end{cases}$$



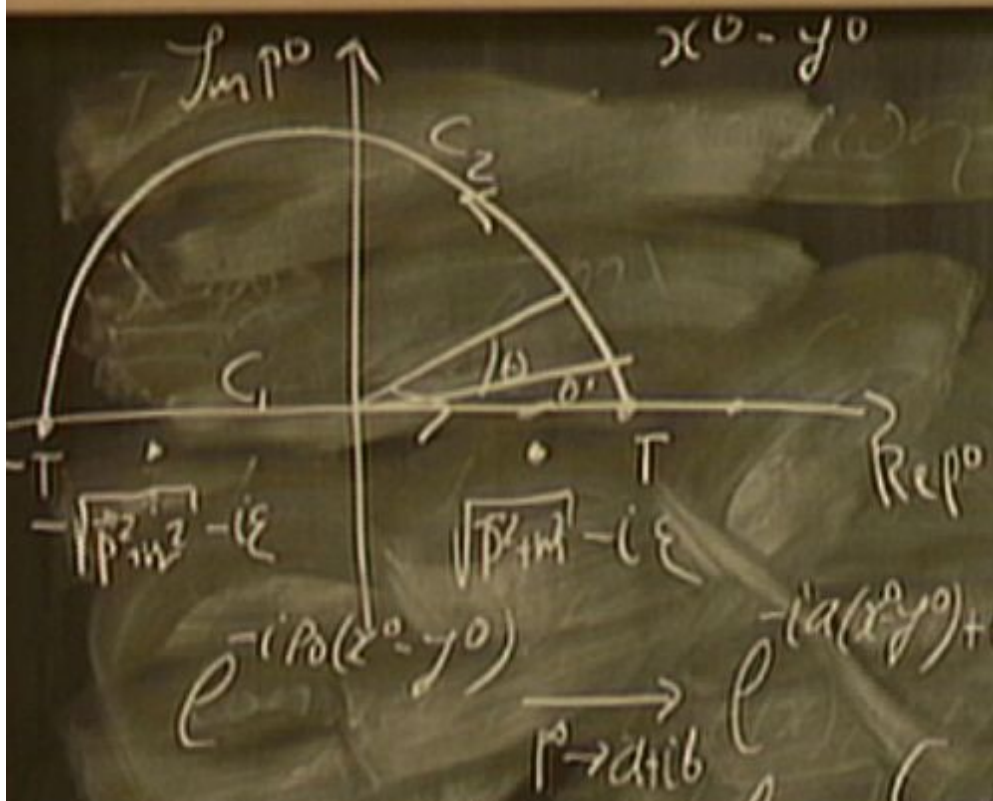
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$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{C_2} \frac{-ia(x^0 - y^0) + b(x^0 - y^0)}{p_0^2 - b^2} dp_0 \sim \int_{C_2} \frac{-b(y^0 - x^0) - ia(x^0 - y^0)}{p_0^2 - b^2} dp_0 \\ & \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2} = 0 \text{ and then our integral } \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} dp_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$



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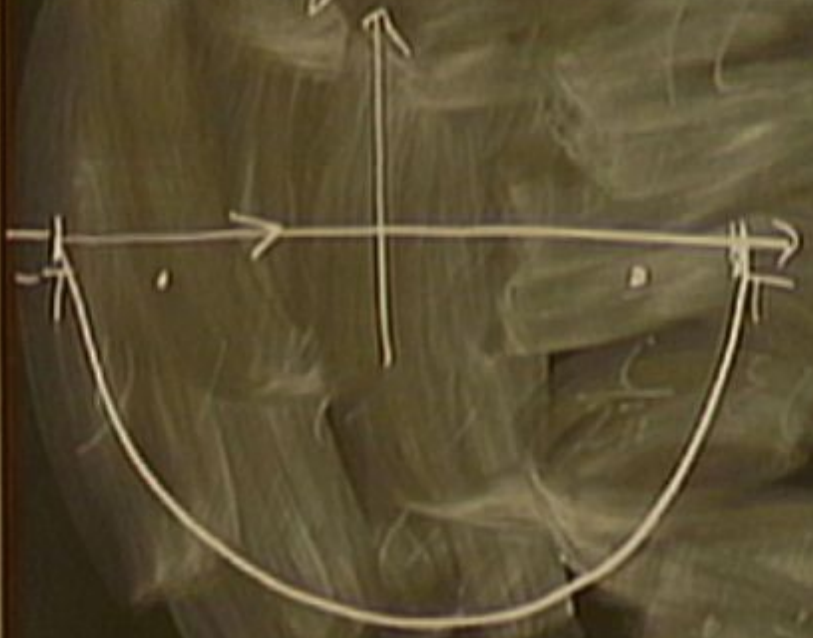
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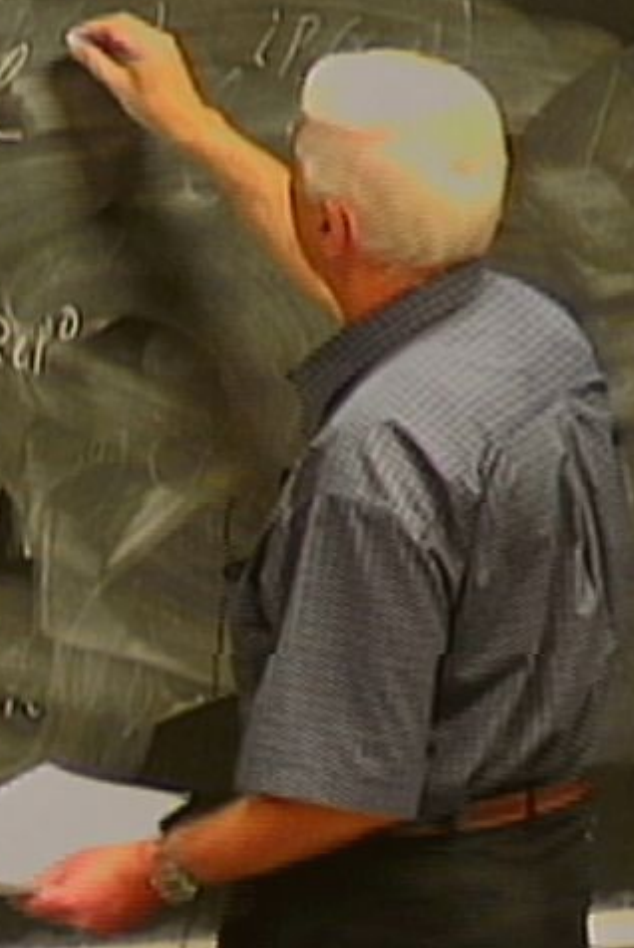
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$\text{Im } p^0$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow \ell$$



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$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-ip^0(x^0 - y^0)} = \mathcal{L}^{-}$$





$$x^0 > y^0$$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow e^{-ip^0(x^0 - y^0)} = e^{-(a(x^0 - y^0) - b(x^0 - y^0))}$$



$x^0 > y^0$   
 $\text{Im } p^0$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow \ell^{-ip^0(x^0 - y^0)} = \ell^{-a(x^0 - y^0)} \cdot \ell^{-b(x^0 - y^0)}$$



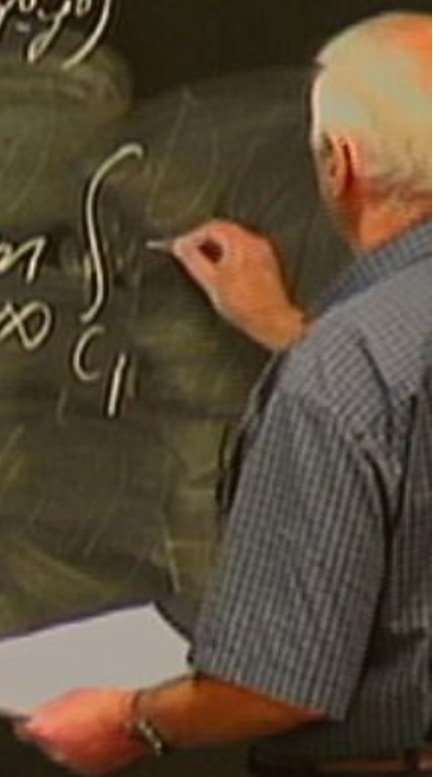
$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$$

$x^0 > y^0$   
 $\text{Im } p^0$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -ip^0(x^0 - y^0) \\ -\alpha(x^0 - y^0) \\ -b(x^0 - y^0) \end{array} \right.$$



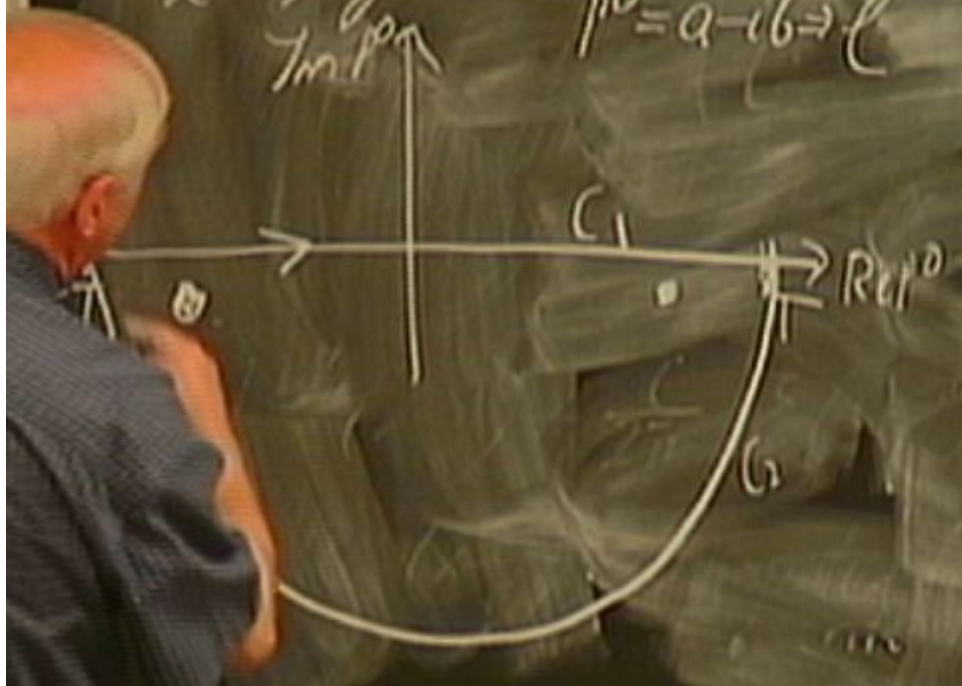
$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1}$$



$x^0 > y^0$   
 $\lim p_n$

$$p^0 = a - b \Rightarrow \int_{x^0}^{y^0} p^0(x - y^0) = \int_{x^0}^{y^0} (a - b(x - y^0)) = \int_{x^0}^{y^0} (a - bx + by^0)$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = \int_{-T}^T p^0$$



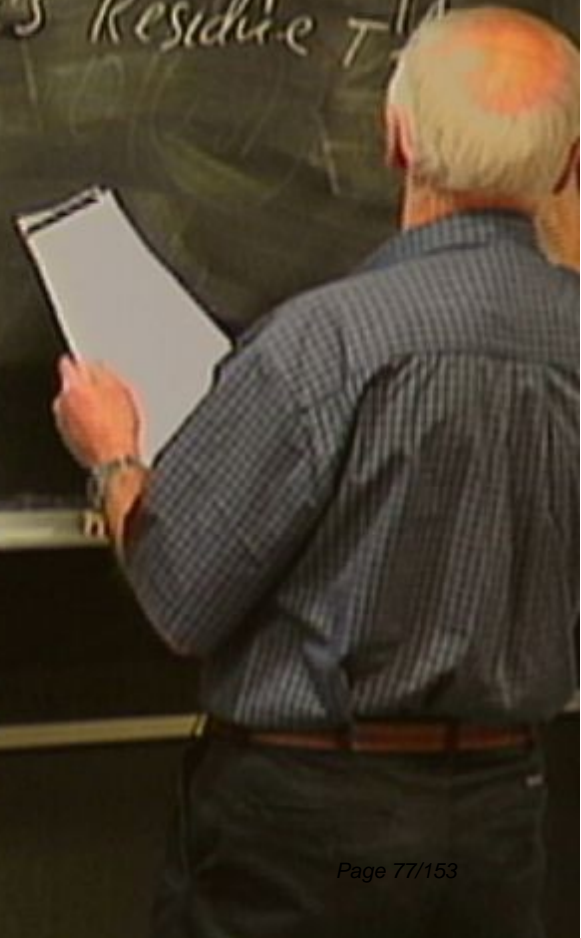
$x^0 > y^0$   
 $\text{Im } p^0$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow e^{-ip^0(x^0 - y^0)} = e^{-i(a(x^0 - y^0))} \cdot e^{-b(x^0 - y^0)}$$



$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^0$$

Using Cauchy's Residue



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Using Cauchy's Residue Theorem  
 we get:

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$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p^0)$$

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Using Cauchy's Residue Theorem, we get:

$$f(z) = \sum_i \frac{r_i}{z - z_i} + \text{residue part}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi i}} = \sum_i r_i$$



$$x^0 > y^0$$

$$p^0 = a - ib \Rightarrow e^{-ip^0(x^0 - y^0)} = e^{-i(a + iy)(x^0 - y^0)} = e^{-ia(x^0 - y^0)} e^{-b(x^0 - y^0)}$$



$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) dz$$

Using Cauchy's Residue Theorem, we get:

$$\int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4}$$

$$f(z) = \sum_i \frac{r_i}{z - z_i} + \text{residue part}$$

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = \sum_i r_i$$

Using Cauchy's Residue Theorem we get:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \sum_{\Gamma} \text{Res}_{z_i}$$

$$f(z) = \sum_{\Gamma} \frac{r_i}{z - z_i} + \text{regular part}$$

$$D_R(f) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Cauchy's theorem





Using Cauchy's Residue Theorem we get

$$D_R(f(z)) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C f(z) dz = \sum_i \text{Res}_i$$

$$f(k) = \sum_i \frac{\text{Res}_i}{z - z_i} + \text{residue part}$$

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Theorem

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \left[ e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)} - e^{i p \cdot (x-y)} \right] \Big|_{p^0 = E_{\vec{p}}}$$

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$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} \left[ e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)} - e^{i p \cdot (x-y)} \right] \Big|_{p^0 = E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} =$$

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$D(x-y)$

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$$= D(x) - D(y-x)$$

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$$= D(y-x) - D(y-x) = D^{(+)}(x-y)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ \langle 0 | \varphi(x) \varphi(y) | 0 \rangle & & \langle 0 | \varphi(y) \varphi(x) | 0 \rangle \end{matrix}$$



USE Residue Theorem

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \left[ e^{-i p(x-y)} - e^{i p(x-y)} \right] = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$= D(x-y) - D(y-x) = D^{(-)}(x-y)$$

$\uparrow$   $\langle 0 | \varphi(x) \varphi(y) | 0 \rangle$       $\nwarrow$   $\langle 0 | \varphi(y) \varphi(x) | 0 \rangle$

USE Residue Theorem

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \left[ \underline{e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)}} - \underline{e^{i p \cdot (x-y)}} \right] \Big|_{p^0 = E_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} =$$

$$= D(x-y) - \overbrace{D(x-y)}^{D^{(-)}(x-y)} = D^{(+)}(x-y) \Rightarrow D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0)$$

$\langle 0 | \psi(x)$        $\psi(y) \psi(z) | 0 \rangle$

USE Residue Theorem

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p} \left[ \underline{e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)}} - \underline{e^{i p \cdot (x-y)}} \right] \Big|_{p^0 = E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} =$$

$$= \langle \psi(y) | \psi(x) \rangle - \langle \psi(y) | \psi(x) \rangle = \underline{D(y-x)} = \overset{(-)}{D(x-y)} \Rightarrow D_R(x-y) = \overset{(-)}{D(x-y)} = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \overset{(-)}{D(x-y)}$$

USE Residue Theorem

$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\vec{p}}} \left[ e^{-i p \cdot (x-y)} - e^{i p \cdot (x-y)} \right] \Big|_{p^0 = E_{\vec{p}} = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} =$$

$$= D(x-y) - D(y-x) = D^{(-)}(x-y) \Rightarrow D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) D^{(-)}(x-y)$$

$\leftarrow \langle 0 | \psi(y) \psi(x) | 0 \rangle$

$$O_{\Gamma} D_R(x-y) = \Theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

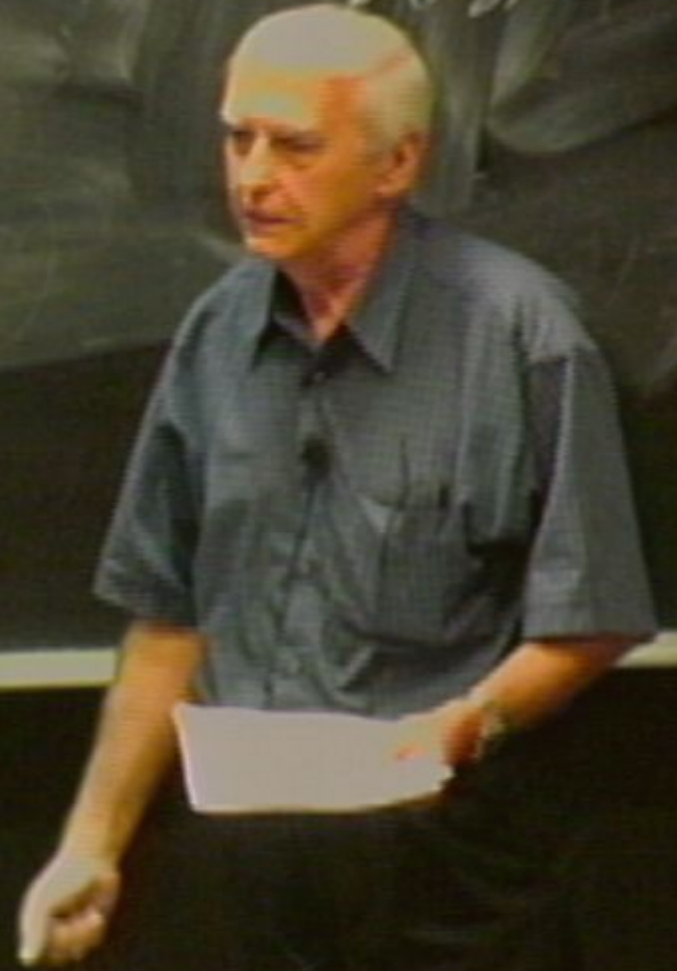
$$O_{\Gamma} D_R(x-y) = \theta(x-y) \langle 0 | [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

$D^{\Gamma}(x-y)$

$$\text{Or } D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | [\varphi(x), \varphi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

$$O_{\Gamma} D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | \left[ \varphi(x), \varphi(y) \right] | 0 \rangle$$

Causal Green's





$$\text{Or } D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | [\psi(x), \psi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

Causal Green's function (or Feynman Propagator)

$$D_F(x-y)$$

prescriptions lead to different Green's functions

Green's functions satisfy the following equation:

$$\left[ (\partial_{\mu}^2 + m^2) D_G(x-y) = -i \delta^{(4)}(x-y) \right]$$

Take its Fourier transform:  $D_G(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip(x-y)} \tilde{D}_G(p)$

Substitute it into equation:

$$(-p^2 + m^2) \tilde{D}_G(p) = -i \Rightarrow D_G(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip(x-y)} \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}$$

$$\text{Or } D_R(x-y) = \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | [\psi(x), \psi(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

Causal Green's function (or Feynman propagator)

$$D_F(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi i)^4} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} ; \epsilon > 0$$

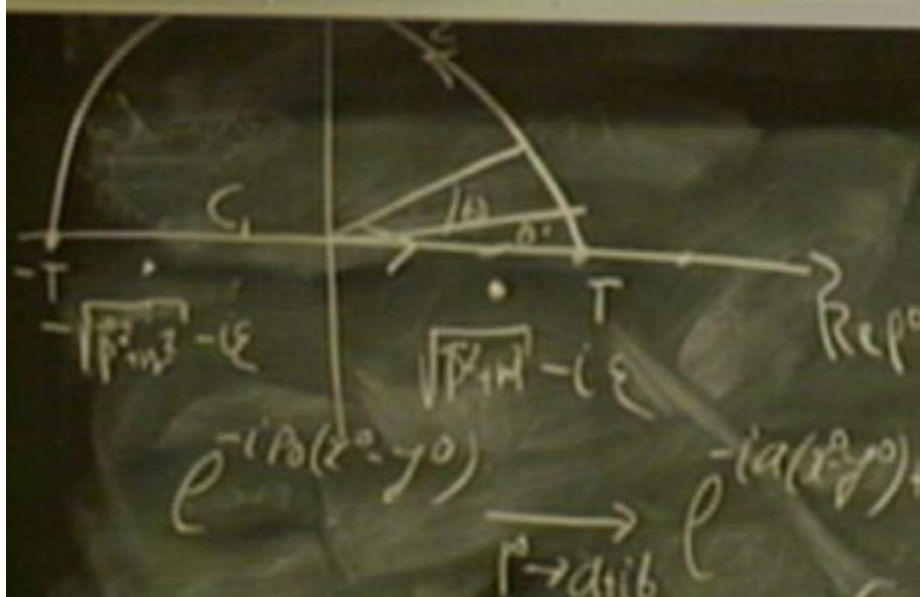
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Two poles:

$$= 25 \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C f(z) dz = \sum_i r_i, \quad f(z) = \sum_i \frac{r_i}{z - z_i} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{residue} \\ \text{part} \end{array} \right.$$

$$p^2 - m^2 + 2i\epsilon p^0$$

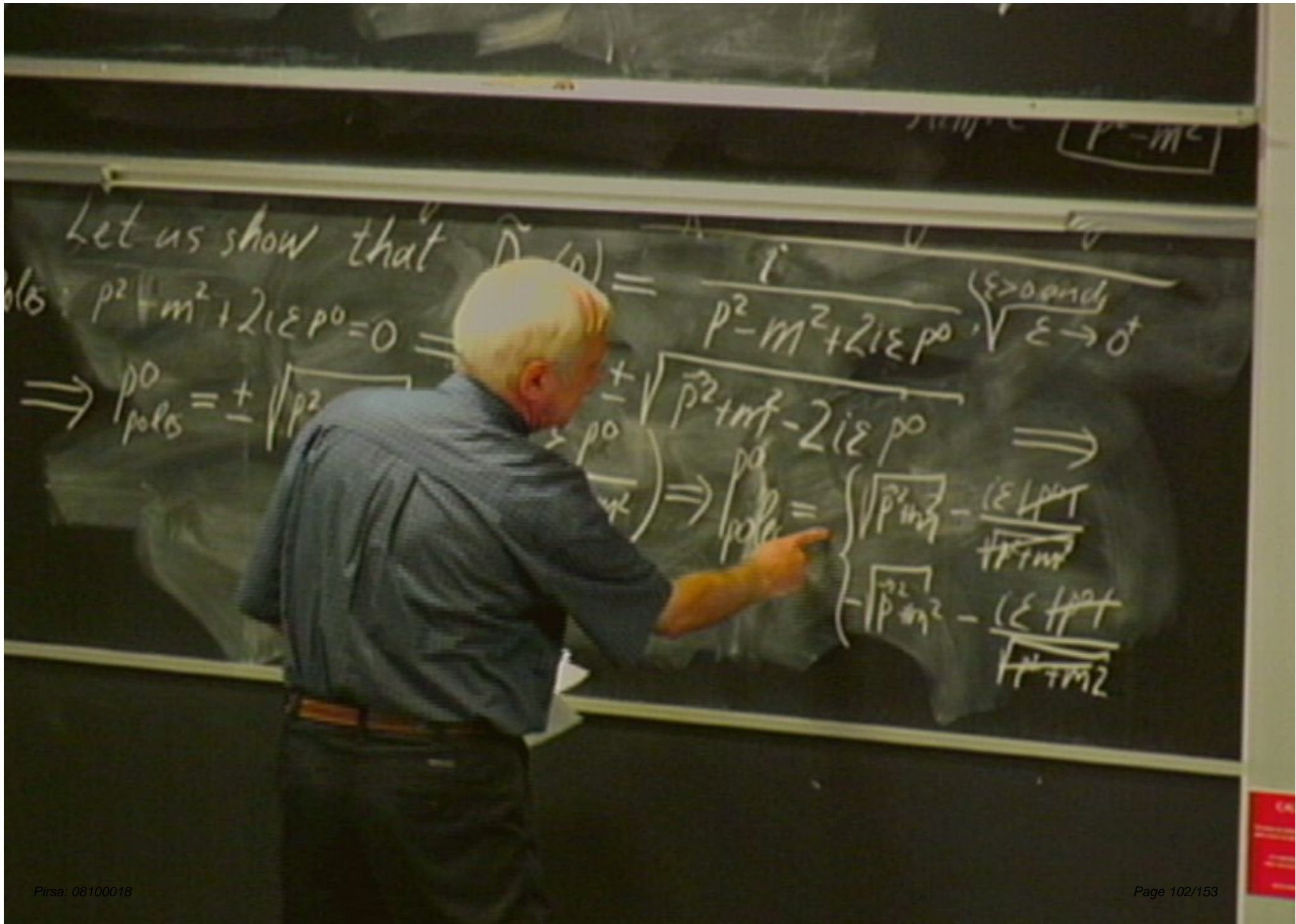


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$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2} dp_0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sim \int_{-T}^T e^{-i a(x^0 - y^0) + b(x^0 - y^0) - b(y^0 - x^0) - i a(x^0 - y^0)} dp_0 = 0$$

We conclude that  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2} = 0$  and then our integral  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T dp_0 = 0$



Pole - m.c.

Let us show that

$$\text{poles: } p^2 + m^2 + 2i\epsilon p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\text{poles}} = \pm \sqrt{-p^2}$$

$$D(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + 2i\epsilon p} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } \\ \text{and } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{i}{\pm \sqrt{\tilde{p}^2 + m^2 - 2i\epsilon p}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{poles} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\tilde{p}^2 + m^2} - \frac{i\epsilon}{\sqrt{\tilde{p}^2 + m^2}} \\ -\sqrt{\tilde{p}^2 + m^2} - \frac{i\epsilon}{\sqrt{\tilde{p}^2 + m^2}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$p^0 - m^2$$

Let us show that

$$\tilde{D}_R(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + 2i\epsilon p^0} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } \\ p^0 < 0 \end{array} \right. \sqrt{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\text{poles: } p^2 + m^2 + 2i\epsilon p^0 = 0 \Rightarrow p^0 = \pm \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2 - 2i\epsilon p^0}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\text{poles}}^0 = \pm \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \left( 1 - \frac{i\epsilon p^0}{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \right) \Rightarrow p_{\text{poles}}^0 = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} - \frac{i\epsilon \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}}{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \\ -\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} - \frac{i\epsilon \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}}{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \end{cases}$$

Causal Green's function (or Feynman Propagator)

$$D_F(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}; \epsilon > 0$$

Two poles:  $p_0 = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} - \frac{i\epsilon}{2\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} \\ \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} + \frac{i\epsilon}{2\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} \end{cases}$



Causal Green's function (or Feynman propagator)

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Causal Green's function (or Feynman Propagator)

$$D_F(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ip(x-y)}}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}; \epsilon > 0$$

Two poles:  $p_0 = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} - i\epsilon \\ \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} + i\epsilon \end{cases}$

Causal Green's function (or Feynman propagator)  $D_F(x-y)$

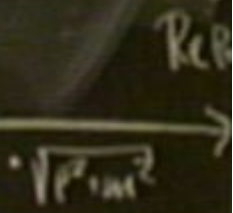
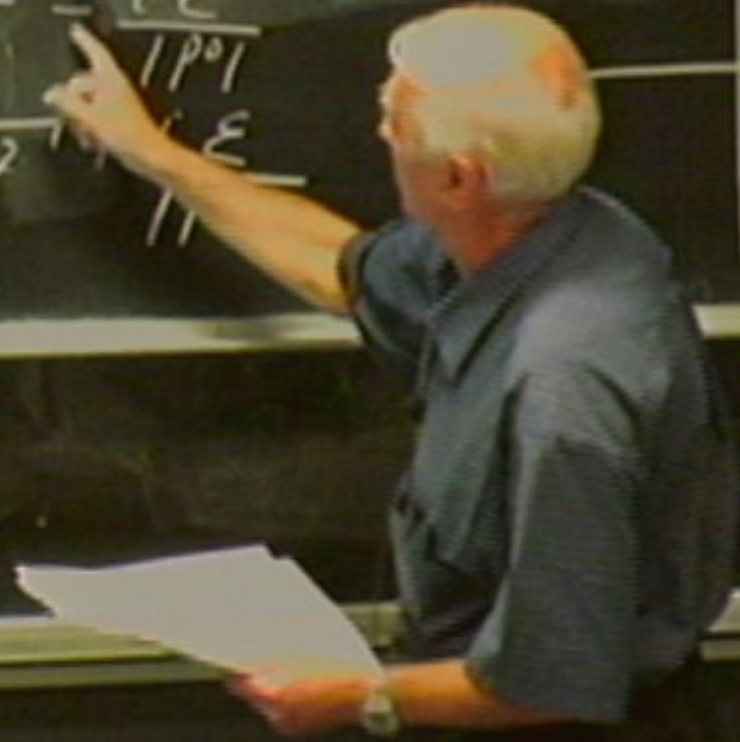
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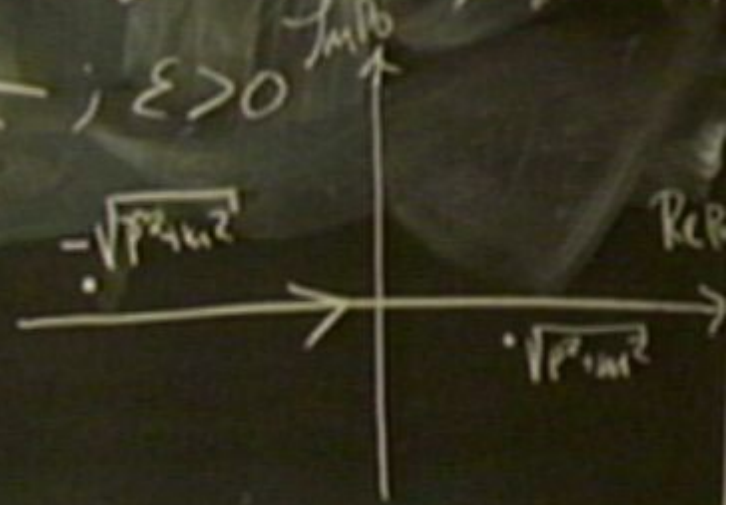
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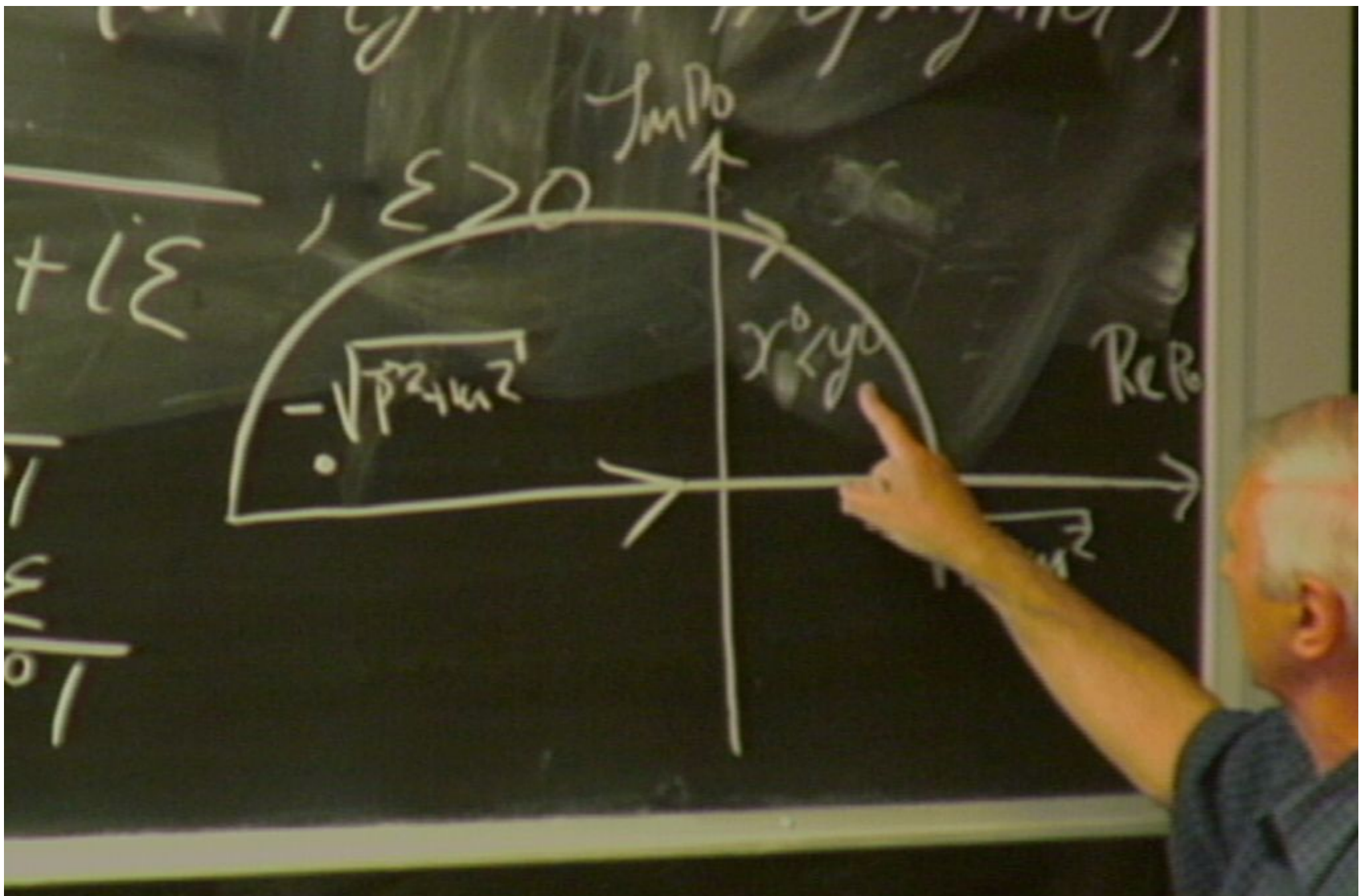


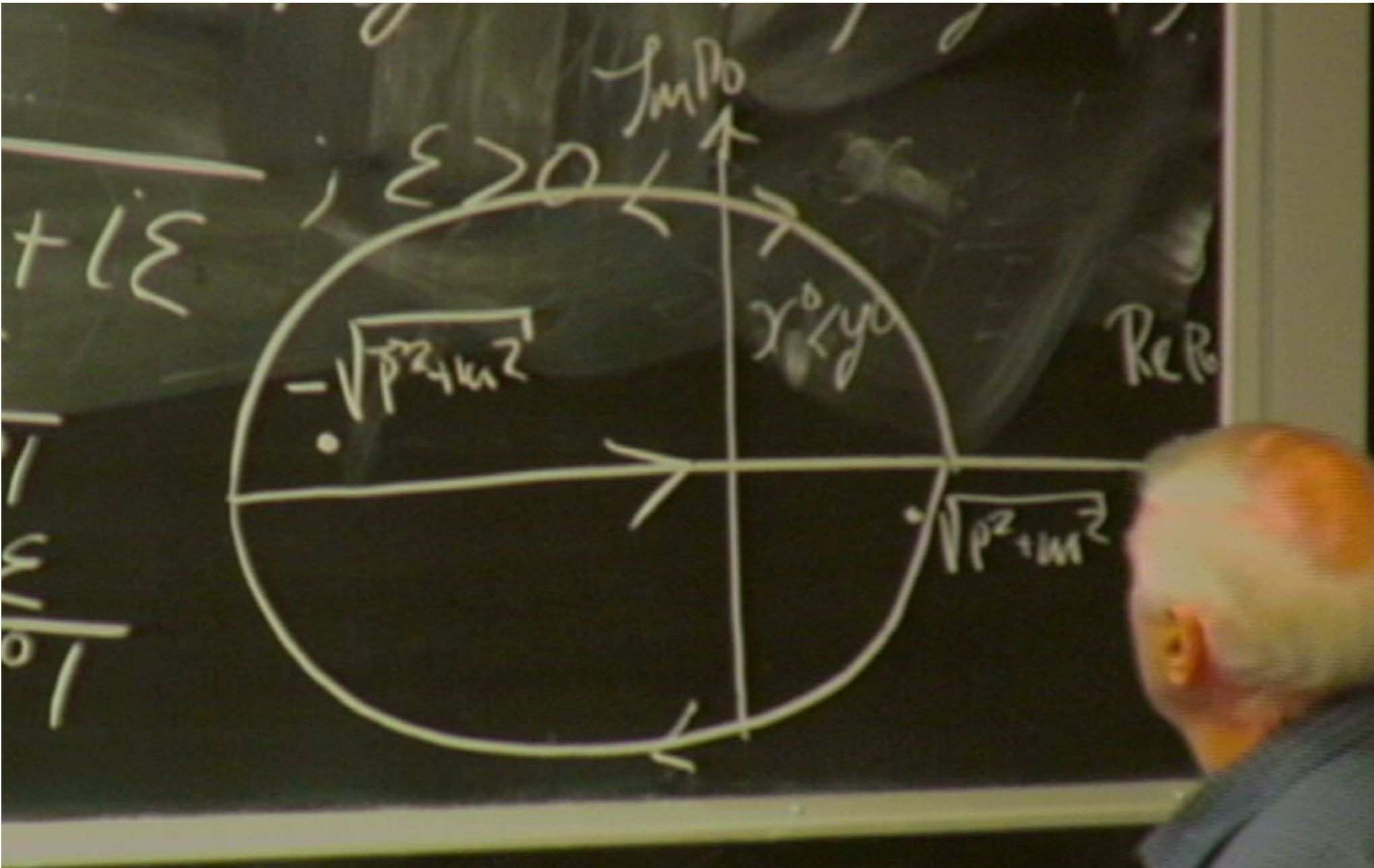
Causal Green's function (or Feynman Propagator)

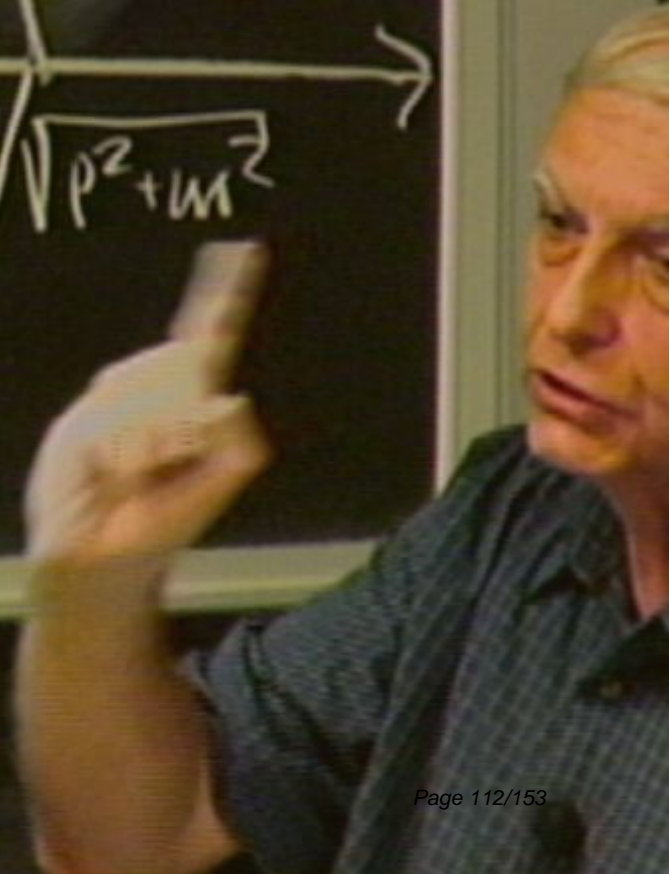
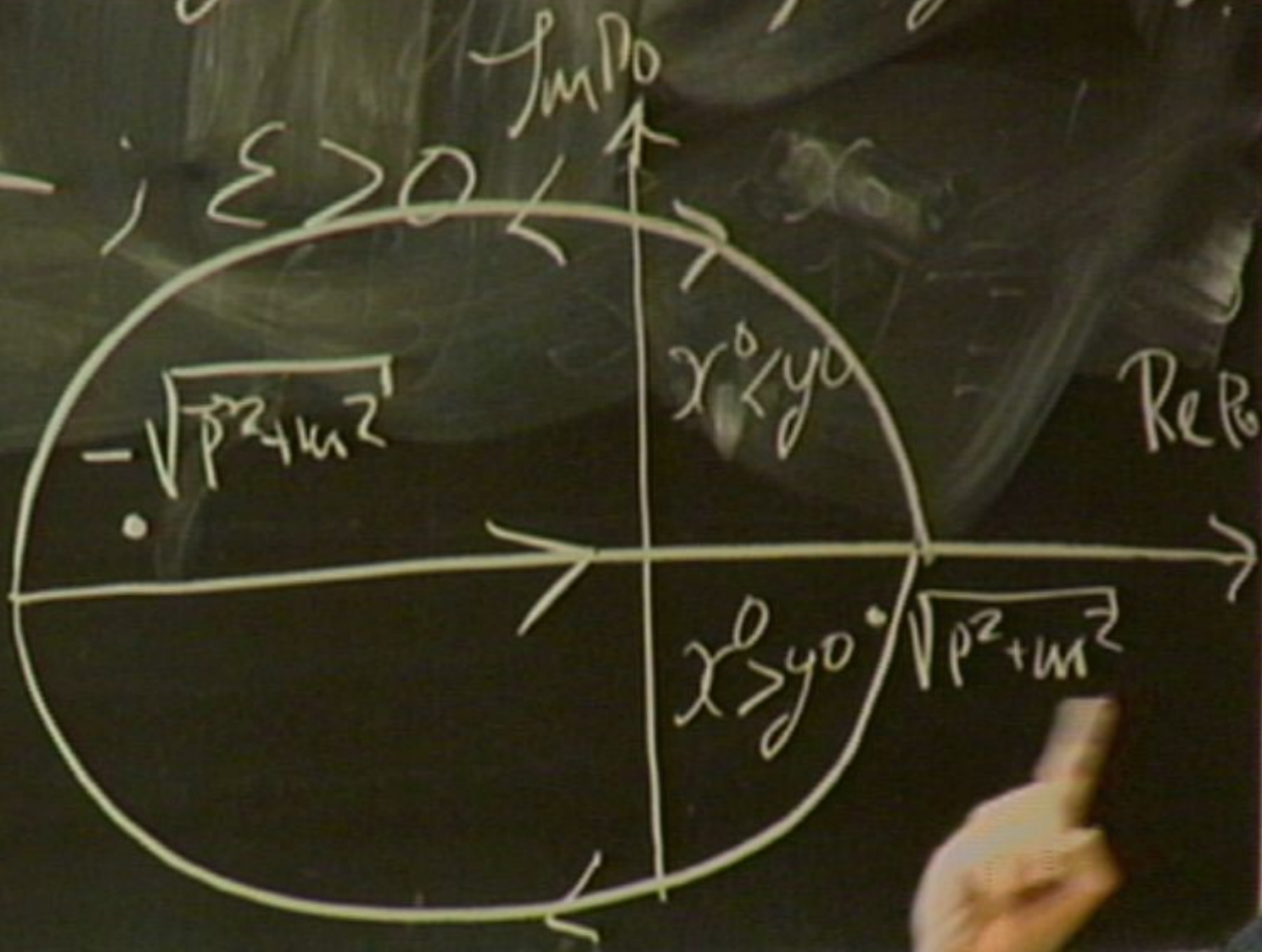
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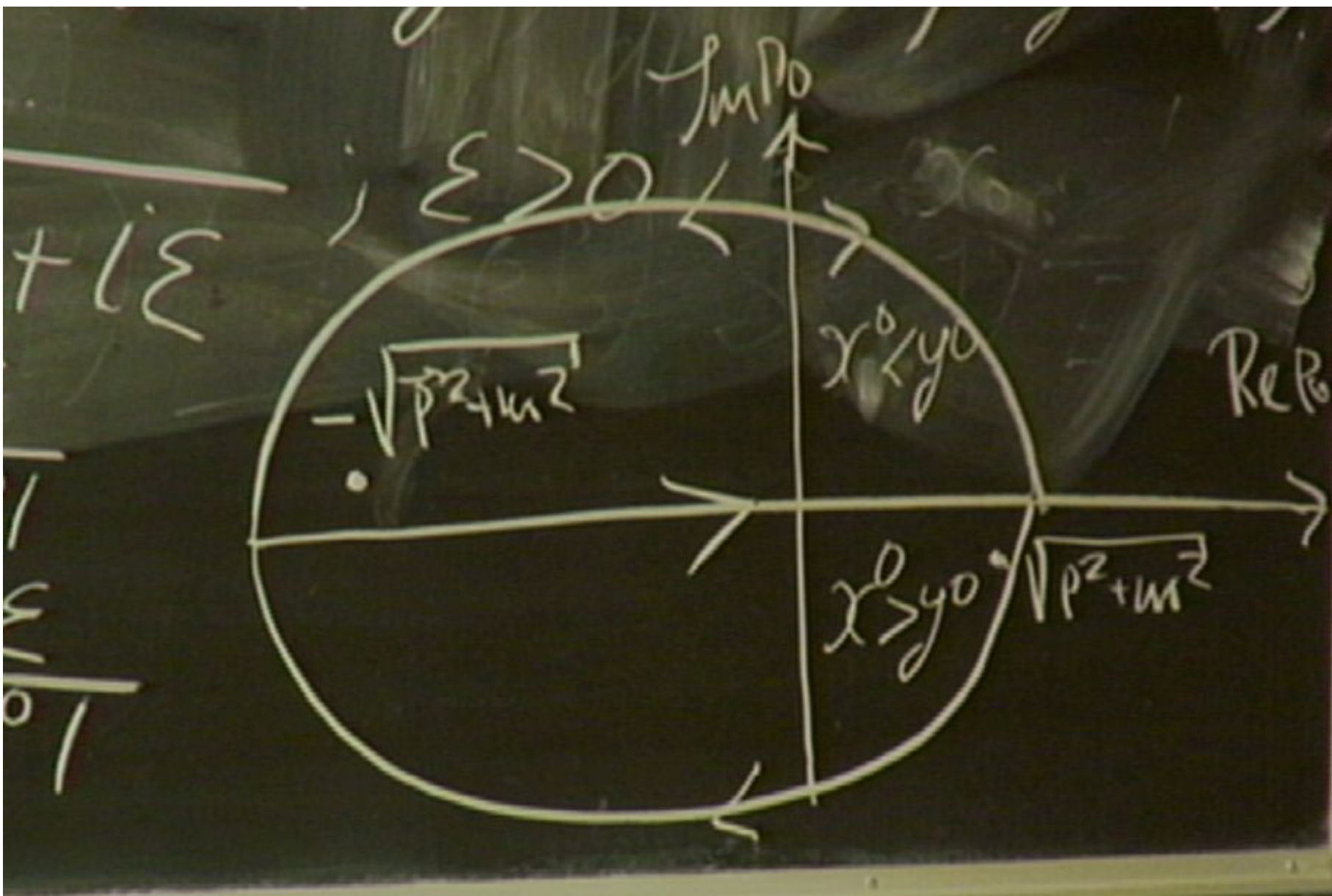












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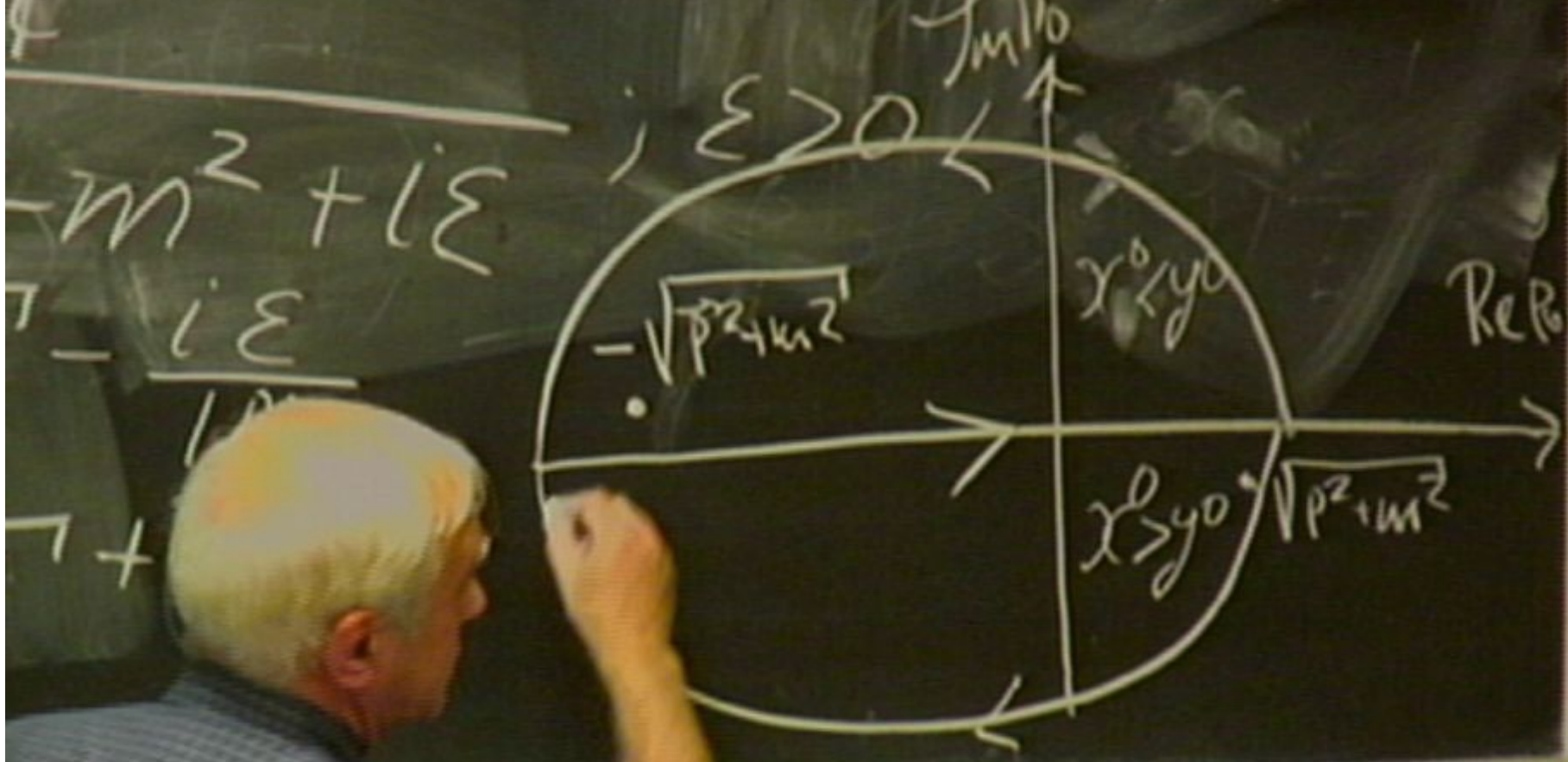
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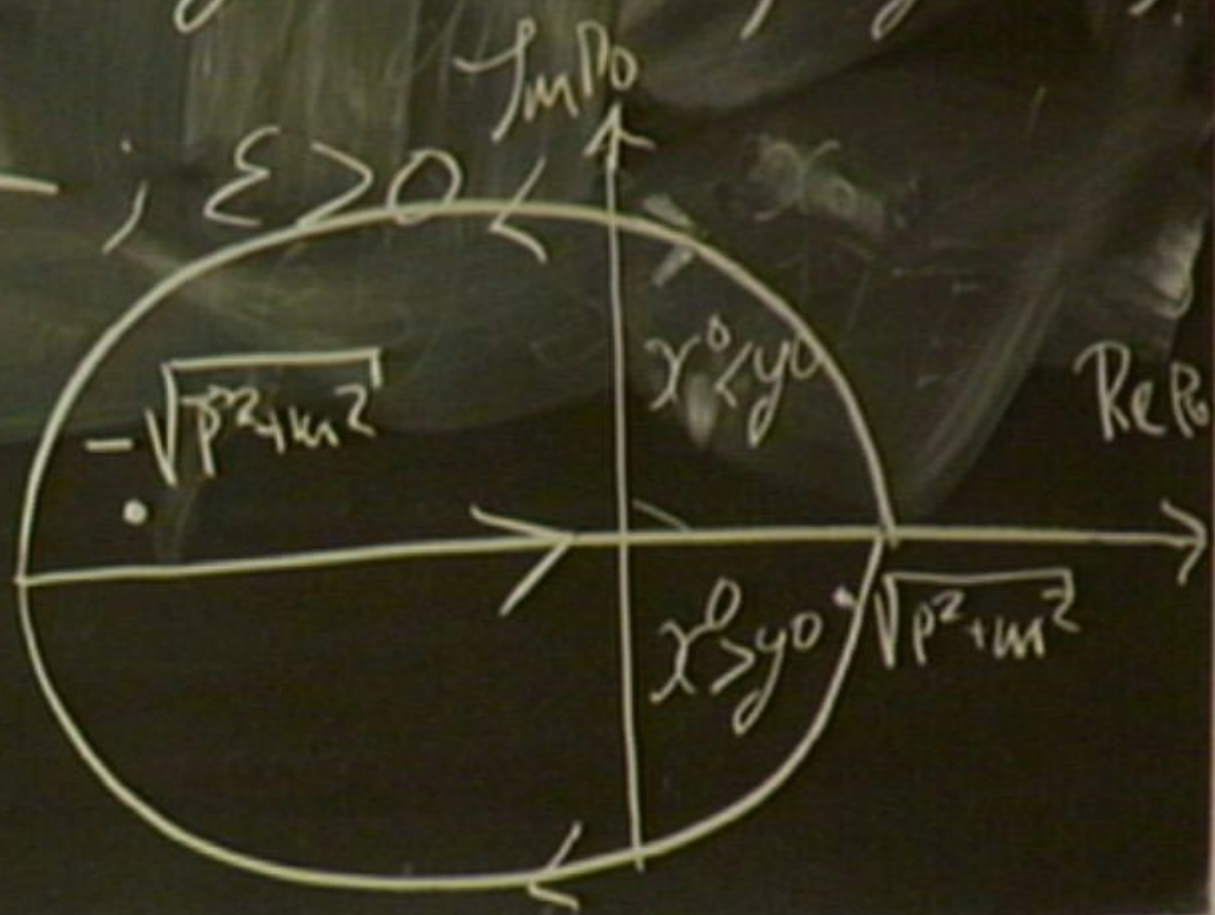


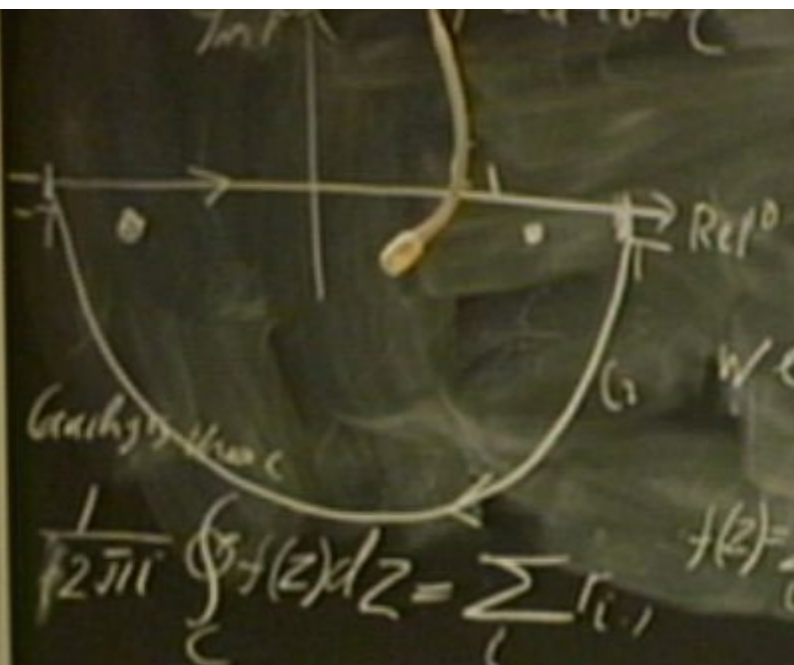
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$$\frac{-m^2 + i\epsilon}{|p^0|}$$

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$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} + \int_{C_2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^0}$$

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We conclude that  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_2} = 0$  and then our integral  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} = 0$

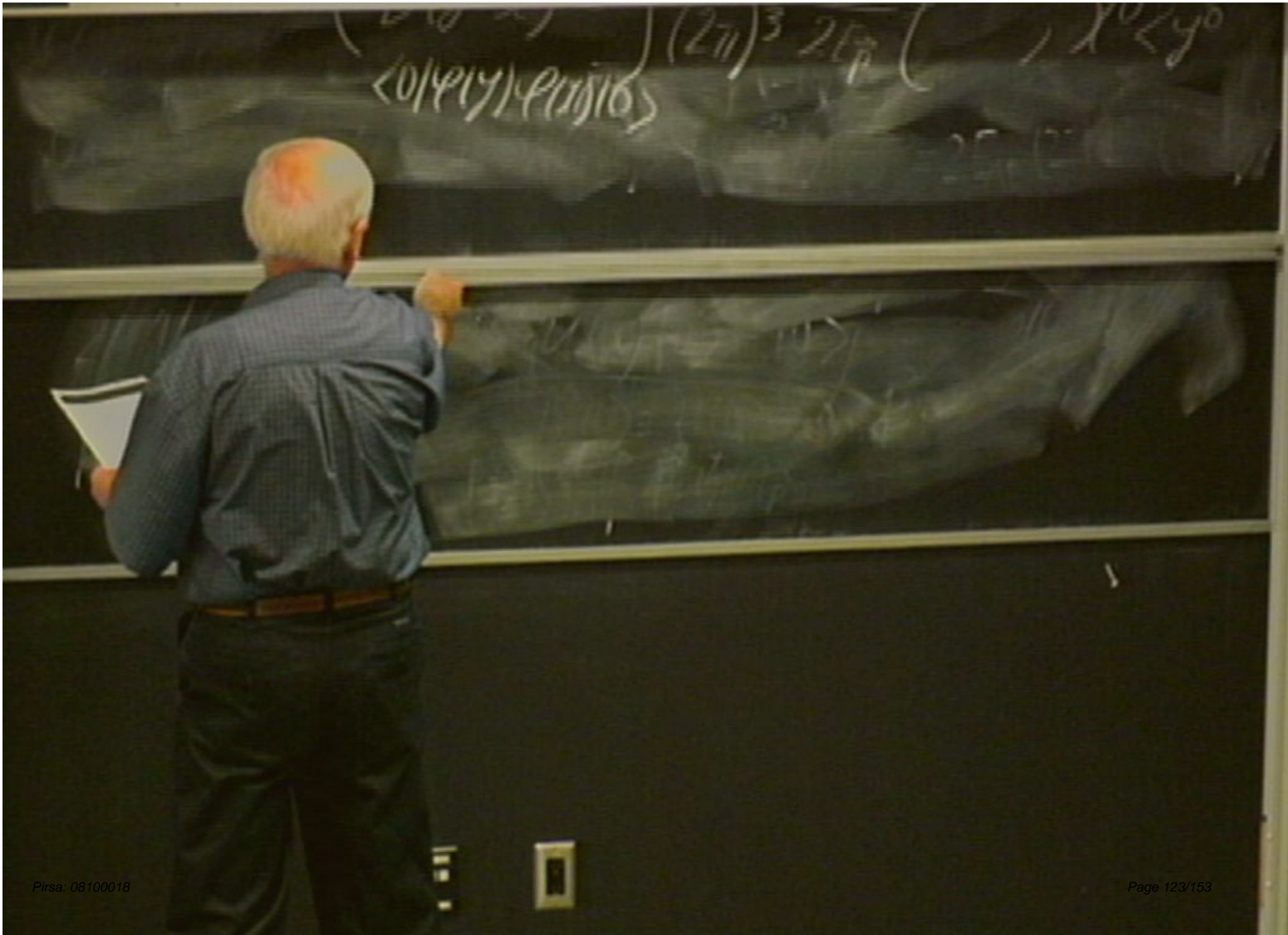
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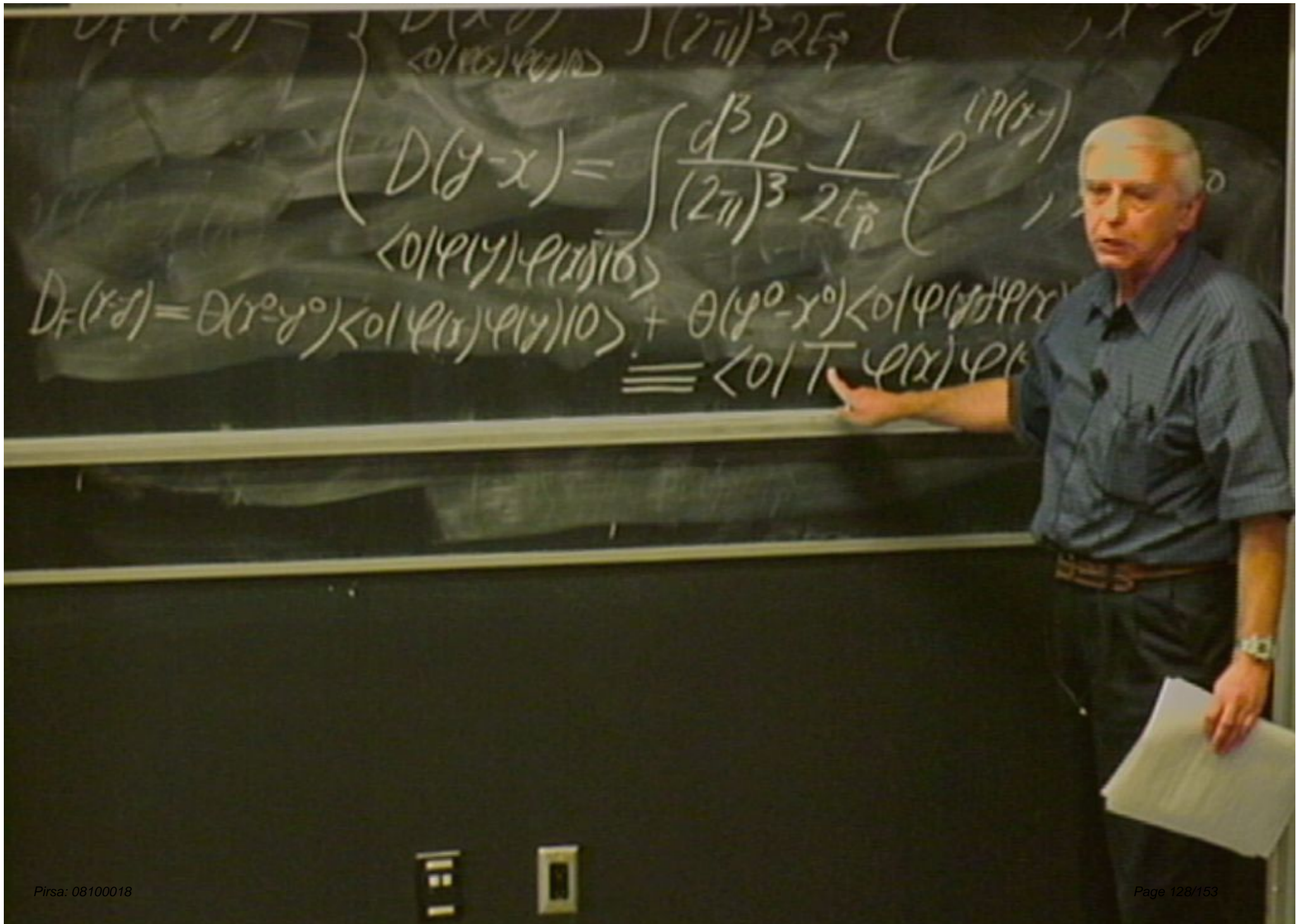
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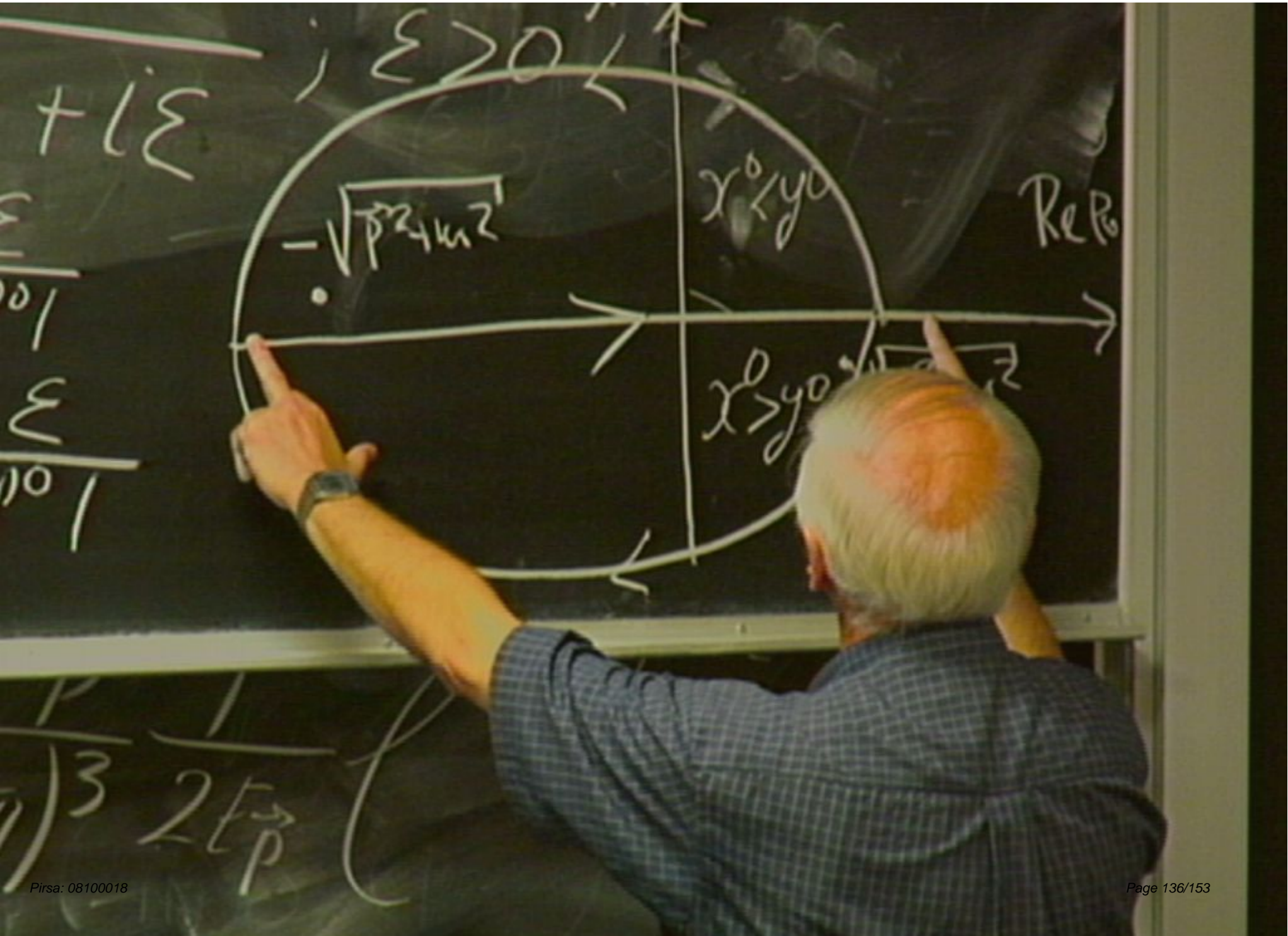
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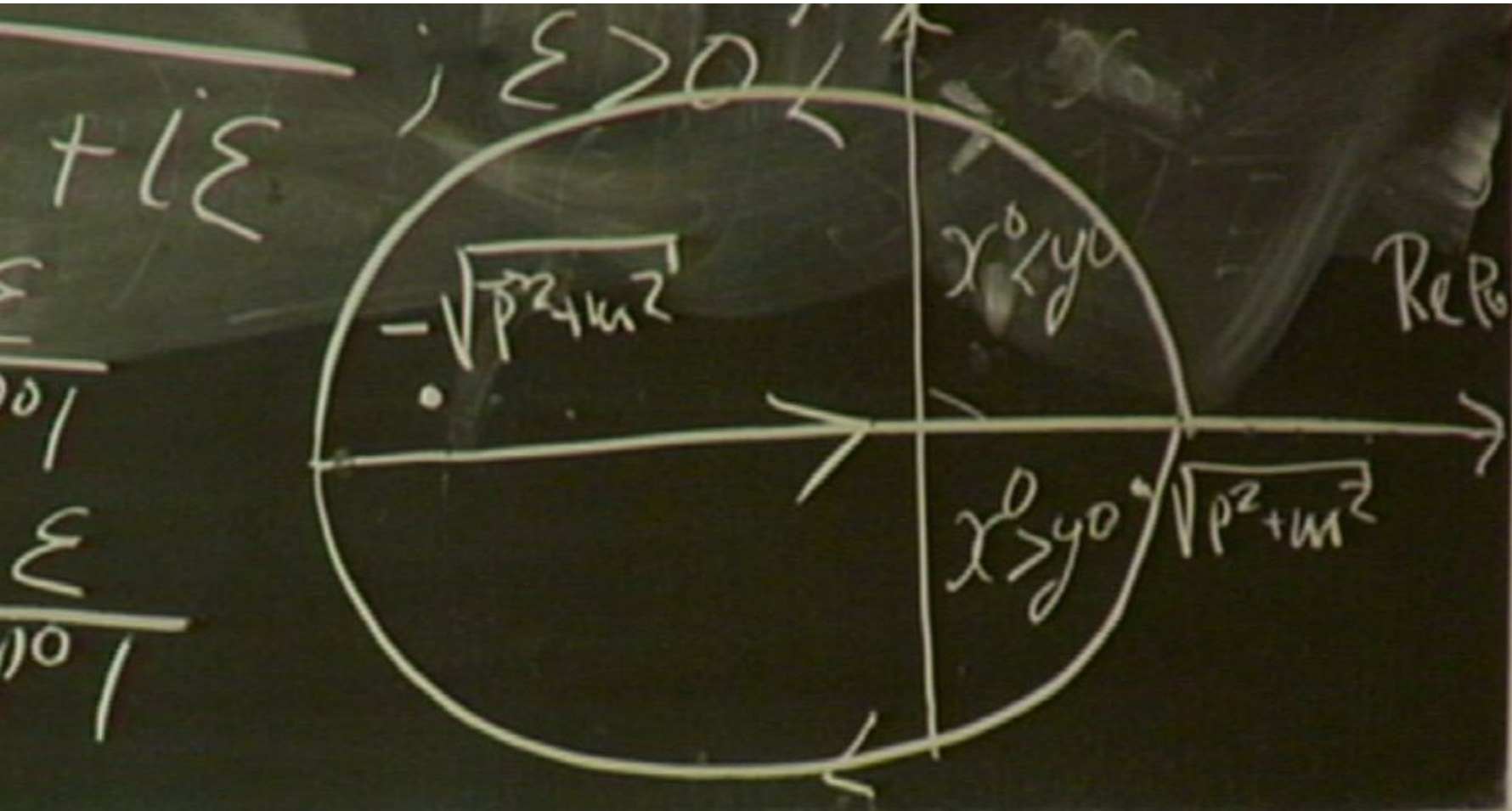
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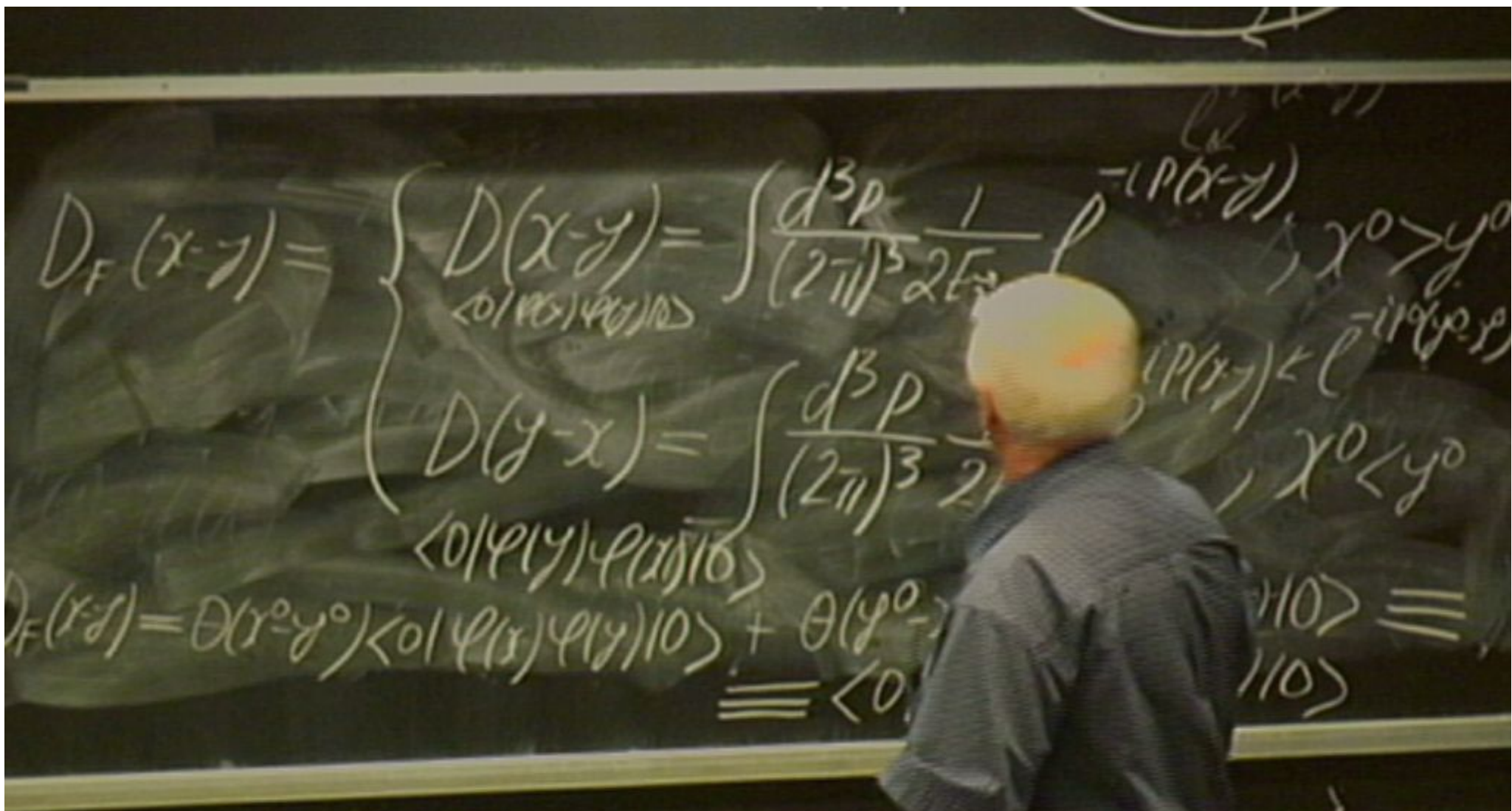
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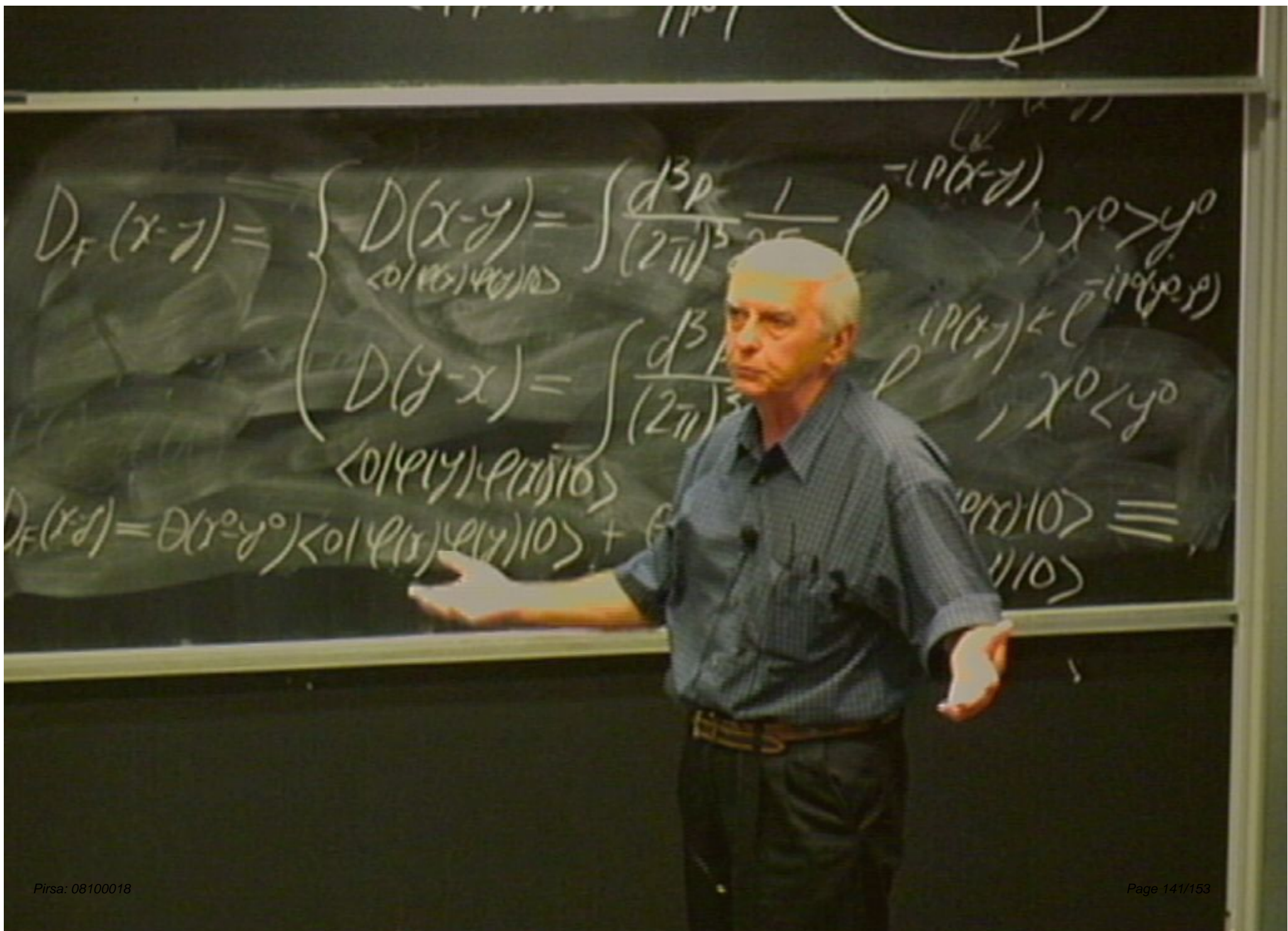
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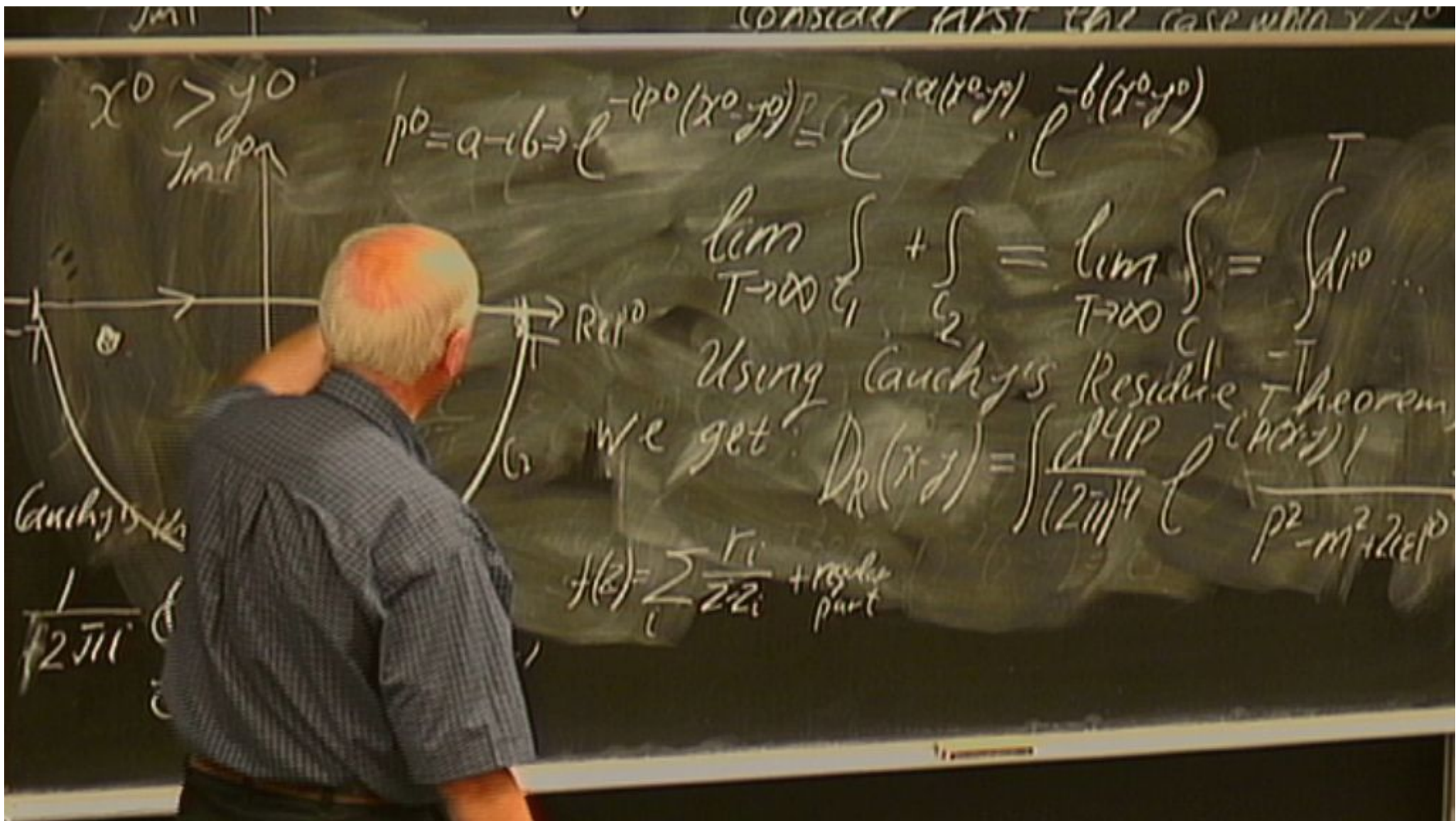


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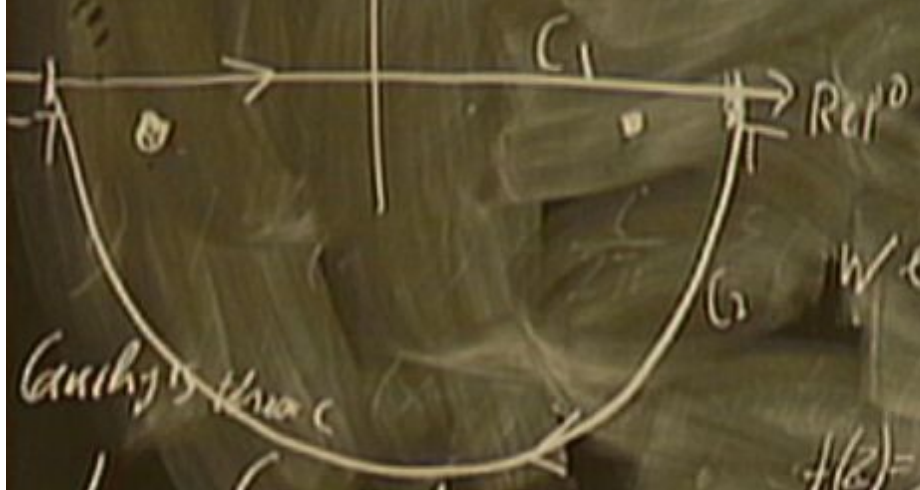
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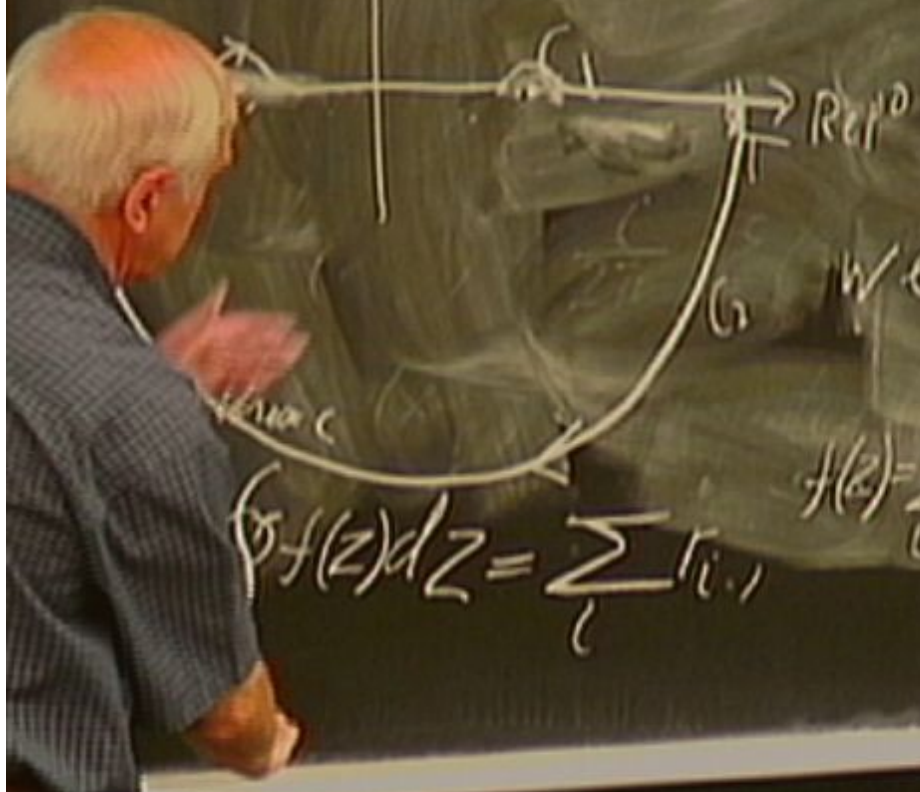
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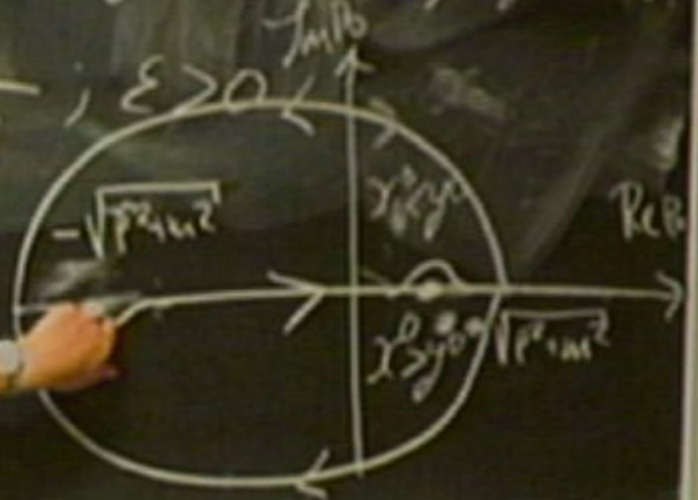
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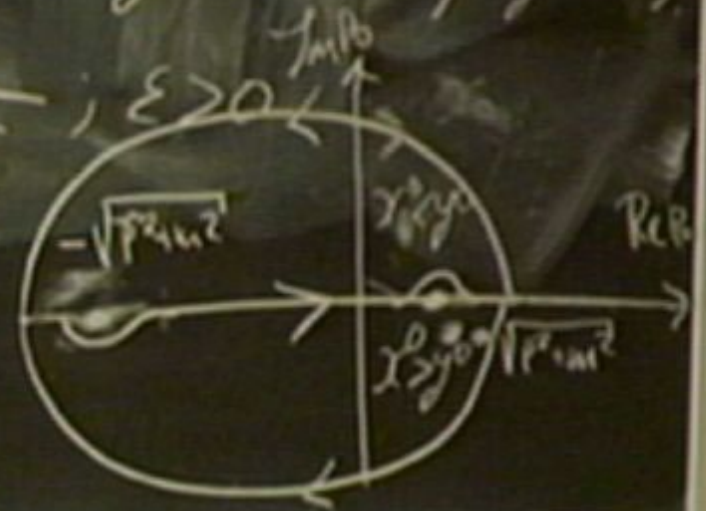
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$$p_{poles}^0 = \frac{-i\epsilon \pm (\vec{p}^2 + m^2 - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2(\vec{p}^2 + m^2)})}{2\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$$

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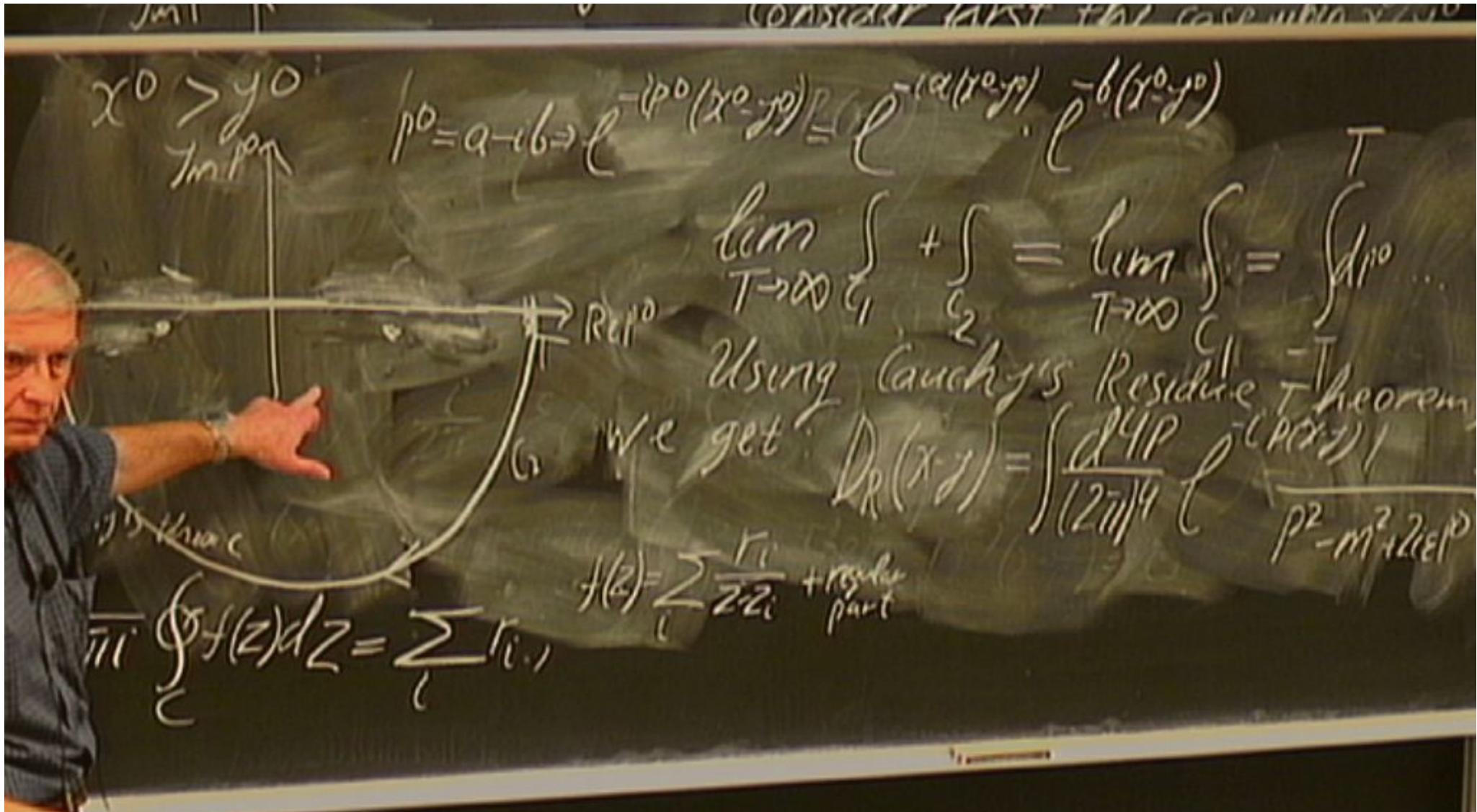
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