

Title: General Relativity for Cosmology - Lecture 16A

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Abstract:



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Causal Structure & "Singularities"

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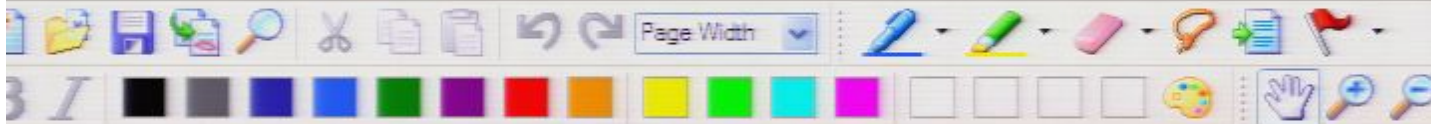
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recall: includes null curves.

□ In Minkowski space: $J^+(S) = I^+(S) + \dot{I}^+(S)$



← Recall: $I^+(S)$ is the boundary of $I(S)$

Properties of $I^+(S)$, in general?

□ Definition:

A subset $Q \subset M$ is called
"achronal"

if no two points in Q can be connected by a future-directed time-like curve, i.e., by a curve that, e.g., a clock (with mass) could travel. Thus, $Q \subset M$ is achronal iff:

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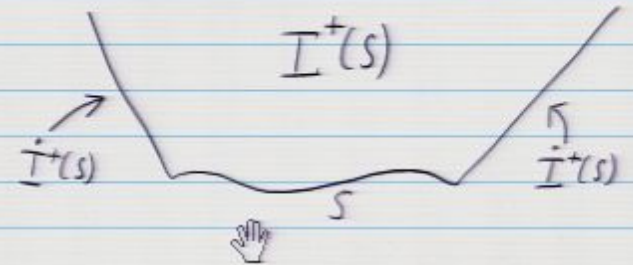
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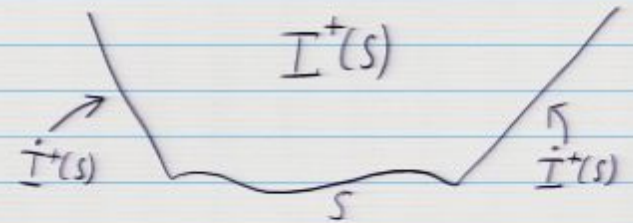


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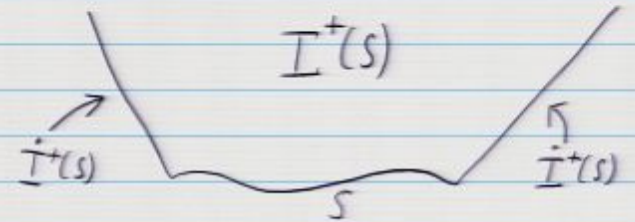


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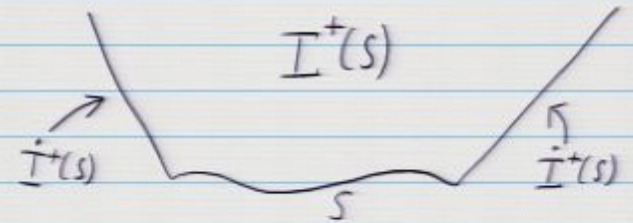


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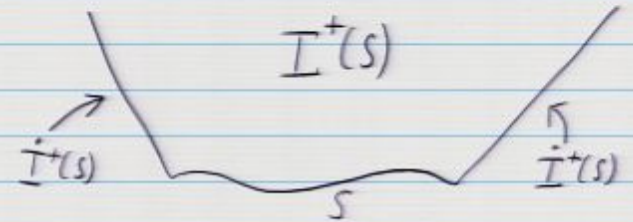


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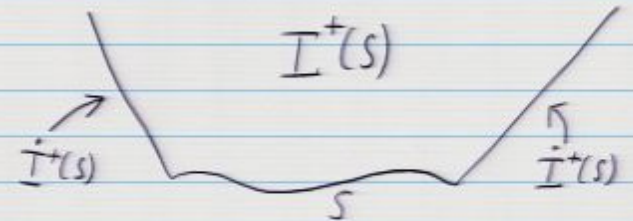
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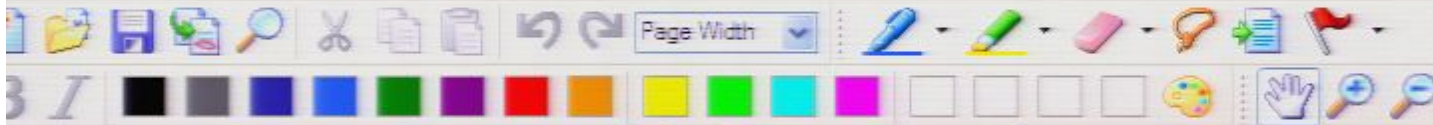
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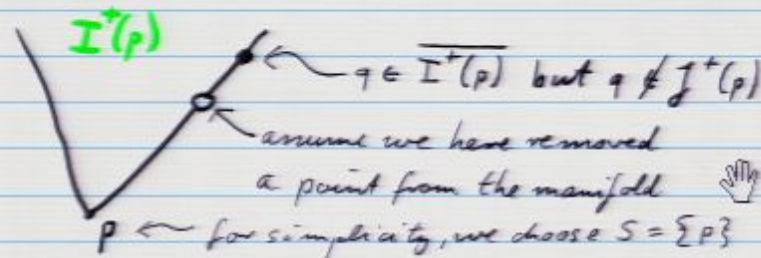
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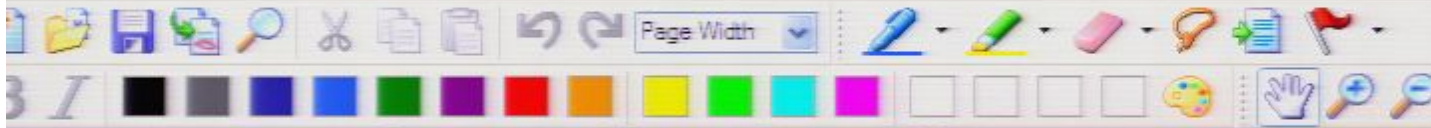
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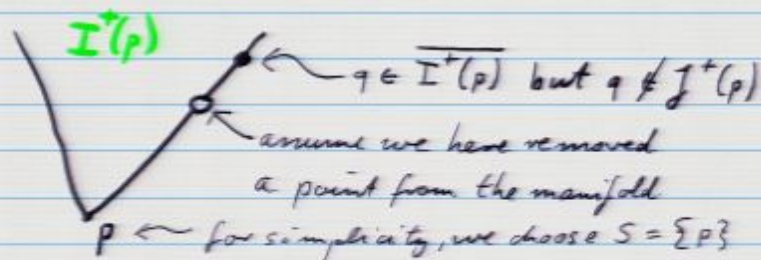
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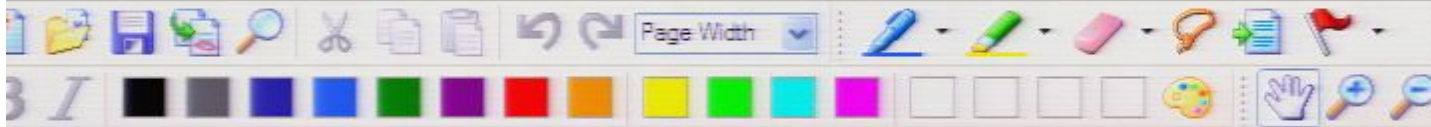
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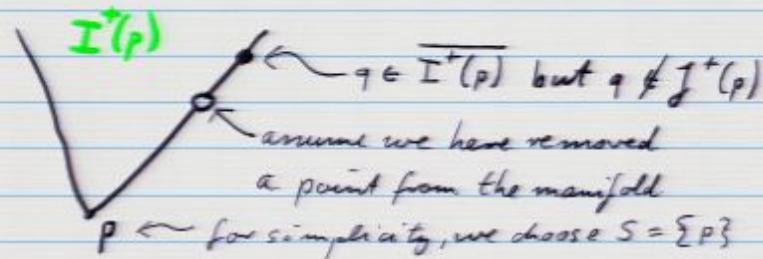
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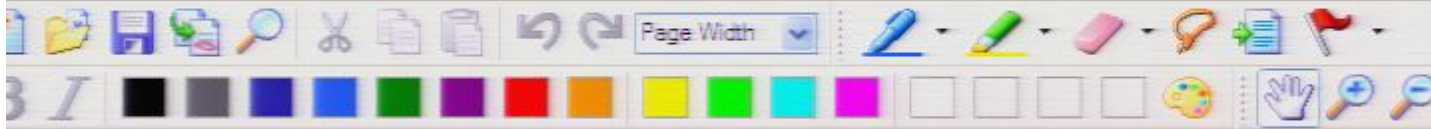
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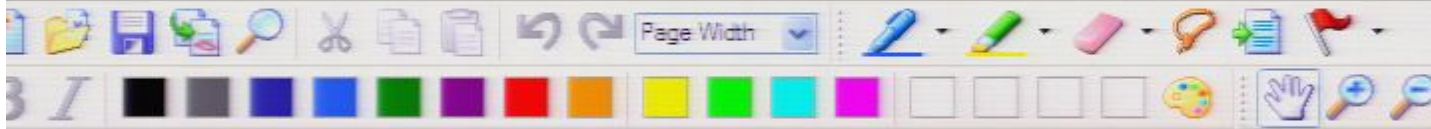
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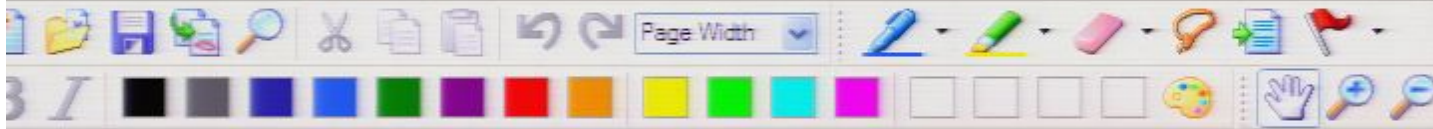
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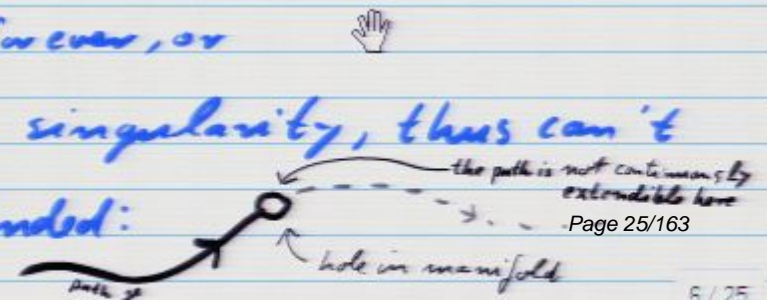
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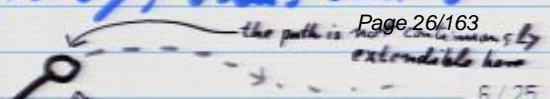


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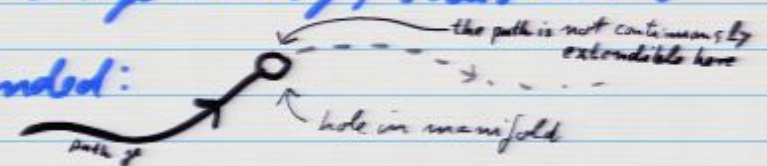
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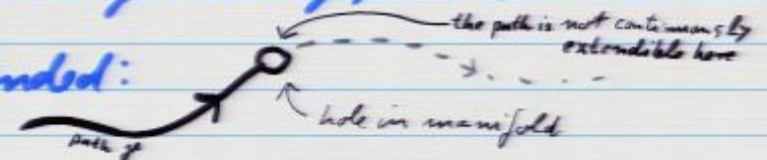
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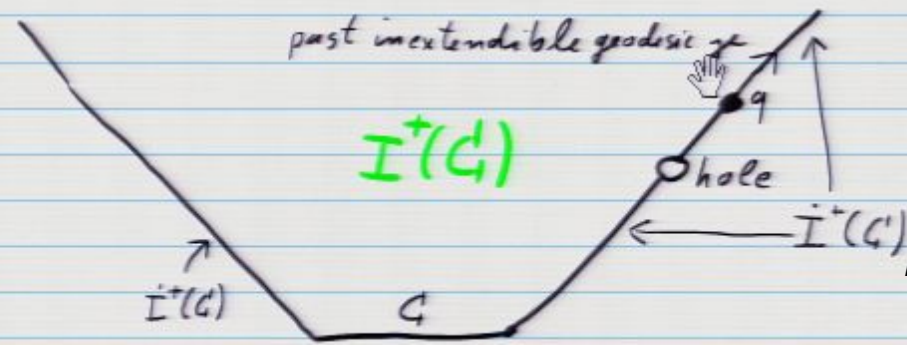
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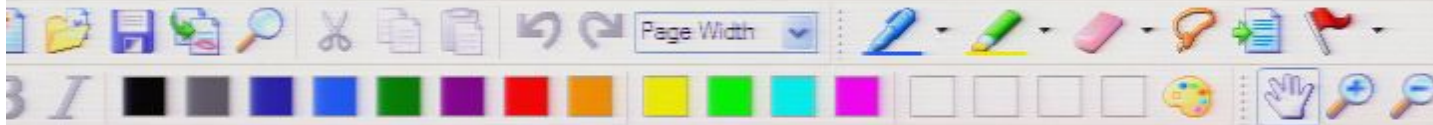
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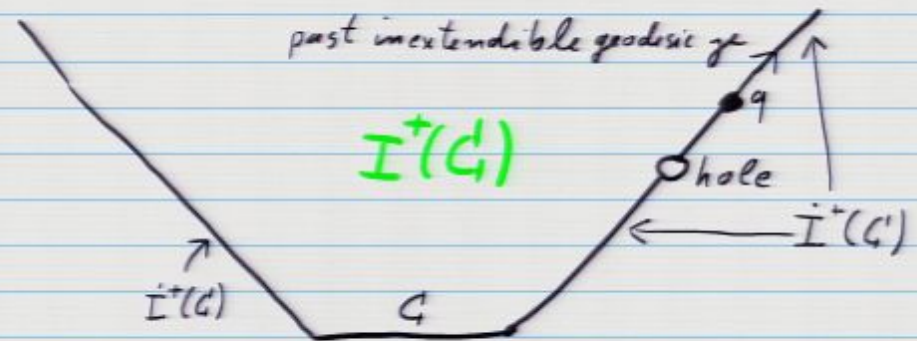
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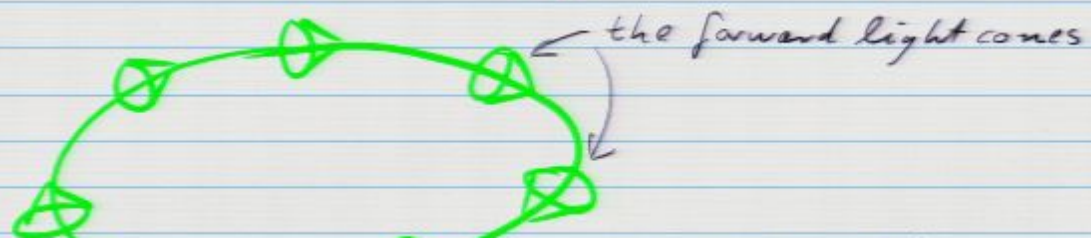
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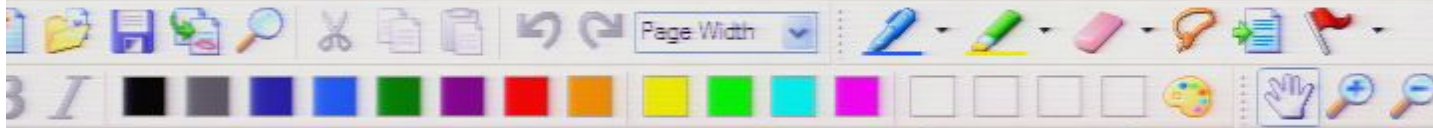
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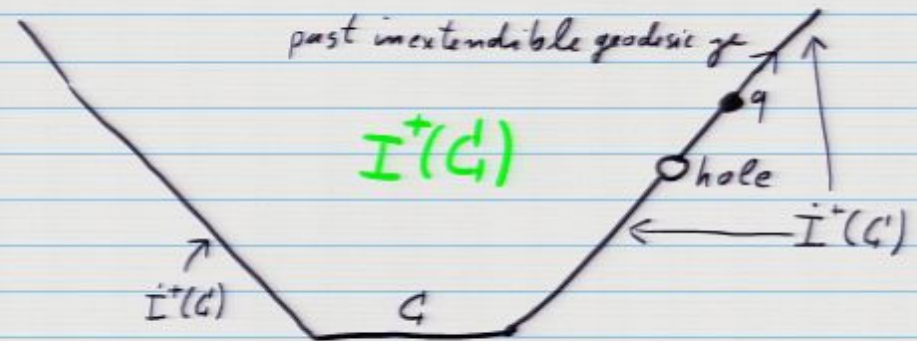
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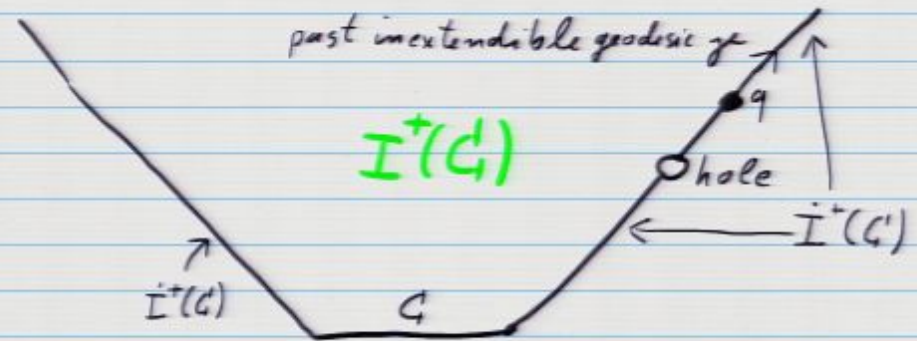
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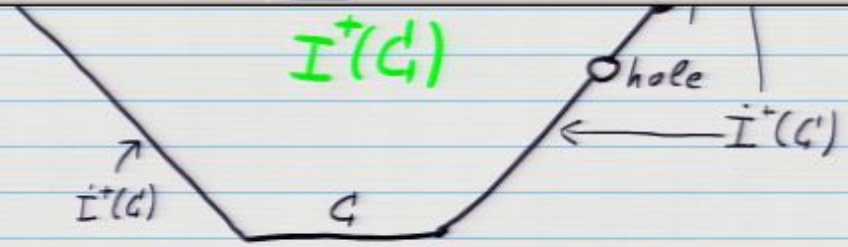
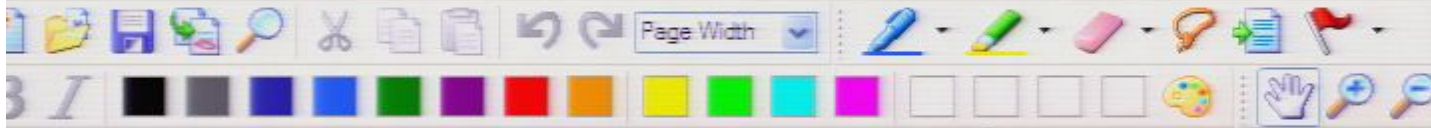
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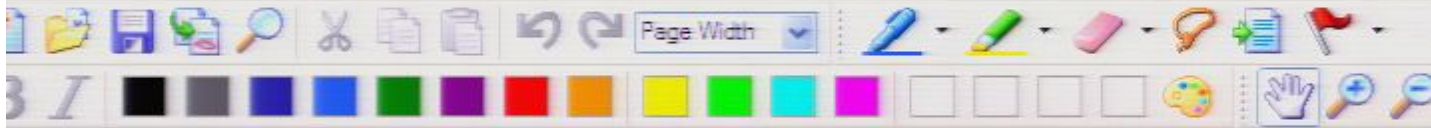
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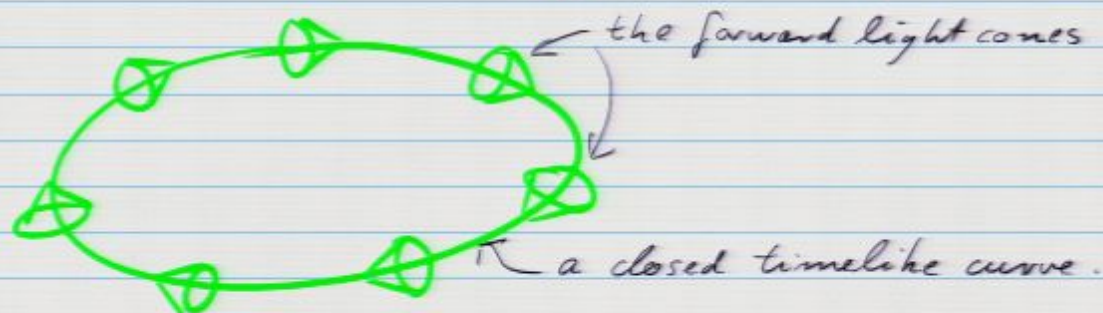


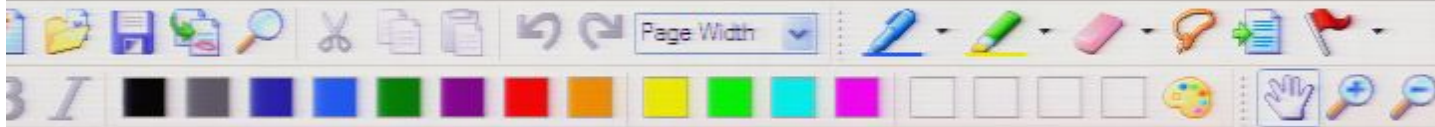
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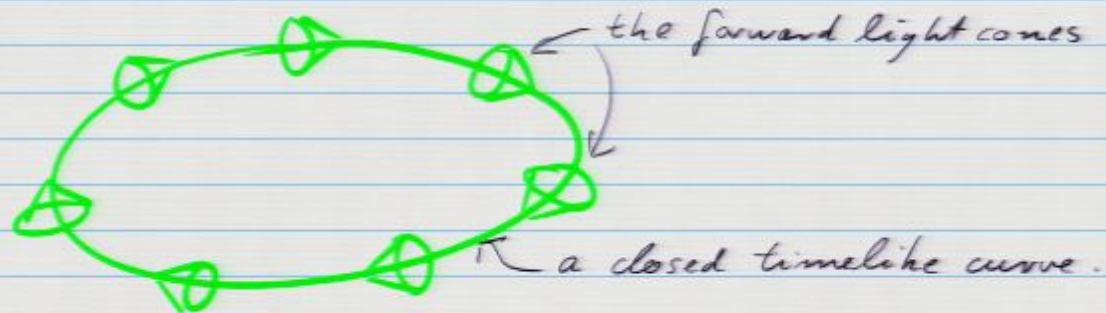


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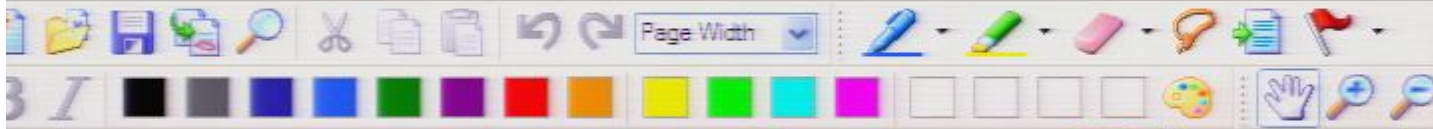
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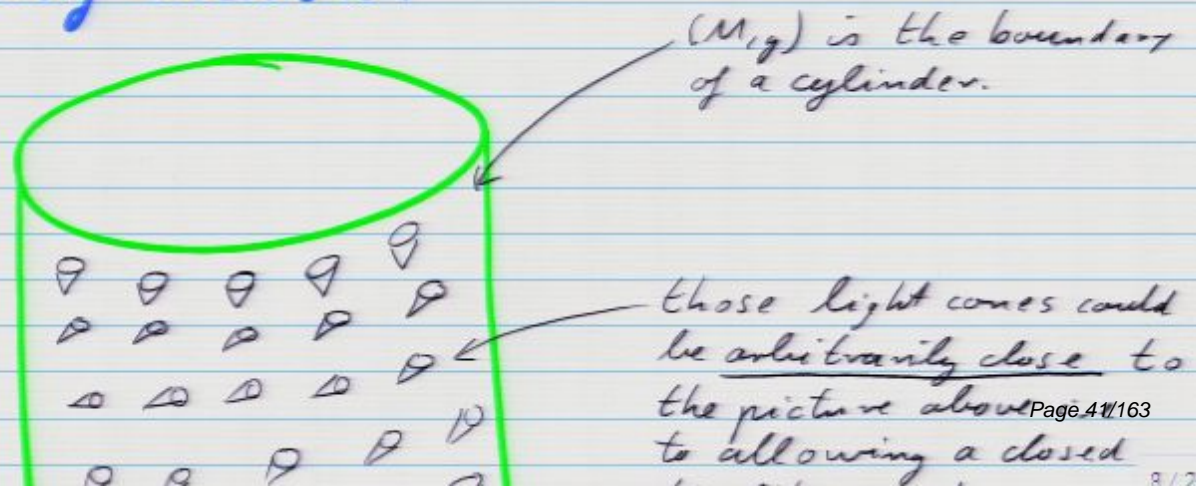


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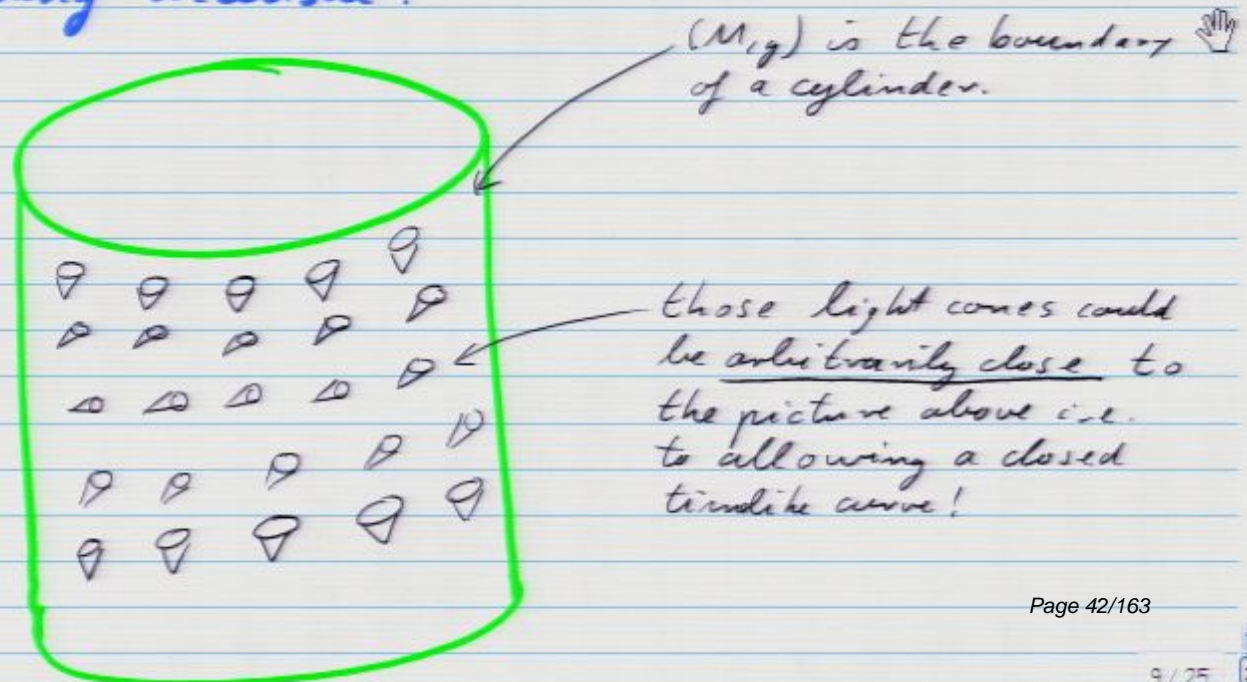


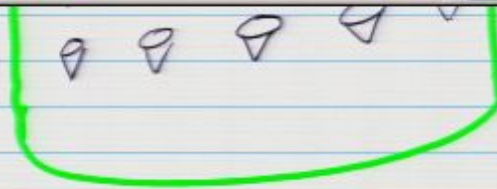
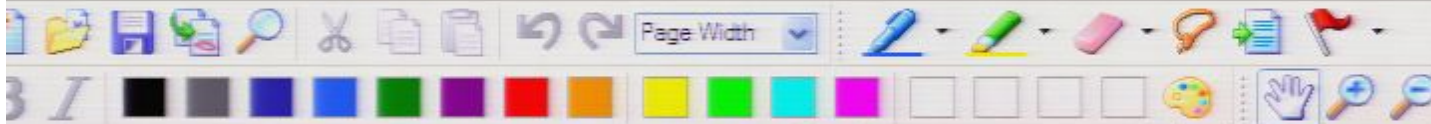


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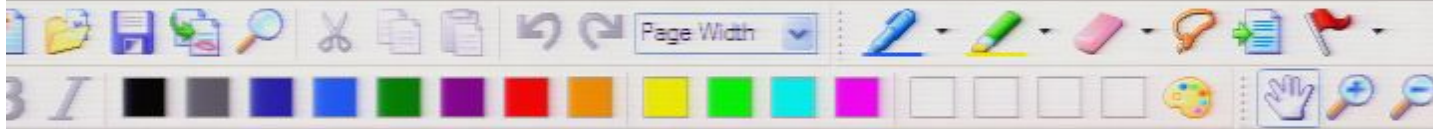
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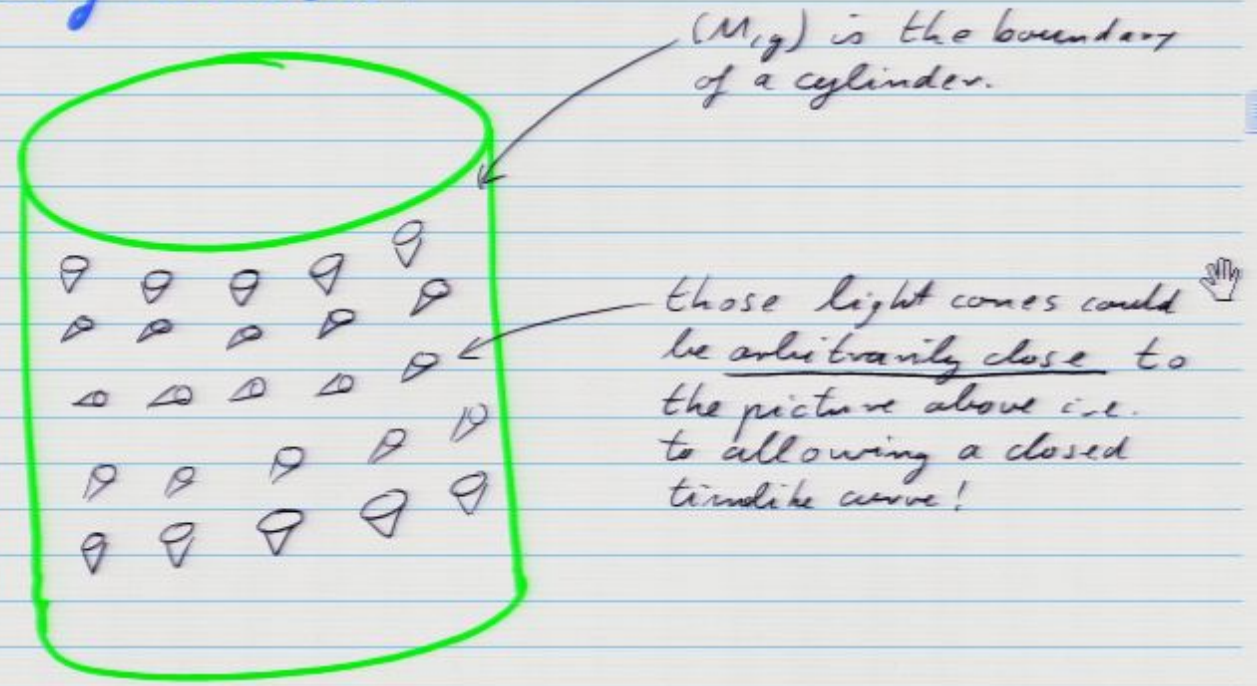
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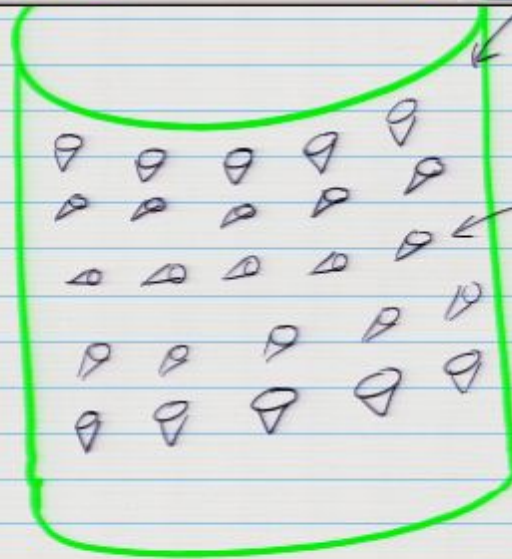
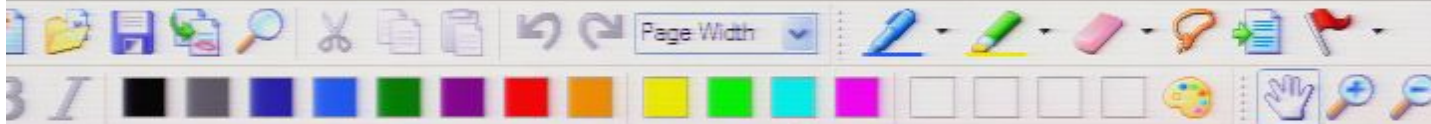
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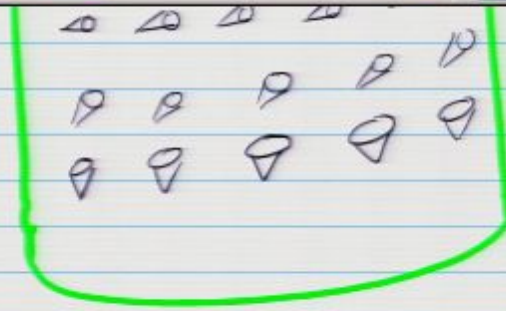
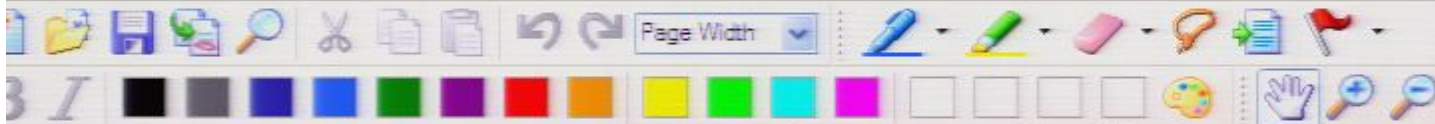


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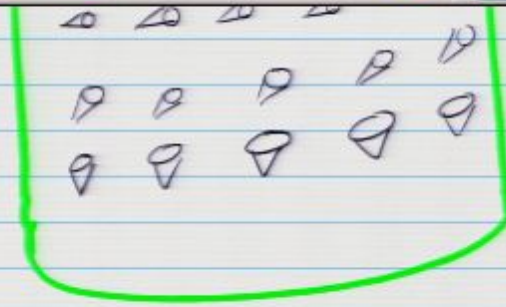
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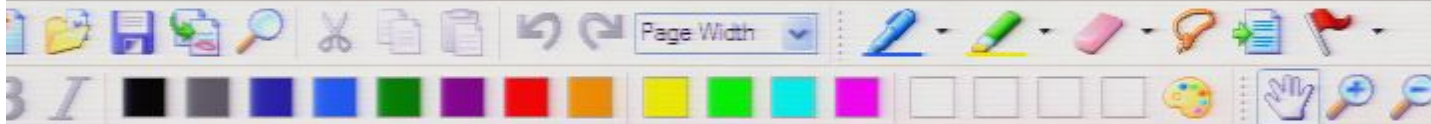
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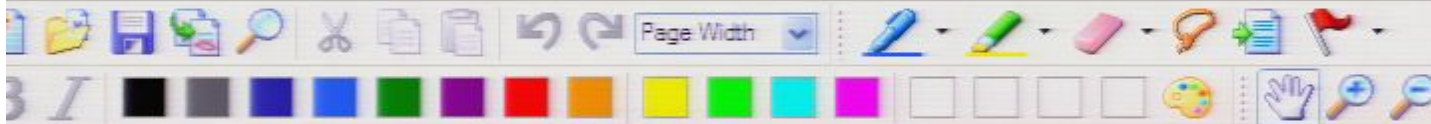
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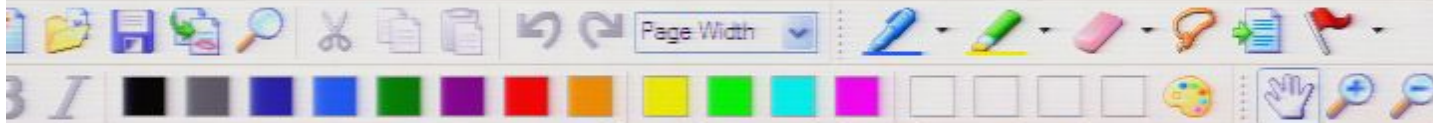
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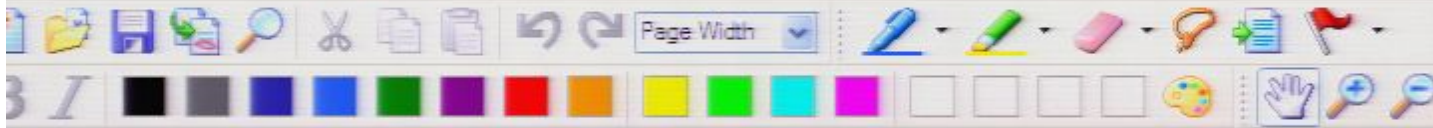
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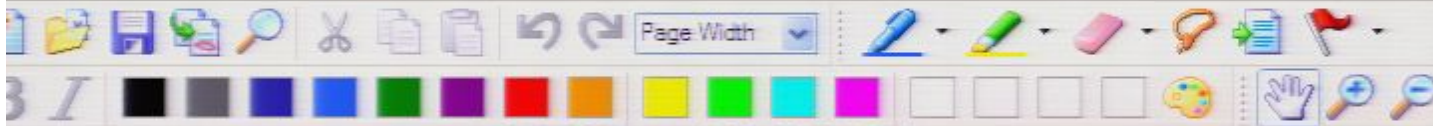
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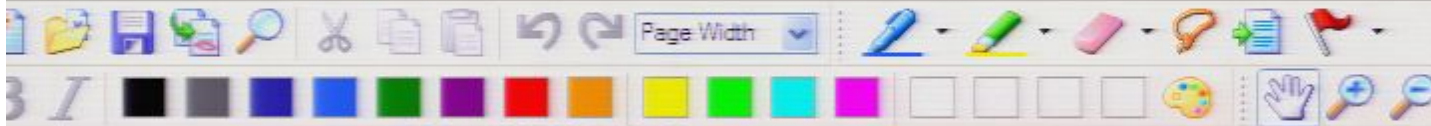
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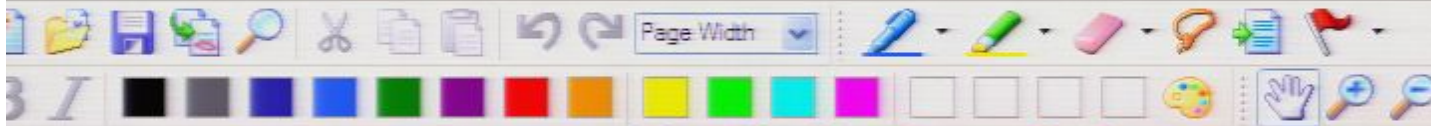
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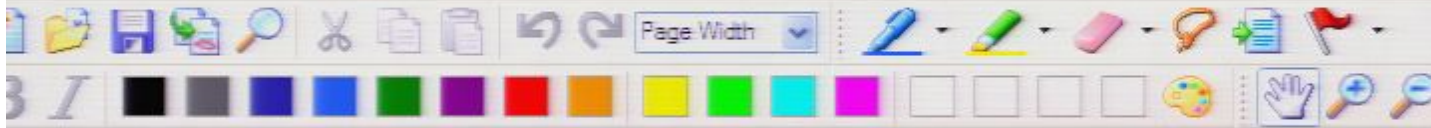
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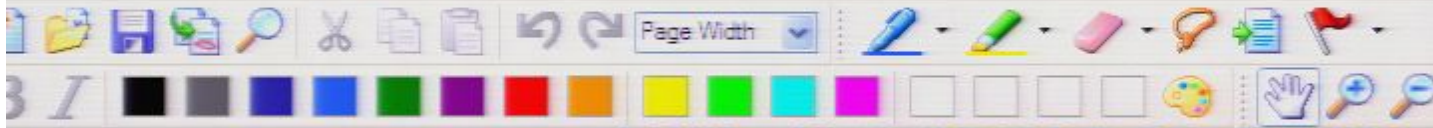
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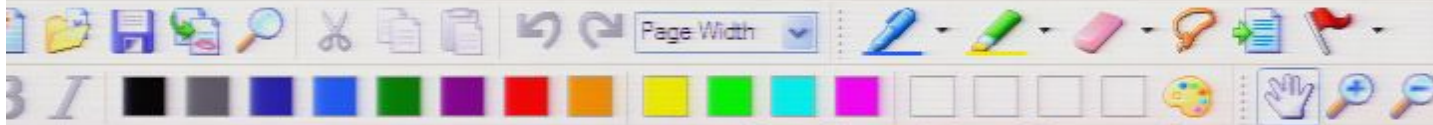
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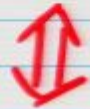


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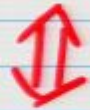


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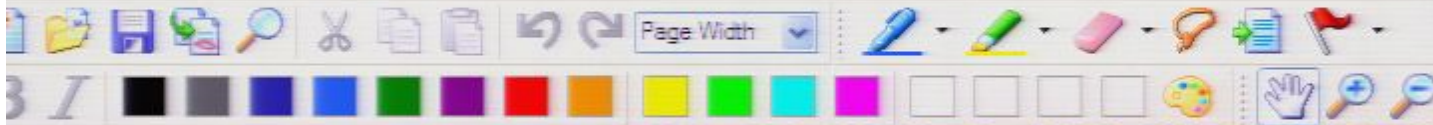
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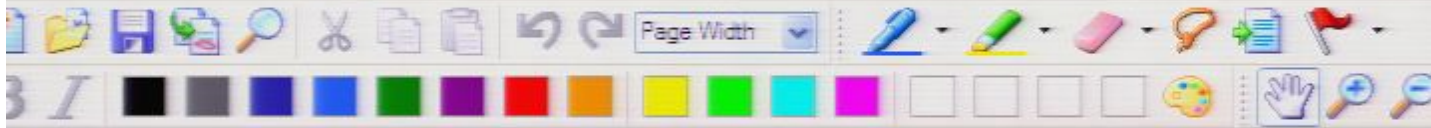
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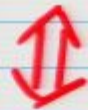
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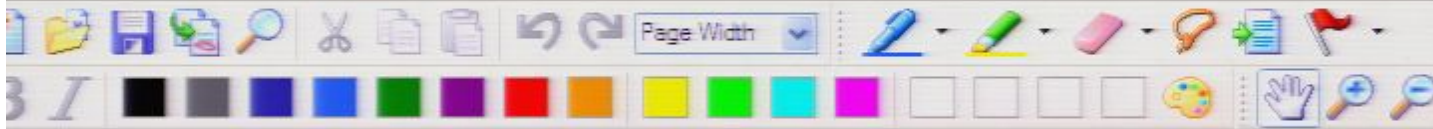
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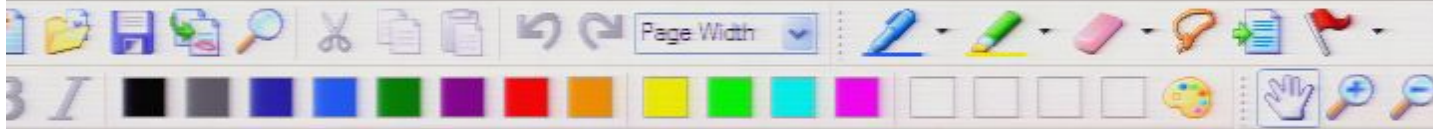
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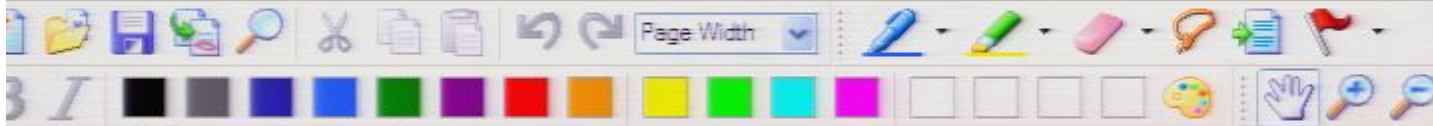
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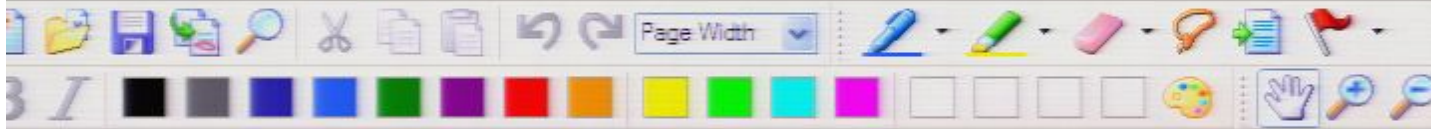


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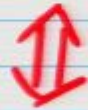
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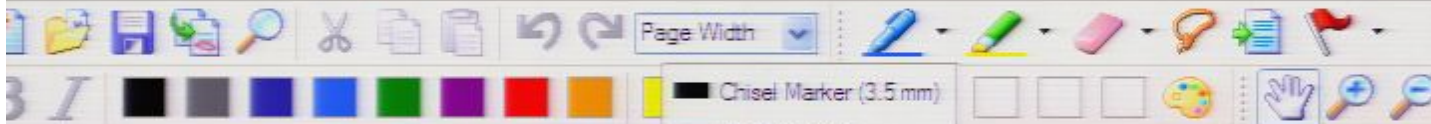
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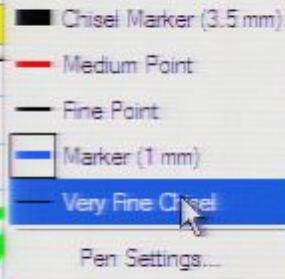
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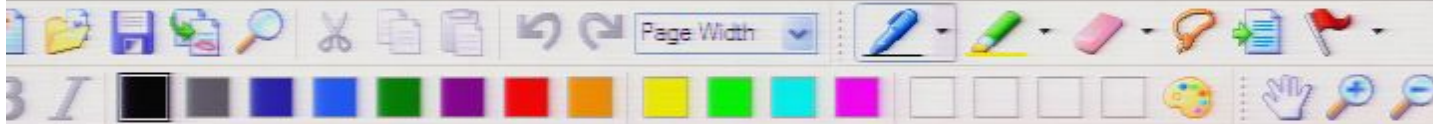


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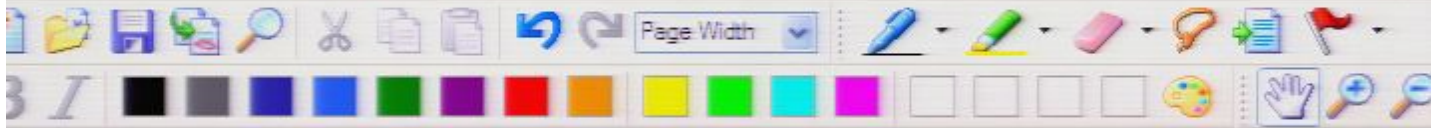
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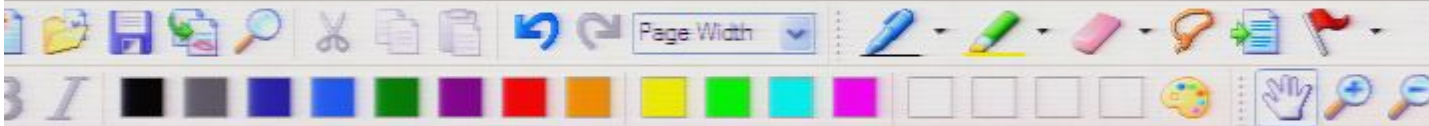
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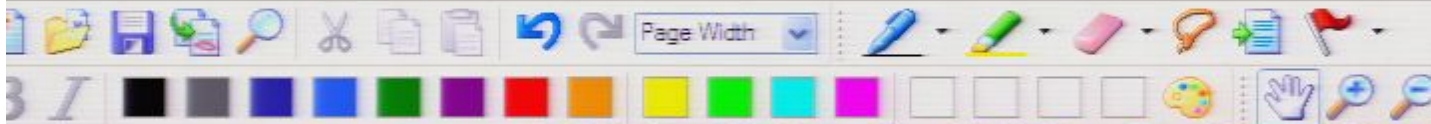
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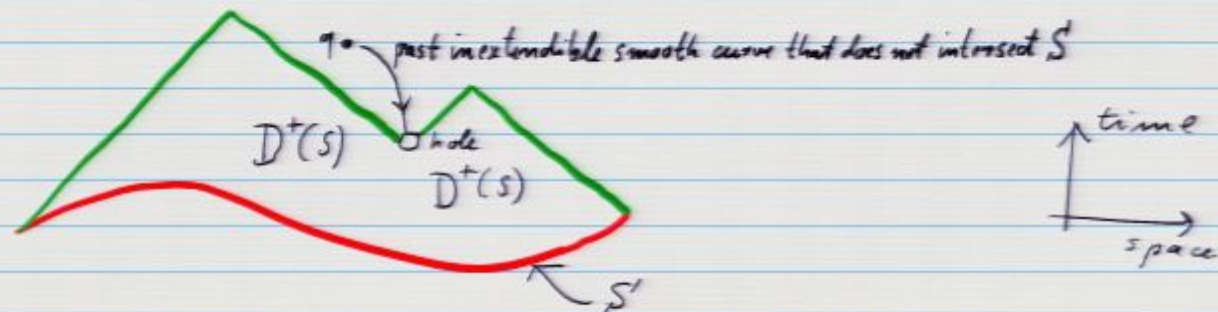
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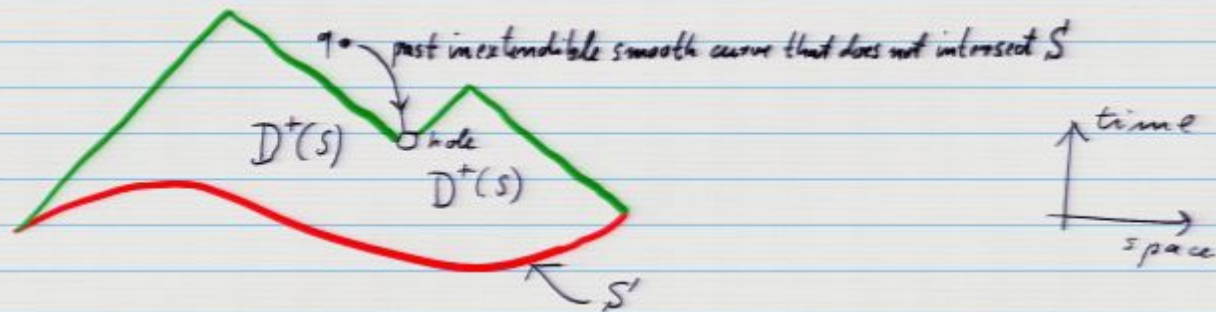
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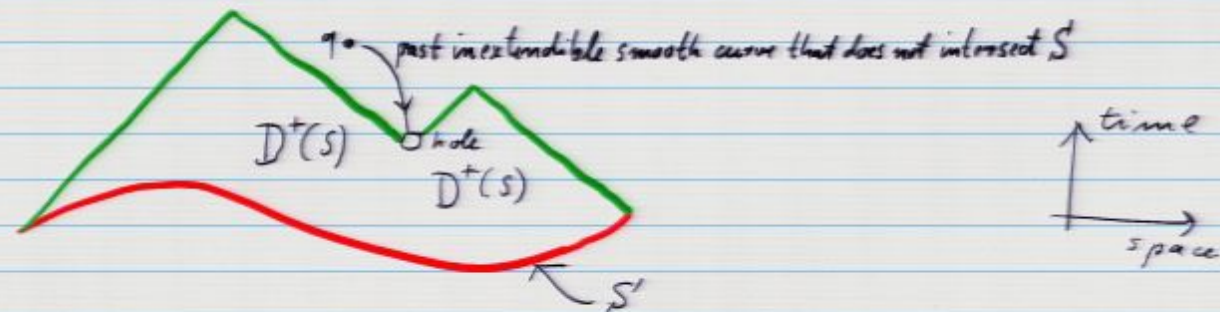
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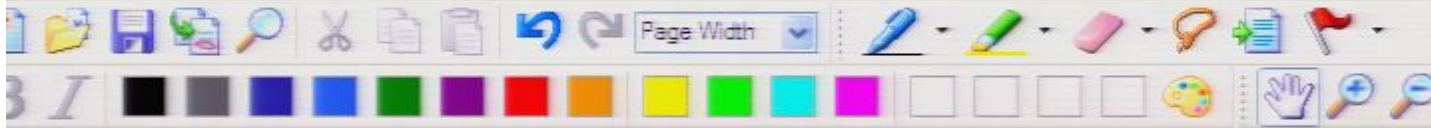
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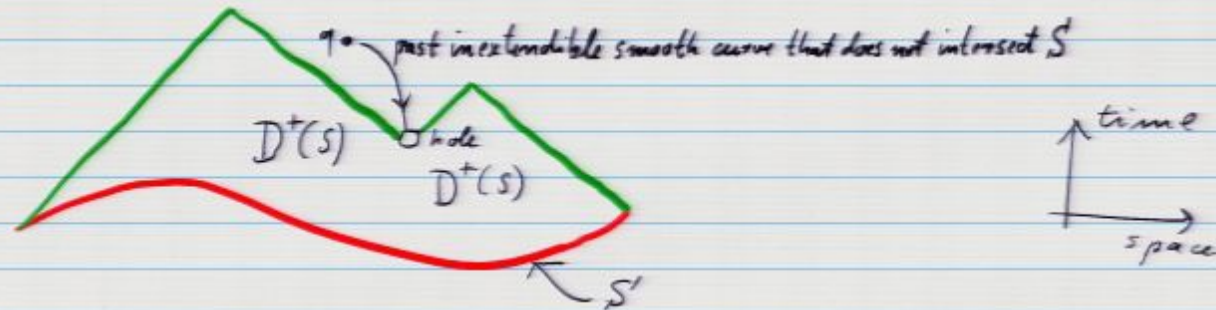


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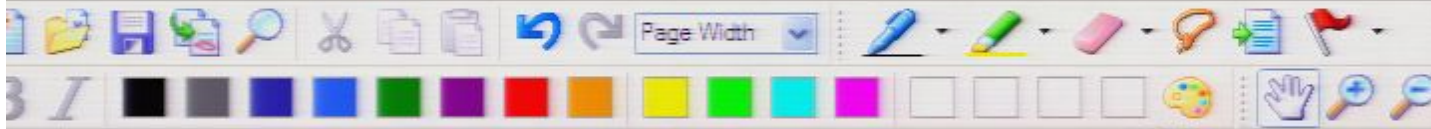
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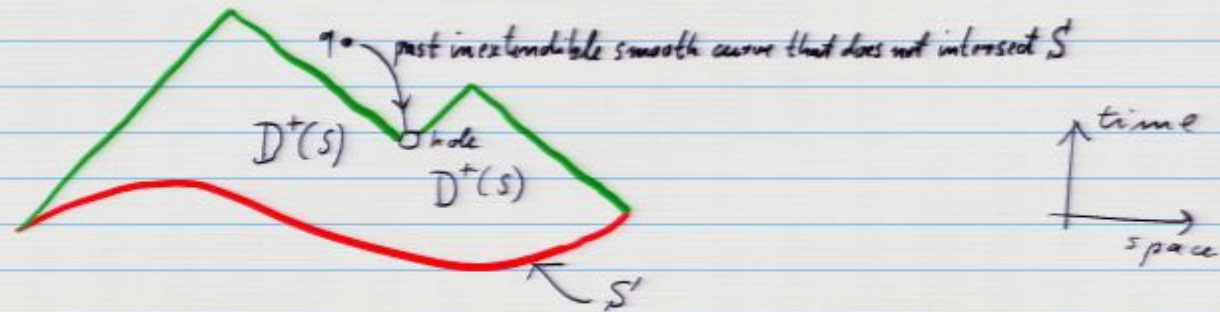
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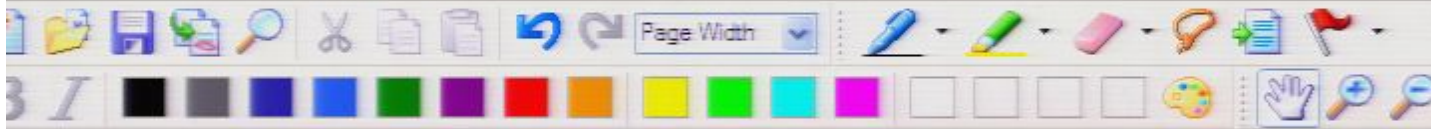


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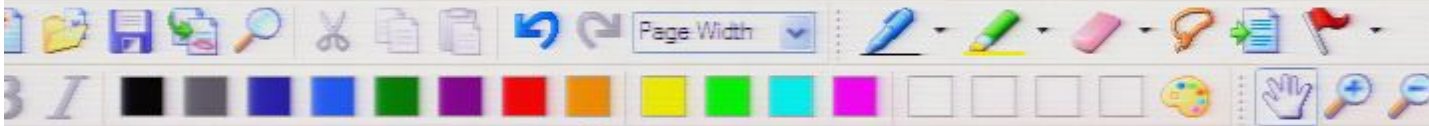
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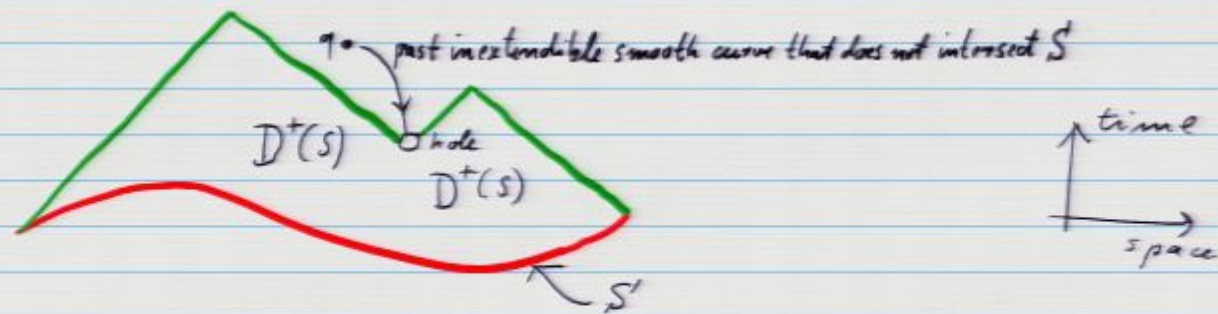
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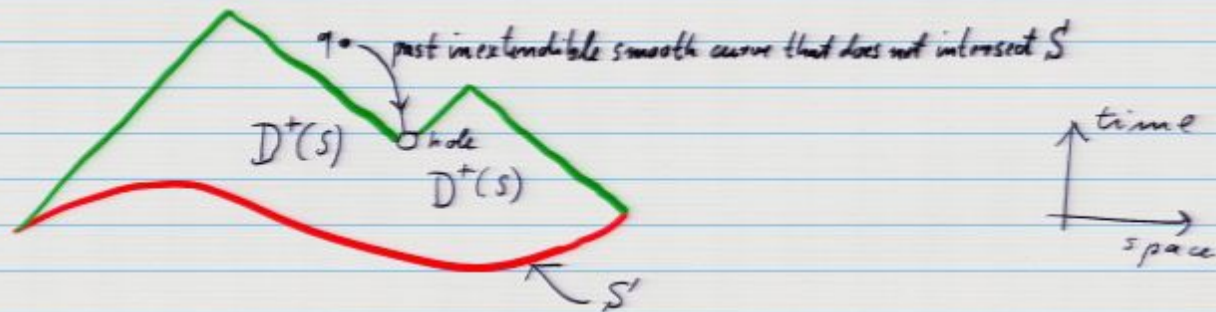
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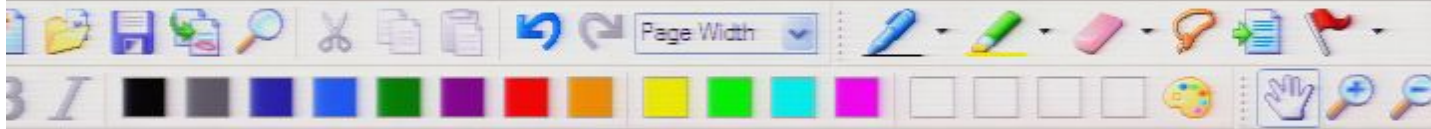


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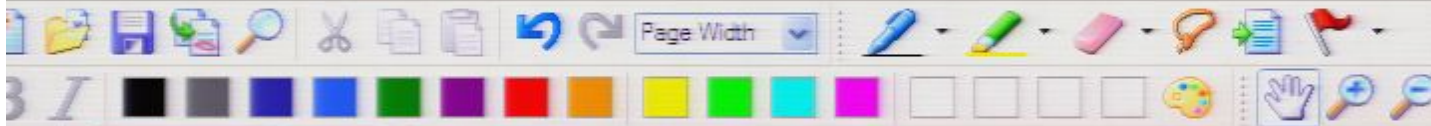
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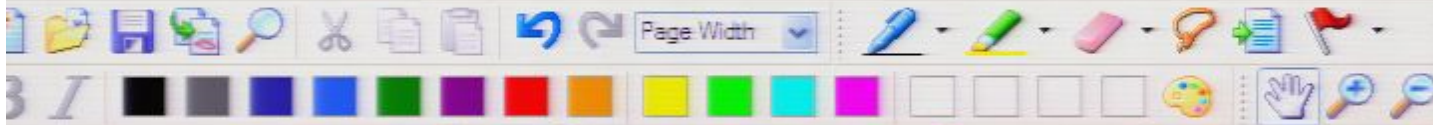
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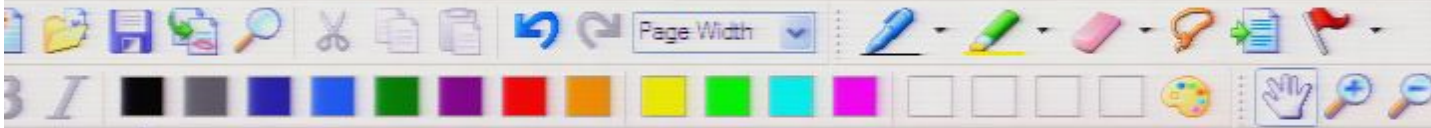
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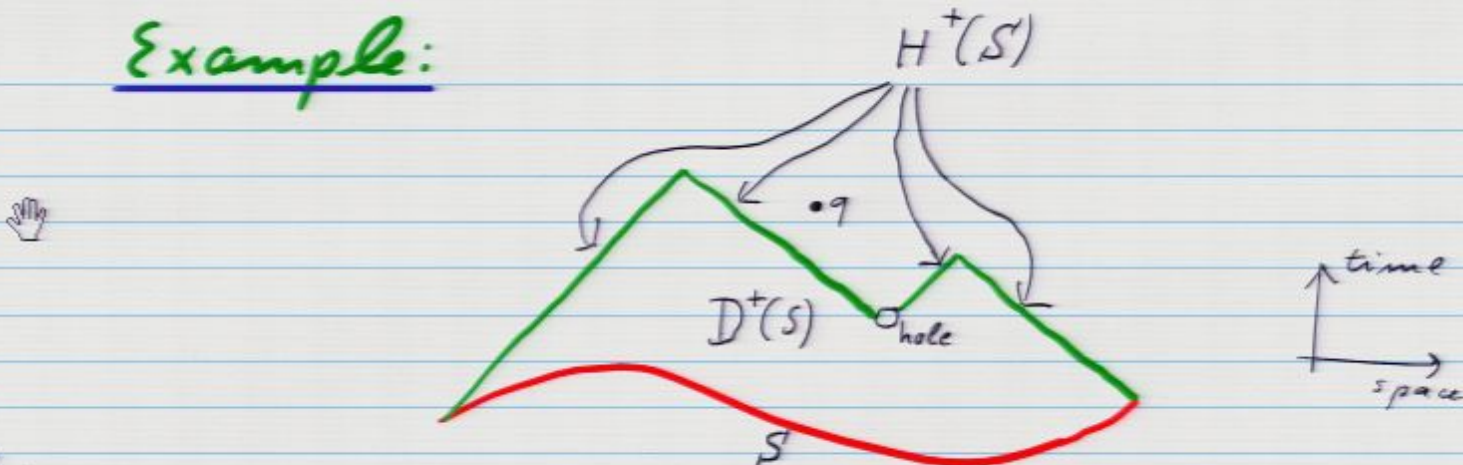
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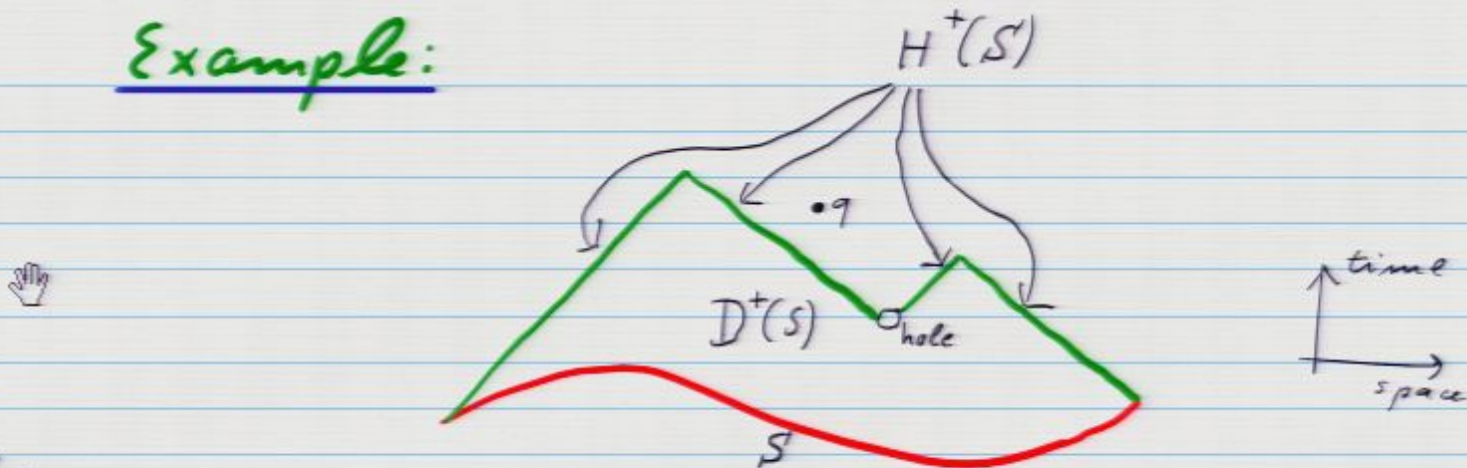
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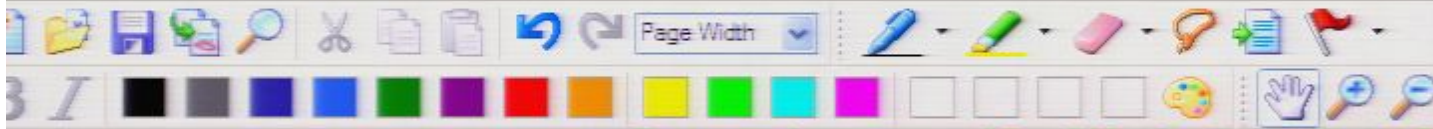
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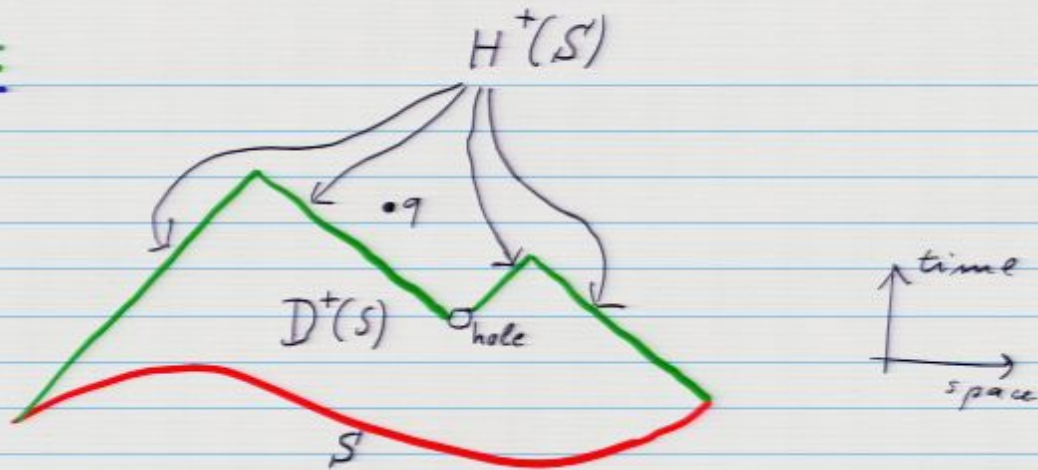


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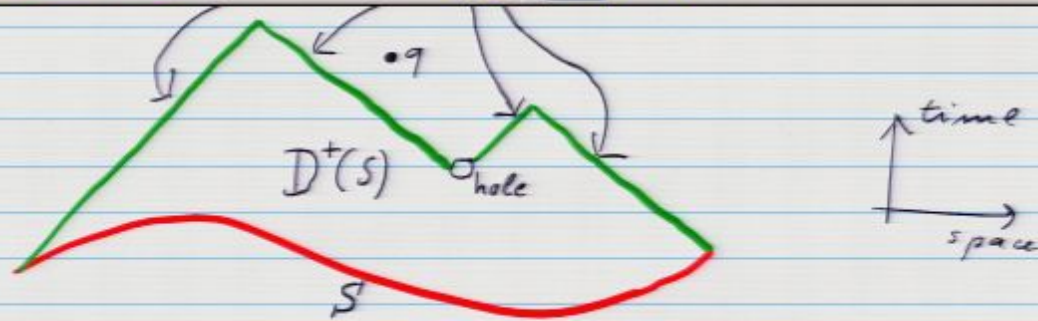
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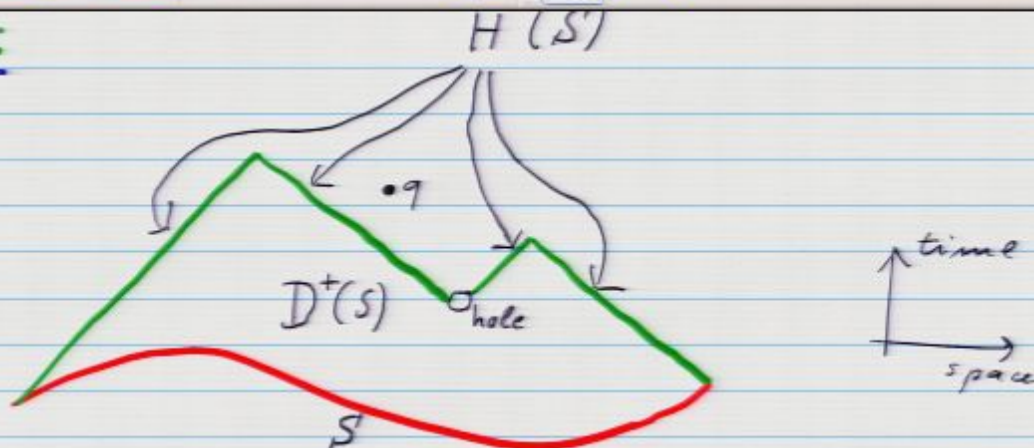
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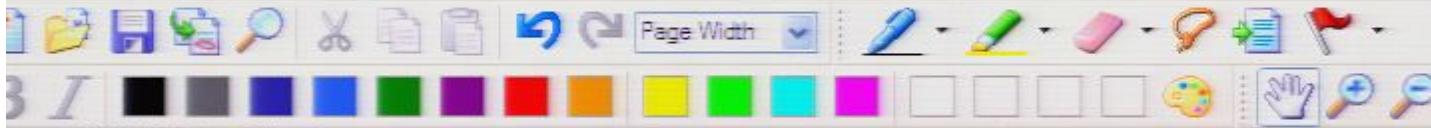
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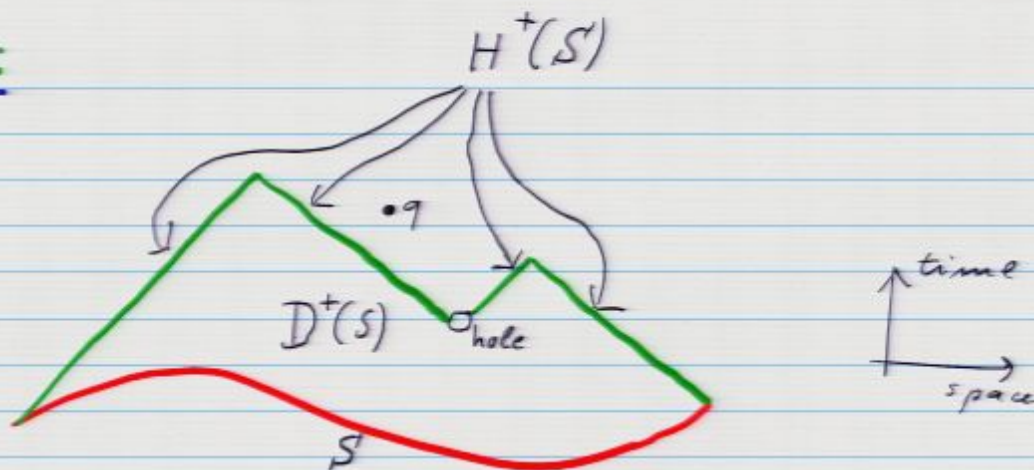
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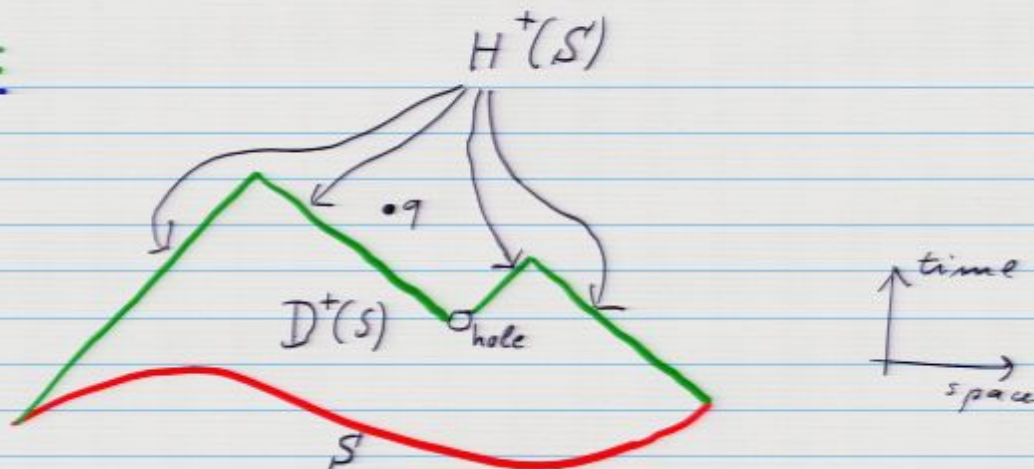
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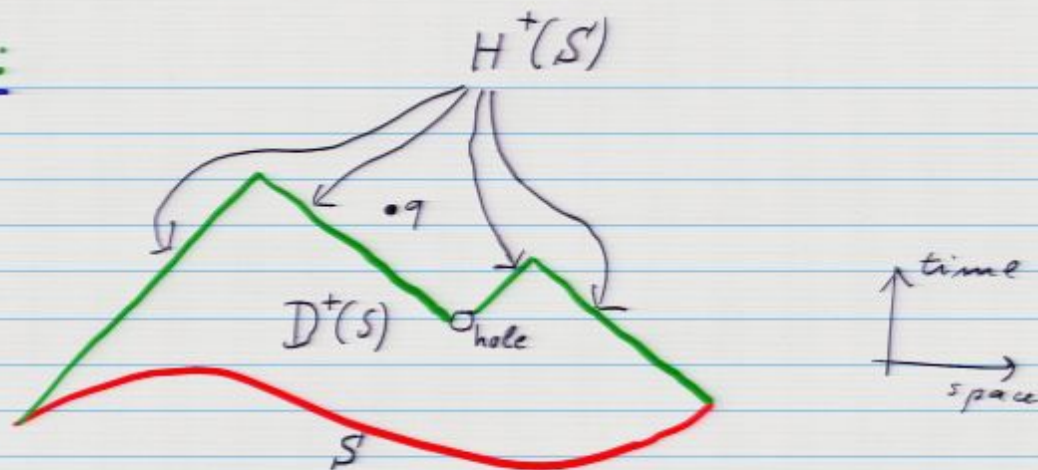
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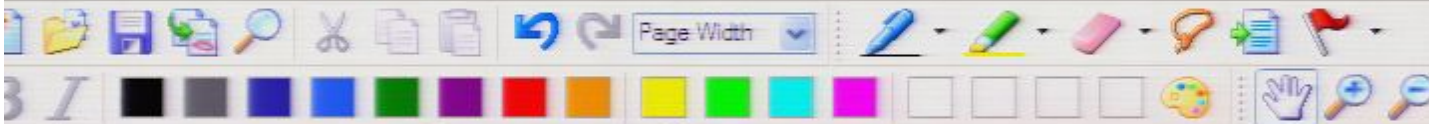
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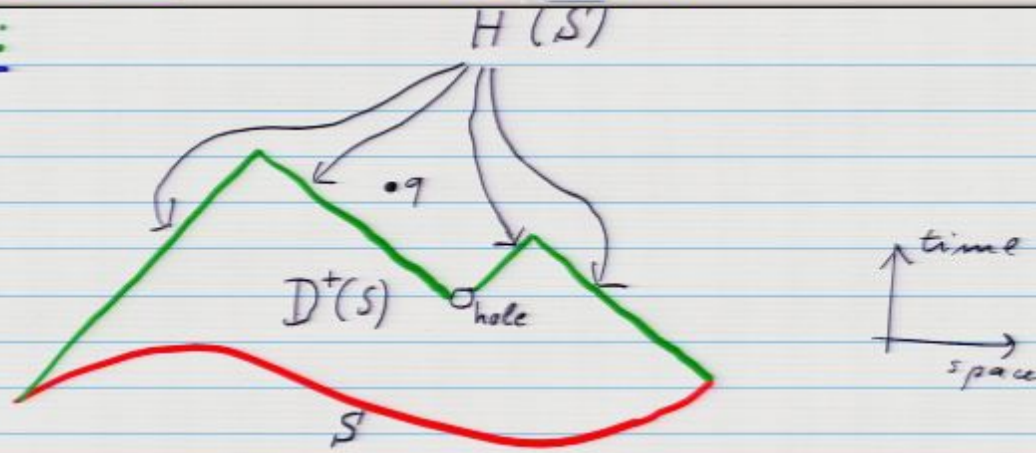
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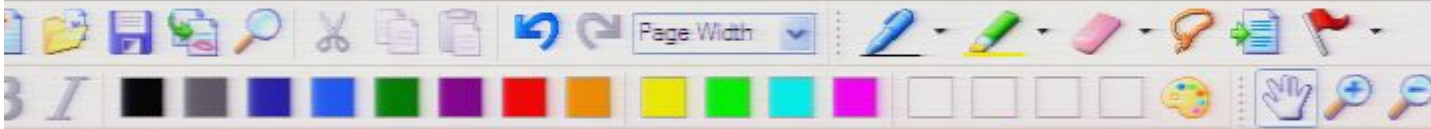
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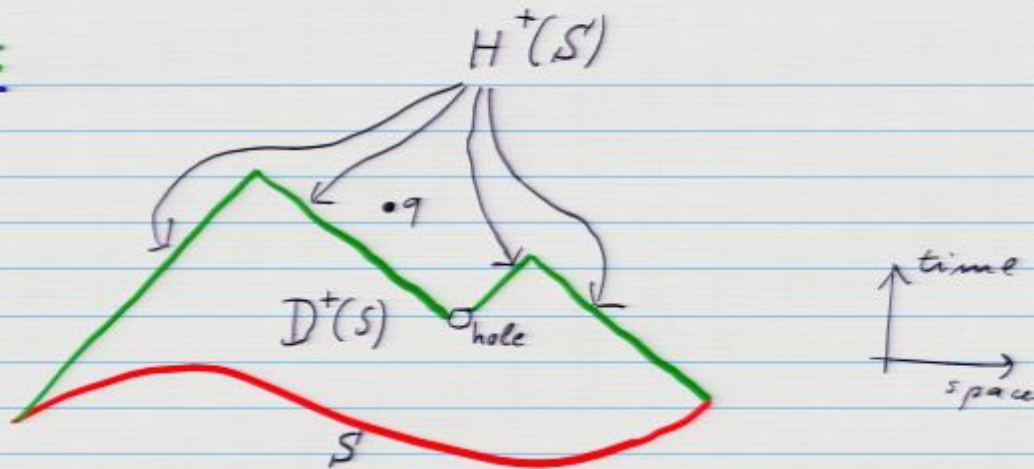
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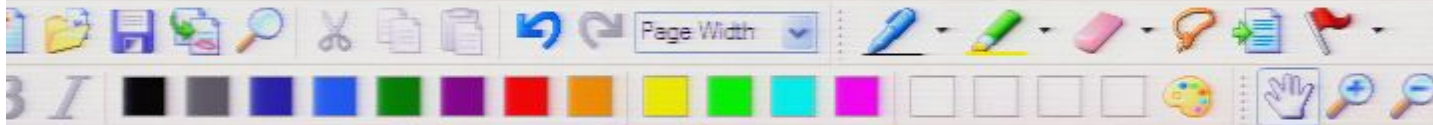
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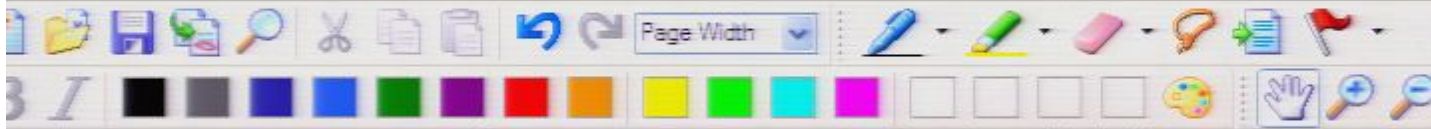
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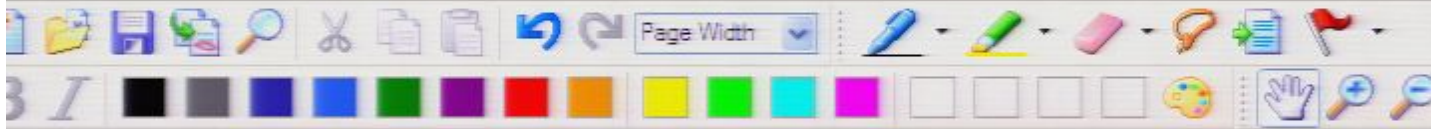
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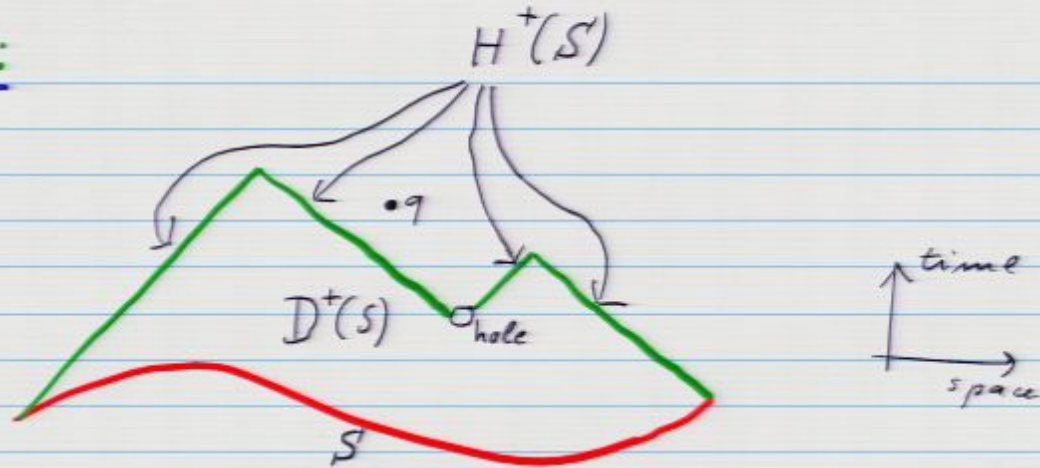
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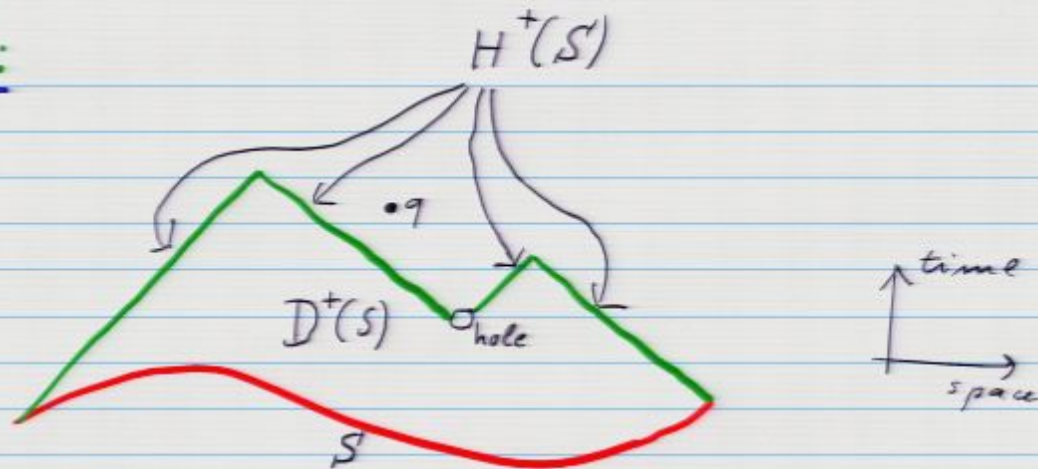
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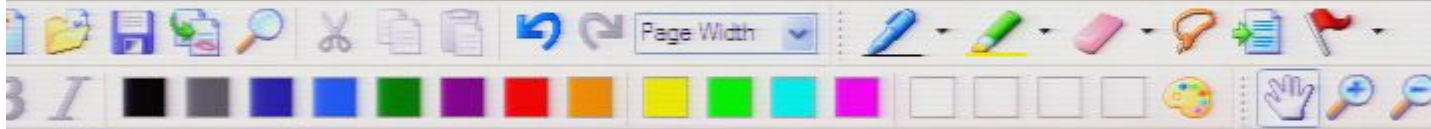
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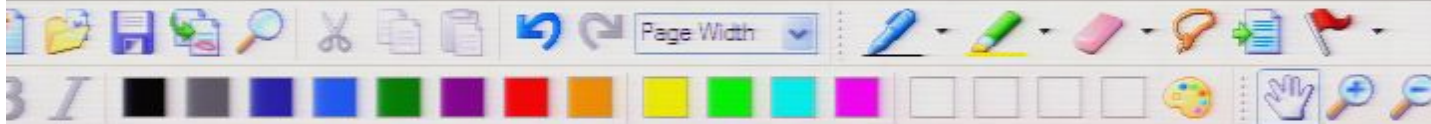
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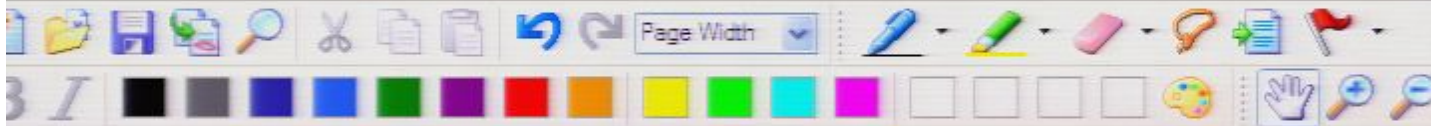
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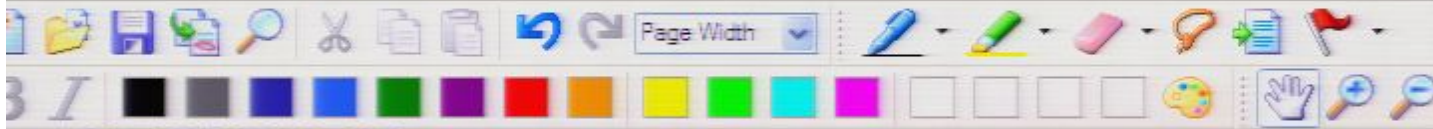
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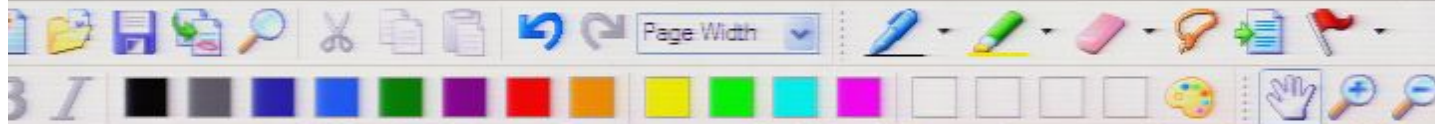
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
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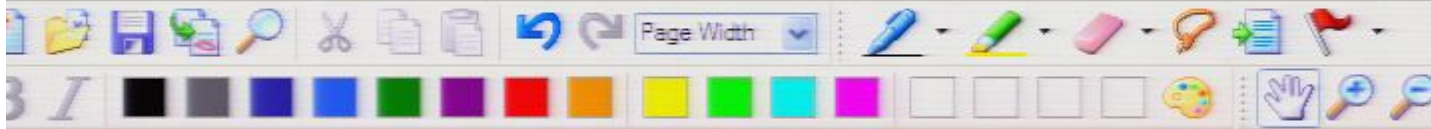


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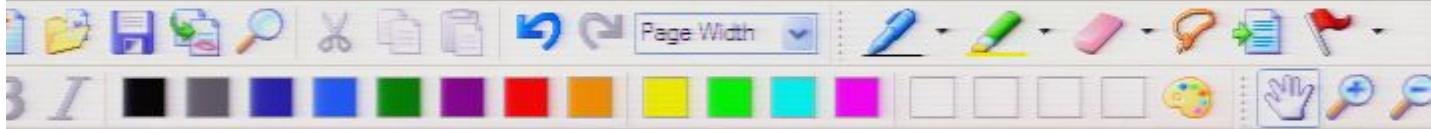


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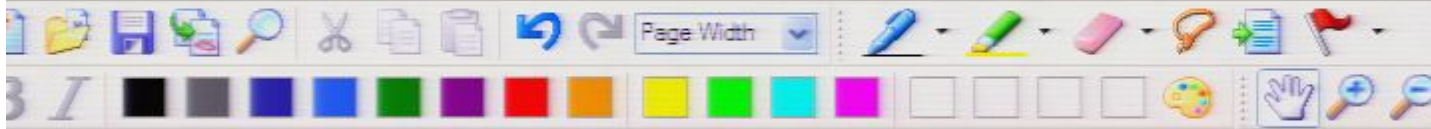
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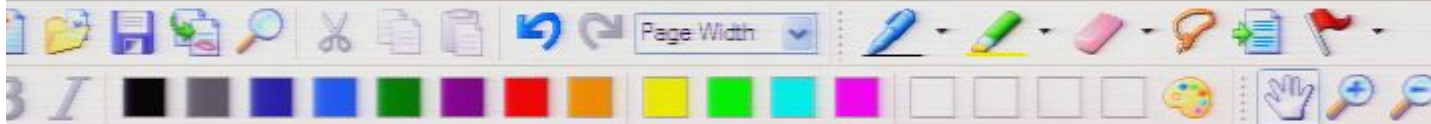
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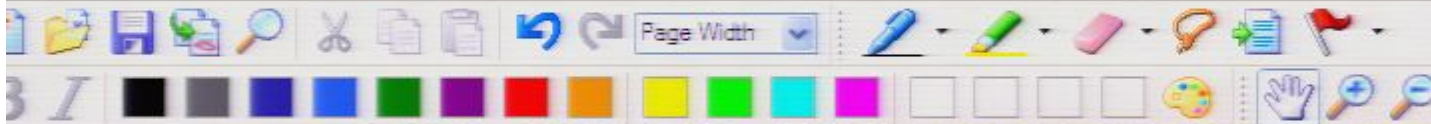
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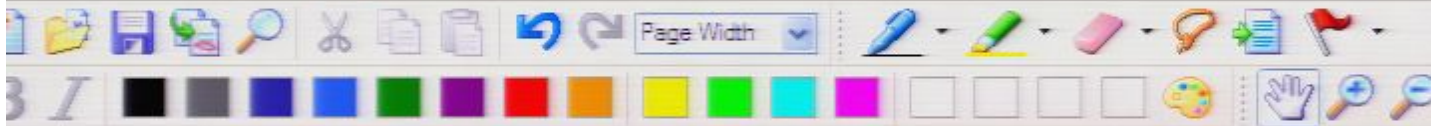
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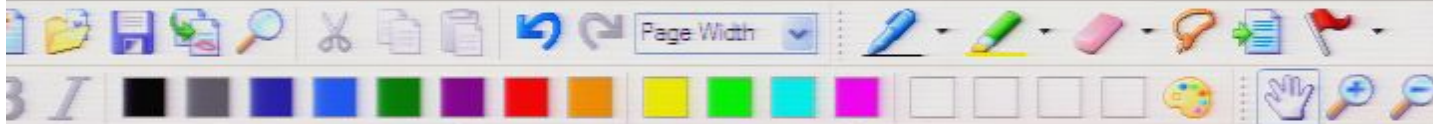
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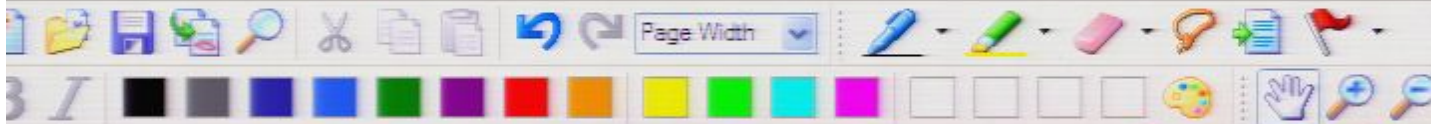
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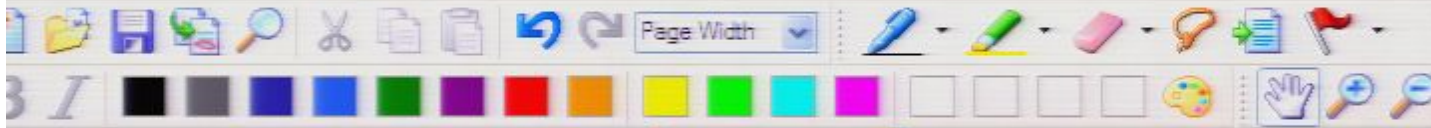
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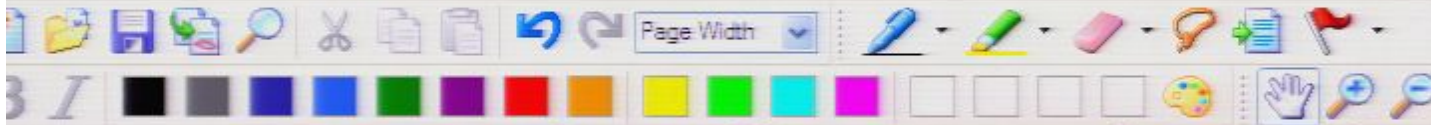
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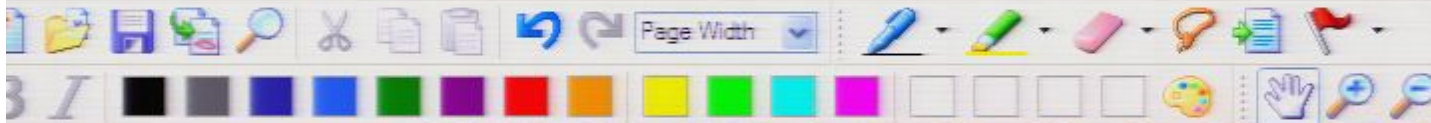
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