

Title: String Theory - Review (PHYS 623) - Lecture 4

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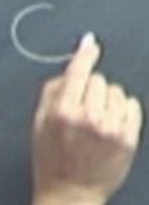
Abstract:

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$$\int_{m+n,0} \rightarrow \alpha$$

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Central Charge

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$N$  number operator.

Closed.

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$$O(1, D-1) \text{ is } \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_{-n}^\mu \alpha_n^\nu - \alpha_{-n}^\nu \alpha_n^\mu)$$

Represent of  $SO(1, D-1)$

$$\frac{1}{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{R}^{1,D}) \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^D)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,D}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^D} [Dh] [DX] e^{-S}$$

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Conformal  
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Trick:  $\mathcal{R} =$

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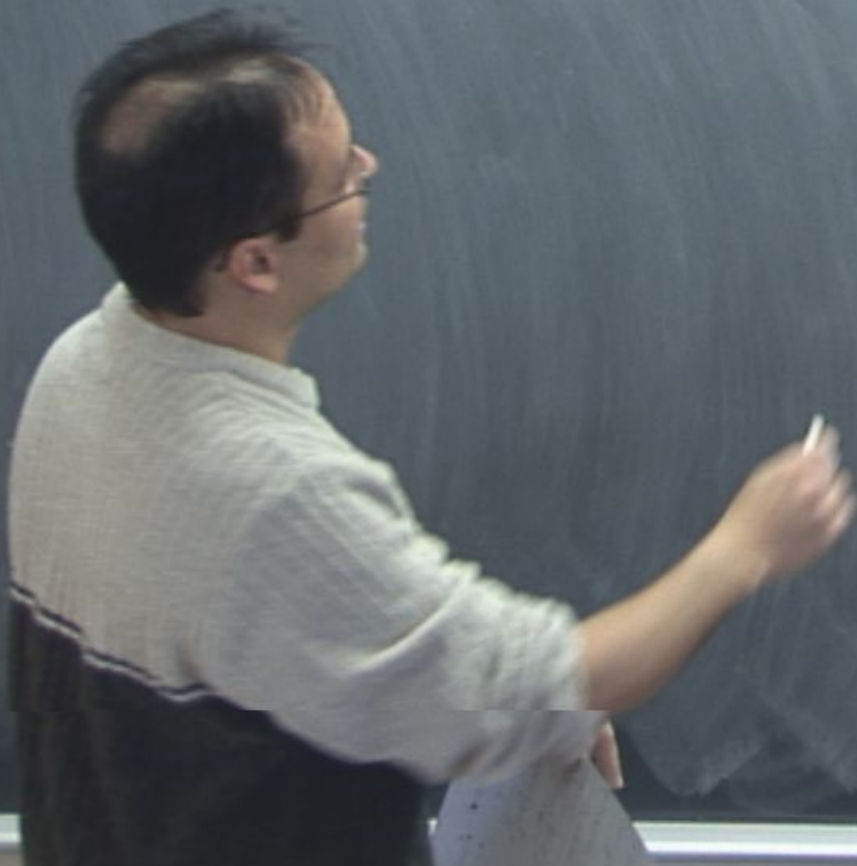
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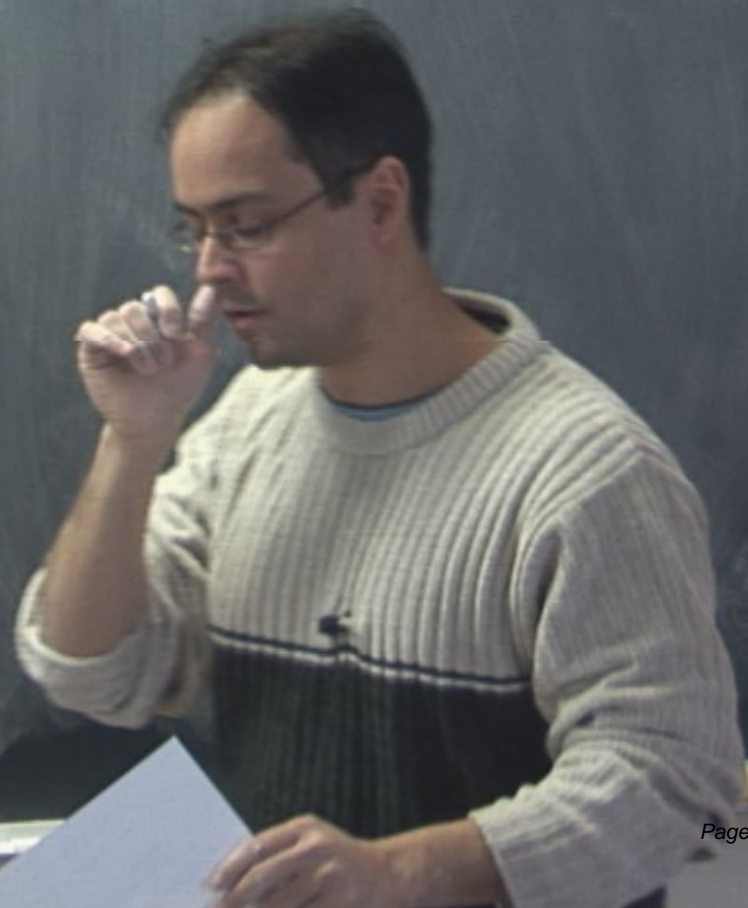
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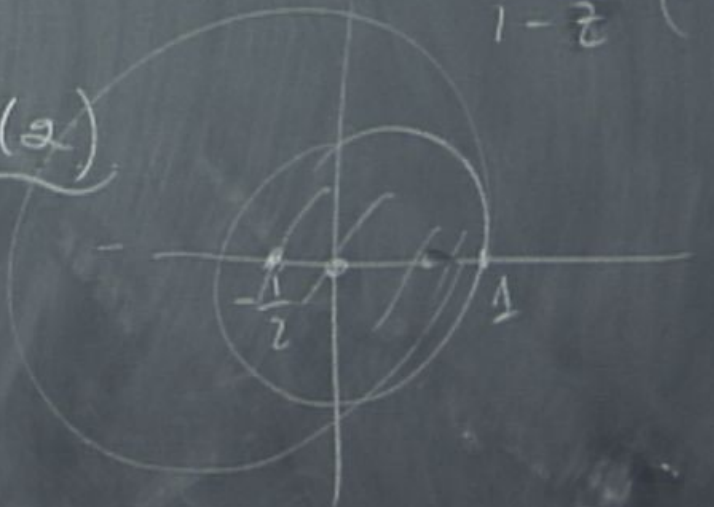
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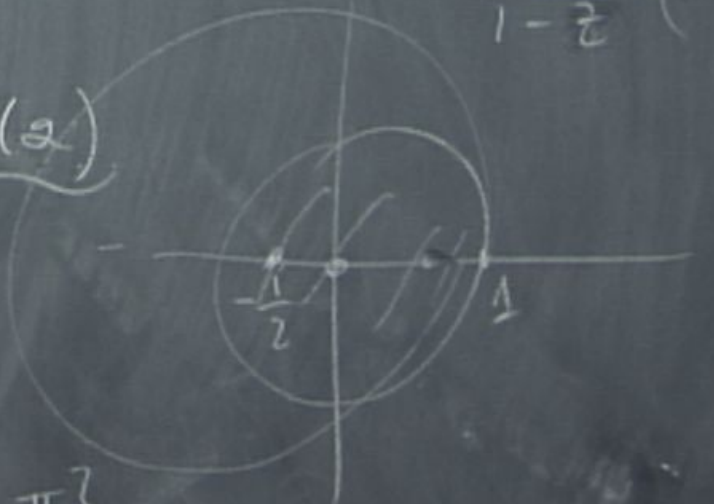
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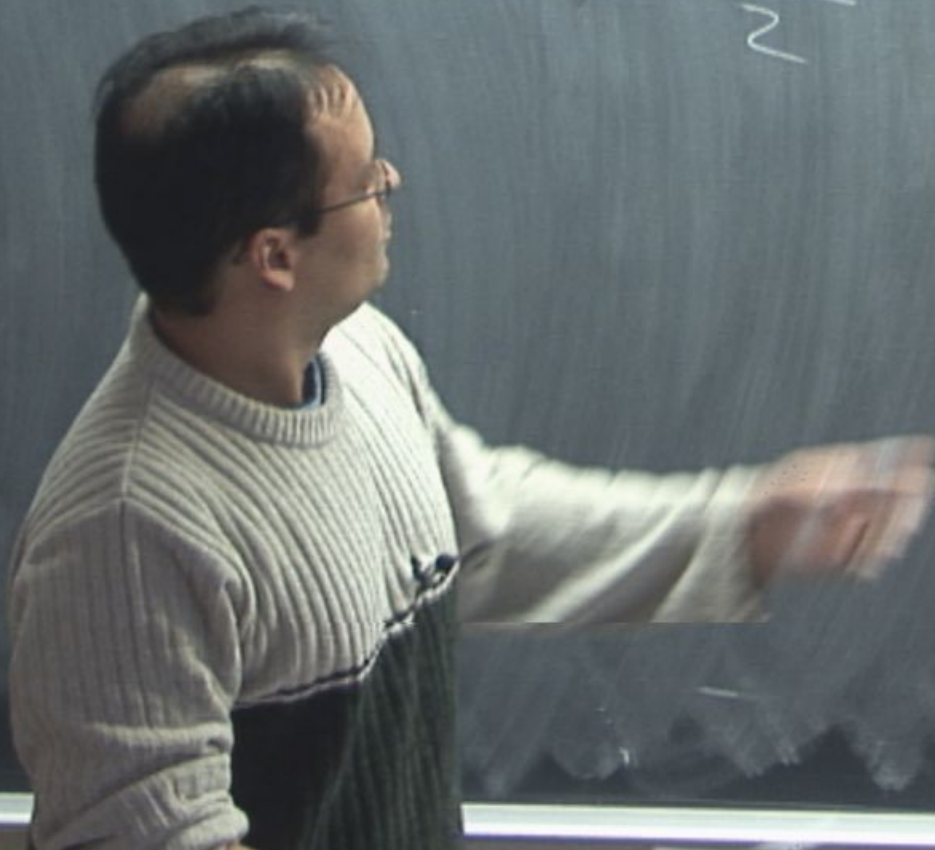


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Antisym. rank 2 tensor

$B_{\mu\nu}$

$SO(24)$

symmetry rank 2 traceless  
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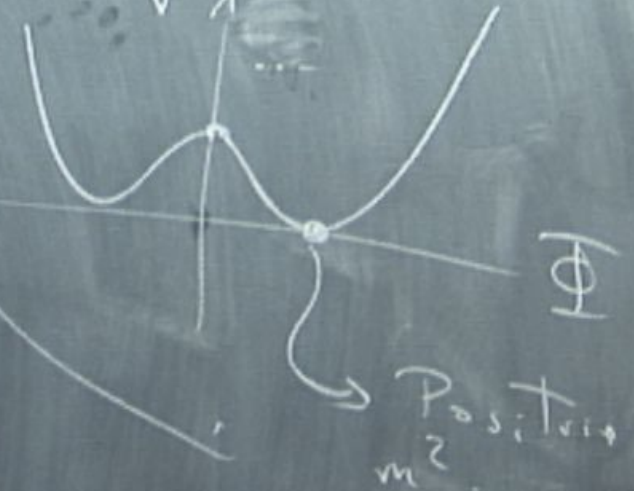
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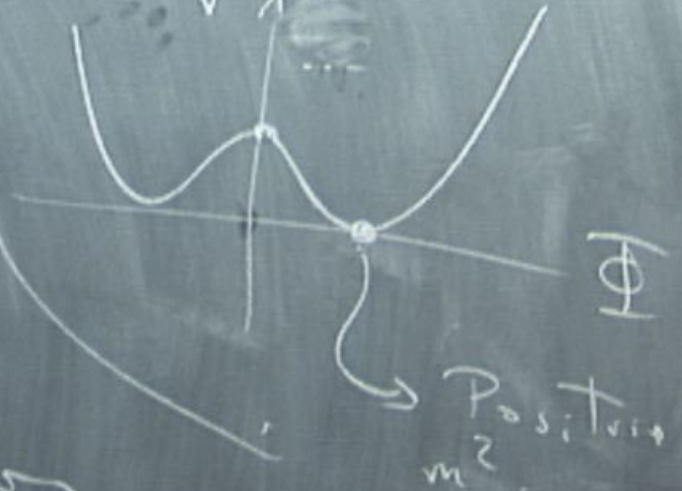
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