

Title: Quantum Field Theory I - Lecture 7

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Abstract:

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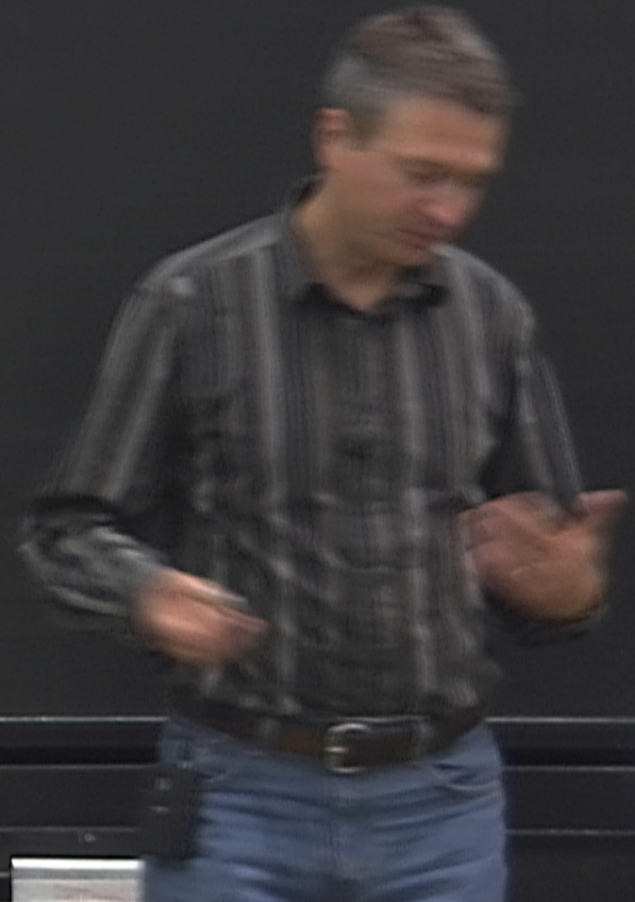
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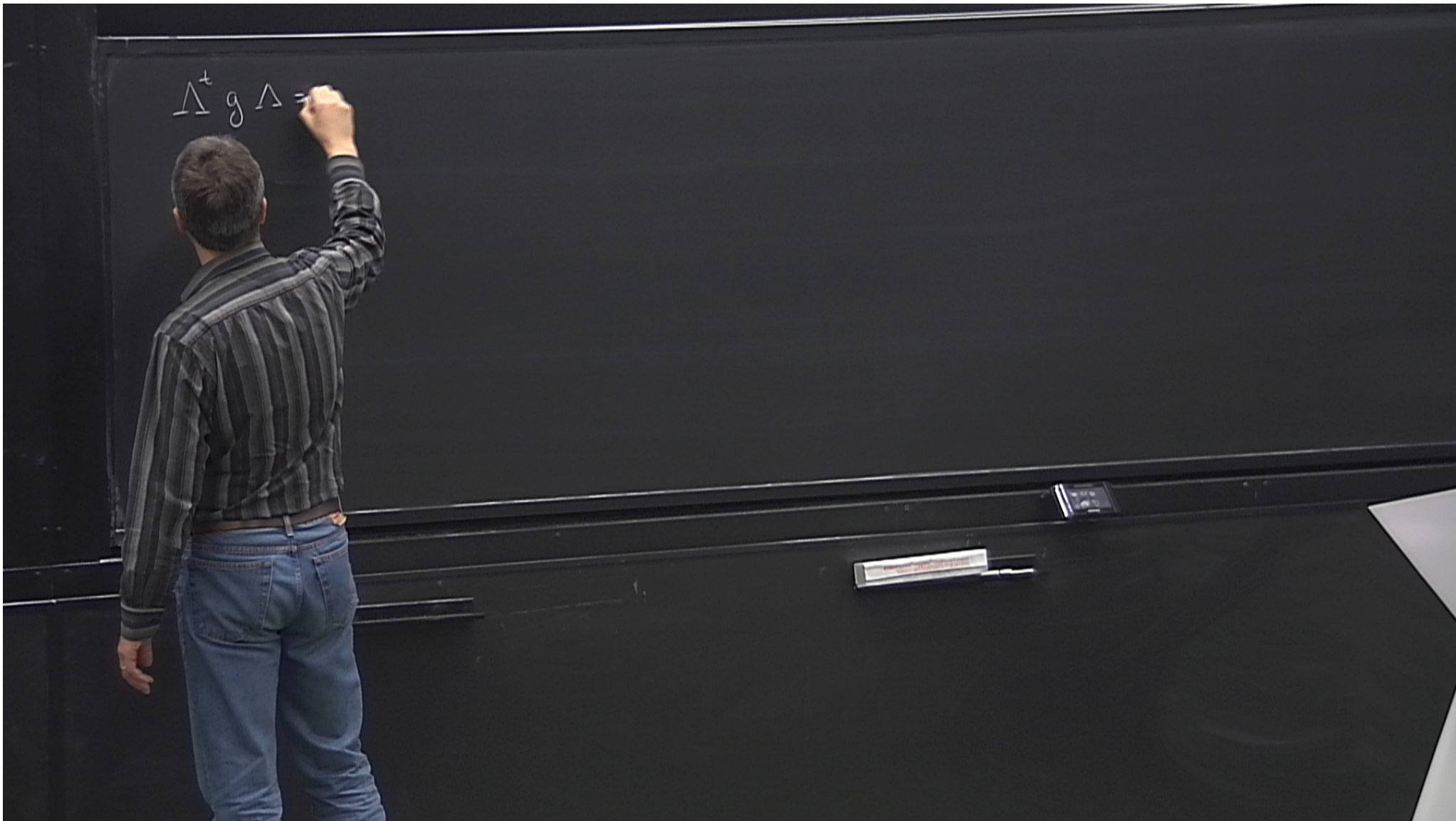
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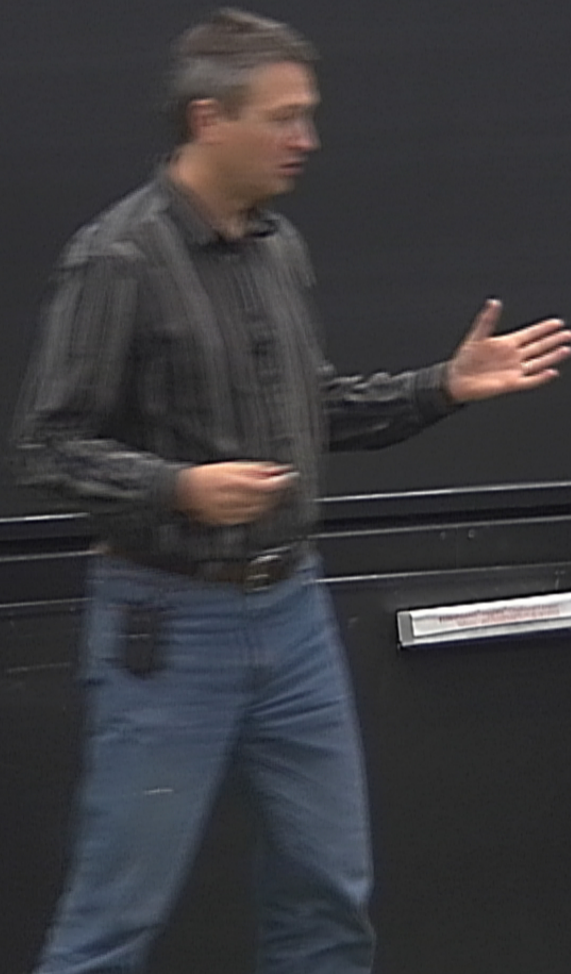
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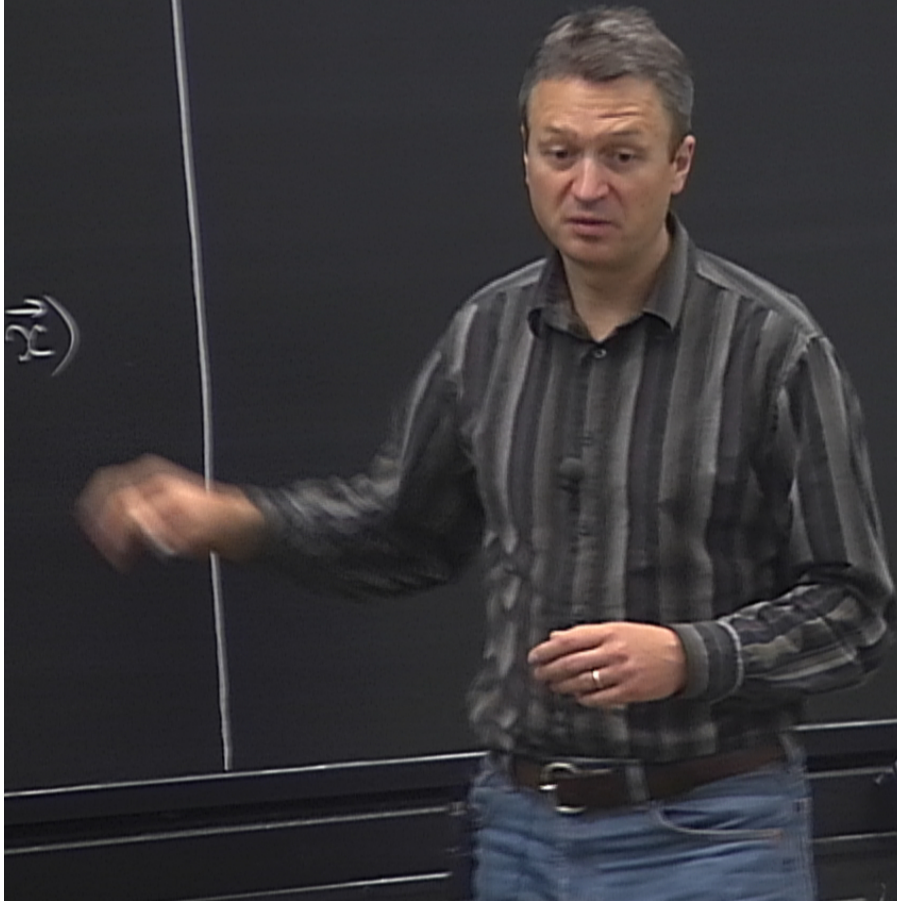
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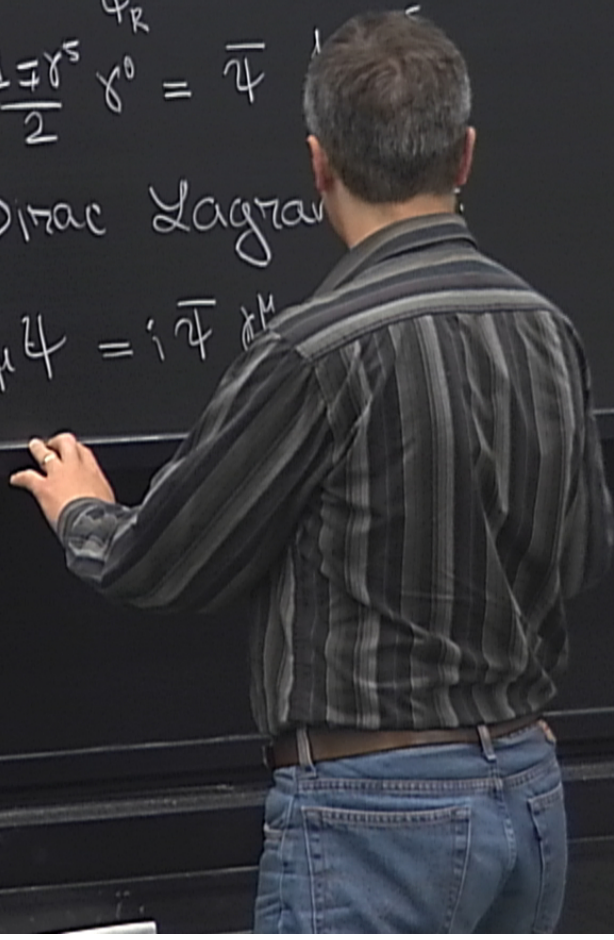


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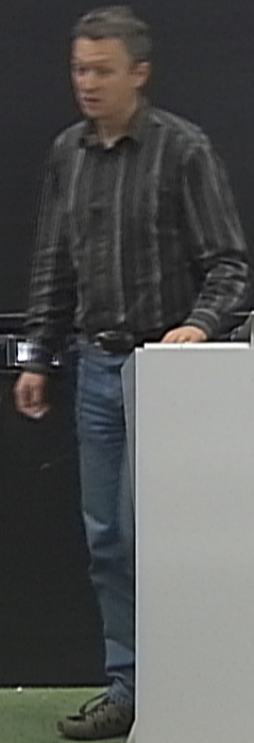
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(fermions)

Free Lagrangian:

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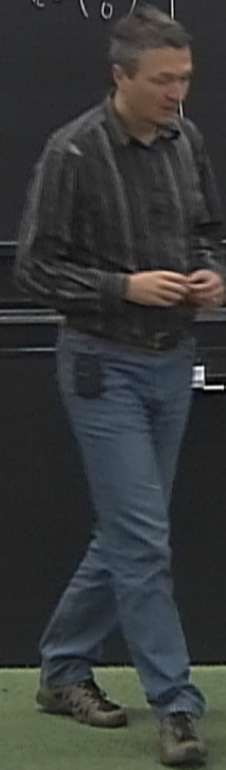
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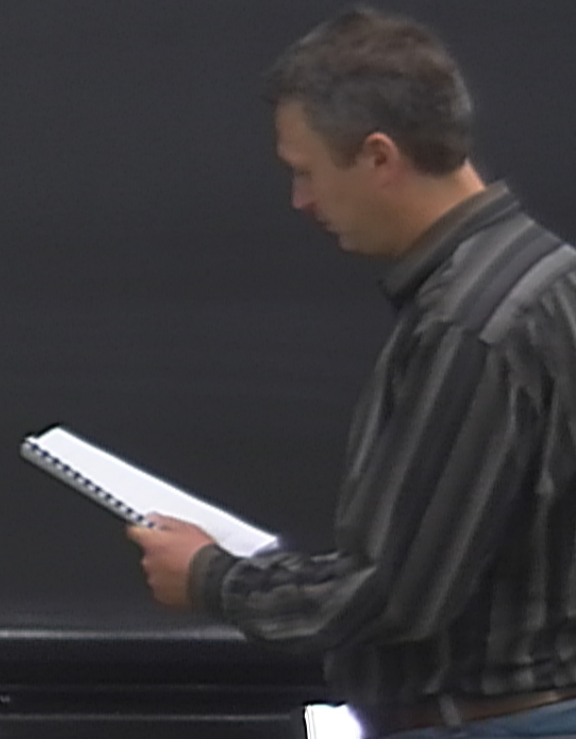
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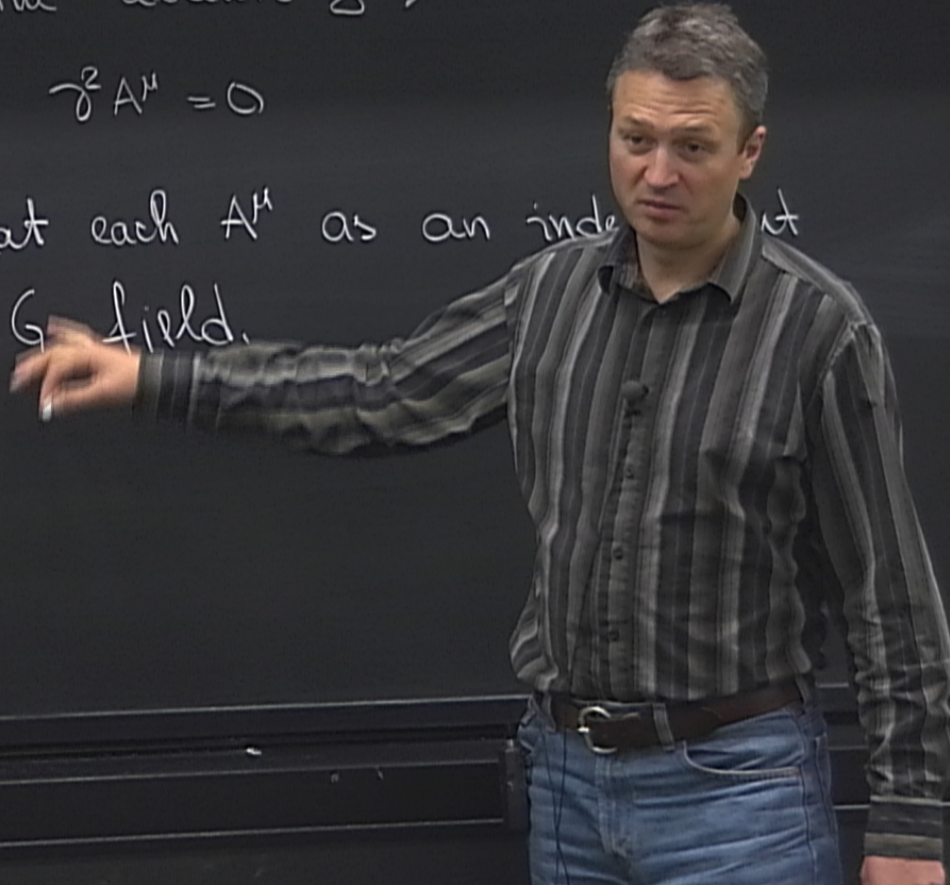
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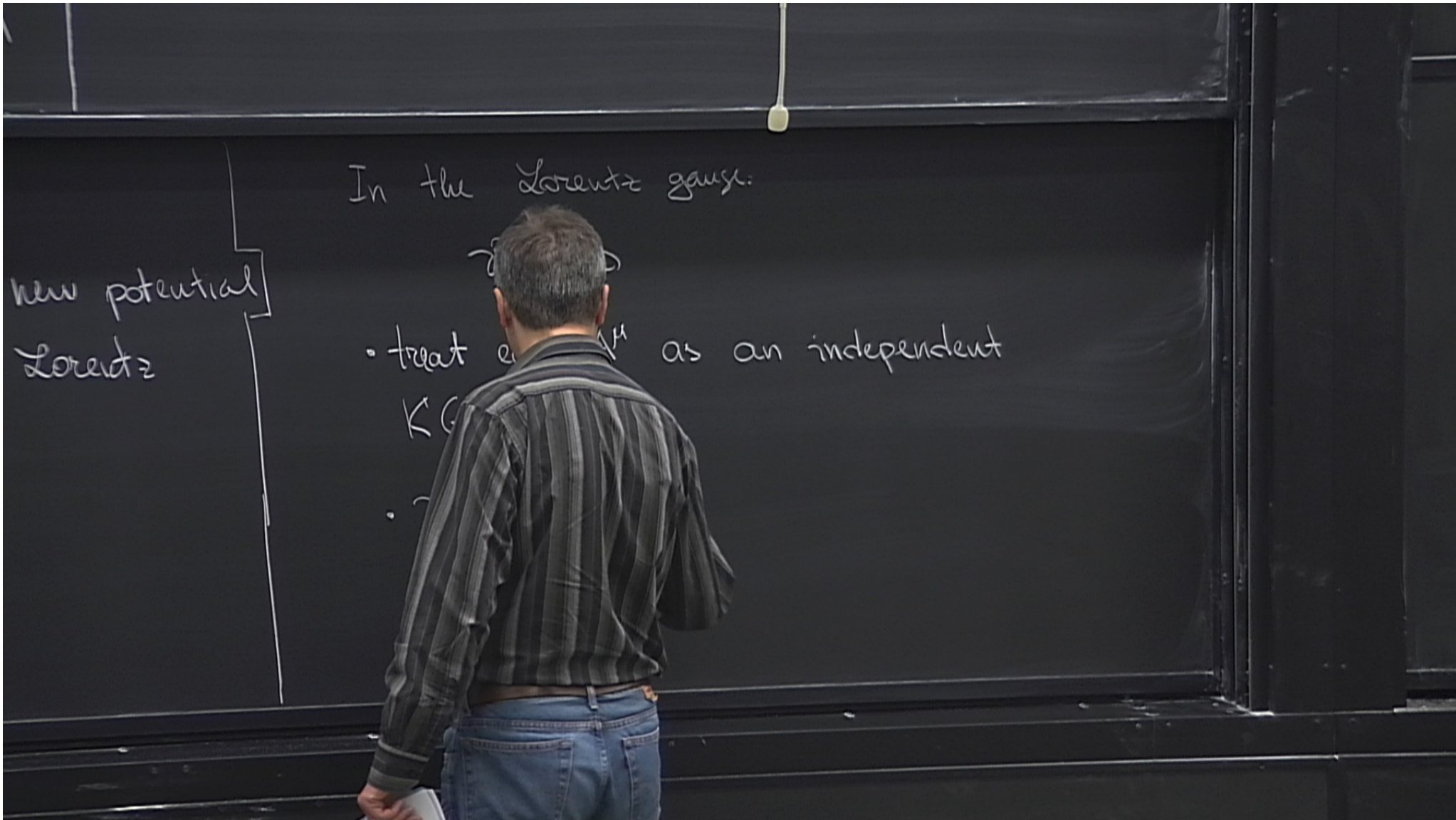
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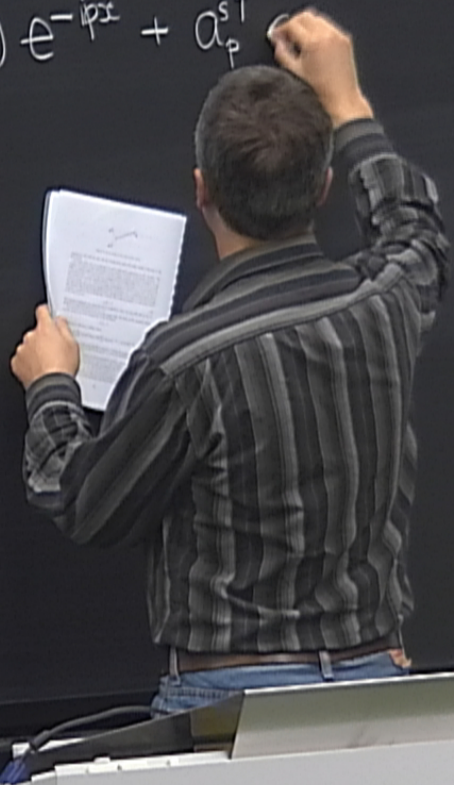
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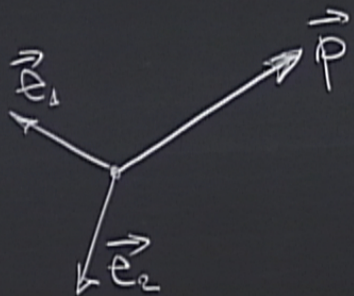
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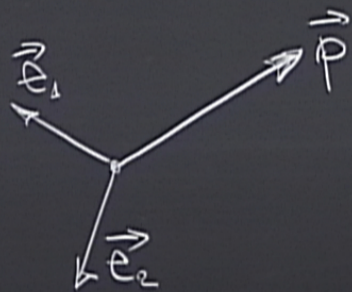
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For weak interactions:

$$A_\mu = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} 2\pi \delta(p^0) \sqrt{2p_0} \sum_s \left(a_p^s \epsilon_\mu^s(p) e^{-ipx} + a_p^{s\dagger} \epsilon_\mu^{s*}(p) e^{ipx} \right)$$



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~~$$\epsilon_\mu^3(p) = \left(0, \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \right)$$~~

$$\epsilon_\mu^3 = p_\mu \quad \epsilon_\mu^4 = (1, \vec{0})$$

pseudoscalar

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