

Title: Statistical Mechanics - Lecture 7

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Abstract:

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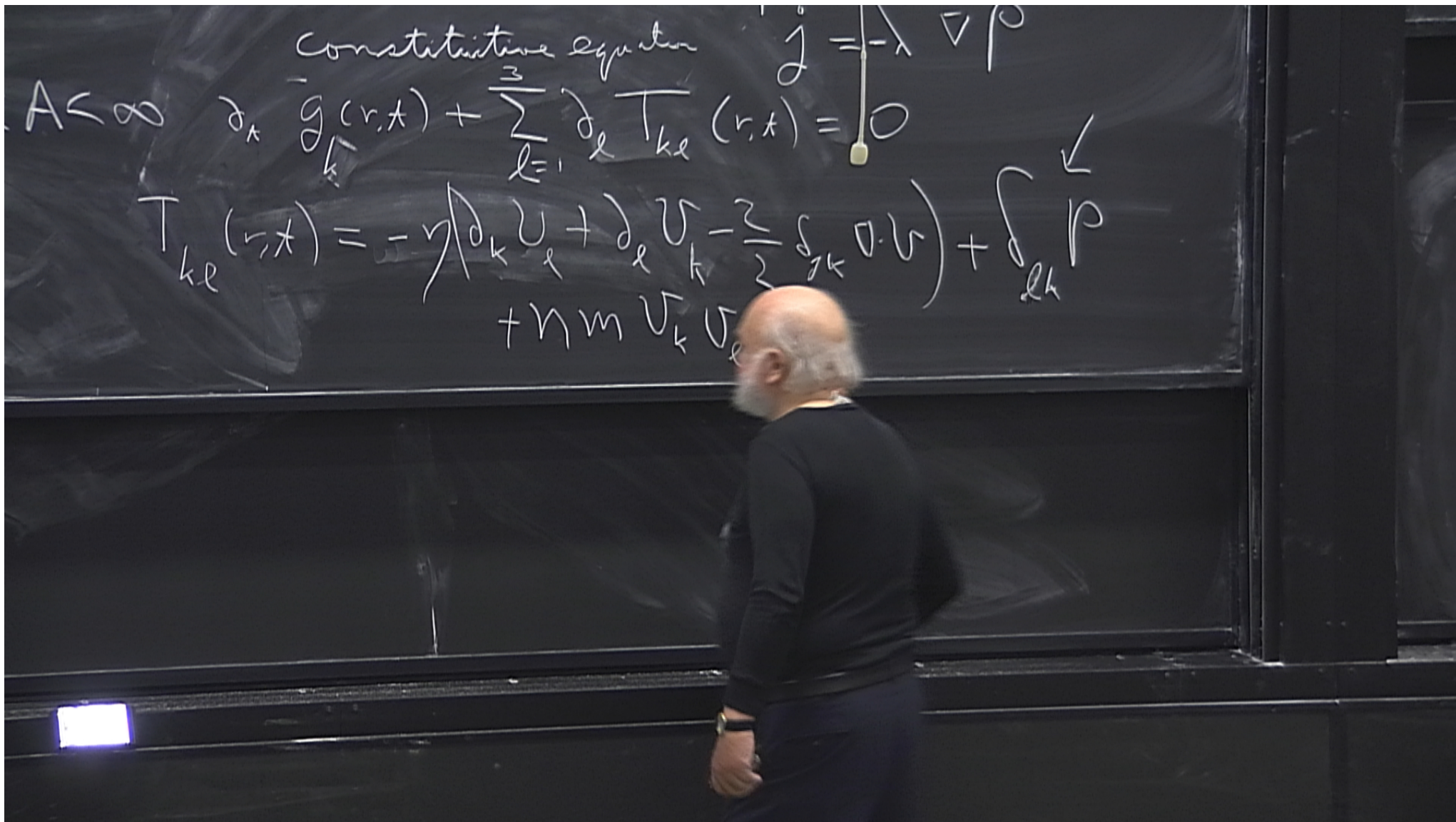
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$$+ \hbar m \vec{v}_k \cdot \vec{v}_l$$

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$$J(r,t) = g(r,t)/m$$

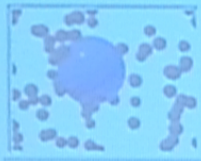
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$$\langle \eta_i(t) \eta_j(s) \rangle = \Gamma \delta(t-s) \delta_{ij} \quad \text{v.2}$$

The relaxation time, τ , describes friction slowing down as the particles moves through the medium. In contrast Γ describes the extra momentum picked up via the collisions. Both represent the same physical effect, little particles hitting our big one. However, they operate in a somewhat different fashion. The individual kicks point in every which direction and only in the long run produce any concerted change in momentum. On the other hand the term in τ is a friction tending to continually push our particle toward smaller speeds relative to the medium.

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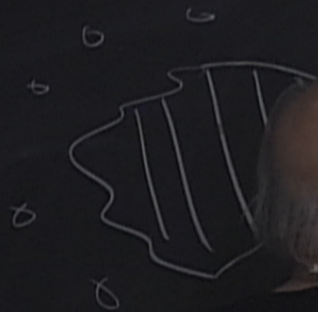
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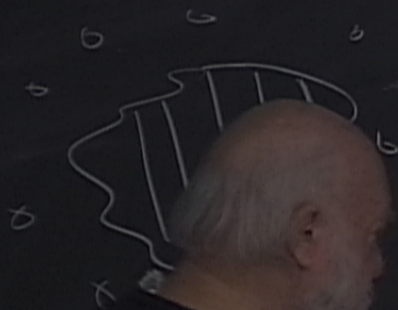


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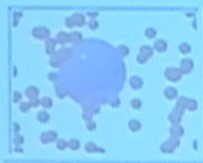
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Calculate Average

$$\langle p_j(t)p_k(s) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^t du \int_{-\infty}^s dv \langle \eta_j(u)\eta_k(v) \rangle \exp[-(t-u+s-v)/\tau]$$

$$\langle p_j(t)p_k(s) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^t du \int_{-\infty}^s dv \Gamma \delta_{j,k} \delta(u-v) \exp[-(t-u)/\tau - (s-v)/\tau] \quad \text{v.4}$$

..... if $t > s$ the integral over v always gets a contribution from the delta-function integral in u so that this expression then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p_j(t)p_k(s) \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^s dv \Gamma \delta_{j,k} \exp[-(t+s-2v)/\tau] \\ &= \frac{\delta_{j,k}}{2} \Gamma \tau \exp[-|t-s|/\tau] \end{aligned} \quad \text{v.5}$$

so we see that $p_j^2/(2M)$, where M is the mass of the Brownian particle, is on one hand given by

$$\langle \frac{p_j^2}{2M} \rangle = \Gamma \tau / (4M)$$

On the other hand, we know that in classical physics this quantity is $kT/2$. Thus we obtain the relation between the two parameters in the Einstein model.

$$\Gamma \tau = 2MkT$$

v.6

$$\langle [\bar{p}(t)]^2 \rangle = \int du \int dr e^{-}$$

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$$= \Gamma \delta_{k\ell} \frac{1}{\tau}$$

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Probability distribution

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Whenever this relation is satisfied, p has the right variance, MkT , and the correct Maxwell-Boltzmann probability distribution.

$$\rho(\mathbf{p}) = \left(\frac{\beta}{2\pi M}\right)^{3/2} \exp[-\beta p^2/(2M)] \quad \text{v.7}$$

Einstein, A. (1905), "Über die von der molekularkinetischen Theorie der Wärme geforderte Bewegung von in ruhenden Flüssigkeiten suspendierten Teilchen.", *Annalen der Physik* 17: 549–560. He actually used a more thermodynamic argument.

More generally, if we have a Hamiltonian, $\epsilon(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$, for the one-particle system, the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution takes the form

$$\rho(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \exp[-\beta \epsilon(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})] / Z,$$

where, in the simplest case the Hamiltonian is

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = p^2/(2M) + U(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{but relativity or electrodynamics can change this expression}$$

Maxwell and Boltzmann expected that, in appropriate circumstances, if they waited long enough, a Hamiltonian system would get to equilibrium and they would end up with a Maxwell-Boltzmann probability distribution

Question: Should we not be able to derive this distribution from classical mechanics alone? Maybe we should have to assume that we must long enough to reach equilibrium?

Something of the form v.7 is called by mathematicians a Gibbs measure and by physicists a Boltzmann distribution or often a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution.

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Statistical and Hamiltonian Dynamics

We have that the equilibrium $\rho = \exp(-\beta H)/Z$. How can this arise from time dependence of system? One very important possible time-dependence is given by Hamiltonian mechanics

$$\frac{dq_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_\alpha}$$

$$\frac{dp_\alpha}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q_\alpha}$$

The simplest case is a particle moving in a potential field with a Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathbf{p}^2/(2M) + U(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{and consequently equations of motion}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\nabla U$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{p}/M$$

The statistical mechanics of such situation is given by a probability density function $\rho(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, t)$ such that the probability of finding a particle in a volume element $d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{r}$ about \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r} at time t is $\rho(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{r}$. The next question is, what is the time-dependence of this probability density? The answer is, how do we get equilibrium statistical mechanics as a consequence of Hamiltonian mechanics?

Time Dependence of Dynamical systems: A much more general problem

Instead of carrying around the variables \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} , let me do something with much simpler formulas. I'm going to imagine solving the dynamical systems problem in which there is a differential equation

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$\int d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$. A formula that agrees with this definition is to take

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \prod_k \delta(x_k - X_k(t)) \rangle = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}(t)) \rangle$$

where the $\langle \dots \rangle$ is an average over the probability distribution for $\mathbf{X}(t)$. This definition looks like, and is, a tautology but it works. In particular it obeys that condition that ρ must always be positive and must always obey the completeness relation

$$1 = \int d\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \int \prod_k dx_k \delta(x_k - X_k(t)) \rangle = 1 \quad \text{good!}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(\vec{x}, A) &= \rho(\vec{X}(t) = \vec{x}, A) \\
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$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \prod_k \delta(x_k - X_k(t)) \rangle = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}(t)) \rangle$$

where the $\langle \dots \rangle$ is an average over the probability distribution for $\mathbf{X}(t)$. This definition looks like, and is, a tautology but it works. It implies that condition that ρ must always be positive and must always obey the normalization relation

$$1 = \int d\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \int \prod_k dx_k \delta(x_k - X_k(t)) \rangle = 1$$

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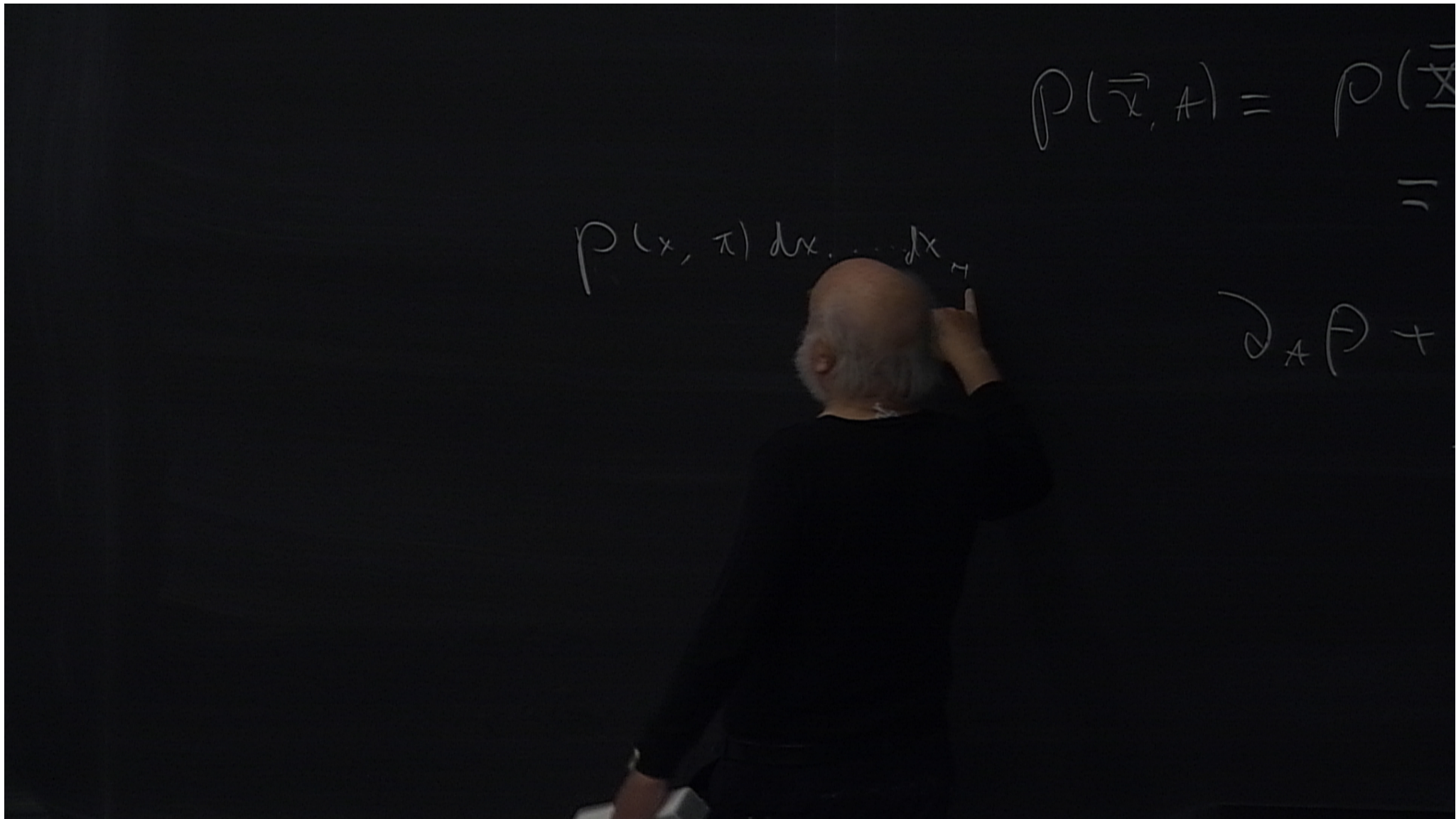
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$$P(\vec{x}, A) = P(\vec{x})$$

$$=$$

$$P(x, \pi) dx \dots dx_n$$

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$$= \left\langle \prod_{k=1}^N \delta(\vec{X}_k(t) - \vec{x}_k) \right\rangle$$

$$\partial_t \rho + \sum_i \partial_{x_i} [V_i(x) \rho(x, t)] = 0$$

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Then

$$\rho + \sum_i V_i \partial_{x_i} \rho + (\nabla \cdot V) \rho = 0$$

Calculation Continued

When we expand out the derivative, our conservation law reads

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) + \rho(x, t) \sum_j (\partial_{x_j} V_j) + \sum_j V_j \partial_{x_j} \rho(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{v.9}$$

The last term on the left in eq. v.9 is the direct result of the rate of change of each variable $X_j(t)$. That rate is simply V_j .

The second term on the left is more subtle. We call this result the **dilation** term. It describes the change in the size of the volume element, $d\mathbf{x}$, produced by the changes caused by the time development. As the coordinate change, the volume element can shrink or expand and this change has to be reflected in $\partial_t \rho$ in order to keep the normalization $\int d\mathbf{x} \rho = 1$.

Now we have the general result for the time development of the probability density. We next look at the Hamiltonian case, which is rather special

Calculation concluded

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) + \rho(x, t) \sum_j (\partial_{x_j} V_j) + \sum_j V_j \partial_{x_j} \rho(x, t) = 0$$

The Hamiltonian case is special. There are two kinds of coordinates $x_j = q_\alpha$ with $V_j = \partial_{p_\alpha} H$ and $x_j = p_\alpha$ with $V_j = -\partial_{q_\alpha} H$. In that case, the dilation term is

$(\partial_{q_\alpha} \partial_{p_\alpha} H - \partial_{p_\alpha} \partial_{q_\alpha} H) \rho$ which, of course, vanishes

This result, called Liouville's theorem, says that the size of the volume element is independent of time. As a result the probability density obeys a special equation, with no dilation.

$$\partial_t \rho(p, q, t) + \sum_\alpha [(\partial_{p_\alpha} H) \partial_{q_\alpha} - (\partial_{q_\alpha} H) \partial_{p_\alpha}] \rho(p, q, t) = 0 \quad \text{v.10}$$

Compare this to the result for a function of P and Q

$$\frac{dX(P, Q)}{dt} = \sum_\alpha [(\partial_{P_\alpha} H)(\partial_{Q_\alpha} X) - (\partial_{Q_\alpha} H)(\partial_{P_\alpha} X)]$$

why is there a difference in notation (p, q) versus (P, Q) --
why is there a difference in sign?

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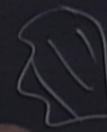
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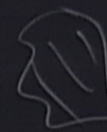


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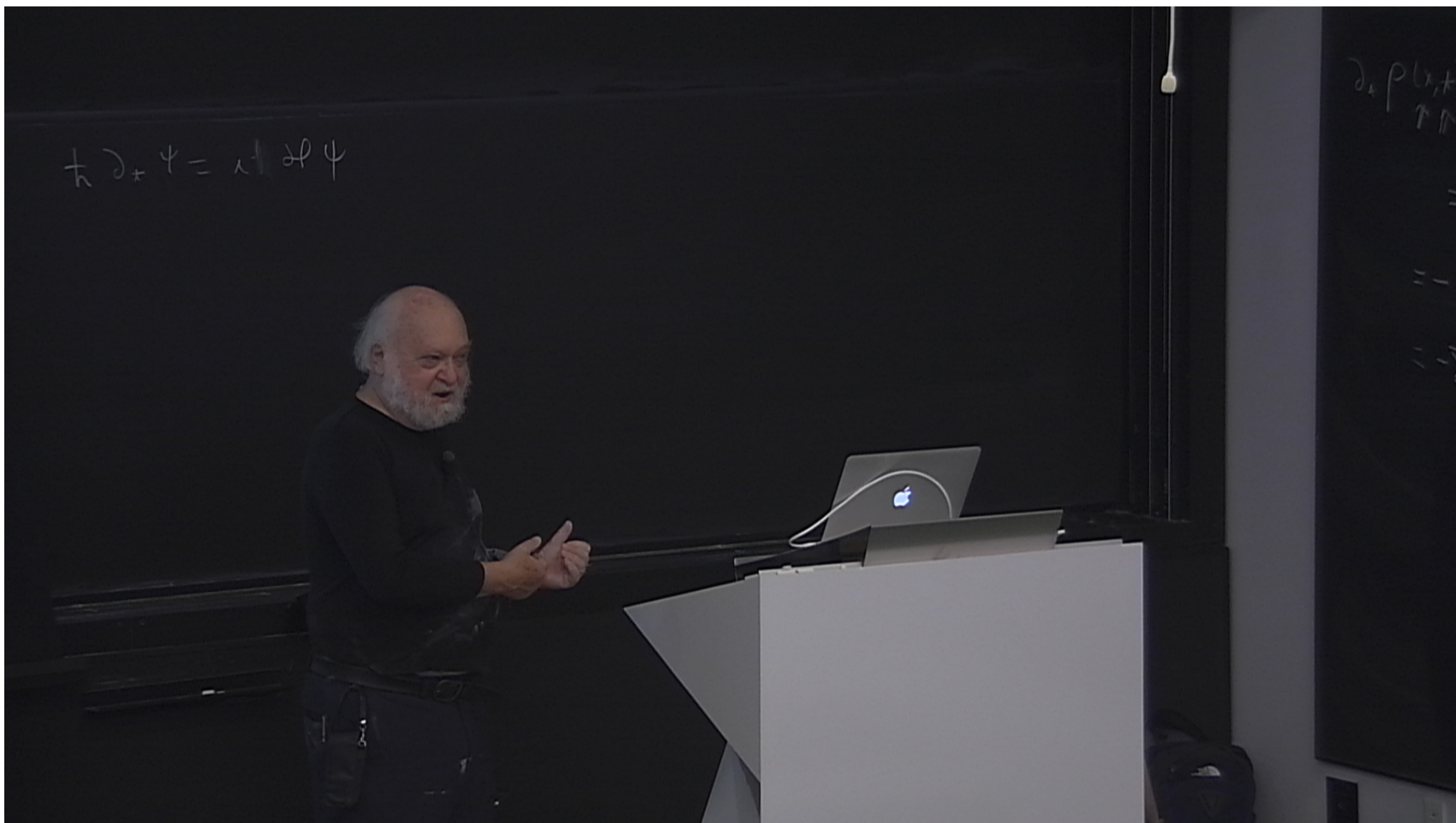
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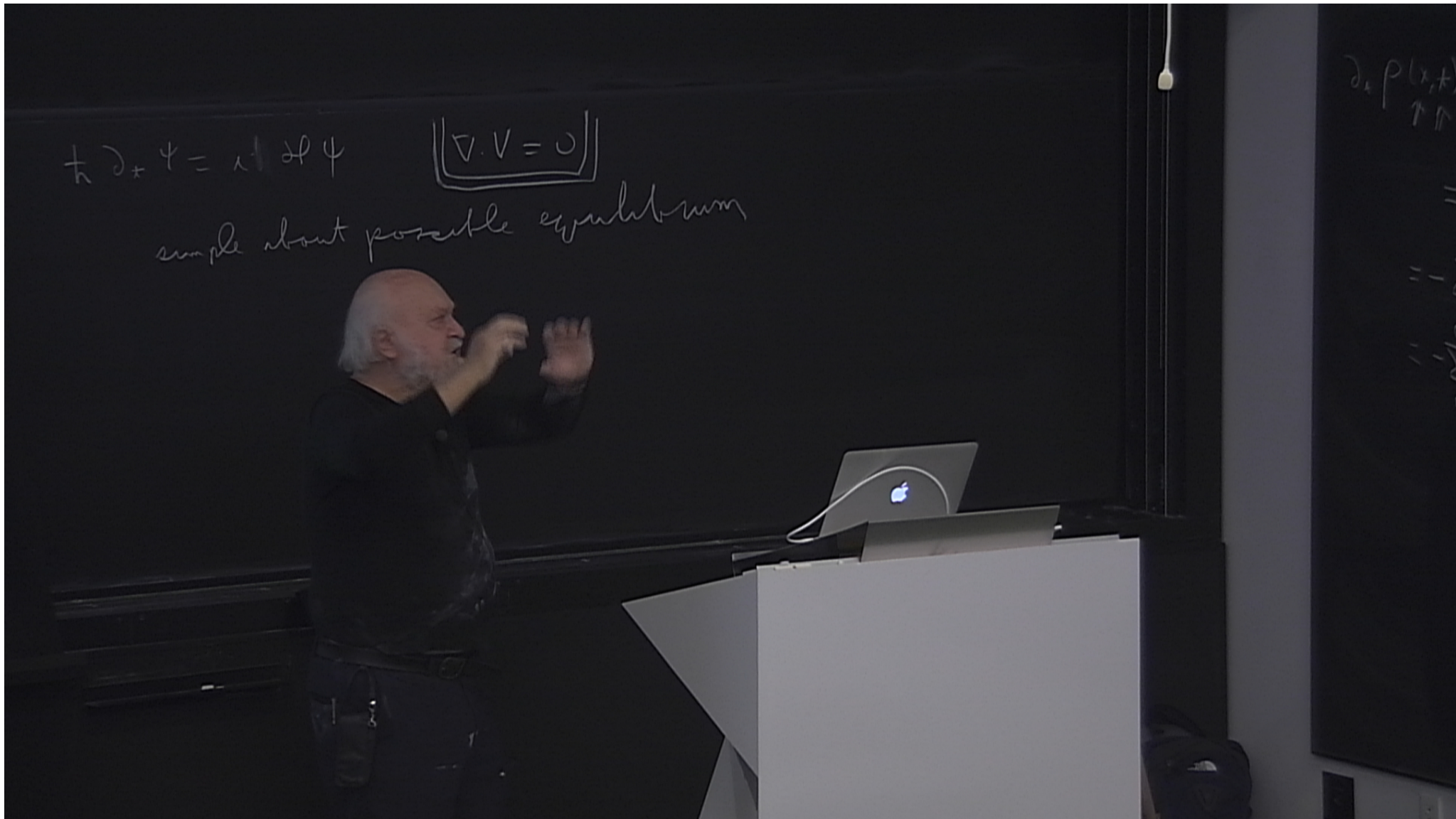
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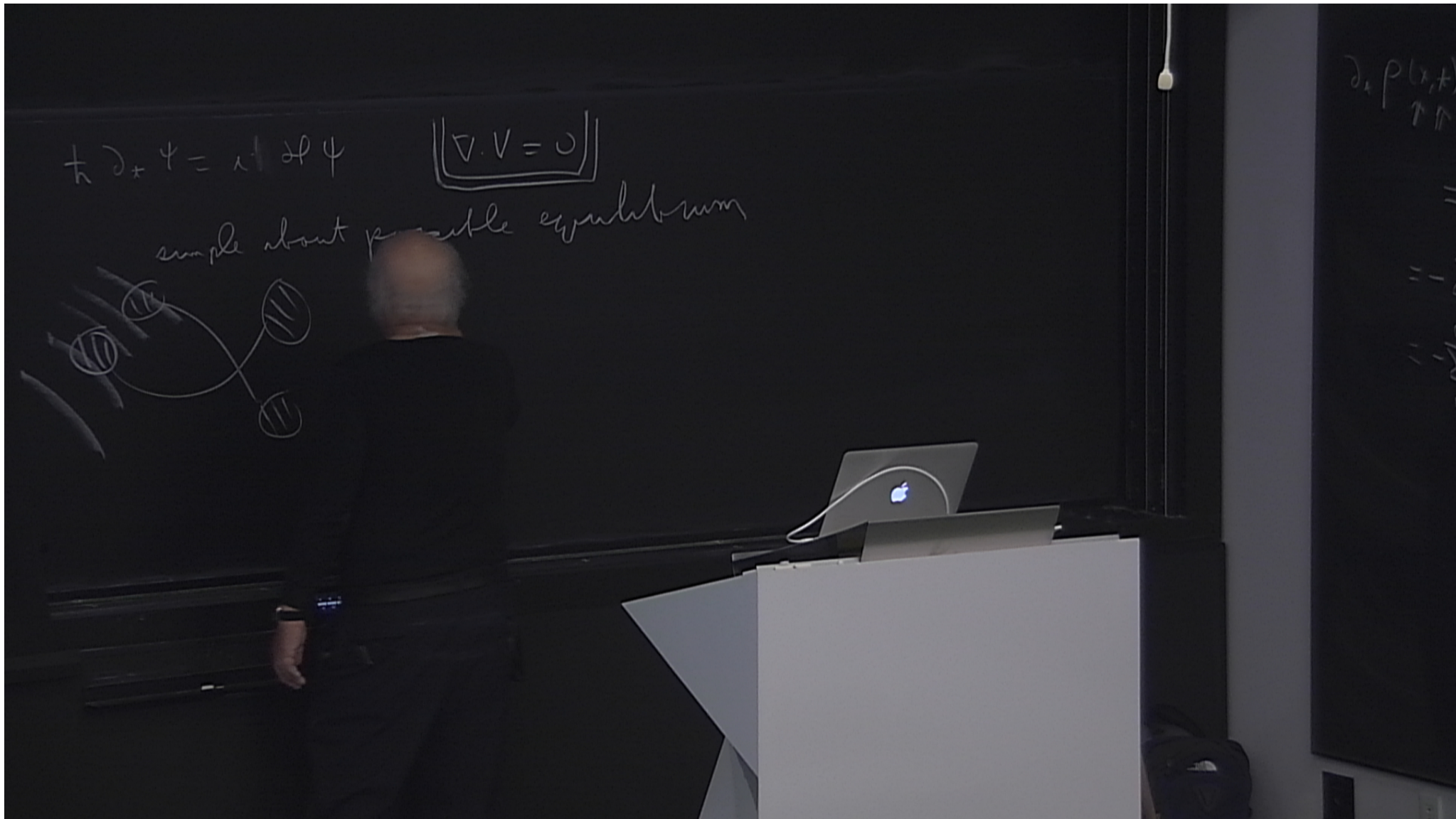
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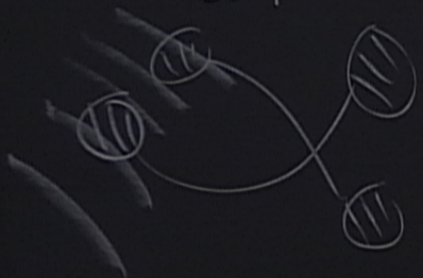


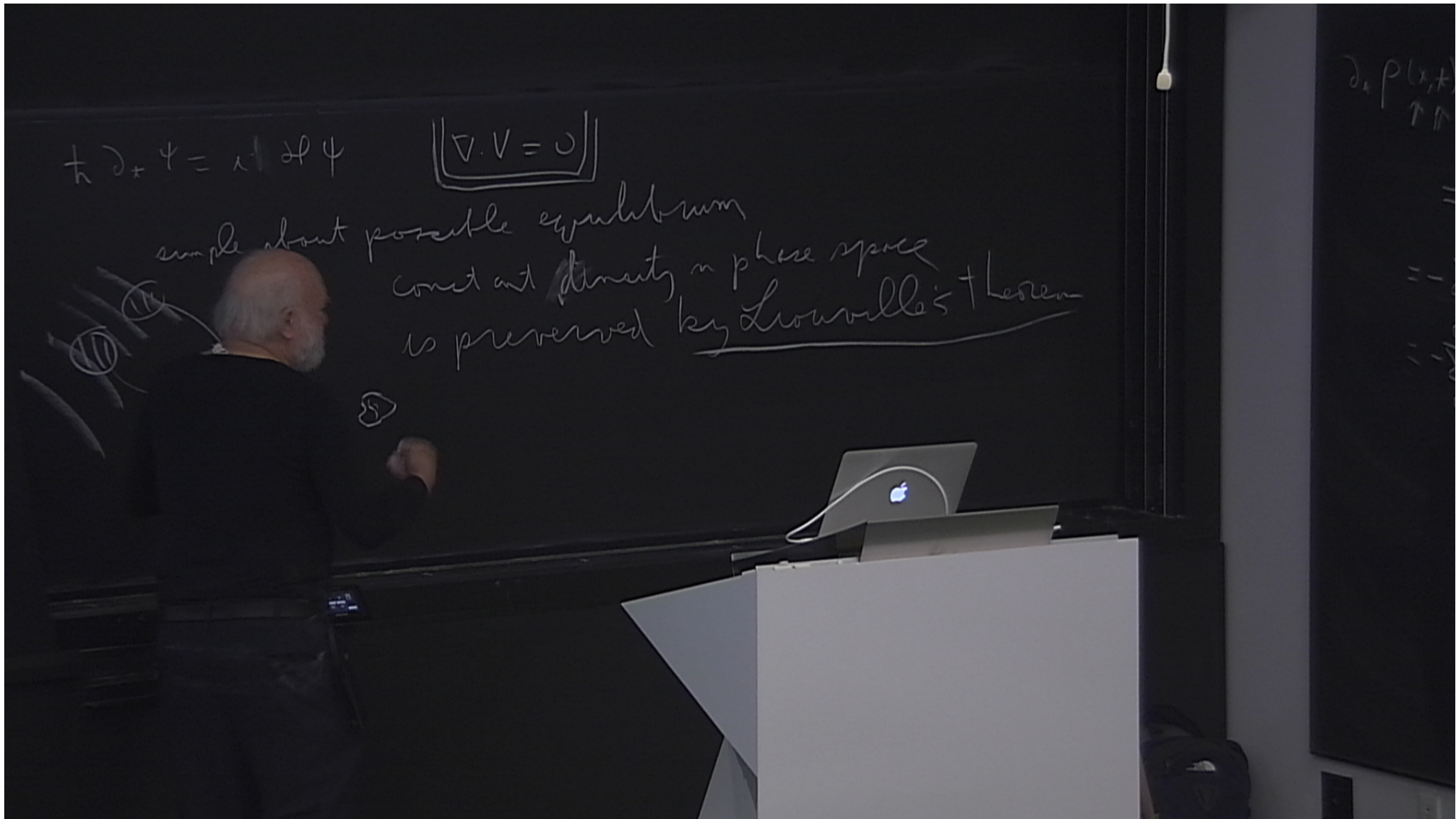




$$\frac{1}{\hbar} \partial_t \psi = \lambda \mathcal{H} \psi \quad \boxed{[\nabla \cdot V = 0]}$$

simple about possible equilibrium
constant density in phase space
is preserved by Liouville





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$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t P + \sum_j V_j \partial_{x_j} P &\quad \text{Then} \\
 + (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}) P &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[P, A] = \partial_x A$$

$$p(x, \pi) \underline{dx_1 \dots dx_n}$$



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$$\partial_A P + \sum \partial_x p(x, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Dynam} \\ &\partial_A \left(\sum_j V_j \right) \\ &+ \left(\dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Why are brackets important

Brackets can be used to describe symmetries. For example the total momentum, P , acts as the translation operator within the brackets

$$\{P, X(P, Q)\} = \sum_i (d/dx_i) X(P, Q)$$

Similarly the center of mass coordinate is a displacement operator for the momentum. Similarly the angular momentum operators serve to rotate the coordinates and the momenta. Similarly the Hamiltonian serves as a time translation operator

We have

$\{P, L\} = -\{L, P\}$ Operations of symmetries upon one another is as in quantum theory, e.g. $\{P_z, L_z\} = \partial_y (p_x y - p_y x) \sim p_x$

Leibnitz rule $\{H, XY\} = \{H, X\}Y + X\{H, Y\}$ XY is a product. H is a symmetry operation. H acts like a derivative operator. We can talk about symmetry operations applied to products

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H also acts like a derivative when applied to a bracket therefore we can talk about symmetry operations applied to brackets, e.g. other symmetry operations.

These identities mean we have a complete algebra of symmetries.

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Liouville's Theorem and conservation of functions of the energy

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If $\rho(p, q, 0)$ is any function of the Hamiltonian, e.g. $\rho(p, q, 0) = Z^{-1} \exp[-\beta H(p, q)]$ then this same functional form will hold for all times, assuming that the Hamiltonian has no explicit time dependence. $\rho(p, q, 0) = f(H(p, q))$ implies that $\rho(p, q, t) = f(H(p, q))$ for any f .

Further, if ρ is any function of a time-independent H and of any other conserved functions of p and q , with no explicit time-dependence, then ρ will be a solution of our equation. Thus, not only is the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution function a solution describing the equilibrium time-dependence of a Hamiltonian system, there are many other solutions as well.

Classical mechanics is not enough to specify a unique equilibrium probability density in a classical system. Something else is needed in addition.

Give some examples of functions of H with and without explicit time-dependence.