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• Also, we can apply chain rule  $f = f(\vec{q}, \vec{p}, t)$

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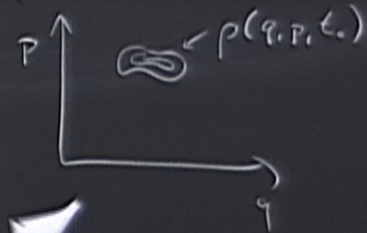
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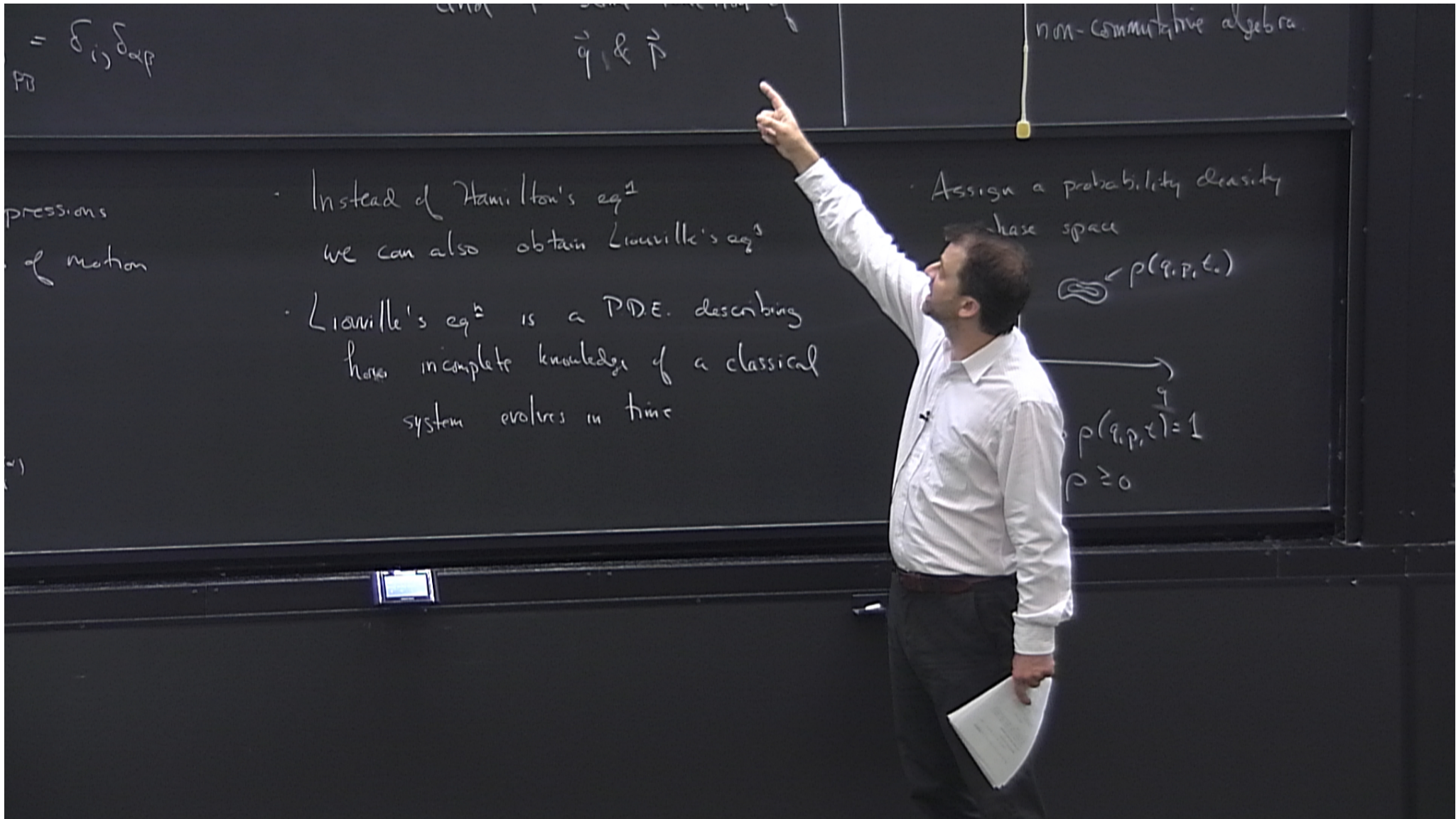
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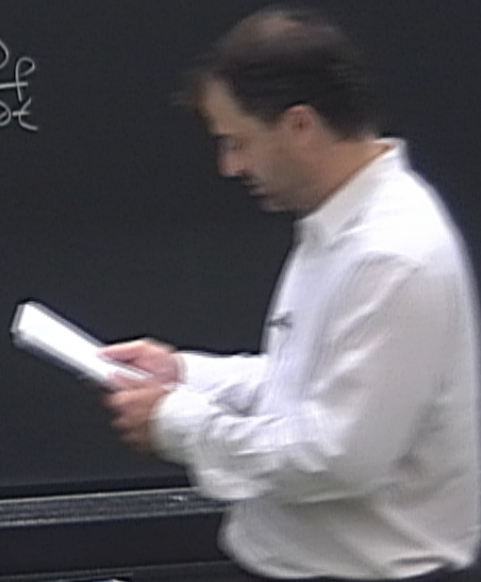
$$p(q, p, t.)$$

$$\int p(q, p, t) dq dp = 1$$

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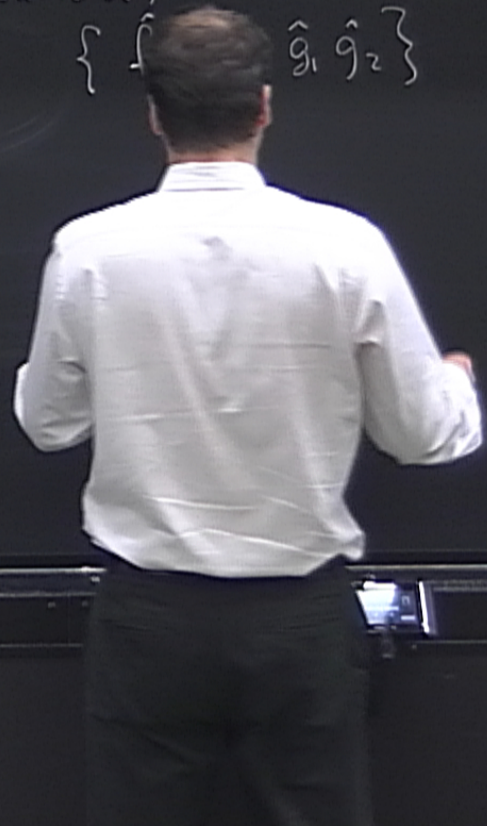


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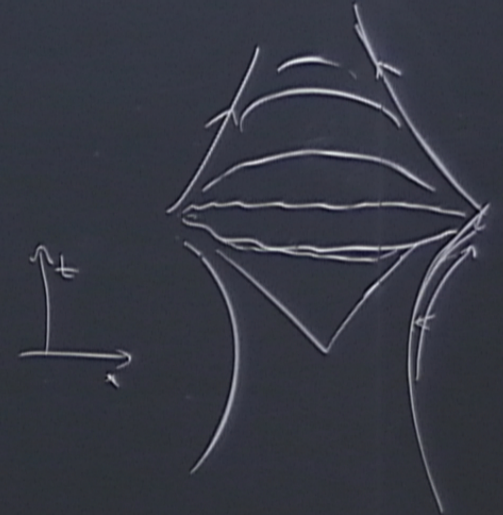
st.  $\exists \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ , satisfying

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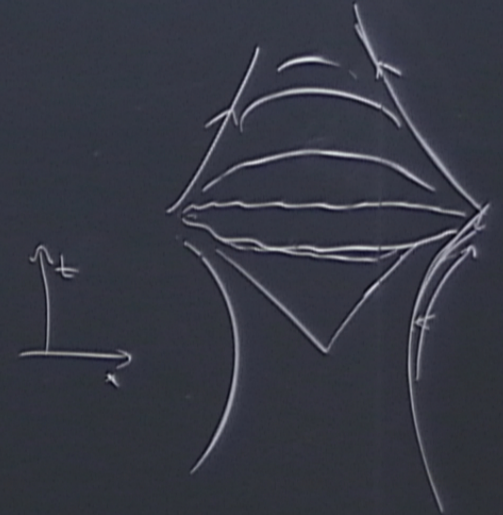
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$\Omega^\times$  as all  $\chi$

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Von Neumann's approach

Keeps Hilbert space formalism framework

Defined a generalized spectral decomposition for <sup>any</sup> self-adjoint operator  $\hat{A}$  with continuous spectrum.

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