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Gauge Fixing: Faddeev Popov Ghosts \Rightarrow BRST Symmetry

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$D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi - i[A_\mu, \phi]$ Adj. representation
 $\delta \phi = \text{gauge transform}$

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$\det[\partial^\mu D_\mu] = \int D[\bar{C}, C] \exp(-\bar{C} \cdot \partial^\mu D_\mu C)$ $C = \{C^a(x)\}$
 $\bar{C} = \{\bar{C}_a(x)\}$

Faddeev-Popov ghost term

$\bar{C}_a(x) \partial^\mu (\partial_\mu \delta_b^a C^b(x) - i F_{bc}^a A_\mu^b C^c(x))$
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$c^a(x)$
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 $c^b(x)$

c ghosts

\bar{c} antighost

Grassmann integral

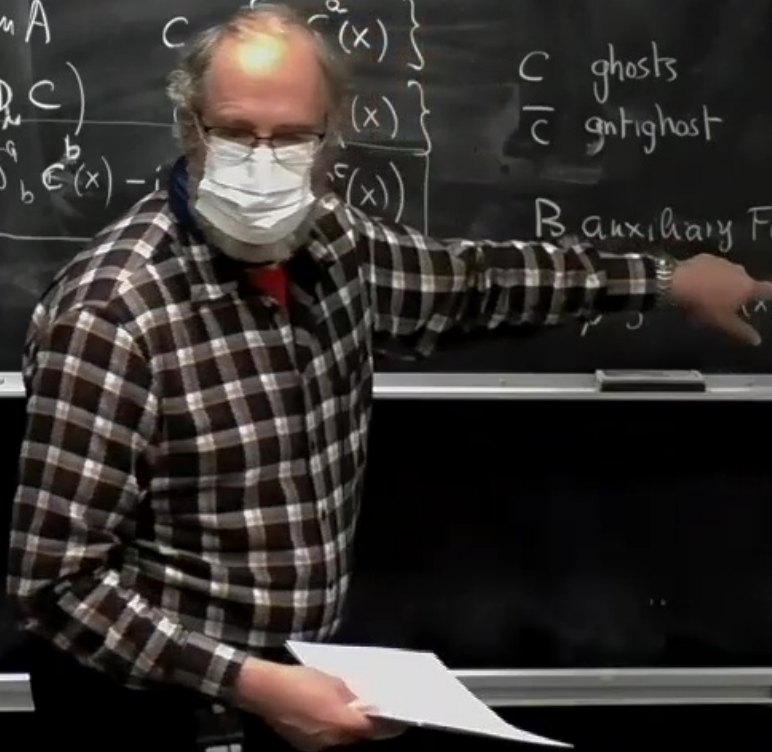
$\int d^4x \bar{c}_a(x) \partial^\mu (\partial_\mu \delta_b^a c^b(x) - \dots)$

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Landau Gauge

All the A's, but Diagrammatics OK

Fermion Gauge $\xi \neq 0$

Integrate over B

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adds to $(\partial_\mu A_\mu - \partial_\nu A_\nu)^2$ quadratic term

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ghost-gauge vertex $f_{abc} p_\mu$

$\frac{\delta_{ab}}{p^2}$

Feynman propagator for the gauge field

ghost-gauge vertex

$\delta_{ab} \delta_{cd}$

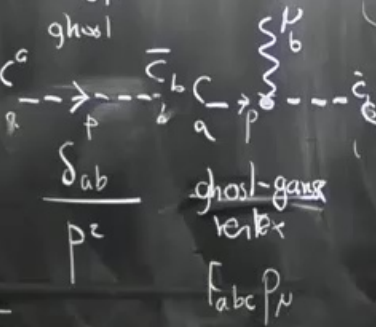
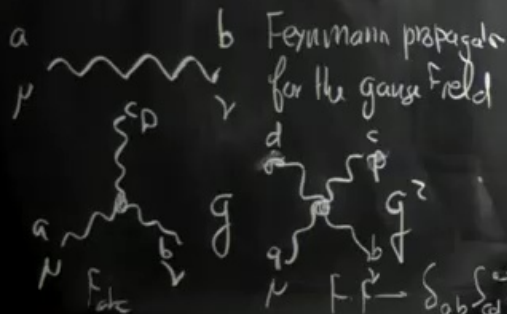
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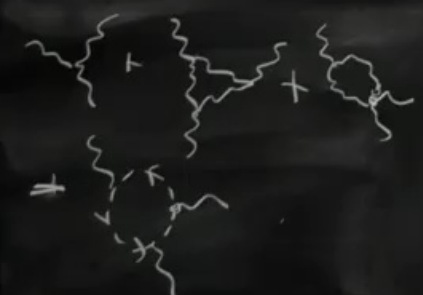
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propagator A-A

$$+ g^2 \left[\text{loop diagrams} \right] + O(g^4)$$



problems with unitarity \rightarrow ξ, \bar{c} are fermions \rightarrow restoration of unitarity
 cancellations



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BRST Symmetry (Supersymmetry, not Spacetime) it mixes $A, B \rightarrow C, \bar{C}$

$\delta \alpha(x) = \delta \alpha^a(x) t_a$
 ↑
 arbitrary

$\delta A_\mu(x) = D_\mu \delta \alpha(x)$ Gauge transformation

$\delta \alpha(x) \Rightarrow \epsilon C(x) \leftarrow$ ghost field

$\delta A_\mu(x) = \epsilon D_\mu C(x)$ BRST "

ϵ to be grassman too. Adlt. element of the Big Grass Alg

$\delta C(x) = \epsilon \frac{1}{2} [C(x), C(x)]$

$C(x) = C^a(x) t_a$

ghost # $A \rightarrow 0$

$\delta \bar{C}(x) = \epsilon i B(x)$

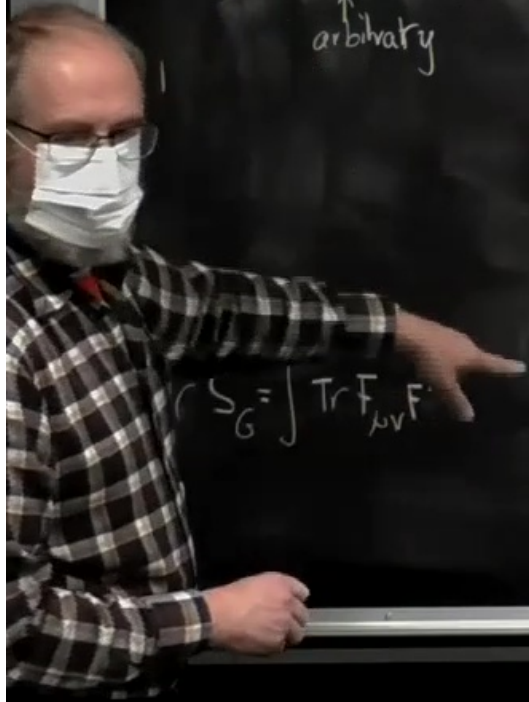
$C \rightarrow 1$

$\delta B(x) = 0$

$\bar{C} \rightarrow -1$

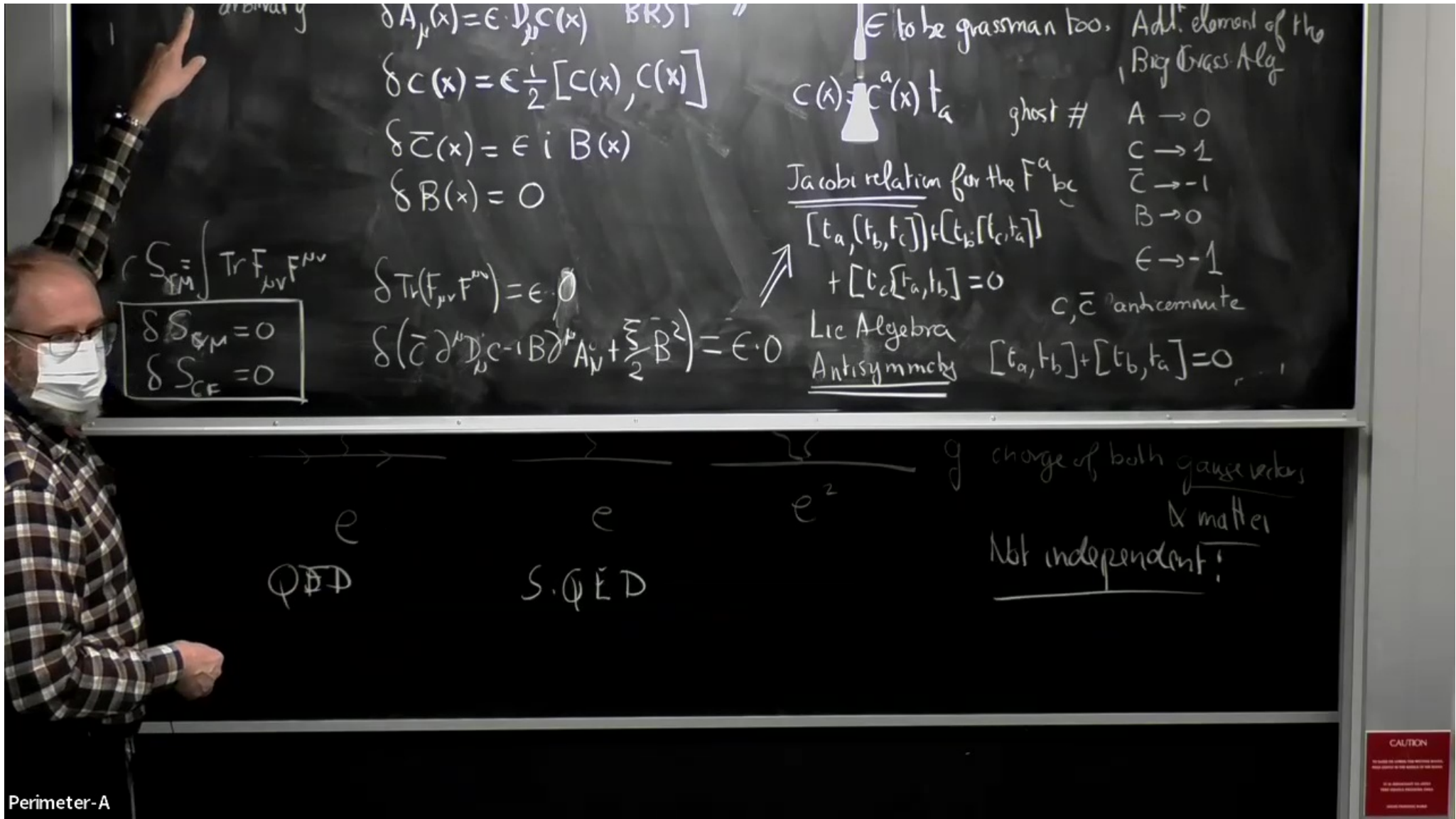
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$S_G = \int \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F$





arbitrary

$$\delta A_\mu(x) = \epsilon D_\mu C(x) \quad \text{BRST}$$

$$\delta C(x) = \epsilon \frac{1}{2} [C(x), C(x)]$$

$$\delta \bar{C}(x) = \epsilon i B(x)$$

$$\delta B(x) = 0$$

$$S_{EM} = \int \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S_{EM} &= 0 \\ \delta S_{GF} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) = \epsilon \cdot 0$$

$$\delta (\bar{C} \partial^\mu D_\mu C - i B \partial^\mu A_\mu + \frac{\xi}{2} B^2) = \epsilon \cdot 0$$

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$$C(x) = C^a(x) t_a \quad \text{ghost \#}$$

Jacobi relation for the F^a_{bc}

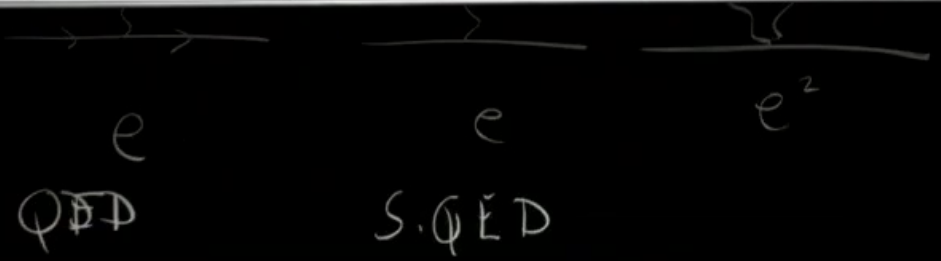
$$[t_a, [t_b, t_c]] + [t_b, [t_c, t_a]] + [t_c, [t_a, t_b]] = 0$$

Lie Algebra
Antisymmetry

$$[t_a, t_b] + [t_b, t_a] = 0$$

- $A \rightarrow 0$
- $C \rightarrow 1$
- $\bar{C} \rightarrow -1$
- $B \rightarrow 0$
- $\epsilon \rightarrow -1$

C, \bar{C} anticommute



g charge of both gauge bosons & matter
Not independent!

$$S_{YM} = \int \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\delta S_{YM} = 0$$

$$\delta S_{GF} = 0$$

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$$[t_a, [t_b, t_c]] + [t_b, [t_c, t_a]]$$

$B \rightarrow 0$

$\epsilon \rightarrow -1$

$$+ [t_c, [t_a, t_b]] = 0$$

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$$\delta \cdot = \epsilon Q \cdot$$

$$Q A_\mu = D_\mu c$$

Q generator of BRST

$$Q c = \frac{1}{2} [c, c]$$

$$Q \bar{c} = i B$$

+ A Bosonic
- A Fermionic

$$Q B = 0$$

"fermionic"

ghost # +1

$$Q(A \cdot B) = Q(A) \cdot B \pm A \cdot Q(B)$$

check that

$$Q \cdot Q \cdot = 0$$

$$Q^2 = 0 \text{ Nilpotent}$$

