

Title: Quantum Gravity

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Abstract: Topics will include (but are not limited to): Canonical formulation of constrained systems, The Dirac program, First order formalism of gravity, Loop Quantum Gravity, Spinfoam models, Research at PI and other approaches to quantum gravity.

Recap Cov. Ph. Sp. Method

$$d\underline{\mathcal{L}} = \underline{E} + d\underline{\Theta} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{cov. sympl. pot.} \\ \text{current} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\Omega} = d\underline{\Theta} \in \Omega^{top-1,2}(M \times \mathcal{F})$$

$$p: \Gamma_{\mathcal{G}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{F})$$

Lie alg. homomorphism

$$p([\xi, \eta]_{\mathcal{G}}) = [p(\xi), p(\eta)]_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{F}}$$

$$d\underline{\Omega} \approx 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow (\overline{\mathcal{F}}, \Omega_{\mathcal{Z}}) \sim \mathcal{S}$$

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$\rho: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{F})$
 eq. homomorphism

$$[\rho(\xi), \rho(\eta)]_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{F}} = [\rho(\xi), \rho(\eta)]_{\mathcal{F}}$$

$$d\underline{\Omega} \approx 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow (\overline{\mathcal{F}}, \underline{\Omega}_{\Sigma}) \sim \text{ph. sp.}$$

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on shell

$$\mathbb{D}_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{L} = d\underline{R}(\xi)$$

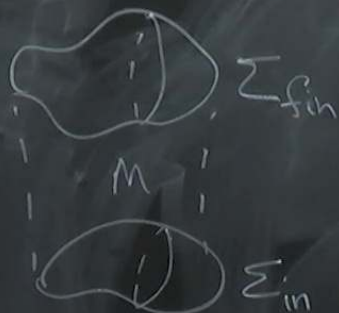
Noether current: $\underline{J}(\xi) = \mathbb{D}_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{\Theta} - \underline{R}(\xi)$

Noeth 1: $d\underline{J}(\xi) = \underline{E} \xi_{\alpha} \varphi \approx 0$

$$Q_{\Sigma}(\xi) = \int_{\Sigma} \underline{J}(\xi)$$

Local sym (Noether 2)

$$\xi = \xi(x)$$



$$Q_{\Sigma}(\xi) \approx 0$$

$$Q_N(\xi) \approx 0 \quad \forall \xi$$

$$Q_N(\xi) = \int \underline{J}(\xi) = \sum_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}(\varphi) \xi^{\alpha} + B_{\alpha}(\varphi) \alpha_i \xi^{\alpha}$$

Varying ξ :

$$C_{\Sigma d} = A_d(\varphi) - \partial_i B_d(\varphi) \approx 0$$

$$\boxed{\int_{\Sigma} \underline{J}(\xi) = \underline{C}_{\Sigma d} \xi^d + d \int_{\Sigma} \underline{j}(\xi)}$$

$\uparrow \approx 0$ CONSTRAINT

This must hold for all Σ

$$\Rightarrow \underline{J}(\xi) = C_d$$

$$Q_{\Sigma}(\xi) = \int_{\Sigma} \underline{J}(\xi)$$

$$Q_{\Sigma}(\xi) = \int_{\Sigma} \underline{j}(\xi) = \int_{\Sigma} A_{\alpha}(\varphi) \xi + D_{\alpha}(\varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{J}(\xi) = C_{\alpha} \xi^{\alpha} + d\underline{j}(\xi)$$

where $0 \approx C_{\alpha}(\varphi) \xi^{\alpha} \in \Omega^{top-1,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$

$$\underline{j}(\xi) \in \Omega^{top-2,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$$

Ex (YM)

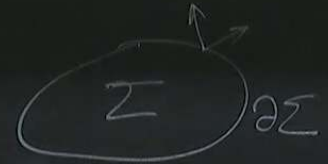
$$\underline{J}(\xi) = \text{tr}(*F \wedge D\xi) = d \left(\underbrace{\text{tr}(*F \xi)}_{\underline{j}(\xi)} \right) - \text{tr} \left(\underbrace{(D*F)}_{E_{\mathcal{M}}} \xi \right)$$

$$F = dA + A \wedge A$$

$$D\xi = d\xi + [A, \xi]$$

$(\frac{p}{3})$
 $\Omega^{p-1,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$
 $\Omega^{p-2,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$

$\text{tr}(*F \xi) - \text{tr}(\underbrace{D*F}_{\text{EM}} \xi)$

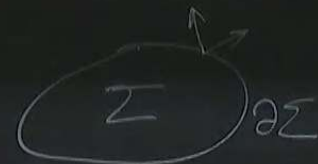


YM

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{\partial \Sigma}(\xi) &= \int_{\partial \Sigma} \underline{j}(\xi) = \int_{\partial \Sigma} \text{tr}(*F \xi) \\
 &= \int_{\partial \Sigma} \sqrt{|g|} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ab} F^a{}_{\alpha} \xi^{\alpha} \\
 &\quad \text{electric flux through } \partial \Sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

(ξ)
 $\Omega^{p-1,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$
 $\Omega^{p-2,0}(M \times \mathcal{F})$

$$\delta(\xi) = d \underbrace{\left(\text{tr}(*F \xi) \right)}_{\underline{j}(\xi)} - \text{tr} \left(\underbrace{(D \times F)}_{\text{EOM}} \right)$$



$$Q_{\partial \Sigma}(\xi) = \int_{\partial \Sigma} \underline{j}(\xi) = \int_{\partial \Sigma} \text{tr}(*F \xi)$$

Noether 2

$$Q_{\Sigma}(\xi) \approx Q_{\partial \Sigma}(\xi)$$

YM

$$= \int_{\partial \Sigma} \sqrt{|g|} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ab} F^a{}_{\alpha} \xi^{\alpha}$$

electric flux through $\partial \Sigma$

$$D\xi = d\xi + \dots$$

(Ex) $L_{\rho(\xi)} \Theta = 0, R(\xi) = 0$

$$i_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{\Omega} = -d\underline{J}(\xi)$$

$\partial\xi = \phi$ (with arrow pointing to the first equation)

$$i_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{\Omega}_{\Sigma} = -dQ_{\Sigma}(\xi) \approx 0$$

$\partial\xi = \phi$ (in a box, with arrow pointing to the second equation)

constraints generate
gauge transformations

$$D\xi = d\xi + [A, \xi]$$

GENERAL RELATIVITY

$$S = \int_M \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|g|}} \left(\frac{1}{2} g^{ab} R_{ab} - \Lambda \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ g_{ab}(x) \}$$

$$d\varphi^I = dg_{ab}$$

$$dg^{ab} := g^{aa'} g^{bb'} dg_{a'b'}, \quad dg_{ab} = g^{ab} dg_{ab}$$

VITY

$$= \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{g}} \left(\frac{1}{2} g^{ab} R_{ab} - \Lambda \right) d^4x$$

$$d\underline{\mathcal{L}} = \underline{\epsilon}_{ab} dg^{ab} + d\underline{\Theta}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \underline{\epsilon}_{ab} dg^{ab} &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon (G_{ab} + \Lambda g_{ab}) dg^{ab} \\ \underline{\Theta} &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_a (\nabla_b dg^{ab} - \nabla^a dg) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\epsilon_a = i_{\partial_a} \epsilon = g_{ab} (*dx^b)$$

$$\int_{\Sigma} \epsilon_a^* = \sqrt{h} n_a$$

↑ induced Vol.



$$dg = g^{ab} dg_{ab}$$

VOLUME

$$= \int \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{g}} d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} g^{ab} R_{ab} - \Lambda \right)$$

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 $\sqrt{g} d^4x$

$$d\underline{\mathcal{L}} = \underline{\epsilon}_{ab} dg^{ab} + d\underline{\Theta}$$

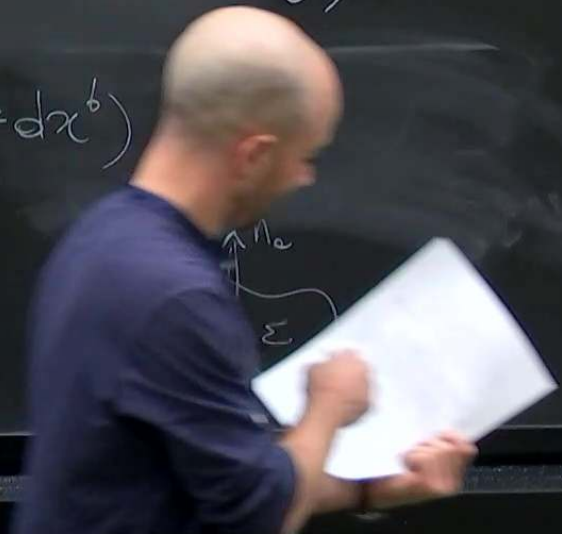
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{\epsilon}_{ab} dg^{ab} &= -\frac{1}{2} \underline{\epsilon} (G_{ab} + \Lambda g_{ab}) dg^{ab}, \quad G_{ab} = R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} \\ \underline{\Theta} &= -\frac{1}{2} \underline{\epsilon}_a (\nabla_b dg^{ab} - \nabla^a dg) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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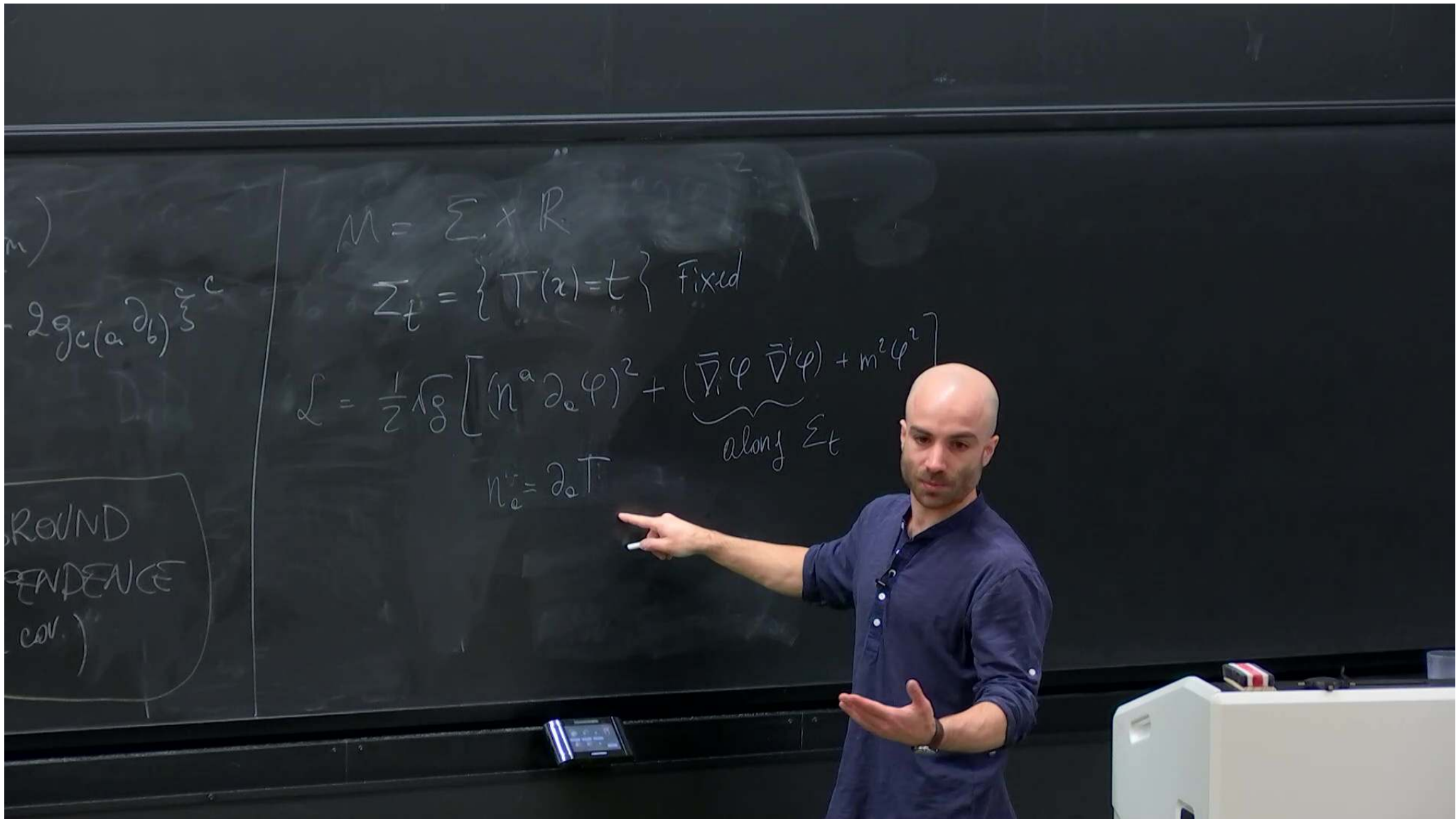
Diffeomorphisms

$$\Gamma = \text{diff}(M) = (\mathcal{X}(M), [\cdot], \mathcal{J}_{TM})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\xi} g_{ab} &= \mathcal{L}_{\xi} g_{ab} = \xi^c \partial_c g_{ab} - 2g_{c(a} \partial_b) \xi^c \\ &= 2 \nabla_{(a} \xi_{b)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{L}_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L}_{\xi} \underline{\mathcal{L}}$$

BACKGROUND
INDEPENDENCE
(general cov.)



$$2g_{c(a} \partial_b) \xi^c$$

$$M = \Sigma \times K$$

$$\Sigma_t = \{T(x) = t\} \text{ Fixed}$$

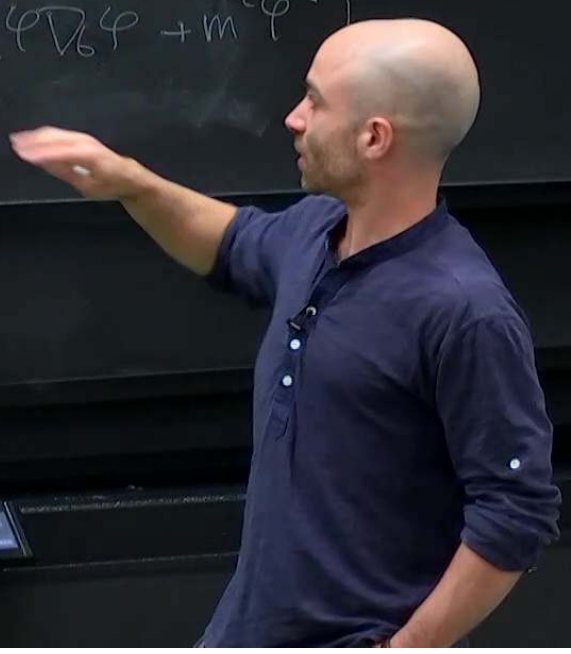
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} \left[(n^a \partial_a \varphi)^2 + \underbrace{(\bar{\nabla}_i \varphi \bar{\nabla}^i \varphi)}_{\text{along } \Sigma_t} + m^2 \varphi^2 \right]$$

$$n_a = \partial_a T$$

ROUND
DEPENDENCE
(cov.)

$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g} (g^{ab} \nabla_a \varphi \nabla_b \varphi + m^2 \varphi^2)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\varphi\}$$



Since $\underline{L} \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{top},0}(M \times F)$

$$L_{\xi} \underline{L} = \cancel{\frac{1}{2} d\underline{L}} + d_{\xi} \underline{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow dR(\xi) = \left[L_{\rho(\xi)} \underline{L} \right] \underset{\substack{\text{background} \\ \text{ind.}}}{=} d_{\xi} \underline{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R(\xi) = \int_{\Sigma} \underline{L}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} R - A \right)$$

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$$\Rightarrow dR(\xi) = \left[L_{e(\xi)} \underline{L} \right] \stackrel{\text{background ind.}}{=} d_{i_{\xi}} \underline{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R(\xi) = i_{\xi} \underline{L}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} R - A \right) i_{\xi} \underline{L}$$