

Classical Theory Of Gauge Fields

Quantum Field Theory has become the universal language of most modern theoretical physics. This introductory textbook shows how this beautiful theory offers the correct mathematical framework to describe and understand the fundamental interactions of elementary particles. The book begins with a brief reminder of basic classical field theories, electrodynamics and general relativity, as well as their symmetry properties, and proceeds with the principles of quantisation following Feynman's path integral approach. Special care is used at every step to illustrate the correct mathematical formulation of the underlying assumptions. Gauge theories and the problems encountered in their quantisation are discussed in detail. The last chapters contain a full description of the Standard Model of particle physics and the attempts to go beyond it, such as grand unified theories and supersymmetry. Written for advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students in physics and mathematics, the book could also serve as a reference for active researchers in the field.

The book assumes a knowledge of relativistic quantum mechanics, but not of quantum field theory. The topics covered form a foundation for a knowledge of modern relativistic quantum field theory, providing a comprehensive coverage with emphasis on the details of actual calculations rather than the phenomenology of the applications.

Perturbative Algebraic Quantum Field Theory (pAQFT), the subject of this book, is a complete and mathematically rigorous treatment of perturbative quantum field theory (pQFT) that doesn't require the use of divergent quantities and works on a large class of Lorenzian manifolds. We discuss in detail the examples of scalar fields, gauge theories and the effective quantum gravity. pQFT models describe a wide range of physical phenomena and have remarkable agreement with experimental results. Despite this success, the theory suffers from many conceptual problems. pAQFT is a good candidate to solve many, if not all, of these conceptual problems. Chapters 1-3 provide some background in mathematics and physics. Chapter 4 concerns classical theory of the scalar field, which is subsequently quantized in chapters 5 and 6. Chapter 7 covers gauge theory and chapter 8 discusses effective quantum gravity. The book aims to be accessible to researchers and graduate students, who are interested in the mathematical foundations of pQFT.

This volume reviews the most recent progress on new exact solutions of the Yang-Mills $SU(2)$ gauge field equations. In order to have a better understanding of the physical meaning of the Yang-Mills fields, the motion of a particle in these fields, first in general and then, in particular fields were discussed. Contents: Introduction The Yang-Mills Field Equations and the Null-Tetrad Method Classification of the Yang-Mills Fields Static Solutions of the Sourceless Yang-Mills Field Equations Classification of Gauge Fields — Application Exact Solutions of the Yang-Mills Field Equations The Motion of a Test Particle in Classical Yang-Mills Fields Summary and Concluding Remarks Readership: High energy physicists, mathematical physicists and mathematicians.

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Based on a highly regarded lecture course at Moscow State University, this is a clear and systematic introduction to gauge field theory. It is unique in providing the means to master gauge field theory prior to the advanced study of quantum mechanics.

Though gauge field theory is typically included in courses on quantum field theory, many of its ideas and results can be understood at the classical or semi-classical level. Accordingly, this book is organized so that its early chapters require no special knowledge of quantum mechanics. Aspects of gauge field theory relying on quantum mechanics are introduced only later and in a graduated fashion--making the text ideal for students studying gauge field theory and quantum mechanics simultaneously. The book begins with the basic concepts on which gauge field theory is built. It introduces gauge-invariant Lagrangians and describes the spectra of linear perturbations, including perturbations above nontrivial ground states. The second part focuses on the construction and interpretation of classical solutions that exist entirely due to the nonlinearity of field equations: solitons, bounces, instantons, and sphalerons. The third section considers some of the interesting effects that appear due to interactions of fermions with topological scalar and gauge fields. Mathematical digressions and numerous problems are included throughout. An appendix sketches the role of instantons as saddle points of Euclidean functional integral and related topics. Perfectly suited as an advanced undergraduate or beginning graduate text, this book is an excellent starting point for anyone seeking to understand gauge fields.

The matter in our universe is composed of electrons and quarks. The dynamics of electrons and quarks is described by the Standard Model of particle physics, which is based on quantum field theories. The general framework of quantum field theories is described in this book. After the classical mechanics and the relativistic mechanics the details of classical scalar fields, of electrodynamics and of quantum mechanics are discussed. Then the quantization of scalar fields, of spinor fields and of vector fields is described. The basic interactions are described by gauge theories. These theories are discussed in detail, in particular the gauge theories of quantum electrodynamics (QED) and of quantum chromodynamics (QCD), based on the gauge group $SU(3)$. In both theories the gauge bosons, the photon and the gluons, have no mass. The gauge theory of the electroweak interactions, based on the gauge group $SU(2) \times U(1)$, describes both the electromagnetic and the weak interactions. The weak force is generated by the exchange of the weak bosons. They have a large mass, and one believes that these masses are generated by a spontaneous breaking of the gauge symmetry. It might be that the strong and the electroweak interactions are unified at very high energies ("Grand Unification"). The gauge groups $SU(3)$ and $SU(2) \times U(1)$ must be subgroups of a big gauge group, describing the Grand Unification. Two such theories are discussed, based on the gauge groups $SU(5)$ and $SO(10)$.

This monograph discusses specific examples of selfdual gauge field structures, including the Chern–Simons model, the abelian–Higgs model, and Yang–Mills gauge field theory. The author builds a foundation for gauge theory and selfdual vortices by introducing the basic mathematical language of gauge theory and formulating examples of Chern–Simons–Higgs theories (in both abelian and non-abelian settings). Thereafter, the Electroweak theory and self-gravitating Electroweak strings are examined. The final chapters treat elliptic problems involving Chern–Simons models, concentration-compactness principles, and Maxwell–Chern–Simons vortices.

Acquaints readers with the main concepts and literature of elementary particle physics and quantum field theory. In particular, the book is concerned with the elaboration of gauge field theories in nuclear physics; the possibility of creating fundamental new states of matter such as an extended quark-gluon plasma in ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions; and the relation of gauge theories to the creation and evolution of the universe. Divided into three parts, it opens with an introduction to the general principles of relativistic quantum field theory followed by the

essential ingredients of gauge fields for weak and electromagnetic interactions, quantum chromodynamics and strong interactions. The third part is concerned with the interface between modern elementary particle physics and "applied disciplines" such as nuclear physics, astrophysics and cosmology. Includes references and numerous exercises.

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This volume is intended as a systematic introduction to gauge field theory for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in high energy physics. The discussion is restricted to the classical (non-quantum) theory in Minkowski spacetime. Particular attention has been given to conceptual aspects of field theory, accurate definitions of basic physical notions, and thorough analysis of exact solutions to the equations of motion for interacting systems.

An introduction to classical field theory focusing on methods and solutions, providing a foundation for the study of quantum field theory. This completely revised and updated graduate-level textbook is an ideal introduction to gauge theories and their applications to high-energy particle physics, and takes an in-depth look at two new laws of nature--quantum chromodynamics and the electroweak theory. From quantum electrodynamics through unified theories of the interactions among leptons and quarks, Chris Quigg examines the logic and structure behind gauge theories and the experimental underpinnings of today's theories. Quigg emphasizes how we know what we know, and in the era of the Large Hadron Collider, his insightful survey of the standard model and the next great questions for particle physics makes for compelling reading. The brand-new edition shows how the electroweak theory developed in conversation with experiment. Featuring a wide-ranging treatment of electroweak symmetry breaking, the physics of the Higgs boson, and the importance of the 1-TeV scale, the book moves beyond established knowledge and investigates the path toward unified theories of strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions. Explicit calculations and diverse exercises allow readers to derive the consequences of these theories. Extensive annotated bibliographies accompany each chapter, amplify points of conceptual or technical interest, introduce further applications, and lead readers to the research literature. Students and seasoned practitioners will profit from the text's current insights, and specialists wishing to understand gauge theories will find the book an ideal reference for self-study. Brand-new edition of a landmark text introducing gauge theories Consistent attention to how we know what we know Explicit calculations develop concepts and engage with experiment Interesting and diverse problems sharpen skills and ideas Extensive annotated bibliographies

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Concise textbook intended as a primer on path integral formalism both in classical and quantum field theories, although emphasis is on the latter. It is ideally suited as an intensive one-semester course, delivering the basics needed by readers to follow developments in field theory. Path Integrals in Field Theory paves the way for both more rigorous studies in fundamental mathematical issues as well as for applications in hadron, particle and nuclear physics, thus addressing students in mathematical and theoretical physics alike. Assuming some background in relativistic quantum theory (but none in field theory), it complements the authors' monograph *Fields, Symmetries, and Quarks* (Springer, 1999).

Over the last century quantum field theory has made a significant impact on the formulation and solution of mathematical problems and inspired powerful advances in pure mathematics. However, most accounts are written by physicists, and mathematicians struggle to find clear definitions and statements of the concepts involved. This graduate-level introduction presents the basic ideas and tools from quantum field theory to a mathematical audience. Topics include classical and quantum mechanics, classical field theory, quantization of classical fields, perturbative quantum field theory, renormalization, and the standard model. The material is also accessible to physicists seeking a better understanding of the mathematical background, providing the necessary tools from differential geometry on such topics as connections and gauge fields, vector and spinor bundles, symmetries and group representations.

This book presents the up-to-date status of quantum theory and the outlook for its development in the 21st century. The covered topics include basic problems of quantum physics, with emphasis on the foundations of quantum theory, quantum computing and control, quantum optics, coherent states and Wigner functions, as well as on methods of quantum physics based on Lie groups and algebras, quantum groups and noncommutative geometry. Contents: The Interacting Fock Space of Haldane's Exclusion Statistics (L Accardi & M Nhani) Complex Hamiltonians Having Real Spectra (C M Bender) From Resonances to Poincaré Semigroups (A R Bohm et al.) Quantum Field Theory as Dynamical System (H J Borchers) Beta-lattices for Aperiodic Order (J-P Gazeau) Generalized Symmetries and Time (M Heller) Integrable Hierarchies and the WDVV-equations (G F Helminck) Global Gauss Law for Lattice QCD (J Kijowski & G Rudolph) Quantum Entanglement and Symmetries (M Kus) From Noncommutative Space-time to Quantum Relativistic Symmetries with Fundamental Mass Parameter (J Lukierski) Tomographic Map within the Framework of Star-product Quantization (O V Man'ko et al.) Algorithmic Cooling and Scalable Quantum Computers: Ways to Improve the Space-time Requirements of the Algorithm (T Mor & Y Weinstein) Quantum Theory on the Torus with Magnetic Field (H Narnhofer) Nonlocal Reflection by Photonic Barriers (G Nimtz & A Haibel) Lightfront Formalism versus Holography & Chiral Scanning (B Schroer) Broken Symmetries (W Thirring) Gauge Theories on Non-commutative Spaces (J Wess) Readership: Researchers, lecturers and graduate students in theoretical, mathematical and quantum physics. Keywords:

This textbook addresses graduate students starting to specialize in theoretical physics. It provides didactic introductions to the main topics in the theory of fields, while taking into account the contemporary view of the subject. The student will find concise explanations of basic notions essential for applications of the theory of fields as well as for frontier research in theoretical physics.

One third of the book is devoted to classical fields. Each chapter contains exercises of varying degree of difficulty with hints or solutions, plus summaries and worked examples as useful. It aims to deliver a unique combination of classical and quantum field theory in one compact course.

Quantum Chromodynamics is the theory of strong interactions: a quantum field theory of colored gluons (Yang-Mills gauge fields) coupled to quarks (Dirac fermion fields). Lattice gauge theory is defined by discretizing spacetime into a four-dimensional lattice — and entails defining gauge fields and Dirac fermions on a lattice. The applications of lattice gauge theory are vast, from the study of high-energy theory and phenomenology to the numerical studies of quantum fields. *Lattice Quantum Field Theory of the Dirac and Gauge Fields: Selected Topics* examines the mathematical foundations of lattice gauge theory from first principles. It is indispensable for the study of Dirac and lattice gauge fields and lays the foundation for more advanced and specialized studies. Contents: Extended Systems in Field Theory :Introduction (J-L Gervais and A Neveu) Vortices and Quark Confinement in Non-Abelian Gauge Theories (S Mandelstam) Magnetic and Electric Confinement of Quarks (Y Nambu) Examples of Four-Dimensional Soliton Solutions and Abnormal Nuclear States (T D Lee) Classical Solution in the Massive Thirring Model (S-J Chang) Semiclassical Quantization Methods in Field Theory (A Neveu) The Quantum Theory of Solitons and Other Non-Linear Classical Waves (R Jackiw) Collective Coordinate Method for Quantization of Extended Systems (J-L Gervais, A Jevicki and B Sakita) Quantum Expansion of Soliton Solutions (N H Christ) Hartree-Type Approximation Applied to a ϕ^4 Field Theory (S-J Chang) Soliton Operators for the Quantized Sine–Gordon Equation (S Mandelstam) Classical Aspects and Fluctuation-Behaviour of Two Dimensional Models in Statistical Mechanics and Many Body Physics (B Schroer) Quarks on a Lattice, or, the Colored String Model (K G Wilson) New Ideas about Confinement (L Susskind and J Kogut) Gauge Fields on a Lattice (C Itzykson) Non-Perturbative Aspects in Quantum Field Theory: Self-Dual Solutions to Euclidean Yang–Mills Equations (E Corrigan) An Introduction to the Twistor Programme (J Madore, J L Richard and R Stora) Collective Coordinates with Non-Trivial Dynamics (J-L Gervais) A Theory of the Strong Interactions (D J Gross) Magnetic monopoles (D Olive) Dynamical and Topological Considerations on Quark Confinement (F Englert and P Windey) Difficulties in Fixing the Gauge in Non-Abelian Gauge Theories (S Sciuto) Indeterminate-Mass Particles (B M McCoy and T T Wu) Duality for Discrete Lattice Gauge Fields (C Itzykson) Large Order Estimates in Perturbation Theory (J Zinn-Justin) The Borel Transform and the Renormalization Group (G Parisi) Planar Diagrams (E Brezin) Exact S-Matrices and Form Factors in $1 + 1$ Dimensional Field Theoretic Models with Soliton Behaviour (M Karowski) Topology and Higher Symmetries of the Two-Dimensional Nonlinear ϕ^4 Model (A D'adda, M Luscher and P Di Vecchia) Two-Dimensional Yang–Mills Theory in the Leading $1/N$ Expansion (T T Wu) Superfluidity and the Two-Dimensional XY Model (D R Nelson) Bosonized Fermions in Three Dimensions (A Luther) Symmetry and Topology Concepts for Spin Glasses and Other Glasses (G Toulouse) Common Trends in Particle and Condensed Matter Physics: Introduction to Localization (D J Thouless) Conductivity Scaling and Localization (E Abrahams) Disordered Electronic System as a Model of Interacting Matrices (F Wegner) Status Report on Spin Glasses (Not Included in this Report) (S Kirkpatrick) Mean Field Theory for Spin Glasses (G Parisi) The Random Energy Model (B Derrida) Towards a Mean Field Theory of Spin Glasses: the Tap Route Revisited (C De Dominicis) On the Connection Between Spin Glasses and Gauge Field Theories (G Toulouse, J Vannimenus) Monte Carlo Simulations of Lattice Gauge Theories (C Rebbi) Large Dimension Expansions and Transition Patterns in Lattice Gauge Theories (J-M Drouffe) Progress in Lattice Gauge Theory (J B Kogut) Phase Structure of the $Z(2)$ Gauge and Matter Theory (D Horn) General Introduction to Confinement (S Mandelstam) A Simple Picture of the Weak-to-Strong Coupling Transition in Quantum Chromodynamics (C G Callan Jr.) Quantum Fluctuations in a Multiinstanton Background (B A Berg) Some Comments on the Crossover Between Strong and Weak Coupling in $Su(2)$ Pure Yang–Mills Theory (J Frohlich) String Dynamics in QCD (J-L Gervais, A Neveu) Dual Models and Strings: The Critical Dimension (C B Thorn:) Duality and Finite Size Effects in Six Vertex Models (C.B. Thorn:) Scaling at a Bifurcation Point (M Nauenberg, D Scalapino) Some Implications of a Cosmological Phase Transition (T W B Kibble) Readership: Graduate students and researchers in particle physics and condensed matter physics.

It is well known that classical electrodynamics is riddled with internal inconsistencies springing from the fact that it is a linear, Abelian theory in which the potentials are unphysical. This volume offers a self-consistent hypothesis which removes some of these problems, as well as builds a framework on which linear and nonlinear optics are treated as a non-Abelian gauge field theory based on the emergence of the fundamental magnetizing field of radiation, the $B(3)$ field. Contents: Interaction of Electromagnetic Radiation with One Fermion; The Field Equations of Classical $O(3)$ b Electrodynamics; Origin of Electrodynamics in the General Theory of Gauge Fields; Nonlinear Propagation in $O(3)$ b Electrodynamics: Solitons and Instantons; Physical Phase Effects in $O(3)$ b Electrodynamics; Quantum Electrodynamics and the $B(3)$ Field; Quantum Chaos, Topological Indices and Gauge Theories; Field Theory of $O(3)$ b QED and Unification with Weak and Nuclear Interactions; Potential Applications of $O(3)$ b QED; Duality and Fundamental Problems. Readership: Graduate and undergraduates in physics (electromagnetism), differential geometry & topology, electrical & electronic engineering, theoretical & physical chemistry, chaos and dynamical systems.

Comprehensive graduate-level text by a distinguished theoretical physicist reveals the classical underpinnings of modern quantum field theory. Topics include space-time, Lorentz transformations, conservation laws, equations of motion, Green's functions, and more. 1964 edition.

An expanded and up-dated book examining gauge theories and their symmetries.

Based on his own work, the author synthesizes the most promising approaches and ideals in field theory today. He presents such subjects as statistical mechanics, quantum field theory and their interrelation, continuous global symmetry, non-Abelian gauge fields, instantons and the quantum theory of loops, and quantum strings and random surfaces. This book is aimed at postgraduate students studying field theory and statistical mechanics, and for research workers in continuous global theory.

This monograph is devoted to the systematic and encyclopedic presentation of the foundations of quantum field theory. It represents mathematical problems of the quantum field theory with regard to the new methods of the constructive and Euclidean field theory formed for the last thirty years of the 20th century on the basis of rigorous mathematical tools of the functional analysis, the theory of operators, and the theory of generalized functions. The book is useful for young scientists who desire to understand not only the formal structure of the quantum field theory but also its basic concepts and connection with classical mechanics, relativistic classical field theory, quantum mechanics, group theory, and the theory of functional integration.

Many courses on modern quantum field theory focus on the formulation and application of field theory, leaving topics

related to symmetry underdeveloped. This leads to students often having an incomplete understanding of symmetries. Filling this gap, *Symmetries and Symmetry Breaking in Field Theory* sheds light on various aspects of symmetry in field theory. The book presents a broad selection of important topics, including constraint theory, generalized Pauli–Villars regularization, the measure approach to anomalies, zeta function regularization, and anomalous gauge theories. The author explains how some classical symmetries are broken by anomalies and how other symmetries of the theory are spontaneously broken. He discusses all of the ideas in as simple a way as possible.

This book is devoted to the subject of quantum field theory. It is divided into two volumes. The first can serve as a textbook on the main techniques and results of quantum field theory, while the second treats more recent developments, in particular the subject of quantum groups and noncommutative geometry, and their interrelation. The first volume is directed at graduate students who want to learn the basic facts about quantum field theory. It begins with a gentle introduction to classical field theory, including the standard model of particle physics, general relativity, and also supergravity. The transition to quantized fields is performed with path integral techniques, by means of which the one-loop renormalization of a self-interacting scalar quantum field, of quantum electrodynamics, and the asymptotic freedom of quantum chromodynamics is treated. In the last part of the first volume, the application of path integral methods to systems of quantum statistical mechanics is covered. The book ends with a rather detailed investigation of the fractional quantum Hall effect, and gives a stringent derivation of Laughlin's trial ground state wave function as an exact ground state. The second volume covers more advanced themes. In particular Connes' noncommutative geometry is dealt with in some considerable detail; the presentation attempts to acquaint the physics community with the substantial achievements that have been reached by means of this approach towards the understanding of the elusive Higgs particle. The book also covers the subject of quantum groups and its application to the fractional quantum Hall effect, as it is for this paradigmatic physical system that noncommutative geometry and quantum groups can be brought together.

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Groups Noncommutative Geometry and Quantum Groups Readership: Graduate students and professionals in theoretical and mathematical physics. Keywords: Quantum Field Theory; Quantum Groups; Noncommutative Geometry; Path Integral Techniques; Quantum Electrodynamics; Quantum Chromodynamics Reviews: "This self-contained, comprehensive first volume presents a fundamental and careful introduction to quantum field theory. It will be welcomed by students as well as researchers, since it gives an overview of the origin and development of the basic ideas of modern particle physics, quantum statistical mechanics and the mathematics behind. The book provides a rich collection of modern research topics and references to important recent published work." Zentralblatt MATH "The publication of this authoritative and comprehensively referenced two-volume set, written in somewhat condensed but eminently lucid style and explaining the principal underlying concepts and most important results of QFT, is particularly timely and useful. I am pleased to recommend most heartily this important reference source to students and physicists and to those concerned with the philosophy of science." George B. Kauffman Professor Emeritus of Chemistry California State University, Fresno

This book introduces a rapidly growing new research area — the study of dynamical properties of elementary fields. The methods used in this field range from algebraic topology to parallel computer programming. The main aim of this research is to understand the behavior of elementary particles and fields under extreme circumstances, first of all at high temperature and energy density generated in the largest accelerators of the world and supposed to be present in the early evolution of our Universe shortly after the Big Bang. In particular, chaos is rediscovered in a new appearance in these studies: in gauge theories the well-known divergence of initially adjacent phase space trajectories leads over into a quasi-thermal distribution of energy with a saturated average distance of different field configurations. This particular behavior is due to the compactness of the gauge group. Generally this book is divided into two main parts: the first part mainly deals with the "classical" discovery of chaos in gauge field theory while the second part presents methods and research achievements in recent years. One chapter is devoted entirely to the presentation and discussion of computational problems. The major theme, returning again and again throughout the book, is of course the phenomenon with a thousand faces — chaos itself. This book is intended to be a research book which introduces the reader to a new research field, presenting the basic new ideas in detail but just briefly touching on the problems of other related fields, like perturbative or lattice gauge theory, or dissipative chaos. The terminology of these related fields are, however, used.

Exercises are also included in this book. They deepen the reader's understanding of special issues and at the same time offer more information on related problems. For the convenience of the fast reader, solutions are presented right after the problems. Contents: Introduction Chaotic Dynamics Chaos in Gauge Theory Topological Field Theories Lattice Gauge Theory Hamiltonian Lattice Gauge Theory Computing SU(2) Gauge Theory Chaos in Lattice Gauge Theory Applications and Extensions Beyond the Classical Theory Chaos and Confinement Readership: Nonlinear scientists, high energy physicists, mathematicians and engineers. keywords: Non-Abelian Gauge Fields; Periodic Orbits; Lyapunov Exponents; Classical and Quantum Yang-Mills Mechanics; Higgs Mechanism; Self-Thermalization via Chaos; Chaos and Confinement; Quark-Gluon Plasma; Lattice Gauge Theory; Monte Carlo Methods; Physics; Field Theory; Chaos; Gauge; Lattice; Thermalization; Entropy; Computing "This book is a good place to approach the research area of chaos applied to gauge field theories." Mathematical Reviews

Gauge Field Theories: An Introduction covers the basic notions and principles of gauge theories. This book is composed of 10 chapters that focus on the Salam-Weinberg model of electro-weak interactions of neutrino-lepton scattering, as well

as the Parton model. The first chapter is an introduction to solitons and instantons, as well as the topological quantum numbers, subjects that arose from the study of the non-linear field equations in gauge theories. The succeeding chapters deal with the concept of gravitational field, electrodynamical systems, the Yang-mills gauge fields, and the Higgs mechanism. The remaining chapters highlight the speculations on possible lepton and quark structured. These chapters present the SU(5) model of grand unification. This book will prove useful to physics university and advanced high school students.

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The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and globalization have forced national history to yield place to European and global history. In medieval studies, Michael Borgolte has taken up the new challenge as no other German historian, encouraging the development of transcultural research on the Middle Ages. This volume includes several of his essays, but is intended to serve more as the basis for further research rather than to take stock of his work.

This book is a concise introduction to the key concepts of classical field theory for beginning graduate students and advanced undergraduate students who wish to study the unifying structures and physical insights provided by classical field theory without dealing with the additional complication of quantization. In that regard, there are many important aspects of field theory that can be understood without quantizing the fields. These include the action formulation, Galilean and relativistic invariance, traveling and standing waves, spin angular momentum, gauge invariance, subsidiary conditions, fluctuations, spinor and vector fields, conservation laws and symmetries, and the Higgs mechanism, all of which are often treated briefly in a course on quantum field theory.

A sequel to the well received book, Quantum Mechanics by T Y Wu, this book carries on where the earlier volume ends. This present volume follows the generally pedagogic style of Quantum Mechanics. The scope ranges from relativistic quantum mechanics to an introduction to quantum field theory with quantum electrodynamics as the basic example and ends with an exposition of important issues related to the standard model. The book presents the subject in basic and easy-to-grasp notions which will enhance the purpose of this book as a useful textbook in the area of relativistic quantum mechanics and quantum electrodynamics. Request Inspection Copy

Physical situations in which quantum systems communicate continuously to their classically described environment are not covered by contemporary quantum theory, which requires a temporary separation of quantum degrees of freedom from classical ones. A generalization would be needed to cover these situations. An incomplete proposal is advanced for combining the quantum and classical degrees of freedom into a unified objective description. It is based on the use of certain quantum-classical structures of light that arise from gauge invariance to coordinate the quantum and classical degrees of freedom. Also discussed is the question of where experimenters should look to find phenomena pertaining to the quantum-classical connection. 17 refs.

Scheck's successful textbook presents a comprehensive treatment, ideally suited for a one-semester course. The textbook describes Maxwell's equations first in their integral, directly testable form, then moves on to their local formulation. The first two chapters cover all essential properties of Maxwell's equations, including their symmetries and their covariance in a modern notation. Chapter 3 is devoted to Maxwell's theory as a classical field theory and to solutions of the wave equation. Chapter 4 deals with important applications of Maxwell's theory. It includes topical subjects such as metamaterials with negative refraction index and solutions of Helmholtz' equation in paraxial approximation relevant for the description of laser beams. Chapter 5 describes non-Abelian gauge theories from a classical, geometric point of view, in analogy to Maxwell's theory as a prototype, and culminates in an application to the U(2) theory relevant for electroweak interactions. The last chapter 6 gives a concise summary of semi-Riemannian geometry as the framework for the classical field theory of gravitation. The chapter concludes with a discussion of the Schwarzschild solution of Einstein's equations and the classical tests of general relativity. The new concept of this edition presents the content divided into two tracks: the fast track for master's students, providing the essentials, and the intensive track for all wanting to get in depth knowledge of the field. Clearly labeled material and sections guide students through the preferred level of treatment. Numerous problems and worked examples will provide successful access to Classical Field Theory.

Viewing physical theories as symbolic constructions came to the fore in the middle of the nineteenth century with the emancipation of the classical theory of the electromagnetic field from mechanics; most notably this happened through the work of Helmholtz, Hertz, Poincaré, and later Weyl. The epistemological problems that nourished this development are today highlighted within quantum field theory. The present essay starts off with a concise and non-technical outline of the firmly based aspects of relativistic quantum field theory, i.e. the very successful description of subnuclear phenomena. The particular methods, by which these different aspects have to be accessed, then get described as distinct facets of quantum field theory. The authors show how these different facets vary with respect to the relation between quantum fields and associated particles. Thus, by emphasising the respective role of various basic concepts involved, the authors claim that only a very general epistemic approach can properly account for this diversity - an account they trace back to the philosophical writings of the aforementioned physicists and mathematicians. Finally, what they call their semiotic perspective on quantum field theory gets related to recent discussions within the philosophy of science and turns out to act as a counterbalance to, for instance, structural realism.

This invaluable book presents gravitation and gauge fields as interrelated topics with a common physical and mathematical foundation, such as gauge theory of gravitation and other fields, giving emphasis to the physicist's point of view. About half of the material is devoted to Einstein's general relativity theory, and the rest to gauge fields that naturally blend well with gravitation, including spinor formulation, classification of SU(2) gauge fields and null-tetrad formulation of the Yang-Mills field in the presence of gravitation. The text includes a useful introduction to the physical foundation of the

theory of gravitation. It also provides the mathematical theory of the geometry of curved space-times needed to describe Einstein's general relativity theory.

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