

Physics 330 – Quantum Field Theory

General Information

- course meeting: MW, 9:30 - 10:45 am, Hewlett 102
discussion section: Thursday, 6:30 pm, Varian 355
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- Textbook: Peskin and Schroeder, An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory
- Useful references: Brown, Quantum Field Theory
Berestetskii, Lifshitz and Pitaevskii, Quantum Electrodynamics
Ryder, Quantum Field Theory
Weinberg, The Quantum Theory of Fields
Zee, Quantum Field Theory in a Nutshell
- Web page: <http://www.slac.stanford.edu/~mpeskin/Physics330/>
- Final: take-home examination, due Dec. 16.

Syllabus

1. The Free Scalar Field
2. The Dirac Field
3. Perturbation Theory
4. Elementary Processes of Quantum Electrodynamics (QED)
5. Finite Radiative Corrections of QED
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1. Functional Integrals and Field Quantization
2. Non-Abelian Gauge Theories
3. Asymptotic Freedom
4. Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)
5. Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking
6. Gauge Theories with Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking
7. The Glashow-Weinberg-Salam Model of Weak Interactions

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1. Theory of Renormalization
2. Renormalization of Theories with Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking
3. The Renormalization Group
4. Renormalization Group and Scalar Field Theories
5. Renormalization Group and QCD
6. Operator Product Expansion in QCD
7. Perturbation Theory Anomalies
8. Elements of Non-Perturbative QCD