

Physics 332 – Quantum Field Theory

General Information

- course meeting: MW, 9:00 - 10:15 am, Hewlett 102
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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/Physics332/>
- Final: take-home examination, due June 14 at noon

Syllabus

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

Plan for Physics 330-331-332

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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
6. Infinite 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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