

Perturbative Gravity and Gauge-Theory Relations

A complicated story made simple
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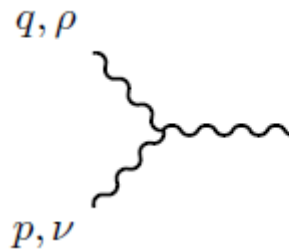
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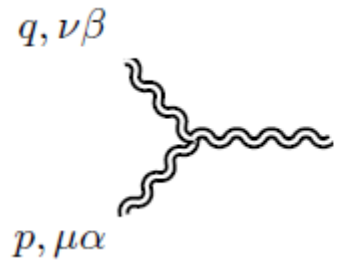
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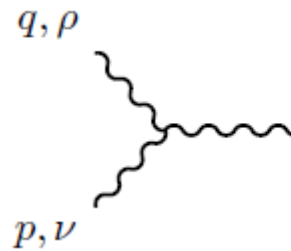
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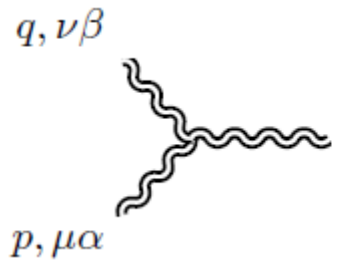
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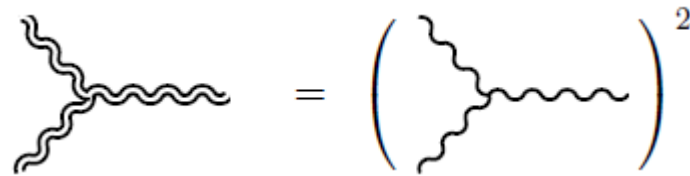


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On-shell a “miracle” happens:



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This is the field theory version of a relation between closed and open strings first derived by Kawai, Lewellen and Tye in 1985.



Thank you for listening!

