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Quantum field theory forms the present theoretical framework for our understanding of the fundamental interactions of particle physics. This up-dated and expanded text examines gauge theories and their symmetries with an emphasis on their physical and technical aspects.

Beginning with a new chapter giving a systematic introduction to classical field theories and a short discussion of their canonical quantization and the discrete symmetries C , P and T , the book provides a brief exposition of perturbation theory, the renormalization programme and the use of the renormalization group equation. It then explores topics of current research interest including chiral symmetry and its breaking, anomalies, and low energy effective lagrangians and some basics of supersymmetry. A chapter on the basics of the electroweak theory is now included.

PROFESSOR POKORSKI, a distinguished theoretical physicist, has presented here a self-contained text for graduate courses in physics, the only prerequisite is some grounding in quantum field theory.

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Place:	Instead of:	Should be:
p. 109, lines below eq. (2.153):	It can be proved, for example, by induction, that ...	It can be proved that ...
line 1 below eq. (2.154):	The effective action ...	An easy way to prove eq. (2.154) is to consider the relation between the functionals $W[J]$ and $W'[J]$ for the fields Φ and $\bar{\Phi}$, respectively, and similarly $Z[J]$ and $Z'[J]$ [†] . The effective action ...
p. 110, 2 lines above eq. (2.156):	Also, we can prove, for example, by induction, that ...	Similarly to eq. (2.154) one can prove that ...
p. 185, line 1 below eq. (5.26):	... reads	... reads (see p. 266 for the discussion of the running $\alpha(q^2)$)
p. 214, line 2 below eq. (6.20):	the 1PI Green's function $\Gamma^{(n)}$ by ...	the 1PI Green's function $\Gamma^{(n)}$ (in a complete discussion one should include 1P reducible Green's functions as well; such an extension is straightforward) by ...
p. 411, line 2 from the bottom:	and process-dependent corrections consisting ...	and corrections, often called process-dependent, consisting ...
p. 412, starting at line 5 under Fig. 12.5:	the splitting into universal and process-dependent parts is gauge-dependent and to get physical ...	the splitting into universal and so-called process-dependent parts is gauge-dependent: the vertex and box corrections contain also contributions which are independent of the external legs and cancel the gauge dependence of the corrections to the gauge boson propagators. To get physical ...
line 13 under Fig. 12.5:	of at least part of the process-dependent corrections ...	of the external leg independent vertex corrections ...
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In memory of Osterns – my mother's family

Preface to the First Edition

This book has its origin in a long series of lectures given at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, Warsaw University. It is addressed to graduate students and to young research workers in theoretical physics who have some knowledge of quantum field theory in its canonical formulation, for instance at the level of two volumes by Bjorken & Drell (1964, 1965). The book is intended to be a relatively concise reference to some of the field theoretical tools used in contemporary research in the theory of fundamental interactions. It is a technical book and not easy reading. Physical problems are discussed only as illustrations of certain theoretical ideas and of computational methods. No attempt has been made to review systematically the present status of the theory of fundamental interactions.

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Preface to the Second Edition

This new edition offers a substantial extension of topics covered by the book. The main additions are Chapter 1 and Chapter 12 and extended Appendices. Chapter 1 makes the book more self-contained. It gives a systematic introduction to classical field theories and a brief discussion of their canonical quantization, as some intuition based on canonical quantization proves to be very useful even if the main emphasis is on the path integral approach. Also in Chapter 1 the reader can find a thorough discussion of discrete symmetries C , P and T .

Chapter 12 gives a concise but systematic and self-contained introduction to the electroweak theory. This is an important completion for a modern book on quantum field theory and fundamental interactions, which was missing in the first edition. Appendices A, C and D are new. In particular, Appendix C contains the complete set of Feynman rules for the Standard Model, including counterterms, which is not easily available in the literature. The new Appendix A is a substantial extension of the previous Appendix C. Several smaller changes and corrections have been made in a number of places in the text. An important addition is Section 7.7, in which the modern approach to effective field theories is presented.

I hope that the additions leave intact the main feature of the book: it is still not easy reading!

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