

1 Classical mechanics

The book [2] by Arnold is an introduction to mathematical methods of classical mechanics. Among other which can be recommended as an introductory reference is the book by Ana Cannas da Silva [1].

More advanced references on classical mechanics are [3], [4].

2 Quantum mechanics

For the deformation quantization of Poisson manifolds see [28][29].

For geometric quantization see, for example [7]

Among standard mathematically minded textbooks on quantum mechanics are [13] [6], see also [9][8] for detailed discussion of states in quantum mechanics

3 Quantum Field Theory

For mathematical exposition of basic ideas of quantum field theory oriented towards constructive quantum field theory point of view see for example [11]. There is no discussion of field theories with fermions in this book.

Many aspects of quantum and classical field theory and explained and re-interpreted in the collection of lectures given during the special year on quantum field theory at the Advanced Study Institute at Princeton [?].

Standard references in quantum field theory when it is taught to theory students at a physics department are [17][10][15][14][15].

The perturbation theory, matrix integrals and many interesting applications can found in P. Etingof's lecture notes:

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Mathematics/18-238Fall2002/LectureNotes/index.htm>

4 Quantization of gauge theories

The book [?] contains a lot of material on quantization of gauge theories.

An extensive treatment of BRST and of BV quantization of gauge theories oriented for physicists with mathematical interests can be found in [18].

A concise exposition of BRST and BV quantization is given in [19] and [27]. A wonderful example of the BV quantization is the perturbative quantization of the Poisson sigma-model [?]. This also gives the TQFT interpretation of Kontsevich's deformation quantization of Poisson manifolds.

5 Conformal Field Theories

The book [12] can be recommended as a reference book on conformal field theory.

The basics ideas are well captured in the original paper [20].

6 Topological quantum field theory

The path integral approach to quantum topological field theories produced a collection of invariants of 3-manifolds obtained by perturbation theory. They are integrals of forms over configuration spaces and are parameterized by Feynmann diagrams.

Path integral formulation of the Chern-Simons theory was developed by Witten in [33]. For the geometric construction of perturbative invariants of 3-manifolds in this theory see [28][21][22] [23][24].

These results were developed into the theory of universal finite type invariants of 3-manifolds in [32][31].

A combinatorial topological quantum field theory was defined in [35]. This construction uses certain categories and grew up from the combinatorial construction of invariants of ribbon graphs given in [34]. Examples of such categories are provided by the representation theory of quantized universal enveloping algebras at roots of unity. The construction uses surgery and Kirby calculus of 3-manifolds. Another combinatorial construction based on triangulations of 3-manifolds was given in [36].

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