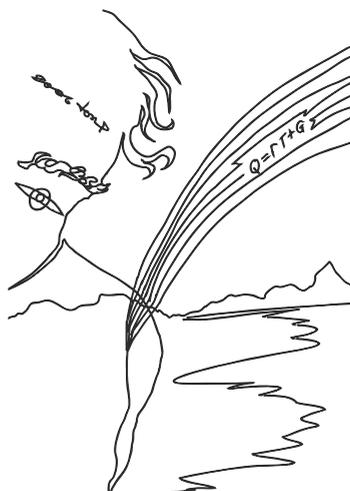


Part II

Long journey



Warning

In Part II we switch to Euclidean conventions. This is appropriate and convenient from the technical point of view, since we mostly study static (time-independent) field configurations, and $A_0 = 0$. Then the Euclidean action reduces to the energy functional. See Appendix A, Section A.7.