



General Relativity Seminars

Week 1: Prelude to the Special Theory of Relativity & Lorentzian spacetime

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Michelson-Morley Experiment

Constancy of the Speed of Light

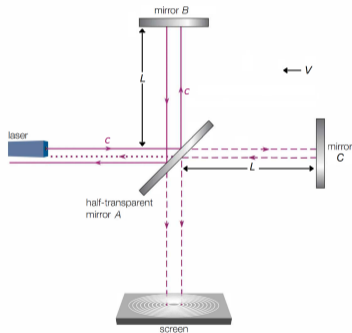
An observer on Earth describing speed of light c' through both arms, thinking it's affected by "Aether" winds with velocity $-v\hat{e}_x$, where speed of light in Aether frame is c .

- From A to C: $c' = c - v$, $t_{AC} = L/(c - v)$.
- From C to A: $c' = c + v$, $t_{CA} = L/(c + v)$.

$$\therefore t_{ACA} = \frac{2L}{c(1 - v^2/c^2)}$$

- From A to B: $c' = \sqrt{c^2 - v^2}$, $t_{AB} = L/\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}$.
- From B to A: $c' = \sqrt{c^2 - v^2}$, $t_{BA} = L/\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}$.

$$\therefore t_{ABA} = \frac{2L}{c\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$



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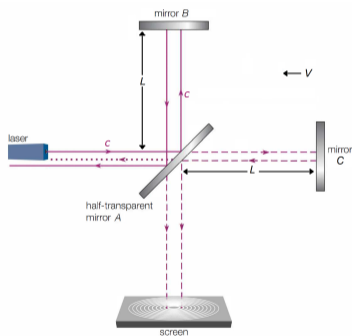
Michelson-Morley Experiment

Constancy of the Speed of Light

$$\Delta t_{arms} = t_{ACA} - t_{ABA} = \frac{2L}{c} \left[\frac{1}{1 - v^2/c^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \right]$$

$$\approx \frac{2L}{c} \left[1 + v^2/c^2 - 1 - \frac{1}{2}v^2/c^2 \right] = (v^2/c^2) \frac{L}{c} = \beta_v^2 \frac{L}{c}$$

If the experiment is rotated 90° , then it's "expected" that $\Delta t_{rotated} = -\beta_v^2 \frac{L}{c}$, and thus $\Delta t_{total} = 2\beta_v^2 \frac{L}{c}$, or $\Delta\lambda = 2\beta_v^2 \frac{L}{\lambda}$. But fringe shift had never been found even after repeating the experiment 6 months later!!!



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Michelson-Morley Experiment

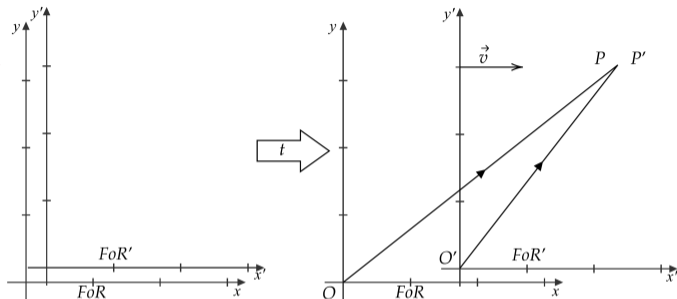
Constancy of the Speed of Light

Explanations:

- Earth is at rest with aether. (Rejected as is against Leibniz relationalism. See “Absolute and Relational Space and Motion: Classical Theories” article on Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy).
- Earth drags some aether atoms around it s.t. they capture the speed of earth. (Rejected by the 1893 Lodge experiment).
- FitzGerald 1889 ad hoc: Objects inside aether contract by $\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$ factor to compensate for t_{ACA} s.t. $\Delta t_{arms} = 0$. (Despite being true, FitzGerald’s reasoning was incorrect as rulers should also contract; it’s unfalsifiable).
- In addition to the Principle of Relativity, the velocity of light is the same with respect to all inertial frames, and there is no such thing called aether! (Einstein-Poincaré assumption).



Lorentz Transformations Space & Time Intertwined



- At $t = 0$, FoR and FoR' are identical, and a light source emits a wave.
- After a time t , O detects the wave at P while O' detect the same wave at P' .
- $O\vec{P}^2 = (ct)^2 = r^2$, $O'\vec{P}'^2 = (ct')^2 = r'^2 \Rightarrow 0 = -(ct)^2 + r^2 = -(ct')^2 + r'^2$.
- To simplify the calculations set $y = y'$, $z = z'$ s.t. $O\vec{P}^2 - O'\vec{P}'^2 = r^2 - r'^2$.



Lorentz Transformations

Space & Time Intertwined

- O suggests $x' = ax + bt$. When $x' = 0 \Rightarrow x/t = -b/a = v \Rightarrow \boxed{x' = a(x - vt)}$.
- O' suggests $x = fx' + gt'$. When $x = 0 \Rightarrow -x'/t' = g/f = v \Rightarrow \boxed{x = f(x' + vt')}$.
- Combine the two results s.t. $x = f[a(x - vt) + vt'] \Rightarrow \boxed{t' = a \left[t - \frac{1}{v} \left(1 - \frac{1}{af} \right) x \right]}$.
- Since $-(ct')^2 + x'^2 = 0$, one can prove that

$$x^2 \left[a^2 - \frac{a^2 c^2}{v^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{af} \right)^2 \right] + xt \left[-2a^2 v + \frac{2a^2 c^2}{v} \left(1 - \frac{1}{af} \right) \right] + t^2 \left[a^2 v^2 - a^2 c^2 \right] = 0$$

then compare the last result with $-(ct)^2 + x^2 = 0$ to get

$$\boxed{a = f = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} \equiv \gamma_v}$$



Lorentz Transformations

Lorentz-Voigt Group

$$ct' = \gamma_v(ct - \beta x)$$

$$x' = \gamma_v(x - \beta ct)$$

$$y' = y \text{ and } z' = z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_v & -\beta_v \gamma_v & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_v \gamma_v & \gamma_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Or: } x'^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} x^{\alpha}$$

A set of transformations G , containing Λ 's and a special $\Lambda_0 := id$, forms a group if:

- for every Λ there exists a Λ^{-1} s.t. $\Lambda * \Lambda^{-1} = \Lambda^{-1} * \Lambda = id$.
- $(\Lambda * \Lambda') * \Lambda'' = \Lambda * (\Lambda' * \Lambda'')$



Lorentz Transformations

Space & Time in Special Relativity

In Galilean “affine” space $dr^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = dx'^2 + dy'^2 + dz'^2$ is “invariant” under Galilean transformations $x' = x \pm vt$. But under Lorentz transformations one can prove that dr^2 is not invariant. But $O\vec{P}$ and $O'\vec{P}'$ definitions inspire studying the “Lorentz invariance” of

$$ds^2 := -c^2 dt^2 + dr^2 = -c^2 dt'^2 + dr'^2$$

which is considered a Lorentz scalar, a special type of Lorentz “arrays”.

When two events happen at the same place in different times w.r.t a stationary FoR , i.e., $dr = 0$ and $dt \neq 0$, then the non-stationary FoR' sees time interval as

$$dt' = \gamma_{\vec{u}'} dt, \quad \vec{u}'^2 = \left(\frac{dr'}{dt'}\right)^2$$

FoR' considers its dt' “the proper time” $d\tau$. Every frame has its own proper time. ^{8/28}



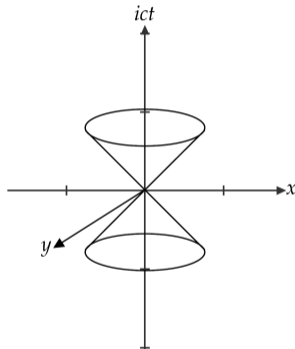
Lorentz Transformations

Minkowski Spacetime

$$ds^2 = (icdt)^2 + (dr)^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

- $ds^2 < 0 \Rightarrow$ timelike intervals with past and future cones, $u < c$ for massive objects.
- $ds^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ lightlike intervals on the surfaces of the past and the future cones, $u = c$ for light-like particles.
- $ds^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ spacelike intervals elsewhere, $u > c$ for “ghosts”, “tachyons” and non-causally ordered events.

More importantly, u is what defines this Lorentzian geometry. Next lectures we see velocities \vec{u} , not distances \vec{r} , are the underpinnings of the spacetime.





Lorentz Transformations

Velocity transformations

For simplicity set $y = y'$ and $\vec{v} = v\hat{e}_x$

FoR: $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$, i.e., $(t, x, y) \rightarrow (t + dt, x + dx, y + dy)$

FoR': $P'_1 \rightarrow P'_2$, i.e., $(t', x', y') \rightarrow (t' + dt', x' + dx', y' + dy')$

$$cdt' = \gamma_v(cdt - \beta dx)$$

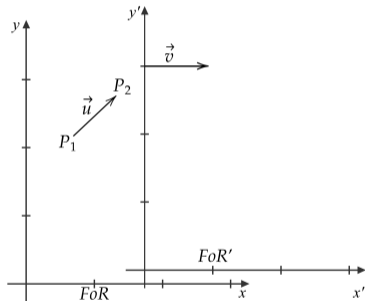
$$dx' = \gamma_v(dx - \beta cdt)$$

One can use the above transformations to prove:

$$u'_x = \frac{dx'}{dt'} = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - u_x v/c^2} \quad \text{or} \quad u_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{u'_x + v}{1 + u'_x v/c^2}$$

$$u'_y = \frac{dy'}{dt'} = \frac{u_y}{\gamma_v(1 - u_x v/c^2)} \quad \text{or} \quad u_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{u'_y}{\gamma_v(1 + u'_x v/c^2)}$$

But this does NOT look like $u'_x = \Lambda u_x$. Also, we expect $u'_y = u_y$!





Lorentz Transformations

Velocity transformations

- We ignored the FoR'_p of the particle itself!
- In FoR'_p of the particle $dx'_p = 0$ and $dt'_p = d\tau$, i.e., $ds^2 = -c^2 d\tau^2$

$$-c^2 d\tau^2 = -dt^2 \left[c^2 - \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 \right] = -c^2 dt^2 (1 - u_x^2/c^2) \Rightarrow \boxed{d\tau = \gamma_{u_x}^{-1} dt}$$

- $d\tau$ is a Lorentz invariant, so define $U_x \equiv U_x(\tau) = \frac{dx}{d\tau}$ and $U'_x \equiv U'_x(\tau) = \frac{dx'}{d\tau}$.
- $U_x = \frac{dx}{d\tau} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \gamma_{u_x} u_x \Rightarrow \boxed{U_x = \gamma_{u_x} u_x}$.
- Similarly $\boxed{U'_x = \gamma_{u'_x} u'_x}$.



Lorentz Transformations

Velocity transformations

- $$U'_x = \frac{dx'}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \gamma_v \frac{1}{dt} (dx - \beta_v c dt) \gamma_{u_x} = -\gamma_v \beta_v (\gamma_{u_x} c) + \gamma_v U_x = -\gamma_v \beta_v U_t + \gamma_v U_x$$

$$\therefore U'_x = -\gamma_v \beta_v U_t + \gamma_v U_x$$

- $$U'_t = \gamma_{u'_x} c$$
, so how does $\gamma_{u'_x}$, and consequently U'_t , transform between frames?

- $$\frac{dt}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt'} \left[\gamma_v \left(t' + \frac{x'v}{c^2} \right) \right] = \gamma_v \left(1 + \frac{u'_x v}{c^2} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{fill in the steps}} \frac{dt}{dt'} = \frac{1}{\gamma_v (1 - u_x v / c^2)}$$

- $$\gamma_{u'_x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (u'_x/c)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{dx'}{dt} \frac{dt}{dt'} / c \right)^2}} \xrightarrow{\text{do the steps}} \gamma_{u'_x} = \frac{1}{c} \gamma_v (c - \beta_v u_x) \gamma_{u_x}$$

$$\therefore U'_t = \gamma_v U_t - \gamma_v \beta_v U_x$$

- And one can check that $U'_y = U_y$.



“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

Maxwell's Equations & Lorentz Force

Interested in SR history? [W-T. Ni, One Hundred Years of General Relativity: From Genesis and Empirical Foundations to Gravitational Waves, Cosmology and Quantum Gravity, Volume 1, World Scientific, ISBN: 9789814635134, p. 1-83.](#)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad , \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad , \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad , \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}}$$

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\text{Use: } \frac{\partial(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} + \vec{E} \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\text{s.t.: } \vec{f} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} - \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\text{or: } \boxed{\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} - \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right] - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{S})}{\partial t}}$$



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where $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ is the Poynting vector.

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} - \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right] - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

Use the identity:

$$\vec{V} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) - (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{V}$$

such that:

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} (\epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}) - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$



“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

Arrays Inside Vectors & Einstein Summation Notation

$$\boxed{(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{V} = \vec{V}(\vec{\nabla} \otimes \vec{V})}$$

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^{n=3} a_i b^i = a_i b^i = a \bullet b \quad , \quad \overleftrightarrow{T} = \sum_{i=1}^{n=3} \sum_{j=1}^{n=3} a_i b^j = a_i b^j = a \otimes b$$

$$[\partial_x \quad \partial_y \quad \partial_z] = \vec{\nabla} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} = \partial_i \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad , \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \partial_t$$

$$\delta_i^j = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that a diagonal tensor $\overleftrightarrow{A} = a_i \delta_k^j a^k = a \otimes a$

and its trace $\text{Tr}(\overleftrightarrow{A}) = a_i \delta_k^i a^k = a \bullet a$



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$$\text{Double check } (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{V} = \vec{V} (\vec{V} \otimes \vec{\nabla})$$

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{V} = (V_i \partial^i) V_j =$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \\ \partial_z \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$(V_x \partial_x + V_y \partial_y + V_z \partial_z) \begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \partial_x V_x + V_y \partial_y V_x + V_z \partial_z V_x \\ V_x \partial_x V_y + V_y \partial_y V_y + V_z \partial_z V_y \\ V_x \partial_x V_z + V_y \partial_y V_z + V_z \partial_z V_z \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\vec{V} (\vec{V} \otimes \vec{\nabla}) = V_i (\partial^i V_j) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \\ \partial_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x V_x & \partial_x V_y & \partial_x V_z \\ \partial_y V_x & \partial_y V_y & \partial_y V_z \\ \partial_z V_x & \partial_z V_y & \partial_z V_z \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \partial_x V_x + V_y \partial_y V_x + V_z \partial_z V_x \\ V_x \partial_x V_y + V_y \partial_y V_y + V_z \partial_z V_y \\ V_x \partial_x V_z + V_y \partial_y V_z + V_z \partial_z V_z \end{bmatrix}^T$$



“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

Lorentz Force in Einstein Summation Notation

Therefore, $\vec{f} = \rho\vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$ is developed into

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{E} \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\nabla}(\epsilon_0\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}) - \epsilon_0\mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

then becomes

$$f_i = \epsilon_0 \left[\partial_j (E_i E^j) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_j (\delta_i^j E_k E^k) \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\partial_j (B_i B^j) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_j (\delta_i^j B_k B^k) \right] - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t S_i$$

$$-f_i = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t S_i - \partial_j \left\{ \epsilon_0 \left[(E_i E^j) - \frac{1}{2} (\delta_i^j E_k E^k) \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(B_i B^j) - \frac{1}{2} (\delta_i^j B_k B^k) \right] \right\}$$



“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

Maxwell Stress “Array” & the 4-Vector

Introduce $\mathfrak{s}_i^j = \epsilon_0(E_i E^j - \frac{1}{2}\delta_i^j E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0}(B_i B^j - \frac{1}{2}\delta_i^j B^2)$

or

$$\overleftrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_x^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x^2) & \epsilon_0 E_x E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_y & \epsilon_0 E_x E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_z \\ \epsilon_0 E_y E_x + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_x & \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_y^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y^2) & \epsilon_0 E_y E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_z \\ \epsilon_0 E_z E_x + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z B_x & \epsilon_0 E_z E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z B_y & \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_z^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

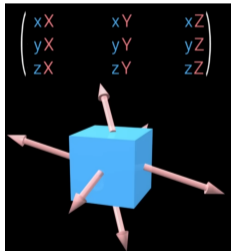
And with $\vec{\nabla} = [\partial_x \quad \partial_y \quad \partial_z]$, we get $-\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \bullet \overleftrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}}$

How to accommodate \vec{S} inside $\overleftrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}}$?

Invent a 4×4 “Array”, i.e., we expand the 3D space to 4D spacetime!

Expand $\vec{\nabla}$ to accommodate $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ s.t. we define the “Lorentz derivative”

$$\partial_\mu = \left[\partial_t \quad \partial_x \quad \partial_y \quad \partial_z \right] = \left[\partial_0 \quad \partial_i \right], \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$$





“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

4-vector & Special Relativity Metric “Array”

$$V_\mu V^\mu = \overleftrightarrow{M}^{\mu\nu} V_\mu V_\nu = \overleftrightarrow{M}_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu = \overleftrightarrow{M}_\nu^\mu V_\mu V^\nu = \|V\|^2$$

e.g., in 3D space: $E_i E^i = E_i \delta_j^i E^j = E_x^2 + E_y^2 + E_z^2$

Generally $\langle V, W \rangle \equiv V_\mu \overleftrightarrow{M}^{\mu\nu} W_\nu = \vec{V} \bullet \vec{W}$

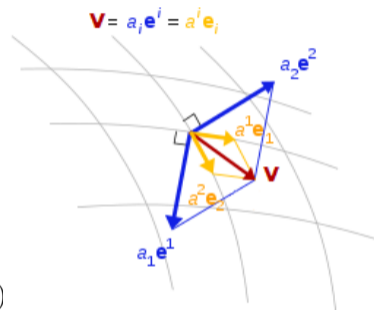
In 4D SR: $ds^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$

Thus $\overleftrightarrow{M} := \eta^{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$

In particle physics: $ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 \Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(+1, -1, -1, -1)$

so $\partial_\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_t & \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_0 & \partial_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$

or $\partial^\mu = \partial_\nu \eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial^t & -\partial^x & -\partial^y & -\partial^z \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \partial^0 & -\partial^i \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$





“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics
 Stress-Energy-Momentum “Array”

Therefore, $-\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \bullet \overleftrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}}$ becomes $\boxed{-f_\mu = \partial_\nu T_\mu^\nu}$, where $f_\mu = [f_t \quad f_x \quad f_y \quad f_z]$,

and $T_\mu^\nu = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} U_{em} & p_i \\ \hline p^i & \mathfrak{S}_i^j \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} U_{em} & p_x & p_y & p_z \\ p^x & \mathfrak{s}_x^x & \mathfrak{s}_y^x & \mathfrak{s}_z^x \\ p^y & \mathfrak{s}_x^y & \mathfrak{s}_y^y & \mathfrak{s}_z^y \\ p^z & \mathfrak{s}_x^z & \mathfrak{s}_y^z & \mathfrak{s}_z^z \end{bmatrix}$

If fully expanded,

$$T_\mu^\nu = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2) & \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S_x & \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S_y & \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S_z \\ \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S^x & \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_x^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x^2) & (\epsilon_0 E_x E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_y) & (\epsilon_0 E_x E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_z) \\ \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S^y & (\epsilon_0 E_y E_x + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_x) & \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_y^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y^2) & (\epsilon_0 E_y E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_z) \\ \mu_0 \epsilon_0 S^z & (\epsilon_0 E_z E_x + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z B_x) & (\epsilon_0 E_z E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z B_y) & \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 E_z^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_z^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g., $[\partial_t \quad \partial_x \quad \partial_y \quad \partial_z] \cdot T_x^\mu = [\partial_t p_x + \partial_i \mathfrak{s}_x^i] = -f_x$



“Array” Structure of Electrodynamics

Electromagnetic Field Strength “Array”

But $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi - \sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} \partial_t \vec{A}$, $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

Then, $A_\mu = [\phi \quad -A_i]$, or $A^\mu = [\phi \quad A^i]^T$

Therefore $T_\mu^\nu = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[F_\mu^\alpha \eta_\alpha^\beta F_\beta^\nu + \frac{1}{4} F_\alpha^\beta \eta_\mu^\nu F_\beta^\alpha \right]$

where $F_\mu^\nu = \partial_\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A_\mu$ & $\eta_\mu^\nu = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)$

The fully “contravariant”/“covariant” structure

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_x & -\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_y & -\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_z \\ \sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ \sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ \sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -F_{\mu\nu}$$



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4-vectors, Lagrangian(s) as Function(s) in EM “Arrays”

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F} &:= \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} = q \left[-\vec{\nabla}(\phi/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}) - \partial_t \vec{A} + \vec{u} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \right] \\ &= q \left[-\vec{\nabla}(\phi/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}) - \partial_t \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{A}) - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{A} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But: } \frac{d\vec{A}}{d\tau} = \partial_t \vec{A} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{A}$$

$$\text{Then: } \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} = q \left[-\vec{\nabla} \left((\phi/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}) - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{A} \right) - \frac{d\vec{A}}{d\tau} \right],$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{total}}}{d\tau} = \frac{d(\vec{p} + q\vec{A})}{d\tau} = q \left[-\vec{\nabla} \left((\phi/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}) - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{A} \right) \right] \Rightarrow \frac{d(\vec{P}_{\text{total}} - q\vec{A})}{d\tau} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} = \frac{dL}{d\vec{r}}$$

$$\text{Remember } \vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}V \ \& \ \int \vec{F} d\vec{r} = \Delta T$$

$$\text{Thus, we introduce: } \boxed{L = T - V = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} - q(\phi/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}) + q\vec{u} \cdot \vec{A}} \text{ , where } \vec{p} = m\vec{u}, \quad 22/28$$



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4-vectors and Lagrangian(s) as Function(s) in EM “Arrays”

In particle physics, γ_u is absorbed inside m . Remember $U^\mu \neq \vec{u}$ but $U^i = \gamma_u u^i$.

$V(\vec{v}, \vec{A})$ can be generalized as function of 4-vectors: $V = u_\mu A^\mu$, where:

$$u_\mu = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \quad -\vec{u} \right], \quad \text{or:} \quad u^\mu = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \quad \vec{u} \right]^T$$

$$\times \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} m \text{ to get: } p_\mu = \left[m \quad -\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \vec{p} \right], \quad \text{or: } p^\mu = \left[m \quad \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \vec{p} \right]^T$$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} = q u_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = -\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} \quad \& \quad p_\mu p^\mu = m^2 - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{p}^2$$

And the Lagrangian density: $\mathcal{L} = L/vol. = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - J^\mu A_\mu$,

$$\text{where } J_\mu = \left[\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \quad -\vec{J} \right], \quad \text{or: } J^\mu = \left[\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \quad \vec{J} \right]^T$$

Consequently, continuity equation: $\partial_\nu J^\nu = 0$



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Variational Principle and Field Equations of Motion

$L(q, \partial_t q) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(A^\mu, \partial_\nu A^\mu) \Rightarrow S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(A^\mu, \partial_\nu A^\mu)$ together with $\partial_\nu(\delta A^\mu) = \delta(\partial_\nu A^\mu)$

as $A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \delta A^\mu \xrightarrow{\partial} \partial_\nu A^\mu \rightarrow \partial_\nu A^\mu + \partial_\nu(\delta A^\mu) \quad \& \quad \partial_\nu A^\mu \rightarrow \partial_\nu A^\mu + \delta(\partial_\nu A^\mu)$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\mu} \delta A^\mu + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \delta(\partial_\nu A^\mu) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\mu} \delta A^\mu + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \partial_\nu(\delta A^\mu)$$

$$0 = \delta S \sim \int \delta \mathcal{L} - \delta \mathcal{L} \sim \int \left\{ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\mu} \delta A^\mu - \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \right) \delta A^\mu + \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \delta A^\mu \right) \right\} - \int \delta \mathcal{L}$$

$$= \int \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\mu} - \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \right) \right] \delta A^\mu + \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \delta A^\mu \right) \right\} - \int \delta \mathcal{L}$$

$$\delta A^\mu = A^\mu(x^\lambda + \epsilon^\lambda) - A^\mu(x^\lambda) = \epsilon^\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\mu \quad \& \quad \delta \mathcal{L} = \epsilon^\lambda \partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} = \eta^{\lambda\nu} \epsilon^\lambda \partial_\nu \mathcal{L}$$

$$0 \sim \int \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\mu} - \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \right) \right] \delta A^\mu + \int \epsilon^\lambda \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial [\partial_\nu A^\mu]} \partial^\lambda A^\mu - \eta^{\nu\lambda} \mathcal{L} \right) \rightarrow \text{Var.} \equiv \text{Eq.Mo.} \oplus \partial_\nu T^{\nu\lambda}$$

Every continuous symmetry generated by a non-dissipative action
has a corresponding conserved quantity.



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Laws of EM in “Array” Notations & Special Theory of Relativity

$$\mathcal{L}(A^\mu, \partial_\nu A^\mu) = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\mu} - J^\nu A_\nu = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) - J^\nu A_\nu$$

Then $\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu A_\lambda)} \partial^\nu A^\lambda - \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L} := T^{\mu\nu}} \implies \eta^{\mu\nu} f_\nu + \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \xrightarrow{f_\nu=0} \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ “Noether”.

And $\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} - \left[\partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \right]} = 0 \implies \begin{cases} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \mu_0 J^\nu \\ \partial_\lambda F^{\mu\nu} + \partial_\nu F^{\lambda\mu} + \partial_\mu F^{\nu\lambda} = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\partial_\lambda \eta^{\lambda\kappa} \partial_\kappa F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\lambda \partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} = \square F^{\mu\nu} = -\mu_0 (\partial^\mu J^\nu + \partial^\nu J^\mu) \xrightarrow{\text{in vacuum}}$$

$$\boxed{\partial_\lambda \partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} = \square F^{\mu\nu} = 0} \implies \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \partial_t^2 F^{\mu\nu} - \vec{\nabla}^2 F^{\mu\nu} = 0, \text{ Or: } \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} F^{\mu\nu} = \vec{\nabla}^2 F^{\mu\nu}$$

And the solution is $\boxed{F^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} e^{i(\vec{p}\vec{x} - \omega t)}}$

Consequently, $p_\mu p^\mu = m^2 - (\mu_0 \epsilon_0) \vec{p}^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{(p_\mu p^\mu) c^4 = E^2 - (\vec{p}c)^2}$

And for EM waves $p_\mu p^\mu \equiv m_0^2 = 0$. In context of QM, $p_\mu p^\mu$ called a “Casimir Operator”. ^{25/28}



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“Irreducible” Electromagnetic Waves & Lorenz Gauge

Let's study the Electric-Gauss-Ampère law $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \mu_0 J^\nu$

$$\partial_\lambda \partial^\lambda A^\mu = \square A^\mu = \mu_0 J^\mu - \partial^\mu (\partial_\nu A^\nu) \implies \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J} - \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t})$$

Helmholtz: $\vec{A} \longrightarrow \vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \theta$, $\phi \longrightarrow \phi' = \phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \theta$ or: $A_\mu \longrightarrow A'_\mu = A_\mu + \partial_\mu \theta$

such that $F'_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu} + (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \theta - \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \theta)$

You might think $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\delta \vec{A}) + \partial_t (\delta \phi) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \theta - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \theta = \square \theta = 0$, i.e., θ could be a field.

However, $\square A^\mu + \partial^\mu \partial_\nu A^\nu = \mu_0 J^\mu \xrightarrow[A^\mu // p^\mu]{\text{Fourier}} J^\mu = 0 \Rightarrow A^\mu \propto \partial^\mu \theta$ is a “harmonic pure gauge”

Anyway, it seems we're “forced” to “choose” $\square \theta = \partial_\nu A^\nu = 0$. And together with $\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$,

we get $\square A^\mu = \mu_0 J^\mu \xrightarrow{\text{in vacuum}} \square A^\mu = 0$ with d.o.f = $4 - 1 - 1 = 2$

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