

We discussed

$$A^i = (\phi, \vec{A})$$

$$\nabla A_i \rightarrow A_i + \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial x^i}, \text{ since } A_i = (\phi, -\vec{A})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi \rightarrow \phi + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi \\ -\vec{A} \rightarrow -\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \chi \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \phi \rightarrow \phi + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi \\ \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \chi \end{array}$$

since $\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$

& $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

we see that $\vec{E}(A_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \chi) = \vec{E}(A_i) + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{\nabla} \chi - \frac{1}{c} \vec{\nabla} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t}$

$$= \vec{E}(A_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \& \vec{B}(\vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \chi) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \chi) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \\ &= \vec{B}(\vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$

* so EM fields do not change when gauge potentials A_i are "gauge transformed"

* $\{A^i\}$ offers a redundant description of EM fields

* However $L(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{H})$ can only be written locally in terms of A^i

↓ (i.e. as expressions local in coordinates)

* Weyl's principle of "gauge invariance" & "minimal coupling" very important heuristically for QFT, ...

So we have

$$L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\vec{v}^2}{c^2}} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{v} - e\phi$$

∴, as usual $\mathcal{E} = \vec{v} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{v}} - L$ ∴ the

energy $\left(\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \right)$, as usual if L depends explicitly on time, \mathcal{E} is not conserved.

the energy is:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\vec{v}^2}{c^2}}} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{v} - \left[\frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{v} - e\phi \right]$$

this is for a free particle, we already obtained

$$\mathcal{E} = \underbrace{\frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\vec{v}^2}{c^2}}}}_{\text{"kinetic"} \quad \mathcal{E}_{kin}} + \underbrace{e\phi}_{\text{"potential"} \quad \mathcal{E}_{pot}}$$

Generally, \mathcal{E} is not conserved. (The rate of change of

\mathcal{E}_{kin} is the fourth equation of motion $\frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v}) = e(\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{B}}{c})$

while $\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{kin} = e \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$ [DIY!] last three components

is really related to $\frac{d}{dt}(m\dot{u}^0)$, since $m\dot{u}^0 = p^0 = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{kin}}{c}$)

Now we can "bite the bullet" & study EOM in 4-vector notation.

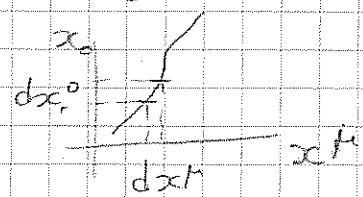
This will be the quickest way to learn about the transformation properties of \vec{E} & \vec{B} under $SO(1,3)$.

We start now from action in "4d" form:

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= \int (-mc ds - \frac{e}{c} u^i A_i ds) \\
&= \int (-mc ds - \frac{e}{c} \frac{dx^i}{ds} A_i ds) \\
&= \int (-mc ds - \frac{e}{c} dx^i A_i)
\end{aligned}$$

where \int is always along the worldline

$$S = \int_a^b (-mc \sqrt{dx^i dx_i} - \frac{e}{c} A_i dx^i)$$



So now we want to vary the worldline: $x^i \rightarrow x^i + \delta x^i$, w/ $\delta x^i = 0$ (at beginning and end (at a & b)).

$$\begin{aligned}
ds^2 &= dx^i dx_i \\
\Rightarrow ds &= \sqrt{dx^i dx_i}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta \sqrt{dx^i dx_i} &= \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{dx^i dx_i}} \delta(dx^k g_{ke} dx^e) = \\
&= \frac{1}{2 ds} 2 dx^k g_{ke} \delta dx^e = u_e \delta(dx^e) = u_e d(\delta x^e)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta A_i = \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^j} \delta x^j, \text{ by chain rule}$$

So we have $= d(A_i \delta x^i) - (dA_i) \delta x^i$

$$\delta S = \int_a^b \left(-mc u_e d \delta x^e - \frac{e}{c} A_i d(\delta x^i) - \frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} \delta x^e d x^i \right)$$

$$= d(u_e \delta x^e) - d u_e \delta x^e$$

$$= \int_a^b \left(-mc d(u_e \delta x^e) - \frac{e}{c} d(A_i \delta x^i) + mc du_e \delta x^e + \frac{e}{c} dA_i \delta x^i - \frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} dx^i \delta x^e \right)$$

$$= \int_a^b d \left[\left(-mc u_e - \frac{e}{c} A_e \right) \delta x^e \right] \quad dA_e = \frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} dx^i$$

$$+ \int_a^b \delta x^e \left[mc du_e + \frac{e}{c} dA_e - \frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} dx^i \right] =$$

$$= \left(-mc u_e - \frac{e}{c} A_e \right) \delta x^e \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} \quad \leftarrow \text{vanishes since } \delta x^e = 0 @ a \& b$$

$$+ \int_a^b \delta x^e \left[mc du_e + \frac{e}{c} \left(\frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} \right) dx^i \right]$$

$$= \int_a^b \delta x^e \left(mc \frac{du_e}{ds} + \frac{e}{c} \left(\frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} \right) \frac{dx^i}{ds} \right) ds =$$

$= \delta S = 0 \Rightarrow$ by main theorem of variational calculus, since δx^e is arbitrary, we must

have $mc \frac{du_e}{ds} = - \frac{e}{c} \frac{dx^i}{ds} \left(\frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} \right)$

or

$$\frac{d}{ds} (\underbrace{mc u_e}) = + \frac{e}{c} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} - \frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} \right) u^i$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} p_e = \frac{e}{c} F_{ei} u^i$$

as usual, $p_e = mc u_e$ ($p^e = mc u^e$)

and we defined 4-tensor of 2nd rank F_{ei}

$$F_{ei} \equiv \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} - \frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i}$$

note $F_{ei} = -F_{ie}$, it is an antisymmetric
4x4 matrix

$A_i \equiv$ "electromagnetic
gauge potential" (4-vector)

$F_{ei} \equiv \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^e} - \frac{\partial A_e}{\partial x^i} =$ "electromagnetic
field strength tensor"

$$F_{0\alpha} \equiv \frac{\partial A_\alpha}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x^\alpha}, \quad A^i = (\phi, \vec{A}); \quad A_i = (\phi, -\vec{A})$$

this means $F_{01} = - \frac{\partial (\vec{A})_1}{\partial (ct)} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^1} = E_1$

$$F_{02} = - \frac{\partial (\vec{A})_2}{\partial (ct)} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^2} = E_2$$

$$F_{03} = - \frac{\partial (\vec{A})_3}{\partial (ct)} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^3} = E_3$$

so For $F_{\alpha\beta}$, we have

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} A_\beta - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\beta} A_\alpha$$

$$F_{12} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} (-\vec{A})_2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} (-\vec{A})_1 = \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_1}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_2}{\partial x^1} = -E$$

recall $B_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} A_2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} A_1$

$$F_{13} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} (-\vec{A})_3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} (-\vec{A})_1 = \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_1}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_3}{\partial x^1} = E$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} A_1 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} A_3$$

$$F_{23} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} (-\vec{A})_3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} (-\vec{A})_2 = \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_2}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial(\vec{A})_3}{\partial x^2} = -E$$

$$B_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} A_3 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} A_2$$

So --

$$F_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 \\ -E_1 & 0 & -B_3 & B_2 \\ -E_2 & B_3 & 0 & -B_1 \\ -E_3 & -B_2 & B_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is F^{ij} ? : remember, every lifted spatial index
gets a - sign

So we have

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$$F_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 \\ -E_1 & 0 & -B_3 & B_2 \\ -E_2 & B_3 & 0 & -B_1 \\ -E_3 & -B_2 & B_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow F^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_1 & -E_2 & -E_3 \\ E_1 & 0 & -B_3 & B_2 \\ E_2 & B_3 & 0 & -B_1 \\ E_3 & -B_2 & B_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

also

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = -\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} B_\gamma$$

$$F_{12} = -\epsilon_{123} B_3 = -B_3$$

$$F_{13} = -\epsilon_{132} B_2 = +B_2$$

$$F_{23} = -\epsilon_{231} B_1 = -B_1$$

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = -F_{\beta\alpha}$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = +F_{\alpha\beta}$$

in short

Using this map $F_{ij} \rightarrow \vec{E}, \vec{B}$ we can see

that

$$m c \frac{d u_i}{d s} = \frac{e}{c} F_{ij} u^j$$

gives, using $u_i = (\gamma, -\gamma \frac{\vec{v}}{c})$

$$u^i = (\gamma, \gamma \frac{\vec{v}}{c})$$

when $i = 1, 2, 3$

$$-m c \frac{d}{d s} \left(\gamma \frac{v_\alpha}{c} \right) = \frac{e}{c} (F_{\alpha 0} u^0 + F_{\alpha\beta} u^\beta) =$$

$$= \frac{e}{c} \left(-E_\alpha \gamma - \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu} B_\mu \gamma \frac{v_\beta}{c} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{c \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \frac{d}{d t} \left(\gamma m v_\alpha \right) = \frac{e}{c} \left(E_\alpha + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu} \frac{v_\beta}{c} B_\mu \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

or finally,

$$\frac{d}{dt} (m \gamma \vec{v}) = e \left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \frac{1}{c} \right) \quad (1)$$

the familiar E.o.M.; (p. 72-73)

the $i=0$ component says:

$$mc \frac{d\gamma}{ds} = \frac{e}{c} F_{0\alpha} u^\alpha$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{d(m\gamma)}{dt} = \frac{e}{c} E_\alpha \gamma \frac{v^\alpha}{c} = \frac{e}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (m\gamma) = \frac{e}{c} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$$

or $\frac{d}{dt} (mc^2 \gamma) = e \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\mathcal{E}_{kin}) = e \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} \quad (2)$$

(1) & (2)
one 4-vector equation
 $\frac{d p_i}{ds} = \frac{e}{c} F_{ij} v^j$

MORAL

change of kinetic energy of particle $\equiv mc^2 \gamma$

work done by Lorentz force $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$; magnetic field does no work.

Now that we know

$$F^{ij} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_1 & -E_2 & -E_3 \\ E_1 & 0 & -B_3 & B_2 \\ E_2 & B_3 & 0 & B_1 \\ E_3 & -B_2 & -B_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \hat{F}$$

under Lorentz transforms, F^{ij}

transforms like the product of two 4-vectors, Best shown in matrix notation

$$\hat{X}' = \hat{\Theta} \hat{X} \quad \hat{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(SO(1,3) matrix)

$$\hat{F}' = \hat{\Theta} \hat{F} \hat{\Theta}^T \quad \text{where } \hat{F}$$

HW derive transforms for \vec{E} & \vec{B} this way (part of HW 3)

// side comment for mathematically educated people ---

$A^1 \iff$ "one-form" $A = A_i dx^i$

$F^{ij} \iff$ "two-form"

$$F = dA = d(A_i dx^i) =$$

$$= \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^i} \right) dx^j \wedge dx^i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} F_{ji} dx^j \wedge dx^i$$

Gauge transform: $A = A' + d\chi$

$$dA = dA' + dd\chi$$

$$= dA'$$

$$\Rightarrow F = F'$$

- E&M
- weak & strong
interactions

all described
by "gauge
theories"

(using differential forms
very simple & very natural!)
way to study
"gauge theories" & gravity