

Charge particles interact back & forth with electric-magnetic field. E & M field itself

○ dynamical, contributes to action.

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_m + \mathcal{L}_{int} + \mathcal{L}_{field}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m = -c^2 D/\gamma \quad \mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{1}{c} A_\mu J^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{field} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\underbrace{\left(+\nabla\phi + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \right)^2}_{\sim \text{K.E.}} - \underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{A})^2}_{\sim \text{P.E.}} \right)$$

Euler Lagrange eqns: $\partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu}$

$$\hookrightarrow \partial_\mu \left(-\frac{F^{\mu\nu}}{4\pi} \right) = -\frac{1}{c} J^\nu \Rightarrow \text{Maxwell eqns!} \checkmark$$

Note $\mathcal{L}_{field} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$ is Lorentz-invariant.

2 basic Lorentz invariants from $F_{\mu\nu}$: $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \sim \vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2$

⊙ $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \sim \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

Adding term $\sim \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma}$ is naively trivial total derivative, but actually interesting " θ -term"

Won't discuss further here. Nice argument of

Landau & Lifshitz that these are only 2 indep. Lorentz invariants.

$\vec{F} \equiv \vec{E} + i\vec{B}$ Lorentz boost along x-axis

⊙
$$\begin{pmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha \\ 0 & \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_x' \\ F_y' \\ F_z' \end{pmatrix} \quad \alpha \equiv i \tanh^{-1}(v/c)$$

↑ pure imaginary.

boost = rotation by imag. angle. 3 indep. boosts +

rotations \rightarrow 3 complex rotations. Only invariant of

vector \vec{F} is its square $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{F} = (\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2) + i\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

\hookrightarrow 2 indep. real invariants.

\mathcal{L} is Lorentz invariant. $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ also gauge invariant.

⊙ $\mathcal{L}_{\text{field}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2)$ gauge invariant. Under $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \partial_\mu f$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{c} \mathcal{J}_\mu A^\mu \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \frac{1}{c} \mathcal{J}_\mu \partial^\mu f$$

$= \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \frac{1}{c} \partial^\mu (\mathcal{J}_\mu f)$

total div. integrates to boundary - can drop.

$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ is gauge invt.

under $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \partial_\mu f$. Note $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

is invariant, $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot \partial f$

is invariant up to total derivative since in

$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$ integrate by parts $\frac{1}{c}$ use $\partial^\mu \mathbf{J}_\mu = 0$.

Consider adding a term $\mathcal{L}_m = \frac{\mu^2}{2} A_\mu A^\mu$ to \mathcal{L} .

Would violate gauge invariance \rightarrow no good
must take $\mu = 0$. The effect of this term
would give photon a mass, so gauge inv \Leftrightarrow
massless photon!

To see why \mathcal{L}_m gives photon a mass, note new

Euler Lagrange eqns $\rightarrow \square A^\nu + \mu^2 A^\nu = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}^\nu$

in vacuum $\mathbf{J}^\nu = 0$, $A^\nu = A_0^\nu e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \omega t)}$

$(\square + \mu^2) A^\nu = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^2 = c^2 \mathbf{k}^2 + \mu^2 c^2$

$\Rightarrow E^2 = c^2 \mathbf{p}^2 + m_\gamma^2 c^4$ $m_\gamma = \mu \hbar / c$

point charge soln is $\phi = \frac{q e^{-\mu r}}{r}$ "Yukawa potential"

Can show $\mu = 0$ to high accuracy by looking @ earth's \vec{B} field.

Symmetries \leftrightarrow conservation laws

If \mathcal{L} does not explicitly depend on x^μ
(only implicitly, via fields)

$\rightarrow x^\mu$ translation invariance

\Rightarrow conserved charges $P^\mu = (\underbrace{H}_\uparrow, c \vec{P})$
Hamiltonian

In analogy w/ electric charge $Q = \int d^3x J^0$

Q conserved $\leftrightarrow \partial_\nu J^\nu = 0$

$P^\mu = \int d^3x T^{\mu 0}$ conserved

$\leftrightarrow \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

$T^{\mu\nu}$ = "stress-energy tensor" \sim 4 momentum
current density

$$\frac{dP^\mu}{cdt} = \int_V d^3x \partial_0 T^{\mu 0} = - \int_V d^3x \partial_i T^{\mu i}$$

$$= - \oint_{\partial V} T^{\mu i} ds^i = \text{flux of 4-momentum out of surface of region}$$

Consider collection of particles: $T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_n c p_n^\mu \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$

(n labels particle)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_n p_n^\mu \frac{dx_n^\nu}{dt} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

$$= \sum_n c^2 \frac{p_n^\mu p_n^\nu}{E_n} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

note this is symmetric in $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$, will be important.

Also $T^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda^\mu_{\mu'} \Lambda^\nu_{\nu'} T'^{\mu'\nu'}$ under Lorentz

transformation since $p_n^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_{\mu'} p_n^{\mu'}$ and

$\frac{1}{E_n} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$ is Lorentz inv.

(d^4x Lorentz inv $\Rightarrow d^3x \sim \frac{1}{dx^0} \Rightarrow \delta^3(x) \sim dx^0$)

and $E_n \sim dx^0$ under Lorentz transf so $\frac{1}{E_n} \delta^3(\vec{x})$ inv.)

Check $\partial_{\mu'} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ equiv.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} T^{i\nu} = \sum_n p_n^\nu \frac{dx_n^i}{dt} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n^i} \right) \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

$$= \sum_n p_n^\nu \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

$$= -\frac{\partial}{c \partial t} (T^{0\nu}) + \sum_n \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_n^\nu(t) \right] \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_n \frac{\partial P_n^\nu}{\partial t} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$$

= density of external force, vanishes if \mathcal{L} is translationally invariant. (more details soon)

Note $\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} P^\mu = -c \oint_{\partial V} T^{\mu i} dS^i$

$$P^\mu = \int_V d^3x T^{\mu 0} = (E, c\vec{P})$$

so $\frac{dE}{dt} = -c^2 \oint_{\partial V} \frac{T^{0i}}{c} dS^i =$ energy flux out of surface

momentum density

$$E\vec{v} = m\vec{v} \gamma c^2 = c^2 \vec{P}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}^j}{dt} = - \oint T^{ij} dS^i$$

area element

inward!

pressure & shear stresses

force on volume element

For free particles mass density: $D \equiv \sum_n m_n \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_n(t))$

$$T_{\text{matter}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon}{c^2} u^\mu u^\nu$$

$\epsilon =$ energy density
= energy/vol.

$$\frac{\epsilon}{c^2} = \frac{D}{\gamma}$$