

自由相对论性粒子的运动方程

从自由粒子的作用量 (2.21) 出发, 导出其三维和四维形式的运动方程, 即 (2.24) 和 (2.25) 式, 并验证它们都给出同样的运动模式, 即匀速直线运动.

自由粒子的作用量 (2.21) 式为

$$S = -mc \int ds = -mc \int d\tau \left(\frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx_\mu}{d\tau} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (1)$$

其中 $ds = (\sum_\mu dx_\mu dx^\mu)^{1/2}$, 按照书中将其简写为 $ds = (dx_\mu dx^\mu)^{1/2}$

导出其三维形式的运动方程:

首先写出三维形式的拉格朗日量, 注意到 $ds = \sqrt{c^2 dt^2 - dx^2} = c dt \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2}$,

即

$$S = -mc^2 \int dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}, \quad (2)$$

因此我们得到一个相对论性自由粒子的拉格朗日量为

$$L(\mathbf{v}) = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}. \quad (3)$$

粒子的广义动量为

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}}, \quad (4)$$

由 (2.17) 式——

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = 0, \quad (5)$$

此处相应地有

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}} &= 0, \\ 0 - \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

粒子的运动方程为

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = 0. \quad (7)$$

导出其四维形式的运动方程:

由 (2.21) 即本文中 [式 \(1\)](#) 有

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= -mc \int ds \\
&= -mc \int \sqrt{dx_\mu dx^\mu},
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

对 x_μ 做变分,

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S &= -mc \int \delta \sqrt{dx_\mu dx^\mu} \\
&= -mc \int \delta \sqrt{\eta^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu} \\
&= -mc \int \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu} d\delta x_\mu dx_\nu + \eta^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu d\delta x_\nu}{2ds} \\
&= -mc \int \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu} d\delta x_\mu dx_\nu}{ds} \\
&= -mc \int \frac{d\delta x_\mu dx^\mu}{ds} \\
&= -mc \int \frac{d\delta x_\mu dx^\mu}{ds} \\
&= -mc \int \left(\frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right) d(\delta x_\mu).
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

取边界 a, b 进行分部积分,

$$\delta S = -mc \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \delta x_\mu \Big|_a^b + mc \int_a^b (\delta x_\mu) d\left(\frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right). \tag{10}$$

参考书中第 24 页式 (2.16) 下面对式 (2.16) 的处理, 在端点处要求 $\delta x_\mu(a) = \delta x_\mu(b) = 0$, 因此上式第一式的贡献是 0.

$$\delta S = mc \int_a^b \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} \delta x_\mu ds, \tag{11}$$

由于 δx_μ 是任意的变分, 因此要使 $\delta S = 0$ 需有

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} = 0, \text{ for } \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3 \tag{12}$$

验证它们 (式 (7), 式 (12)) 都给出同样的运动模式:

式 (7) 意味着

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = 0. \tag{13}$$

式 (12) 意味着

$$\frac{dx^\mu}{ds} = \text{Constant}, \text{ for } \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3 \tag{14}$$

也即

$$\frac{ds}{dx^\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_\mu dx_\mu dx^\mu}}{dx^\mu} = \text{Constant}, \text{ for } \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3 \tag{15}$$

考虑 $\mu = 0$, $x^0 = ct$, 此时

$$x_0 = \eta_{00}x^0 = x^0 = ct, \quad (16)$$

考虑 $\mu = i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, 此时

$$x_i = \eta_{ii}x^i = -x^i, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (17)$$

式 (15) 展开为

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ds}{dx^\mu} &= \frac{\sqrt{dx^0dx^0 - dx^1dx^1 - dx^2dx^2 - dx^3dx^3}}{dx^\mu} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(dct)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2}}{dx^\mu} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

考虑 $\mu = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ds}{dct} &= \frac{\sqrt{(dct)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2}}{dct} \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{c^2 - \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

因此公式 (15) 意味着

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \text{Contsant}, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \text{Contsant}, \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = \text{Contsant}, \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

也即

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \text{Constant}, \\ \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

因此两式给出相同的运动模式.

另: 引入固有时 τ ,

$$ds = cd\tau. \quad (22)$$

(即高显《经典力学》中的 $|ds|$). 式 (12)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x^\mu}{ds^2} &= 0, \\ \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2x^\mu}{d\tau^2} &= 0, \\ \frac{d^2x^\mu}{d\tau^2} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

也表示匀速直线运动.

自由相对论性粒子的四动量

验证一个自由的相对论性粒子的四动量形式, 即 (2.26) 和 (2.27) 式.

验证 (2.26) 式和 (2.27) 式, (2.26) 式如下,

$$p^\mu = mc \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \mathbf{p} \right). \quad (24)$$

(2.27) 式如下

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}}. \quad (25)$$

(2.26) 式从对式 (10) 中的边界项的系数得到 $p^\mu = mc \frac{dx^\mu}{ds}$, 空间分量即需验证如此得到的动量与

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \\ &= \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

相同. 空间分量即 $\mu = 1, 2, 3$ 时

$$\begin{aligned} p^\mu &= mc \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \\ &= mc \frac{dx^\mu}{\sqrt{(dct)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2}} \\ &= mc \frac{dx^\mu/dt}{\sqrt{c^2 - \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2}} \\ &= m \frac{v^\mu}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

时间分量即 $\mu = 0$ 时,

$$\begin{aligned} p^0 &= mc \frac{dx^0}{ds} \\ &= mc \frac{dx^0}{\sqrt{(dct)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2}} \\ &= mc \frac{dct/dt}{\sqrt{c^2 - \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2}} \\ &= \frac{mc}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

由于 $\frac{E}{c} = p^0$, 因此

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}}. \quad (29)$$

即 (2.27) 式得证. 至此 (2.26) 式时间分量空间分量也得证.

相对论性粒子与标量场的相互作用

仿照相对论性自由粒子运动方程的推导, 给出一个相对论性粒子与标量外场相互作用的运动方程 (2.31), 并根据拉格朗日量 (2.32) 推导等价的三维形式的粒子运动方程.

仿照相对论性自由粒子运动方程的推导, 给出一个相对论性粒子与标量外场相互作用的运动方程 (2.31).

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= -mc \int \delta \left(ds e^{\Phi(x)} \right) \\ &= -mc \int \left(\delta \left(\sqrt{dx_\mu dx^\mu} \right) e^{\Phi(x)} + \sqrt{dx_\mu dx^\mu} e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \delta x_\mu \right) \\ &= -mc \int \left(\underbrace{e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} ds}_{\text{分部积分去掉边界项}} + e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \delta x_\mu ds \right) \\ &= mc \int \left(\frac{d}{ds} \left(e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right) \delta x_\mu ds - e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \delta x_\mu ds \right) \\ &= mc \int \left(e^{\Phi(x)} \left(\frac{d}{ds} \Phi(x) \right) \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} + e^{\Phi(x)} \left(\frac{d}{ds} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right) - e^{\Phi(x)} \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \right) \delta x_\mu ds \\ &= mc \int e^{\Phi(x)} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Phi(x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \Phi(x) \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \right) \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} + \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} - \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \right) \delta x_\mu ds \\ &= mc \int e^{\Phi(x)} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} + \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} - \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \right) \delta x_\mu ds \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

因此

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} + \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = \frac{\partial \Phi(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \quad (31)$$

根据拉格朗日量 (2.32) 推导等价的三维形式的粒子运动方程:

系统的拉格朗日量 (2.32) 为

$$L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t)}, \quad (32)$$

广义动量为

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \\ &= \frac{m \mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t)}, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

拉格朗日方程有

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} &= 0.\end{aligned}\quad (34)$$

运动方程为

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} \right) &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \right) e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} + \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \frac{d}{dt} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} &= -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} \frac{\partial e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \right) e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} + \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} \frac{d}{dt} \Phi(\mathbf{x},t) &= -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} e^{\Phi(\mathbf{x},t)} \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \quad (35) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \right) + \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \frac{d}{dt} \Phi(\mathbf{x},t) &= -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \right) + \frac{m\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}} \frac{d}{dt} \Phi(\mathbf{x},t) + mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

为参考高显《经典力学》(4.41) 以核对上式结果是否正确. 记 $p_i = \frac{mv_i}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}}}$, 上式写成分量形式为

$$\dot{p}_i + p_i \dot{\Phi} + mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{c^2}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad (36)$$

与高显《经典力学》(4.41) 一致.

6. 相对论性粒子与矢量场的相互作用之四维协变形式

仿照相对论性自由粒子运动方程的推导, 给出一个相对论性粒子与矢量外场 $A(x)$ 相互作用的四维协变形式的运动方程 (2.37) 并验证四维场强张量的表达式 (2.38).

根据题意即从 (2.33) 式得到 (2.37) 式. 作用量为 (2.33) 式如下

$$S = -mc \int ds - \frac{e}{c} \int A_\mu(x) dx^\mu. \quad (37)$$

将上式第一项记为 S_{free} , 第二项记为 S_{int} .

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S_{\text{int}} &= -\frac{e}{c} \int \delta (A_\mu dx^\mu) \\
&= -\frac{e}{c} \int [(\delta A_\mu) dx^\mu + A_\mu \delta (dx^\mu)] \\
&= -\frac{e}{c} \int \left[\frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \delta x^\nu \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} + \underbrace{A_\mu \frac{d(\delta x^\mu)}{ds}}_{\text{分部积分去掉边界项}} \right] ds \\
&= -\frac{e}{c} \int \left[\frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \delta x^\nu \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} - \frac{dA_\mu}{ds} \delta x^\mu \right] ds \\
&= -\frac{e}{c} \int \left[\frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \delta x^\nu - \frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \delta x^\mu \right] ds \\
&= -\frac{e}{c} \int \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial A_\nu}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \right)}_{F_{\mu\nu}} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \delta x^\mu ds
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S_{\text{free}} &= mc \int_a^b \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} \delta x^\mu ds \\
\delta S_{\text{int}} &= -\frac{e}{c} \int F_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \delta x^\mu ds \\
\delta S = 0 &\iff mc \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} - \frac{e}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

相对论性粒子与矢量场的相互作用之三维形式

给出一个相对论性粒子与矢量外场 $A(x)$ 相互作用的三维形式的运动方程 (2.39) 并验证其中的电场强度 E 和磁感应强度 B 的确由 (2.40) 式给出.

由作用量相应地有

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\text{free}} &= -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/c^2}, \\
L_{\text{int}} &= -e\Phi + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A},
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

广义动量为

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \gamma m \mathbf{v} + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{P}. \tag{41}$$

欧拉-拉格朗日方程为

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}}. \tag{42}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} &= \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} + \frac{e}{c} \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} + \frac{e}{c} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} \right) \\
\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \nabla \left(-e\Phi + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A} \right) = -e \nabla \Phi + \frac{e}{c} \nabla (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A})
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} &= -e\nabla\Phi + \frac{e}{c}\nabla(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \frac{e}{c}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}\right) \\
&= \left(-e\nabla\Phi - \frac{e}{c}\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}\right) + \frac{e}{c}(\nabla(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}) \\
&= \left(-e\nabla\Phi - \frac{e}{c}\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}\right) + \frac{e}{c}(\mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A})) \\
&= e\mathbf{E} + \frac{e}{c}\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

其中

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{1}{c}\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}. \tag{45}$$

前面用到

$$\mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} \tag{46}$$

下面证明上式.

首先证明三重矢积

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} \tag{47}$$

借助 Levi-Civita 符号, 任意两向量叉乘为 $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbf{a}_i\mathbf{b}_j\mathbf{e}_k$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) &= \varepsilon_{ijk}A_i(\varepsilon_{lmn}B_lC_m\mathbf{e}_n)_j\mathbf{e}_k \\
&= \varepsilon_{ijk}\varepsilon_{lmj}A_iB_lC_m\mathbf{e}_k \\
&= (\delta_{kl}\delta_{im} - \delta_{km}\delta_{il})A_iB_lC_m\mathbf{e}_k \\
&= \delta_{kl}\delta_{im}A_iB_lC_m\mathbf{e}_k - \delta_{km}\delta_{il}A_iB_lC_m\mathbf{e}_k \\
&= A_iB_kC_i\mathbf{e}_k - A_iB_iC_k\mathbf{e}_k \\
&= (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C}
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

下面借助三重矢积证明式 (46).

以下标 c 标记 ∇ 算符不作用在 \mathbf{v} 上面.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{LHS} &= \mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \\
&= \mathbf{v}_c \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \\
&= \nabla(\mathbf{v}_c \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{v}_c \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

\mathbf{v} 是独立变量, ∇ 算符不作用在 \mathbf{v} 上.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{RHS} &= \nabla(\mathbf{v}_c \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{v}_c \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} \\
&= \text{LHS}
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$