

Electrodynamics - Problem Set 1.

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1. (a) Show that the proper-time ($d\tau$) is a scalar under Lorentz transformation.

Given $d\tau^2 = dt^2 - dx^2$ and $dx'^\alpha = \Lambda^\alpha_\beta dx^\beta$; show that

$$\boxed{d\tau'^2 = d\tau^2} \quad \text{Eq. 2.1.5 of SW}$$

(b) Show that $\Lambda^0_0 \geq 1$ & $\det \Lambda = +1$ Eq. 2.1.9 of SW

(c) Show that $\Lambda^0_0 = \gamma$; $\Lambda^i_0 = \gamma v_i$ (Lorentz Transformation matrix element)
Eq. [2.1.17 + 2.1.18 + 2.1.19]

2. (a) The 4-momentum is given as: $p^\alpha = m \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau}$ & $f^\alpha = \frac{dp^\alpha}{d\tau}$ [eq. 2.4.1 + 2.4.2]

Starting with this and using (1a) above; show that the non-relativistic limit:
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{p} &= m\vec{v} + \mathcal{O}(v^3) \\ E &= m + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \mathcal{O}(v^4) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ in } c=1 \text{ - Natural units.}$$

(b) Prove that the massless particle (v/c -neutrino/photon) velocity $= c$
(velocity to light $\equiv 1$ in natural unit).

(c) Show that for systems of particles 'E' must be conserved if ' \vec{p} ' is conserved.
[SW \rightarrow page-34: 2nd paragraph].

3. (a) Prove that $\Lambda^\alpha_\gamma \Lambda^\gamma_\beta = \delta^\alpha_\beta$ (Eq. 2.5.7 of SW)

(b) Show $\nabla'_\alpha v'^\alpha = \nabla_\beta v^\beta$ [Lorentz Invariant \Rightarrow 4-vectors dot(.) product]

(c) Show $\square^2 = \nabla^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2}$ - Eq. (2.5.12)

(d) Show that $T^{\alpha\gamma} = T^\alpha_\beta \delta^\beta_\gamma$ (Contraction of Tensor - SW page 34)

(e) Explain why the LT tells us immediately that $\eta_{\alpha\beta}$ is a covariant tensor.

(f) Prove that $\boxed{E_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}$ - eq. 2.5.15 of [SW]

4. (a) Given $f^\alpha = e \gamma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \frac{dz^\alpha}{d\tau} = e F^\alpha_\gamma \frac{dz^\gamma}{d\tau} = e F^\alpha_\gamma u^\gamma$ (eq. 2.7.9).
leads to $\frac{dp}{dt} = e[E + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}]$; where
$$\begin{cases} F^{\alpha\beta} = -F^{\beta\alpha} \\ F^{0i} = E_i \\ F^{ij} = B_k \end{cases} \quad \text{Eq. 2.7.5}$$

5a) Show that $\partial_\mu A^\mu$ is a Lorentz scalar! [f.e.g., FM - page 128]

b) Given $\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$ and $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ [FM - pg 135]

Show that $E^2 = -(\partial^0 A^i - \partial^i A^0)$ and

$$B_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial^k A^j$$

c) Given $F^{\alpha\beta} = \partial^\alpha A^\beta - \partial^\beta A^\alpha$ with

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E^x & -E^y & -E^z \\ E^x & 0 & -B^z & B^y \\ E^y & B^z & 0 & -B^x \\ E^z & -B^y & B^x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.115)$$

prove that

$$\partial_\alpha F^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{4\pi J^\beta}{c}$$

leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi \rho \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} &= \frac{4\pi \vec{J}}{c} \end{aligned}$$

d) $\partial^\alpha F^{\beta\gamma} + \partial^\beta F^{\gamma\alpha} + \partial^\gamma F^{\alpha\beta} = 0$ leads to $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

e) Given $F'^{\alpha\beta} = \Lambda^\alpha_\gamma \Lambda^\beta_\mu F^{\gamma\mu}$ and ~~for the~~ Lorentz transformation in 1-D, say along z-axis; write (E', B') component in terms of (E, B) with boost factors! [Get eqs. 5.131 & 5.132 of FM].

6) Given $\mathcal{L}^\alpha = -\partial_\beta T^{\alpha\beta}_{em}$ & $4\pi T^{\alpha\beta}_{em} = F^\alpha_\mu F^{\mu\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} F^\lambda_\mu F^\mu_\lambda$

and $\partial_\beta T^{\alpha\beta}_{em} = 0 \Rightarrow$

Show that (a) $T^{00}_{em} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (E^2 + B^2)$

(b) $T^{0i}_{em} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})^i$

(c) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = 0$, where $u = \frac{E^2 + B^2}{8\pi}$
 $\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$

(d) $\frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}_{em} = 0$ where $\vec{g} = \frac{1}{4\pi c} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{\vec{S}}{c^2}$