Solution to Problem Sheet 2

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Solve for problem no. 1

Given

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - j^{\mu} A^{\mu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}) (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu}) - j^{\mu} A^{\mu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu}) - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu} (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})) - j^{\mu} A^{\mu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})) - j^{\mu} A^{\mu} \end{split}$$

(a)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_{\nu}} &= -j^{\nu} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu})} &= -\frac{1}{2} (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})) - \frac{1}{2} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu} \\ &= -(\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})) = F^{\mu\nu} \end{split}$$

Therefore Euler-Langrangian is

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_{\nu}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu})} = -j^{\nu} + \partial_{\mu} F^{\mu} \nu = 0$$
$$\partial_{\mu} F^{\mu \nu} = j^{\nu}$$

(b) taking $\mu = i$ and $\nu = 0$

$$\begin{split} \partial_i F^{i0} &= j^0 \\ \Longrightarrow \ \overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \overrightarrow{E} &= \rho \end{split}$$

And taking v = j

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\mu}F^{\mu j} &= j^{0} \\ \Longrightarrow \partial_{0}F^{0j} + \partial_{i}F^{ij} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow \partial^{0}F_{0j} + \partial^{i}F_{ij} &= 0 \\ \\ \Longrightarrow \frac{\partial E_{j}}{\partial t} + \partial^{i}(-\epsilon_{ijk}B_{k}) &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow \frac{\partial E_{j}}{\partial t} &= \partial^{i}(-\epsilon_{ijk}B_{k}) \\ \Longrightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times B \end{split}$$

Solve for problem no. 2

(a) Given

$$\begin{split} &\partial_{\alpha}F_{\beta\gamma}+\partial_{\beta}F_{\gamma\alpha}+\partial_{\gamma}F_{\alpha\beta}\\ &=\partial_{\alpha}(\partial_{\beta}A_{\gamma}-\partial_{\gamma}A_{\beta})+\partial_{\beta}(\partial_{\gamma}A_{\alpha}-\partial_{\alpha}A_{\gamma})+\partial_{\gamma}(\partial_{\alpha}A_{\beta}-\partial_{\beta}A_{\alpha})\\ &=\partial_{\alpha}\partial_{\beta}A_{\gamma}-\partial_{\alpha}\partial_{\gamma}A_{\beta}+\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\gamma}A_{\alpha}-\partial_{\beta}\partial_{\alpha}A_{\gamma}+\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\alpha}A_{\beta}-\partial_{\gamma}\partial_{\beta}A_{\alpha}\\ &=0 \end{split}$$

Given

$$\partial_{\alpha}F_{\beta\gamma} + \partial_{\beta}F_{\gamma\alpha} + \partial_{\gamma}F_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \tag{1}$$

taking $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \gamma = 3$

$$\partial_{\alpha}F_{\beta\gamma} + \partial_{\beta}F_{\gamma\alpha} + \partial_{\gamma}F_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$\implies \partial_{1}F_{23} + \partial_{2}F_{31} + \partial_{3}F_{12} = 0$$

$$\implies \partial^{1}B^{1} + \partial^{2}B^{2} + \partial^{3}B^{3} = 0$$

$$\implies \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Now taking
$$\alpha = 0, \beta = i, \gamma = j (i \neq j)$$

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\alpha}F_{\beta\gamma} + \partial_{\beta}F_{\gamma\alpha} + \partial_{\gamma}F_{\alpha\beta} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow \partial^{0}F^{ij} + \partial^{j}F^{0i} + \partial^{i}F^{j0} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \partial^{j}E^{i} - \partial^{i}E^{j} &= 0 \\ \Longrightarrow -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \epsilon_{ijk}E^{k} \\ \Longrightarrow -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{E} \end{split}$$