

- 4-Vector

Convention 1 (Bjorken & Drell)

$$x^\mu = (x^0, x^K) = (t, \vec{x}) = (t, x, y, z)$$

$$x^\mu x_\mu = x^\mu g_{\mu\nu} x^\nu = t^2 - \vec{x}^2$$

Convention 2 (Sakurai)

$$b_\mu = b^\mu = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4) = (\vec{b}, i b_0)$$

$$b^2 = b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 + b_4^2 = \vec{b}^2 - b_0^2$$

Either way, we are interested in transformation that leaves

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} x^\mu x_\mu = x'^\mu x'_\mu \\ x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \textcircled{2} \begin{cases} b^2 = b'^2 \\ b'_\mu = a_{\mu\nu} b_\nu \end{cases}$$

- Lorentz group : rotation + boost

1) Rotation,  $u, v = 1, 2, 3$

$$x_i' x_l' = x_j a_{ij} a_{il} x_l = x_l x_l$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{ij} a_{il} = \delta_{jl}$$

$O(3)$  group  $\rightarrow$  3 independent generators

if  $O(n)$  "  $\rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex)} \quad x_1' &= \cos \theta x_1 - \sin \theta x_2 \\ x_2' &= \sin \theta x_1 + \cos \theta x_2 \end{aligned}$$

2) Boost,  $u, v$  involves space + time

$$t' = \gamma (t - \beta z) \quad \gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$z' = \gamma (z - \beta ct)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } x'^3 &= x^3 \cosh w - x^0 \sinh w \\ x'^0 &= -x^3 \sinh w + x^0 \cosh w \end{aligned} \quad \left( \begin{aligned} \cosh w &= \gamma \\ \sinh w &= \gamma \beta \end{aligned} \right) \Rightarrow w = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}$$



in matrix form

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = g \qquad x^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = x$$

$$x^2 = x^T g x \quad \text{constant}$$



Transformation matrix  $\Lambda = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$

$$x^2 = x'^T g x' = x^T \Lambda^T g \Lambda x = x^T g x$$

$$\rightarrow \Lambda^T g \Lambda = g \quad \rightarrow \det(\Lambda^T g \Lambda) = (\det \Lambda)^2 \det g = \det g \rightarrow \det \Lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\det g = +1 \rightarrow \text{proper Lorentz transformation}$$

$$\det g = -1 \rightarrow \text{improper Lorentz transformation}$$

This group is called  $O(3,1)$

if  $\det \Lambda = 1 \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

# Generators of Lorentz group

$$\Lambda \cong \exp(-i\theta \cdot G) \sim 1 - i\theta \cdot G$$



Rotation

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= x_1 - \theta x_2 \\ x'_2 &= \theta x_1 + x_2 \end{aligned} \rightarrow L_3 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for other directions

$$\rightarrow L_1 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow L_2 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Boost

$$\begin{aligned} t' &= t - \beta x_3 \\ x'_3 &= z - \beta t \end{aligned} \rightarrow K_3 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

similarly

$$\rightarrow K_1 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow K_2 = -i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Generators of Lorentz group



Can Prove

$$\left[ L_i, L_j \right] = i\epsilon_{ijk} L_k \quad \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)$$

$$\left[ L_i, K_j \right] = i\epsilon_{ijk} K_k$$

$$\left[ K_i, K_j \right] = -i\epsilon_{ijk} L_k$$



This can be Recast into

$$X_i^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(L_i \pm iK_i)$$

$$\left[ X_i^+, X_j^+ \right] = i\epsilon_{ijk} X_k^+$$

$$\left[ X_i^-, X_j^- \right] = i\epsilon_{ijk} X_k^-$$

$$\left[ X_i^+, X_j^- \right] = 0$$



Independent sum of SU(2) algebra (direct sum)

A representation can be characterized by  $(m, n)$

- Particle should be a scalar, vector, tensor Field in Lorentz group

Classical Mechanics

$$q_i(t) \quad \dot{q}_i(t) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

Scalar field

$$\phi(x) \quad \partial_\mu \phi(x) \quad \rightarrow ?$$

Lorentz covariance.

↳ Equation should be a scalar or vector or Tensor

$$A_\mu A^\mu, A_\mu \quad A_\mu B^\mu \text{ etc.}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)}{\partial \phi(x)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \rightarrow \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi}$$

$$\text{Klein-Gordon Equation} \quad \partial_\mu \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi} \right] - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L} = ? \quad \rightarrow \text{should be a scalar}$$



$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_\mu} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_\mu} \right) + m^2 \phi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} \left( 2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_\mu} \right) + m^2 \phi = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \underbrace{\square \phi - m^2 \phi = 0}_{\text{Klein-Gordon Eq.}}$$

$$\square \phi = \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

Laplacian or D'Alembert Op

Note  $E \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad P_k \rightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}$

Klein-Gordon Equation

$$(E^2 - p^2 c^2 - m^2 c^4) \phi = 0$$

$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4$$

$$m^2 c^4 = p^2 c^2 \hbar^2 \rightarrow m = \frac{m_0 c}{\hbar}$$

- Maxwell Field



## Basic Equations

$$\nabla \cdot E = \rho \quad , \quad \nabla \times B - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{j}{c} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{3-conditions}$$

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad , \quad \nabla \times E + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Relates E and B}$$



## Introduce

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_3 & -B_2 & -iE_1 \\ -B_3 & 0 & B_1 & -iE_2 \\ B_2 & -B_1 & 0 & -iE_3 \\ iE_1 & iE_2 & iE_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad j_\mu = (\vec{j}, ic\rho)$$

$$\text{First set} \rightarrow \frac{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\nu} = \frac{j_\mu}{c}$$



## Furthermore

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$\text{Second set} \rightarrow \varepsilon_{\alpha\lambda\mu\nu} \left( \left[ \partial_\lambda, F_{\mu\nu} \right] + \left[ \partial_\mu, F_{\nu\lambda} \right] + \left[ \partial_\nu, F_{\lambda\mu} \right] \right) = 0$$

Jacobi Identity



# Maxwell Field -Lagrangian



## Lagrangian density

$$L = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{c} j_{\mu} A_{\mu} \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}$$

\* Hamiltonian density

$$\mathcal{H}^{em} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (2A_{\mu}/2A_4)} \frac{\partial A_{\mu}}{\partial x_4} - \mathcal{L}$$

$$= -F_{4\mu} \left( F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial A_4}{\partial x_{\mu}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (|\mathbf{B}|^2 - |\mathbf{E}|^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|\mathbf{B}|^2 + |\mathbf{E}|^2) - \underbrace{i \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla A_4}_{\downarrow}$$

in free field case  $+ \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) A_4}_{\downarrow 0} + \text{surface term}$



## Lagrangian density for QED

$$L = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (i D_{\mu} \gamma^{\mu} - m) \psi \quad D_{\mu} \psi = (\partial_{\mu} - i g A_{\mu}) \psi$$

- Gauge transformation

☞ Physics is determined by  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

$$A_\mu^{new} = A_\mu^{old} + \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial x_\mu} \text{ will give same } F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^{new} = \partial_\mu A_\nu^{new} - \partial_\nu A_\mu^{new} = F_{\mu\nu}^{old} + (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu - \partial_\nu \partial_\mu) \chi$$

☞ Chose a non homogenous part of the gauge

$$\partial_\mu A_\mu^{new} = \partial_\mu A_\mu^{old} + \partial_\mu \partial_\mu \chi = 0 \rightarrow \text{chose } \square \chi = -\partial_\mu A_\mu^{old}$$

$$\text{Field equation becomes } \partial_\mu F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \partial_\mu A_\nu^{new} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu A_\mu^{new} = -\frac{j_\nu}{c} \rightarrow \square A_\mu = -\frac{j_\mu}{c}$$

☞ Further homogenous gauge freedom

$$A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial x_\mu} \text{ with } \square \Lambda = 0$$

$$\text{preserves Field equation and gauge condition } \square A_\mu = -\frac{j_\mu}{c} \text{ and } \partial_\mu A_\mu = 0$$

- Gauge Invariance in the Lagrangian density

👉 Lagrangian density for QED

$$L = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (iD_{\mu} \gamma^{\mu} - m) \psi \qquad D_{\mu} \psi = (\partial_{\mu} - igA_{\mu}) \psi$$

👉 Gauge transformation: Lagrangian is invariant under

$$\psi \rightarrow U\psi \quad , \quad A_{\mu} \rightarrow U \left( A_{\mu} - \frac{i}{g} \partial_{\mu} \right) U^{\dagger}$$

$$D_{\mu} \psi \rightarrow U D_{\mu} \psi \quad D_{\mu} \rightarrow U D_{\mu} U^{\dagger}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g} [D_{\mu}, D_{\nu}] \rightarrow U F_{\mu\nu} U^{\dagger}$$

where  $U = \exp(-ig\chi)$  or  $U = \exp(-ig\Lambda)$

# A: Electrodynamics in Radiation (Coulomb) Gauge.

We can always choose  $A$  st.

$$\nabla \cdot A(x, t) = 0$$

$$\text{if } \nabla \cdot A^{\text{old}} \neq 0$$

$$\text{choose } \vec{A}^{\text{new}} = A^{\text{old}} + \nabla \chi(x, t)$$

$$\nabla \cdot A^{\text{new}} = \nabla \cdot A^{\text{old}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} x_i}_{\text{ict}} \chi \rightarrow A^{\text{new}}_0 = A^{\text{old}}_0 - \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial ct}$$

$$\nabla \cdot A^{\text{new}} = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot A^{\text{old}}}_{\text{source}} + \nabla^2 \chi = 0$$

$$\chi(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^3 x'}{|x - x'|} \nabla' \cdot A^{\text{old}}(x', t)$$

because.

$$\nabla^2 \chi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \underbrace{\nabla^2}_{\rightarrow} \int \frac{d^3 x'}{|x - x'|} \nabla' \cdot A^{\text{old}}(x', t)$$

$$\nabla^2 \frac{1}{4\pi |x - x'|} = -\delta^3(x - x')$$

$$= -\nabla \cdot A^{\text{old}}(x, t)$$

what about  $A^0$  → look at field Eq.

$$\square A_\mu^{\text{new}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} \left( \frac{\partial A_\nu^{\text{new}}}{\partial x_\nu} \right) = -\frac{j_\mu}{c}$$

⇓ for 4 → 0 component

$$\square A_0^{\text{new}} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A_0^{\text{new}}}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{A}^{\text{new}} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_0^{\text{new}}}{\partial t} \right) = -\rho$$

$$\therefore \square A_0^{\text{new}}(x, t) = -\rho(x, t)$$

no time derivative

$$\therefore A_0^{\text{new}}(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho(x', t) d^3x'}{|x - x'|}$$

↗ Same time ↖

1)  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  can be chosen

2) then  $A_0^{\text{new}}(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho(x', t)}{|x - x'|} d^3x'$

Radiation  
or  
Coulomb  
Gauge

Note we still have ~~ga~~ Residual gauge freedom

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \Lambda \quad \text{when} \quad \square^2 \chi = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{A} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \square^2 \chi = 0$$

$$\square^2 A_0 \rightarrow \square^2 A_0 + \underbrace{\partial_0 \square^2 \chi}_0$$

can get rid of  $\vec{A}_0$



- Hamiltonian density

from chapter 1

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{em} &= \frac{1}{2} (|\mathbf{B}|^2 + |\mathbf{E}|^2) - \underbrace{i \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla A_4}_{\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} A_4) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) A_4} \quad \rightarrow i A_0 \\ &= \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} A_4)}_{\nabla \cdot (A_0 \mathbf{E})} - \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) A_4}_{S A_0} \\ &\quad \text{surface term} \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{int} = -j_4 A_4 / c$$

$$= -j_4 A_4 / c - j \cdot \mathbf{A} = S_0 A_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}H_{em} + H_{int} &= \int d^3x (\mathcal{L}^{em} + \mathcal{L}^{int}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (|\mathbf{B}|^2 + |\mathbf{E}|^2) - \int d^3x (c \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{A} / c)\end{aligned}$$

- different form.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Note } \mathbf{E} &= -\nabla A_0 - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\ &= \mathbf{E}_{||} + \mathbf{E}_{\perp}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{||} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\perp} = 0$$

because  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{E}_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_{\perp}}{\partial t}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\int |E|^2 d^3x &= \int (|E_{\perp}|^2 + 2 \underbrace{E_{\perp} \cdot E_{\parallel}}_{-\nabla A_0 \cdot E_{\perp}} + |E_{\parallel}|^2) d^3x \\ &\quad \text{or } -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_{\perp}}{\partial t} \\ &= -\underbrace{\nabla \cdot (E_{\perp} \cdot A_0)}_0 + A_0 \underbrace{\nabla \cdot E_{\perp}}_0 \\ &\quad \text{Surface term}\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\int |E_{\parallel}|^2 d^3x &= \int \nabla A_0 \cdot \nabla A_0 d^3x \\ &= \int (\underbrace{\nabla \cdot (A_0 \nabla A_0)}_{\rightarrow 0} - A_0 \nabla^2 A_0) d^3x \\ &= \int \delta A_0 d^3x \\ &\quad \hookrightarrow \int d^3x d^3x' \frac{\delta(x, t) \delta(x', t)}{4\pi |x - x'|}\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}H_{em} + H_{int} &= \frac{1}{2} \int (|B|^2 + |E_{\perp}|^2) d^3x \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x d^3x' \frac{\delta(x, t) \delta(x', t)}{4\pi |x - x'|} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{c} \int j \cdot A d^3x\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\nabla \cdot A = 0$  only  $\nabla A^{\perp} = 0$   
 $A^{\perp}$  is dynamical.

Only  $A_{\perp}$  is dynamical, It can also be written as

$$H_{em} + H_{int} = \frac{1}{2} \int (|\nabla \times A_{\perp}|^2 + |\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_{\perp}}{\partial t}|^2) d^3x$$

$$- \frac{1}{c} \int \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\perp} d^3x + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x d^3x' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \rho(\mathbf{x}', t)}{4\pi |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}$$

\* Note when  $\mathbf{j}^{\mu} = 0$ , only  $A_{\perp}$  contribute and the field Equations become

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A}_{\perp} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A_{\perp}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_{\perp}, \quad \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_{\perp}}{\partial t}$$