

Also, we can look at the situations where θ affects the dynamics classically. This occurs when θ is not constant, but instead varies in space and time.

$$\theta = \theta(\vec{x}, t)$$

So we can write down the axion & electrodynamics action:

$$S = \int d^4x \left(-\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \cdot \theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \star F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

We use Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} - \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) = 0$$

to get the equations of axion electrodynamics

Because \mathcal{L} doesn't depend on A_μ , so the equations of motion are:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) = 0$$

and the \mathcal{L} of axion & electrodynamics is ($\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Max}} + \mathcal{L}_\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \cdot \theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \star F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

First, let's see \mathcal{L}_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{4\pi} \Theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \cancel{\frac{1}{2} e^{\alpha\beta\rho} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\rho 0}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \Theta(\vec{x}, t) \right] \cdot e^{\alpha\beta\rho} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\rho 0} + \Theta(\vec{x}, t) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \cancel{\frac{1}{2} e^{\alpha\beta\rho} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\rho 0}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

let's see the first term.

$$e^{\alpha\beta\rho} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\rho 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \Theta(\vec{x}, t) = 0$$

then let's see the second term:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \cdot e^{\alpha\beta\rho} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\rho 0} = \cancel{\Theta(\vec{x}, t)} \cdot \\ &= 4\Theta(\vec{x}, t) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial^\mu A_\mu)} \cdot \partial_\lambda A_\beta \partial^\lambda F_\sigma \right) e^{\alpha\beta\rho} \\ &= 4\Theta(\vec{x}, t) \left(S_{2\alpha\beta}^\nu \partial_\nu A_\sigma + S_\rho^\nu S_\sigma^\mu \partial_\lambda A_\beta \right) e^{\alpha\beta\rho} \\ &= 4\Theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot e^{\nu\mu\rho} (\partial_\mu A_\sigma - \partial_\sigma A_\mu) \\ &= 8\Theta(\vec{x}, t) {}^*F^{\nu\mu} \end{aligned}$$

next, we can get:

$$\partial_\nu \Theta(\vec{x}, t) {}^*F^{\nu\mu} = {}^*F^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \Theta(\vec{x}, t) + \Theta(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \partial_\nu {}^*F^{\mu\nu}$$

using the Bianchi identities:

$$\partial_\mu {}^*F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

so we can get :

$$\partial_\nu \theta(\vec{x}, t) * F^{\nu\mu} = *F^{\nu\mu} \partial_\nu \theta(\vec{x}, t)$$

~~Finally, we can~~ Finally, we can get :

$$\partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} *F^{\nu\mu} \cdot \partial_\nu \theta(\vec{x}, t)$$

* And the Lagrangian of Maxwell part :

$$\partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{Max}}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\mu)} \right) = - \partial_\nu F^{\nu\mu}.$$

So the equations of axion electrodynamics is .

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\nu F^{\nu\mu} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} *F^{\nu\mu} \cdot \partial_\nu \theta(\vec{x}, t) \\ \partial_\mu *F^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{cases}$$

In the end, the deformed Maxwell equations which are ~~at~~ the equations of axion electrodynamics are :

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} (\nabla \theta) \cdot \vec{B} \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} (\theta \vec{B} + \nabla \theta \times \vec{E}) \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \end{cases}$$