

Misner, Thorne and Wheeler's Gravitation Problems

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The Electromagnetic Field

1. Derive equations:

$$|| F_{\beta}^{\alpha} || = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ E_x & 0 & B_z & -B_y \\ E_y & -B_z & 0 & B_x \\ E_z & B_y & -B_x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

and

$$|| F_{\alpha\beta} || = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & B_z & -B_y \\ E_y & -B_z & 0 & B_x \\ E_z & B_y & -B_x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

for the components of Faraday by comparing:

$$dp^{\alpha}/d\tau = eF_{\beta}^{\alpha}u^{\beta}$$

with

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{e}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) = e(u^0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} e \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} = e \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

and by using definition:

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\gamma} F_{\beta}^{\gamma}$$

1 represents the four following equations:

$$\frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = e[F_0^0 u^0 + F_1^0 u^1 + F_2^0 u^2 + F_3^0 u^3]$$

$$\frac{dp^1}{d\tau} = e[F_0^1 u^0 + F_1^1 u^1 + F_2^1 u^2 + F_3^1 u^3]$$

$$\frac{dp^2}{d\tau} = e[F_0^2 u^0 + F_1^2 u^1 + F_2^2 u^2 + F_3^2 u^3]$$

$$\frac{dp^3}{d\tau} = e[F_0^3 u^0 + F_1^3 u^1 + F_2^3 u^2 + F_3^3 u^3]$$

using:

$$\frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\mathbf{v}^2}} e\mathbf{E}$$