

9-5. The momentum in the field is given by

$$\frac{1}{4\pi c} \int \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} d^3\mathbf{r}$$

In the absence of matter (so $\phi_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$), show that this is

$$i \int \mathbf{k} (\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^* \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{k}}) \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} = (E_y B_z - E_z B_y) \mathbf{i} + (E_z B_x - E_x B_z) \mathbf{j} + (E_x B_y - E_y B_x) \mathbf{k} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider equation (9.9).

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad (9.9)$$

By hypothesis the scalar potential vanishes leaving

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} \mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial t} \mathbf{k} \quad (2)$$

Consider equation (9.7).

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad (9.7)$$

It follows that

$$\mathbf{B} = \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k} \quad (3)$$

Substitute (2) and (3) into (1) to obtain

$$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} + F_z \mathbf{k}$$

where