

Exercise A.8.1 Show that the Lorentz gauge condition (A.49) can be written as $A^\mu_{,\mu} = 0$

Soln: $A^\mu_{,\mu} = \frac{\partial A^\mu}{\partial x^\mu} \stackrel{(A.52)}{=} \frac{\partial(\phi/c)}{\partial ct} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial \vec{x}} = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial A^1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A^2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A^3}{\partial z} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{A} \right)$

(A.49) $= \nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \stackrel{(A.49)}{=} 0$

Exercise A.8.2 Confirm equation (A.54):

$$(F_{\mu\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & -\frac{1}{c}E^3 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^1 & 0 & B^3 & -B^2 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^2 & -B^3 & 0 & B^1 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^3 & B^2 & -B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Soln: $F_{\mu\nu} \stackrel{(A.53)}{=} A_{\mu,\nu} - A_{\nu,\mu} = \frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial A_\nu}{\partial x^\mu}$ where \vec{A} is a vector potential.

If $\mu=\nu$, $F_{\mu\mu} = A_{\mu,\mu} - A_{\mu,\mu} = 0$ ✓ (diagonal ✓)

$F_{01} = \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial ct} \stackrel{(A.52)}{=} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A^1}{\partial t}$ since $A^\mu \stackrel{(A.52)}{=} \left(\frac{\phi}{c}, \vec{A} \right)$ and $A_\mu = \left(\frac{\phi}{c}, -\vec{A} \right)$
 $\vec{E} \stackrel{(A.48)}{=} -\nabla \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow E^1 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A^1}{\partial t}$ so $F_{01} = -\frac{1}{c} E^1$ ✓ and $\vec{A} = (A^1, A^2, A^3)$
 $= -(A_1, -A_2, -A_3)$

Also, $\vec{B} \stackrel{(A.48)}{=} \nabla \times \vec{A} = (\nabla_2 A^3 - \nabla_3 A^2) \hat{i} + (\nabla_3 A^1 - \nabla_1 A^3) \hat{j} + (\nabla_1 A^2 - \nabla_2 A^1) \hat{k}$
 $= \left(\frac{\partial A^3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A^2}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A^1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A^3}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A^2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A^1}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}$

$F_{12} = \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} \stackrel{(A.52)}{=} -\frac{\partial A^1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A^2}{\partial x} \stackrel{(A.48)}{=} B^3$ ✓

Exercise A.8.3

$$(F^\mu{}_\nu) = (\eta^{\mu\epsilon}) (F_{\epsilon\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & -\frac{1}{c}E^3 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^1 & 0 & B^3 & -B^2 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^2 & -B^3 & 0 & B^1 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^3 & B^2 & -B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & -\frac{1}{c}E^3 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & 0 & B^3 & -B^2 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & B^3 & 0 & B^1 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^3 & B^2 & -B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(F^{\mu\nu}) = (F^\mu{}_\sigma) (\eta^{\sigma\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & -\frac{1}{c}E^3 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^1 & 0 & B^3 & -B^2 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^2 & B^3 & 0 & B^1 \\ -\frac{1}{c}E^3 & B^2 & -B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{c}E^1 & \frac{1}{c}E^2 & \frac{1}{c}E^3 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^1 & 0 & B^3 & -B^2 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^2 & -B^3 & 0 & B^1 \\ \frac{1}{c}E^3 & -B^2 & B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$