

Assignment :> 1

Topic :> Classical Field Theory  
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Q.1 A string of length  $a$ , mass per unit length

$\sigma$  and under tension  $T$  is fixed at each end.  
 The Lagrangian governing the evolution of the transverse displacement  $y(x, t)$  is —

$$L = \int_0^a dx \left[ \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right]$$

where  $x$  identifies position along the string from one end point. By expressing the displacement as a sine series Fourier expansion

$$y(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) q_n(t)$$

i) Show that the Lagrangian becomes

$$L = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sigma}{2} \dot{q}_n^2 - \frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)^2 q_n^2 \right)$$

ii) Derive the equation of motion.

iii) Hence show that the string is equivalent to a set of decoupled harmonic oscillators with frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\sigma}} \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} \right)$

Ans : →

$$i) \text{ given } y(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) q_n(t)$$

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$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \dot{q}_n(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) q_n(t)$$

$$L = \int_0^a dx \left\{ \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{I}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$L = \int_0^a dx \left\{ \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 \right\} - \int_0^a dx \left\{ \frac{I}{2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$L = \int_0^a dx \left\{ \frac{\sigma}{2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \dot{q}_n \dot{q}_m dx \right.$$

$$L = \frac{\sigma}{2} \times \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \dot{q}_n \dot{q}_m \\ - \frac{I}{2} \times \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} dx \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{m\pi}{\alpha}\right) q_n q_m$$

$$\text{OR, } L = \frac{\sigma}{a} \sum_m \sum_n \left\{ \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\alpha}\right) dx \right\} \dot{q}_n \dot{q}_m$$

$$- \frac{I}{a} \sum_m \sum_n \left\{ \int_0^a \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\alpha}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\alpha}\right) dx \right\} q_n q_m \left(\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{m\pi}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\text{OR, } L = \sum_n \sum_m \frac{\sigma}{a} \dot{q}_n \dot{q}_m \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mn} - \sum_n \sum_m \frac{I}{a} q_n q_m \left(\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{m\pi}{\alpha}\right) \frac{a}{2} \delta_{mn}$$

$$\text{OR, } L = \sum_n \frac{\sigma}{2} (\dot{q}_n)^2 - \frac{I}{2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{\alpha}\right)^2 q_n^2$$

ii) Equation of motion :  
from Euler-Lagrangian equation  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_n} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_n} = 0$$

$$\text{OR } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma \ddot{q}_n + T \left( \frac{n\pi}{\alpha} \right)^2 q_n^2 = 0$$

$$\text{E.O.M.} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ddot{q}_n + \frac{T}{\sigma} \left( \frac{n\pi}{\alpha} \right)^2 q_n = 0$$

$$\text{OR, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ddot{q}_n = - \frac{T}{\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n\pi}{\alpha} \right)^2 q_n$$

this follows the E.O.M. for harmonic  $n$ -decoupled harmonic oscillators,

$$\boxed{\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\sigma}} \left( \frac{n\pi}{\alpha} \right)}$$

Q.2. Show directly that if  $\phi(x)$  satisfies the Klein-Gordon Equation, then  $\phi(\Lambda^{-1}x)$  also satisfy this equation for any Lorentz transformation  $\Lambda$ .

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Ans:  $\rightarrow$  Klein-Gordon equation for  $\phi \rightarrow$ 

$$(\square + m^2)\phi = 0$$

$$\square = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu = \partial^\nu \partial_\nu$$

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi + m^2 \phi = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{1}}$$

$$\phi(\Lambda^{-1}x) = \phi(y) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{inverse} \\ \text{Lorentz transformation} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{where } y = \Lambda^{-1}x \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lorentz transformation} \\ \text{Equations of L.H.S.} \end{array} \right\}$$

so substituting  $(\Lambda^{-1}x)$  in Klein-Gordon equation.

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \partial^\mu (\phi(y)) + m^2 \phi(y) = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \partial^\mu (\phi(y)) = \partial^\nu \partial_\nu \{\phi(y)\} \quad [\text{Chain Rule}]$$

$$\partial_\mu (\phi(y)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\nu} \{\phi(y)\} \frac{\partial y^\nu}{\partial x^\mu}$$

$$\partial_\mu \{\phi(y)\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \{y^\nu\} \partial_\nu \phi(y)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \{\Lambda^{-1}x^\nu\} \partial_\nu \phi(y)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \{(\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_\mu x^\delta\} \partial_\nu \phi(y)$$

$$= (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_\mu \frac{\partial x^\delta}{\partial x^\mu} \partial_\nu \phi(y)$$

$$= (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_\mu \delta_\nu^\delta \partial_\nu \phi(y)$$

$$\boxed{\partial_\mu \{\phi(y)\} = (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_\mu \partial_\nu \phi(y)} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{2}}$$

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Second derivative  $\rightarrow$ 

$$\partial^4 = \eta^{4\rho} \partial_\rho$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \partial^4 [\partial_4 \phi(y)] &= \eta^{4\rho} \partial_\rho [\partial_4 \phi(y)] \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} \partial_\rho \{ (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 \partial_\nu \phi(y) \} \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 \partial_\rho [\partial_\nu \phi(y)] \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 \partial_\nu [\partial_\rho \phi(y)] \quad \text{from eq. ②} \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 \partial_\nu [(\Lambda^{-1})^\sigma_\rho \partial_\sigma \phi(y)] \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 (\Lambda^{-1})^\sigma_\rho \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \{\phi(y)\} \\
&= \eta^{4\rho} (\Lambda^{-1})^\sigma_\rho (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_4 \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \{\phi(y)\} \\
&= \eta^{\sigma\nu} \partial_\nu \partial_\sigma \{\phi(y)\} \\
&= \partial^\sigma \partial_\sigma \{\phi(y)\} \\
&= \square \phi(y)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\rightarrow$ 

$$(\square + m^2)(\Lambda^{-1}x) = (\square + m^2)(y) \quad \text{--- ③}$$

as  $x, y$  are dummy variables we can write

$$(\square + m^2)\phi(\Lambda^{-1}x) = (\square + m^2)\phi(y) = 0$$

hence if  $\phi(x)$  satisfies Klein-Gordon equation.  
then  $\phi(\Lambda^{-1}x)$  will also satisfy Klein-Gordon equation.

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Q.3) The motion of a complex field  $\psi(x)$  is governed by  
 lagrangian,  $L = \partial_\mu \psi^* \partial^\mu \psi - m^2 \psi^* \psi - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\psi^* \psi)^2$

- i) Write down the Euler-Lagrange field equation
- ii) Verify that the lagrangian is invariant under the infinitesimal transformation.

$$\delta\psi = i\alpha\psi, \quad \delta\psi^* = -i\bar{\alpha}\psi$$

- iii) Derive Noether current associated with this transformation and verify explicitly that it is conserved using the field equations satisfied by  $\psi$ .

Ans: Given lagrangian  $L = \partial_\mu \psi^* \partial^\mu \psi - m^2 (\psi^* \psi) - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\psi^* \psi)^2$  —①

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \psi^*} &= -m^2 \psi - 2 \times \frac{\lambda}{2} (\psi^* \psi) \psi \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \psi^*} &= -m^2 \psi - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \psi^*)} = \partial^\mu \psi$$

now plugging ② and ③ in eq ① Euler-Lagrange eq →

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \psi^*} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu \psi^*)} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -m^2 \psi - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi - \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu \psi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\square \psi + m^2 \psi + \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi = 0}$$

similarly we can show it by taking derivatives with respect to  $\Psi$  and  $\partial_\mu \Psi$  →

$$\square \Psi^* + m^2 \Psi^* + \lambda (\Psi^* \Psi) \Psi^* = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

ii) Infinitesimal transformation :-

$$\delta \Psi = i\alpha \Psi, \quad \delta \Psi^* = -i\alpha \Psi^*$$

In the lagrangian there are two parts → kinetic term and mass-interaction term

→ Kinetic part  $\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \Psi^* \partial^\mu \Psi$

→ change in kinetic part due to infinitesimal transformation in  $\Psi$  and  $\Psi^*$

$$\delta(\partial_\mu \Psi^* \partial^\mu \Psi) = \{\delta(\partial_\mu \Psi^*) \partial^\mu \Psi\} + \{\partial_\mu \Psi^* (\delta(\partial^\mu \Psi))\}$$

$$\delta(T) = \partial_\mu (\delta \Psi^*) (\partial^\mu \Psi) + (\partial_\mu \Psi^*) \partial^\mu (\delta \Psi)$$

$$\delta(T) = \{\partial_\mu (-i\alpha \Psi^*)\} (\partial^\mu \Psi) + (\partial_\mu \Psi^*) \{\partial^\mu (i\alpha \Psi)\}$$

$$\delta(T) = -i\alpha (\partial_\mu \Psi^*) (\partial^\mu \Psi) + i\alpha (\partial_\mu \Psi^*) (\partial_\mu \Psi)$$

$$\delta(T) = 0$$

now, change in the mass-interaction term due to infinitesimal transformation →

$$\text{let say } -m(\Psi^* \Psi) - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\Psi^* \Psi)^2 = V$$

$$\delta(V) = \delta \left[ -m(\Psi^* \Psi) - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\Psi^* \Psi)^2 \right]$$

$$= -m \delta(\Psi^* \Psi) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \delta \{ (\Psi^* \Psi)^2 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(\Psi^* \Psi) = \Psi^* \delta(\Psi) + \{\delta(\Psi^*)\} \Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(\psi^*\psi) = \psi^* \{ i\alpha \psi \} + \{ -i\alpha \psi^* \} \psi$$

$$= (i\alpha \psi^*\psi) - (i\alpha \psi^*\psi)$$

$$= 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta(v) = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = T + V$$

$$\boxed{\delta L = \delta T + \delta V = 0}$$

[note:  $\rightarrow g$  have taken the minus sign into consideration  
 for  $V$ ,  $V = -m(\psi^*\psi) - \frac{1}{2}(\psi^*\psi)^2$ ]

so the lagrangian is invariant under the global  $U(1)$  symmetry.

iii) Derivation of Noether current using Gauge ~~transformation~~  $\rightarrow$

$$L = \partial_4 \psi^* \partial^4 \psi - m^2 (\psi^* \psi) - \frac{1}{2} (\psi^* \psi)^2$$

as we have seen earlier in (ii), the lagrangian is invariant

under  $U(1)$  transformation.

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \psi \quad | \quad \psi^* \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha} \psi^*$$

$$\delta \psi = i\alpha \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \psi = i\alpha \psi$$

$\rightarrow$  we consider the parameter  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(x)$

$$\partial_4(\delta \psi) = i \{ \partial_4(\alpha) \} \psi + i\alpha \partial_4 \psi$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_4(\delta \psi) = -i \{ \partial_4(\alpha) \} \psi^* - i\alpha \partial_4 \psi^*$$

$$\partial_4(\delta \psi^*) = -i \{ \partial_4(\alpha) \} \psi^* - i\alpha \partial_4 \psi^*$$

let  $T = \partial_4 \psi^* \partial^4 \psi$

$$\delta(T) = \delta \left[ \partial_4 \psi^* \partial^4 \psi \right]$$

$$\delta(T) = \partial_4 \psi^* \delta(\partial^4 \psi) + \delta(\partial_4 \psi^*) \partial^4 \psi$$

$$\delta(T) = \partial_4 \psi^* \delta(\partial^4 \psi) + \delta(\partial_4 \psi^*) \partial^4 \psi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(T) &= [-i(\partial_4\alpha)\psi^* - i\alpha\partial_4\psi^*] \partial^4\psi \\
 &\quad + \partial_4\psi^* [i(\partial^4\alpha)\psi + i\alpha(\partial^4\psi)] \\
 \Rightarrow \delta(T) &= -i(\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*\partial^4\psi + i(\partial^4\alpha)\psi\partial_4\psi^* \\
 &\quad - i\alpha(\partial_4\psi^*)(\partial^4\psi) + i\alpha(\partial_4\psi^*)(\partial^4\psi) \\
 \delta(T) &= -i(\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*\partial^4\psi + i(\partial^4\alpha)\psi(\partial_4\psi^*) \\
 &= i[(\partial^4\alpha)\psi(\partial_4\psi^*) - (\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*(\partial^4\psi)] \\
 &= i[(\eta^{4\nu}\partial_\nu\alpha)\psi(\partial_4\psi^*) - (\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*(\partial^4\psi)] \\
 &= i[\psi(\partial_\nu\alpha)(\eta^{4\nu}\partial_4\psi^*) - (\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*(\partial^4\psi)] \\
 &= i[\psi(\partial_4\alpha)(\partial^4\psi^*) - (\partial_4\alpha)\psi^*(\partial^4\psi)] \\
 \delta(T) &= i[(\partial_4\alpha)\{\psi\partial^4\psi^* - \psi^*\partial^4\psi\}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= -m(\psi^*\psi) - \frac{\lambda}{2}(\psi^*\psi)^2 \\
 \Rightarrow V &\propto (\psi^*\psi) \\
 \Rightarrow \delta V &= 0 \quad [\because \delta(\psi^*\psi) = 0] \\
 \text{so, } \delta L &= \delta T + \delta V = \delta T = i[(\partial_4\alpha)\{\psi\partial^4\psi^* - \psi^*\partial^4\psi\}] \xrightarrow{\text{L} \hookrightarrow \textcircled{5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

So for  ~~$\delta L = 0$~~   $\boxed{\delta L = (\partial_4\alpha)j^4} \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \text{Comparing Eq. \textcircled{5} and Eq. \textcircled{4}} \\
 i(\partial_4\alpha)\{\psi\partial^4\psi^* - \psi^*\partial^4\psi\} &= \{\partial_4(\alpha)\} j^4 \\
 \Rightarrow \boxed{j^4 = i\{\psi\partial^4\psi^* - \psi^*\partial^4\psi\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Noether current, } j^{\mu} = i [\psi \partial^{\mu} \psi^* - \psi^* \partial^{\mu} \psi]$$

$\Rightarrow$  Verifying that derived Noether current is conserved

from eq ④ and ⑤  $\rightarrow$

$$\square \psi + m^2 \psi + \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi = 0 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$\square \psi^* + m^2 \psi^* + \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi^* = 0 \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \square \psi &= -m^2 \psi - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi & \xrightarrow{\text{--- ⑧}} \\ \square \psi^* &= -m^2 \psi^* - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi^* & \xrightarrow{\text{--- ⑨}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} &= i [\partial_{\mu} \{ \psi \partial^{\mu} \psi^* - \psi^* \partial^{\mu} \psi \}] \\ &= i [(\partial_{\mu} \psi) \partial^{\mu} \psi^* + \psi \partial_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} \psi^* - (\partial_{\mu} \psi^*) (\partial^{\mu} \psi)] \\ &\quad - \psi^* \partial_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} \psi \\ &= i [\psi \partial_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} \psi^* - \psi^* \partial_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} \psi] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= i [\psi \square \psi^* - \psi^* \square \psi] \\ \text{now from equations ⑧ and ⑨} &\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} \\ \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} &= i [\psi \{-m^2 \psi^* - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi^*\} - \psi^* \{-m^2 \psi - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi\}] \\ \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} &= i [-m^2 \psi \psi^* + m^2 \psi \psi^* - \lambda (\psi^* \psi) \psi \psi^* + \lambda (\psi^* \psi) (\psi \psi^*)] \\ \boxed{\partial_{\mu} j^{\mu} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Noether current is conserved.

Q.4) Verify that the Lagrangian density

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_a \phi_a$$

for a triplet of real field  $\phi_a$  ( $a=1, 2, 3$ ) is invariant under the infinitesimal  $SO(3)$  rotation by  $\theta$

$$\phi_a \rightarrow \phi_a + \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c$$

where  $n_a$  is a unit vector, compute the Noether current

j<sup>a</sup>. Deduce that the three quantities

$$j^a = \int d^3x \epsilon_{abc} \phi_b \phi_c$$

are all conserved and verify this directly using the field equations satisfied by  $\phi_a$ .

$$\text{Ans: } \delta \phi_a = \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c \rightarrow \text{given}$$

→ again Lagrangian has two terms

$$L = T - V$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_a \phi_a$$

$$\rightarrow \text{variation in kinetic term} \Rightarrow \delta T = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \delta (\partial_\mu \phi_a) (\partial^\mu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) \delta (\partial^\mu \phi_a) \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \delta (\partial_\mu \phi_a) (\partial^\mu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) \delta (\partial^\mu \phi_a) \right]$$

$$\delta T = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_\mu (\delta \phi_a) (\partial^\mu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) \partial^\mu (\delta \phi_a) \right] = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu (\delta \phi_a)$$

$$\delta T = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_\mu (\delta \phi_a) \eta^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\nu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu (\delta \phi_a) \right]$$

$$\delta T = \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \left[ \partial_\mu (\phi_a) \partial_\nu (\delta \phi_a) \right]$$

→ symmetry approach

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let  $X$  be any quantity that on interchange of

indices gives  $-X$  [anti-symmetric]  
hence  $X = -X$

$$X = 0$$

hence being anti-symmetric makes the whole term zero.

$$\text{so } \delta T = \eta^{\mu\nu} \{ \partial_\mu (\phi_a) \partial_\nu (\delta \phi_a) \}$$

$$\text{now } \partial_\nu (\delta \phi_a) = \partial_\nu (\theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c) \\ = \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \partial_\nu (\phi_c) \\ = \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \partial_\nu \phi_c \partial_\mu \phi_a$$

$$\text{so } \delta(T) = \eta^{\mu\nu} \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_a \text{ [Anti-Symmetric]}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \longleftrightarrow c, \epsilon_{abc} \neq \epsilon_{cba} \text{ [Symmetric]}$$

$$\partial_\nu \phi_c \partial_\mu \phi_a = \partial_\nu \phi_a \partial_\mu \phi_c$$

$$\delta T = \text{Anti-Symmetric} = 0$$

$$\boxed{V = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_a \phi_a}$$

$$\delta(\phi_a \phi_a) = 2 \phi_a \delta \phi_a = 2 \theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_a \phi_c$$

$$a \longleftrightarrow c$$

$$\phi_a \phi_c = \phi_c \phi_a \text{ [symmetric]}$$

[anti-sym]

but  $\epsilon_{abc} \neq \epsilon_{cba}$

$$\boxed{\delta V = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta L = \delta T - \delta V = 0}$$

The lagrangian is invariant under  $SO(3)$  rotations.

ii) Using Gauge trick to find Noether current  $\rightarrow$

let consider  $\Theta \rightarrow \Theta(x)$

$$\delta\phi_a = \Theta(x) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c$$

$$\delta\lambda = \delta(T) - \delta(V)$$

$$\delta(V) = -\delta(\frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_a \phi_a) = -\frac{1}{2} m^2 2\Theta(x) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c(x) \phi_a$$

again this term is anti-symmetric

$$\delta V = 0$$

$\square \delta T \rightarrow$

$$\delta(\partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a) = \delta(\partial_\mu \phi_a) \{ \partial^\mu \phi_a + \partial_\mu \phi_a \{\delta(\partial^\mu \phi_a)\} \} \quad \text{①}$$

$$\rightarrow \delta(\partial_\mu \phi_a) = \partial_\mu (\delta \phi_a)$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_\mu \delta(\partial_\mu \phi_a) = \partial_\mu [\Theta(x) \cdot \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c(x)] \\ = \partial_\mu (\Theta(x)) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c(x) + \Theta(x) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \partial_\mu \phi_c(x)$$

the 1st term in eq ①, RHS  $\rightarrow$

$$\partial(\partial_\mu \phi_a) \partial^\mu \phi_a = [\partial_\mu (\Theta(x)) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c(x) \partial^\mu \phi_a \\ + \Theta(x) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \partial_\mu \phi_c(x) \partial^\mu \phi_a]$$

the second term  $\rightarrow \partial_\mu \phi_a (\delta \partial^\mu \phi_a)$

$$= \partial_\mu \phi_a [(\partial^\mu \Theta) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c + \Theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b \partial^\mu \phi_c]$$

plugging into eq ① we get  $\rightarrow$

$$= \Theta \cdot \epsilon_{abc} n_b [(\partial_\mu \phi_c) (\partial^\mu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) (\partial^\mu \phi_c)]$$

$$+ (\partial_\mu \Theta) (\epsilon_{abc}) n_b [\phi_c \partial^\mu \phi_a + \Theta \partial^\mu \phi_a]$$

the 1st term  $\rightarrow \Theta \epsilon_{abc} n_b [\partial_\mu \phi_c (\partial^\mu \phi_a) + (\partial_\mu \phi_a) (\partial^\mu \phi_c)]$   
is proportional to  $\Theta \rightarrow$  it is symmetric but  $\epsilon_{abc}$  makes  
it anti-symmetric so it vanishes.

the 2nd term,  $\epsilon_{abc} = \text{Anti Symmetric}$

$$\rightarrow \partial_a \partial^a \phi_c \neq \partial_c \partial^a \phi_a \rightarrow \text{anti-Symmetric}$$

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$$\text{so } (\partial_\mu \theta) \epsilon_{abc} n_b [\phi_c \partial^a \phi_a + \phi_a \partial^a \phi_c] \rightarrow \cancel{\text{Anti-Symmetric}}$$

so it does not Vanish.

$$\delta L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \theta) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c \partial^\mu \phi_a$$

$$\delta L = (\partial_\mu \theta) \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c (\partial^\mu \phi_a)$$

also  $\delta L = \partial_\mu (\theta) j^\mu$

$$\text{so } j^\mu = \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c (\partial^\mu \phi_a)$$

$$j^\mu (\vec{n}) = n_b j^\mu_b = \epsilon_{abc} n_b \phi_c (\partial^\mu \phi_a)$$

$$\Rightarrow j^\mu_b = \epsilon_{abc} \phi_c (\partial^\mu \phi_a)$$

$$\Rightarrow j_b^0 = \epsilon_{abc} \phi_c \dot{\phi}_a$$

$$j_a^0 = \epsilon_{abc} \phi_c \dot{\phi}_b$$

So, conserved charges are -

$$\Phi_a = \int d^3x j_a^0 = \int d^3x \epsilon_{abc} \phi_c \dot{\phi}_b$$

iii) Verifying the conservation using field equation

$$\square \phi_a + m^2 \phi_a = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu j_a^\mu = \partial_\mu (\epsilon_{abc} \phi_c \partial^a \phi_b)$$

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$$\partial_y j_a^u = \partial_u (\varepsilon_{abc} \phi_c \partial^u \phi_b) = \varepsilon_{abc} [(\partial_u \phi_c) (\partial^u \phi_b) + \phi_c \partial_u \partial^u (\phi)]$$

$$= \varepsilon_{abc} [(\partial_u \phi_c) (\partial^u \phi_b) + \phi_c \square \phi_b]$$

$\varepsilon_{abc} \rightarrow$  anti Symmetric

$$\varepsilon_{abc} (\partial_u \phi_c) (\partial^u \phi_b) \neq \varepsilon_{abc} (\partial_u \phi_b) (\partial^u \phi_c) \rightarrow$$
 anti Symmetric

$$\text{hence } \partial_u j_a^u = \varepsilon_{abc} \phi_c \square \phi_b \quad [\because \square \phi_b = -m^2 \phi_b]$$

$$\partial_u j_a^u = -m^2 \varepsilon_{abc} \phi_b \phi_c$$

$\varepsilon_{abc} \rightarrow$  anti-Symmetric  
 $\text{as } \phi_b \phi_c \rightarrow$  Symmetric,  $\varepsilon_{abc} \rightarrow$  anti-Symmetric

$$\partial_u j_a^u = \text{Anti-Symmetric} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\partial_u j_a^u = 0}$$

Q.5) Maxwell's Lagrangian for the electromagnetic field  
is  $L = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

where  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$  is the 4-Vector potential

i) Show that  $L$  is invariant under gauge transformation

ii) Use Noether's theorem and Spacetime translational invariance of the action, to construct the energy-momentum tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}$  for the electro-magnetic field.

iii) Show that the resulting object is neither symmetric nor gauge invariant.

iv) Consider a new tensor given by

$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} - (F^{\mu\rho}) \partial_\rho A^\nu$ , show that this also defines four conserved currents.

v) Show that it is symmetric, gauge invariant and traceless.

Ans!

i) Gauge transformation  $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \xi(x)$

where  $\xi(x)$  is a scalar with arbitrary dependence on  $x$ .

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$F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$  transform to  $F'_{\mu\nu}$  (under gauge transformation)

$$\begin{aligned} F'_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu (A_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi(x)) - \partial_\nu (A_\mu + \partial_\mu \xi(x)) \\ &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \xi(x) - \partial_\nu \partial_\mu \xi(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$F'_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{similarly } (F^{\mu\nu})' = F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{Hence } L' = -\frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu})' (F^{\mu\nu})' = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = L$$

■  $L$  remains invariant under the gauge transformation.

ii) Space time translation  $\rightarrow$

$$(x')^{\mu} = x^{\mu} + \xi^{\mu}, \quad \xi^{\mu} = \text{constant vector}$$

$$A_{\rho}(x) = A_{\rho}'(x')$$

$$A_{\rho}'(x) = A_{\rho}(x - \varepsilon)$$

$$A_{\rho}'(x) = A_{\rho}(x) - \varepsilon^{\nu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho}(x) \quad [\text{upto first order}]$$

$$\text{so, } \delta A_{\rho}(x) = A_{\rho}'(x) - A_{\rho}(x) = -\varepsilon^{\nu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho}$$

$$\text{so, } \delta S = \int d^4x \delta L$$

$$\delta L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{\rho}} \delta A_{\rho} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \delta (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})$$

$$\text{from Euler-Lagrange eq} \rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{\rho}} = \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \right)$$

$$\delta L = \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \right) \delta A_{\rho} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \delta (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})$$

$$\text{now, } \delta (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho}) = \partial_{\mu} (\delta A_{\rho}) = -\varepsilon^{\nu} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho}$$

$$\delta L = \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \right) \delta A_{\rho} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} (-\varepsilon^{\nu}) \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho}$$

$$= \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \right) (-\varepsilon)^{\nu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \partial_{\mu} (-\varepsilon^{\nu} \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho})$$

$$\delta L = \partial_{\mu} \left\{ (-\varepsilon)^{\nu} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} A_{\rho})} \right) \partial_{\nu} A_{\rho} \right\}$$

$$\delta S = \int d^4x \delta L$$

$$\delta S = -\varepsilon^\nu \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left\{ \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \partial_\nu A_\mu \right\}$$

this change in action is due to the change in field which  
is due to space time translation

but the space-time translation itself generate a change  
in action  $\rightarrow$

$$\delta S_0 = -\varepsilon^\nu \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left\{ \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \partial_\nu A_\mu \right\}$$

$$- \varepsilon^\nu \int d^4x \partial_\mu (\delta_\nu^\mu L)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\substack{\text{Extra term due to change in} \\ \text{space time itself}}}$

$$\delta S = \partial_\mu (j^\mu = 0)$$

$$j^\mu_f = \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \partial_\mu A_\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu L \stackrel{\text{using } T_f^\mu}{=} T_f^\mu$$

$$T_f^\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \partial_\mu A_\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu L$$

from E.O.M,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = -F^{\mu\nu}$ , and  $\frac{\delta L}{\delta j^\mu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta$

$$\text{so, } T_f^\mu = -F^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu A_\mu + \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} T_f^\mu$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\nu\rho} T_{\rho}^{\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{\mu\nu} = (\eta^{\nu\rho} \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu} A_{\sigma})}) \partial_{\rho} A_{\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\rho} \delta_{\rho}^{\mu} L$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu} A_{\sigma})} \eta^{\nu\rho} \partial_{\rho} A_{\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\mu} L$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu} A_{\sigma})} \partial^{\nu} A_{\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\mu} L$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\sigma} \partial^{\nu} A_{\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$T^{\mu\nu}$  is the energy momentum tensor for electromagnetic field.

### ii) Gauge Invariance

there are two terms in  $F^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\partial^{\nu} A_{\mu}$  and  $\partial^{\mu} A_{\nu}$

$\rightarrow f_{\mu\nu}$  → do not change under gauge transformation

$$\Rightarrow \partial^{\nu} A_{\mu} \rightarrow \partial^{\nu} A_{\mu} + \partial^{\nu} \partial_{\mu} \xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\beta} \partial^{\nu} \partial_{\beta} \xi \neq 0$$

so  $T^{\mu\nu}$  is not gauge invariant.

Symmetry:  $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$

$$T^{\nu\mu} = -F^{\nu\beta} \partial^{\mu} A_{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\nu\mu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$T^{\nu\mu} - T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\beta} \partial^{\mu} A_{\beta} + F^{\mu\beta} \partial^{\nu} A_{\beta} - \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\nu\mu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$T^{\nu\mu} - T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\beta} \partial^{\nu} A_{\beta} - F^{\nu\beta} \partial^{\mu} A_{\beta} \neq 0$$

Hence  $T^{\mu\nu}$  is not symmetric.

$$\text{iii) } \Theta^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} - F^{\mu\lambda} \partial_\lambda A^\nu$$

taking derivative  $\rightarrow$

$$\partial_\lambda [\Theta^{\mu\nu}] = \partial_\lambda T^{\mu\nu} - \partial_\lambda \{ F^{\mu\lambda} \partial_\lambda A^\nu \} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\partial_\lambda [\Theta^{\mu\nu}] = 0 - \partial_\lambda F^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_\lambda A^\nu) - F^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\nu). \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

now, from Euler-Lagrange eq of motion  $\rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\partial_\lambda F^{\mu\lambda} = 0}$$

the Second term,  $F^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\nu)$

$$p \leftrightarrow \lambda \Rightarrow F^{\mu\lambda} = -F^{\lambda\mu} \quad [\text{Anti-Symmetric}]$$

$$\partial_\lambda \partial_\lambda A^\nu = \partial_\nu \partial_\lambda A^\nu \quad [\text{Symmetric}]$$

so both the terms of eq (2) vanishes

$$\boxed{\partial_\lambda [\Theta^{\mu\nu}] = 0} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

so,  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  also gives four conserved currents.

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta^{\mu\nu} &= T^{\mu\nu} - F^{\mu\lambda} \partial_\lambda A^\nu \\ &= -F^{\mu\beta} \partial^\nu A_\beta + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} - F^{\beta\lambda} \partial_\lambda A^\nu \\ &= -F^{\mu\beta} \partial^\nu A_\beta - F^{\beta\lambda} \partial_\lambda A^\nu + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -F^{\mu\beta} \partial^\nu A_\beta + F^{\mu\beta} \partial_\beta A^\nu + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -F^{\mu\beta} (\partial^\nu A_\beta - \partial_\beta A^\nu) + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\beta} (F^\nu_\beta) + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\boxed{\Theta^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\beta} F^\nu_\beta + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}}$$

iv) Gauge Invariant, Symmetric and Traceless  $\rightarrow$

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$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \xi$$

we have shown  $F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}$  under gauge transformation

$$F^{\mu f} \rightarrow F^{\mu f}$$

$$\text{now } F_f^\nu = \eta_{\sigma f} F^{\nu\sigma}$$

So,  $\eta_{\sigma f}$  does not change under gauge transformation

$$\Rightarrow F_f^\nu \rightarrow F_f^\nu \text{ under gauge transformation}$$

$$\text{so, } \Theta^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu f} F_f^\nu + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  is invariant under gauge transformation.

Symmetry  $\rightarrow$

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu f} F_f^\nu + \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

the 2nd term is symmetric.

$$F^{\mu f} F_f^\nu = F^{\mu f} \eta_{f\sigma} F^{\nu\sigma} = (X)^{\mu\nu}$$

$$(X)^{\mu\nu} = (F^{\mu f} \eta_{f\sigma}) F^{\nu\sigma} = (F^{\mu\sigma}) (F^{\nu\sigma})$$

$$(X)^{\mu\nu} = (F, F^T)^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{we know } F_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\nu\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow F^T = -F$$

$$F, F^T = -F^2$$

$$(X^{\mu\nu}) = - (F^2)^{\mu\nu} = - (F^2)^{\nu\mu} = (X)^{\nu\mu}$$

$$F^{\mu\rho} F_{\rho}^{\nu} = F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho}^{\mu}$$

So both the terms in  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  are symmetric  
hence  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  is symmetric.

$$\text{Traceless : } \rightarrow \text{Trace} = \Theta_{\mu}^{\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_{\mu}^{\mu} &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \Theta^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\eta_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\rho} F_{\rho}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{4} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -\eta_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\rho} F_{\rho}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{4} \times 4 F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -F_{\nu}^{\rho} F_{\rho}^{\nu} + F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -(\eta^{\sigma\rho} F_{\nu\sigma}) (\eta_{\rho\lambda} F^{\nu\lambda}) + F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= -\eta^{\sigma\rho} \eta_{\rho\lambda} F_{\nu\sigma} F^{\nu\lambda} + F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \quad [\because \eta^{\sigma\rho} \eta_{\rho\lambda} = \delta_{\lambda}^{\sigma}] \\ &= -F_{\nu\lambda} F^{\nu\lambda} + F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \quad [\Rightarrow \delta_{\lambda}^{\sigma} = 1 \text{ for } \sigma = \lambda]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta_{\mu}^{\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow [\text{Trace} = 0]$$

Hence  $\Theta^{\mu\nu}$  is traceless.