

Non-Linear ECE Electromagnetism

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Need for Non-Linearity

$$\mathbf{E}^a = -\underline{\nabla}\phi^a - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}^a}{\partial t} - \omega_{0b}^a \mathbf{A}^b + \omega_b^a \phi^b$$

$$\mathbf{B}^a = \underline{\nabla} \times \mathbf{A}^a - \omega_b^a \times \mathbf{A}^b$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{B}^a = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \mathbf{E}^a + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^a}{\partial t} = 0$$

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From Gauss's Law

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \times \mathbf{A}^b) = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \times \mathbf{A}^b = \underline{\nabla} \times \mathbf{F}^a$$

Note that if

$$F^a = -A^a$$

This is the “Lindstrom Constraint” for magnetic antisymmetry.

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Substituting these into the Faraday Equation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\nabla} \times \left(-\omega_{0b}^a \mathbf{A}^b + \omega_b^a \phi^b - \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}^a}{\partial t} \right) &= 0 \\ -\omega_{0b}^a \mathbf{A}^b + \omega_b^a \phi^b - \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}^a}{\partial t} &= \underline{\nabla} \psi^a\end{aligned}$$

Write

$$\Phi^a = \phi^a - \psi^a \qquad \mathcal{A}^a = \mathbf{A}^a - \mathbf{F}^a$$

Then a Maxwell-Heaviside theory emerges, i.e.

$$\mathbf{E}^a = -\underline{\nabla} \Phi^a - \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^a}{\partial t} \qquad \mathbf{B}^a = \underline{\nabla} \times \mathcal{A}^a$$

Non-Linear Field Equations

From the first Bianchi Identity

$$\partial_\mu \widetilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} + \omega^a_{\mu b} \widetilde{T}^{b\mu\nu} = \widetilde{R}_\mu^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{a\mu\nu} + \omega^a_{\mu b} T^{b\mu\nu} = R_\mu^{a\mu\nu}$$

Until now

$$j_H^{av} = \widetilde{R}_\mu^{a\mu\nu} - \omega^a_{\mu b} \widetilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} \approx 0$$

$$j_l^{av} = R_\mu^{a\mu\nu} - \omega^a_{\mu b} T^{a\mu\nu}$$

Giving

$$\partial_\mu \widetilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} \approx 0 \qquad \partial_\mu T^{a\mu\nu} = j_l^{av}$$

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If we redefine the 4-current densities as

$$\begin{aligned}j_I^{a\nu} &= R_\mu^{a\mu\nu} \\j_H^{a\nu} &= \widetilde{R}_\mu^{a\mu\nu} \approx 0\end{aligned}$$

Then new non-linear field equations emerge

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu T^{a\mu\nu} + \omega_{\mu b}^a T^{b\mu\nu} &= R_\mu^{a\mu\nu} = j_I^{a\nu} \\ \partial_\mu \widetilde{T}^{a\mu\nu} + \omega_{\mu b}^a \widetilde{T}^{b\mu\nu} &= \widetilde{R}_\mu^{a\mu\nu} = j_H^{a\nu} \approx 0\end{aligned}$$

Non-Linear Field Equations

In vector notation

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{B}^a - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \cdot \mathbf{B}^b = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \mathbf{E}^a + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^a}{\partial t} + \omega_{0b}^a \mathbf{B}^b - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \times \mathbf{E}^b = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{D}^a - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \cdot \mathbf{D}^b = \rho^a$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \mathbf{H}^a + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}^a}{\partial t} + \omega_{0b}^a \mathbf{D}^b - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^a \times \mathbf{H}^b = \mathbf{J}^a$$