

Problem 1.

Classical electromagnetism (with no sources) follows from the action

$$S = \int \left(-\frac{1}{4} F_{uv} F^{uv} \right) d^4x, \quad \text{where } F_{uv} = \partial_u A_v - \partial_v A_u.$$

(a) Derive Maxwell's equations as the Euler-Lagrange equations of this action, treating the components $A_u(x)$ as the dynamical variables. Write the equations in standard form by identifying $E^i = -F^{0i}$ and