

Solution to Problem 12.50

3+1 Decompose

$$* F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = -2F^0i F^0i + F^ij F^ij$$

$$* G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} = -2B^0i G^0i + G^ij G^ij$$

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Substitute Fields Use  $\epsilon^{ijk}\epsilon^{ijl} = 2\delta^{kl}$  ~~use  $\epsilon^{ijk}\epsilon^{ijl} = 2\delta^{kl}$~~

$$\left. \begin{aligned} * F^0i &= \frac{1}{c} E^i \\ * F^ij &= \epsilon^{ijk} B^k \\ * G^0i &= B^i \\ * G^ij &= -\frac{1}{c} \epsilon^{ijk} E^k \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{2}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} + 2\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} \\ G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} &= -2\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} + \frac{2}{c^2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} \\ F^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{4}{c} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

\* NB  $F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = -G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$  is  $-\frac{2}{c^2}$  times the <sup>2nd</sup> invariant of 12.46

\*  $F^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$  is  $-\frac{4}{c}$  times the 1st invariant of problem 12.46