

## 7) Electrodynamics II

reminder: Maxwell's equations, potentials

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 && \text{(no magnetic monopoles)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} &= 0 && \text{(Faraday's law of induction)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho && \text{(Coulomb's law)} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} &= \vec{j} && \text{(Ampère's law + Maxwell's displacement)} \end{aligned}$$

material equations  
(linear media)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \mu_r \vec{H} \\ \vec{D} &= \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

continuity equation

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

"scalar" potential  $\varphi(\vec{r}, t)$   
vector potential  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi(\vec{r}, t) \\ \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \\ \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \varphi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \end{array}$$

(homogeneous wave equations trivially fulfilled)

2nd order D.E.:

$$\begin{aligned} \square \varphi(\vec{r}, t) &= -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \\ \square \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) &= -\mu_0 \mu_r \vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{\mu_r \epsilon_r c^2} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{(Lorenz gauge)}$$

Question: Covariant formulation? (in vacuum)  
 $\epsilon_r = 1, \mu_r = 1$

4-current:

$$j^\mu = (c\rho, \vec{j})^T$$

transforms as 4-vector:  $j'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu j^\nu$

Consider: resting charge in  $\Sigma$

$$j^\mu = (c \rho_0, \vec{0})$$

$\rho_0$ : charge density  
in resting frame

in relatively moving system  $\Sigma'$ :

$$j'^\mu = (c \rho, \rho \vec{v})$$

$\rho$ : charge density as  
measured in  $\Sigma'$

length contraction  $\rho = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta V'} = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta x' \Delta y' \Delta z'} = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z} \gamma$

$$= \rho_0 \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow j'^\mu = \rho_0 \gamma (c, \vec{v}) = \rho_0 u'^\mu \quad u'^\mu: 4\text{-velocity}$$

Covariant equations:

$$(1) \quad \partial_\mu j^\mu = \frac{1}{\partial(ct)} j^0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} j^i \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho c) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} j^i = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \text{reminder} \quad \square = \partial_\nu \partial^\nu = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \Delta$$

$$-\mu_0 j^\mu = \partial_\nu \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

$$-\mu_0 j^0 = -\mu_0 c \rho = -\underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}_{\frac{1}{c^2}} c \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{c} \square \psi$$

$$-\mu_0 j^i = \square A^i$$

read off 4-vector potential

$$A^\mu = \left( \frac{\psi}{c}, \vec{A} \right)$$

$\psi$ : transforms as 0-component!

Lorenz-gauge :  $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$

Construct further covariant quantities

field strength tensor:  $F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$

tensor of 2<sup>nd</sup> rank, antisymmetric:  $F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$

→ has 6 independent nonzero elements

explicitly write out :

$$\begin{aligned} F^{10} &= \partial^1 A^0 - \partial^0 A^1 \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\psi}{c} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial (ct)} A^x = \frac{1}{c} \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A^x}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \frac{E^y}{c} \end{aligned}$$

$$F^{20} = \partial^2 A^0 - \partial^0 A^2 = \frac{1}{c} \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A^y}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{E^z}{c}$$

$$F^{30} = \partial^3 A^0 - \partial^0 A^3 = \frac{E^x}{c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^{21} &= \partial^2 A^1 - \partial^1 A^2 \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} A^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A^y = B^z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^{31} &= \partial^3 A^1 - \partial^1 A^3 \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A^z = -B^y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^{23} &= \partial^2 A^3 - \partial^3 A^2 \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} A^z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} A^y = -B^x \end{aligned}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{E^x}{c} & -\frac{E^y}{c} & -\frac{E^z}{c} \\ \frac{E^x}{c} & 0 & -B^z & B^y \\ \frac{E^y}{c} & B^z & 0 & -B^x \\ \frac{E^z}{c} & -B^y & B^x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

transformation behavior of the electromagnetic fields:

$$F'^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda^\mu_\alpha \Lambda^\nu_\beta F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \Lambda^\mu_\alpha F^{\alpha\beta} (\Lambda^\top)_{\beta}{}^\nu \quad (\text{matrix multiplication})$$

$$(\dots) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\gamma \left( \frac{E^x}{c} - \beta B^y \right) & -\gamma \left( \frac{E^y}{c} + \beta B^x \right) & -\frac{E^z}{c} \\ \gamma \left( \frac{E^x}{c} - \beta B^y \right) & 0 & -B^z & \gamma (B^y - \beta \frac{E^x}{c}) \\ \gamma \left( \frac{E^y}{c} + \beta B^x \right) & B^z & 0 & -\gamma (B^x + \beta \frac{E^y}{c}) \\ \frac{E^z}{c} & -\gamma (B^y - \beta \frac{E^x}{c}) & \gamma (B^x + \beta \frac{E^y}{c}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

read off transformation for each component

$$E'^x = \gamma \left( \frac{E^x}{c} - \beta B^y \right) \quad B'^x = \gamma \left( B^x + \beta \frac{E^y}{c} \right)$$

$$E'^y = \gamma \left( \frac{E^y}{c} + \beta B^x \right) \quad B'^y = \gamma \left( B^y - \beta \frac{E^x}{c} \right)$$

$$E'^z = E^z \quad B'^z = B^z$$

- Notes:
- components longitudinal to boost direction are unchanged (in contrast to transformation of 4-vectors)
  - Lorentz transformation mixes components of electric field and magnetic induction

$$\vec{E}' = \vec{E}'_{\parallel} + \vec{E}'_{\perp} \quad \vec{E}'_{\parallel} = \vec{E}_{\parallel} \quad \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{E}'_{\perp} = \gamma \left( \vec{E}_{\perp} + c (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}) \right)$$

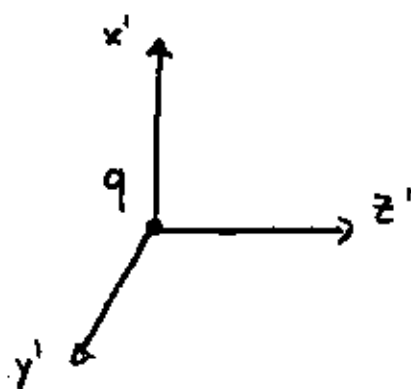
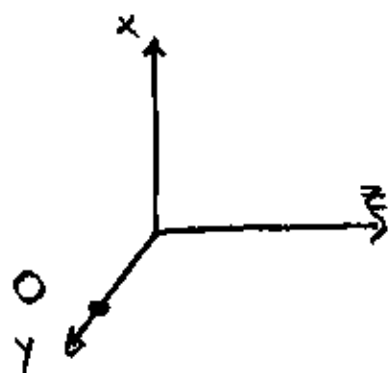
$$\vec{B}' = \vec{B}'_{\parallel} + \vec{B}'_{\perp} \quad \vec{B}'_{\parallel} = \vec{B}_{\parallel}$$

$$\vec{B}'_{\perp} = \gamma \left( \vec{B}_{\perp} - \frac{1}{c} (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}) \right)$$

Example: Field of a moving point charge  
two reference frames

$\Sigma$ : system of observer

$\Sigma'$ : reference frame where charge is at rest



$t = t' = 0$   
origin of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma'$  identical

position of observer

$$\vec{r}_0 = (0, y_0, 0)$$

$$\vec{r}'_0 = (0, y_0, -vt')$$
 (moving observer)

Lorentz transformation for zero component:

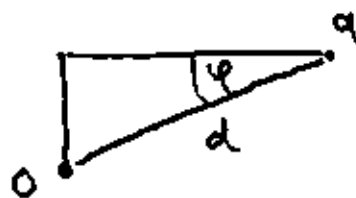
$$t' = \gamma \left( t - \frac{v}{c^2} z \right) = \gamma t$$

parametrize:

$$d = |\vec{r}'_0| = \sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 t'^2} = \sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 \gamma^2 t^2}$$

$$y_0 = d \sin \psi$$

$$vt' = d \cos \psi$$



fields in  $\Sigma'$ : point charge at rest

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{B}' &= 0 \\ \vec{E}' &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}'_0}{r'^3} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

evaluate at  $\vec{r}'_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}' &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{(0, y_0, -vt')}{\sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 t'^2}} \\ &= E'^y \vec{e}_y + E'^z \vec{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

transformation of fields:

$$\begin{aligned} E^x &= \gamma (E'^x + v B'^y) = 0 \\ E^y &= \gamma (E'^y - v B'^x) = \gamma E'^y \\ E^z &= E'^z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^x &= \gamma (B'^x - \frac{v}{c^2} E'^y) = -\gamma \frac{v}{c^2} E'^y \\ B^y &= \gamma (B'^y + \frac{v}{c^2} E'^x) = 0 \\ B^z &= B'^z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 \gamma^2 t^2} &= d \gamma \sqrt{\frac{1}{\gamma^2} \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi} \\ &= d \gamma \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \varphi} \end{aligned}$$

more explicitly:

$$E^y = \gamma E'^y = \gamma \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{y_0}{\sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 \gamma^2 t^2}^3} = \frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{d \sin \varphi}{d^3 \gamma^3 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \varphi}^3}$$

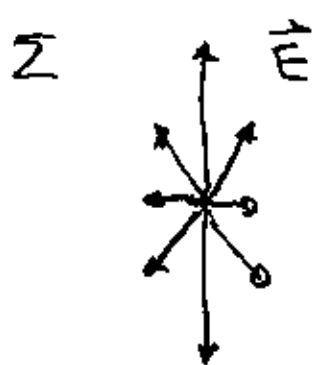
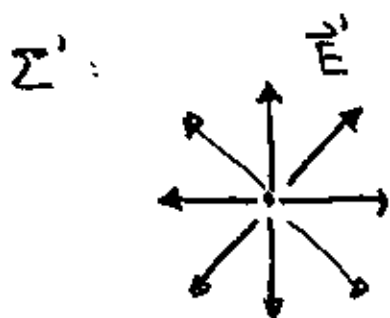
$$E^z = -\gamma \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{v \gamma t}{\sqrt{y_0^2 + v^2 \gamma^2 t^2}^3} = -\frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{d \cos \varphi}{d^3 \gamma^3 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \varphi}^3}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d^2 \gamma^2} \frac{(0, \sin \varphi, -\cos \varphi)}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \varphi}^3}$$

note: in  $\Sigma'$ : isotropic field  $|\vec{E}'| = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d^2}$

in  $\Sigma$ : anisotropic field

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d^2 \gamma^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \varphi}^3}$$



(time dependence due to position of charge)

limiting special cases

$$\frac{|E(0)|}{|E'|} = \frac{E(\pi)}{|E'|} \stackrel{\sin \varphi = 0}{=} \frac{1}{\gamma^2} < 1$$

$$\frac{E(\frac{\pi}{2})}{E'} = \frac{E(-\frac{\pi}{2})}{E'} \stackrel{\sin^2 \varphi = 1}{=} \gamma > 1$$

magnetic induction

$$\vec{B} = B^x \vec{e}_x = -\gamma \frac{v}{c^2} E^y \vec{e}_x = \gamma \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}'}{c^2}$$

consider  $\vec{v} = v \vec{e}_z$  :  $\vec{v} \times \vec{E}' = -v E^y \vec{e}_x$

substitute back  $\vec{E}' = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}'}{r'^3}$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\chi q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{r}'}{r^3} = \frac{\chi q \mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{r}'}{r^3}$$

(Biot-Savart law for  $v \ll c$ ,  $\gamma \approx 1$ )

Lorentz invariants in electrodynamics

$q$ : charge

define: dual field tensor

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha\gamma} g_{\beta\delta} F^{\gamma\delta}$$

$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ : antisymmetric tensor of rank 4

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} +1 & (\mu\nu\alpha\beta) \text{ even permutation of } 0123 \\ -1 & (\mu\nu\alpha\beta) \text{ odd permutation of } 0123 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

antisymmetric  $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{F}^{\nu\mu}$  (6 independent components)

explicit calculation yields:

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -B^x & -B^y & -B^z \\ B^x & 0 & \frac{c}{c^2} E^z & -\frac{c}{c^2} E^y \\ B^y & -\frac{c}{c^2} E^z & 0 & \frac{c}{c^2} E^x \\ B^z & \frac{c}{c^2} E^y & -\frac{c}{c^2} E^x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \quad : \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{row} \rightarrow + \\ \text{col} \rightarrow - \end{array} \frac{1}{|\det \Lambda|}$$

Invariants by contraction

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} &= F_{0i} F^{0i} + F_{i0} F^{i0} + F_{ij} F^{ij} \\ g^{\mu\nu} \quad \curvearrowright &= -F^{0i} F^{0i} - F^{i0} F^{i0} + F^{ij} F^{ij} \\ &= -2 \frac{E^i E^i}{c^2} + 2 B^i B^i = 2 \left( \vec{B}^2 - \frac{\vec{E}^2}{c^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note: for a pure  $\vec{B}$  field in a reference frame, we have  $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} > 0$ , so this cannot be transformed to a pure  $\vec{E}$ -field which has  $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} &= -F^{0i} \tilde{F}^{0i} - F^{i0} \tilde{F}^{i0} + F^{ij} \tilde{F}^{ij} \\ &= -2 \frac{E^i}{c} B^i - 2 B^i \frac{E^i}{c} = -\frac{4}{c} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$

third invariant  $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -2 \left( \vec{B}^2 - \frac{\vec{E}^2}{c^2} \right)$   
 (check by replacement rule)

Maxwell's equations in covariant form:

need: first order D.E of fields  $\vec{E}, \vec{B}$

$$(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) \sim F^{\mu\nu}$$



inhomogeneous M.E.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$

multiply with  $c\mu_0$ :  $\mu_0 c \rho = \mu_0 c \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$   
 $\mu_0 \vec{j}^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{E^x}{c} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{E^y}{c} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{E^z}{c}$   
 $= \partial_1 F^{10} + \partial_2 F^{20} + \partial_3 F^{30}$

inhomogeneous M.E.  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{j}$

multiply with  $\mu_0$ , use  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B}$

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$

$\mu_0 \vec{j}^1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B^z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B^y - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E^x}{\partial t}$   $\partial_0 F^{10} = 0$   
 $= \partial_2 F^{21} + \partial_3 F^{31} + \partial_0 F^{01} = \partial_\alpha F^{\alpha 1}$

$\mu_0 \vec{j}^2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B^x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B^z - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E^y}{\partial t}$   
 $= \partial_3 F^{32} + \partial_1 F^{12} + \partial_0 F^{02} = \partial_\alpha F^{\alpha 2}$

$\mu_0 \vec{j}^3 = (\dots) = \partial_\alpha F^{\alpha 3}$

all together:  $\partial_\alpha F^{\alpha\beta} = \mu_0 \vec{j}^\beta$

homogeneous M.E.:

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} B^y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B^z$

$= \partial_1 F^{32} + \partial_2 F^{13} + \partial_3 F^{21}$

$\partial_i = -\partial_i$   
 $F^{ij} = -F^{ji}$   
 $= \partial^1 F^{23} + \partial^2 F^{31} + \partial^3 F^{12}$

permutation (123)

similar for components of:  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

$$0 = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E^z - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E^y + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial B^x}{\partial t} = \partial_2 F^{30} + \partial_3 F^{02} - \partial_0 F^{23}$$

$$= -(\partial^2 F^{30} + \partial^3 F^{02} + \partial^0 F^{23})$$

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permutation (230)

(similar for the other two components)

all together:  $\partial^\alpha F^{\beta\gamma} + \partial^\beta F^{\gamma\alpha} + \partial^\gamma F^{\alpha\beta} = 0$

(Jacobi identity)

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  arbitrary (0, 1, 2, 3)  
(all together  $4^3 = 64$  equations)

alternative formulation:

$$\partial_\alpha \tilde{F}^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad \beta = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

(4 equations)

Covariant Lagrange formulation of electrodynamics

reminder:  $L = L(\vec{q}, \dot{\vec{q}}, t) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$

$$L = \int_V \mathcal{L} dV \quad \mathcal{L}: \text{Lagrange density}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\psi, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}, \vec{\nabla} \psi, t, \vec{r})$$

$$= \mathcal{L}(\psi, \partial^\mu \psi, x^\mu)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \psi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu \psi)} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{equations of motion})$$

Lagrange density of the electromagnetic field?

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(A^\mu, \partial^\nu A^\mu, x^\mu)$$

also dependence via  $j^\nu(x^\mu)$

$$S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \tilde{L}(t) dt = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L} dt dV \quad (\text{action})$$

(Lorentz invariant)

How does the "4-volume" transform

$$c dt dV \rightarrow c dt' dV' = c dt dV F(x, x')$$

$$F(x, x') = \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} \right) \right| = \left| \det \left( \Lambda^\mu_\nu \right) \right| = 1$$

Jacobian determinant  
(invariant)

Conclusion: also  $\mathcal{L}$  needs to be Lorentz invariant

possible terms  $A_\mu A^\mu, j_\mu A^\mu, F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu},$   
 $F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, A_\mu F^{\mu\nu} j_\nu (\dots)$

correct Lagrange density has only two terms

$$\mathcal{L}_{ED} = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - j_\mu A^\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_0 \vec{E}^2 - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B}^2 \right) - \rho\varphi + \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (\text{non covariant form})$$

equations of motion:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ED}}{\partial (A_\nu)} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ED}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = 0$$

calculation of derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ED}}{\partial (A_\nu)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial (A_\nu)} \left[ -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} \underbrace{F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}} - j_\mu A^\mu \right]$$

$$\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

no dependence on  $A_\nu$ !

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial A_\nu} (j_\mu g^{\mu\beta} A_\beta) = -j_\mu g^{\mu\beta} \delta^\nu_\beta$$

$$= -j_\mu g^{\mu\nu} = -j^\nu$$

side calculation:

$$\frac{\partial F_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} (\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha) = \delta^\mu_\alpha \delta^\nu_\beta - \delta^\mu_\beta \delta^\nu_\alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ED}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} [F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}]$$

product rule

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} \left( \frac{\partial F_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} F_{\alpha\beta} + F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial F_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \right) g^{\alpha\gamma} g^{\beta\delta}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} (F^{\mu\nu} - F^{\nu\mu} + F^{\mu\nu} - F^{\nu\mu}) = -\frac{F^{\mu\nu}}{\mu_0}$$

put everything together

$$-j^\nu - \partial_\mu \left( -\frac{F^{\mu\nu}}{\mu_0} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \mu_0 j^\nu$$

(inhomogeneous  
Maxwell equations)