

Lecture 14

Application of covariant Mechanics and Action principle for CED

1. Recap

2. Motion in constant Electric field
(cont.) + trajectory [Previous lecture]

• Motion in constant Magnetic field

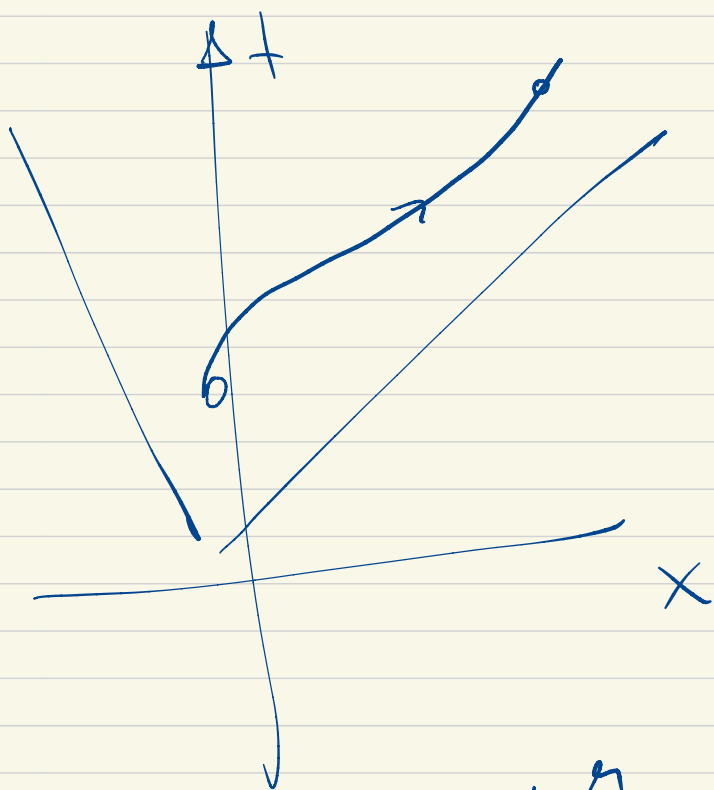
3. Radiation of a moving charge

4. Action principle for electromagnetic field.

5. Review

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\rho\sigma} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{c\epsilon_0} J^\nu$$



$$d\tau = \sqrt{-\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu} dt$$

proper time

$$u^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} c \\ \vec{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u^\mu u_\mu = -c^2, \quad a^\mu = \frac{du^\mu}{d\tau}$$

$$m^2 a^\mu = \frac{q}{c} F^{\mu\nu} u_\nu \quad [\text{Lorentz force}]$$

$$p^\mu = m u^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p^\mu p_\mu = -m^2 c^2 \rightarrow E = mc^2$$

Motion in constant magnetic field

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Sigma = 0 \Rightarrow \text{const} \Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = \text{const}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{v} \times \vec{\omega}_B$$

$$\omega_B = \frac{q\vec{B}}{\gamma m} = \frac{q\vec{B}c^2}{E}$$



this is called 'cyclotron frequency'

$$B \parallel B_z$$

$$\frac{dv_x}{dt} = v_y \omega_B$$

$$\frac{dv_y}{dt} = -v_x \omega_B$$

$$x(t) = -R \cos \omega_B t$$

$$y(t) = R \sin \omega_B t$$

$$z(t) = v_z t$$

Radiation of a moving charge

(Relativistic generalization of Larmor formula.)

Larmor formula (lecture 5).

$$\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \dot{\mathbf{v}}^2 = \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \text{ (before)}$$

$$dP^\mu = \frac{q^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^5} \left(\frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{du^\nu}{d\tau} \right) dx^\nu \rightarrow$$

→ the only expression quadratic in

acceleration $\left[a^\mu = \frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} \right]$

$$c^2 \frac{dP^0}{dx^0} = - \frac{q^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} =$$

$$= \frac{q^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \gamma^6 \left[|\dot{\vec{\beta}}|^2 - |\vec{\beta} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}|^2 \right] \quad (*)$$

Before that, after a very tedious work with Liénard-Wiechert Potentials we derived

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{d\Omega dt} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0 c} \frac{|\vec{n} \times ((\vec{n} - \vec{\beta}) \times \dot{\vec{\beta}})|^2}{(1 - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})^6}$$

if we integrate it over the angles $d\Omega$ we will recover (*).

Action principle for electromagnetic field and for a charged particle.

$$S = S_f + S_m + S_{mg}$$

$$S_m = S_{\text{particle}} = - \int d\lambda \, mc \sqrt{-\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu}$$

$\lambda \rightarrow t(x)$ gauge inv.

$$S_{mg} = - \frac{q}{c} \int d\lambda \, A_\mu(x(\lambda)) \dot{x}^\mu = - \frac{1}{c} \int A^\mu dx_\mu$$

$$S_f = - \frac{\epsilon_0}{4} \int d^4x \, F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = E^2 - c^2 B^2$$

- Derive Maxwell equations
- Derive Lorentz force:

integrated
by parts

$$-\frac{q}{c} \int d\lambda \partial_\nu A_\mu \delta x^\nu \dot{x}^\mu + \frac{q}{c} \int d\lambda \dot{x}^\nu$$

$$- \partial_\nu A_\mu \delta x^\mu \rightarrow \int d\lambda \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{2 \dot{x}_\mu \delta \dot{x}^\mu}{\sqrt{-\dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}_\nu}}}_{\text{last term also need to integrate by parts:}} \cdot m^2 c$$

last term also need to integrate by parts:

$$\int d\lambda \frac{1}{2} \frac{2 \dot{x}_\mu \delta \dot{x}^\mu}{\sqrt{-\dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}_\nu}} \cdot m^2 c^2 = -mc^2 \int d\lambda \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\frac{\dot{x}_\mu}{\sqrt{-\dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}_\nu}} \right) \delta \dot{x}^\mu$$

$$mc^2 \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left[\frac{\dot{x}_\mu}{\sqrt{-\dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}_\nu}} \right] = \left(\partial_\mu A_\nu \dot{x}^\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \dot{x}^\nu \right) \frac{q}{c} =$$

$$= \frac{q}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu$$

choose $\lambda = t$ and multiply both parts by $\frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{-\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu}}$

$$ds = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\beta}^2} dt \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{1}{ds}$$

- When we vary the action with respect to A_μ we get:

$$\int d^4x \left(\epsilon_0 \underbrace{\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{four terms!}} - \frac{1}{c} J^\nu \right) \delta A_\nu$$

four terms!

Maxwell equation!

since we work with A_μ

$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\rho\sigma}$ is automatic,

Review

Maxwell equations:

$$\text{I} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{II} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{III} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{IV} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

III and IV guarantee that we can express $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ through the potentials:

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

For given $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ there is ambiguity in $\vec{A}$ and Φ called **gauge invariance**:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \alpha \\ \Phi \rightarrow \Phi - \partial_t \alpha \end{cases} \quad \text{leaves } \vec{E} \text{ and } \vec{B} \text{ invariant}$$

For example, adding arbitrary constants to the potentials $[\alpha(\vec{x}, t) = C_i x_i + C_0 t]$ does not have any physical consequences.

We can fix the gauge by using Lorentz gauge condition:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0$$

Then I and II Maxwell eqns become:

$$\square \Phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\square \vec{A} = \mu \vec{J}$$

$$\square = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \Delta$$

[III and IV are satisfied automatically]

- It is often easier to find ϕ and $\vec{A}$ in a given problem and then derive $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ using

$$\begin{cases} \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \end{cases}$$

- We considered the following types of problems:

	Static Δ	Dynamical $\square$
homogeneous $\rho, \vec{J} = 0$	trivial	Plane waves
inhomogeneous $\rho, \vec{J} \neq 0$	• Boundary problems • Multipole exp.	• Radiation of EM waves • Multipole exp.

Boundary

problems

Electric

$$\Delta \Phi = - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Magnetic

$$\Delta \vec{A} = - \vec{J} \mu_0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

Boundary

problems

Image Method

("Simple" boundary
and sources)

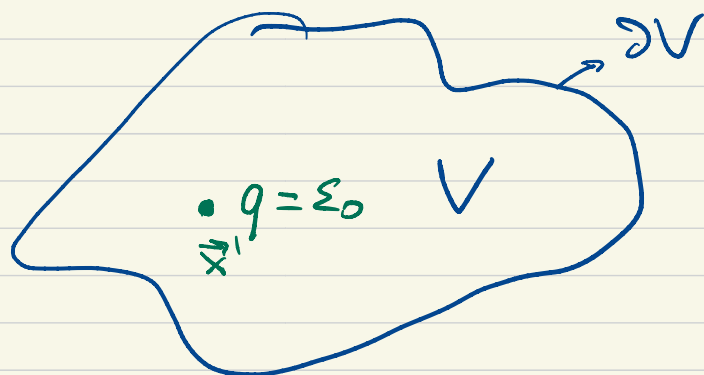
Greens function

("Generic" boundary
and sources)

Green's function:

$$\Delta G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = -\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \quad (*)$$

+ Boundary conditions



(*) is satisfied only inside V

$$G = \frac{1}{4\pi |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} + F \quad \text{, } \Delta F = 0 \quad \text{inside } V$$

Physical meaning of G :

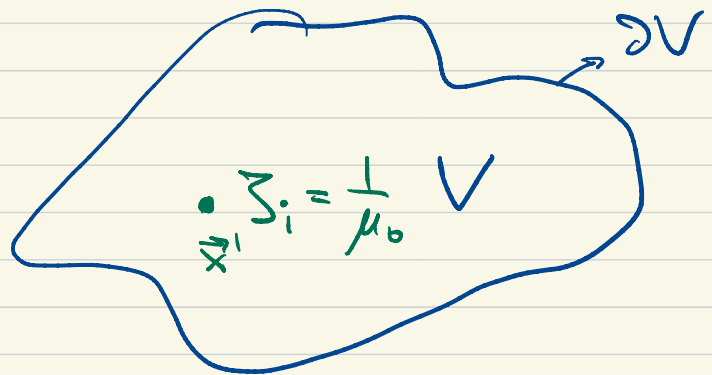
Potential of a charge $q = \epsilon_0$ at a point $\vec{x}'$, plus of the charges outside of V or on the boundary,

that together produce the needed boundary conditions.

Works equivalently for magnetic case:

Vector current $\vec{J}_i = \frac{1}{\mu_0}$
Potential of a ~~charge~~ $q = \epsilon_0$ at a
point $\vec{x}'$, plus of the ~~charges~~ currents
outside of V or on the boundary,
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needed boundary conditions.

$$\Delta A_i = -J_i / \mu_0$$



Commonly used B.C. are Neumann or Dirichlet:

$$G^D|_{\partial V} = 0 \quad \Phi|_{\partial V} = \Phi_0:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V d^3x' G^D(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \rho(\vec{x}') - \\ &\quad - \oint_{\partial V} d^2\vec{S} \cdot \vec{\nabla} G^D(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \Phi_0(\vec{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{x} \in V$ $\vec{x}' \in \partial V$

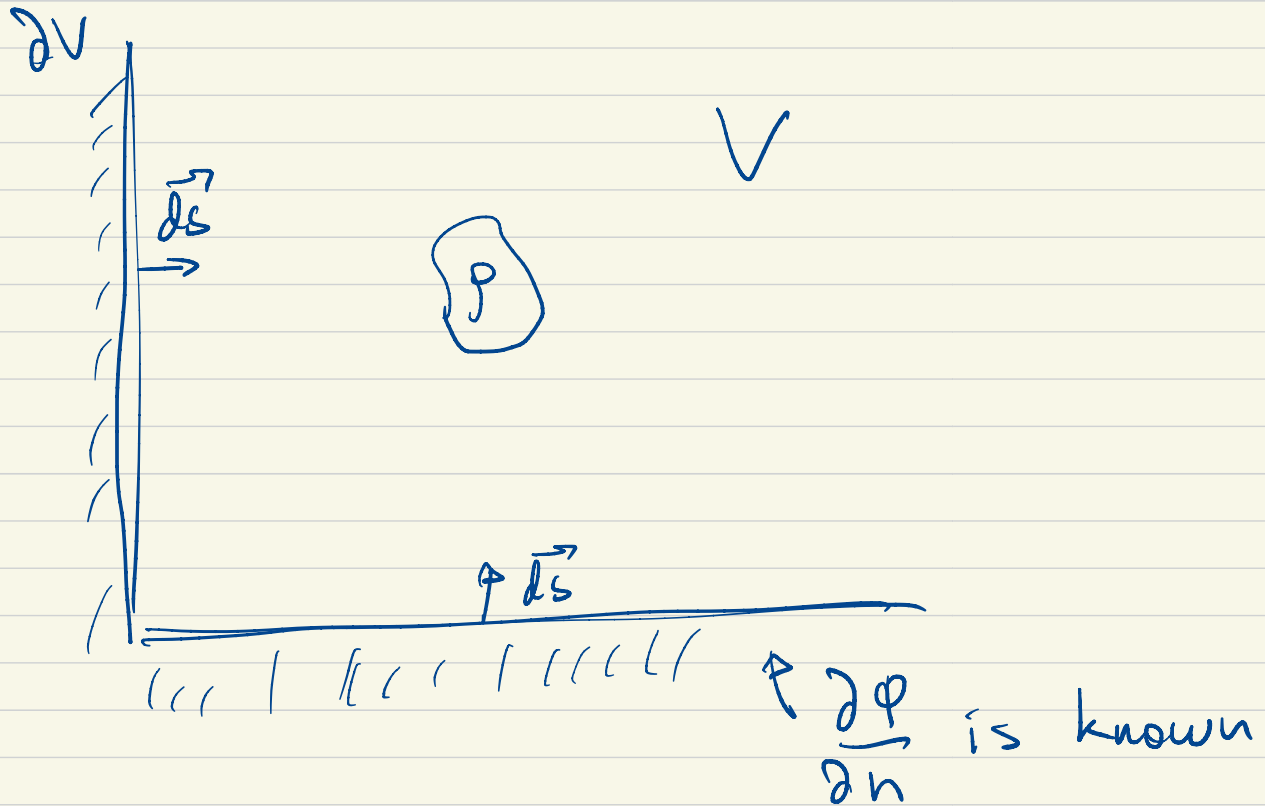
Neumann:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n'} G^N(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \Big|_{\partial V} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \Phi|_{\partial V} = f:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V d^3x' G^N(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \rho(\vec{x}') + \\ &\quad + \oint_{\partial V} d^3x' f(x) G^N(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{x} \in V$ $\vec{x}' \in \partial V$

Here we assumed an open boundary

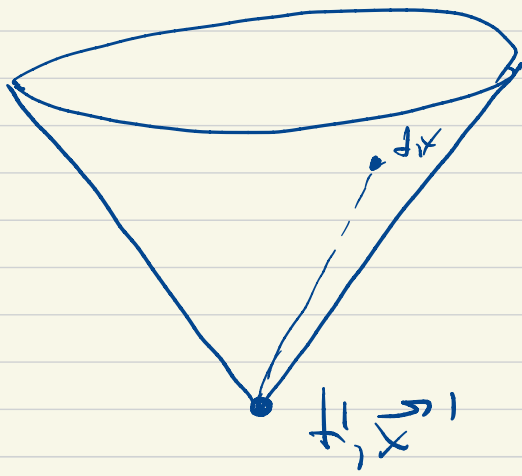


- Radiation of EM waves:

$$\square G_{\text{ret}}(\vec{x}, t, \vec{x}', t') = \delta(t - t') \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$$

$$G_{\text{ret}} = \frac{\delta(t - t' + \frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}{c})}{4\pi |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

localized on the lightcone:



$$(t - t') \cdot c = |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|$$

$$t > t'$$

Physical meaning: Electric (Magnetic)
field produced by a point-like
instantaneous charge (current)

$$\square \Phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\square \vec{A} = \mu \vec{j}$$

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{c} \int \rho(\vec{x}', t') \cdot G_{\text{ret}}(\vec{x}, t, \vec{x}', t')$$

In medium:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \equiv \epsilon \vec{E}$$

↗ polarization

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M} \equiv \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu}$$

↘ magnetization

+ Matching conditions

- We found the multipole expansion in the static case:

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} Q_{i_1 \dots i_n} \frac{x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n}}{|\vec{x}|^{2n+1}}$$

$\downarrow$
 $i_k = 1 \dots 3$

summed over
 $\nearrow$

$Q_{i_1 \dots i_n} = 2\text{-}n\text{-pole moment tensor of the charge density:}$

$$Q_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \int d^3x' \rho(x') T_{i_1 \dots i_n}(x')$$

$$T_{i_1 \dots i_n} = (2n-1)!! x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n} - A_{i_1 \dots i_n}$$

$A_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ contains δ_{ij} 's so that to make $T_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ traceless with respect to all indices.