

What is this? How do E & B look different (L-1) in different inertial frames, how to transform ~~one~~ ~~variables~~ results in one ref. frame to another, how to see what eq. frame-independent...

Now we begin to think about the covariance of electrodynamics. Begin first with the continuity equation

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

It seems natural to postulate that \vec{J} and $c\rho$ ($x^0 = ct$) form a 4-vector, and that this eqn is

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

Is this sensible? Conservation of charge says

$$Q = \int \rho d^3x$$

should be ~~is~~ frame-independent. However, d^3x is not invariant - d^4x (4-d volume) is invariant under LT

but $d^4x = dx^0 d^3\vec{x}$

so if Q is frame independent, ρ must transform under LT's like dx^0 does - i.e. ρ must be the 4th component of a 4-vector. Yes, this seems sensible.

What about the gauge potentials? In Lorentz gauge

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

and the field equations are

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right] \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \vec{A} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \begin{pmatrix} c\rho \\ \vec{J} \end{pmatrix}$$

and so it is obviously suggested to assume that Φ and \vec{A} form a four vector

$$\vec{A}^\mu = (\Phi, \vec{A})$$

and

$$\partial_x A^k = 0$$

$$\square A^\mu = \frac{4\pi}{c} j^\mu$$

However, a moment's thought might worry you. The choice of ~~gauge~~ Lorentz gauge was arbitrary. Suppose we had decided to use Coulomb gauge ($\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$) or any other non-covariant gauge? Would the predictions of electrodynamics still be consistent with special relativity?

The answer is ultimately Yes. However, I would like to approach the covariance of electrodynamics in a more modern way than Jackson does - and in a more top-down way. Rather than ask, "Is electrodynamics consistent with special relativity?" I would rather ~~ask~~ ^{say}, "Nature suggests the presence of certain underlying symmetries - in this case, the two symmetries are ~~the~~ Lorentz ~~invariance~~ covariance and invariance under local gauge transformations. What theoretical description of Nature is consistent with those symmetries?"

Another way ~~of~~ contrasting ~~the~~ my approach is that, rather than taking the equations of motion (Maxwell's equations) as the starting point for electrodynamics, I want to begin with a classical Lagrangian and ~~use~~ ^{build it using the} constraints the impositions of symmetries have on it - the field equations follow ~~as~~ from the Lagrangian as the equation of motion.

Most theorists would agree that this is a superior approach:

- 1) It puts the symmetries first
- 2) It sharpens the extent to which a particular set of equations is demanded by symmetries (is electrodynamics a la Maxwell unique?)
- 3) Relativistic invariance is automatic from the start
- 4) To construct a quantum theory, you need a Lagrangian (or a Hamiltonian, which can be constructed from the Lagrangian) - not just eqns of motion

Along the way we'll have to consider matter (charges & currents) in addition to the $E \leftrightarrow M$ fields. I will not follow Jackson, who works with classical point particles.

Instead, I'll consider the matter itself to be described by classical fields

~~This~~ This might appear at first to be too abstract - and often, the fields I'll use will often be ad hoc but - it's easier in the end

- if you ~~would~~ want to extend our story to the quantum case, point particles are an abstraction, too - particles are excitations of quantum fields, and the first step to doing quantum field theory is classical field theory.

We'll come back later to study point particles in $E \leftrightarrow M$ ~~fields~~ fields.

Lagrangian for particles + fields

- particles

$$S = \int dt L(q_i, \frac{dq_i}{dt})$$

$$\delta S = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0 \quad \text{at all } t$$

Fields

$$S = \int dt \int d^3x \mathcal{L} \left(V_i(x, t), \frac{\partial V_i(x, t)}{\partial t}, \vec{\nabla} V(x, t) \right)$$

for field variables $V_i(x, t)$ tensor indices
 defined at every spacetime point kind of field
 $\mathcal{L} \equiv$ "Lagrange density"

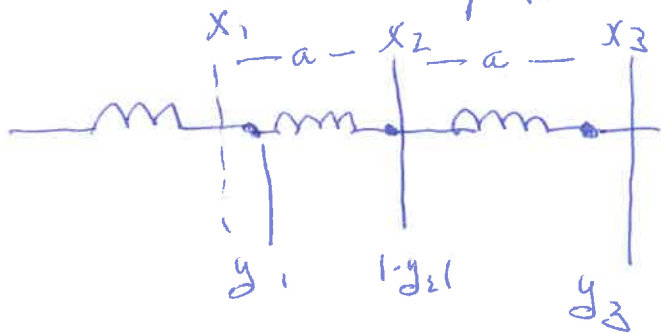
For relativistic invariance, derivatives present
 as $\partial_\mu V$, \mathcal{L} an invariant under LT.

$$\delta S = 0 \rightarrow \partial_\mu \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu V_i)} \right] - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial V_i} = 0$$

at every spacetime point

Let's see the connection in an iconic example -

1-d set of ~~points~~ mass points and springs



$y_j = y(x_j, t)$ = displacement of mass point near x_j from equilibrium
spacing of points $\equiv a$

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}_j^2 - \frac{1}{2} k (y_j - y_{j+1})^2 - \tilde{V}(y_j)$$

Equation of motion ^{for each mass} using $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}_j} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_j}$

$$m \ddot{y}_j - k [y_{j-1} - 2y_j + y_{j+1}] + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial y_j} = 0$$

Now suppose y varies smoothly with x :



$$y_{j+1} = y(x_j + a) = y(x_j) + a \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_j} + \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left. \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=x_j} + \dots$$

$$EoM = m \ddot{y}(x) - k a^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial y(x)} = 0$$

$$\sum_j = \frac{1}{a} \int dx$$

$$L = \frac{1}{a} \int dx \left[\frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dy(x)}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k a^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 - \tilde{V}(y(x)) \right]$$

~~is the Lagrangian of the continuous chain~~

$$L = \int dx \left[\mathcal{L} \left(y(x,t), \frac{dy(x,t)}{dt}, \frac{dy(x,t)}{dx} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{EoM from } 0 = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y}$$

Redefinition - replace $y(x,t)$ by $\varphi(x,t)$
rescale m, k, a so

$$L = \int dx \left[\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)^2 - V(\varphi) \right]$$

$c = \text{sound velocity, really}$

$$= \int dx \mathcal{L} \left(\varphi, \partial_\mu \varphi \right), \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial^\mu \varphi) - V(\varphi)$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 - V(\varphi)$$

$$\text{EoM is } \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \partial^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} = 0$$

refs: Goldstein Ch 11

Pestun + Schroeder Ch 2

Ryder Ch 3

Noether's theorem

Now back to L . Suppose we imagine only a change in the field variables

$$\varphi(x,t) \rightarrow \varphi(x,t) + \delta\varphi(x,t) \quad (1)$$

At the same time the change in the derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu \varphi(x,t) &\rightarrow \partial_\mu \varphi(x,t) + \partial_\mu \delta\varphi(x,t) \\ &= \partial_\mu \varphi(x,t) + \delta[\partial_\mu \varphi(x,t)] \end{aligned}$$

~~These are called "global" symmetry transformations when $\delta\varphi$ is independent of x,t~~

The change in L is

$$\delta L = \int \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_j} \delta\varphi_j + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \delta(\partial_\mu \varphi_j) \right]$$

Recall the equation of motion $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi_j} = \partial_\mu \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \right]$

$$\delta L = \int \left[\partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \right) \right] \delta\varphi_j + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \delta(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)$$

$$= \partial_\mu \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \int \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\mu \varphi_j)} \delta\varphi_j \right]$$

$$\equiv \partial_\mu J^\mu \quad \text{defining } [] \text{ as a current,}$$

Now ^{that} if it happens that ~~to~~ the Lagrangian is invariant under the change of φ 's, then $\delta L = 0$ and

then $\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$

Recap: $\mathcal{L}(\varphi, \partial_\mu \varphi)$

$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi_i \rightarrow \delta \varphi_i) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0, \quad J^\mu = \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi_i)} \delta \varphi_i$$

~~φ~~

That is, J^μ is a conserved current.

Symmetry implies conservation law

The "charge" associated with the current, is also conserved

$$Q \equiv \int d^3x J_0$$

Changes in Q could be "internal" - re-define Q at every space-time point

ex: $\varphi(x,t) \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x,t)} \varphi(x,t)$

2 subdivisions: $\theta(x,t) = \text{constant}$: ~~global~~ in x,t .

example of a global symmetry transf.

ex: $\varphi(x,t) \rightarrow \varphi(x,t) + c$ or $\varphi(x,t) \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \varphi(x,t)$

or $\theta(x,t)$ varies w/ x,t : "local symmetry transformation"

or $S\varphi$ could involve changes in coordinates.

Latter ones lead to "extended" conserved currents associated with energy & momentum.

$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi(x+\delta x), \partial_\mu \varphi(x+\delta x)) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi(x), \partial_\mu \varphi(x)) + \delta \mathcal{L}$$

Internal ones are more interesting for the moment.

Ex. 2 - Schrödinger eqn as a "classical field"

$$S = \int dt \int d^3x \left[i\hbar \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\vec{\nabla} \psi^*) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \psi) - V(r,t) \psi^* \psi \right]$$

general form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial t})} + \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_i} = 0$$

\mathcal{L} is a bit unsymmetric - can define more symmetric form by \mathcal{L} by parts.

Let $\phi = \psi^*$; no $\partial \phi / \partial t$!

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi + i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{or } i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi,$$

global phase rotation $\psi \rightarrow e^{-\frac{iq\theta}{\hbar c}} \psi$
 $\psi^* \rightarrow e^{+\frac{iq\theta}{\hbar c}} \psi^*$

is a symmetry. Infinitesimal form is

$$\psi \rightarrow \left[1 - \frac{iq\theta}{\hbar c} \right] \psi \quad \text{or } \delta\psi = -\frac{iq\theta}{\hbar c} \psi$$

$$\delta\psi^* = \frac{iq\theta}{\hbar c} \psi^*$$

Conserved Noether current's

$$\vec{J}^k = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \psi)} \delta \psi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \psi^*)} \delta \psi^*$$

In components

$$\vec{J}^0 = (i\hbar \psi^*) \left(-\frac{i\hbar \theta}{\hbar c} \right) \psi + 0 \quad \left[\text{no } \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} \text{ in } \mathcal{L} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \theta}{c} \psi^* \psi - \frac{\hbar \theta}{c} \text{ times usual probability density.}$$

$$\vec{J} = -\frac{i\hbar \theta}{\hbar c} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\vec{\nabla} \psi^*) \cdot \psi + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \theta}{c} \left[-\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left(\psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi - (\nabla \psi^*) \psi \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \theta}{c} \text{ times usual probability current}$$

And recall - conservation of probability

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \quad \text{— can be checked explicitly of course}$$

in this example, follows from invariance of \mathcal{L} under a global phase rotation of ψ

Example

A classical ~~system~~ complex scalar field $\varphi(x,t)$

Example: ① wave fn for a BEC: "classical" \equiv Schrödger

wave: just solution of PDE

② ~~A~~ Collection of spins which are restricted to 2-d

$$\varphi(x,t) = \varphi_1(x,t) + i\varphi_2(x,t)$$

~~Dirac~~ Symmetry transformation

$$\varphi(x,t)' = e^{i\theta} \varphi(x,t)$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1' \\ \varphi_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write down a simple \mathcal{L}

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_t \varphi_1)^2 + (\partial_t \varphi_2)^2 \right] - V(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$$

(why $\partial_x \varphi = (\partial_x \varphi) \partial^k \varphi$ sloppy)

$$\text{why } \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} = \partial_\mu \partial^k \varphi = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \varphi$$

convention

$$\text{coeff} = 1$$

$$J^\mu = \sum_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_j)} \delta \phi_j$$

specifically

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_\mu \phi_1)^2 + (\partial_\mu \phi_2)^2 \right] - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} \underset{\text{small } \theta}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ -\theta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \delta \phi_1 = \theta \phi_2 \quad ; \quad \delta \partial_\mu \phi_1 = \theta \partial_\mu \phi_2$$

$$\delta \phi_2 = -\theta \phi_1 \quad \delta \partial_\mu \phi_2 = -\theta \partial_\mu \phi_1$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_1)} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi_1) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_2)} \delta (\partial_\mu \phi_2) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_1} \delta \phi_1 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_2} \delta \phi_2}_{=0}$$

Suppose $V(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ is a function only of $\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2$ - obviously, "potential" part of \mathcal{L} is unchanged under this transf- and last terms give zero. Kinetic term

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathcal{L} &= (\partial^\mu \phi_1) [\theta \partial_\mu \phi_2] + (\partial^\mu \phi_2) [-\theta \partial_\mu \phi_1] \\ &= 0, \text{ trivial!} \end{aligned}$$

Yes, it's a symmetry. What is the associated conserved current?

$$J^\mu = \sum_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_j)} \delta \phi_j = (\partial^\mu \phi_1) \theta \phi_2 + (\partial^\mu \phi_2) (-\theta \phi_1)$$

$$= (\phi_2 \partial^\mu \phi_1 - \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_2) \quad \text{up to a non overall constant.} = [\phi \partial^\mu \phi^* - \phi^* \partial^\mu \phi]$$

A lot like ~~Schrodinger~~ Schrodinger eqn ... ~~what's the physical interpretation?~~

For next part, write $\theta = g \epsilon$

Note also we could have written

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi^* - V(\varphi, \varphi^*)$$

$$\delta \varphi = i\theta \varphi$$

$$J^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi^*)} \delta \varphi^* + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \delta \varphi$$

For next part, write $\theta = g\epsilon$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi^*)} [-i\theta \varphi^*] + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} [i\theta \varphi]$$

For next part, all $\theta = g\epsilon$

So far, we considered a variation of φ

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$$\delta\varphi = i\theta\varphi, \quad \delta\varphi^* = -i\theta\varphi$$

with θ a constant over space. We saw that if $\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$, system had a conserved current. What if we now let θ vary from point to point in space?

I.e. we postulate a symmetry

$$\varphi'(x,t) = \exp[i\theta(x,t)] \varphi(x,t) \text{ or}$$

$$\delta\varphi(x,t) = i\theta(x,t) \varphi(x,t)$$

and we still want $\delta\mathcal{L} = 0$. We know that

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\varphi} \delta\varphi + \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\varphi)} \delta(\partial_\mu\varphi) + (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi^*) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

However, now, $\delta(\partial_\mu\varphi) = \partial_\mu \delta\varphi$

$$\delta(\partial_\mu\varphi) = \underbrace{i\theta \partial_\mu\varphi}_{\text{old term}} + \underbrace{i\varphi \partial_\mu\theta}_{\text{new term}}$$

Egn of motion $\partial_\mu \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\varphi)} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\varphi}$

allows us to write

$$0 = \delta\mathcal{L} = \epsilon(x,t) \partial_\mu \mathcal{J}^\mu(x,t) +$$

$$+ (\partial_\mu \epsilon) \left[\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\varphi)} i\theta\varphi + \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\varphi^*)} (-i\theta\varphi^*) \right]$$

$$= \epsilon(x) \partial_\mu \mathcal{J}^\mu(x) + \mathcal{J}^\mu \partial_\mu \epsilon(x)$$

First term vanishes because current was conserved, ~~epsilon~~ 2nd term is a current

The only way to make the 2nd term zero is to add new fields to \mathcal{L} , whose variation cancels the $\partial_\mu E$ term. The current is a 4-vector so let's add in a vector field A_μ ~~where~~ and ask that the simultaneous variation leave \mathcal{L} unchanged:

$$\delta \varphi(x) = ig E(x) \varphi(x) \quad \delta \varphi^* = -ig E \varphi^*$$

AND $\delta A_\mu(x) = \partial_\mu E(x)$

i.e. $\vec{A}'(x) = \vec{A}(x) + \vec{\nabla} E$

$$A'_0(x,t) = A_0(x,t) + \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

Now $\delta \mathcal{L}' = \delta \mathcal{L}_{matter} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} \delta A_\lambda + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\lambda)} \partial_\nu \delta A_\lambda$

$$= (\partial_\lambda E) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} \partial_\lambda E + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\lambda)} \partial_\nu \partial_\lambda E$$

This is zero as long as

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} = -\partial_\lambda \mathcal{L} ; \quad \text{unique specification of coupling of new field to the conserved current}$$

and $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\lambda)} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\lambda A_\nu)}$ so that the 2 bits cancel

No new conservation laws, but conditions on couplings of fields

Summary

- 1) In our example, we had a complex "matter" field ~~and~~ $\phi(x,t)$ and $\int \mathcal{L}$ is invariant under

the global transformation

$$\delta \phi(x,t) = i \epsilon g \phi(x,t)$$

there is a conserved current J^μ .

This is a global symmetry transformation.

- 2) Replace global symmetry by local symmetry transformation

$$\delta \phi(x,t) = i g \epsilon(x,t) \phi(x,t)$$

To make this a symmetry, $\delta \mathcal{L} = 0$

- a) you need to add a gauge field

$$A_\mu(x) \quad \delta A_\mu(x) = \partial_\mu \epsilon(x,t)$$

- b) gauge field couples to conserved current J^μ

$$\mathcal{L}_I = - J_\mu A^\mu$$

- c) \mathcal{L} involves $\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \equiv F_{\mu\nu}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi) - J_\mu A^\mu + \mathcal{L}(F_{\mu\nu})$$

The transformation $A'_\mu = A_\mu + \partial_\mu \epsilon(x)$
 is called a local gauge transformation. Theories which
 are invariant under local gauge transformations are
 called gauge theories and include

Electrodynamics (what we just did)

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\epsilon(x)} \phi(x)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow e^{i\epsilon} \phi$$

as well as matrix generalizations (ϕ a column vector or
 set of fields)

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow R(x) \phi(x)$$

$$A'_\mu = R(x) A_\mu R^{-1}(x) + \partial_\mu R R^{-1}$$

~~A_μ~~ A_μ becomes a matrix

including QCD (strong interactions)

Weinberg - Salam model (unification of
 weak & electromagnetic int.)

i.e. all of Nature (even gravity, though long story)
 can work with * on GR but there is surely better -
 To satisfy local gauge invariance

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\phi, D_\mu \phi, F_{\mu\nu})$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi - ig A_\mu \phi \equiv \text{"covariant derivative"}$$

Covariant derivative.

N 7.)

Recall $\varphi' = e^{i\beta\epsilon} \varphi$, $A'_\mu = A_\mu + \partial_\mu \epsilon$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi)^* (\partial^\mu \varphi) - V(\varphi^* \varphi).$$

Replace $\partial_\mu \varphi$ by $D_\mu \varphi = \partial_\mu \varphi - i\beta A_\mu \varphi$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}(\varphi, D_\mu \varphi, A) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi', D'_\mu \varphi', A')$$

is gauge invariant. The idea is, φ & $D_\mu \varphi$ transform identically under a gauge transformation.

$$\text{Check: } D'_\mu \varphi' = \partial_\mu \varphi' - i\beta A'_\mu \varphi'$$

$$= \partial_\mu [e^{i\beta\epsilon} \varphi] - i\beta [A_\mu + \partial_\mu \epsilon] e^{i\beta\epsilon} \varphi$$

$$= e^{i\beta\epsilon} \left\{ \partial_\mu \varphi + i\beta \varphi \partial_\mu \epsilon - i\beta A_\mu \varphi - i\beta \varphi \partial_\mu \epsilon \right\}$$

$$= e^{i\beta\epsilon} [\partial_\mu \varphi - i\beta A_\mu \varphi] =$$

$$= e^{i\beta\epsilon} D_\mu \varphi$$

$$\text{so } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (D'_\mu \varphi')^* (D_\mu \varphi) - V(|\varphi'|^2)$$

$$= e^{-i\beta\epsilon} e^{i\beta\epsilon} \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \varphi)^* (D_\mu \varphi) - V(|\varphi|^2)$$

is gauge invariant.

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} + \mathcal{L}(F)$$

And finally, what is a good candidate \mathcal{L} for the new electrodynamic gauge degrees of freedom?

\mathcal{L} is a scalar - contract indices

$$\mathcal{L} = c_1 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + c_2 (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + \dots$$

The Lagrange density which gives Maxwell's equations is "the simplest one you can write"

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

+ A-independent terms.

Obviously ^{rel.} invariant from index contraction
Arbitrary coefficients ~~given~~ chosen to give
CGS conventions for field equations.

Why isn't there more? Hold that thought!

Let's just check that this \mathcal{L} gives
Maxwell's equations.

Equation of motion

$$\partial^\beta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\beta A^\alpha)} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\alpha} = 0$$

Write $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} g_{\lambda\mu} g_{\nu\sigma} \left[\partial^\lambda A^\mu - \partial^\mu A^\lambda \right] \left[\partial^\nu A^\sigma - \partial^\sigma A^\nu \right] - \frac{1}{c} J_\alpha A^\alpha$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\beta A^\alpha)} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} g_{\lambda\mu} g_{\nu\sigma} \left[\delta_\beta^\mu \delta_\alpha^\sigma F^{\lambda\nu} - \delta_\beta^\sigma \delta_\alpha^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \delta_\beta^\lambda \delta_\alpha^\nu F^{\mu\sigma} - \delta_\beta^\nu \delta_\alpha^\lambda F^{\mu\sigma} \right]$$

= First term: $\lambda = \mu = \beta, \nu = \sigma = \alpha, F_{\beta\alpha}$

~~2nd~~ 2nd $\lambda = \mu = \alpha, \nu = \sigma = \beta, F_{\alpha\beta} = F_{\beta\alpha}$

2 more - exactly opposite

$$= -\frac{4}{16\pi} F_{\beta\alpha} \cdot \cancel{4} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\alpha} = -\frac{1}{c} J_\alpha$$

$$-\partial^\beta \frac{1}{4\pi} F_{\beta\alpha} + \frac{1}{c} J_\alpha = 0$$

$$\partial^\beta F_{\beta\alpha} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\alpha$$

And
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A^\alpha} = -\frac{1}{c} J_\alpha$$

or
$$\partial^\beta F_{\beta\alpha} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\alpha$$

Now the field strength tensor $F^{\alpha\beta} = \partial^\alpha A^\beta - \partial^\beta A^\alpha$ is nothing more than the E and B fields:

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \quad E_i = -\partial_i A_0 - \partial_0 A_i$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ -E_y & +B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & +B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the inhomogeneous field equation is just $(\partial_\alpha^k = (c, \vec{\partial}))$

$$d=0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi \rho$$

$$d=i \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}$$

2 of 4 maxwell eqns!

The homogeneous equations vanish by construction

$$(\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A})$$

~~Therefore~~ In covariant ~~constant~~ language they are

$$\partial^\alpha F^{\beta\gamma} + \partial^\beta F^{\gamma\alpha} + \partial^\gamma F^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad \alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$$

$\partial_\alpha \partial_\alpha \mathcal{F}^{\alpha\beta} = 0$ where $\mathcal{F}^{\alpha\beta} \equiv$ "dual field strength tensor"

$$\mathcal{F}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} F_{\gamma\delta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -B_x & -B_y & -B_z \\ & 0 & E_z & -E_y \\ & & 0 & E_x \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\partial_\alpha \mathcal{F}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)$$

$= 0$ because ϵ is antisymmetric under exchange of α, μ or α, ν

$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for one order of } \alpha\beta\gamma\delta \\ -1 & \text{for opposite} \\ 0 & \text{if any 2 equal} \end{cases}$$

Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

$$L = \int d^3x \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (E^2 - B^2)$$

Hamiltonian? $H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H}$

Write $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \left[\frac{\partial A_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial A_\nu}{\partial x^\mu} \right] \frac{\partial A^\mu}{\partial x^\nu}$

Need canonical coordinates - an obvious choice.

is the 4 A_μ 's (generally true in a field theory
 $x \rightarrow \varphi$!)

Canonical momenta

$$k=1,2,3 \quad \pi^k = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{A}_k} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot \left[\frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^0} - \frac{\partial A_0}{\partial x^k} \right]$$
$$= \frac{E_k}{4\pi}$$

$$\pi^0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{A}_0} = 0$$

$$(E_k = -\nabla_k \Phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t})$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \pi^k \dot{A}_k - \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} (E^2 + B^2) + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Phi \right]$$

At this point things get a bit tricky.

Note (first of all) that there is no momentum conjugate to A_0 : A_0 has no independent dynamics

Second, in the absence of sources, Maxwell's equations (which we could as well derive as a set of Hamilton equations) require

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

so the 3 E's are not independent

The system has constraints. They are related to gauge symmetry; not all the A's are independent variables

To the best of my knowledge, this is not a problem for the classical theory, but it is a problem in constructing the quantum theory using "canonical quantization":

- 1) write down classical \mathcal{L}
- 2) construct classical H ; identify p, q
- 3) Impose canonical quantization conditions

$$[q_i, p_j] = i\hbar\delta_{ij}$$

- 4) Construct ~~classical~~ quantum H by replacing coordinates & momenta by coord. & mom. operators.

To proceed beyond point 3) it is necessary to fix a gauge and in order to make H time independent ^{the gauge must be} the gauge must be non-covariant, like Coulomb gauge. But then the formulas all look non-covariant (there is an instantaneous Coulomb interaction, for example) and then it is a lot of work to show that the quantum theory is covariant: all the non-covariant parts cancel.

to have \rightarrow
energy
eigenfunctions

Transformation properties:

the A^μ 's form a 4-vector, under a Lorentz transformation they mix

$$A^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu A^\nu$$

$$\underline{\text{or}} \quad \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \\ \vec{A} \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \\ \vec{A} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{matrix})$$

E & B are elements of the second rank tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$

It transforms as

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

or (matrix notation)

$$F' = \Lambda F \Lambda^T$$

Multiply out a boost along the x -axis

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ -E_y & B_z & 0 & B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\uparrow $xyz \rightarrow 123$

$$E'_1 = E_1, \quad B'_1 = B_1$$

$$E'_2 = \gamma(E_2 - \beta B_3) \quad B'_2 = \gamma(B_2 + \beta E_3)$$

$$E'_3 = \gamma(E_3 + \beta B_2) \quad B'_3 = \gamma(B_3 - \beta E_2)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \vec{E}' = \gamma(\vec{E} + \beta \times \vec{B}) - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma+1} \vec{\beta}(\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{E})$$

$$\vec{B}' = \gamma(\vec{B} - \beta \times \vec{E}) - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma+1} \vec{\beta}(\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\gamma - \gamma^2 \beta^2}{\gamma+1} \\ & \frac{\gamma^2 + \gamma - \gamma^2 \beta^2}{1+\gamma} \\ & = \frac{\gamma^2(1+\beta^2) + \gamma}{1+\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

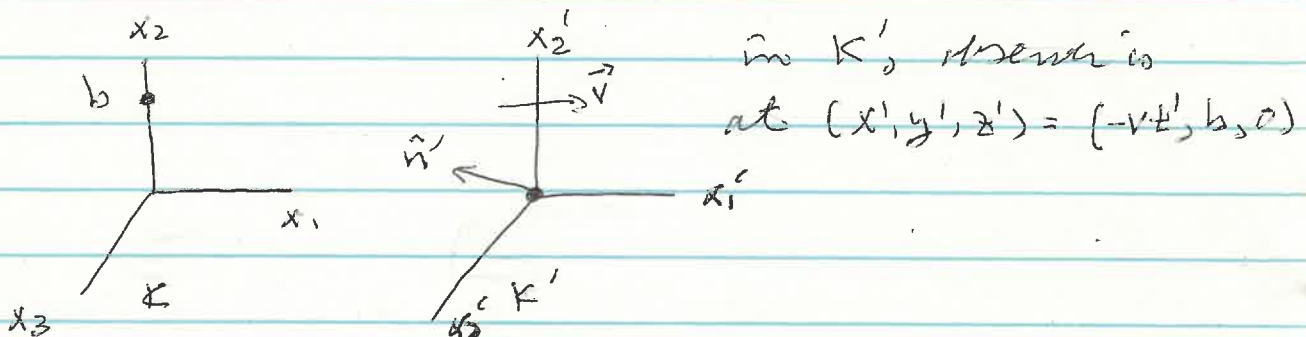
$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ -E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & +B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\beta\gamma E_x & \gamma E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -\gamma E_x & +\beta\gamma E_x & -B_z & B_y \\ -\gamma E_y - \beta\gamma B_z & \beta\gamma E_y + \gamma B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -\gamma E_z + \beta\gamma B_y & \beta\gamma E_z - \gamma B_y & +B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma^2(1-\beta^2)E_x = E_x & \gamma(E_y + \beta B_z) & \gamma(E_z - \beta B_y) \\ 0 & 0 & -\gamma(B_z + \beta E_y) & \gamma(B_y - \beta E_z) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -B_x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: point charge at origin in frame K , point charge moving with $\vec{v} = +\hat{x}v$, in frame K' what?

In K , observer is at $(x, y, z) = (0, b, 0)$ but



Also in K' , $\vec{B}' = 0$, $\vec{E}' = q \frac{\hat{r}'}{(r')^2}$

$$\text{or } E_1' = -\frac{qv t'}{(r')^3} \quad E_2' = -\frac{qb}{(r')^3} \quad E_3' = 0$$

$$\text{and } (r')^2 = b^2 + v^2 t'^2$$

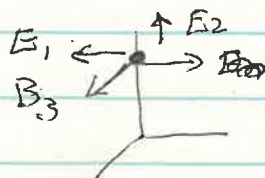
→ We have to convert both the coordinates and the fields. To convert the coords, $t' = \gamma t$ so

$$E_1' = \frac{q(-\gamma v t)}{[b^2 + (\gamma v t)^2]^{3/2}} \quad E_2' = \frac{qb}{[b^2 + (\gamma v t)^2]^{3/2}}$$

Now we transform the fields - refer to table,

$$E_1 = E_1' = -\frac{q \gamma v t}{[b^2 + (\gamma v t)^2]^{3/2}}, \quad E_2 = \frac{qb \gamma}{[b^2 + (\gamma v t)^2]^{3/2}} (= \gamma E_2')$$

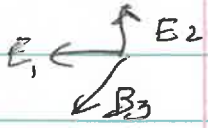
$$B_3 = \beta \gamma E_2' = \beta E_2$$



Note transverse $B - B_3$

Note NR limit

$$\vec{B} = \frac{q}{c} \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \quad \frac{v}{c} \ll 1 \text{ CGS}$$

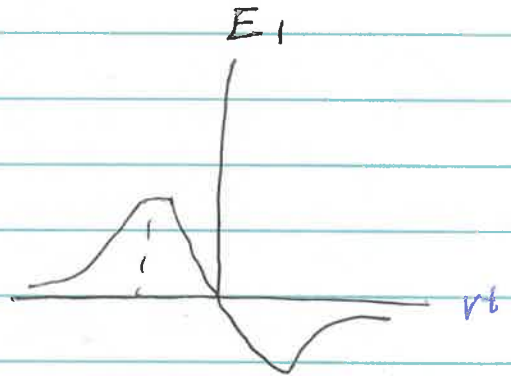
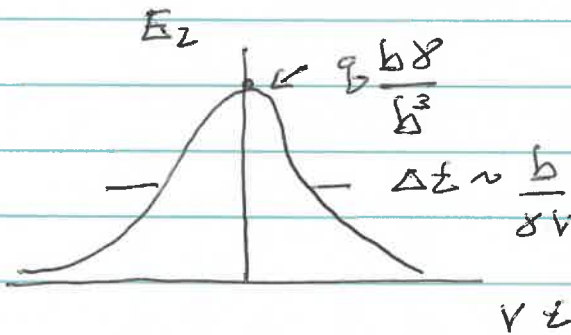


(Biot-Savart: $\vec{v} \rightarrow I d\vec{e}$)

Note as $v \rightarrow c$ $|B_3| = |E_2|$

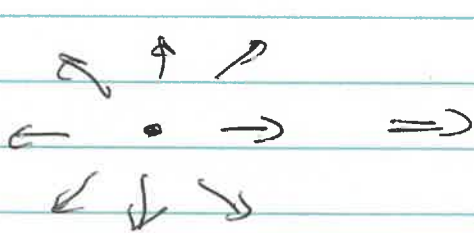
Note extreme relativistic limit

$$E_2 \propto \gamma \rightarrow E_1 \sim 1$$

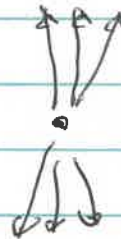


at $\gamma v t = b$, $E_1 = \frac{q b}{b^3 2^{3/2}} \sim \frac{q}{b^2}$

Fields become a pulse of transverse wave



q at rest



q at $v \leq c$

- If detector averages over times $T > \frac{b}{\gamma v} \langle E_1 \rangle = 0$
- Can exploit analogy between fields of real particles and plane wave - "Weizsäcker-Williams approx" - see Sec 15.4

Why $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$?

Why is $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$ and nothing else?

Purely classical answer - it's the only thing which predicts superposition: $\mathcal{L} = E^2 - B^2$, since $E \propto U$

Real answer - there is ~~something~~ more but corrections are small at low energy.

Quantum

Dimensional analysis. Set $\hbar = c = 1$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mass} \\ - \end{array} \right.$
 $\hbar c = \text{energy} \times \text{length} \rightarrow [\text{energy}] = \frac{1}{[\text{length}]}$

Lagrange density is $\mathcal{L} = \frac{[\text{energy}]}{[\text{length}^3]} = \frac{1}{[\text{length}]^4}$

$F_{\mu\nu} \sim \vec{E}$. $E \sim \frac{q}{r^2}$ $\frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137}$ is dim-less

$$[E] = \frac{1}{[\text{length}]^2} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\text{dimensionless \#}) \frac{F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}{[\text{length}]^4} + \dots$$

What about other terms? Gauge invariance plus Lorentz invariance require

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \text{ or } F \cdot \vec{B}).$$

Imagine \mathcal{L} as a polynomial in $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

Each new term needs a dimensionful coefficient

$$\mathcal{L} = c_1 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + c_2 [\text{length}]^4 (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + c_3 [\text{length}]^8 (F^2)^3 + \dots$$

$$[\text{length}]^4 = \left(\frac{1}{\text{energy scale}} \right)^4$$

$$\mathcal{L} = c_1 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_2}{\Lambda^4} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + \dots$$

What is Λ ? This is a scale where some new physics, not in Maxwell's eqns, appears. The simplest new physics is quantum: exchange of virtual particles ~~at~~ no intermediate states -

This suggests $\Lambda \sim m_e = \frac{1}{2} \text{ MeV}$,

Next, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$
 $\sim k_\mu A_\nu - k_\nu A_\mu$ in momentum space

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \sim k^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^4} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 \sim \frac{k^4}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{k^2}{m_e^2}$$

For $k \ll \Lambda$, corrections from the 2nd term are completely negligible.

Of course, at $k \sim m_e$ these processes are important - a classical description fails completely.

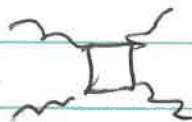
There was a calculation supporting this statement, by 2 of Heisenberg's students, Euler and Kockels, in 1935.

They started with QED (photons and electrons) and "integrated out" the electrons to derive an effective theory of photons, valid for $E_\gamma \ll m_e$.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (E^2 - B^2) + \frac{e^4}{360\pi^2 m_e^4} \left\{ (E^2 - B^2)^2 + 7 (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})^2 \right\} + \dots$$

Correction isn't $\frac{1}{m_e^4}$, but $\frac{d^2}{m_e^4} \sim 10^{-4}$ smaller!

The new term includes a 4-8 term - scattering of light by light



QED is itself an incomplete description of Nature at very high energy, too - ~~it~~ it is only part of the "electroweak" interaction.

"Mass of the photon"

Of course, in classical E & M there are no ~~photon~~ photons, they only appear after the theory has been quantized.

"Mass of a photon" is a poetic shorthand for how

$\omega(k)$ depends on k . This comes from wave equation - in E & M and in free space

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) A = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A \sim e^{i(k \cdot x - \omega t)}$$

$$\left(\frac{-\omega^2}{c^2} + k^2 \right) A = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = ck$$

$$\hbar\omega = \hbar ck$$

as opposed to ($c=1$)

$$(2) \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 + m^2 \right) \Phi = 0$$

$$-\omega^2 + k^2 + m^2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega = \pm \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$(\hbar\omega)^2 = (\hbar ck)^2 + (mc^2)^2$$

$$E^2 = p^2 + m^2$$

(2) comes from a Lagrange density

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 \quad (\text{+ } J\Phi \text{ for source})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu \Phi} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \Phi + m^2 \Phi = J = 0$$

Also - static solution $(-\nabla^2 + m^2) \Phi = J$, $\Phi \sim \frac{e^{-mr}}{r}$

~~massless~~ Φ falls off exponentially w/ distance, NOT pure power law

Maxwell action

(~~It~~ is a complicated combination of $\partial_\mu A^\nu \partial_\lambda A^\sigma$ terms) with no A_μ^2 term. Thus we say, $\mu^2=0$, photon mass = 0.

Indeed, requiring that the theory be invariant under local gauge transformations would seem to preclude a photon mass, since gauge invariance requires that the action be built of $F_{\mu\nu}$ and a term

$$A_\mu A^\mu$$

is not GI - thus excluded from the start.

Nevertheless we ~~would~~ might want to imagine models with "massive photons" - for several reasons

- 1) As a straw man for doing precise experiments
- 2) Because they really exist in Nature.
 - superconductivity - Meissner effect 1933
 - W, Z particles

At the same time, we do not want to sacrifice ~~the~~ gauge invariance as a symmetry. We already saw that GI implied current conservation, and a naive ~~explicit~~ breaking of GI ~~would~~ ^{would} cost us charge conservation. This might be an expensive price to pay.

(Jackson's discussion is very naive ---)

~~In fact massiveness is a very explicit~~

"Spontaneous Breaky of Gauge Symmetry"

We can get a taste for the modern discussion of the photon mass (and related issues) if we diverge from pure electrodynamics to consider two related topics (which we will do by example):

Goldstone's theorem

the Higgs effect - ~~now~~ gives a massive gauge boson

Let's consider once again a classical field with n components

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\partial_\mu \varphi_j) (\partial^\mu \varphi_j) - V(\varphi)$$

where the "potential" is taken for simplicity to be

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{\mu^2}{2} \varphi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} (\varphi^2)^2$$

$$\text{and } \varphi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_j^2$$

These models arise in a variety of contexts:

- In condensed matter physics φ might represent the average value of the spin of a patch of a system of atoms (in a magnet). The term $V(\varphi)$ measures the energy of the patch due to self-interactions (does φ want to be large or small?) The $(\partial_\mu \varphi)(\partial^\mu \varphi)$ term measures the interaction between patches of spins, separated in space. ["Ginzburg-Landau model"]

- In microscopic systems showing quantum behavior: as a description of the condensate in a Bose-Einstein gas or in liquid helium; here $\Psi (\equiv \varphi)$ is complex, the wavefn.

- As models for real fundamental particles - the Higgs

What does the potential term do ^{to} the field equations?

$$-\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \quad \text{provides a "force" which}$$

attempts to drive ϕ towards minimum of V . A particularly interesting and simple case to study is the case when V has a minimum in ϕ , and we simply linearize the equations of motion (or expand \mathcal{L} quadratically) about that minimum. Then

$$V(\phi) = V(\phi_0) + \frac{1}{2} V''(\phi_0) (\phi - \phi_0)^2 + \dots$$

neglect

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{1}{2} V''(\phi_0) (\phi - \phi_0)^2 + \text{constant } V(\phi_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu (\phi - \phi_0) \partial^\mu (\phi - \phi_0) - \frac{1}{2} V''(\phi_0) (\phi - \phi_0)^2 \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad - \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

•• mass² = 2nd derivative of V at minimum.

- Hierarchy of examples -

example $\mathcal{D}=1 \quad V = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$

a) $\mu_0^2 > 0$

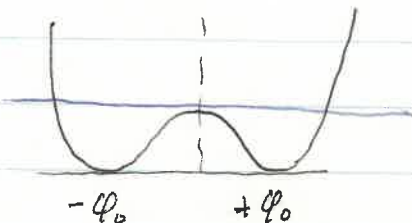


minimum is at $\phi_0 = 0$

$$\mu^2 = \mu_0^2$$

b) $\mu_0^2 < 0$

it's just a parameter $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{in a magnet we might} \\ \text{parameterize it as } \mu^2 \text{ \& } T - T_c \\ \text{in a magnet } \mu^2 \text{ \& } T - T_c \end{array} \right.$

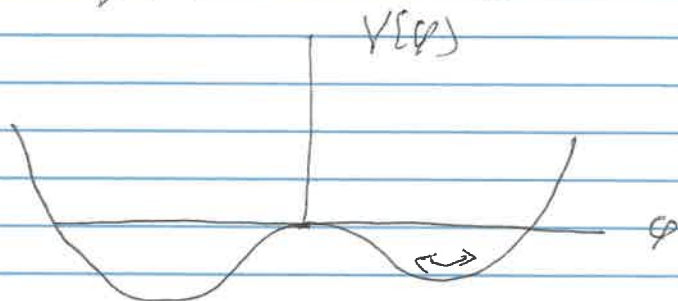


$$\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \right|_{\phi_0} = 0 = \mu_0^2 \phi_0 + \frac{\lambda}{6} \phi_0^3$$

$$\phi_0^2 = \frac{-6\mu_0^2}{\lambda}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi^2} \right|_{\varphi = \varphi_0} = \left[\mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \varphi_0^2 \right] = \mu_0^2 - 3\mu_0^2 = -2\mu_0^2$$

(Recall μ_0^2 was set < 0) \Rightarrow $\text{mass}^2 = \mu^2 = -2\mu_0^2$



μ^2 measures "rocking"

Notice that the original model had a discrete symmetry $\varphi(x,t) \rightarrow -\varphi(x,t)$

If the system minimizes its potential - we say that the system chooses one vacuum φ_0 - we say that the symmetry is broken

Indeed, write $\varphi(x,t) = \varphi_0 + \chi(x,t)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi - V[\chi + \varphi_0]$$

$$V[\chi + \varphi_0] = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 [\chi + \varphi_0]^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} [\chi + \varphi_0]^4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 [\chi^2 + 2\chi\varphi_0 + \dots]$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda}{24} [\chi^4 + 4\chi\varphi_0^3 + 6\varphi_0^2\chi^2\varphi_0^2 + \dots]$$

$$= \chi^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \varphi_0^2 \right] + \chi \cdot 0 + \dots - \chi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \chi^4$$

It's not obvious that $\chi \rightarrow -\varphi_0 - [\chi + \varphi_0]$ is a symmetry! "An ant living in a magnetized ferromagnet has a hard time realizing that the underlying system is rotationally invariant"

Phenomenon called "spontaneous symmetry breaking"

Recap

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}_i \partial^\mu \phi_i - V(\phi)$$

If $V(\phi)$ has a minimum



$$\phi = \phi_0 + \chi \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} m^2 \chi = \left. \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} \right|_{\phi = \phi_0}$$

If $V(\phi)$ has multiple degenerate minima ϕ_i :

• Minimum energy field configuration is

$$\phi = \phi_i + \chi(x, t)$$

• Hard to recognize presence of symmetry



$$\phi \rightarrow -\phi$$

$$\phi_0 + \chi \rightarrow -(\phi_0 + \chi)$$

"spontaneous symmetry breaking"

"Symmetry is broken" by choice of ϕ_0

2nd example: $d=2$, or φ is 2-dimensional.

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 [\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2] + \frac{\lambda}{4!} [\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2]^2$$

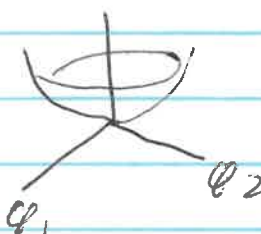
Note the ^{continuous} symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1' \\ \varphi_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \Omega & \sin \Omega \\ -\sin \Omega & \cos \Omega \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

or $\varphi' = R \varphi$. A global rotation of (φ_1, φ_2) leaves V invariant. There is an associated conserved Noether current, as we found earlier. \otimes

~~Now if $\mu_0^2 < 0$ the potential surface looks like a ~~saddle~~~~

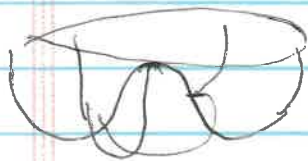
If $\mu^2 > 0$ the potential is concave up with a minimum at $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$.



$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi_1^2} \Big|_{\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi_2^2} \Big|_{\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2$$

and $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \varphi_1 \partial \varphi_2} \Big|_{\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0} = 0$

But if $\mu_0^2 < 0$, the potential surface looks like a saddle or the bottom of a wine bottle.

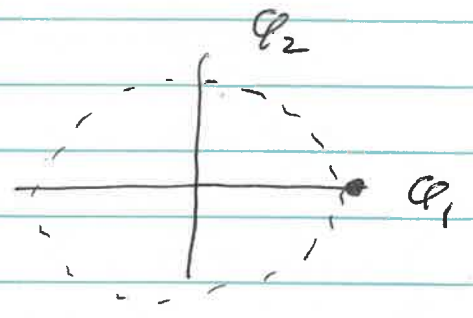


Defining $\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 = \rho^2$, the potential has a minimum at any point on the circle $\rho^2 = -\frac{6\mu_0^2}{\lambda}$

Let's arbitrarily suppose that the vacuum chooses to break the symmetry by setting

$$\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{-6\mu_0^2}{\lambda}}$$

$$\varphi_2 = 0$$



What is the spectrum?

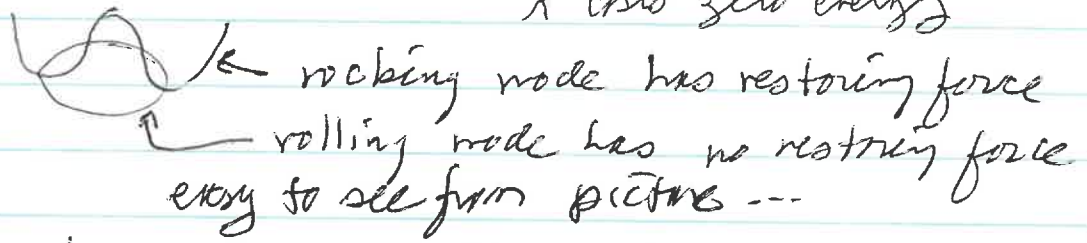
Write $\varphi_1 = \varphi_0 + \chi_1(x,t)$

$$\varphi_2 = \chi_2(x,t)$$

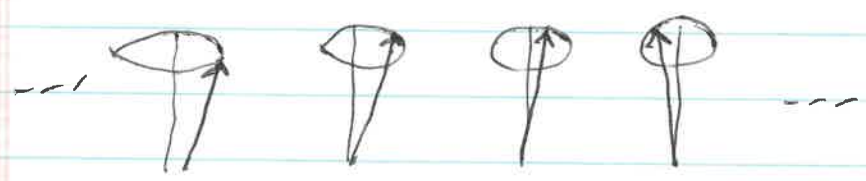
$$V(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 (\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2) + \frac{\lambda}{24} [\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2]^2$$

"When a global continuous symmetry is broken, ^{spontaneously} there is an accompanying massless mode"
 ≡ Goldstone's theorem

Massless ≡ $E(k) \propto k$ or arbitrary long λ costs zero energy



Massless mode is called a "Goldstone Boson"
 example: spin wave in a magnet. - system can support arbitrarily long-wavelength, low energy excitations, with spins precessing around the ordered direction, ~~etc etc etc~~



This is $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)$ with $\langle \varphi_3 \rangle = v$

~~etc etc etc~~

~~Interesting aspects group theory string theory ...~~

More complicated symmetries - some general story, more complicated math

o ~~V~~ $V = -\frac{\mu_0^2}{2} \Phi^2 + \lambda (\Phi^2)^2$; $\Phi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i^2$

o $O(N)$ symmetry breaks to $O(N-1)$..
 (N=3 → 2 GB's)

- o QCD
- o Electroweak

~~32~~ $\frac{32}{2} = 3 - \frac{2-1}{2} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \left[(\varphi_0 + \chi_1)^2 + \chi_2^2 \right] + \frac{\lambda}{24} \left[(\varphi_0 + \chi_1)^2 + \chi_2^2 \right]^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \left[\varphi_0^2 + 2\varphi_0\chi_1 + \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\lambda}{24} \left[\varphi_0^2 + 2\varphi_0\chi_1 + \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \right]^2 \\
&= \chi_1 \left[\varphi_0 \mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} \cdot 2 \cdot 2\varphi_0 \cdot \varphi_0^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \chi_1^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{24} (2\varphi_0^2 + 4\varphi_0^2) \right] \\
&\quad + \chi_2^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 + \frac{2\lambda}{24} (\varphi_0^2) \right] \\
&\quad + \chi_1 \chi_2 \cdot 0 \\
&\quad + \text{higher orders}
\end{aligned}$$

~~μ_0^2~~ Now $\varphi_0^2 = -\frac{6\mu_0^2}{\lambda}$ so

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_1 \varphi_0 \left(\mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{6} \varphi_0^2 \right) &= \chi_1 \cdot 0 \\
+ \chi_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left(-\frac{6\mu_0^2}{\lambda} \right) \right) &= -\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \chi_1^2 \quad (\text{no surprise}) \\
+ \chi_2^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 + \frac{\lambda}{12} \varphi_0^2 \right] &= \chi_2^2 \cdot 0 \quad \mu_0^2 < 0
\end{aligned}$$

quadratic part is $-\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \chi_1^2 + 0 \cdot \chi_2^2$

The χ_2 mode is massless. This is
 - magical, special
 - general

Higgs Effect.

This is still not a massive photon. Recall that electrodynamics appeared when we tried to enforce Local phase rotations as a symmetry.

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)} \phi(x) \quad \phi \text{ complex}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \phi_2(x) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta(x) & \sin\theta(x) \\ -\sin\theta(x) & \cos\theta(x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \phi_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's treat ϕ as complex, write

$$\mathcal{L} = [(\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu)\phi][(\partial^\mu - ieA^\mu)\phi^*] + \mu_0^2 \phi^* \phi - \lambda (\phi^* \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

and ~~try to~~ look at the broken symmetry case.

Note: $+\mu_0^2$ corresponds to sombrero (to avoid annoying μ_0)
 (Factor out $\mu, \lambda \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$ convention of Ryder, Quantum Field Theory p.301)
 This is called the "Abelian Higgs model"

The minimum of V is at $|\phi| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0^2}{2\lambda}} \equiv \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$

Now write $\phi(x) = \frac{a + \chi_1(x) + i\chi_2(x)}{\sqrt{2}}$

i.e. move slightly off the ~~minimizing~~ ^(fluctuation) circle and re-express in terms of the physical fields χ_1, χ_2 .

Re-insert; (aside) and look only at the quadratic terms

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + e^2 a^2 A_\mu A^\mu + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi_2)^2 - 2\lambda a^2 \chi_1^2 + \sqrt{2} e a A_\mu \partial^\mu \chi_2 + \text{cubic} + \text{quartic} [\phi^* A_\mu \phi]$$

Lets check what we have

a) potential term

$$V(\phi) = -\mu_0^2 \left| \frac{a + \chi_1 + i\chi_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left(\left| a + \chi_1 + i\chi_2 \right|^2 \right)^2$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_0^2}{2} \left[a^2 + 2a\chi_1 + \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda}{4} \left(a^2 + 2a\chi_1 + \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \right)^2$$

expand, keep linear + quadratic, discard the rest

$$V(\phi) = \chi_1 \left[-a\mu_0^2 + 4a\frac{\lambda}{4} \right] \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} a^2 = \mu_0^2/\lambda \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$+ \chi_1^2 \left[-\frac{\mu_0^2}{2} + \frac{(4a^2 + 2a^2)\lambda}{4} \right] \longrightarrow -\frac{\mu_0^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2}\frac{\lambda a^2}{4}$$

$$+ \chi_1\chi_2 \cdot 0 = \frac{\lambda a^2}{2}$$

$$+ \chi_2^2 \left[-\frac{\mu_0^2}{2} + 2a^2\frac{\lambda}{4} \right] \longrightarrow 0$$

$$V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda a^2}{2} \chi_1^2 + 0 \cdot \chi_2^2 \quad \text{as expected -}$$



χ_2 is massless Goldstone

χ_1 is massive

Now the kinetic term

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$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieA_\mu \quad , \quad \varphi = \frac{\chi_1 + a + i\chi_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$D_\mu \varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\partial_\mu \chi_1 - ieA_\mu \chi_1 - ieA_\mu a + i\partial_\mu \chi_2 - eA_\mu \chi_2 \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\partial_\mu \chi_1 - eA_\mu \chi_2 + i(\partial_\mu \chi_2 - eA_\mu \chi_1 - eA_\mu a) \right]$$

$$(D_\mu \varphi)^\dagger (D^\mu \varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial_\mu \chi_1 \partial^\mu \chi_1 + \partial_\mu \chi_2 \partial^\mu \chi_2 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^2 a^2 A_\mu A^\mu \quad \Delta \text{ gauge } \phi \text{ (i)}$$

$$+ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} e a A_\mu \partial^\mu \chi_2 \quad 1-2 \text{ cross terms}$$

+ non quadratic

Hmm - $A_\mu A^\mu$ - photon seems to have acquired a mass! Also χ_1 is massive, χ_2 is massless from before

But - what is the funny $A_\mu \partial^\mu \chi_2$ term?

To make the answer less confusing, make a change of variables - a local gauge transformation

go to expand & collect terms -

Gauge transformation is $A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \Lambda$

$$\phi' = \exp i\Lambda(x) \cdot \phi \sim [1 + i\Lambda] \phi$$

$$= (1 + i\Lambda) \left[\frac{a + \chi_1 + i\chi_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{a + (\chi_1 - \Lambda\chi_2) + i[\chi_2 + \Lambda\chi_1 + a\Lambda]}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a + \chi'_1 + i\chi'_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Choose Λ so that $\chi'_2 = 0$: $\chi_2 + \Lambda\chi_1 + a\Lambda = 0$

In that gauge

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} e^2 a^2 A'^\mu A'^\mu$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} |D'_\mu \chi'_1|^2 - \frac{\lambda a^2}{2} \chi'^2_1$$

+ non-quadratic

Relabel A' as A , χ' as χ . This is a Lagrangian

for $A_\mu =$ massive gauge boson, $M_A^2 = e^2 a^2 = \frac{e^2 v^2}{\lambda}$

$\chi_1 =$ massive scalar boson - ~~the Higgs field~~

the Higgs field, $M_H^2 = \lambda a^2$

The physics we have developed is called the Higgs effect

Contrast

Goldstone mode: spontaneous breaky of global $U(1)$

2 massive scalar fields \Rightarrow 1 massive scalar
 when symmetry unbroken 1 massless scalar
 when broken

Higgs mode (SB of local $U(1)$)

2 massive scalars
 +
 1 massless photon \Rightarrow 1 massive scalar
 1 massive photon
 (3 pol-states)

2 + 1 \cdot 2 helicity = 4 modes = 1 + 1 \cdot 3 m_j 's = 4 modes
states of photon

"the photon has eaten the scalar mode and
 acquired a mass"

N.B. The original gauge invariance is still a symmetry
 of the Lagrangian, though not of the ~~minimum~~
~~action~~ vacuum - there is still a conserved current.

Examples: ① Meissner effect in superconductor
 see S. Weinberg Prog Theor Phys Suppl 86 43 (1986)
 or Ryder p.305

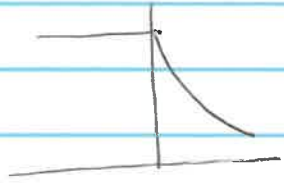
② W and Z mass ($U(1) \rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1)$)

More complicated group theory: 4 ^{scalar} Higgs, ~~composites~~
^{GB's} 3 eaten $\rightarrow m_W, m_Z$

1 left as physical massive Higgs - ~~where is it?~~
 the particle at 125 GeV

Meissner effect

Superconductivity is always accompanied by Meissner effect: $E + H$ fields vanish inside ~~sc.~~ ^{sc.} exponentially



~~Exponential~~ Exponential suppression is basically mass generation for photon.

Below T_c , electron-phonon interactions (int with lattice vibrations) lead to ~~effective~~ attractive int. of electrons - system can lower its energy from usual free electron gas by forming bound state (Cooper pair)

$\bar{\Psi}_S(r) =$ wave fn of SC state

$$|\bar{\Psi}_S(r)|^2 = n_{\text{pairs}}(r) = \frac{n_S(r)}{2} \text{ for electrons in SC state}$$

at $T > T_c$ $n_S = 0$. Write a free energy function of SC in terms of Ψ_S , free energy density is function of $\Psi_S, \nabla \Psi_S$. Ψ_S is a charged field

(with charge $e^* = 2e$, mass $m^* = 2m$) so

F depends on $|\Psi|^2$ and canonical momentum

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla \rightarrow \frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla - \frac{e^* A}{c}$$

$$F(\Psi_S) = F_{\text{normal}}(T, \mu) + \int d^3r \frac{B(r)^2}{8\pi}$$

$$+ \int d^3r \left[a |\Psi_S|^2 + \frac{b}{2} |\Psi_S|^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$+ \int d^3r \left[\frac{1}{2m^*} \left| \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \vec{\nabla} - \frac{e^* \vec{A}(r)}{c} \right) \Psi_S(r) \right|^2 + \dots \right]$$

and $B = \nabla \times A$. We want to minimize F by varying Ψ . This is a "typical" variational problem - it should be no surprise that the min of F happens if eqns of motion are satisfied, namely

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J}_s \quad \text{where} \quad 1)$$

$$\vec{J}_s = \frac{e^* \hbar}{2m^* i} \left(\psi_s^* \vec{\nabla} \psi_s - (\vec{\nabla} \psi_s) \psi_s \right) \quad 2)$$

$$- \frac{e^2}{m^* c} |\psi_s|^2 \vec{A}(r) \quad \text{diff Front}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2m^*} \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla - \frac{e^* A}{c} \right)^2 + b |\psi_s|^2 \right\} \psi_s = -a \psi_s \quad 3)$$

Notice ~~that~~ the 2nd term in the current; It comes from

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} = -J_\mu$$

where \mathcal{L} is the free energy density = 1) ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~

$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} = 0$$

in (3), $-a$ is "like" an energy eigenvalue and the $b |\psi_s|^2$ is "like" a repulsive self interaction which tries to spread Ψ_s over the whole volume.

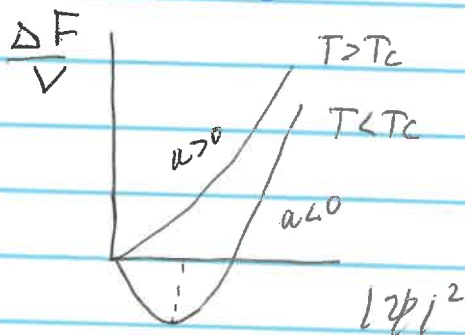
Now for solutions: ^{deep} inside the SC, $\vec{B}=0$, n_s is a constant. Then the free energy shift from the normal state is

$$\Delta F = F_S - F_N = V \cdot \left(a |\psi_S|^2 + \frac{b}{2} |\psi_S|^4 \right)$$

with $(a + b |\psi_S|^2) \psi_S = 0$ [3]

$b > 0$ so if $a > 0$, then $\psi_S = 0$, the system is in its normal state,

but if $T < T_c$, to get a non-normal ground state, need $a < 0$ —



$$|\psi_S|^2 = \frac{n_s}{2} = -\frac{a}{b} > 0$$

$$\frac{\Delta F}{V} = \frac{-a^2}{2b} \quad a < 0$$

$$a \left(-\frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{b}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2$$

~~Now~~ ~~Imagine~~ Now imagine adding a small magnetic field B . The ^{SC} current is (ψ_S is constant in space) so no gradients

$$\vec{J}_S = \frac{-e^* \hbar^2}{m^* c} |\psi_S|^2 \vec{A} = \frac{-e^2 n_s}{m^* c} \vec{A}$$

~~so~~ so $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{J} = \frac{-e^2 n_s}{m^* c} \vec{B}$

Now $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J}$, take curl again

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{J} = \frac{-4\pi n_s e^2}{m^* c^2} \vec{B}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \vec{B}, \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{m^* c^2}{4\pi n_s e^2}}$$

λ - a magnetic field is screened.

λ is called the "London penetration depth"
but you can see it basically of photon mass.
in sense

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \times A$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{m^* c}{e^2 n_s} \nabla \times \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{m^*}{e^2 n_s} \frac{d\vec{J}}{dt} \quad - \text{London eq.}$$

Superconductivity if $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = e \vec{E}$

$\vec{J}_s = e n_s \vec{v}_s$ ~~electrons drift~~

so London eqn

$$\frac{d\vec{J}}{dt} = \frac{n_s e^2}{m} \vec{E}$$

replaces Ohm's law $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

In a normal conductor, electric field energy goes into dissipation, $\vec{v}_n = \frac{\sigma}{en_e} \vec{E} = \text{constant for constant } E$

Here ~~$\vec{E} = -\nabla\phi - \dot{\vec{A}}$~~
 $\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

Pick a gauge $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ to determine \vec{A} uniquely

and recall $\vec{J}_s = -\frac{e^2 n_s}{mc} \vec{A}$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J} = -\frac{4\pi e^2 n_s}{c} \vec{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{J} = -\frac{e^2 n_s}{mc} \nabla \times \vec{A} = -\frac{e^2 n_s}{mc} \vec{B} \quad \text{Meissner}$$

~~$\nabla \times \vec{J} = -\frac{e^2 n_s}{mc} \vec{B}$~~

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla \times \vec{A} = +\frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{e^2 n_s}{mc} \vec{A} = \frac{e^2 n_s}{c^2} \frac{d\vec{J}}{dt}$$

so $\vec{E} = \frac{m}{n_s e^2} \frac{d\vec{J}}{dt}$ London eq.