

1. Let us study the action integral of a free particle

$$S = -mc \int_a^b ds. \quad (1)$$

Derive from this the Lagrange function of a free particle, and show that it reduces to the well known expression in the nonrelativistic limit.

2. Justify that

$$\tilde{\rho} = \rho \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \quad (2)$$

is a four-scalar, where ρ is the charge density (charge per volume). Starting from the action

$$S = - \sum \int mcds - \sum \int eAds - \frac{1}{2c} \int \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x^i} d\Omega, \quad (3)$$

where the summation is over particles (charges e , masses m and line elements ds) and $d\Omega = dx^0 dx^1 dx^2 dx^3$, derive the equation of motion for the scalar field $A(\mathbf{r}, t)$.

3. Let's study *charge conjugation*, where all charges change sign, $e \rightarrow -e$. Show that all Maxwell's equations and the equation of motion with Lorentz-force remain invariant when the fields are changes appropriately. What happens to the relation $\mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$?
4. Write the components of the electromagnetic field tensor

$$F_{ki} = \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^i} \quad (4)$$

using electric and magnetic fields \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} . What Maxwell equations (in 3-vector form) are given by the relation

$$\frac{\partial F_{ik}}{\partial x^l} + \frac{\partial F_{kl}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial F_{li}}{\partial x^k} = 0. \quad (5)$$

5. Tell why the Coulomb's law

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)}{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)^3}. \quad (6)$$

is not acceptable as a general relation in relativistic electrodynamics. Tell by words what types of relations one gets instead for the potentials ϕ and \mathbf{A} , and the fields \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} in the general case.

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