

- (a) Explain generally what is meant by a conservation law in field theory and what is its general mathematical form?  
(b) Explain by words what different parts there are in the action of the electrodynamics of particles?
- Let us consider the Lagrangian

$$L = \int dV \mathcal{L} \left( u, \nabla u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}; \mathbf{x}, t \right). \quad (1)$$

Derive the Lagrange differential equations by varying the action. What kind of boundary conditions have to be assumed?

- Write down the time component of the equation

$$mc \frac{du_k}{ds} = e F_{ki} u^i \quad (2)$$

using three-vectors and scalars. Explain what it means physically. As a reminder

$$F_{ki} = \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^i}. \quad (3)$$

- Let us consider two identical point charges with charge  $q$  separated by a distance  $a$ . Calculate the Coulomb repulsion between the charges using Maxwell's stress tensor acting through a surface separating the charges,

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\alpha\beta} E^2 - E_\alpha E_\beta \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\alpha\beta} B^2 - B_\alpha B_\beta \right). \quad (4)$$

- Tell why the Coulomb's law

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)}{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)^3}. \quad (5)$$

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

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