

if  $\pi = \frac{a}{b}$ , consider  $n$  large

$$0 < \int_0^{\pi} \frac{x^n (a - bx)^n}{n!} \sin x \, dx < 1$$

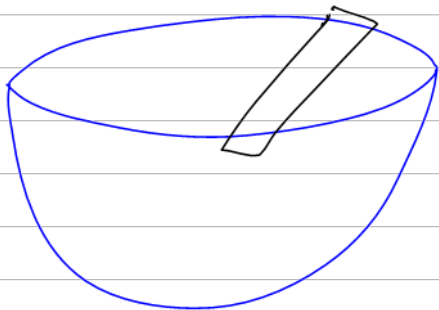
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$$\dot{y} = \frac{d}{dt} y$$

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MAT257 Analysis II on April 12, 2021: the Maxwell equations. Last class of the year!

Read Along: These notes!

No Petr tutorial today!

Our Final Assessment will take place on Crowdmark (as the Term Tests) on Tuesday April 20 at 9AM. A detailed pre-exam office hours schedule will be sent later today or tomorrow. A bit later I will post some "reject questions".

The material: \*everything\*, with a small bias in favour of the later stuff.

How to study? First, \*\*\*understand\*\*\*. Only after, solve problems.



Yesterday I saw horses of more than one colour!



# A Bit on Maxwell's Equations

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The Feynman Lectures on Physics, vol. II, page 18-2

**The Action Principle.** The *4-Vector Potential* is a compactly supported 1-form  $A$  on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which extremizes the action

$$S_J(A) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{1}{2} |dA|^2 dt dx dy dz + J \wedge A$$

where the 3-form  $J$  is the charge-current.

**The Euler-Lagrange Equations** in this case are  $d \star dA = J$ , meaning that there's no hope for a solution unless  $dJ = 0$ , and that we might as well (think Poincaré's Lemma!) change variables to  $F := dA$ . We thus get

$$dJ = 0 \quad dF = 0 \quad d \star F = J$$

**These are the Maxwell equations!** Indeed, writing  $F = (E_x dx dt + E_y dy dt + E_z dz dt) + (B_x dy dz + B_y dz dx + B_z dx dy)$  and  $J = \rho dx dy dz - j_x dy dz dt - j_y dz dx dt - j_z dx dy dt$ , we find:

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There's also a handout at <http://drorbn.net/2021-257/ap/Maxwell.pdf>

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*work*

*within easy reach.*

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$$\int F'g = - \int Fg \pm \text{bdry terms}$$

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Prerequisite 3.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx &\leftrightarrow dy \wedge dz \\ dy &\leftrightarrow dz \wedge dx \end{aligned}$$

~~$dx_I \leftrightarrow dx_{I^c}$~~   
naive.

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$\mathbb{R}^4_{t,x,y,z}$

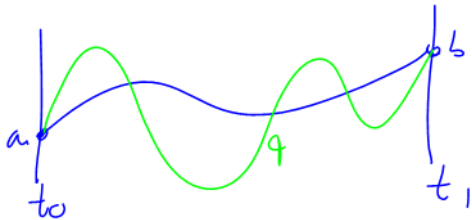
$$\star(dt \wedge dx) = dt \wedge dy \wedge dz$$

start from ON.  $v_i$   
consider the dual basis  
 $(\psi_i)$

$$\langle \psi_I, \psi_J \rangle = \delta_{IJ}$$

this is indep of the ON basis

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Euler-Lagrange<sup>1</sup>



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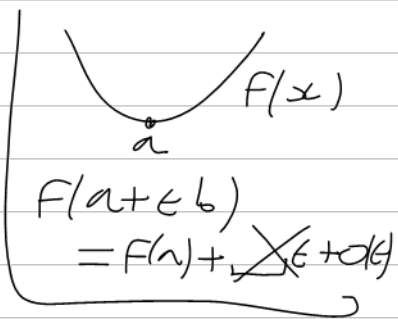
$$J = \rho dx dy dz - j_x dy dz dt - j_y dz dx dt - j_z dx dy dt$$

↑ charge.                    ↑ current.                    ↗



$\forall B$

$$S_J(A + \epsilon B) = S_J(A) + \epsilon \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{versch.}} + \dots$$



$$S_J(A + \epsilon B) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{1}{2} \langle \underline{d(A + \epsilon B)}, \underline{d(A + \epsilon B)} \rangle + J^{\wedge}(A + \epsilon B)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \frac{1}{2} \langle \underline{dA}, \underline{dA} \rangle + J^{\wedge}A + \epsilon \left( \frac{2}{2} \langle \underline{dB}, \underline{dA} \rangle + J^{\wedge}B \right) + \epsilon X$$

$$A \text{ is extremal} \Leftrightarrow \forall B \quad \int \langle \underline{dB}, \underline{dA} \rangle + J^{\wedge}B = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \lrcorner B \wedge (*\lrcorner A) + \lrcorner J \wedge B = 0$$

$$= \int +B \wedge (\lrcorner * \lrcorner A) - B \wedge J = \int B \wedge (\underbrace{\lrcorner * \lrcorner A - J})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lrcorner * \lrcorner A - J = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lrcorner * \underbrace{\lrcorner A}_F = J$$

can only have sol'n's if  $\lrcorner J = 0$ .

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Electric Field

"Magnetic Field"

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$$dJ = 0$$

$$J \in \mathcal{N}^3 \quad dJ \in \mathcal{N}^4$$

$$dJ = ( \quad ) dt dx dy dz$$

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$$dF = 0 \quad dF = \left( \begin{array}{c} \phantom{E_x} \\ \phantom{E_y} \\ \phantom{E_z} \end{array} \right) dx dy dz + \left( \begin{array}{c} \phantom{B_x} \\ \phantom{B_y} \\ \phantom{B_z} \end{array} \right) dt dy dz$$

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↑ scalar eq'n      → vector eq'n

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so  $* F = (-B_x dxdt - B_y dydt - B_z dzdt) + (-E_x dydz - E_y dzdx - E_z dxdy)$ .

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Feynman again. But wait, in our last two equations the sign of  $E$  is wrong!

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