

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{q}{c} \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \sim \text{Biot-Savart law!}$$

In the UR limit, $\beta \rightarrow 1, \gamma \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow B_y \approx - \frac{qz}{\gamma^2(x-vt)^3} \stackrel{= -E_z}{=} ; B_z \approx \frac{qy}{(x-vt)^3} \stackrel{= E_y}{=}$$

$$E_x \approx \frac{q}{\gamma^2(x-vt)^2} \text{Sign}(x-vt).$$

Relativistic Particles in Electromagnetic Fields.

Start with Lorentz force:

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q \left(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right) = \vec{F}$$

\Rightarrow want to transform this into an equation

for 3-components of 4-vector $p^\mu \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow p^\mu = m u^\mu = m\gamma (c, \vec{v}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \frac{q}{c} \left[u^0 \vec{E} + \vec{u} \times \vec{B} \right]$$

On the other hand $\frac{dE}{dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{1}{c} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\gamma}{c} q \vec{V} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{V} \times \vec{B}) =$$

$$= \frac{q}{c} \gamma \vec{V} \cdot \vec{E} \Rightarrow \text{as } E^i = -F^{0i} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma \vec{V} \cdot \vec{E} = -\gamma v_i E^i = \gamma v_i F^{0i} = u_i F^{0i} =$$

$$= u_\mu F^{0\mu} \text{ as } F^{00} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp^0}{d\tau} = \frac{q}{c} u_\mu F^{0\mu}$$

Also, $\frac{dp^i}{d\tau} = \frac{q}{c} u_\mu F^{i\mu}$ (check)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} = \frac{q}{c} u_\nu F^{\mu\nu}}$$

Lorentz-covariant formulation of Lorentz force.

\Rightarrow What does this mean for the Lagrangian?

Remember, $L_{\text{free}} = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$.

If an action is given by $S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt L[q_i(t), \dot{q}_i(t), t]$

\Rightarrow least action principle gives

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0.}$$

Apply this to L_{free} : $q_i(t) = x^i(t)$,

$$\dot{q}_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x^i(t) = \dot{x}^i(t) = v^i(t) \Rightarrow L_{free} = L(\dot{x}^i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{get } \frac{d}{dt} (m \gamma \vec{v}) = 0 \Rightarrow m \gamma \vec{v} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = 0.$$

Let's try to construct the interaction Lagrangian between point charges & E&M fields.

In the NR limit $L = T - V \Rightarrow$ the potential energy of a point charge in electric field is $V = e \Phi \Rightarrow L \approx -e \Phi$

\Rightarrow however, $\Phi = A^0$ and ~~we~~ we need to have a covariant expression $\Rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow A^\mu \Rightarrow$
 \Rightarrow need to multiply by a 4-vector \Rightarrow
 \Rightarrow only have u^μ (can't have x^μ ~ would have "preferred" coordinates \Rightarrow not physically meaningful) \Rightarrow get $L \approx -\frac{e}{c} u_\mu A^\mu$.

Still, the action $S' = \int dt \cdot L$ is Lorentz-scalar

$$\Rightarrow S' = \int d\tau \cdot \gamma \cdot L \text{ is scalar } \Rightarrow \gamma L \text{ is scalar } \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow L_{int} = -\frac{e}{c\gamma} u_\mu A^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{int} = -\frac{e}{c} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \frac{1}{\gamma} u_\mu A^\mu = -\frac{e}{c} \int_1^2 dx_\mu A^\mu$$

The total Lagrangian is

$$L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} - \frac{e}{c\gamma} u_\mu A^\mu \Rightarrow$$

$$L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} - e\Phi + \frac{e}{c} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$$

Equations of motion:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial v^i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{mv^i}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \right) + e \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x^i} -$$

$$- \frac{e}{c} \vec{V} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{e}{c} \frac{dA^i}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{as } \frac{dA^i}{dt} = \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial t} \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\frac{dp^i}{dt} = -\frac{e}{c} \left[c \frac{\partial A^0}{\partial x^i} - v^j \frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^i} + c \frac{dA^i}{dt} + v_j \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x_j} \right] = -\frac{e}{c} \left[c \left(-\frac{\partial A^0}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x^0} \right) - v_j \left(\frac{\partial A^j}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial A^i}{\partial x_j} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{e}{c} u_\mu F^{\mu i} \Rightarrow \frac{dp^{\mu i}}{d\tau} = \frac{e}{c} u_\mu F^{\mu i}, \text{ as desired!}$$