

For $\nu = 1$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu 1} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(-\frac{E_1}{c} \right) + 0 + \frac{\partial (B_3)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial (-B_2)}{\partial x^3}$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \underline{B} \right]_1 = \mu_0 j^1$$

Exercise: repeat for the x^2 and x^3 components.

$$\nabla \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t}$$

An Exercise for you

Show that

$$\partial^\mu F^{\nu\lambda} + \partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\mu} = 0$$

correspond to the two homogeneous Maxwell's Equations
(Note the cyclic permutation of indices.)

Hint: try using $\left. \begin{matrix} 1, 2, 3 \\ 0, 1, 2 \end{matrix} \right\}$ for μ, ν, λ
and also

Let's start with $\mu = 0$:

$$q F^{0\nu} u_\nu = q \left[0 + \left(-\frac{E_1}{c} \right) (-\gamma u_1) + \left(-\frac{E_2}{c} \right) (-\gamma u_2) + \left(\frac{E_3}{c} \right) (-\gamma u_3) \right]$$
$$= q \gamma \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{E}}{c}$$

For $\mu = 1$:

$$q F^{1\nu} u_\nu = q \left[\frac{E_1}{c} \gamma c + 0 + (-B_3) (-\gamma u_2) + B_2 (-\gamma u_3) \right]$$
$$= q \gamma \left[\underline{E} + \underline{u} \times \underline{B} \right]$$

Exercise: repeat for the x^2 and x^3 components

$$\therefore q F^{\mu\nu} u_\nu = q \gamma \left(\frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{E}}{c}, \underline{E} + \underline{u} \times \underline{B} \right)$$

Exercise: obtain the same result by multiplying matrices $F^{\mu\nu} u_\nu$.

The Interaction of charged particles with the fields

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

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proper time maintains
left hand side as
a 4-vector.

right hand side is also a 4-vector.

Exercise for you

Show that

$$\frac{d\underline{p}}{dt} = q \left(\underline{E} + \underline{u} \times \underline{B} \right) \quad \text{the Lorentz force law}$$

can be obtained from the $\mu = 1, 2, 3$ components
of our 4-vector $\frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau}$.