

One important consideration is that the electric charge is invariant under Lorentz transformation. This means that ρ must transform as

$$\rho' = \gamma \rho \tag{53}$$

Since the invariance of 4-dimensional volume, $d^4x' = \det \Lambda d^4x = d^4x$ implies that

$$d^3x' = \frac{\partial t}{\partial t'} d^3x = (\Lambda^{-1})^0_0 d^3x = \frac{1}{\gamma} d^3x$$

Then, if we take for instance, the Gauss law for the electric field, we get (using Gaussian system of units)

$$\partial_x E'_x + \partial_y E'_y + \partial_z E'_z = 4\pi \rho'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial'_x &= (\Lambda^{-1})^x_\nu \partial_\nu = (\Lambda^{-1})^x_0 \partial_0 + (\Lambda^{-1})^x_i \partial_i \\ &= \gamma v \frac{\partial}{c} + \gamma \partial_x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_0 E'_x + \gamma \partial_x E'_x + \partial_y E'_y + \partial_z E'_z = 4\pi \gamma \rho'$$

This is clearly quite different than the original equation. So, we conclude that the components of the fields must somehow change if we want

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to recover the Lorentz symmetry.

Notice that among other things, the time derivative of E_x should not appear in the Gauss law.

On the other hand, from the Ampère-Maxwell law we get, for its x component,

$$\partial_y B'_z - \partial_z B'_y = \frac{4\pi}{c} j'_x + \partial_0 E'_x$$

From the continuity equation we get

$$\partial'_t \rho' + \partial'_x j'_x + \partial'_y j'_y + \partial'_z j'_z = 0$$

$$\partial'_0 = (\Lambda^{-1})^0_n \partial_n = (\Lambda^{-1})^0_0 \partial_0 + (\Lambda^{-1})^0_i \partial_i$$

$$\partial'_0 = \gamma \partial_0 + \frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_x \quad \therefore \partial'_x = \gamma \partial_x + \gamma v \partial_0$$

Then, setting $j'_y = j_y$ and $j'_z = j_z$ we have

$$\gamma \partial_0 \rho' + \gamma v \partial_x \rho' + \gamma \partial_x j'_x + \frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_x j'_x + \partial_y j_y + \partial_z j_z = 0$$

$$\partial_x \left(\gamma \rho' + \frac{\gamma v}{c} j'_x \right) + \partial_x \left(\gamma v \rho' + \gamma j'_x \right) + \partial_y j_y + \partial_z j_z = 0$$

and since we have $\rho' = \gamma \rho$, we then find

$$\gamma_x = \gamma^2 v \rho + \gamma j'_x$$

$$\rho = \gamma^2 \rho + \frac{\gamma v}{c^2} j'_x \quad \text{From this 2nd equation}$$

$$\rho(1 - \gamma^2) = \frac{\gamma v}{c^2} j'_x \quad \therefore \rho \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \right) = \frac{\gamma v}{c^2} j'_x$$

$$-\frac{\gamma v^2}{c^2} \rho = \frac{\gamma v}{c^2} j'_x$$

$$\boxed{j'_x = -\gamma \rho v} \quad (54)$$

So, the x component of Ampere-Maxwell law gives

$$\partial_y B'_z - \partial_z B'_y = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \gamma \rho v + \gamma \partial_x E'_x + \frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_x E'_x$$

$$\frac{v}{c} (\partial_y B'_z - \partial_z B'_y) = -\frac{4\pi}{c^2} \gamma v^2 \rho + \underbrace{\gamma \frac{v}{c} \partial_x E'_x + \gamma \partial_x E'_x}_{\frac{\gamma v^2}{c^2} \partial_x E'_x}$$

Plugging the time derivative term into the transformed Gauss law:

$$\frac{v}{c} (\partial_y B'_z - \partial_z B'_y) + \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \gamma v^2 \rho - \frac{\gamma v^2}{c^2} \partial_x E'_x + \gamma \partial_x E'_x + \partial_y E'_y + \partial_z E'_z = 4\pi \gamma \rho$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} \partial_x E'_x + \partial_y (E'_y + \frac{v}{c} B'_z) + \partial_z (E'_z - \frac{v}{c} B'_y) = \frac{4\pi}{\gamma} \rho$$

and we require

$$\begin{cases} v (E'_y + \frac{v}{c} B'_z) = E_y \\ \gamma (E'_z - \frac{v}{c} B'_y) = E_z \end{cases}$$

This is not over yet. Let us find B'_z and B'_y in terms of the components of fields in the original frame.

For the Gauss law for the magnetic field,

$$\partial_x B'_x + \partial_y B'_y + \partial_z B'_z = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_0 B'_x + \gamma \partial_x B'_x + \partial_y B'_y + \partial_z B'_z = 0$$

and now, considering the Faraday law, we take the x component

$$\partial_y E'_z - \partial_z E'_y + \partial_0 B'_x = 0$$

$$\partial_y E'_z - \partial_z E'_y + \gamma \partial_0 B'_x + \frac{\gamma v}{c} \partial_x B'_x = 0$$

Multiplying by \sqrt{c}

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$$\frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} (\partial_y E'_z - \partial_z E'_y) + \frac{\gamma \sqrt{c}}{c} \partial_x B'_x + \frac{\gamma \sqrt{c}^2}{c^2} \partial_x B'_x = 0$$

and we can take the time derivative term from here into the Gauss law for the magnetic field:

$$\frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} \partial_z E'_y - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} \partial_y E'_z - \frac{\gamma \sqrt{c}^2}{c^2} \partial_x B'_x + \gamma \partial_x B'_x + \partial_y B'_y + \partial_z B'_z = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} \partial_x B'_x + \partial_y (B'_y - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_z) + \partial_z (B'_z + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_y) = 0$$

Then we take

$$\begin{cases} B'_x = B_x \\ \gamma (B'_y - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_z) = B_y \\ \gamma (B'_z + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_y) = B_z \end{cases}$$

Finally, we can combine all these transformations to get

$$E'_y + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} B'_z = \frac{1}{\gamma} E_y \quad B'_z + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_y = \frac{1}{\gamma} B_z$$

$$E'_y + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} (\frac{1}{\gamma} B_z - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} E'_y) = \frac{1}{\gamma} E_y$$

$$E'_y (1 + \frac{\sqrt{c}^2}{c^2}) = \frac{1}{\gamma} E_y - \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} B_z$$

$$\boxed{E'_y = \gamma (E_y - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c} B_z)}$$

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$$E'_z = \frac{E_z}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} B'_y, \quad B'_y = \frac{B_y}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} E'_z$$

$$E'_z = \frac{E_z}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} \left(\frac{B_y}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} E'_z \right)$$

$$E'_z \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(E_z - \frac{v}{c} B_y \right)$$

$$\boxed{E'_z = \gamma \left(E_z - \frac{v}{c} B_y \right)}$$

Then

$$B'_y = \frac{B_y}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} \gamma \left(E_z - \frac{v}{c} B_y \right) = -\frac{v}{c} \gamma E_z + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(1 + \gamma^2 \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) B_y$$

$$\boxed{B'_y = \gamma \left(B_y - \frac{v}{c} E_z \right)}$$

$$B'_z = \frac{B_z}{\gamma} - \frac{v}{c} \gamma (E_y - \frac{v}{c} B_z) = \frac{B_z}{\gamma} (1 + \gamma^2 \frac{v^2}{c^2}) - \gamma \frac{v}{c} E_y$$

$$\boxed{B'_z = \gamma \left(B_z - \frac{v}{c} E_y \right)}$$

It is clear now that \vec{E} and \vec{B} are not $SO(1,3)$ vectors, i.e., they are not Lorentz tensors.

In fact, these transformations suggest E^i and B^i are components of a Lorentz tensor.

Because we are in 4 dimensional space, the only way to accommodate 6 components into a tensor is with an antisymmetric 4×4 matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ -E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (55)$$

or, equivalently

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_x & B_y & B_z \\ -B_x & 0 & E_z & -E_y \\ -B_y & -E_z & 0 & E_x \\ -B_z & E_y & -E_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (56)$$

Moreover, we also expect the charge density and current to be defined in terms of a Lorentz tensor, so, we may take these 4 degrees of freedom into a 4-vector

$$J^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} c\rho \\ j_x \\ j_y \\ j_z \end{pmatrix} \quad (57)$$

(40) Let us define $F_{0i} = E_i$ and $F_{ij} = -\epsilon_{ijk} B_k$.
 Moreover, the 2nd possible tensor we mentioned
 is $\tilde{F}_{0i} = B_i$ and $\tilde{F}_{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} E_k$.

The Maxwell equations are of first order
 in these fields, so we have to consider things
 like $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}$ and $\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$.

In the first case,

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_i F^{i0} \\ \partial_0 F^{0i} + \partial_j F^{ji} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_j E_j \\ -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial t} - \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j B_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4\pi\rho \\ -\frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \vec{j} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}^\nu$$

and in the second,

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_j \tilde{F}^{j0} \\ \partial_0 \tilde{F}^{0i} + \partial_j \tilde{F}^{ji} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_j B_j \\ -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j E_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vec{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}^\nu \end{array} \right\} \quad (58)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (59)$$