

EXTRA TOPIC: TENSOR SYMMETRY, MAGNETIC MONOPOLES

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BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING, HERE'S THE MAIN POINT:

**SYMMETRY: PHYSICS :: PERIODIC TABLE: CHEMISTRY**

ACTUALLY, THAT MAY BE (GROSSLY) INACCURATE SINCE I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND CHEMISTRY\*, BUT THE POINT IS THAT SYMMETRY IS IMPORTANT.

eg. GAUSS/AMPERE'S LAW SYMMETRIES OF  $\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{HOMOGENEITY OF SPACE} \rightarrow \text{CONS. } \vec{F} \\ \text{ISOTROPY OF SPACE} \rightarrow \text{CONS. } \vec{L} \\ \text{ISOTROPY OF TIME} \rightarrow \text{CONS. } E \end{cases}$

THE STANDARD MODEL =  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$   
(symmetries define the model)

WE TALKED ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF TENSORS UNDER ROTATION  
LET'S TALK ABOUT A SPECIAL CASE:

$\vec{A} = \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$        $\vec{A}$  IS A VECTOR, SO WE EXPECT IT TO TRANSFORM LIKE

$$A'^i = R_{ij} A^j$$

BUT HOW DOES RHS TRANSFORM?  
NEED TO EXPRESS  $\times$  IN INDEX NOTATION

LEVI-CIVITA TENSOR:  $E_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } i=1, j=2, k=3 \text{ \& } \text{cyclic perm.} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \\ 0 & \text{for repeated indices (eg } i=j) \end{cases}$   
\*Grad. students:  
 $E_{ij}$  is a metric for spinors.

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{C} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(B_y C_z - B_z C_y) + \dots \text{ (PERMUTATIONS W/ SIGNS)}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $(\vec{B} \times \vec{C})_x = B_y C_z - B_z C_y = E_{xjk} B^j C^k$

$\Rightarrow \vec{B} \times \vec{C} \xrightarrow{\text{INDEX NOT.}} E_{ijk} B^j C^k$       REPRESENTS ITS COMPONENTS (ijk ARE "DUMMY INDICES" THAT ARE SUMMED OVER)

kinda like a (traceless) totally antisymmetric tensor  $\rightarrow$  3 indep components

\* - SEE PREVIOUS "EXTRA TOPIC" NOTES - CHEMISTRY IS JUST AN EFFECTIVE THEORY FOR PHYSICS, ANYWAY!

SO FOR  $\vec{A} = \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$  APPLYING A ROTATION R

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^i &= \epsilon_{ijk} B^j C^k \rightarrow (R_i^f R_j^g R_k^h \epsilon_{fgh}) (R_j^i B^j) (R_k^m C^m) \\
 &\sim \det R = 1 \rightarrow = R_i^f (R_j^g R_k^h) (R_k^m R_m^j) \epsilon_{fgh} B^j C^m \\
 &= R_i^f \int_j^g \int_m^h \epsilon_{fgh} B^j C^m \\
 &= R_i^f \epsilon_{fgh} B^j C^h
 \end{aligned}$$

OK, GOOD, IT WORKS OUT.

- HOWEVER, WE CAN ALSO APPLY A DIFFERENT (ORTHOGONAL) CHANGE OF COORDINATES: INVERSION/PARITY

ie  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (-x, -y, -z)$   
 TURNS LH TO RH

(Q: WHY DOES A MIRROR INVERT LR (NOT UP/DOWN?)

NORMAL VECTORS  $\vec{v} \rightarrow -\vec{v}$   
 BUT VECTORS THAT ARE CROSS PRODUCTS TRANSFORM DIFFERENTLY!

$\hookrightarrow \vec{B} \times \vec{C} \rightarrow (-\vec{B}) \times (-\vec{C}) = \vec{B} \times \vec{C} (!)$

(POLAR) VECTORS : "NORMAL" INVERT UNDER PARITY  
PSEUDO VECTORS : NO INVERSION UNDER PARITY

generalize: TENSOR :  $T \rightarrow (-1)^N T$      $N = \text{RANK } T \text{ (dim)}$   
PSEUDO-TENSOR :  $T \rightarrow (-1)^{N+1} T$

eg. SCALAR:  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$   
 PSEUDOSCALAR:  $(\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{z}$

• TIME REVERSAL     $t \rightarrow -t$

SAME IDEA, QUANTITIES DEP ON TIME GET (-1) FOR EA FACTOR OF t

eg.  $\vec{p} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$      $(m \frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow m \frac{dx}{(-dt)})$

$\vec{F} = \dot{\vec{p}} \rightarrow \vec{F}$

SOME PHYS QUANTITIES

NAME (P, T)	$\vec{P}/\vec{P}/\vec{B}$ (VEC, EVEN)
$\vec{p}$ (VEC, ODD)	$\vec{B}/\vec{H}/\vec{A}$ (PS.V, ODD)
$\vec{L}$ (PS.V, ODD)	
$\vec{J}$ (VEC, ODD)	

ASIDE: CHARGE CONJUGATION ( $e \rightarrow -e$  for all types of charge)  
 + PARITY + TIME REVERSAL  
 IS A SYMMETRY OF PHYSICS

VARIOUS SECTORS OF HIGH E. PHYS VIOLATE C/P/T INDEP.  
 eg. BABAR EXPT. IS STUDYING CP VIOLATION  
 $\Rightarrow$  CP VIOLATION IS INTERESTING: WHY  $\exists$  MORE MATTER  
 THAN ANTIMATTER (CHARGE CONJUGATE OF MATTER)

eg. STANDARD MODEL OF PARTICLE PHYSICS IS CHIRAL  
 LH  $\neq$  RH PARTICLES (SPIN) HAVE DIFFERENT PHYSICS!

ANYWAY, P & T ARE GOOD SYMMETRIES OF CLASSICAL MECHANICS

## Magnetic Monopoles

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$\rightarrow$  SEE PERFECTLY REASONABLE REVISIONS... (LETTERS OF PP FEYNMAN)

LET US INTRODUCE A MAGNETIC MONOPOLE ( $\vec{B}$  SOURCE)

$\rightarrow$  MAG CHARGE DENSITY  $\rho_m$

$\rightarrow$  MAG CURRENT DENSITY  $\vec{j}_m$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_e$	$\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = \vec{D} + \vec{j}_e$
$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \rho_m$	$-\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{B} + \vec{j}_m$

$\leftarrow$  nice & pretty, eh?

check this on your own.

OBSERVATION: THE FOLLOWING DUALITY TRANSFORMATION LEAVES THE ABOVE EQNS INVARIANT (ALONG W/ STRESS TENSOR, etc)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{E}' = \vec{E} \cos \theta + Z_0 \vec{H} \sin \theta \\ Z_0 \vec{H}' = -\vec{E} \sin \theta + Z_0 \vec{H} \cos \theta \end{array} \right.$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} Z_0 \vec{D}' = Z_0 \vec{D} \cos \theta + \vec{B} \sin \theta \\ \vec{B}' = -Z_0 \vec{D}' \sin \theta + \vec{B} \cos \theta \end{array} \right\}$
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_0 \rho'_e = Z_0 \rho_e \cos \theta + \rho_m \sin \theta \\ \rho'_m = -Z_0 \rho_e \sin \theta + \rho_m \cos \theta \end{array} \right.$	

WHY IS THIS INTERESTING? SUMM. MEANS WE CAN WRITE DOWN THE SAME PHYSICS USING ANY ANGLE  $\theta$ .

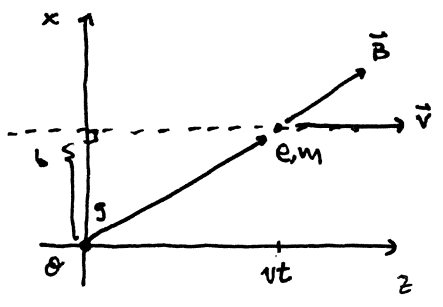
WHAT IF  $\theta = \pi/4$ ?  $\rho_m = 0$   $\vec{j}'_m = 0$  !! WE RECOVER OLD MAXWELL EQ!!

BUT:  $\rho_m$  IS PSEUDOSCALAR & ODD UNDER T } OPPOSITE TO  $\rho_e$  &  $\vec{j}_e$   
 $\vec{j}_m$  PSEUDOVECTOR & EVEN UNDER T }  
 $\Downarrow$   
 PARTIAL W/  $e$  & MAG CHARGE WOULD VIOLATE P & T!

(INTERPRET THIS AS YOU WISH)

$Z_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0/\epsilon_0}$   
 IMPEDANCE OF FREE SPACE

# Magnetic Monopoles pt. II



MAGNETIC MONOPOLE OF CHARGE  $g$   
 ELECTRON w/ VELOCITY  $\vec{v}$   
 $\uparrow$  IMPACT PARAMETER  $b$

APPROX:  $b \gg$  length scale  
 $\rightarrow$  UNDEFLECTED ( $\vec{v}$  stays  $\propto \hat{z}$ )

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$F_y = evB_x = \frac{eq}{4\pi} \frac{vb}{(b^2 + v^2t^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Delta p_y = \frac{eqvb}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{(b^2 + v^2t^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{eq}{2\pi b}$$

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 (SURPRISING? Not yet ... just nature of Lorentz force law)

$\Rightarrow$  CHANGE IN ANGULAR MOMENTUM

$$\Delta L_z = b \Delta p_y = \frac{eq}{2\pi} \leftarrow \text{indep of } b!$$

FROM P70/130's: ANGULAR MOMENTUM IS QUANTIZED

$\Rightarrow g$  IS QUANTIZED!

$$\Rightarrow \frac{eq}{4\pi\hbar} = \frac{ng}{2e} = \frac{n}{2} \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \dots)$$

COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY, IF WE SET  $\ominus$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} \text{ELECTRIC} \\ \text{charge} \end{cases} = -e$   
 $\begin{cases} \text{MAGNETIC} \\ \text{charge} \end{cases} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  KNOWING MAG NETIC FIELD AROUND ELECTRON  
 CONSTRAINS  $g_{\text{PROTON}}$  TO BE  $\pm e/0$  w/m  $10^{-24}$

$\Rightarrow$  ORDINARY MATTER MUST HAVE THE SAME RATIO OF  
 $e$  TO MAG CHARGE.

$\Rightarrow$  explains why electric charge is quantized.

$\hookrightarrow$  did you ever wonder about that?

(THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD/LUCKY PHYSICISTS & AVERAGE  
 PHYSICISTS IS THAT THE GOOD/LUCKY ONES ASK  
 THE RIGHT QUESTIONS!!)