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- \* Special relativity
- \* 4-momentum, Lorentz transformation
- \* tensor
- \* proper velocity.

HW problem: ① Mandelstam variable (3-22), (3-23)

③ GZK cut-off.

④ (3-16),  $A \rightarrow B+C$

⑤  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$  part of the Maxwell's eqns.

HW: 3; { 16, 22, 23,

plan: \* H.M.'s lecture note  
\* E&M /  $F^{\mu\nu}$  transformation.  
 $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$

Galilean space & time.

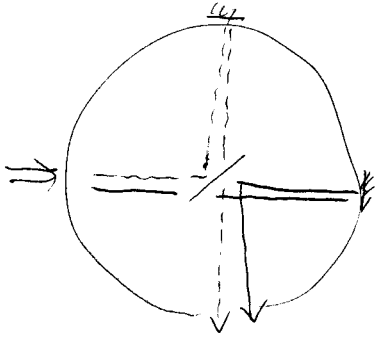
An abstract <sup>time</sup> <sub>universal</sub> for every "inertial" frame:

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \vec{x}(t) - \vec{v}t, \quad t' = t$$

$$\vec{v}' = \dot{\vec{x}}' = \dot{\vec{x}} - \vec{v} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$$

Michaelson-Morley exp.

They tried to measure the "ether" -



Found no interference

only possible explanation

⇒ speed of light remains the same in every inertial frame.

consider small time & space intervals  $dt$  and  $d\vec{x} = (dx, dy, dz)$

$$(d\vec{x})^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 + (dz)^2 = (c dt)^2 \quad \text{in the frame A}$$

for frame B, it must satisfy that

$$(d\vec{x}')^2 = (dx')^2 + (dy')^2 + (dz')^2 = (c dt')^2$$

In Galilean transf.  $dt' = dt$ ,  $d\vec{x}' = d\vec{x} - \vec{v}dt$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (d\vec{x}')^2 &= (d\vec{x})^2 + \vec{v}^2 dt^2 - 2(\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{x}) dt \neq (d\vec{x})^2 \\ &= (c^2 + \vec{v}^2) dt^2 - 2(\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{x}) dt \end{aligned}$$

We are forced to look for a more complicated transf.

Assume that the transformation is Linear (GR is nonlinear)

$$\begin{pmatrix} c dt' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{A}_{2 \times 2 \text{ matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt}(v) & A_{tz}(v) \\ A_{zt}(v) & A_{zz}(v) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ dz \end{pmatrix}$$

In the Galilean transf.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{v}{c} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

\* requirement.  $(v \leftrightarrow -v) \sim (dz \leftrightarrow -dz)$

so  $A(-v) = P A(v) P$ ,  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

\*  $A(-v)$  after  $A(v)$  should return to  $\mathbb{1}$

$$P A(v) P A(v) = \mathbb{1} = A(v) P A(v) P$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt} & A_{tz} \\ A_{zt} & A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt} & A_{tz} \\ A_{zt} & A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt} & A_{tz} \\ -A_{zt} & -A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt} & A_{tz} \\ -A_{zt} & -A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt}^2 - A_{tz} A_{zt} & A_{tt} A_{tz} - A_{tz} A_{zz} \\ A_{zz} A_{zt} - A_{zt} A_{tt} & -A_{tz} A_{zt} + A_{zz}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow A_{tt} = A_{zz}$ , &  $A_{tt}^2 - A_{tz} A_{zt} = 1$

@ rest,

\* consider, In frame A,  $z=0$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} c dt' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{tt}(v) & A_{tz}(v) \\ A_{zt}(v) & A_{tt}(v) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c A_{tt}(v) dt \\ c A_{zt}(v) dt \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that  $\frac{dz'}{cdt'} = \frac{-v}{c}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{A_{zt}(v)}{A_{tt}(v)} = \frac{-v}{c}$   $A_{tt}^2 + A_{tz} \frac{v}{c} A_{tt} = 1$   
 or  $A_{tz} = \frac{c}{v} \frac{1 - A_{tt}^2}{A_{tt}}$

$$\Rightarrow A(v) = A_{tt}(v) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{c}{v} \frac{1 - A_{tt}^2}{A_{tt}} \\ -\frac{v}{c} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

const speed of light.

In frame A,  $dz = c dt$ .

In frame B  $\begin{pmatrix} c dt' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix} = A_{tt}(v) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{c}{v} \frac{(1-A_{tt}^2)}{A_{tt}^2} \\ -\frac{v}{c} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ dz = c dt \end{pmatrix}$

$$= A_{tt}(v) c dt \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{c}{v} \frac{(1-A_{tt}^2)}{A_{tt}^2} \\ 1 - \frac{v}{c} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda + \frac{c}{v} \frac{(1-A_{tt}^2)}{A_{tt}^2} = \lambda - \frac{v}{c}$

$\frac{1-A_{tt}^2}{A_{tt}^2} = -\frac{v^2}{c^2} \Rightarrow A_{tt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$

$\Rightarrow A(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{v}{c} \\ -\frac{v}{c} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$

$\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}, \beta \equiv \frac{v}{c}$

This is the Lorentz transf.

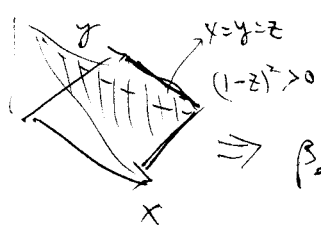
A subsequent proof.

$A(\beta_2) A(\beta_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_2 & -\gamma_2\beta_2 \\ -\gamma_2\beta_2 & \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 & -\gamma_1\beta_1 \\ -\gamma_1\beta_1 & \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{(\beta_1+\beta_2)}{1+\beta_1\beta_2}}} = \frac{1+\beta_1\beta_2}{\sqrt{(1+\beta_1\beta_2)^2 - (\beta_1+\beta_2)^2}}$

for  $x, y \in [0, 1]$   
 $(x+y-x-y) \geq 0$

$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_2^2}} & \frac{-\beta_2}{\sqrt{1-\beta_2^2}} \\ -\frac{\beta_2}{\sqrt{1-\beta_2^2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_2^2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_1^2}} & \frac{-\beta_1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_1^2}} \\ \frac{-\beta_1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_1^2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_1^2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\beta_1\beta_2}{\sqrt{(1-\beta_1^2)(1-\beta_2^2)}} & \frac{-(\beta_1+\beta_2)}{\sqrt{(1-\beta_1^2)(1-\beta_2^2)}} \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$



$\Rightarrow \beta_{eff} \equiv \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{1 + \beta_1\beta_2}$

for  $\beta_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \beta_{eff} = 1$

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \Rightarrow$  speed of light is the limit !!

$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \geq 1$

For a general ~~the~~ relative velocity, the transformation looks like:

$$A(\vec{\beta}) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \gamma & -\gamma \vec{\beta}^T \\ \hline -\gamma \vec{\beta} & \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{\vec{\beta} \vec{\beta}^T}{\beta^2} \right) + \gamma \frac{\vec{\beta} \vec{\beta}^T}{\beta^2} \end{array} \right)$$

$\downarrow$  orthogonal to  $\vec{\beta}$        $\downarrow$  parallel to  $\vec{\beta}$

### \* Implications of Lorentz transformation

(1) Time is no more universal.

suppose a time interval  $dt$  in the rest frame of an object  $dz=0$

$$\Rightarrow dt' = \gamma dt$$

$$\tau_{\mu} = 2.19703(4) \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec at rest.}$$

It survives  $\gamma \tau$  or travels a distance  $\gamma \beta c \tau$  such that the  $\mu$  produced at the ceiling of atm. by cosmic rays can reach the surface.

(2). Lorentz contraction.

In the rest frame of ~~muon~~ atm, the thickness  $dz' = L$  and the muon takes,  $dt' = \frac{L}{v} = \frac{L}{c\beta}$ , to pass through it.

In the rest frame of muon:

$$\begin{pmatrix} cdt \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} cdt' = \frac{L}{\beta} \\ L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\gamma}{\beta} L - \gamma\beta L \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{L}{\gamma\beta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

muon takes  $\frac{L}{c\beta}$  time to travel the thickness of atm.

in other word  $L \Rightarrow \frac{L}{\gamma}$

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when  $v \ll c$ , or  $\beta \ll 1$   $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \sim 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2}$

$$A(\beta) \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} & -\beta \\ -\beta & 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\beta \\ -\beta & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c dt' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \beta & \\ -\beta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c dt - \frac{v}{c} dz \\ -v dt + dz \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} c dt \\ dz - v dt \end{pmatrix}$$

Another important consequence of Lorentz transformation is that

$(cdz)^2 \equiv (cdt)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 - (dz)^2$  is invariant in any reference frame

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (cdz')^2 &= (cdt')^2 - (dx')^2 - (dy')^2 \\ &= (c\gamma dt - \gamma\beta dz)^2 - (-\gamma\beta cdt + \gamma dz)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 \\ &= (cdt)^2 (\gamma^2 - \gamma^2\beta^2) + dz^2 (-\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\beta^2) - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 \\ &\quad + (cdt dz) (-2\gamma^2\beta + 2\gamma^2\beta) \\ &= (cdt)^2 - (dz)^2 - (dx)^2 - (dy)^2 \end{aligned}$$

\* A quantity that does not change from one reference frame to another is called a "Lorentz invariant".

In this case,  $dz$  = proper time is an invariant.

(is the time interval in the rest frame of an object)

can be thought as the length of a vector

$$|\vec{V}| = |\vec{V}|$$

\* Four-vector notation.

⇒ time & space get "mixed up" under Lorentz transformations.

⇒ they should be considered different components of a single object

⇒ a 4-component space-time vector.

⇒  $dx^\mu = (cdt, dx, dy, dz)$ ,  $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$(dx')^\mu = A^\mu_\nu dx^\nu$

Einstein convention: any repeated index is always summed over from 0 → 3

⇒ Any 4-vector transforms as the space-time vector is said to be "contravariant".

Since proper time is an invariant, it's useful to introduce a "covariant" vector which has a lower index

$dx_\mu = (cdx, -dx, -dy, -dz)$

⇒  $(cdx)^2 = dx_\mu dx^\mu = \sum_{\mu=0}^3 dx_\mu dx^\mu = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = g^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu$

\* upper & lower indices get cancelled. ⇒ invariant.

$(dx')^\mu = A^\mu_\nu dx^\nu$  effectively 1-index on r.h.s

⇒ metric tensor  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , such that  $dx_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu$

$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , just a convention east side  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

the inverse of  $g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $g_{\mu\nu} g^{\nu\lambda} = \delta^\lambda_\mu$  west side  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $dx^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} dx_\nu$  if define  $(cdt)$

$$dx^{\mu'} = \Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} dx^{\nu}$$

$$dx_{\mu'} = \Lambda_{\mu'}^{\nu} dx_{\nu} = \Lambda_{\mu'}^{\nu} g_{\nu\lambda} dx^{\lambda} \\ = g_{\mu\sigma} dx^{\sigma} = g_{\mu\sigma} \Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda} dx^{\lambda} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\mu'}^{\nu} = g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\lambda} \Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & +\beta\gamma \\ +\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$	$\Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda}$	$=$	$g_{\sigma\sigma} g_{\nu\lambda}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$
	$-(\Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda})_{10}$		$g_{10} g_{0\lambda}$	
	$-(\Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda})_{01}$		$g_{00} g_{1\lambda}$	
	$(\Lambda^{\sigma}_{\lambda})_{11}$		$g_{10} g_{1\lambda}$	

$$dx_{\mu'} dx^{\mu'} = dx_{\mu} \Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} \Lambda^{\nu}_{\lambda} dx^{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \beta\gamma \\ \beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Energy & momentum 4-vector.

The action of a system must be Lorentz invariant.

The only invariant for a point particle is its proper time  $d\tau$

$\Rightarrow$  Action for a point particle is

$$S = A \int d\tau$$

$$S = \frac{A}{c} \int \sqrt{(cdt)^2 - (d\vec{x})^2} = A \int dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Lagrangian is given by  $L = A \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = A \sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{x}^2}{c^2}}$

if  $v \ll c, \Rightarrow L \approx A \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{x}^2}{c^2}\right) = \frac{A}{mc^2} (mc^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv^2)$

$L = T - V, \Rightarrow A = -mc^2$

$$\vec{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}} \left( -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{x}^2}{c^2}} \right) = \frac{m\dot{x}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{x}^2}{c^2}}} = \boxed{mc\gamma\vec{\beta}}$$



$$\vec{p} = \frac{m \vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad v \ll c \quad \sim m \vec{v}$$

the energy is given by the Hamiltonian  $H = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{v} - L$

$$\Rightarrow E = H = \frac{m \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} + mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = mc^2 \beta^2 \gamma + \frac{mc^2}{\gamma}$$

$$= mc^2 \gamma$$

$$\beta \ll 1$$

$$E = mc^2 \gamma \approx \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \approx mc^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 \right) = mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

comparing the expression of momentum & energy, one sees.

$$\left( \frac{E}{c} \right)^2 - \vec{p}^2 = \left( \frac{mc}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{mc \vec{\beta}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \right)^2 = m^2 c^2 \frac{(1 - \beta^2)}{(1 - \beta^2)} = m^2 c^2$$

$$\text{or } E^2 = m^2 c^4 + \vec{p}^2 c^2$$

$$\text{or } \underline{E^2 - \vec{p}^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4} \quad \text{is an invariant in any frame.}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^\mu = \left( \frac{E}{c}, p_x, p_y, p_z \right)$$

$$\& P_\mu = \left( \frac{E}{c}, -p_x, -p_y, -p_z \right) \quad \Rightarrow P_\mu P^\mu = m^2 c^2$$

e.g. at rest frame

$$P^\mu = (mc, 0, 0, 0)$$

momentum always  $x$ -direction

$$\Rightarrow (P')^\mu = (\gamma mc, +\beta \gamma mc, 0, 0)$$

$$= \left( \frac{E'}{c}, p'_x, p'_y, p'_z \right) \Rightarrow \text{exactly the expression we just got.}$$

Energy-momentum

$\Rightarrow$  4-vector conservation if  $L$  is invariant under  $x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + a^\mu$

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$$P_H = \sum_{i=1}^N P_{iH}$$

$(P_H P^H)$  is an invariant.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (P_H P^H) &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N P_{iH} P_j^H = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i^2 c^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} P_{iH} P_j^H \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i^2 c^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} (m_i c \gamma_i, -m_i c \gamma_i \vec{\beta}_i) \cdot (m_j c \gamma_j, m_j c \gamma_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i^2 c^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} m_i m_j c^2 \gamma_i \gamma_j \left( \underbrace{1}_{\geq 1} - \underbrace{\vec{\beta}_i \cdot \vec{\beta}_j}_{\geq 0} \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  one can always find a frame such that

$$P_H = (E_{\text{total}}, \vec{0}) \Rightarrow \text{CM frame.}$$

# \* Tensor transformation.

$$t^{\mu \nu \dots \lambda} = \Lambda^\mu_\alpha \Lambda^\nu_\beta \dots \Lambda^\lambda_\sigma t^{\alpha \beta \dots \sigma}$$

\* Doppler shift, plane wave solution to

for photon, the Maxwell eq.  $\sim \cancel{e^{i(\vec{k}\vec{x} - \omega t)}} e^{i(\vec{k}\vec{x} - \omega t)}$

$$k^\mu = \left( \frac{\omega}{c}, \vec{k} \right) \quad \omega = c|\vec{k}| \quad = e^{-i(c k^\mu x_\mu)}$$

Zu one frame  $k^\mu = \left( \frac{\omega}{c} \right) (1, 0, 0, 1)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega'}{c} \\ k' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega}{c} \\ k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\gamma\omega}{c} - \gamma\beta k \\ -\gamma\beta \frac{\omega}{c} + \gamma k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega}{c} (\gamma - \gamma\beta) \\ k (\gamma - \gamma\beta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega' = \omega (\gamma - \gamma\beta) = \omega \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ & & -B_z & +B_y \\ & & & -B_x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + j^\mu A_\mu$$

$$= \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

$$A^\mu = (\phi, \vec{A}), \quad j^\mu = (\rho, \vec{j})$$

$$E = -\nabla\phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \quad \text{DOF. \#} =$$

$$B = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\partial_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}, \quad \partial^\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu}$$

$$\# E, B = 3+3 = 6$$

must be an anti-symmetry

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