

(II) Lagrangian formulation of classical Electrodynamics

Classical Electrodynamics is governed by

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

with the field strength tensor

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

and source term J^μ

(a) We consider a gauge transformation :

$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow A'^\mu(x) = A^\mu(x) + \partial^\mu f(x)$$

We're required to show that

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} - J^\mu A'_\mu$$

Leads to the same E.o.M for $A^\mu(x)$.

First we examine $F'^{\mu\nu} = (\partial^\mu A'^\nu - \partial^\nu A'^\mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F'^{\mu\nu} &= \partial^\mu (A^\nu + \partial^\nu f) - \partial^\nu (A^\mu + \partial^\mu f) \\ &= \partial^\mu A^\nu + \cancel{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu f} - \partial^\nu A^\mu - \cancel{\partial^\nu \partial^\mu f} \\ &= \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu = F^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

1st term of the Lagrangian is unchanged

Let's examine $J^\mu A_\mu' = J^\mu A_\mu + \underbrace{J^\mu \partial_\mu f}$

$$= J^\mu A_\mu + \underbrace{\partial_\mu (J^\mu \cdot f) - f \partial_\mu J^\mu}$$

▷ This is a total derivative and the E.L. equations do not get affected by it.

We need to calculate $\partial_\mu J^\mu$:

Consider the E.L. equations for \mathcal{L}

$$\partial_\mu \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)}} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\frac{1}{4} F^{\kappa\lambda} F_{\kappa\lambda} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[(\partial^\kappa A^\lambda - \partial^\lambda A^\kappa) (\partial_\kappa A_\lambda - \partial_\lambda A_\kappa) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\underbrace{\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\kappa A_\lambda}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\kappa}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{\partial^\lambda A^\kappa \partial_\kappa A_\lambda}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{\partial^\lambda A^\kappa \partial_\lambda A_\kappa}_{\text{blue}} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\kappa A_\lambda - \partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\kappa \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left(\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\kappa A_\lambda - \partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\kappa \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{But } \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} (\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\kappa A_\lambda) &= \partial^\kappa A^\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} (\partial_\kappa A_\lambda) \\
 &+ \partial_\kappa A_\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} (\partial^\kappa A^\lambda) \\
 &= \partial^\kappa A^\lambda \delta_\kappa^\mu \delta_\lambda^\nu + \cancel{g^{\kappa\alpha} g^{\lambda\beta}} \partial_\kappa A_\lambda \frac{\partial (\partial_\alpha A_\beta)}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \\
 &= \partial^\kappa A^\lambda \delta_\kappa^\mu \delta_\lambda^\nu + g^{\kappa\alpha} g^{\lambda\beta} \partial_\kappa A_\lambda \delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\nu^\beta \\
 &= 2 \partial^\mu A^\nu
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} (\partial^\kappa A^\lambda \partial_\lambda A_\kappa) = 2 \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu = F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{Then we have } \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} = -J^\nu$$

\therefore The E.L. equations give:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -J^\nu$$

$$\partial_\nu \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -\partial_\nu J^\nu$$

$$0 = \partial_\nu J^\nu$$

$$J^\mu A_\mu' = J^\mu A_\mu + \boxed{\partial_\mu (J^\mu f)}$$

$\therefore \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L} + \partial_\mu (J^\mu f)$ will give the same equations of motions for $A_\mu(x)$.

(b) We have

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$$

$$\text{and } \partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma} = 0$$

with

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

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x & E_y & E_z \\ -E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ -E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we need to prove that

($c = \epsilon_0 = \mu_0 = 1$)
Heaviside-Lorentz units

(i) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$

(ii) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

(iii) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

(iv) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

Start with $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_0 F^{0\nu} + \partial_i F^{i\nu} = J^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F^{0\nu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} F^{i\nu} = J^\nu$$

• For $\nu=0$ we obtain

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} F^{00} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F^{10} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F^{20} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F^{30} = J^0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z = J^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho}$$

• For $\nu=1, 2, 3$ we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (-\vec{E}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -B_z \\ B_y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{pmatrix} B_z \\ 0 \\ -B_x \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{pmatrix} -B_y \\ B_x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}}$$

Next, we use $\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma}$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\nu\mu\rho\sigma} F_{\rho\sigma}$$

• For $\nu=0$ we have

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu 0} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{0\mu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu F_{\rho\sigma} = 0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\epsilon^{0123} \partial_1 F_{23} + \epsilon^{0231} \partial_2 F_{31} + \epsilon^{0312} \partial_3 F_{12} + \epsilon^{0132} \partial_1 F_{32} + \epsilon^{0213} \partial_2 F_{13} + \epsilon^{0321} \partial_3 F_{21} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{\epsilon^{0123}}_{=1} \partial_1 F_{23} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{0231}}_{=-\epsilon^{0213} = \epsilon^{0123} = 1} \partial_2 F_{31} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{0312}}_{=-\epsilon^{0132} = \epsilon^{0123} = 1} \partial_3 F_{12} \right) \cdot 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\partial_x (-B_x) - \partial_y (-B_y) - \partial_z (-B_z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$$

• For $\nu=1$:

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{\epsilon^{1023}}_{=-1} \partial_0 F_{23} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{1230}}_{-1} \partial_2 F_{30} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{1302}}_{-1} \partial_3 F_{02} \right) \cdot 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \partial_t (-B_x) + \partial_y (-E_z) + \partial_z (E_y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} - (\partial_y E_z - \partial_z E_y) \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

• For $\nu=2$:

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{\epsilon^{2013}}_{=1} \partial_0 F_{13} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{2130}}_{=1} \partial_1 F_{30} + \underbrace{\epsilon^{2301}}_{=1} \partial_3 F_{01} \right) \cdot 2$$

$$0 = - \left(\partial_t B_y + \partial_x E_z + \partial_z (-E_x) \right)$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} + (\partial_x E_z - \partial_z E_x) \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

• For $\nu=3$:

$$0 = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\epsilon^{3012} \partial_0 F_{12} + \epsilon^{3120} \partial_1 F_{20} + \epsilon^{3201} \partial_2 F_{01} \right) \cdot 2$$

$$0 = -\underbrace{\epsilon^{3012}}_{-1} \left(\partial_t (-B_z) + \partial_x (-E_y) + \partial_y E_x \right)$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} - (\partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x) \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

$$(a) + (b) + (c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0}$$

Next we are given the **Bianchi Identity**

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

Permute $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$:

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

$$= - \left(\partial^{\mu} F^{\nu\rho} + \partial^{\nu} F^{\rho\mu} + \partial^{\rho} F^{\mu\nu} \right) = 0$$

\Rightarrow **Antisymmetric**

Now consider the following permutations of $(\mu\nu\rho)$

$$(\mu\nu\rho) = (012), (013), (023), (123)$$

$${}^{\mu\nu\rho} (123) : \partial^1 F^{23} + \partial^2 F^{31} + \partial^3 F^{12} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^x (-B_x) + \partial^y (-B_y) + \partial^z (-B_z) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$$

$$(012) : \partial^0 F^{12} + \partial^1 F^{20} + \partial^2 F^{01} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^t (-B_z) + \partial^x (E_y) + \partial^y (-E_x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} B_z + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_x \right] = 0$$

$$(013) : \partial^0 F^{13} + \partial^1 F^{30} + \partial^3 F^{01} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^t B_y + \partial^x E_z + \partial^z (-E_x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$(023) : \partial^0 F^{23} + \partial^2 F^{30} + \partial^3 F^{02} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^t (-B_x) + \partial^y E_z + \partial^z (-E_y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0}$$

(c) An alternative Lagrangian to eq (1) is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu A^\nu) (\partial_\mu A_\nu) - J^\mu A_\mu$$

E.o.M from the Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \partial^\mu A^\nu \right) + J^\nu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu + J^\nu = 0} \quad \text{---} \quad *$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \partial^\lambda A^\sigma \partial_\lambda A_\sigma \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \left[\frac{1}{2} g^{\kappa\lambda} g^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\kappa A_\rho) (\partial_\lambda A_\sigma) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[g^{\kappa\lambda} g^{\rho\sigma} \left\{ (\delta_\kappa^\mu \delta_\rho^\nu) \partial_\lambda A_\sigma \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \delta_\mu^\lambda \delta_\nu^\rho (\partial_\kappa A_\rho) \right\} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial^{\mu\nu} A^\nu + \partial^\mu A^\nu \right] \end{aligned}$$

To produce the standard form of Maxwell's equations we need

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) = J^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu}_{J^\nu \text{ (from *)}} - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = J^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow J^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = J^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial^\nu \partial_\mu A^\mu = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0} \quad \text{Lorentz Gauge.}$$

(d) Let us speculate an extension of Classical Electrodynamics by adding a new term to the field-strength tensor

$$F'^{\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\nu} - \partial_\rho \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\sigma \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{*}$$

with $A'^\mu = (\varphi', \vec{A}')^T$

Consider that $\partial_\mu F'^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} - \underbrace{\partial_\mu \partial_\rho \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\sigma}_{\parallel 0}$

Now $\partial_\mu \partial_\rho \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\sigma$

$$= \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\sigma$$

$$= -\partial_\rho \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} A'_\sigma$$

$$= \partial_\rho \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\rho\mu\nu\sigma} A'_\sigma$$

$$= -\partial_\rho \partial_\mu \epsilon^{\rho\nu\mu\sigma} A'_\sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \partial_\mu \partial_\rho \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A'_\sigma = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu F'^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$ Inhomogeneous Maxwell's eq's are equivalent.

(e) We now add an additional source term:

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}'^{\mu\nu} = J'^\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \partial_\mu \tilde{F}'^{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F'_{\rho\sigma} \quad \downarrow \text{from } \textcircled{*} \\ &= \partial_\mu \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left[F_{\rho\sigma} - \partial_\lambda \epsilon_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} A'^\tau \right] \\ &= \underbrace{\partial_\mu F'^{\mu\nu}}_{\parallel 0} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\partial_\mu \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\lambda \epsilon_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} A'^\tau}_{*} \end{aligned}$$

We use

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\tau} = -2 (g^{\rho\lambda} g^{\sigma\tau} - g^{\rho\tau} g^{\sigma\lambda})$$

$$\begin{aligned} * &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \partial^\lambda (-2) \cancel{(g^{\rho\lambda} g^{\sigma\tau})} [g^{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\tau} - g^{\mu\tau} g^{\nu\lambda}] A'^{\tau} \\ &= \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A'^{\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A'^{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \tilde{F}'^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A'^{\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A'^{\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu=0 : & (\partial_t \partial^t + \partial_x \partial^x + \partial_y \partial^y + \partial_z \partial^z) A'^0 - \partial^t (\partial_t A'^0 + \partial_x A'^1 + \partial_y A'^2 + \partial_z A'^3) \\ &= \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial t^2}} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \phi') - \cancel{\frac{\partial^2 \phi'}{\partial t^2}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}') \\ &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(-\vec{\nabla} \phi' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu=1,2,3=i : & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} A'^i - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} A'^i) - \partial^i (\partial_t A'^0 + \partial_j A'^j) \\ & \quad (\partial^t = +\partial/\partial t, \partial_t = -\partial/\partial t) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\vec{A}') + (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A}' - \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \phi' \right) - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}') \\ & \quad (\text{Since } \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \tilde{F}'^{\mu 0} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(-\vec{\nabla} \phi' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} \right) = \rho' \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}'^{\mu i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \phi' \right) - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}') = \vec{j}' \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Define $-\vec{\nabla}\phi' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}' = \vec{B}'$

and $-\vec{\nabla}\phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}' = \vec{E}'$

We know that $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}') = 0$

and $\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\underbrace{-\vec{\nabla}\phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}}_{\vec{E}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}')}_{\vec{B}} = 0$

From ① and ②

$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}' = \rho'$ and $-\frac{\partial \vec{B}'}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}' = \vec{j}'$

ρ' and \vec{j}' denote the magnetic charge density and magnetic current density, defined analogously to electric charge and electric current densities.

Notice the complementarity to $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$ and

2.31 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

Auxiliary Material

$$\vec{F} = F_x \hat{i} + F_y \hat{j} + F_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}$$