Fictitious Currents as a Source of Electromagnetic Field

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce the idea of fictitious currents for the electromagnetic field. Fictitious currents are currents that arise in electrodynamics when we change the topology of space. We show, with a specific example, how fictitious currents may be the source of magnetic moment and charge of a singularity.

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1 Introduction

The Standard Model of particle physics is a very successful theory describing three out of the four known forces of nature. Its final formulation relay heavily on the use of gauge fields. In gauge theories the Lagrangian of the system (i.e. its dynamics) does not change under local transformations acting in a simply connected region of space-time.

However, in the standard model particle are point object with no dimension being, as a matter of fact, space-time singularities with fields around them having sometimes infinite values. For example, the classical version of electric field around an electron goes to infinity as $1/r^2$ and in the Standard Models we start from the classical Lagrangian before quantizing.

In this paper we study what happen to a gauge field when we introduce a singularity in space such that the space is not simply connected any more. The major results is that, depending on the topology of the singularity, fictitious currents may arise as a manifestation of the inertia of the system in changing topology. In the example we studied, dealing only with the U(1) symmetry of the Standard Model, these currents may be seen as sources for charge and magnetic moment of particles.

2 Fictitious Currents

We start from the Lagrangian density of the electromagnetic field in units where $\mu_0 = 1$:

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

where J_s^{ν} is the source four-current vector, where

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} \tag{2}$$

is the electromagnetic tensor and A_{μ} is the four-potential. Moreover, we know that $F_{\mu\nu}$ is a gauge field and that its Lagrangian of is invariant with respect to the symmetry:

$$A_{\mu} \to A_{\mu} + \partial_{\mu} \tilde{\theta} \tag{3}$$

where $\tilde{\theta}(x^{\mu})$ is any continuous function in a simply connected space-time region Ω .

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In the general case, the Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}(A, \partial A)$, given by Eq. (1), depends on both the vector potential and its derivatives. We will consider now the case of the free electromagnetic field (i.e. $J^{\nu} = 0$) in which the Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}(\partial A)$ depends only on the derivatives and it can be written as (see Appendix A.1):

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu}) \tag{4}$$

Let $\xi_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} \tilde{\theta}$ be the gradient of a continuous function in Ω . We now change $A_{\mu} \to A_{\mu} + \xi_{\mu}$ to see what happen to the Lagrangian density.

For the first therm in (4) we have;

$$\partial_{\mu}(A_{\nu}+\xi_{\nu})\partial^{\mu}(A^{\nu}+\xi^{\nu}) = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} + \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} + \partial_{\mu}\xi_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} + \overbrace{\partial_{\mu}\xi_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu}}^{\text{not needed}}$$
(5)

where the last term is not needed and can be omitted because we are interested in the equation of motion and that term does not depend on A_{μ} and therefore has not effect on the variation of the action with respect to the fields.

For the second term we have:

$$\partial_{\nu}(A_{\mu} + \xi_{\mu})\partial^{\mu}(A^{\nu} + \xi^{\nu}) = \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} + \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} + \partial_{\nu}\xi_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} + \underbrace{\partial_{\nu}\xi_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu}}_{\partial\mu\xi^{\nu}}$$
(6)

where the last term once again can be omitted if we are interested in the equation of motion. Putting the two equation above back together, swapping some terms and rearranging the names of dummy indices of the third term in parenthesis below, we have:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} + \partial^{\mu}A^{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} - \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\nu}\xi^{\mu} - \partial^{\mu}A^{\nu}\partial_{\nu}\xi_{\mu})$$
(7)

Applying the Leibniz rule (i.e. f'g' = (fg')' - fg'') to the terms in parenthesis above, we have:

$$\partial_{\alpha}A_{\beta}\partial^{\gamma}\xi^{\delta} = \overbrace{\partial_{\alpha}(A_{\beta}\partial^{\gamma}\xi^{\delta})}^{\text{not needed}} - A_{\beta}\partial_{\alpha}\partial^{\gamma}\xi^{\delta}$$
(8)

where in this case the first term is not needed, if we are interested in the equation of motion, because it is a divergence and therefore it depends only on the value of the tensors on the boundary of Ω and has no effect on the variation of the action with respect to fields. Eq. (7) becomes:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(-A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} - A^{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} + A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\xi^{\mu} + A^{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\xi_{\mu})$$
(9)

If we are in nice flat Minkowski space we can raise and lower indices at will also on the derivative symbols, we have:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(-A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} - A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} + A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\xi^{\mu} + A_{\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\xi^{\mu})$$
(10)

and eventually:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - A_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} (\partial^{\nu} \xi^{\mu} - \partial^{\mu} \xi^{\nu})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - J^{\nu} A_{\nu}$$
(11)

where J^{μ} is a new term now present in the Lagrangian density due to the fact that we have changed the gauge field $\tilde{\theta}$. However, if $\xi^{\nu} = \partial^{\mu} \tilde{\theta}$, we have:

$$J^{\nu} = \partial_{\mu}(\partial^{\nu}\xi^{\mu} - \partial^{\mu}\xi^{\nu}) = (\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\partial^{\nu} - \partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\partial^{\nu})\tilde{\theta} = 0$$
(12)

Note that:

$$\mathcal{L}(\partial A) \neq \mathcal{L}(\partial (A+\xi)) \tag{13}$$

only because we have removed terms from the Lagrangian. Otherwise, the two Lagrangians would have been identical since we are applying a symmetry. However, the way we have removed the terms has left the equation of motion unchanged, and in fact, if Ω is simply connected we have $J^{\mu} = 0$ and this restores the correctness of the equation of motion and leaves the field unchanged.

However, if Ω is not simply connected, then the currents J^{ν} may be different from zero and act as sources for the fields. We will call J^{ν} Fictitious Currents (Pseudo Currents).

The reason why we call J^{ν} fictitious, it is due to an analogy with discrete systems (see Appendix A.2). For discrete systems, if we act on a symmetry (e.g. shift in space) while the system is evolving, this will result in fictitious forces. For continuous systems, if we act on a symmetry, this will result in fictitious currents.

The analogy is not perfect though. For mechanical systems fictitious forces appear when we have a change of symmetry during the evolution of the system. For the electromagnetic field, fictitious currents appear when we have a change a of the gauge symmetry fields in conjunction with a specific space topology.

With abuse of terminology, we may say that fictitious currents are due to the inertia of the system in changing space topology.

3 Magnetic Moment of One Half Spin Particles

Now that we have defined fictitious currents, we want to find an example where the theory may be used.

Let us consider the Lagrangian density of quantum electrodynamics:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$
(14)

and suppose that we have no particles and the electromagnetic field is zero everywhere (at least from a classical field theory point of view). We know that we have the following symmetry:

$$\psi \to \psi e^{i\theta(x^{\mu})}; A \to A + \partial^{\mu}\tilde{\theta} \Rightarrow \Delta \mathcal{L} = 0$$
 (15)

where A is the four-vector potential.

Suppose now we hit the field with the creation operator and we create a particle. Before the particle is present, $\tilde{\theta}$ is a continuous function, and since we can choose, we choose it to be zero everywhere. Suppose finally that in the process, $\tilde{\theta}$ goes from being continuous everywhere to be discontinuous on a line segment \overline{AB} lying on the z axis with A = (0, 0, L/2) and B = 0, 0, -L/2. The topology of space has changed, and now $\tilde{\theta}$ has to adapt to it and it cannot be zero everywhere. Now $\tilde{\theta}$ will be described by the following function:

$$\tilde{\theta}(x^{\mu}) = \theta(x, y, z)u(t) \tag{16}$$

where u(t) is the Heaviside unitary step function and θ is a function depending from special coordinates but independent from time.

For θ we give the following boundary conditions expressed in cylindrical coordinates (r, ϕ, z) :

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{r \to \infty} e^{i\theta} = e^{i\theta_0} \\ \lim_{r \to 0} e^{i\theta(r,\phi,z)} = \lim_{r \to 0} -e^{i\theta(r,\phi+\pi,z)} \quad \text{for} \quad -\frac{L}{2} < z < \frac{L}{2} \end{cases}$$
(17)

where θ_0 is a constant. The second condition above is the one that define the discontinuity and, in words, it means that on any line *s* parallel to the (x, y) plane and crossing \overline{AB} we want the function θ to have a jump of π (i.e. $e^{i\theta}$ to change phase by π).

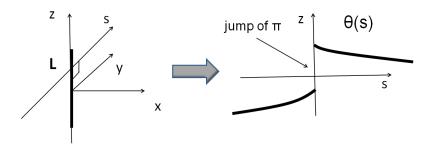


Figure 1: Boundary Conditions in the Singularity

With the above boundary condition the value of θ in proximity of the line segment \overline{AB} will take the following form:

$$\lim_{r \to 0} \theta(r, \phi, z) = \theta_1 \pm \phi \quad \text{for} \quad -\frac{L}{2} < z < \frac{L}{2}$$
(18)

where θ_1 is a constant and you can choose the plus or minus sign. In words, going around z the function will grow (decrease) with constant unitary rate.

Although we do not need to know θ in space, we want to spend a few words on the way it may look like. We assume that two close points want to have the same phase, which means there is some energy associated to difference in phase for nearby points. As usual with these problems of finding a minimum for energy in space, we end up with a Laplace equation. We propose the following equation for θ :

$$\nabla^2 e^{i\theta} = 0 \tag{19}$$

that together with the boundary condition allows to evaluate θ in space.

Whatever equation we use for θ , its important to note that θ will be a multivalued function shaped like an helicoid and spiralling along the z axis.

Now let $\xi^{\nu} = \partial^{\nu}\theta$. Given the above boundary conditions, we have that $\xi^{0} = 0$ and $\xi^{3} = 0$ and therefore the J^{μ} lay on the (x, y) plane. From Eq. (12) and after the due calculations (see Appendix A.3) we have:

$$J^{\nu} = \begin{cases} J^{0} = 0 \\ J^{1} = \partial_{2}(\partial^{1}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{1}) \\ J^{2} = \partial_{1}(\partial^{2}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{2}) \\ J^{3} = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} J^{0} = 0 \\ J^{1} = \partial_{y}(\nabla \times \hat{\xi})_{z} \\ J^{2} = -\partial_{x}(\nabla \times \hat{\xi})_{z} \\ J^{3} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(20)

where $\hat{\xi}$ is the three-vector (ξ^1, ξ^2, ξ^3) , $(\cdot)_z$ means component along the z axis, and $\nabla \times \hat{\xi}$ has clearly only the z component while the x and y components vanish.

If we integrate $\hat{\xi}$ on any loop on the (x, y) plane not containing the origin, we get always a vanishing integral because $\nabla \times \nabla \theta = 0$. However, if we integrate $\hat{\xi}$ on any loop on the (x, y) plane containing the origin, given Eq. (18) we get 2π . This means we have a discrete curl in the origin which is the definition of a Dirac delta function:

$$(\nabla \times \hat{\xi})_z = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \delta(x, y) \quad [A][m] \tag{21}$$

In the above equation we have taken into account that $\hat{\xi}$ has the same units of A^{μ} ($[kg][m][s^{-2}][A^{-1}]$), the curl add an unit of [m] and we have put back in the equation μ_0 ($[kg][m][s^{-2}][A^{-2}]$) that was previously set to 1. Doing a similar reasoning for J^2 , we have:

$$J^{\nu} = \begin{cases} J^{1} = \partial_{y} (\nabla \times \hat{\xi})_{z} = \frac{1}{\mu_{0}} \partial_{y} \delta(x, y) = \frac{1}{\mu_{0}} \delta(x) \delta'(y) \quad [A] \\ J^{2} = -\partial_{x} (\nabla \times \hat{\xi})_{z} = -\frac{1}{\mu_{0}} \partial_{x} \delta(x, y) = -\frac{1}{\mu_{0}} \delta(y) \delta'(x) \quad [A] \end{cases}$$
(22)

Since there is nothing special about the x and y axis, the above is true for any axis on to the (x, y) plane and crossing the origin. The delta Dirac derivative represent two opposite currents on opposite sides of the origin end it means that there is a current circulating around the z axis, of amplitude:

$$J_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu_0} \quad [A]$$
 (23)

and generating a magnetic moment. Note that the above equation gives a new and nice physical meaning to μ_0 .

To evaluate the magnetic moment M of our singularity, we can use the magnetic moment of a single coil element of a solenoid. To do that, we have to abandon our line segment model \overline{AB} and use instead a cylinder of height L and radius d. The current can be distributed inside the cylinder in many ways. Among others, the current may be concentrated on the surface of the cylinder or uniformly distributed along the radius.

$$\delta'(x) = \lim_{d \to 0} \left(\frac{1}{2d} \delta(x+d) - \frac{1}{2d} \delta(x-d) \right)$$
solenoid
$$J = \delta'(x) \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{2d} \pi d^2 = \frac{\pi d}{2}$$

$$\delta'(x) = \lim_{d \to 0} \frac{1}{d^2} \rho\left(\frac{x}{d}\right)$$

$$J = \delta'(x) \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{d^2} \int_0^d \pi r^2 dr = \frac{\pi d}{3}$$

Figure 2: Magnetic Moment per Unit Length

We choose to use a current concentrated on the external surface of the cylinder. From Eq. (23) we have a current per unit length which is equal to:

$$J_c = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{1}{2d} \ [A][m^{-1}] \tag{24}$$

The magnetic moment m per unite length of the cylinder in the case of a current J_c concentrated on the surface is $m = J_c S$ where S is the surface of the solenoid. We have:

$$m = J_c \pi d^2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{1}{2d} \pi d^2 = \frac{\pi d}{2\mu_0} \quad [A][m] \tag{25}$$

The total magnetic moment M of the cylinder of length L is therefore:

$$M = mL = \frac{\pi dL}{2\mu_0} \ [A][m^2]$$
 (26)

Assuming $r_e = d \approx L$ (round particle) we may evaluate the radius of the particle from M. For example, for the electron $(M = 9.3 \times 10^{-24} \ [A][m^2])$ we have:

$$r_e = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_0 M}{\pi}} = 8.6 \times 10^{-15} \ [m] \tag{27}$$

Which, taking into account we have used a simplified model, it is not too far from the value of the classical electron radius.

4 Charge of One Half Spin Particle

Now we go back to see in more detail what happens during the transition at time t = 0 in which we go from a zero gauge to our gauge $\theta(x, y)$:

$$\theta(t) = \theta(x, y)u(t) \tag{28}$$

From Eq. (12) and after the due calculations (see Appendix A.3) we have:

$$J^{0} = \partial_{1}(\partial^{0}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{0}) + \partial_{2}(\partial^{0}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{0})$$

$$= \partial_{x}(\nabla \times \tilde{\xi})_{y} - \partial_{y}(\nabla \times \tilde{\xi})_{x}$$
(29)

Where $\tilde{\xi}$ is the three-vector (ξ^1, ξ^2, ξ^0) and $(\cdot)_i$ means component along the *i* axis.

From the above equation we see that J^0 is always zero even during the transition and therefore it cannot be used to determine the variation of charge in space. This is probably due to the fact that we have used a simplified model to have a 2D-geometry and we not take into account to what happens to the fields at the two ends of the line segment. To evaluate the quantity of charge generate in the process we have to use conservation of currents.

We know that at time zero the current that generates the magnetic moment goes from zero to J_m (see Eq. (23)). To have the total current conserved we have that J^0 at t = 0 must therefore be:

$$J^{0}(t) = J_{m}\delta(t) = \frac{1}{c\mu_{0}}\frac{1}{2d} \ [A][s][m^{-1}]$$
(30)

where in the above equation we have reintroduced the constant c that was previously set to 1.

The above means that in the transition from the zero gauge to θ , we have an impulsive current along J^0 and, at the end of the process, we will have a total charge generated in the singularity.

$$Q = \frac{1}{2c\mu_0} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} dz = \frac{L}{2c\mu_0} \quad [C]$$
(31)

Using the value of the radius of the electron $r_e = L \approx d$ of Eq. (27), we have:

$$Q = \frac{r_e}{2c\mu_0} = 1.1 \times 10^{-18} \ [C] \tag{32}$$

Which, taking into account we have used a simplified model, it is not too far from the known value of the elementary charge.

5 Space Deficiency Model

In [2] we have shown that if we model space as an elastic material, a deficiency in the material (i.e. in space) is equivalent to gravity. This is because, if we remove a ball of material making a hole in it and we identify the boundary of the hole to a point, the material will stretch and the strain field is equivalent to gravitational field. Moreover, two deficiencies in the material will experience an attraction force to each other proportional to $1/r^2$ where r is the distance between the two space deficiencies.

Since space should be conserved, we wonder how a deficiency may be created in space. A possibility is that when a particle is created in a point P, the configuration of space changes from flat Euclidean space to a 3-dimensional manifold attached to the point P by means of a connected sum.

We will illustrate this with a 2-dimensional example.

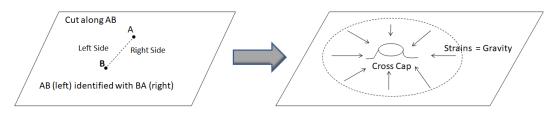


Figure 3: Space Deficiency Model

Given a sheet of elastic material representing space, if we cut along a line segment between two points A and B and we identify the two sides of the cut with opposite orientations, we get a cross cap (i.e. a real projective plane) attached to the sheet by means of a direct sum.

The sheet will pull the cross cap which will shrink till the bending forces inside the cap will balance the pulling forces of the sheet. At the equilibrium, the cross cap will protrude from the sheet and since the quantity of elastic material is conserved in the process, this will be equivalent to a space deficiency.

The sheet will be stretched around the cross cap and the strain field will be equivalent to a gravitation field (see [2]). Note that, if the sheet represents space, fields will change sign when crossing the line segment as in the example we gave in the previous sections.

6 Conclusions

In this paper, we have shown that a sufficient condition to have magnetic moment and charge in a point in space (i.e. particle) is to introduce a topological singularity designed to twist the fields in a specific way. Although the paper has been dealing with the U(1) symmetry only, the very same approach may be used to explore what happens with the other two symmetries of the standard Model. We believe that it is worth to further research in order to trying to match particle characteristics to topological characteristics of space singularity (i.e. 3D compact manifolds connected by direct sum to space) with respect to the three symmetries of nature, in an effort to make a one-to-one correspondence between particles and manifolds (or topological singularities).

Although we know that this approach is very unlikely to be a theory that fully describe particles, however, there is also a chance that things may partially match just by mathematical chance, end this would allow to exploit the huge variety of 3D-compact manifold to explain some of the complex characteristics of particles.

We may for example be able to give to some constants of the Standard Model, which now are known by direct measurement, a theoretical derivation. An example that come to mind is the three different families of particles with different mass (e.g. electron, muon and tau). They may just be three different stationary state of the same manifold (i.e. same particle characteristics) like Willmore spheres that are all the same manifold in different stationary state of energy and with different sizes (i.e. mass from a particle point of view).

Another example is the fractionary charge of some particles that come in 1/3 and 2/3 the charge of the electron. This may be explained if we find the correct topological singularity to describe them.

A final example may come from dark matter. Maybe dark matter particles are simply manifolds that do not twist the fields (e.g. oriented manifolds) and therefore do not interact to ordinary matter.

Appendix

A.1 Lagrangian Density of Electromagnetic Field

Given the Lagrangian density of the free electromagnetic field:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \tag{33}$$

we have:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}) (\partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu})$$
(34)

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} - \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\nu}A^{\mu} + \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}A^{\nu})$$
(35)

the above terms are equal in pairs, we have:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu})$$
(36)

A.2 Fictitious Forces

Given the Lagrangian of a one variable discrete system:

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}) \tag{37}$$

having the following symmetry:

$$q \to q + \phi \ \Rightarrow \ \Delta L = 0 \tag{38}$$

then from the Noether's theorem we know that the quantity $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$ is conserved.

The above quantity is conserved when we let the system evolve without applying the symmetry to it. However, if we apply the symmetry by changing some symmetry parameter (e.g. for a meccanical system this parameter may be position) while the system is evolving (e.g. for a mechanical system it may correspond to a shift of the whole system in space or to moving the relative position of parts of the system in a way the Lagrangian is not affected), then $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$ is not a conserved quantity any more. This physically corresponds to having fictitious forces (pseudo forces) in the system depending from the way we change the symmetry parameter as a function of time.

To address the above case, we need to change the Lagrangian in order to take into account the dependency from symmetry parameters (see [1]). To illustrate that, we will use the same example of [1], where it is shown how to get a new Lagrangian just with a change of coordinates from q_0 , the coordinate of the inertial system, to $q = q_0 + \phi$, the coordinate of the non inertial one:

Given the Lagrangian of a particle in an external field:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}_0)^2 - U(x_0) \tag{39}$$

where x_0 is the coordinate in the inertial frame and x is the coordinate of the moving frame with velocity $\dot{\phi}$, we consider the change of variable $x_0 = x + \phi(t)$. We have:

$$L'(x+\phi, \dot{x}+\dot{\phi}) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + m\dot{x}\dot{\phi} + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{\phi}^2 - U(x)$$
(40)

The term $\frac{1}{2}m\dot{\phi}$ does not depends on x, gives no contribution to $\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$ and, if we are interested to the equation of motion, it can be dropped. Regarding the term $m\dot{x}\dot{\phi}$, using the Leibniz rule we have:

$$m\dot{x}\dot{\phi} = m\frac{d}{dt}(x\dot{\phi}) - mx\ddot{\phi} \tag{41}$$

the term $m\frac{d}{dt}(x\phi)$ is the derivative of a function. Its contribution to the action depends only on its value at the two ends of the time integral. Once again, it gives no contribution to $\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$ and it can be dropped. We are left with the following Lagrangian:

$$L' = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - mx\ddot{\phi} - U(x)$$
(42)

which, by using the Euler-Lagrange equation, gives the following equation of motion:

$$m\ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - m\ddot{\phi} \tag{43}$$

The term $m\ddot{\phi}$ is what we call a fictitious force (pseudo force) and it is a force experienced by the particle *m* because it is in a non inertial reference frame.

A.2 Evaluation of J^{ν}

From Eq. (12) we have:

$$J^{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} \tag{44}$$

where:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial^{0}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{0} & \partial^{0}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{0} & \partial^{0}\xi^{3} - \partial^{3}\xi^{0} \\ \partial^{1}\xi^{0} - \partial^{0}\xi^{1} & 0 & \partial^{1}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{1} & \partial^{1}\xi^{3} - \partial^{3}\xi^{1} \\ \partial^{2}\xi^{0} - \partial^{0}\xi^{2} & \partial^{2}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{2} & 0 & \partial^{2}\xi^{3} - \partial^{3}\xi^{2} \\ \partial^{3}\xi^{0} - \partial^{0}\xi^{3} & \partial^{3}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{3} & \partial^{3}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(45)

Suppose $\partial^0 \tilde{\theta} = \partial^3 \tilde{\theta} = 0$, if we ignore all the terms that get hit at any point by ∂^0 and ∂^3 , we have:

$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \partial^{1}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \partial^{2}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(46)

Suppose $\partial^3 \theta = 0$, if we ignore all the terms that get hit at any point by ∂^3 only, we have:

$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \partial^{0}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{0} & \partial^{0}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{0} & 0\\ \partial^{1}\xi^{0} - \partial^{0}\xi^{1} & 0 & \partial^{1}\xi^{2} - \partial^{2}\xi^{1} & 0\\ \partial^{2}\xi^{0} - \partial^{0}\xi^{2} & \partial^{2}\xi^{1} - \partial^{1}\xi^{2} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(47)

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