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CONSTRUCTION OF A POISSON BRACKET FOR MAXWELL'S EQ'S
USING REDUCTION.

ABSTRACT: WE START WITH THE CANONICAL SYMPLECTIC
STRUCTURE ON THE PHASE SPACE AND APPLY REDUCTION BY
THE GAUGE INVARIANCE SYMMETRY TO GET A POISSON
MANIFOLD ON THE REDUCED SPACE OF E AND B.
BRACKET x

THE CONFIGURATION SPACE FOR MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IS
TAKEN AS THE SPACE U OF VECTOR FIELDS A ON \mathbb{R}^3 .
THE COTANGENT BUNDLE T^*U HAS ELEMENTS (A, Y)
WHERE AN ELEMENT Y OF THE DUAL OF U IS A
VECTOR FIELD DENSITE ON \mathbb{R}^3 AND THE PAIRING BETWEEN
A AND Y IS GIVEN BY INTEGRATION.

THE CANONICAL SYMPLECTIC STRUCTURE ω ON T^*U IS
GIVEN BY

$$\omega((A_1, Y_1), (A_2, Y_2)) = \int (Y_2 \cdot A_1 - Y_1 \cdot A_2) d^3x$$

SO GIVEN A FUNCTION $F(A, Y)$ ON T^*U WE CALCULATE
ITS ~~FLOW~~ ^{Ham VF} BY

$$\omega(X_F, v) = dF \cdot v = \int \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta A} \cdot A + \frac{\delta F}{\delta Y} \cdot Y \right) d^3x$$

WHERE $v \equiv (A, Y) \in T^*U$
AND SINCE $\omega(X_F, v) = \int (Y A_F - Y_F A) d^3x$
WE GET:

$$X_F = \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta Y}, -\frac{\delta F}{\delta A} \right)$$

SO THE ASSOCIATED POISSON BRACKET OF FUNCTIONS $F, G: T^*U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS

$$\{F, G\} = \omega(X_F, X_G) = \int \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta A} \frac{\delta G}{\delta Y} - \frac{\delta F}{\delta Y} \frac{\delta G}{\delta A} \right) d^3x$$

NOW WE WRITE THE HAMILTONIAN

$$H(A, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \int |Y|^2 d^3x + \frac{1}{2} \int |\text{curl} A|^2 d^3x$$

AND CHECK THAT IT GENERATES MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

$$\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} \right) = X_H$$

$$X_H = \left(\frac{\delta H}{\delta Y}, -\frac{\delta H}{\delta A} \right) = (Y, -\text{curl} A)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = Y, \quad \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = -\text{curl} \text{curl} A$$

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$$* \frac{\Delta H(A, Y)}{\delta A} = \int (\text{curl} A \cdot \text{curl} \delta A) d^3x$$

$$= \int (\text{curl} \text{curl} A) \cdot \delta A d^3x + \int \text{div} \cdot [(\text{curl} A) \cdot \delta A] d^3x$$

↑
SURFACE INTEGRAL = 0 IF
curl A AND δA GO TO ZERO
AT INFINITY.

IF WE CALL $Y = -E$ AND $\text{curl} A = B$ WE GET THE HAMILTONIAN

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int (|E|^2 + |B|^2) d^3x \quad \text{AND MAXWELL'S EQS :}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \text{curl} B, \quad \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\text{curl} E$$

NOW WE NOTICE THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS A GAUGE INVARIANCE SYMMETRY. : SINCE H DEPENDS ONLY ON $\text{curl } A$, ADDING A GRADIENT TO A LEAVES H INVARIANT. SO THE GAUGE GROUP G CONSISTS OF REAL FUNCTIONS ϕ ON \mathbb{R}^3 AND THE GROUP ACTION CONSISTS OF ADDITION OF $\nabla\phi$ TO A :

$$A \rightarrow A + \nabla\phi \quad \text{OR} \quad (A, Y) \rightarrow (A + \nabla\phi, Y)$$

THE LIE ALGEBRA OF G CONSISTS OF THE REAL VALUED FUNCTIONS ON \mathbb{R}^3 .

NOW WE CALCULATE THE MOMENTUM MAP $J: T^*U \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ OF THE ACTION.

LET ξ BE AN ELEMENT OF \mathfrak{g} , $\xi = \partial\phi/\partial t$, SO THE INFINITESIMAL GENERATOR OF THE ACTION RELATED TO ξ IS

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (A + \nabla\phi, Y) = (\nabla\xi, 0) \equiv \xi_U$$

NOW WE CALCULATE THE MOMENTUM MAP BY

$$\begin{aligned} dJ(\xi_U) \cdot (A, Y) &= \omega(\xi_U, (A, Y)) = \omega((\nabla\xi, 0), (A, Y)) \\ &= \int Y \cdot \nabla\xi \, dx \end{aligned}$$

WHERE (A, Y) IS AN ARBITRARY VECTOR OF T^*U SO $J(\xi)$ IS THE LINEAR FUNCTION

$$J(\xi)(A, Y) = \int Y \cdot \nabla\xi \, dx = -\int (\text{div } Y) \xi \, dx$$

$$\text{SO} \quad J(A, Y) = -\text{div } Y$$

SO WE KNOW THAT $\text{div } Y = -\rho \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ IS A CONSTANT OF THE MOTION, OR IF WE WRITE IT IN TERMS OF E WE GET MAXWELL'S EQ. $\text{div } E = \rho$.

(ACTUALLY, THE REASON MAXWELL FIRST INVENTED THE TERM $\partial E / \partial t$ OR "DISPLACEMENT CURRENT" IN MAXWELL'S EQS WAS TO CONSERVE CHARGE IN THE OLD ELECTRODYNAMICS)

NOW WE FORM $J^{-1}(\rho) = \{(A, Y) \in T^*U \mid \text{div } Y = -\rho\}$ AND USE A GENERAL THEOREM ON REDUCTION (MARS DEN & WEINSTEIN, [2]) TO REDUCE THE CANONICAL FORM ω ON T^*U TO A SYMPLECTIC FORM ON $J^{-1}(\rho)/G$.

FIRST WE NOTICE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY $J^{-1}(\rho)/G$ WITH $M_{\text{ex}} = \{(E, B) \mid \text{div } E = \rho, \text{div } B = 0\}$ BECAUSE IF WE ASSOCIATE TO EACH (A, Y) IN $J^{-1}(\rho)/G$ THE PAIR

$$(B, E) \doteq (\text{curl } A, -Y)$$

AND BECAUSE EVERY $B \mid \nabla \cdot B = 0$ CAN BE WRITTEN AS A $\text{curl } B = \text{curl } A$ UP TO THE INDEFINITE $A + \nabla \phi$ ($\text{curl } \nabla \phi = 0$) JUST THE EQUIVALENCE CLASS OF G , SO THE CORRESPONDENCE IS 1-1.

NOW TO GET THE BRACKET FOR FUNCTIONS F, G OF $M_{\text{ex}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ WE PULL THEM BACK TO $J^{-1}(\rho)$ BY

$$\hat{F}(A, Y) = F(\text{curl } A, -Y) = F(B, E)$$

AND NOW WE THINK OF $\hat{F}(A, Y)$ AS A FUNCTION ON T^*U AND CALCULATE THE CANONICAL BRACKET IN T^*U :

$$\begin{aligned} \{F, G\} &= -\{\hat{F}, \hat{G}\} = \int \left(\frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta A} \cdot \frac{\delta \hat{G}}{\delta Y} - \frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta Y} \cdot \frac{\delta \hat{G}}{\delta A} \right) d^3x \\ &= - \int \left(\frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta A} \cdot \frac{\delta \hat{G}}{\delta E} - \frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta E} \cdot \frac{\delta \hat{G}}{\delta A} \right) d^3x \end{aligned}$$

NOW WE USE THE DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONAL DERIVATIVE

$$\Delta F|_{A'} = \int \frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta A} \cdot A' d^3x = \int \frac{\delta F}{\delta B} \cdot \text{curl } A' \cdot d^3x$$

WHICH CAN BE INTEGRATED BY PARTS TO GIVE

$$\int \frac{\delta \hat{F}}{\delta A} \cdot A' d^3x = \int A' \cdot \text{curl} \frac{\delta F}{\delta B} d^3x$$

SO WE CAN WRITE THE BRACKET ON THE F, B SPACE:

$$\{\{F, G\}\} = \int \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta E} \cdot \text{curl} \frac{\delta G}{\delta B} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta E} \cdot \text{curl} \frac{\delta F}{\delta B} \right) d^3x$$

THIS BRACKET WAS USED BY BORN AND INFELD [3] IN 1934 TO QUANTIZE THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD, THEY DIDN'T DERIVE IT FROM A CANONICAL AS WE DID HERE, ON THE REFERED PAPER [3] THE BRACKET WAS ASSUMED AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW

? IT WAS A LIE ALGEBRA

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