Electromagnetic field objects in terms of Balance of Geometric flows.

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Abstract

This paper reviews our physical motivation for choosing appropriate formal presentation of electromagnetic field objects (EMFO). Our view is based on the understanding that EMFO are spatially finite entities carrying internal dynamical structure, so, their available integral time stability should be represented by appropriate adaptation of their internal dynamical structure to corresponding local stress-energy-momentum balance relations with other physical objects. This adaptation process has two aspects: internal and external. Clearly, finding adequate internal dynamical structure giving appropriate integral characteristics of the object, will bring also appropriate behavior of EMFO as a whole. Therefore, the internal local stress-energy-momentum balance among the subsystems of EMFO should formally be presented by appropriately defined tensor-field quantities, which are meant to suggest a dynamical understanding of the abilities of EMFO to successfully, or not successfully, communicate with all the rest physical world.

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1 Introduction

Modern theoretical view on classical fields accepts that time dependent and space propagating electromagnetic fields are flows of time stable physical entities which have been called in the early 20th century photons. Since appropriate in this respect nonlinearizations of Maxwell vacuum equations are still missing [1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6],[7],[8],[9],[10],[11],[12],[13],[14],[15], and the seriously developed quantum theory also does not give appropriate, from our viewpoint, description of time stable entities of electromagnetic field nature, we decided to look back to the rudiments of the electromagnetic theory trying to reconsider its assumptions in order to come to equations giving appropriate solutions, in particular, solutions, demonstrating internal dynamical structure, having finite spatial carrier at every moment of their existence, and space-propagating as a whole, keeping, of course, their physical identity and recognizability.

According to our view, in presence of appropriate environment, the dynamical equations, describing locally, i.e., around every point inside the spatial carrier, the evolution of the object, may come from giving an explicit form of the quantities, controlling the local internal and external exchange processes, in other words, the equations must express corresponding local balance relations.

We note that the properties spatial finiteness and internal dynamical structure we consider as very essential ones. So, the classical material points and the infinite classical fields (e.g. plane waves) should not be considered as models of physical objects since the former have no structure and cannot be destroyed at all, and the latter carry infinite energy, so they cannot be finite-time

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created. Therefore, the Born-Infeld "principle of finiteness" [2] stating that "a satisfactory theory should avoid letting physical quantities become infinite" we strengthen as follows:

All real physical objects are spatially finite entities and NO infinite values of the physical quantities carried by them should be allowed.

Clearly, together with the purely qualitative features, physical objects carry important quantitatively described physical properties, and any external interaction may be considered as an exchange of the corresponding quantities provided both, the object and the corresponding environment, carry them. Hence, the more universal is a physical quantity the more useful for us it is, and this moment determines the exclusively important role of stress-energy-momentum, which modern physics considers as the most universal one, so we may assume that:

Propagating electromagnetic field objects necessarily carry energy-momentum.

Further in the paper we shall follow the rule:

Physical recognizability of time-stable subsystems of a physical system requires corresponding mathematical recognizability in the theory.

Assuming that any physical interaction presupposes dynamical flows of some physical quantities among the subsystems of the physical system considered, the field nature of the objects suggests local nature of these flows, so, every continuous subsystem is supposed to be able to build CORRESPONDING LOCAL INSTRUMENTS, realizing explicitly the flows. In static cases these flows reduce, of course, to stress. Formally this means:

1. We must have a mathematical field object \( \mathcal{A} \) representing the system as a whole.
2. The supposed existence of recognizable and mutually interacting subsystems \( (A_1, A_2, \ldots) \) of \( \mathcal{A} \) leads to the assumption for real but admissible, i.e., not leading to annihilation, changes of the subsystems, so, such changes should be formally represented by tensor objects.
3. The local flow manifestation of the admissible real changes suggests to make use of appropriate combination of tensor objects, corresponding tensor co-objects, and appropriate invariant differential operators.
4. Every coupling inside this combination shall distinguish existing partnership, i.e., interaction, among the subsystems, so, all such couplings should be duly respected when the system’s time-stability and spatial propagation are to be understood.

In order to make our view more easily and rightly apprehended we begin with the strongly idealized example of a static classical field object, if for mathematical images of the physical constituents, further called formal constituents, of the object are chosen vector fields on the traditional classical space \( \mathbb{R}^3 \).

2 Maxwell stress tensors

Every vector field, defined on an arbitrary manifold \( M \), generates 1-parameter family \( \varphi_t \) of (local in general) diffeomorphisms of \( M \). Therefore, having defined a vector field \( X \) on \( M \), we can consider for each \( t \in \mathbb{R} \) the corresponding diffeomorphic image \( \varphi_t(U) \) of any region \( U \subset M \). Hence, interpreting the external parameter \( t \) as time, which is NOT obligatory, vector fields may be formally tested as formal images of the dynamical constituents of some spatially finite real field objects.
Let now $X$ be a vector field on the euclidean space $(\mathbb{R}^3, g)$, where $g$ is the euclidean metric in $T\mathbb{R}^3$, having in the canonical global coordinates $(x^1, x^2, x^3 = x, y, z)$ components $g_{11} = g_{22} = g_{33} = 1$, and $g_{12} = g_{13} = g_{23} = 0$. The induced euclidean metric in $T^*\mathbb{R}^3$ has in the dual bases the same components and will be denoted further by the same letter $g$. The corresponding isomorphisms between the tangent and cotangent spaces and their tensor, exterior and symmetric products will be denoted by the same simbol $\tilde{g}$, so (summation on the repeating indexies is assumed)

$$\tilde{g} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) = g^{ik} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right) = dx^i, \quad (\tilde{g})^{-1}(dx^i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \cdots$$

Having a co-vector field, i.e. 1-form $\alpha$, or another vector field $Y$ on $\mathbb{R}^3$, we can form the flow of $X$ across $\alpha$, or across the $\tilde{g}$-coobject $\tilde{g}(Y)$ of $Y$:

$$i_X \alpha = (\alpha, X) = \alpha_1 X^1 + \alpha_2 X^2 + \alpha_3 X^3,$$

$$i_X \tilde{g}(Y) = (\tilde{g}(Y), X) = g(X, Y) \equiv X.Y = g_{ij} X^i Y^j = X_1 Y^1 + X_2 Y^2 + X_3 Y^3.$$

This flow of $X$ is an invariant entity, so to its admissible and appropriate changes should be paid due respect. According to classical vector analysis on $\mathbb{R}^3$ [16] for the differential of the function $g(X, Y)$ we can write

$$(\tilde{g})^{-1}[d g(X, Y)] = (X.\nabla)Y + (Y.\nabla)X + X \times \text{curl}(Y) + Y \times \text{curl}(X),$$

where in our coordinates

$$X.\nabla = \nabla X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \quad (X.\nabla)Y = \nabla X Y = X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j},$$

"$\times$" denotes the usual vector product, and

$$(\text{curl}X)^i = \left( \frac{\partial X^3}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial X^2}{\partial x^3}, \frac{\partial X^1}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial X^2}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial X^3}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial X^1}{\partial x^3} \right).$$

The Hodge $\ast_g$-operator acts in these coordinates as follows:

$$*dx = dy \wedge dz, \quad *dy = -dx \wedge dz, \quad *dz = dx \wedge dy,$$

$$*(dx \wedge dy) = dz, \quad *(dx \wedge dz) = -dy, \quad *(dy \wedge dz) = dx,$$

$$*(dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) = 1, \quad *1 = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz.$$

**Corollary.** The following relation holds ($d$ denotes the exterior derivative):

$$\text{curl}(X) = (\tilde{g})^{-1} \ast d \tilde{g}(X), \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{g}(\text{curl}X) = \ast d \tilde{g}(X).$$

Assume now that in the above expression for $d g(X, Y)$ we put $X = Y$, i.e., we consider the invariant local change of the flow of $X$ across its proper coobject $\tilde{g}(X)$. We obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} d g(X, X) = \frac{1}{2} d(X^2) = \tilde{g}(X \times \text{curl}X + (X.\nabla)X) = \tilde{g}(X \times \text{curl}X + \nabla X X).$$

In components, the last term on the right reads

$$(\nabla_X X)^i = X^i \nabla_i X^j = \nabla_i (X^i X^j) - X^j \nabla_i X^i = \nabla_i (X^i X^j) - X^j \text{div} X,$$
where (denoting by $L_X$ the Lie derivative along $X$)

$$\text{div} X = *L_X (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz) = * \left( \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i} dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \right) = \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^i}. $$

Substituting into the preceding relation, replacing $d(X^2)$ by $(\nabla_i \delta^j X^2) dx^j$, where $\delta^j$ is the unit tensor in $T \mathbb{R}^3$, and making some elementary transformations we obtain

$$\nabla_i \left( X^i X^j - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{ij} X^2 \right) = [(\text{curl} X) \times X + X \text{div} X]^j.$$

The symmetric 2-tensor

$$M^{ij} = X^i X^j - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{ij} X^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ X^i X^j + (\tilde{g}^{-1} \circ * \tilde{g}(X))^i_k (\tilde{g}(X))^{kj} \right] \tag{1}$$

we shall call further Maxwell stress tensor generated by the (arbitrary) vector field $X \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. The components $M^{ij}$ represent the generated by the dynamical nature of $X$ local stresses, and the local stress energy is represented in terms of $\text{tr}(M^{ij}) = M^i_i$. Momentum is missing since time is a missing dimension. The appropriate changes of $M^{ij}$, given in this idealised case by $(\text{curl} X \times X)$ and $(X \text{div} X)$, could be considered as possible local instruments in terms of which, in presence of more constituents and recognizable subsystems, corresponding balance relations to be written down.

We specially note that, formally, $M^{ij}$ may be represented as sum of the stresses carried by $X$ and by the 2-vector $\tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{g}(X) = \tilde{g}^{-1} i_X(dx \wedge dy \wedge dz)$. Hence, since $\tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{g}(X)$ is uniquely determined by $X$ and $g$, we may consider an idealised physical object, built of two constituents $X$ and $\tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{g}(X)$. It should be noted however that interacting stress between the two constituents is missing: $M^{ij}$ is sum of the stresses carried by $X$ and $\tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{g}(X)$.

Clearly, when we raise and lower indices in canonical coordinates with $\tilde{g}$ we shall have the following component relations:

$$M_{ij} = M^{ij} = M^{ij}$$

which does not mean, of course, that we equalize quantities being elements of different linear spaces.

We note now some formal relations.

First, the easily verified relation between the vector product "\times" and the wedge product in the space of 1-forms on $\mathbb{R}^3$:

$$X \times Y = (\tilde{g})^{-1} (* (\tilde{g}(X) \wedge \tilde{g}(Y)))$$

$$= (\tilde{g})^{-1} \circ i(X \wedge Y)(dx \wedge dy \wedge dz), \ X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

We are going to consider now the differential flow nature of $\nabla_i M^{ij} dx^j$.

**Proposition.** If $\alpha = \tilde{g}(X)$ then the following relation holds $(i(X)\alpha) \text{ means } X^i \alpha \wedge dx^j)$:

$$\tilde{g}(\text{curl} X \times X) = i(X)\alpha = -* (\alpha \wedge *\alpha).$$

**Proof.**

$$\tilde{g}(\text{curl} X \times X) = \tilde{g} \circ (\tilde{g})^{-1} (* (\tilde{g}(\text{curl}X) \wedge \tilde{g}(X)) = -* (\alpha \wedge *\alpha).$$

For the component of $i(X)\alpha$ before $dx$ we obtain

$$-X^2 \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x^2} \right) - X^3 \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_3}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x^3} \right),$$

and the same quantity is easily obtained for the component of $[-*(\alpha \wedge *\alpha)]$ before $dx$. The same is true for the components of the two 1-forms before $dy$ and $dz$. The proposition is proved. Since

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So, a stress balance between the formal constituents \(\alpha\) meaning that the 1-form \(\alpha\) changes to (div \(X\)) will drag the points of the finite region \(U^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3\).

As for the second term \(X \text{div} X\) of the divergence \(\nabla_i M^{ij}\), since \(d \alpha = \text{div} X (dx \wedge dy \wedge dz)\), we easily obtain
\[
i(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)) d \ast \alpha = (\text{div} X)\alpha. \tag{2}
\]
Hence, analogically, the 2-vector \(\tilde{\alpha}\) will drag the points of \(U^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3\) across the 3-form \(d \ast \alpha\), meaning that the 1-form \(\alpha\) changes to (div \(X\)).

We can write now
\[
\bar{M}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} [\alpha_i \alpha_j + (\ast \alpha)_i^k (\ast \alpha)_{kj}], \quad \nabla_i M^j_i = \left[ i(X) d\alpha + i(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)) d \ast \alpha \right]_j. \tag{3}
\]
So, a stress balance between the formal constituents \(X\) and \(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)\) is described by
\[
i(X) d\alpha = -i(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)) d \ast \alpha. \tag{4}
\]

A formal suggestion that comes from the above relations (4) is:

**The interior product of a (multi)vector and a differential form** (i.e. the flow of a (multi)vector field across a differential form) may be considered as appropriate means, generating quantitative measure of local physical interaction.

Hence, the naturally isolated two terms in \(\nabla_i M^{ij}\) suggest: any realizable static stress, that can be associated with the vector field \(X\), to be described by \(\langle \alpha, \ast \alpha \rangle\), and the recognizable nature of \(\alpha\) and \(\ast \alpha\) to be guaranteed by the balance equation \(i(X) d\alpha = -i(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)) d \ast \alpha\), or by
\[
i(X) d\alpha = 0, \quad i(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)) d \ast \alpha = 0, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad X \times \text{curl} X = 0, \text{ div } X = 0.
\]

Recalling now how the Lie derivative with respect to (multi)vectors acts on 1-forms and 2-forms [17], namely,
\[
L_X \alpha = d\langle \alpha, X \rangle + i(X) d\alpha, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad L_X \alpha - d\langle \alpha, X \rangle = i(X) d\alpha,
\]
\[
L_{\ast \alpha} \ast \alpha = d\langle \ast \alpha, \ast \alpha \rangle - (−1)^{deg(\ast \alpha)} deg(d) i(\ast \alpha) d \ast \alpha, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad L_{\ast \alpha} \ast \alpha - d\langle \ast \alpha, \ast \alpha \rangle = -i\langle \ast \alpha \rangle d \ast \alpha,
\]
where \(deg(\ast \alpha) = 2\), \(deg(d) = 1\), we see that the flow of \(X\) across the 2-form \(d\alpha\), and the flow of the 2-vector \(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)\) across \(d \ast \alpha\), are given by the difference between two well defined coordinate free quantities, and this difference determines when the local change \(d\alpha\) of \(\alpha\) with respect to \(X\), resp. \(d \ast \alpha\) of \(\ast \alpha\) with respect to \(\bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha)\), cannot be represented by \(d\langle \alpha, X \rangle\), resp. \(d\langle \ast \alpha, \bar{g}^{-1}(\ast \alpha) \rangle\).

We pass now to the case of two formal constituents represented by two vector fields.

Let \(V\) and \(W\) be two vector fields on our euclidean 3-space. Summing up the corresponding two Maxwell stress tensors (Sec.1) we obtain the identity:
\[
\nabla_i M^{ij}_{(V,W)} = \nabla_i \left( V^i V^j + W^i W^j - \bar{g}^{ij} \frac{V^2 + W^2}{2} \right) = \nabla_i \left( (\text{curl} V) \times V + V \text{div} V + (\text{curl} W) \times W + W \text{div} W \right).
\]

Note that the balance in this case may look like, for example, as follows:
\[
(\text{curl} V) \times V = -W \text{div} W, \quad (\text{curl} W) \times W = -V \text{div} V.
\]
which suggests internal/mutual stress balance between two subsystems created by two constituents formally described by \( V \) and \( W \).

Let now \((a(x, y, z), b(x, y, z))\) be two arbitrary functions on \( \mathbb{R}^3 \). We consider the transformation

\[
(V, W) \rightarrow (V - Wb, Vb + Wa).
\]

We specially note:

1. The tensor \( M_{(V,W)} \) transforms to \((a^2 + b^2)M_{(V,W)}\).
2. The transformations \((V, W) \rightarrow (V - Wb, Vb + Wa)\) do not change the eigen directions structure of \( M_{ij}^{(V,W)} \).
3. If \( a = \cos \theta, b = \sin \theta \), where \( \theta = \theta(x, y, z) \) then the tensor \( M_{(V,W)} \) stays invariant:

\[
M_{(V,W)} = M_{(V\cos \theta - W\sin \theta, V\sin \theta + W\cos \theta)}.
\]

The expression inside the parentheses above, denoted by \( M_{ij}^{(V,W)} \), looks formally the same as the introduced by Maxwell tensor \( M_{ij}^{(E,B)} \) from physical considerations concerned with the electromagnetic stress energy properties of continuous media in presence of external electromagnetic field \((E, B)\). Formally any vector \( V \), or any couple of vectors \((V, W)\), define such tensor (which we denoted by \( M_V \), or \( M_{(V,W)} \)), called further Maxwell stress tensor. The term, ”stress” in this general mathematical setting could be justified by the above mentioned dynamical nature of vector fields. It deserves noting here that the two-vector case should be expected to satisfy some conditions of compatibility between \( V \) and \( W \) in order to physically represent some mutually balanced time stable stress flows.

We emphasize the following moments:

1. The differential identity satisfied by \( M_{(V,W)} \) is purely mathematical;
2. On the two sides of this identity stay well defined coordinate free quantities;
3. The tensors \( M_{(V,W)} \) do NOT introduce interaction stress: the full stress is the sum of the stresses generated by each one of the constituents \((V, W)\).

Physically, we may say that the corresponding physical medium that occupies the spatial region \( U_o \) and is parametrized by the points of the mathematical subregion \( U_o \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \), is subject to compatible and admissible physical ”stresses”, and these physical stresses are quantitatively described by the corresponding physical interpretation of the tensor \( M_{(V,W)} \). Clearly, we could extend the couple \((V, W)\) to more vectors \((V_1, V_2, ..., V_p)\), but then the mentioned invariance properties of \( M_{(V,W)} \) may be lost, or should be appropriately extended.

Finally, note that the stress tensor \( M_{ij} \) appears as been subject to the divergence operator, and if we interpret the components of \( M_{ij} \) as physical stresses, then its divergence acquires, in general, the physical interpretation of force density. Of course, in the static situation as it is given by the relation considered, no stress propagation is possible, so at every point the local forces mutually compensate: \( \nabla_i M_{ij} = 0 \).

Now, analyzing the eigen and other properties of the Maxwell energy tensors, we try to find some appropriate suggestions.

3 What the properties of Maxwell stress tensors suggest.

We consider \( M_{ij}^{(E,B)} \) at some point \( p \in \mathbb{R}^3 \) and assume that in general the vector fields \( E \) and \( B \) are linearly independent, so \( E \times B \neq 0 \). Let the coordinate system be chosen such that the coordinate plane \((x, y)\) to coincide with the plane defined by \( E(p), B(p) \). In this coordinate system
\( \mathbf{E} = (E_1, E_2, 0) \) and \( \mathbf{B} = (B_1, B_2, 0) \), so, identifying the contravariant and covariant indices through the Euclidean metric \( g^{ij} \) (so that \( M^{ij} = M^j_i = M_{ij} \)), we obtain the following nonzero components of the stress tensor:

\[
M_1^1 = (E^1)^2 + (B^1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2); \quad M_2^1 = M_1^2 = E^1 E_2 + B^1 B_2;
\]

\[
M_2^2 = (E^2)^2 + (B^2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2); \quad M_3^3 = -\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2).
\]

Since \( M_1^1 = -M_2^2 \), the trace of \( M \) is \( \text{Tr}(M) = -\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2) \).

The eigen value equation acquires the simple form

\[
[(M_1^1)^2 - (\lambda)^2] + (M_2^1)^2(M_3^3 - \lambda) = 0.
\]

The corresponding eigen values are

\[
\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2); \quad \lambda_{2,3} = \pm \sqrt{(M_1^1)^2 + (M_2^1)^2} = \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(I_1)^2 + (I_2)^2},
\]

where \( I_1 = B^2 - E^2, \quad I_2 = 2E \cdot B \).

The corresponding to \( \lambda_1 \) eigen vector \( Z_1 \) must satisfy the equation

\[
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E} \cdot Z_1) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B} \cdot Z_1) = 0,
\]

and since the non-zero \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) are linearly independent, the two coefficients \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{Z}_1) \) and \( (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{Z}_1) \) must be equal to zero, therefore, \( Z_1 \neq 0 \) must be orthogonal to \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \), i.e. \( Z_1 \) must be colinear to \( \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \):

The other two eigen vectors \( Z_{2,3} \) satisfy correspondingly the equations

\[
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E} \cdot Z_{2,3}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B} \cdot Z_{2,3}) = \left[ \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(I_1)^2 + (I_2)^2} + \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2) \right] Z_{2,3}.
\]

Taking into account the easily verified relation

\[
\frac{1}{4}\left[(I_1)^2 + (I_2)^2\right] = \left(\frac{E^2 + B^2}{2}\right)^2 - |\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}|^2,
\]

so that

\[
\frac{E^2 + B^2}{2} - |\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}| \geq 0,
\]

we conclude that the coefficient before \( Z_{2,3} \) on the right is always different from zero, therefore, the eigen vectors \( Z_{2,3}(p) \) lie in the plane defined by \( (\mathbf{E}(p), \mathbf{B}(p)) \), \( p \in \mathbb{R}^3 \). In particular, the above mentioned transformation properties of the Maxwell stress tensor \( M(V, W) \rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)M(V, W) \) show that the corresponding eigen directions do not change under the transformation \( (V, W) \rightarrow (V a - W b, V b + W a) \).

The above consideration suggests: the intrinsically allowed dynamical abilities of the field object might be: translational along \( (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) \), and rotational inside the plane defined by \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \), hence, we may expect finding field objects the propagation of which shows intrinsic local compatibility between rotation and translation.

It is natural to ask now under what conditions the very \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) may be eigen vectors of \( M(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \)? Assuming \( \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{(I_1)^2 + (I_2)^2} \) and \( Z_2 = \mathbf{E} \) in the above relation and having in
view that \( \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \neq 0 \) we obtain that \( \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E}^2) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \) must be proportional to \( \mathbf{E} \), so, \( \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \), i.e. \( I_2 = 0 \). Moreover, substituting now \( I_2 = 0 \) in that same relation we obtain

\[ E^2 = \frac{1}{2}(B^2 - E^2) + \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2) = B^2, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad I_1 = 0. \]

The case "-" sign before the square root, i.e. \( \lambda = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(I_1)^2 + (I_2)^2} \), leads to analogical conclusions just the role of \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) is exchanged.

**Corollary 1.** \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) may be eigen vectors of \( M(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) only if \( I_1 = I_2 = 0 \).

These considerations suggest that if \( I_1 = 0 \), i.e. \( |\mathbf{E}|^2 = |\mathbf{B}|^2 \), and propagation takes place, then the energy density can be presented in terms of each of the two formal constituents, moreover, in this respect, both constituents have the same rights. Therefore, a local mutual energy exchange between any supposed two subsystems, formally represented by appropriate combinations of \( \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B} \), is not forbidden in general, but, if it takes place, it must be simultaneous and in equal quantities. Hence, if \( I_1 = 0 \) and \( I_2 = 2\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \), internal energy redistribution between the two supposed subsystems of the field object would be allowed, but such an exchange should occur without available interaction energy.

The following question is also of interest: is it physically allowed to interpret each of the two vector fields \( \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B} \) not as formal constituents, but as formal images of recognizable time-stable physical subsystems of an electromagnetic field object?

Trying to answer this question we note that the relation \( E^2 + B^2 = 2|\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}| \) and the required time-recognizability during propagation (with velocity "c") of each subsystem of the field object suggest/imply also that each of the two subsystems must be able to carry locally momentum and to exchange locally momentum with the other one, since this relation means that the energy density is always strongly proportional to the momentum density magnitude \( \frac{1}{c}|\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}| \). Hence, the couple \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) is able to carry momentum, but neither of the formal constituents \( \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B} \) is able to carry momentum separately. Moreover, the important observation here is that, various combinations constructed out of the formal constituents \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \), e.g., \( (\mathbf{E} \cos \theta - \mathbf{B} \sin \theta, \mathbf{E} \sin \theta + \mathbf{B} \cos \theta) \), where \( \theta(x, y, z; t) \) is a function, may be considered as possible representatives of the two recognizable subsystems since they carry the same energy \( \frac{1}{2}(E^2 + B^2) \) and momentum \( \frac{1}{c}|\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}| \) densities.

We note also the following.

Let \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) be nonzero and linearly independent, then the triple \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) \) defines a frame and a \( g \)-coframe at every point, where the field object is different from zero. We denote the corresponding frame by \( \mathcal{R}' \), so we can write \( \mathcal{R}' = (\mathbf{E}, -\varepsilon \mathbf{B}, -\varepsilon \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) \), where \( \varepsilon = \pm 1 \).

Since the physical dimension of the third vector \( \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \) is different from that of the first two, we introduce the factor \( \gamma \) according to:

\[ \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E^2 + B^2}}. \]

Making use of \( \gamma \), we introduce the so called electromagnetic frame :

\[ \mathcal{R} = [\gamma \mathbf{E}, -\varepsilon \gamma \mathbf{B}, -\varepsilon \gamma^2 \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}] \]

Hence, at every point we’ve got two frames: \( \mathcal{R} \), and the dimensionless coordinate frame \( \mathcal{R}_o = l_o \partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z \), \( \dim l_o = \text{length} \), as well as the corresponding co-frames \( \mathcal{R}^* \) and \( \mathcal{R}^*_o = l_o^{-1}(dx, dy, dz) \).

The corresponding transformation matrix \( \mathcal{M} : \mathcal{R}_o \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \) is defined by the relation \( \mathcal{R}_o \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{R} \). So, we obtain

\[ \mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha E^1 & -\varepsilon \gamma B^1 & -\varepsilon \gamma^2 (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})^1 \\ \gamma E^2 & -\varepsilon \gamma B^2 & -\varepsilon \gamma^2 (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})^2 \\ \gamma E^3 & -\varepsilon \gamma B^3 & -\varepsilon \gamma^2 (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})^3 \end{bmatrix}. \]
Let’s now see when the matrix $M$ does not change the 3-volume $\omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$. Such a property requires $\det(M) = 1$. Now, from linear algebra it is known that such matrices have determinants equal to $\gamma^4 (E \times B) \cdot (E \times B) = [\gamma^2 |E||B||\sin(E, B)|]^2$. So, this requirement reduces to $\gamma^2 |E \times B| = 1$. This last equation is equivalent to

$$|E|^2 - 2|E||B||\sin\beta| + |B|^2 = 0,$$

where $\beta$ is the angle between $E$ and $B$. Expressing $|E|$ as a function of $|B|$ through solving this quadratic equation with respect to $|E|$, we obtain

$$0 < |E|_{1,2} = |B||\sin\beta| \pm |B|\sqrt{\sin^2\beta - 1}. $$

This inequality is possible only if $|\sin^2\beta| = 1$, so, $|E| = |B|$, $E \cdot B = 0$, and $\sqrt{\det(M)} = \gamma^2 |E||B|$.

**Corollary 2.** The unimodular nature of $M$: $\det M = 1$, requires $E \cdot B = 0$, $B_2 = E_2$, so, an orthonormal nature of the frame $\mathcal{R}$.

In our view these important properties have to be kept in mind when searching adequate equations, satisfied by the mathematical images of the physical constituents of time dependent and space propagating electromagnetic objects.

According to the above considerations we may assume the following view on real electromagnetic field objects:

Every real electromagnetic field object is built of two recognizable and dynamically compatible subsystems $(A_1, A_2)$, the mathematical images of which can be algebraically represented in terms of $(E, B)$, both these subsystems carry always the same quantity of stress-energy-momentum, guaranteeing in this way that, any mutual energy-momentum exchange between $A_1$ and $A_2$ will always be in equal quantities and simultaneous.

4 Real electromagnetic field objects viewed as built of two vector field constituents, being organized in two recognizable and permanently interacting subsystems.

4.1 Some formal relations

We begin with some notations and easily verified relations. Let $g$ denote the euclidean metric on $\mathbb{R}^3$. We introduce the following notations:

$$\tilde{g}(E) = \eta, \quad \tilde{g}(B) = \beta, \quad \tilde{G}^{-1}(\ast \eta) = \ast \eta, \quad \tilde{G}^{-1}(\ast \beta) = \ast \beta.$$

Then we obtain

$$\tilde{g}(\text{curl} E \times E) = i(E) d\eta, \quad \tilde{g}(\text{curl} B \times B) = i(B) d\beta,$$

$$\tilde{g}(\text{curl} E \times B) = i(B) d\eta, \quad \tilde{g}(\text{curl} B \times E) = i(E) d\beta,$$

$$E \text{ div}(B) = i(\ast \eta) d \ast \beta, \quad B \text{ div}(E) = i(\ast \beta) d \ast \eta.$$
\( i(h) \), or \( i_h \), in \( \Lambda(E^*) \) of degree \((-1)\) (sometimes called substitution/contraction/insertion operator, interior product, algebraic flow) according to:

\[
i(h)(x^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x^p) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} (-1)^{(i-1)} (x^i, h)x^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}^i \wedge \cdots \wedge x^p.
\]

Clearly, if \( u^* \in \Lambda^p(E^*) \) and \( v^* \in \Lambda(E^*) \) then

\[
i(h)(u^* \wedge v^*) = (i(h)u^*) \wedge v^* + (-1)^p u^* \wedge i(h)v^*.
\]

Also, we get

\[
i(h)u^*(x_1, \ldots, x_{p-1}) = u^*(h, x_1, \ldots, x_{p-1}),
\]

\[
i(x) \circ i(y) = -i(y) \circ i(x).
\]

This antiderivation is extended to a mapping \( i(h_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge h_p) : \Lambda^m(E^*) \rightarrow \Lambda^{(m-p)}(E^*), m \geq p \), according to

\[
i(h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge h_p)u^* = i(h_p) \circ \cdots \circ i(h_1)u^*.
\]

Note that this extended mapping is not an antiderivation, except for \( p = 1 \).

This mapping is extended to multivectors and exterior forms which are linear combinations: if \( \Psi = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2 + \cdots \) is an arbitrary multivector on \( E \) and \( \Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \cdots \) is an arbitrary exterior form on \( E^* \) then \( i\Psi\Phi \) is defined as extension by linearity, e.g.,

\[
i(\Psi_1 + \Psi_2)(\Phi_1 + \Phi_2) = i(\Psi_1)\Phi_1 + i(\Psi_1)\Phi_2 + i(\Psi_2)\Phi_1 + i(\Psi_2)\Phi_2.
\]

This extension of the interior product allows to extend the Lie derivative of a differential form \( \alpha \) along a vector field \( X \) to a derivative of \( \alpha \) along a multivector field \( T \) [17], according to

\[
\mathcal{L}_T(\Phi) = d \circ i_T\Phi - (-1)^{\text{deg}(T)} i_T \circ d\Phi.
\]

If \( \mathcal{L}_T(\Phi) = 0 \) this extension allows to consider \( T \) as a symmetry of \( \alpha \).

We construct now the \( \varphi \)-extended insertion operator. Let \( E_1 \) and \( E_2 \) be two real vector spaces with corresponding bases \( e_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, \text{dim}E_1 \) and \( k_j, j = 1, 2, \ldots, \text{dim}E_2 \), \( T = t^i \otimes e_i \) be a \( E_1 \)-valued q-vector, \( \Phi = \alpha^j \otimes k_j \) be a \( E_2 \)-valued p-form with \( q \leq p \), and \( \varphi : E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow F \) be a bilinear map into the vector space \( F \). Now we define \( i_T\Phi \in \Lambda^{p-q}(M, F) \):

\[
i_T\Phi = i_{t^i} \alpha^j \otimes \varphi(e_i, k_j), \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, \text{dim}(E_1), \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, \text{dim}(E_2).
\]

Also, if \( T_1, T_2 \) are two multivectors and \( \alpha, \beta \) are two forms then \( (i \otimes i)_{T_1 \otimes T_2} (\alpha \otimes \beta) \) is defined by

\[
(i \otimes i)_{T_1 \otimes T_2} (\alpha \otimes \beta) = i_{T_1} \alpha \otimes i_{T_2} \beta.
\]

We can define now the \( \varphi \)-extended Lie derivative. Let \( M \) be a \( n \)-dimensional manifold, \( \Phi \) be a \( E_1 \)-valued differential \( p \)-form on \( M \), \( T \) be a \( E_2 \)-valued \( q \)-multivector field on \( M \), with \( q \leq p \) and \( \varphi : E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow F \) be a bilinear map. The \( \varphi \)-extended Lie derivative

\[
\mathcal{L}_T^\varphi : \Lambda^p(M, E_1) \times \mathcal{X}^q(M, E_2) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p-q+1}(M, F)
\]

is defined as follows [21]:

\[
\mathcal{L}_T^\varphi(\Phi) = d \circ i_T^\varphi\Phi - (-1)^{\text{deg}(T),\text{deg}(d)} i_T^\varphi \circ d\Phi,
\]

where \( d \) is the exterior derivative on \( M \), so, \( \text{deg}(d) = 1 \). This definition suggests to consider the tensor field \( T \) as a local \( \varphi \)-symmetry of the differential form \( \Phi \) when \( \mathcal{L}_T^\varphi(\Phi) = 0 \).
4.2 Static case

We begin with the strongly idealized static case where the constituent is modelled by a vector field on \( \mathbb{R}^3 \), denoted by \( \mathbf{E} \). In order to recognize this vector field among the other ones we introduce 1-dimensional vector space \( V_0 \), its dual \( V_0^* \), with corresponding dual bases \( e \) and \( \varepsilon \), so our formal representation of the constituent looks as \( \mathbf{E} \otimes e \). In searching for a partner our field \( \mathbf{E} \) defines its \( g \)-dual 1-form \( \eta = \bar{g}(\mathbf{E}) \), and making use of the Hodge star \( \ast \) defined by \( g \), it finds its partner constituent in the 2-form \( \ast \eta \), which is equal to \( i_{\mathbf{E} \omega} \omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \). According to the above view the balance in this idealized case between \( \mathbf{E} \otimes e \) and \( \ast \eta \otimes \varepsilon \) should be given by

\[
L^\varphi_{(\mathbf{E} \otimes e)}(\eta \otimes \varepsilon) = L^\varphi_{(\ast \eta \otimes \varepsilon)}(\ast \eta \otimes \varepsilon),
\]

where \( \varphi \) in this case is just the coupling \( \langle \varepsilon, e \rangle = 1 \) between \( e \) and \( \varepsilon \). Expanding this relation we get

\[
d\langle \eta, \mathbf{E} \rangle + i_{\mathbf{E} \mathbf{d}} \eta = d\langle \ast \eta, \bar{\eta} \rangle - i_{\bar{\eta}} \mathbf{d} \ast \eta.
\]

Since \( \langle \eta, \mathbf{E} \rangle = \langle \ast \eta, \bar{\eta} \rangle \) we get

\[
i_{\mathbf{E} \mathbf{d}} \eta = -i_{\bar{\eta}} \mathbf{d} \ast \eta, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad i_{\mathbf{E} \mathbf{d}} \eta + i_{\bar{\eta}} \mathbf{d} \ast \eta = 0,
\]

which is, according to relation (3), just the zero value of the divergence of the determined by \( \mathbf{E} \) Maxwell stress tensor: The flow of \( \mathbf{E} \) across \( \mathbf{d} \eta \) is balanced by the flow of \( \bar{\mathbf{d}} \mathbf{f} \eta \) across \( \mathbf{d} \ast \eta \).

This very elementary example suggests that, even only one vector field, \( \mathbf{E} \) in our case, in order to survive as a static stress generating factor in the 3-space, looks for a balancing partner, it finds such one in \( i_{\mathbf{E} \omega} \omega = \ast \eta \), its \( \bar{\mathbf{g}} \)-images, and the static stress flow \( i_{\bar{\mathbf{g}}} \mathbf{d} \ast \eta \).

We pass now to the case of two static stress generating vector fields, denoted by \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \). The new moment now is that the resulted generated local stress, although static, may depend on the mutual influence between the generated two local stresses by each one of the fields.

According to the above notations the two vector fields \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) appear together with their co-vectors \( \eta \) and \( \beta \). Now the 1-dimensional vector space \( V_0 \) should be, naturally, replaced by a 2-dimensional vector space \( V \) and its dual \( V^* \), euclidean metric \( h \), and corresponding \( h \)-dual bases \( \{e_1, e_2\} \) and \( \{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\} \): \( \langle \varepsilon_1, e_j \rangle = \delta_j^1 \), \( i, j = 1, 2 \). So, \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) define a subsystem \( \Omega \) by

\[
\bar{\Omega} = \mathbf{E} \otimes e_1 + \mathbf{B} \otimes e_2, \quad \text{and its} \ g \text{-dual co-image} \quad \Omega = \eta \otimes e_1 + \beta \otimes e_2.
\]

Since now the volume form in \( V^* \) is essential and is given by \( \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 \), we are going to introduce the balancing partner field \( \Sigma \) in two steps. First, the flow of \( \Omega \) across \( \omega \otimes \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 \):

\[
\Sigma' = i(\bar{\Omega})(\omega \otimes \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2).
\]

Explicitly

\[
\Sigma' = i(\mathbf{E} \otimes e_1 + \mathbf{B} \otimes e_2)(\omega \otimes \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2) = i(\mathbf{E}) \omega \otimes i(\varepsilon_1)(\varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2) + i(\mathbf{B}) \omega \otimes i(\varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2)
\]

\[
= i(\mathbf{E}) \omega \otimes \varepsilon_2 - i(\mathbf{B}) \omega \otimes \varepsilon_1 = -* \beta \otimes \varepsilon_1 + * \eta \otimes \varepsilon_2.
\]

Now \( \Sigma \) is defined by passing to \( V \)-valued 2-form by

\[
\Sigma = (id \otimes \bar{h}^{-1})(\Sigma') = -* \beta \otimes e_1 + * \eta \otimes e_2.
\]

Finally, the balancing partner is represented by \( \Sigma \) and

\[
\bar{\Sigma} = -* \beta \otimes e_1 + * \eta \otimes e_2.
\]
Now the corresponding local *static* stress balance relation must pay due respect to the way the two stress generating formal constituents $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ generate interaction: the interaction must take care of their identities through recognizing them as eigen vectors of the stress-energy tensor, so, they should carry the *same local stress*, therefore, their *static* exchange stress, i.e., stress balance, must be *simultaneous* and *in equal quantities* (Corollary 1). In view of this, paying due respect to these properties of mutual symmetry and compatibility, we choose $\varphi$ to be the *symmetrized tensor product* denoted by “$\vee$”, and write:

$$L^\varphi_\Omega(\Omega) = L^\varphi_\Sigma(\Sigma).$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

We obtain:

$$L^\varphi_\Omega(\Omega) = [d\langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d\eta] \otimes e_1 \vee e_1 + [d\langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle + i(\mathbf{B})d\beta] \otimes e_2 \vee e_2$$

$$+ [d\langle\eta, \mathbf{B}\rangle + i(\mathbf{B})d\eta + d\langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d\beta] \otimes e_1 \vee e_2.$$

$$L^\varphi_\Sigma(\Sigma) = [d\langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle - i(\mathbf{B})d \beta] \otimes e_1 \vee e_1 + [d\langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle - i(\mathbf{E})d \eta] \otimes e_2 \vee e_2$$

$$+ [-d\langle\eta, \mathbf{B}\rangle + i(\mathbf{B})d \eta - d\langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d \beta] \otimes e_1 \vee e_2.$$

So, the balance relation (7) gives the following three equations:

$$d\langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d\eta = d\langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle - i(\mathbf{B})d \beta,$$

$$d\langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle + i(\mathbf{B})d\beta = d\langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle - i(\mathbf{E})d \eta,$$

$$d\langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d\beta + d\langle\eta, \mathbf{B}\rangle + i(\mathbf{B})d\eta = -d\langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle - d\langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle + i(\mathbf{E})d \eta + i(\mathbf{E})d \beta.$$

In view of the relations

$$\langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle = g(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{E}^2, \langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle = g(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B}^2, \langle\beta, \mathbf{B}\rangle = \mathbf{B}^2, \langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{E}^2,$$

$$\langle\eta, \mathbf{B}\rangle = g(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{B}, \langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle = g(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{E}, \langle\beta, \mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{E}, \langle\eta, \mathbf{E}\rangle = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{B},$$

the equations read

$$i(\mathbf{E})d\eta + i(\mathbf{B})d \eta = d(\mathbf{E}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2)$$

$$i(\mathbf{B})d\beta + i(\mathbf{B})d \eta = d(\mathbf{B}^2 - \mathbf{E}^2),$$

$$i(\mathbf{E})d\beta + i(\mathbf{B})d\eta - i(\mathbf{E})d \beta - i(\mathbf{B})d \eta = -d(\mathbf{E}\mathbf{B}).$$

From the first two equations it follows the equation, i.e., the *static balance equation*,

$$i(\mathbf{E})d\eta + i(\mathbf{B})d \beta + i(\mathbf{B})d\beta + i(\mathbf{E})d \eta = 0,$$

which is the Maxwell local conservation law $\nabla_i M^i_j(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) = 0$ for the stress tensor

$$M^i_j(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{E}^i\mathbf{E}_j + \mathbf{B}^i\mathbf{B}_j - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2)\delta^i_j$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{E}^i\mathbf{E}_j + (\mathbf{g}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{E}))^{ik}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{E}))^k_j + \mathbf{B}^i\mathbf{B}_j + (\mathbf{g}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}))^{ik}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}))^k_j \right].$$
Recalling (Sec.3) that if we require the vector fields \( \mathbf{E} \) and \( \mathbf{B} \) to define at every point eigen directions of \( M(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) and unimodular nature of the generated electromagnetic matrix \( M \), \( M^* \omega = \omega \), where \( \omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \), then we should assume
\[
\mathbf{E}^2 = \mathbf{B}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0.
\]
It is now elementary to see that under these last assumptions our static balance relation \( L^Y_{\Omega}(\Omega) = L^Y_{\Sigma}(\Sigma) \) reduces to
\[
i^Y_{\Omega} d \Omega = -i^Y_{\Sigma} d \Sigma. \tag{8}
\]
This suggests to consider \( \Omega, \Sigma \), or \( \Omega, \Sigma \), as formal images of two subsystems of the object considered, which subsystems demonstrate stable stress equilibrium: any stress lost by the first one is fully accepted by the second one and vice versa. This corresponds to the fact that there is NO interaction stress in \( M^i_j(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \): the whole stress is sum of the stresses carried by \( \Omega \) and \( \Sigma \). The hidden "dynamical" aspect of this static equilibrium is clearly seen from the reduced three equations.

\[
\begin{align*}
i(\mathbf{E})d\eta + i(\star \beta)d \star \beta &= 0, \\
i(\mathbf{B})d\beta + i(\star \eta)d \star \eta &= 0, \\
i(\mathbf{E})d\beta + i(\mathbf{B})d\eta - i(\star \eta)d \star \beta - i(\star \beta)d \star \eta &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

### 4.3 Time dependent case

First we note that introducing time is considered here as a quantitative comparing the courses of two physically independent processes, the one of which we call referent, e.g., the progress of appropriate watch, then the other one attains significance of parametrised process.

Hence, we have to specially note that the time parameter \( t \) used in this subsection we consider as external to the spatial coordinates \( (x,y,z) \) parameter, and the corresponding referent process must NOT influence the parametrised process. Some formal consequences of this consideration should be noted:

- time-derivatives are NOT derivatives along \( \mathbb{R}^3 \)-spatial vector fields and, by assumption, corresponding local commutation relation between \( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \) and \( (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}) \) always holds,
- time-derivatives do not change the tensor nature of the differentiated object.

Naturally, from physical viewpoint, any observed time change of the above discussed stress balance in the static case should presume corresponding influence, leading to its violation, and, of course, of its formal representation - relation (8). Physically, it may be expected the electromagnetic field object described, to survive through some kind of time "pulsating" at the space points, or through a propagation as a whole in the 3-space, or, both. So: the local static balance should be replaced by an appropriate intrincally compatible local dynamical and time dependent balance. Hence, in order to survive, our object must be able to generate appropriate spatial changes inside any occupied spatial area. In particular, in order the eigen nature of the static stress tensor to be appropriately kept as eigen nature of the new "propagational" stress-energy-momentum tensor, the two zero divergences \( *d \star \eta = 0, *d \star \beta = 0 \), might be not necessarily kept to hold, as the explicit form of static equations (8) at the end of the previous subsection allow.

To this time-dependence of the behaviour of our electromagnetic field object we are going to give formal decription by means of finding appropriate change of the static equation (8).

Equation (8) formally postulates equivalence between two vector valued 1-forms, so, any introduced influence object, representing how the new time-dependent balance would look like, is
expected, formally, also to be 1-form, containing appropriately first order \( t \)-derivative(s) and valued in the same vector space. This allows a natural return to the static balance equation through setting this new object equal to zero.

Also, since the available spatial differential operators in (8) are just of first order, it seems natural the corresponding formal influence object to contain time derivatives of not higher than first order. Clearly, in view of the flow nature of the objects across their own spatial change objects in the static relation (8), the influence object is expected to express formally also a flow, but a first order. So, we may write

\[
i^\gamma i\Omega d\Omega + i_\Sigma d\Sigma = \frac{1}{c} i^\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Sigma. \tag{9}\]

Denoting \( ct = \xi \), this equation (9) gives the following three equations

\[
i(E)d\eta + i(\ast \beta)d\ast \beta = -i(E)\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \ast \beta \right),
\]

\[
i(B)d\beta + i(\ast \eta)d\ast \eta = i(B)\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \ast \eta \right),
\]

\[
i(E)d\beta + i(B)d\eta - i(\ast \eta)d\ast \beta - i(\ast \beta)d\ast \eta = i(E)\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \ast \eta \right) - i(B)\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \ast \beta \right).
\]

Having in view the expressions for the extended Lie derivatives we can rewrite these equations as follows:

\[
L_E\eta - d\langle \eta, E \rangle - [L_{\ast \beta} \ast \beta - d(\ast \beta, \ast \beta)] = -i(E)\left( \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \xi} \right)
\]

\[
L_B\beta - d\langle \beta, B \rangle - [L_{\ast \eta} \ast \eta - d(\ast \eta, \ast \eta)] = i(B)\left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \xi} \right)
\]

\[
L_E\beta - d\langle \beta, E \rangle + L_B\eta - d\langle \eta, B \rangle + L_{\ast \eta} \ast \beta - d(\ast \beta, \ast \eta) + L_{\ast \beta} \ast \eta - d(\ast \eta, \ast \beta)
\]

\[
= i(E)\left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \xi} \right) - i(B)\left( \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \xi} \right).
\]

### 4.4 Space-time representation

In the frame of the space-time view on physical processes the introduced variable \( \xi = ct \) is no more independent on the choice of physical frames with respect to which we introduce spatial coordinates and write down time-dependent formal relations. Now \( \xi \) is considered as appropriate coordinate, it generates local coordinate base vector \( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \) and corresponding co-vector (or 1-form) \( d\xi, \langle d\xi, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \rangle = 1 \). So, the 3-volume \( \omega = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \) naturally becomes a 3-form on the 4-dimensional space-time \( \mathbb{R}^4 \), and is extended to the 4-volume \( \omega_o = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \wedge d\xi \). Our purpose now is to find appropriate 4-dimensional form of our balance law given by equation (9).

Recall our two basic objects: the vector valued differential 1-form \( \Omega = \eta \otimes e_1 + \beta \otimes e_2 \) and the vector valued differential 2-form \( \Sigma = -\ast \beta \otimes e_1 + \ast \eta \otimes e_2 \) being defined entirely in terms of objects previously introduced on \( \mathbb{R}^3 \). We want now these objects to depend on \( \xi \) as they depend on the spatial coordinates, so to be appropriately extended to objects on \( \mathbb{R}^4 \).
Note that the 2-form Σ is defined making use of the 1-form Ω and the 3-form ω = dx ∧ dy ∧ dz. Now, the 4th dimension ξ generates the coordinate 1-form dξ, so, Ω turns to dξ for help to extend to a 2-form on \( \mathbb{R}^4 \), which is done in the simplest way: \( \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \wedge d\xi \). We are in position now to consider the difference \( \Omega \wedge d\xi - \Sigma \):

\[
\Omega \wedge d\xi - \Sigma = (\eta \wedge d\xi) \otimes e_1 + (\beta \wedge d\xi) \otimes e_2 + \ast\beta \otimes e_1 - \ast\eta \otimes e_2
\]

\[= (\ast\beta + \eta \wedge d\xi) \otimes e_1 - (\ast\eta - \beta \wedge d\xi) \otimes e_2.\]

In this way we get two differential 2-forms on \( \mathbb{R}^4 \) naturally recognized by the basis vectors of the external vector space \( V \):

\[
F = \ast\beta + \eta \wedge d\xi, \quad \text{and} \quad -G = \ast\eta - \beta \wedge d\xi,
\]

moreover, these two 2-forms are clearly identified as vector components of one \( V \)-valued 2-form:

\[
\Omega = F \otimes e_1 + G \otimes e_2.
\]

In order to define corresponding flow, as we did it in previous subsections, we have to construct \( \Omega \). The corresponding 2-vectors \( \bar{F} \) and \( \bar{G} \) are easily introduced making use of the isomorphism between 2-forms and 2-vectors defined by the volume form \( \omega_o = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \wedge d\xi \) according to

\[
G = -i(\bar{F})\omega_o, \quad F = i(\bar{G})\omega_o : \rightarrow \, \tilde{\Omega} = \bar{F} \otimes e_1 + \bar{G} \otimes e_2.
\]

Another approach is to try to find appropriate linear map \( \psi : \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4) \rightarrow \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4) \) sending \( F \) to \( G \). So, we write down the presumed linear equation \( \psi(F) = G \):

\[
\psi(i_B\omega + \eta \wedge d\xi) = i_E\omega - \beta \wedge d\xi.
\]

The linear nature of this presumed equation allows to reduce now \( \psi \) to the basis vectors of \( \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4) \):

\[
(dx \wedge dy, dx \wedge dz, dy \wedge dz, dx \wedge d\xi, dy \wedge d\xi, dz \wedge d\xi),
\]

which gives:

\[
\psi(dx \wedge dy) = -dz \wedge d\xi \quad \psi(dx \wedge d\xi) = -dy \wedge dz
\]

\[
\psi(dx \wedge dz) = dy \wedge d\xi \quad \psi(dy \wedge d\xi) = dx \wedge dz
\]

\[
\psi(dy \wedge dz) = -dx \wedge d\xi \quad \psi(dz \wedge d\xi) = dx \wedge dy.
\]

Obviously, \( \psi \) must satisfy the condition \( \psi \circ \psi = -id_{\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)} \). Clearly, such linear map should define complex structure in the space \( \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4) \). As is well known, the Hodge star operator * in Minkowski space-time, is defined by the relation \( \alpha \wedge \ast\beta = (-1)^{ind(g)}g(\alpha, \beta)\omega_o \), where \( \omega_o = dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \wedge d\xi \), \( \alpha, \beta \) are forms of the same rank, \( ind(g) \) specifies the number of minuses in canonical coordinates of the pseudometric used. In our case the Minkowski pseudometric \( g \) has in canonical coordinates the components: \( g_{\mu\nu} = (-1, -1, -1, 1); \ g_{\mu\nu} = 0, \mu \neq \nu = 1, 2, 3, 4 \). It should be noted here, that an interior product \( i_X\omega_o \) is not always equal to \( \ast_g g(X) \), where \( X \) is a multivector. In our case of Minkowski space-time with this pseudo-metric it is easy to verify that for 2-forms and \( g \)-corresponding 2-vectors we obtain:

\[
\ast F = -i(\bar{F})\omega_o, \quad F = i(\ast F)\omega_o, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \bar{G} = \ast F.
\]  

(10)

In view of this, further we may use any of these two expressions.

We turn now to the corresponding balance law. In view of the preliminary assumed relations \( E^2 = B^2, E \cdot B = 0 \), i.e., \( F \wedge \ast F = F \wedge F = 0 \), it reeds

\[
i_\tilde{\Omega} d\Omega = 0, \quad \tilde{\Omega} = (\tilde{g})^{-1}(\Omega),
\]  

(11)
i.e., the \( \vee \)-flow of \( \Omega \) across its change \( d\Omega \) does NOT lead to losses. It has to be noted, however, that this balance law may be written down without making use of (pseudo)metric, the volume form \( \omega_o \) serves sufficiently well.

Since now \( G = \cdott F = -i(\g^{-1}F)\omega_o = -i(F)\omega_o \), equation (11) gives the following three equations

\[
i_F d\mathcal{F} = 0, \quad i_{F} \star d\mathcal{F} = 0, \quad i_F d + i_{F} \star d\mathcal{F} = 0. \tag{12}
\]

If \( \delta = \star d\mathcal{F} \) is the corresponding coderivative operator on Minkowski spacetime, the first two equations of (12) are correspondingly equivalent to

\[
(\star \mathcal{F})_{\mu\nu}(\delta \star \mathcal{F})_{\nu} = 0, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(\delta \mathcal{F})_{\nu} = 0,
\]

so, all nonlinear solutions: \( \delta \mathcal{F} \neq 0, \delta \star \mathcal{F} \neq 0 \) of these equations must satisfy \( \text{det} ||\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}|| = 0 \), i.e., \( \mathbf{E.E} = 0 \), and together with the third equation

\[
i_F d \star \mathcal{F} + i_{F} \star d\mathcal{F} = i(\delta \star \mathcal{F}) \mathcal{F} + i(\delta \mathcal{F})(\star \mathcal{F}) = 0
\]

this requirement for nonlinearity extends to \( \text{det} ||\mathcal{F} \pm \star \mathcal{F}|| = 0 \), which is equivalent to \( \mathbf{E.E} = \mathbf{B.B} \).

The first two equations appeared first in [18], and the third jo oned later in [19,20].

It is easy now to verify that writing down (9) and (12) totally in terms of \( (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \) we shall obtain the equations given at the end of the previous subsection.

The corresponding stress-energy-momentum tensor of any solution of (12)

\[
T_{\mu \nu} = -\frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{F}_{\mu\sigma} \mathcal{F}^{\nu\sigma} + (\star \mathcal{F})_{\mu\sigma}(\star \mathcal{F})^{\nu\sigma}]
\]

clearly notifies absence of interaction stress-energy between the two subsystems formally represented by \( \mathcal{F} \) and \( \star \mathcal{F} \): the whole stress-energy is the sum of these quantities carried by \( \mathcal{F} \) and \( \star \mathcal{F} \). Of course, this admits local exchange \( \mathcal{F} \leftrightarrow \star \mathcal{F} \) of these quantities of special kind: simultaneous and in equal quantities.

Here is a special class of nonlinear solutions of (12):

\[
\mathcal{F} = \varepsilon u \, dx \wedge dz + u \, dx \wedge d\xi + \varepsilon p \, dy \wedge dz + p \, dy \wedge d\xi,
\]

\[
\star \mathcal{F} = -p \, dx \wedge dz - \varepsilon p \, dx \wedge d\xi + u \, dy \wedge dz + \varepsilon u \, dy \wedge d\xi;
\]

where

\[
u = \Phi(x,y,\xi + \varepsilon z) \cos \left( -\varepsilon \kappa \frac{z}{L_o} + \text{const} \right),
\]

\[
p = \Phi(x,y,\xi + \varepsilon z) \sin \left( -\varepsilon \kappa \frac{z}{L_o} + \text{const} \right), \quad L_o = \text{const}, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1, \quad \kappa = \pm 1,
\]

and \( \Phi \) is arbitrary function of its four arguments. The energy density of these solutions is given by \( \mathbf{E.E} \), so, spatially finite solutions are allowed. These solutions propagate along the coordinate \( z \) inside some spatially infinite helical cylinder and "rotate" left or right depending on the sign of the constant \( \kappa \). Their length size along the direction of propagation is \( 2\pi L_o \).

**Remarks and Comments**

Recalling relation (6) and the zero values of

\[
\mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F} = i_F(\star \mathcal{F})\omega_o = 2\mathbf{E.B}\omega_o = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} \wedge \star \mathcal{F} = -i_F F\omega_o = (\mathbf{E.E} - \mathbf{B.B})\omega_o = 0,
\]

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\]
deforms the volume form $\omega$, then

$$L_\omega = d(i_\omega F) - (-1)^2 i_\omega dF = -i_\omega dF = 0,$$

$$L_{*\omega} = d(i_{*\omega} F) - (-1)^2 i_{*\omega} d*F = -i_{*\omega} d*F = 0.$$ 

Also, since $d\omega_0 = 0$, we obtain

$$L_\omega \omega_0 = d(i_\omega \omega_0) - (-1)^2 i_\omega d\omega_0 = -d*F, \quad L_{*\omega} \omega_0 = d(i_{*\omega} \omega_0) - (-1)^2 i_{*\omega} d\omega_0 = dF.$$ 

The last relations give some other view on the relativistic form of Maxwell free field equations $dF = 0, d*F = 0$: the two null bivectors $\bar{F}$ and $*F$ are local symmetries of the standard volume form $\omega_0$ on Minkowski spacetime, in this sense, these two relativistic Maxwell equations appear as extensions of the nonrelativistic equations $d\epsilon_\omega E = 0, d\epsilon_\omega B = 0$, the invariant sense of which is

$$L_E(dx \land dy \land dz) = 0, \quad L_B(dx \land dy \land dz) = 0,$$

i.e., the two fields $(E, B)$ do not change locally the 3-volume. Moreover, if we follow modern gauge formulation of relativistic charge-free Maxwell equations, then $dF = 0$ is in advance assumed, and in view of relations (10) the only additional equation should read $L_\omega \omega_0 = d(i_\omega \omega_0) = -d*F = 0$.

Turning back to the static null field case where Maxwell free field equations require $\text{curl} E = \text{curl} B = 0$, and recalling relations in subsec.4.1, we see that the first two nonlinear static equations at the end of subsec.4.2 allow $\text{curl} E \neq 0$, $\text{curl} B \neq 0$, i.e., $d\eta \neq 0$, $d\beta \neq 0$, since the 3d-matrices $d\eta$ and $d\beta$ are antisymmetric, and their determinants are necessarily equal to zero, which allows the components of $E$ and $B$ to be algebraically determined as nonzero functions of their derivatives, although $\text{div} E = \text{div} B = 0$.

This allows in principle to consider the two Frobenius integrability conditions

$$d\eta \land \eta = (E, \text{curl} E) \omega = 0, \quad d\beta \land \beta = (B, \text{curl} B) \omega = 0$$

as compatible with the nonlinear static equations, so, static electric and magnetic helicities, which are not allowed by Maxwell static equations, not to be excluded from the very beginning. For example, the vector fields $X$, satisfying $X \times \text{curl} X = 0$, $\text{div} X = 0$, known as Beltrami vector fields, exist and are of definite interest in fluid mechanics and optics [22].

Following this line of consideration we find

$$L_{E \times B} \omega = d(i_{E \times B} \omega + i_{E \times B} d\omega = d(i_{E \times B} \omega = \text{div}(E \times B) \omega = (B, \text{curl} E - E, \text{curl} B) \omega.$$ 

So, Poynting theorem suggests to write down (denoting $\xi = ct$)

$$L_{E \times B} \omega = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{E^2 + B^2}{2} \omega,$$

i.e.,

$$B, \text{curl} E - E, \text{curl} B = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{E^2 + B^2}{2}, \quad \rightarrow \quad B \left( \text{curl} E + \frac{\partial B}{\partial \xi} \right) = E \left( \text{curl} B - \frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi} \right).$$

These relations say: the difference of the two mutual local cross-helicities $B, \text{curl} E$ and $E, \text{curl} B$ deforms the volume form $\omega = dx \land dy \land dz$ by the $\xi$-derivative of the energy-density. Moreover,
two of the Maxwell equations are sufficient for this, and if the two fields are nonzero only inside compact 3-d-region \( A \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \), for each \( t \), then

\[
L_{E \times B} \omega = \text{div}(E \times B) \omega = (B.\text{curl} E - E.\text{curl} B) \omega = d(\beta \wedge \eta).
\]

Now the Stokes theorem with respect to \( A \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \) leads to zero of the integral \( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (L_{E \times B}) \omega \), so,

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{E^2 + B^2}{2} \omega = 0,
\]

i.e., the integral energy is conserved.

The relations considered suggest some connection with the concepts of absolute and relative integral invariants of a vector field \( X \) on a manifold \( M \) introduced and used by E.Cartan [23]: these are differential forms \( \alpha \in \Lambda(M) \) satisfying respectively the relations \( i(X)\alpha = 0, i(X)d\alpha = 0 \), leading to \( L_X \alpha = 0 \), and just \( i(X)d\alpha = 0 \). Our relations may be considered as corresponding extensions: a vector field \( \rightarrow \) vector valued multivector field and a differential form \( \rightarrow \) vector valued differential form making use of the mentioned in Sec.4.1 extension of the Lie derivative of a differential form along multivector fields. The new moment in our extension is that we consider vector valued multivectors along which vector valued forms to be differentiated with respect to some bilinear map \( \varphi : V \times V \rightarrow W \), where \( W \) is appropriately determined vector space.

In general, we note that, the triple \((V, W; \varphi)\) determines possible interactions among the subsystems of the field object considered, which subsystems are formally represented by the vector components of the multivector (in our case \( \bar{\Omega} \)) and the vector components of the (multi)differential form (in our case \( \Omega \)).

5 Conclusion

Getting knowledge of the internal compatibility and external stability of a physical object is being done by measuring the corresponding to these physical appearances appropriate physical quantities. Such physical quantities may vary in admissible, or not admissible degree: in the first case we talk about admissible changes, and in the second case we talk about changes leading to destruction of the object. Formally, this is usually checked by calculating the flow of the formal image of the (sub)system considered through its appropriately modeled change, as it is seen, e.g., in (8),(9),(11), i.e., by means of finding corresponding differential self flows of the subsystems, e.g., \( \bar{F}dF \), and differential mutual flows among the subsystems, e.g., \( i_F d \star F \). Since every measuring process requires stress-energy-momentum transferring between the object studied and the measuring system, the role of finding corresponding tensor representatives of these change-objects and the corresponding flows is of serious importance. Therefore, having adequate stress-energy-momentum for the considered case, the clearly individualized tensor members of its divergence represent qualitatively and quantitatively important aspects of the intrinsic interacting dynamical nature of the object considered. This view motivated the above given approach to find appropriate description of electromagnetic field objects.

The existing knowledge about the structure and internal dynamics of free electromagnetic field objects made us assume the notion for two partner-fields internal structure, formally represented by \((F, \star F)\) on Minkowski space-time. Each of these two partner-fields is built of the two formal constituents \((E, B)\), and each partner-field is able to carry local stress-energy-momentum, allowing local ”intercommunication” between its two constituents during the local interaction with its partner-field. The two subsystems carry equal local energy-momentum densities, and realize local mutual energy exchange without available interaction energy. Moreover, they strictly respect each other:
the exchange is *simultaneous* and in *equal quantities*, so, each of the two partner-fields keeps its identity and recognizability. The corresponding internal dynamical structure appropriately unifies translation and rotation through unique space-time propagations as a whole with the fundamental velocity. All Maxwell solutions are duly respected. The new nonlinear solutions, i.e., those satisfying \( dF \neq 0, d \ast F \neq 0 \), are *time-stable*, they admit *FINITE SPATIAL SUPPORT*, and minimize the relation \( I_1^2 + I_2^2 \geq 0 \). It deserves noting here that the obtained relation \( I_1^2 + I_2^2 = 0 \) for the nonlinear solutions is equivalent to \( I_1 = \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu \nu} F^{\mu \nu} = B^2 - E^2 = 0, \ I_2 = \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu \nu} (\ast F)^{\mu \nu} = 2E \cdot B = 0 \) (for details see [21]).

The admitted solutions with spatially finite support are of *photon-like nature*:
- they are time-stable,
- they demonstrate intrinsically compatible translational-rotational dynamical structure,
- they propagate translationally as a whole with the velocity of light,
- they carry finite energy-momentum and intrinsically determined integral characteristic \( \mathfrak{h} \) of action nature through naturally available appropriate scale factor \( L_o = \text{const} \) [21,pp.233] carrying physical dimension of length,
- their integral energy \( E \) satisfies relation of the form identical to the Planck formula \( E.T = \mathfrak{h} \) [21,pp.230-231].

Some of these nonlinear solutions of (12) look like:

![Figure 1: Theoretical example with clock-wise rotation, translation: left to right](image1)

![Figure 2: Theoretical example with anticlock-wise rotation, translation: left to right](image2)

As we mentioned above, the straight line size along translational propagation of each of these finite helical-like objects is \( 2\pi L_o = \text{const}, \ T = \frac{2\pi L_o}{c} \), so, \( \mathfrak{h} \) is an integral Lorentz invariant action characteristic of any solution of this class, meaning: there is specific propagational action demonstrated during the intrinsically defined time period \( \frac{2\pi L_o}{c} \), where \( c \) is the invariant speed of translational propagation as a whole.
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