

1.1.1. Dual field tensor

Show that the dual field tensor $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa} F_{\lambda\kappa}$ obeys $\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$.

hint: First show that $\partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\mu F^{\nu\lambda} + \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\mu} = 0$, and then relate $\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}(x)$ to that expression.

(2 points)

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Ch. 1 §1.1 def. 1 $\rightarrow F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\mu F^{\nu\lambda} + \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\mu} = \partial^\lambda \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\lambda \partial^\nu A^\mu + \partial^\mu \partial^\nu A^\lambda - \partial^\mu \partial^\lambda A^\nu + \partial^\nu \partial^\lambda A^\mu - \partial^\nu \partial^\mu A^\lambda = 0} \quad (*)$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\mu F_{\lambda\sigma}}$$

$$\text{related } \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \partial_\mu F_{\lambda\sigma} + \epsilon^{\nu\lambda\sigma\mu} \partial_\nu F_{\sigma\mu} + \epsilon^{\lambda\sigma\mu\nu} \partial_\lambda F_{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\epsilon \text{ antisymmetric } \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} [\partial_\mu F_{\lambda\sigma} + \partial_\nu F_{\sigma\mu} + \partial_\lambda F_{\mu\nu}] \stackrel{(*)}{=} 0$$