

# Lecture 29

Electric Field induced Moment  
of Force  
vs  
Curvature induced Moment  
of Rotation

I. *Moment of Force vs. Torque*

A. *Moment of force*

B. *Moment of rotation*

II. *Rotational " $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ "*

*vs*

*Einstein Field Equation*

III. *Two equivalent momenergy representations*

*In MTW read all of Ch. 15.*

### I. Moment of Force vs. Torque

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A homogeneous electrostatic field subjects a polarized dielectric 3-cube to a moment of force, which is mathematized by the bivectorial 3-form

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\tau} &= dP \wedge \vec{E} = \epsilon_2 \wedge \epsilon_k F_{[ij]}^k dx^i \wedge dx^j \\ &= \epsilon_2 \wedge \epsilon_k E^k q N r^m \epsilon_{m[ij]} dx^i \wedge dx^j \end{aligned}$$

Here, we recall, that

$$\vec{r} = \epsilon_m r^m$$

is the vector displacement that separates the positive from the negative charge of a molecular dipole  $\vec{p} = q \vec{r}$  so that

$$q N r^m \epsilon_{m[ij]} dx^i \wedge dx^j (\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{amount of charge on} \\ \text{the face spanned by} \\ \text{the vectors } \vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v}. \end{array} \right)$$

With the opposing face having opposite charge, the dipole moment is

$$\vec{E} q N r^m \epsilon_{m[ij]} dx^i \wedge dx^j (\vec{u}, \vec{v}) \equiv \vec{p}$$

and the corresponding

torque on the 3-cube is  $\vec{p} \times \vec{E}$ . Additional contribution come from the other opposing faces.

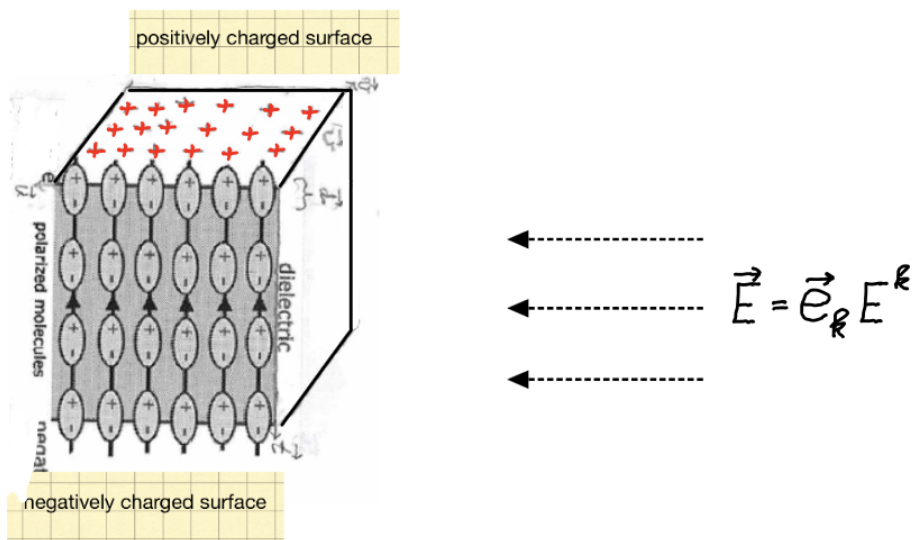


Figure 29.1 The surface charges on the boundary of a 29.2 polarized dielectric 3-cube interacting with the electrostatic field  $\vec{E}$  cause the 3-cube to be subjected to a moment of force.

Although the cause of the moment of force is confined to the 3-cube's surface, its magnitude is proportional to the volume, and hence to the number of molecular dipole moments  $q\vec{r}$  of the 3-cube. Indeed, the vectorial torque on the 3-cube spanned by the 3-d vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v},$  and  $\vec{E}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathcal{T}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{E}) &= \star(\vec{\mathcal{T}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{E})) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ qE_1 & qE_2 & qE_3 \end{vmatrix}}_{(\vec{r} \times q\vec{E})} \underbrace{N \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \text{volume} \\ \text{spanned} \\ \text{by } \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{E} \end{pmatrix}}_{(\# \text{ of dipoles})} \\ &= (\vec{r} \times q\vec{E}) \times (\# \text{ of dipoles}) \end{aligned}$$

In 3-d Euclidean space there are two physically equivalent ways of mathematizing the stressed state of a polarizable dielectric 3-cube:

1. Via the bivector-valued moment of force representation

$$\vec{\mathcal{J}} = d\rho \wedge \vec{E} = e_2 \wedge e_k \Gamma_{ij}^k dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

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and

2. via the vector-valued torque representation

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathcal{J}}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{E}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ qE_1 & qE_2 & qE_3 \end{vmatrix} N \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{volume} \\ \text{spanned} \\ \text{by } \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{E} \end{array} \right) \\ &= (\vec{r} \times q\vec{E}) \times (\# \text{ of dipoles}) \end{aligned}$$

However, for the purpose of generalization to 4-d spacetime and applying it to the Einstein field equations, only the method of moments leads to a geometrically valid formulation.

## II. Spacetime Moment of Rotation.

The generalization from Euclidean 3-space to 4-d spacetime consists of extending the concept of an electrostatic field-induced moment of polarization vector to that of a gravitational field-induced moment of rotation bivector.


# I. B) 4-d SPACETIME

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The generalization to 4-d space is now straight and proceeds as follows:

1. 3-cube in  $E^3$       1. 3-cube in 4-d spacetime

2. Vector-valued force field density



2. Bivector-valued, curvature-induced rotation field density



$$\vec{F}_m = \vec{e}_k F_{[ij]k} dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

$$\vec{R}_m = e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu R^{[\lambda\mu]}_{[\alpha\beta]} dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta$$

3. Translational equilibrium

3. Bianchi identity

a)  $\sum_{k=1}^6 \vec{F}_k(\text{face}) = 0$

a)  $\sum_{k=1}^6 \vec{R}_k(\text{face}) = 0$

b)  $d\vec{F}_m = 0$

b)  $d\vec{R}_m = 0$

c)  $F^R_{[i;j;k]} = 0$

c)  $R^{\lambda\mu}_{[\alpha\beta;\gamma]} = 0$

4. Moment of Force (volume)

Moment of Rotation / volume

$$\vec{J}_m = d\varrho \wedge \vec{F}_m$$

$$d\varrho \wedge \vec{R}_m$$

$$= e_l \wedge e_k F_{[ij]k} dx^l \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

$$= e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu R^{[\lambda\mu]}_{[\alpha\beta]} dx^\nu \wedge dx^\lambda \wedge dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta$$

$$\vec{J} = \star(\vec{J}_m)$$

$$\star(d\varrho \wedge \vec{R}_m) = e_\sigma \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu\alpha} R^{[\lambda\mu]}_{[\alpha\beta]} dx^\sigma \wedge dx^\nu \wedge dx^\lambda \wedge dx^\alpha = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \star \vec{T}$$

$$= e_m \epsilon_{ljk} F_{[ij]k} dx^l \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} e_\sigma T^{\sigma\tau} \epsilon_{\tau\alpha\beta\gamma} dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta \wedge dx^\gamma$$

## II. EINSTEIN'S FIELD EQ'N

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A.) The geometrical statement of the Einstein field equations is

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Moment of} \\ \text{-rotation} \\ \text{(Spacetime)} \\ \text{3-volume} \end{array} \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Momenergy} \\ \text{(Spacetime)} \\ \text{3-volume} \end{array} \right)$$

The mathematized version of this statement is

$$\boxed{d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{R} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \star^{-1}(\star T)}$$

or, equivalently

$$\boxed{\star(d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \star T}$$

The momenergy-valued 3-form is a bulk property.

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III. Momentum / volume has two equivalent representations

1.) As a vector-valued 3-volume density

$$*T = e_p T^{p\sigma} \underbrace{\epsilon_{\sigma\alpha\beta\gamma} dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta \wedge dx^\gamma}_{d^3\Sigma_\sigma = (\text{inst vol})_\sigma}$$

and

2.) as a tri-vector valued 3-volume density

$$\star^{-1}(*T) = \epsilon_\nu \wedge \epsilon_\lambda \wedge \epsilon_\mu \epsilon^{\nu\lambda\mu} e_p T^{p\sigma} d^3\Sigma_\sigma$$

This equivalence is based on the isomorphism between two 4-dimensional linear spaces

$$\begin{matrix} \star \\ \star^{-1} \end{matrix} : \mathbb{R}^4 \wedge \mathbb{R}^4 \wedge \mathbb{R}^4 \rightleftharpoons \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu \mapsto \star(e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu) = \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu} e_p$$

$$e_p \mapsto \star^{-1}(e_p) = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_\nu \wedge \epsilon_\lambda \wedge \epsilon_\mu \epsilon^{\nu\lambda\mu} e_p$$

$$\star \star^{-1}(e_p) = e_p$$

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B.) Component formulation of the E.F.E.:

$$dP \wedge \vec{R} = e_{\nu} \wedge e_{\lambda} \wedge e_{\mu} R^{\lambda\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta} dx^{\nu} \wedge dx^{\lambda} \wedge dx^{\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \star (\star T)$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \frac{e_{\nu} \wedge e_{\lambda} \wedge e_{\mu}}{3!} \epsilon^{\nu\lambda\mu} T^{\rho\sigma} d^3\Sigma_{\sigma}$$

$$T^{\rho\sigma} e_{\sigma} \cdot e_{\rho} \underbrace{\epsilon^{\rho\alpha\gamma} dx^{\alpha} \wedge dx^{\beta} \wedge dx^{\gamma}}_{d^3\Sigma^{\rho}}$$

OR equivalently

$$\star (dP \wedge \vec{R}) = \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}{}^{\rho} e_{\rho} R^{\lambda\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta} dx^{\nu} \wedge dx^{\lambda} \wedge dx^{\beta}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} e_{\rho} T^{\rho\sigma} d^3\Sigma_{\sigma}$$

Introduce

$$R^{\delta M}{}_{\alpha\nu} \equiv R^M{}_{\nu}{}^{\delta} \quad (\text{Ricci})$$

$$R^{\delta}{}_{\delta} = R \quad (\text{Curvature invariant})$$

and obtain

$$\boxed{R^M{}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \delta^M{}_{\nu} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^M{}_{\nu}}$$



## APPENDIX TO LECTURE 29

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5.) Hodge dual  
on Euclidean  
Space  $E^3$

Hodge dual  
on Minkowski  
Spacetime  $R^4$

$$a) \star: \Lambda^2(E^3) \rightarrow E^3$$

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$$e_1 \wedge e_2 \mapsto \star(e_1 \wedge e_2) = e_n \in^n e_k$$

$$e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu \mapsto \star(e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu) = \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\sigma e_\sigma$$

$$\star(d\Omega_m^{\vec{F}}) =$$

$$\star(d\Omega_m^{\vec{R}}) =$$

$$= \vec{e}_n \in^n e_k F_{[ij]}^k dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

$$= \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\sigma e_\sigma R_{[\alpha\beta]}^{\lambda\mu} dx^\nu \wedge dx^\alpha \wedge dx^\beta$$

b) Inverse Hodge dual

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$$\star^{-1}: e_m \mapsto \star^{-1}(e_m) = \frac{1}{2!} e_1 \wedge e_2 \in^{2k} e_m$$

$$\star^{-1}: e_p \mapsto \star^{-1}(e_p) = \frac{-1}{3!} e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu \in^{\nu\lambda\mu} e_p$$

$$c) \star \star^{-1}(e_m) = \frac{1}{2!} e_n \in^n e_k \in^{2k} e_m = e_n \delta_m^n \text{ (identity!)}$$

$$\star \star^{-1}(e_p) = \frac{-1}{3!} \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\sigma e_\sigma \in^{\nu\lambda\mu} e_p = (+) \delta_p^\sigma e_\sigma \text{ (identity!)}$$

$$d) \star^{-1} \star(e_1 \wedge e_2) = \star^{-1}(e_n \in^n e_k) = \frac{1}{2!} e_i \wedge e_j \in^{ij} e_n \in^n e_k = \frac{1}{2!} e_i \wedge e_j \delta_{ik}^{jn} = e_1 \wedge e_2 \text{ (identity!)}$$

$$\star^{-1} \star(e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu) = \star^{-1}(\epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\sigma e_\sigma) = \epsilon_{\nu\lambda\mu}^\sigma \frac{1}{3!} e_\alpha \wedge e_\beta \wedge e_\gamma \in^{\alpha\beta\gamma} e_\sigma = \frac{1}{3!} e_\alpha \wedge e_\beta \wedge e_\gamma \delta_{\nu\lambda\mu}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} = e_\nu \wedge e_\lambda \wedge e_\mu \text{ (identity!)}$$