

Noether theorem

Exercise 1: Consider a general Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$, which contains no explicit dependence on x .

(a) Show that \mathcal{L} is invariant in the substitution

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x^{\mu'} = x^\mu + \omega^\mu, \quad \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \phi(x). \quad (1)$$

(b) What are the corresponding Noether currents j_ν^μ ? [Hint: $X_i^\mu \equiv \delta^\mu_{\nu}$.]

(c) We denote in this case $j_\nu^\mu \equiv T^\mu_\nu$. Show that $T^{00} = \mathcal{H}$ (i.e. the energy density equals the Hamiltonian density).

Exercise 2: Let us assume that $\partial_\mu j_i^\mu = 0$. Under which conditions is the “charge” $Q_i \equiv \int_V d^3\vec{x} j_i^0$ conserved?