

Kaluza-Klein Theory and Lorentz Force Geodesics

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Abstract:

We examine a Kaluza-Klein-type theory of classical electrodynamics and gravitation in a five-dimensional Riemannian geometry. Based solely on the condition that the electrodynamic Lorentz force law must describe geodesic motion in this five-dimensional geometry, it appears possible to place all of Maxwell's electrodynamics, the theory of electrodynamic potentials, and the QED action on a solid geometrodynamical footing, *in vacuo*, for weak and strong electro-gravitational fields. We make no choice as between the fifth dimension being timelike or spacelike, but simply point out the impact in those places where this choice makes a difference. In the end, we deduce the Maxwell stress energy tensor, and in the process, learn that this fifth dimension must be spacelike.

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1. Introduction

The possibility of employing a fifth spacetime dimension to unite classical gravitation and electrodynamics has intrigued physicists for almost a century. [1], [2] Early theorists became perhaps overly-occupied with making assumptions about the scale or topology of the extra coordinate dimension. [3] Following the path of Wesson and other current-day theorists [4], we seek here to expose the main features of Kaluza- Klein theory irrespective of any particular model, and most importantly, to make the connection between Einstein's gravitation and Maxwell's electrodynamics which some have looked to 5-dimensional theories to provide, as clear and solid as possible, and as independent as possible of the detailed choice of model.

Most fundamentally, we adopt the view of the above-noted theorists that matter and electrodynamic charge are "induced" in the observed four dimensions of spacetime, from a vacuum in five dimensions, and so, in keeping with the spirit of Wheeler's program, [5] are of completely *geometric* origin. Particularly, we seek to show how classical electrodynamics emerges entirely from an Einstein-Hilbert Action of the general form

$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int R dV$ where R is a suitably-defined Ricci curvature scalar, integrated over a suitable multidimensional spacetime volume, and $\kappa = 8\pi G/c^4$ is the constant from Einstein's equation $-\kappa T^\mu{}_\nu = R^\mu{}_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \delta^\mu{}_\nu R$. The reader will observe that this omits any Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Matter}}$ of matter, i.e., that it is *not* of the form $S = \int (\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Matter}}) dV$ and so is in the nature of action equation for the vacuum.[6] In different terms, we seek to induce the entirety of Maxwell's electrodynamics with sources, as well as the Maxwell stress-energy tensor, out of a gravitationally-based vacuum.

The main line of development will be deduced, based on a single proposition: we shall require that *the Lorentz force of electrodynamics, $m \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} = q F^\mu{}_\tau \frac{dx^\tau}{d\tau}$, must be represented as fully geodesic motion in the five-dimensional geometry.*

The foundation of this effort will be a five-dimensional Riemannian geometry, without any changes or enhancements, which merely extends the entire apparatus of gravitational theory into one more dimension. In five dimensions, we employ $g_{MN} \equiv g_{NM}$ with uppercase Greek

indexes $M, N = 0, 1, 2, 3, 5$ for the metric tensor, so $g_{\mu\nu}$ with lowercase $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ is the ordinary metric tensor in the spacetime subspace. Inverses are defined in the usual manner according to $g^{\text{M}\Sigma} g_{\Sigma\text{N}} = \delta^{\text{M}}_{\text{N}}$ and so $g^{\text{M}\Sigma}$ and $g_{\Sigma\text{N}}$ raise and lower indexes in the customary manner, but must be applied over all five dimensions to achieve proper five-covariance. The covariant derivative of the metric tensor $g_{\text{MN};\Sigma} = 0$, as always.

While most authors who still study Kaluza-Klein theories treat the fifth dimension as spacelike and a few have considered this to be timelike, e.g., [7], [8], [9], we shall approach the fifth dimension as independently of this choice as possible. Where this choice does make a difference, we shall point this out. If we define $g_{\text{MN}} \equiv \eta_{\text{MN}} + \bar{\kappa} h_{\text{MN}}$ in the usual manner with $\bar{\kappa} = \sqrt{16\pi G/\hbar c^5}$, then for the weak-field limit $g_{\text{MN}} \rightarrow \eta_{\text{MN}}$. If the fifth dimension is timelike, $\text{diag}(\eta_{\text{MN}}) = (+1, -1, -1, -1, +1)$; if it is spacelike, then $\text{diag}(\eta_{\text{MN}}) = (+1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$. In either case, $\eta_{\text{MN}} = 0$ for $M \neq N$. Note that the constant κ in Einstein's equation

$-\kappa T^{\mu}_{\nu} = R^{\mu}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} R$ is related to the foregoing $\bar{\kappa}$, with fundamental constants restored, by $\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \hbar c \bar{\kappa}^2 = 8\pi G/c^4$, with the overbar used to distinguish these two constants $\kappa, \bar{\kappa}$. The constant $\bar{\kappa}$ will appear frequently in the various equations herein.

At the every end, see equations (10.13) and (10.14) infra, in the course of establishing the Maxwell stress-energy tensor, we will deduce that this fifth dimension must be spacelike.

2. Geodesic Motion in Five Dimensions, and the Lorentz Force

We start by maintaining the usual interval in the 4-dimensional spacetime subspace, using $d\tau^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu}$, and define the five-space interval as:

$$\begin{aligned} d\Gamma^2 &\equiv g_{\text{MN}} dx^{\text{M}} dx^{\text{N}} = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + g_{5\nu} dx^5 dx^{\nu} + g_{\mu 5} dx^{\mu} dx^5 + g_{55} dx^5 dx^5 \\ &= d\tau^2 + 2g_{5\sigma} dx^5 dx^{\sigma} + g_{55} dx^5 dx^5 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

The above is independent of whether the weak field $g_{55} \rightarrow \eta_{55} = \pm 1$, i.e., of whether the fifth dimension is timelike or spacelike, and is generally model-independent.

Like any metric equation, (2.1) can be algebraically-manipulated into:

$$1 = g_{MN} \frac{dx^M}{dT} \frac{dx^N}{dT}, \quad (2.2)$$

which is the first integral of the equation of motion. In five dimensions, we specify the Christoffel connections in the usual manner, that is, $\Gamma^M_{\Sigma T} = \frac{1}{2} g^{MA} (g_{A\Sigma, T} + g_{TA, \Sigma} - g_{\Sigma T, A})$, hence $\Gamma^M_{\Sigma T} = \Gamma^M_{T\Sigma}$. As noted, we employ $g_{MN; \Sigma} = 0$ as usual, with the usual first rank covariant derivative $A^M_{; \Sigma} = A^M_{, \Sigma} + \Gamma^M_{\Lambda \Sigma} A^\Lambda$. We then take the covariant derivative of each side of (2.2) above, and after the usual reductions employed in four dimensions, and multiplying the result through by $dT^2 / d\tau^2$, we arrive at a five-dimensional geodesic equation which bears an exact resemblance to the four-dimensional gravitational equation:

$$\frac{d^2 x^M}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^M_{\Sigma T} \frac{dx^\Sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^T}{d\tau} = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

The above contains five independent equations. We are interested for now in the four equations for which $M = \mu$, which specify motion in ordinary spacetime:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\Sigma T} \frac{dx^\Sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^T}{d\tau} = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

This expands, using the metric tensor symmetry $g_{MN} = g_{NM}$, to:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\sigma\tau} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\tau}{d\tau} + 2\Gamma^\mu_{s\sigma} \frac{dx^s}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} + \Gamma^\mu_{ss} \frac{dx^s}{d\tau} \frac{dx^s}{d\tau} = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

Now, let us contrast (2.5) above to the gravitational geodesic equation which includes the Lorentz force law, namely, equation (20.41) of [10]:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\sigma\tau} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\tau}{d\tau} - \frac{q}{m} F^\mu_{\sigma} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} = 0. \quad (2.6)$$

We now take a critical step: *We require that the Lorentz force as expressed above, must be represented as nothing other than geodesic motion in the five-dimensional geometry.* The first two terms in (2.5) and (2.6) are identical, and they specify geodesic motion in an ordinary gravitational field absent any electrodynamic fields or sources. The absence of any mass or

charge in the first two terms captures the Galilean principle of equivalence, and further expresses Newtonian inertial motion in a gravitational field via the Christoffel connections $\Gamma^\mu_{\sigma\tau}$.

If we require the Lorentz force to also be fashioned as geodesic motion through geometry, then we can do so by defining the third terms in (2.5) and (2.6) to be equivalent to one another, and the fourth term in (2.5) to be zero. Therefore, we now define:

$$2\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma} \frac{dx^5}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau} \equiv -\frac{q}{m} F^\mu{}_\sigma \frac{dx^\sigma}{d\tau}, \text{ and} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\Gamma^\mu_{55} \equiv 0. \quad (2.8)$$

One might wish to consider $\Gamma^\mu_{55} \neq 0$, in which case $\Gamma^\mu_{55} \frac{dx^5}{d\tau} \frac{dx^5}{d\tau}$ in (2.5) would become an additional term in the Lorentz force law, but in the absence of experimental evidence for any deviations from the Lorentz force law, we shall proceed on the basis of (2.8).

The relationships (2.7) and (2.8), ensure that Lorentz force motion is in fact, no more and no less than geodesic motion in five dimensions. All else through the middle of Section 8 will be deduced from (2.7) and (2.8).

3. Placing the Lorentz Force on a Geometrodynamical Footing as Geodesic Motion

Now, let us focus on equation (2.7). We can divide out $dx^\sigma/d\tau$ from (2.7), and then write the remaining terms as.

$$2\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma} \frac{dx^5}{d\tau} \equiv -\sqrt{\frac{1}{\hbar c^5}} F^\mu{}_\sigma \frac{q}{m}, \quad (3.1)$$

where we have explicitly restored $\hbar = c = 1$. Now, we separate the proportionalities $dx^5/d\tau \propto q/m$ and $2\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma} \propto -F^\mu{}_\sigma$, and turn the proportionalities \propto into equalities by restoring their dimensional and numeric constants, starting with the former proportionality.

Irrespective of whether the fifth dimension is timelike or spacelike, we take dx^5 to be given in dimensions of time, so that $dx^5/d\tau$ is a dimensionless ratio. In the event that the fifth dimension is spacelike, one need merely divide through by c . In rationalized Heaviside-Lorentz units, the electric charge strength q (for a unit charge such as the electron, muon and tauon) is

related to the dimensionless (running) coupling $\alpha = q^2/4\pi\hbar c$ which approaches $\alpha \rightarrow 1/137.036$ at low energy. The value of α is the same in all systems of units but the numerical value of q is different, so it is imperative that the exact expression for $dx^5/d\tau \propto q/m$ be based on α rather than q , and be independent of where the 4π factor appears. Further, to match dimensions with $\sqrt{\hbar c}$ the mass m needs to be multiplied by a factor of \sqrt{G} . Taking all of this into account, we now define:

$$\frac{dx^5}{d\tau} \equiv -\frac{1}{b} \frac{\sqrt{\hbar c \alpha}}{\sqrt{Gm}} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi G}} \frac{q}{m} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar c^5}} \frac{2}{b\kappa} \frac{q}{m}. \quad (3.2)$$

where b is a dimensionless, numeric constant of proportionality that we are free at this moment to choose at will, which we will carry throughout the development, and which will ultimately be deduced to be $b^2 = 8$ when we obtain the Maxwell stress-energy tensor, see equations (10.13) and (10.14) infra. The equivalence between the first two terms is independent of the system of units but the terms containing q are in Heaviside-Lorentz units.

Then, we substitute (3.2) into (3.1) to obtain:

$$\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma} \equiv \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^\mu{}_\sigma. \quad (3.3)$$

The definitions (3.2) and (3.3), together with $\Gamma^\mu_{55} \equiv 0$ from (2.8), when substituted into (2.5), turn the five-dimensional geodesic equation (2.5) into the Lorentz force law, and places this electrodynamic motion onto a totally-geometrodynamic footing. Of course, (3.3) is of further value, because it also relates the mixed field strength tensor $F^\mu{}_\sigma$ to the extra-dimensional connection components $\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma}$, and this will lead to numerous other results. Although the $\Gamma^M_{\Sigma T}$ are not themselves tensors in general, (3.3) does suggest that that particular components $\Gamma^\mu_{5\sigma}$ do transform in the same way as the mixed tensor $F^\mu{}_\sigma$, multiplied by a the constant factor $\bar{\kappa}$. This “suggestion” is formally validated by the result (6.4), infra.

The question of whether the foregoing are fair suppositions, now rests on the correctness and sensibility of the deductions to which they lead.

4. Timelike versus Spacelike for the Fifth Dimension, and a Possible Connection to Intrinsic Spin

The results above are independent of whether the extra dimension is timelike or spacelike. In this section, we make a brief digression to examine each of these alternatives in a very basic way. This section can be safely skipped by the reader wishing to proceed straight into the main line of development.

Transforming into an “at rest” frame, $dx^1 = dx^2 = dx^3 = 0$, the spacetime metric equation $d\tau^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu$ reduces to $d\tau = \pm\sqrt{g_{00}}dx^0$, and (3.2) becomes:

$$\frac{dx^5}{dx^0} = \pm \frac{1}{b} \sqrt{\frac{g_{00}}{4\pi G}} \frac{q}{m}. \quad (4.1)$$

For a *timelike* fifth dimension, x^5 may be drawn as a second axis orthogonal to x^0 , and the physics ratio q/m (which, by the way, results in the q/m material body in an electromagnetic field actually “feeling” a Newtonian force in the sense of $F = ma$ due to the *inequivalence* of electrical and inertial mass) measures the “angle” at which the material body moves through the x^5, x^0 “time plane.”

For a *spacelike* fifth dimension, where one may wish to employ a compactified, hypercylindrical $x^5 \equiv R\phi$ (see [11], Figure 1) and R is a constant radius (distinguish from the Ricci scalar by context), $dx^5 \equiv Rd\phi$. Substituting this into (3.2), leaving in the \pm ratio obtained in (4.1), and inserting c into the first term to maintain a dimensionless equation, then yields:

$$\frac{Rd\phi}{cd\tau} = \pm \frac{1}{b} \frac{\sqrt{\hbar c \alpha}}{\sqrt{Gm}} = \pm \frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi G}} \frac{q}{m}. \quad (4.2)$$

We see that here, the physics ratio q/m measures an “angular frequency” of fifth-dimensional rotation. Interestingly, *this frequency runs inversely to the mass*, and by classical principles, this means that the angular momentum is independent of the mass, i.e., constant. If one doubles the mass, one halves the tangential velocity, and if the radius stays constant, then so too does the angular momentum. Together with the \pm factor, one might suspect that this constant angular momentum is, by virtue of its constancy independently of mass, related to intrinsic spin. In fact,

following this line of thought, one can arrive at an exact expression for the compactification radius R , in the following manner:

Assume that x^5 is spacelike, casting one's lot with the preponderance of those who study Kaluza-Klein theory. In (4.2), move the c away from the first term and move the m over to the first term. Then, multiply all terms by another R . Everything is now dimensioned as an angular momentum $m \cdot v \cdot R$, which we have just ascertained is constant irrespective of mass. So, set this all to $\pm \frac{1}{2}n\hbar$, which for $n = 1$, represents intrinsic spin. The result is as follows:

$$m \frac{Rd\phi}{d\tau} R = \pm \frac{1}{b} \frac{\sqrt{\hbar c^3 \alpha}}{\sqrt{G}} R = \pm \frac{1}{b} \frac{c}{\sqrt{4\pi G}} qR = \pm \frac{1}{2} n\hbar. \quad (4.3)$$

Now, take the second and fourth terms, and solve for R with $n = 1$, to yield:

$$R = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}} = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} L_p, \quad (4.4)$$

where $L_p = \sqrt{G\hbar/c^3}$ is the Planck length. *This gives a definitive size for the compactification radius, and it is very close to the Planck length.* (Keep in mind that we will eventually find in (10.13) infra that $b^2 = 8$, so (4.4) will become $R = L_p \sqrt{2/\alpha}$.) What is of interest, is that α is a *running* coupling. At low probe energies, where $\alpha \rightarrow 1/137.036$, $R = 5.853 \cdot b \cdot L_p$. However, this is just the *apparent* radius relative to the low probe energy. If one were to probe to a regime where α becomes large, say, of order unity, $\alpha = 1$ then $R = \frac{b}{2} L_p$ is quite close to the Planck length of Wheeler's geometrodynamics vacuum "foam." [10] at §43.4, [12]* Since we have based the foregoing on a unit charge with spin $\frac{1}{2}$, and since this is independent of the mass, the foregoing would appear to characterize the compactification radius R for all of the charged leptons, and to provide a geometric foundation for intrinsic spin. This suggests that for $\alpha = 1$ or on the order of unity, the compactification radius of the fifth dimension may become

* By way of review, the Planck mass, defined from the term atop Newton's law as a mass for which $GM_p^2 = \hbar c$, is thus $M_p = \sqrt{\hbar c/G}$. In the geometrodynamics vacuum, the negative gravitational energy between Planck masses separated by the Planck length $L_p = \sqrt{G\hbar/c^3}$ precisely counterbalances and cancels the positive energy of the Planck masses themselves. The Schwarzschild radius of a Planck mass $R_s = 2GM_p/c^2 = 2\sqrt{G\hbar/c^3} = 2L_p$.

synonymous with the Planck length itself, or the Schwarzschild radius of the vacuum, or something close to one of both of these.

While (4.2) applies generally for a compactified spacelike fifth dimension, before proceeding too far with this intrinsic spin interpretation (4.3), however, it is worth noting that for a neutral body, $q = 0$, such as the neutrino, we have $d\phi/d\tau = 0$, and so there is no fifth-dimensional rotation. More generally, any electrically-neutral body must be considered to be non-moving through the x^5 dimension, $dx^5 = 0$. This would suggest that the neutrino has no intrinsic spin, which is, of course, contradicted by empirical knowledge. So, (4.3), while intriguing, does need to be studied further. Also, the intrinsic spin interpretation (4.3) suggests conversely, that any elementary scalar particle which has no intrinsic spin, must be electrically neutral. This is, in fact, true of the hypothesized Higgs boson. [13]

5. Symmetric Gravitation and Antisymmetric Electrodynamics

Now, following the brief digression in section 4, let us turn back to the association $\Gamma^{\mu}_{5\sigma} \equiv \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu}_{\sigma}$ in (3.3), which arises from the requirement that the Lorentz force be represented as geodesic motion in five dimensions. We know that $F^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\nu\mu}$ is an antisymmetric tensor. By virtue of (3.3), this will place certain constraints on the related Christoffel connections $\Gamma^M_{5T} = \frac{1}{2} g^{MA} (g_{A5,T} + g_{TA,5} - g_{5T,A})$, and it is important to find out what these are. These constraints, in the next section, will provide the basis for placing Maxwell's equations onto a purely geometrodynamical footing.

First, because we are working in five dimensions, we will find it desirable to generalize $F^{\mu\nu}$ to F^{MN} . We make no *a priori* supposition about the additional components in F^{MN} , other than to require that they be antisymmetric, $F^{MN} \equiv -F^{NM}$. *Any other information about these new components is to be deduced, not imposed.* Second, we generalize (3.3) into the full five dimensions, thus:

$$\Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^M_{\Sigma}. \quad (5.1)$$

By virtue of (2.8), $\Gamma^{\mu}_{55} \equiv 0$, we may immediately deduce that:

$$\Gamma^{\mu}_{55} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu}_5 = 0. \quad (5.2)$$

As it stands, F^M_Σ is a mixed tensor, and it would be better to raise this into contravariant form where we can clearly examine the consequences of having an antisymmetric field strength $F^{MN} \equiv -F^{NM}$. Thus, let us now raise the lower index in (5.1), and at the same time equate this to the Christoffel connections, as such:

$$\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{MN} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{\Sigma N} F^M_\Sigma = g^{\Sigma N} \Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{2} g^{MA} g^{\Sigma N} (g_{A5,\Sigma} + g_{\Sigma A,5} - g_{5\Sigma,A}). \quad (5.3)$$

Now, we use (5.3) to write $F^{MN} = -F^{NM}$ completely in terms of the metric tensor g_{MN} and its first derivatives, as:

$$\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{MN} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{NM} = g^{MA} g^{\Sigma N} (g_{A5,\Sigma} + g_{\Sigma A,5} - g_{5\Sigma,A}) = -g^{NA} g^{\Sigma M} (g_{A5,\Sigma} + g_{\Sigma A,5} - g_{5\Sigma,A}). \quad (5.4)$$

Renaming indexes, and using the symmetry of the metric tensor, this is readily reduced to:

$$g^{M\Sigma} g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma,5} = 0. \quad (5.5)$$

This is an alternative, geometric way of saying that $F^{MN} = -F^{NM}$.

We can further simplify this using the inverse relationship $g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma} = \delta^N_\Sigma$, which we can differentiate to obtain $(g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma})_{,A} = g^{TN}{}_{,A} g_{T\Sigma} + g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma,A} = 0$, i.e., $g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma,A} = -g^{TN}{}_{,A} g_{T\Sigma}$. This can then be used with $A = 5$ to reduce (5.4) to the very simple expressions, for both the covariant and contravariant metric tensor:

$$g^{MN}{}_{,5} = 0; g_{MN,5} = 0. \quad (5.6)$$

This states that *all components of the metric tensor are constant when differentiated with respect to the fifth dimension.*

Now, we return to write out $\Gamma^{\mu}_{55} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu A} (g_{A5,5} + g_{5A,5} - g_{55,A}) = 0$ from (2.8), see also (5.2). Combined with $g_{MN,5} = 0$ above and $g^{TN} g_{T\Sigma,A} = -g^{TN}{}_{,A} g_{T\Sigma}$ we further deduce that:

$$g^{55}{}_{,A} = 0; g_{55,A} = 0 \quad (5.7)$$

This means, quite importantly, that $g_{55} = \text{constant}$ and $g^{55} = \text{constant}$, *everywhere in the five-dimensional geometry.*

To fix these constant values, consider the weak-field limit $g_{MN} \rightarrow \eta_{MN}$. If the fifth dimension is timelike, $\text{diag}(\eta_{\mu\nu}) = (+1, -1, -1, -1, +1)$ and $g_{55} = g^{55} = +1$. If it is spacelike (briefly explored regarding intrinsic spin in section 4), then $\text{diag}(\eta_{MN}) = (+1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$ and $g_{55} = g^{55} = -1$. But, by (5.7), if the above expressions for g_{55} and g^{55} are true *anywhere*, then they are true *everywhere*. Therefore:

$$g_{55} = g^{55} = +1, \text{ or } g_{55} = g^{55} = -1, \quad (5.8)$$

respectively, for a timelike or spacelike fifth dimension. In either case, timelike or spacelike, $g^{55} g_{55} = 1$. The inverse $g^{\tau 5} g_{\tau 5} = g^{\tau 5} g_{\tau 5} + g^{55} g_{55} = g^{\tau 5} g_{\tau 5} + 1 = \delta^{\tau 5} = 1$ then leads also to the null condition:

$$g^{\tau 5} g_{\tau 5} = 0, \quad (5.9)$$

which applies *irrespective* of the timelike versus spacelike choice.

Finally, using (5.1) together with (5.6) and (5.7), we may deduce:

$$\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^5_5 = \Gamma^5_{55} = \frac{1}{2} g^{5A} (g_{A5,5} + g_{5A,5} - g_{55,A}) = 0. \quad (5.10)$$

Taking this together with (5.2), $\Gamma^{\mu}_{55} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu}_5 = 0$, we have now deduced that all of the newly-introduced fifth-dimensional components for the mixed field strength tensor are zero, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^M_5 = \Gamma^M_{55} = 0. \quad (5.11)$$

The free index in $F^M_5 = 0$ above can easily be lowered to also find that the covariant:

$$F_{M5} = -F_{5M} = 0. \quad (5.12)$$

But, since the ordinary spacetime components of F^{μ}_ν are non-zero, one should take care to ensure that the contravariant tensor components $F^{M5} = -F^{5M} = 0$ as well, that is, we want to make sure that the fixed index ‘‘5’’ in (5.11) can properly be raised. One can employ (5.1) together with the explicit components for $\Gamma^M_{5\Sigma}$ to write:

$$F^{MN} = g^{\Sigma N} F^M_{\Sigma} = g^{\Sigma N} \Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\Sigma N} g^{MA} (g_{A5,\Sigma} + g_{\Sigma A,5} - g_{5\Sigma,A}). \quad (5.13)$$

Expanding this to separate the μ from the 5 components, and applying (5.6), (5.7) and (5.9) as needed, together with $F^{MN} = -F^{NM}$ to eliminate the only term which (5.6), (5.7) and (5.9) cannot directly eliminate, one can indeed deduce that in addition to (5.11) and (5.12):

$$F^{M5} = -F^{5M} = 0. \quad (5.14)$$

Now, the free index can be easily lowered, referring also to (5.1), to find that:

$$\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^5_M = \Gamma^5_{5M} = \Gamma^5_{M5} = 0. \quad (5.15)$$

i.e., $F^5_M = 0$. So, we find that all of the newly-introduced fifth-dimensional components of the field strength tensor F^{MN} , whether in raised, lowered, or either mixed form, are equal to zero. Equations (5.11), $\Gamma^M_{55} = 0$, and (5.15), $\Gamma^5_{5M} = \Gamma^5_{M5} = 0$, taken together, tell us that as well, the “rule” that any Christoffel connection with “two or more fifth-dimension indexes,” is also equal to zero.

Combining (5.1) with $F^{M5} = -F^{5M} = 0$ as well as $F_{M5} = -F_{5M} = 0$, we may deduce two further relationships:

$$g^{\Sigma M} \Gamma^5_{5\Sigma} = -g^{\Sigma 5} \Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = 0 \text{ and } g_{TM} \Gamma^M_{55} = -g_{5M} \Gamma^M_{5T} = 0, \quad (5.16)$$

which are variations of the “two or more fifth dimension index” rule noted above.

It is also helpful as we shall soon see when we examine the Riemann tensor, to make note of the fact that:

$$\Gamma^M_{\Sigma T, 5} = \frac{1}{2} g^{MA} (g_{A\Sigma, T} + g_{TA, \Sigma} - g_{\Sigma T, A}) + \frac{1}{2} g^{MA} (g_{A\Sigma, T, 5} + g_{TA, \Sigma, 5} - g_{\Sigma T, A, 5}) = 0. \quad (5.17)$$

This makes use of (5.6) and the fact that ordinary derivatives commute. A further variation of (5.17) employs (5.1) to also write, for the field strength tensor:

$$\Gamma^M_{5\Sigma, 5} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^M_{\Sigma, 5} = 0. \quad (5.18)$$

i.e., $F^M_{\Sigma, 5} = 0$. Just like the metric tensor, *all components of the field strength tensor are constant when differentiated with respect to the fifth dimension.*

Again, at bottom, every result in this section is a consequence of relationships (5.1) and (5.2), taken in combination with the antisymmetric field strength $F^{MN} \equiv -F^{NM}$. Now, we have the tools required to turn to the Riemann tensor, and to Maxwell’s equations.

6. Maxwell's Equations as Pure Geometry

We have shown how Lorentz force motion might be described as simple geodesic motion in a five-dimensional Kaluza-Klein spacetime geometry. But equations of motion are only one part of a complete (classical) field theory. The other part is a specification of how the “sources” of that theory create the “fields” originating from those sources. In a complete theory, the equations of motion then describe motion through the fields originating from the sources. It is now time to place Maxwell's equations on a firm geometric footing.

In five dimensions, we specify the Riemann tensor in the usual way, albeit with an extra fifth-dimensional index. That is:

$$R^A{}_{BMN} = -\Gamma^A{}_{BM,N} + \Gamma^A{}_{BN,M} + \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{BN}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma M} - \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{BM}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma N}. \quad (6.1)$$

Now, let's consider the $M=5$ component of this equation, that is:

$$R^A{}_{B5N} = -\Gamma^A{}_{B5,N} + \Gamma^A{}_{BN,5} + \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{BN}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma 5} - \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{B5}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma N}. \quad (6.2)$$

By virtue of $\Gamma^M{}_{\Sigma T,5} = 0$, equation (5.17), which is in turn a consequence of $g_{MN,5} = 0$, which is in turn a consequence of $F^{MN} \equiv -F^{NM}$, the second term zeros out, and (6.2) becomes:

$$R^A{}_{B5N} = -\Gamma^A{}_{B5,N} + \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{BN}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma 5} - \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{B5}\Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma N}. \quad (6.3)$$

Substituting (5.1), i.e., $\Gamma^M{}_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^M{}_\Sigma$ into the above, and with some minor term rearrangement, we immediately arrive at the *very critical expression*:

$$R^A{}_{B5N} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F^A{}_{B,N} + \Gamma^A{}_{\Sigma N}F^\Sigma{}_B - \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{BN}F^A{}_\Sigma\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^A{}_{B;N}. \quad (6.4)$$

In particular, these three remaining terms of $R^A{}_{B5N}$ turn out to be identical with the expression for the gravitationally-covariant derivative $F^A{}_{B;N}$ of the mixed field strength tensor, times the constant factor $-\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}$. This leads us immediately to a geometric foundation for Maxwell's equations in the following way:

As regards *Maxwell's electric charge equation*, we contract (6.4) down to its Ricci tensor component R_{B5} and define a five-current J_B with covariant 5-space index:

$$R_{B5} = R^\Sigma{}_{B5\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F^\Sigma{}_{B,\Sigma} + \Gamma^\Sigma{}_{T\Sigma}F^T{}_B - \Gamma^T{}_{B\Sigma}F^\Sigma{}_T\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^\Sigma{}_{B;\Sigma} \equiv -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J_B. \quad (6.5)$$

Now, we separate this into the two equations as such:

$$R_{\beta 5} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F^{\sigma}_{\beta,\sigma} + \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\sigma}F^{\tau}_{\beta} - \Gamma^{\tau}_{\beta\sigma}F^{\sigma}_{\tau}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma}_{\beta;\sigma} \equiv -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J_{\beta}, \text{ and} \quad (6.6)$$

$$R_{55} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} + \Gamma^{\Sigma}_{\tau\Sigma}F^{\tau}_{5} - \Gamma^{\tau}_{5\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_{\tau}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} \equiv -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J_5. \quad (6.7)$$

In (6.6), note that because $F^5_{\Sigma} = 0$ and $\Gamma^5_{\tau\Sigma} = 0$ (see 5.15), we can easily drop the Σ, τ indexes down to σ, τ . In (6.7), however, we leave $F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma}$ as is because as we shall note in a moment, this term is not zero.

In (6.6), we discern the four-covariant derivative $F^{\sigma}_{\beta;\sigma} = F^{\sigma}_{\beta,\sigma} + \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\sigma}F^{\tau}_{\beta} - \Gamma^{\tau}_{\beta\sigma}F^{\sigma}_{\tau}$, which is what allowed us to drop $F^{\Sigma}_{\beta;\Sigma}$ to $F^{\sigma}_{\beta;\sigma}$. This means that $J_{\beta} = F^{\sigma}_{\beta;\sigma}$ is the observed electromagnetic current source density, with covariant index. *This is Maxwell's electric charge equation, on a geometric foundation.*

For the fifth-dimensional component R_{55} in (6.7), we can use $F^{\tau}_{5} = 0$ to eliminate the first two terms inside the parenthesis, but the third term is *not* zero. For the third term, we again employ the substitution $\Gamma^{\tau}_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\tau}_{\Sigma}$ from (5.1). Thus:

$$R_{55} = -\frac{1}{16}b^2\bar{\kappa}^2 F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J_5. \quad (6.8)$$

In the above, we have used $F^{\tau}_{\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_{\tau} = F^{\tau\Sigma}F_{\Sigma\tau} = -F^{\Sigma\tau}F_{\Sigma\tau} = -F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$. Note, that we raise and lower indexes while they are five-dimensional, then we reduce to lowercase Greek indexes via $F^{\Sigma 5} = F_{\Sigma 5} = 0$.

Now, we begin to notice a significant result: Despite the $F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} = F^{\sigma}_{5;\sigma} + F^5_{5;5}$ term in (6.8) containing components of a mixed tensor which vanish in their own right, namely $F^{\Sigma}_{5} = 0$, this term for R_{55} is *not* equal to zero, and so, $F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} \neq 0$. Rather, we find that the covariant derivative term $F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} = F^{\sigma}_{5;\sigma} + F^5_{5;5} \neq 0$ *does not vanish* even though $F^{\Sigma}_{5} = 0$, and in fact, leaves a very central term $F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$ found in the QED free-field Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD(Free)} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau} \text{ and in } T^{\mu}_{\nu Maxwell} = -\left(F^{\mu\sigma}F_{\nu\sigma} - \frac{1}{4}\delta^{\mu}_{\nu}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right), \text{ the Maxwell stress-energy}$$

tensor in Heaviside-Lorentz units. One may think of $F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau} \neq 0$ as being

“gravitationally induced” out of $F^{\Sigma}_{5} = 0$, solely as a *non-linear gravitational effect*, because in the absence of gravitation, covariant derivatives approach ordinary derivatives and so

$F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} \rightarrow F^{\Sigma}_{5,\Sigma} = 0$. This induced term originates from the final term $-\Gamma^{\Sigma}_{\text{BM}}\Gamma^{\text{A}}_{\Sigma\text{N}}$ of the Riemann tensor $R^{\text{A}}_{\text{BMN}}$, via the progression $\Gamma^{\Sigma}_{\text{BN}}\Gamma^{\text{A}}_{\Sigma\text{M}} \rightarrow \Gamma^{\Sigma}_{5\text{T}}\Gamma^{\text{T}}_{\Sigma 5} = \frac{1}{16}b^2\bar{\kappa}^2 F^{\Sigma}_{\text{T}}F^{\text{T}}_{\Sigma}$, starting from (6.1), and using $\Gamma^{\text{M}}_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\text{M}}_{\Sigma}$ from (5.1).

So, the upshot of (6.8), is that the fifth component of the five-covariant current source density in a five-dimensional spacetime, $J_5 = F^{\Sigma}_{5;\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$, is not zero despite $F^{\Sigma}_5 = 0$, is gravitationally-induced from the term $\Gamma^{\Sigma}_{\text{BN}}\Gamma^{\text{A}}_{\Sigma\text{M}}$ in the Riemann tensor, and carries the $F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$ scalar which is central to QED and the Maxwell stress-energy tensor and which, in the free-field Lagrangian density, represents the kinetic energy of a photon.

Turning now to Maxwell's magnetic equation, we first lower the A index in (6.4),

$R_{5\text{NMB}} = g_{\text{MA}}R^{\text{A}}_{\text{B5N}}$, and use $R_{\text{ABMN}} = R_{\text{MNAB}}$ to write:

$$R_{5\text{NMB}} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(g_{\text{MA}}F^{\text{A}}_{\text{B;N}} + g_{\text{MA}}\Gamma^{\text{A}}_{\Sigma\text{N}}F^{\Sigma}_{\text{B}} - g_{\text{MA}}\Gamma^{\Sigma}_{\text{BN}}F^{\text{A}}_{\Sigma}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}g_{\text{MA}}F^{\text{A}}_{\text{B;N}} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F_{\text{MB;N}}. \quad (6.9)$$

Maxwell's magnetic equation then arises straight from the 5-dimensional rendition of the "first" Bianchi identity:

$$R_{\text{MNAB}} + R_{\text{MABN}} + R_{\text{MBNA}} = 0. \quad (6.10)$$

Making use of (6.9), the $\text{M} = 5$ component of this is:

$$R_{5\text{NAB}} + R_{5\text{ABN}} + R_{5\text{BNA}} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F_{\text{AB;N}} + F_{\text{BN;A}} + F_{\text{NA;B}}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(F_{\text{AB,N}} + F_{\text{BN,A}} + F_{\text{NA,B}}\right) = 0, \quad (6.11)$$

where we account for the well-known fact that in the cyclic combination of (6.11) with antisymmetric tensors, the Christoffel terms in the covariant derivatives cancel identically, so the covariant derivatives becomes ordinary derivatives. In the $\text{NAB} = \nu\alpha\beta$ subset of this, we immediately obtain Maxwell's magnetic equation

$$F_{\alpha\beta,\nu} + F_{\beta\nu,\alpha} + F_{\nu\alpha,\beta} = 0. \quad (6.12)$$

In light of our earlier having found some new terms in Maxwell's electric charge equation arising from the fifth dimension, see, e.g., the R_{55} equation in (6.8), one may ask whether there are any additional electrodynamic terms of interest in the (6.11) above, in the circumstance where more than a single fifth-dimensional index is employed. Because

$R_{ABMN} = R_{MNAB} = -R_{BAMN}$, it is clear that with more than two fifth-dimensional indexes, e.g., $R_{555\mu}$, (6.11) will identically reduce to zero. But we should explore whether there is any additional electrodynamic information to be gleaned when exactly two fifth-dimensional indexes are used in (6.11). Thus, we may examine, say:

$$R_{55AB} + R_{5AB5} + R_{5B5A} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}(F_{AB;5} + F_{B5;A} + F_{5A;B}) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}(F_{AB,5} + F_{B5,A} + F_{5A,B}) = 0. \quad (6.13)$$

We learn from (6.8), especially $F^{\sigma}_{5;\sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau} \neq 0$, not to automatically eliminate a field strength term such as F^{σ}_5 when it appears in a *covariant* derivative, i.e., $F^{\sigma}_{5;\sigma}$. However, the migration of covariant to ordinary derivatives in the cyclic combination of (6.11) removes this complication. We know from (5.12) that $F_{B5} = F_{5A} = 0$, so their the *ordinary* derivatives of these will vanish as well. The remaining $F_{AB,5} = (g_{A\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_B)_{,5} = g_{A\Sigma,5}F^{\Sigma}_B + g_{A\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_{B,5} = 0$ in (6.13), by virtue of (5.6), $g_{A\Sigma,5} = 0$, and (5.18), $F^{\Sigma}_{B,5} = 0$. Thus, (6.13) is identically equal to zero, not only because of the Bianchi identity, but because of the inherent properties of the F_{AB} and g_{AB} developed in section 5. Thus, there is no additional electrodynamic information to be gleaned from (6.13).

We have now placed each of Maxwell's equations on a solely geometric footing. Maxwell's source equation in covariant (lower index) form is specified by (6.6), namely, $R_{\beta 5} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J_{\beta} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma}_{\beta;\sigma}$. The fifth component of this source equation, (6.8), contains the very central term $\mathcal{L}_{QCD(Free)} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$, which is central to QED and to the Maxwell stress-energy tensor. Maxwell's magnetic equation is simply a fifth-dimensional component (6.11) of the first Bianchi identity $R_{MNAB} + R_{MABN} + R_{MBNA} = 0$. And, the Lorentz force equation (2.6), upon which the foregoing geometrization of Maxwell's equations is based, is merely the equation for four-space geodesic motion in the five-dimensional geometry,

$$\frac{d^2 x^{\mu}}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\Sigma\tau} \frac{dx^{\Sigma}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\tau}}{d\tau} = 0, \quad (2.4).$$

With source equations producing fields and with material bodies in those fields moving over geodesics that are identical to and synonymous with the Lorentz force, Maxwell's classical electrodynamics with the Lorentz force law now rests on the firm geometrodynamical footing of a five-dimensional Kaluza-Klein geometry. Now, let's turn our efforts toward deriving the energy tensors and scalars associated with the foregoing.

7. Calculation of the Five-Dimensional Curvature Scalar

We begin discussion here by deriving the *five-dimensional* Ricci curvature scalar

$R_{(5)} \equiv R^\Sigma_\Sigma = R + R^5_5$, where the ordinary *four-dimensional* curvature scalar $R = R^\sigma_\sigma$. We'll start with R^5_5 .

In (6.5), we have already found R_{B_5} . So, all we need do is raise the index using

$$\begin{aligned} R^M_5 &= g^{MB} R_{B_5} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{MB} F^\Sigma_{B;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\Sigma M}_{;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^M, \text{ i.e.,} \\ R^M_5 &= -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\Sigma M}_{;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} (F^{\Sigma M}_{;\Sigma} + \Gamma^\Sigma_{T\Sigma} F^{TM} + \Gamma^M_{T\Sigma} F^{\Sigma T}) = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^M, \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

and then take the $M=5$ component. Above, we simply employ the definition of the covariant derivative of a second-rank contravariant tensor, particularly, of $F^{\Sigma M}_{;\Sigma}$.

Now, we separate (7.1) into:

$$R^\mu_5 = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\mu}_{;\sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} (F^{\sigma\mu}_{;\sigma} + \Gamma^\sigma_{\tau\sigma} F^{\tau\mu} + \Gamma^\mu_{\tau\sigma} F^{\sigma\tau}) = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^\mu, \text{ and} \quad (7.2)$$

$$R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\Sigma 5}_{;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} (F^{\Sigma 5}_{;\Sigma} + \Gamma^\Sigma_{T\Sigma} F^{T5} + \Gamma^5_{T\Sigma} F^{\Sigma T}) = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^5. \quad (7.3)$$

In the former equation, (7.2), we employ the same set of reductions used in (6.6), and we see that R^μ_5 contains the contravariant current source density $J^\mu \equiv (\rho, J_{(1)}, J_{(2)}, J_{(3)})$. In (7.3), the first two terms can be eliminated because $F^{T5} = 0$, so with suitable upper-to-lower-case reduction of Greek indexes also via $F^{T5} = 0$, we have:

$$R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\Sigma 5}_{;\Sigma} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \Gamma^5_{\tau\sigma} F^{\sigma\tau} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^5. \quad (7.4)$$

While (5.1) tells us that $\Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^M_\Sigma$, this is the first time we have had to work with $\Gamma^5_{\tau\sigma}$, and because $\Gamma^5_{\tau\sigma} = \Gamma^5_{\sigma\tau}$, this cannot be related directly to $F_{\tau\sigma} = -F_{\sigma\tau}$. So, let's find out where the $F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau}$ term comes in.

Another way to arrive at (7.1) from (6.5) is to write:

$$R^M_5 = g^{MB} R_{B_5} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} (g^{MB} F^\Sigma_{B;\Sigma} + g^{MB} \Gamma^\Sigma_{T\Sigma} F^T_B - g^{MB} \Gamma^T_{B\Sigma} F^\Sigma_T) = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\Sigma M}_{;\Sigma} \equiv -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^M, \quad (7.5)$$

which merely entails using the g^{MB} to raise the indexes in a five-covariant manner. This equation is identical to (7.1), just in a different form. The $M=5$ component is then:

$$R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(g^{5\beta}\left(F^\sigma_{\beta,\sigma} + \Gamma^\sigma_{\tau\sigma}F^\tau_\beta - \Gamma^\tau_{\beta\sigma}F^\sigma_\tau\right) - g^{55}\Gamma^\tau_{5\sigma}F^\sigma_\tau\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\Sigma 5}_{;\Sigma} \equiv -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J^5, \quad (7.6)$$

where we again use suitable $F^{T5} = 0$ -based reductions, and have also expanded the final term $-g^{\text{MB}}\Gamma^{\text{T}}_{\text{B}\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_{\text{T}}$ in (7.5) into its spacetime and fifth-dimensional parts. Contrasting with (6.6), we see that $F^\sigma_{\beta,\sigma} + \Gamma^\sigma_{\tau\sigma}F^\tau_\beta - \Gamma^\tau_{\beta\sigma}F^\sigma_\tau = J_\beta$ is simply the lower index current density J_β . And, in the remaining term, we may now employ the (5.1) substitution $\Gamma^{\text{T}}_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\text{T}}_{\Sigma}$. So, (7.6) now becomes:

$$R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(g^{5\beta}J_\beta + g^{55}\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}\left(g^{5\beta}J_\beta + g^{55}J_5\right) = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}g^{5\text{B}}J_{\text{B}} = -\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}J^5, \quad (7.7)$$

using $J_5 = \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$ from (6.8), and $F^{\text{T}}_{\Sigma}F^{\Sigma}_{\text{T}} = F^{\text{T}\Sigma}F_{\Sigma\text{T}} = -F^{\Sigma\text{T}}F_{\Sigma\text{T}} = -F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$ from following (6.8). So, simply put, R^5_5 also contains the $F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$ term, but it arises from the raising of the index in $g^{5\text{B}}J_{\text{B}} = J^5$, and so contains the term combination $g^{5\beta}J_\beta + g^{55}\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}$. It also helps to see J^5 directly as:

$$J^5 = g^{5\beta}J_\beta + g^{55}\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}, \quad (7.8)$$

This expression (7.8) will play a central role in the section 10 derivation of the Maxwell tensor.

Returning to compare (7.4) and (7.7), this also means that:

$$\Gamma^\sigma_{\tau\sigma}F^{\sigma\tau} = g^{5\beta}J_\beta + g^{55}\frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}. \quad (7.9)$$

So, now we have all the ingredients needed to write out the five-dimensional curvature scalar $R_{(5)} = R + R^5_5$, leaving R as a remaining unknown still to be deduced. Using (7.7), we simply write:

$$R_{(5)} = R + R^5_5 = R - \frac{1}{16}g^{55}b^2\bar{\kappa}^2F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau} - \frac{1}{4}b\bar{\kappa}g^{5\beta}J_\beta. \quad (7.10)$$

The four-dimensional Ricci scalar $R = R^\sigma_\sigma$ is still an unknown in (7.1). Now, let us see if there is a way to deduce R .

8. The Einstein Hilbert Action, and Derivation of the Energy Tensor and the Ricci Tensor, from Five-Dimensional Variation

At this phase of development, we are at a juncture: Up until this point, all of the development has been based on a single supposition introduced just after (2.6): the requirement that the Lorentz force must be represented as nothing other than geodesic motion in a five-dimensional geometry, as implemented through (2.7) and (2.8). Other than perhaps our imposing the requirement that $F^{MN} \equiv -F^{NM}$, every step taken since then has been fully deductive, with no other assumptions. We have even left open the question of whether the fifth dimension is timelike or spacelike, simply exploring the consequences in the alternative, as pertinent. This has enabled us to place Maxwell's equations, deductively, on a fully geometric footing, fully specify the fifth-dimensional components of the Ricci tensor $R^M{}_5$, and obtain the five dimensional Ricci scalar $R_{(5)}$, *but only up to the four-dimensional scalar* $R = R^\sigma{}_\sigma$, which still stands out as undetermined. Determining R , would give us a window into $R^\mu{}_\nu$, and this in turn into the remaining $T^\mu{}_\nu$ components, among which, one would expect to find the Maxwell stress energy tensor, which would be a final check on the validity of this entire path of development. So, we need to find R . To deduce R , we must now, finally, make a new supposition beyond that of Lorentz force geodesics, which we do as follows:

Some theorists, particularly those who have adopted the so-called "Space-Time-Matter" view [4], seek the derivation of Einstein's equations out of a five-dimensional Riemannian geometry without the introduction of explicit matter source terms. There are perhaps several ways to frame this objective: the one we shall choose here, as set forth in the introduction, will be to employ an Einstein-Hilbert action of the general form $S = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int R dV$, omitting any source term $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Matter}}$, which is to say, *not* using an action $S = \int (\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Matter}}) dV$. We do this as follows:

Let us now posit that the action of the five-dimensional Riemannian geometry that we have been exploring herein, is to be *defined* over the four-dimensional spacetime of our common physical experience, in the form:

$$S(g_{MN}) \equiv \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int R_{(5)} dV = \int \left(\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \frac{1}{2\kappa} R^5{}_5 \right) dV. \quad (8.1)$$

This is a completely geometric definition of the action, without any explicit source term, of the general form $S = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int R dV$, but in which R is replaced by the five-dimensional scalar

$$R_{(5)} = R^{\Sigma}_{\Sigma}.$$

Now, although there is no *explicit* source term in (8.1), the R^5_5 component serves the role of an *implicit* source term, because if one contrasts (8.1) with $S = \int (\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \mathcal{L}_{Matter}) dV$, we see that one can associate:

$$S(g_{MN}) \equiv \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int R_{(5)} dV = \int \left(\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \frac{1}{2\kappa} R^5_5 \right) dV \equiv \int \left(\frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \mathcal{L}_{Matter} \right) dV. \quad (8.2)$$

Then, employing $R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5B} J_B = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J^5$ from (7.7), we have now effectively *defined*:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Matter} &\equiv \frac{1}{2\kappa} R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5B} J_B = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} g^{MN} \delta^5_N J_M = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} J^5 \\ &= -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (8.3)$$

Referring to the old adage that $R^{\mu}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} R$ is made of “marble” but T^{μ}_{ν} is made of “wood”, the defining of $\mathcal{L}_{Matter} \equiv \frac{1}{2\kappa} R^5_5$ allows us to fashion a T^{μ}_{ν} or “marble” as well, because R^5_5 is a completely geometric object.

Now, we can use variational principles to immediately calculate the energy tensor.

Specifically, the variation of the 5-dimensional metric tensor determinant $g_{(5)}$ is specified by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g_{(5)}}} \frac{\delta \sqrt{-g_{(5)}}}{\delta g^{MN}} = -\frac{1}{2} g_{MN}. \quad \text{The 5-dimensional energy tensor may be defined from the matter}$$

term \mathcal{L}_{Matter} according to: (See [6]):

$$T_{MN} \equiv -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial (\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{Matter})}{\delta g^{MN}} = -2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{Matter}}{\delta g^{MN}} + g_{MN} \mathcal{L}_{Matter}. \quad (8.4)$$

Then, we simply substitute the five-geometry-based \mathcal{L}_{Matter} from (8.3) into the above, thus:

$$\kappa T_{MN} = \left(\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_N J_M \right) - \frac{1}{2} g_{MN} \left(\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5B} J_B \right) = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_N J_M - \frac{1}{8} g_{MN} b \bar{\kappa} J^5, \quad (8.5)$$

which in mixed form may be rearranged into:

$$-\kappa T_M^N = \left(-\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5N} J_M \right) - \frac{1}{2} \delta_M^N \left(-\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\Sigma} J_{\Sigma} \right), \quad (8.6)$$

We note from (8.5) that the four-dimensional energy tensor $\kappa T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{8} g_{\mu\nu} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5B} J_B$ is symmetric, $T_{\mu\nu} = -T_{\nu\mu}$ with $\delta^5_{\mu} = 0$, but that the fifth-dimensional components T_{MN} appear to be non-symmetric, because $\delta^5_N J_M \neq \delta^5_M J_N$. There are two possibilities: either the fifth-dimensional components $T_{5N} \neq T_{N5}$, or we will need to take steps to make this tensor symmetric. We defer this for the moment pending a bit more development.

First, the five-dimensional trace energy from (8.6) is:

$$\kappa T_{(5)} = \kappa T^{\Sigma}_{\Sigma} = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5\Sigma} J_{\Sigma}, \quad (8.7)$$

Note that the $\frac{3}{2}$ factor arises because with an extra dimension, $\delta^{\Sigma}_{\Sigma} = 5$. If we now consider the Einstein equation in five dimensions as $-\kappa T^M_N = R^M_N - \frac{1}{2} \delta^M_N R_{(5)}$, then this contracts down to $\kappa T_{(5)} = \frac{3}{2} R_{(5)}$. Therefore, from (8.7) we deduce:

$$R_{(5)} = -\frac{1}{4} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5\Sigma} J_{\Sigma}. \quad (8.8)$$

Finally, from the inverse equation $R^M_N = -\kappa(T^M_N - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \delta^M_N T_{(5)})$, we use (8.6), the factors $\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 1$ cancel out, and we arrive at:

$$R_M^N = -\frac{1}{4} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5N} J_M. \quad (8.9)$$

In retrospect, (8.8) and (8.9) could have been gleaned directly from (8.6), which was written suggestively for that very reason. However, it is useful to confirm that this works via the use of the inverse field equation, even with the extra dimension. Lowering the upper index in (8.9), we obtain the covariant:

$$R_{MN} = -\frac{1}{4} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5N} J_M. \quad (8.9)$$

which also is non-symmetric in the fifth-dimensional components $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$, just like the energy tensor, contrast (8.5). However, what we also deduce from (8.9) is that the covariant curvature tensor:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} b\bar{\kappa}g^{5\nu} J_{\mu} = 0, \quad (8.10)$$

that is: $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$. The δ^5_N which first made its appearance in (8.3) and (8.5), is effectively a “screen factor” which shuts all four-dimensional components of the covariant Ricci tensor $R_{\mu\nu}$ down to zero.

Although $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$, this is not so for $T_{\mu\nu}$, because by (8.5) and (7.8):

$$\kappa T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{8} b \bar{\kappa} g_{\mu\nu} J^5 = -\frac{1}{8} b \bar{\kappa} g_{\mu\nu} \left(g^{5\beta} J_\beta + g^{55} \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right), \quad (8.11)$$

which, one ought note *is* symmetric in four dimensions.

Finally, we set out at the beginning of this section to deduce the ordinary Ricci scalar R .

Combining (7.7) with (8.8) we may write $R_{(5)} = R + R^5_5 = R - \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\Sigma} J_\Sigma = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\Sigma} J_\Sigma$, i.e.:

$$R = 0, \quad (8.12)$$

which is also consistent with (8.10). However, the trace energy is not zero, but from (8.11), is:

$$\kappa T = -\frac{1}{2} b \bar{\kappa} J^5 = -\frac{1}{2} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_\beta + g^{55} \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (8.13)$$

The derivation in this section made use of a five-dimensional variation, i.e., a variation using δg^{MN} . In section 10, we shall see how a four-dimensional variation $\delta g^{\mu\nu}$ leads to the Maxwell stress energy tensor. But first, we pause to examine the non-symmetry of the fifth-dimensional component of the Ricci tensor, $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$, and the energy tensor $T_{5N} \neq T_{N5}$.

9. A Non-Symmetry Ricci Tensor for the Fifth-Dimensional Components?

What are we to make of the fact that $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$ and $T_{5N} \neq T_{N5}$ in section 8 above? It is helpful to trace the origin of this non-symmetry, which we can do by directly examining the definition of the Riemann tensor (6.1), together with $\Gamma^M_{5\Sigma} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^M_\Sigma$ form (5.1).

From (6.1), let's specifically examine

$$R_{B5} = R^A_{B5A} = -\Gamma^A_{B5,A} + \Gamma^A_{BA,5} + \Gamma^\Sigma_{BA} \Gamma^A_{\Sigma 5} - \Gamma^\Sigma_{B5} \Gamma^A_{\Sigma A} \quad (9.1)$$

and contrast this to the reverse-indexed:

$$R_{5B} = R^A_{5BA} = -\Gamma^A_{5B,A} + \Gamma^A_{5A,B} + \Gamma^\Sigma_{5A} \Gamma^A_{\Sigma B} - \Gamma^\Sigma_{5B} \Gamma^A_{\Sigma A}. \quad (9.2)$$

The first and fourth terms are clearly identical, because $\Gamma^{\Sigma}_{B5} = \Gamma^{\Sigma}_{5B}$. The third terms are also identical if one renames indexes. However, the second terms in this instance are *not* the same, and specifically:

$$\Gamma^A_{BA,5} \neq \Gamma^A_{B5,A}. \quad (9.3)$$

Here, (5.17) causes $\Gamma^A_{BA,5} = 0$ because $g^{MN,5} = 0$; $g_{MN,5} = 0$, see (5.6), and this in turn, is because $F^{MN} = -F^{NM}$, i.e., because of the antisymmetric electromagnetic field tensor. On the other hand, via (5.1), $\Gamma^A_{B5,A} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} F^A_{B,A}$, which is most certainly non-zero as a general rule, and which contains part of the lower-index current density $J_{\mu} = F^{\sigma}_{\mu;\sigma}$.

What we discussed above contrasting (9.1) and (9.2) has long been known, and is the precise problem that Einstein pointed out in [14], see his contrast of equations (4a) and (4b). It has also been noted that “starting with a general (though still symmetric) connection allowed Eddington – and Einstein following him in 1923 – to obtain a non-symmetric Ricci tensor, the antisymmetric part of which could then be taken as a representation of the (antisymmetric) electromagnetic field tensor.” [15] Given the foregoing, we shall accept the non-symmetric $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$ and $T_{5N} \neq T_{N5}$ as is, and not attempt to make these symmetric in the N5 indexes. That is, we shall take $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$ and $T_{5N} \neq T_{N5}$ uncovered in the previous section as an indication that in nature, wherein Maxwell’s electric charge source equation is effectively represented along those fifth-dimensional components, (see sections 6 and 7) the fifth-dimensional components of R_{MN} and T_{MN} are non-symmetric.

Therefore, we return to (8.9), which we redefine in the opposite manner as before, reversing M and N, as follows:

$$R_{MN} \equiv -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_N J_M \quad (9.4)$$

We do this so as to be consistent with the results in section 6. Thus, from (9.4) we find, just as in (6.6) and (6.7), respectively, that:

$$R_{\beta 5} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_{\beta} J_{\beta} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J_{\beta} \quad (9.5)$$

$$R_{55} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_5 J_5 = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} J_5. \quad (9.6)$$

However:

$$R_{5\beta} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \delta^5_{\beta} J_5 = 0, \quad (9.7)$$

which demonstrates explicitly the non-symmetric character of $R_{5N} \neq R_{N5}$. The fifth ‘‘column’’ $R_{\beta 5}$ of the covariant Ricci tensor contains the Maxwell source charge current density, while the fifth ‘‘row’’ $R_{5\beta}$ is zero.

10. Derivation of the Maxwell Stress-Energy Tensor, using a Four-Dimensional Variation

In section 8, we derived the energy tensor based on the variational calculation (8.4), in five dimensions, i.e., by the variation δg^{MN} . Let us repeat this same calculation, but in a slightly different way.

In section 8, we used (8.3) in the form of $\mathcal{L}_{Matter} = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5B} J_B = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} g^{MN} \delta^5_M J_N$, because that gave us a contravariant g^{MN} against which to obtain the five-dimensional variation $\delta \mathcal{L}_{Matter} / \delta g^{MN}$. Let us instead, here, use the very last term in (8.3) as \mathcal{L}_{Matter} , writing this as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Matter} \equiv \frac{1}{2\kappa} R^5_5 = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_\beta + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right) = -\frac{1}{8\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{\mu\nu} \delta^5_\nu J_\mu + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} g^{\mu\nu} b \bar{\kappa} F_\mu{}^\tau F_{\nu\tau} \right). \quad (10.1)$$

It is important to observe that the term $g^{5\beta} J_\beta$ is only summed over four spacetime indexes. The fifth term, $g^{55} J_5 = \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau}$, see, e.g., (6.8). For consistency with the non-symmetric (9.4), we employ $g^{5\beta} J_\beta = g^{\mu\nu} \delta^5_\nu J_\mu$ rather than $g^{5\beta} J_\beta = g^{\mu\nu} \delta^5_\mu J_\nu$. By virtue of this separation, in which we can only introduce $g^{\mu\nu}$ and not g^{MN} as in section 8, we can only take a four-dimensional variation $\delta \mathcal{L}_{Matter} / \delta g^{\mu\nu}$, which, in contrast to (8.4), is now given by:

$$T_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial \left(\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{Matter} \right)}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = -2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{Matter}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} + g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}_{Matter}. \quad (10.2)$$

Substituting from (10.1) then yields:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\delta^5_\nu J_\mu + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F_\mu{}^\tau F_{\nu\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{4\kappa} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_\beta + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.3)$$

Now, the non-symmetry of sections 8 and 9 comes into play, and this will yield the Maxwell tensor. Because $\delta^5_\nu = 0$, the first term drops out and the above reduces to:

$$\kappa T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F_{\mu}{}^{\tau} F_{\nu\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.4)$$

One again, the screen factor $\delta^5_\nu = 0$ is at work. In mixed form, we rewrite this as:

$$-\kappa T^{\mu}{}_{\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu\tau} F_{\nu\tau} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.5)$$

Purposely leaving constant factors separated, the trace equation is then:

$$\kappa T = R = -2 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} - \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.6)$$

and so, via the inverse equation $R^{\mu}{}_{\nu} = -\kappa T^{\mu}{}_{\nu} + \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} \kappa T$, from (10.5) and (10.6):

$$R^{\mu}{}_{\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu\tau} F_{\nu\tau} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(-3 g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} - \frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.7)$$

Note that here, traceable to the lost term in (10.4) via $\delta^5_\nu = 0$, that one cannot simply glean $R^{\mu}{}_{\nu}$ from (10.5) as we were able to for (8.9). It was necessary to use the full inverse field equation

$R^{\mu}{}_{\nu} = -\kappa T^{\mu}{}_{\nu} + \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} \kappa T$. Now, we take the trace of (10.7) to obtain:

$$R = -6 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} - 3 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right). \quad (10.8)$$

Interestingly, this does not look to be the same as the trace in (10.6), yet these are the same. This means that a further relationship must subsist. So, setting (10.6) equal to (10.8):

$$R = -2 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} - \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right) = -6 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} - 3 \frac{1}{4} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right), \quad (10.9)$$

we find after reducing, that:

$$g^{5\beta} J_{\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right), \quad (10.10)$$

Now, we return to the energy tensor (10.5) and shift some terms to rewrite this as:

$$4\kappa T^{\mu}{}_{\nu} = b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\mu\tau} F_{\nu\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} b \bar{\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^{55} b \bar{\kappa} F^{\sigma\tau} F_{\sigma\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\mu}{}_{\nu} b \bar{\kappa} g^{5\beta} J_{\beta}. \quad (10.11)$$

Then, we substitute $g^{5\beta} J_{\beta}$ from (10.10) into (10.11), and do some further rearranging, including

making use of $\bar{\kappa}^{-2} = 2\kappa/\hbar c$, to obtain:

$$\frac{16\kappa}{b^2\bar{\kappa}^2}T^\mu{}_\nu = \frac{8}{b^2}\hbar c T^\mu{}_\nu = g^{55}\left(F^{\mu\tau}F_{\nu\tau} - \frac{1}{4}\delta^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right). \quad (10.12)$$

If we now set $\hbar = c = 1$ as well as:

$$b^2 = 8 \text{ and } g^{55} = -1, \quad (10.13)$$

then (10.12) now reduces, rather fortuitously, to the Maxwell stress-energy tensor:

$$T^\mu{}_\nu = -\left(F^{\mu\tau}F_{\nu\tau} - \frac{1}{4}\delta^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right), \quad (10.14)$$

in the Heaviside-Lorentz units that we have been employing from the outset. The factor b which we have employed all along is now determined to be $b^2 = 8$. Further, because we have deduced that $g^{55} = -1$ we no longer need to straddle between a timelike and a spacelike fifth dimension: *we have deduced that the fifth dimension must be spacelike.*

We can then also derive the mixed Ricci tensor corresponding to the stress-energy (10.14). We start with (10.7), substitute (10.10), and reduce, to obtain:

$$16R^\mu{}_\nu = -b^2\bar{\kappa}^2\left(g^{55}F^{\mu\tau}F_{\nu\tau}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\delta^\mu{}_\nu b^2\bar{\kappa}^2\left(g^{55}F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right). \quad (10.15)$$

Clearly, this is also traceless, as it should be. Further use of $\bar{\kappa}^2 = 2\kappa/\hbar c$ with $\hbar = c = 1$, and $b^2 = 8$ and $g^{55} = -1$ from (10.13), then reduces to:

$$R^\mu{}_\nu = \kappa\left(F^{\mu\tau}F_{\nu\tau} - \frac{1}{4}\delta^\mu{}_\nu F^{\sigma\tau}F_{\sigma\tau}\right), \quad (10.16)$$

which is summarized by the traceless field equation $-\kappa T^\mu{}_\nu = R^\mu{}_\nu$, as expected.

Finally, in being able to derive the traceless equation (10.14) which among many things tells us that electromagnetic energy propagates at the speed of light, we have solved the essential riddle which concerned Einstein in [16], see equations (1) versus (1a) and (3) therein, which was to find a compatibility between the field equation $-\kappa T^\mu{}_\nu = R^\mu{}_\nu - \frac{1}{2}\delta^\mu{}_\nu R$ which contains a non-zero scalar trace, and (10.14) and (10.16) above which are scalar-free. More fundamentally, since (10.14) was derived by rigorously applying the field equation $-\kappa T^\mu{}_\nu = R^\mu{}_\nu - \frac{1}{2}\delta^\mu{}_\nu R$, we have demonstrated that Einstein's equation, which one ordinarily applies to trace matter which can be placed at rest, is also fully compatible with, and is indeed the foundation for, the energy tensor of traceless, luminous electromagnetic radiation.

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