

# Fractional formulation of Podolsky Lagrangian density



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## ABSTRACT

Lagrangians which depend on higher-order derivatives appear frequently in many areas of physics. In this paper, we reformulate Podolsky's Lagrangian in fractional form using left-right Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives. The equations of motion are obtained using the fractional Euler Lagrange equation. In addition, the energy stress tensor and the Hamiltonian are obtained in fractional form from the Lagrangian density. The resulting equations are very similar to those found in classical field theory.

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## 1. Introduction

Fractional calculus is a branch of mathematics that deals with fractional derivatives and integrals of any order. In the last two decades, it has been increasingly popular in a variety of sectors of science and engineering (Alawaideh et al., 2020; Al-Oqali et al., 2016; Herzallah and Baleanu, 2014; Herzallah et al., 2011; Jaradat, 2017; Muslih and Baleanu, 2005). Fractional derivatives have been used in a variety of fields, including classical mechanics (Yu and Wang, 2017), scaling phenomena (Cattani et al., 2014), fractal spacetime (He, 2014), dispersion and turbulence (Chen et al., 2013), astrophysics (Abdel-Salam et al., 2020), potential theory (Bogdan and Byczkowski, 2000), viscoelasticity (Novikov and Voitsekhovskii, 2000), electrodynamics (La Nave et al., 2019), optics (Asjad et al., 2021; Gutiérrez-Vega, 2007a; 2007b), and thermodynamics (Magomedov et al., 2018). Fractional derivatives research dates back to Leibniz, and it is still going strong today.

Higher derivative field theories have been gaining popularity in recent years. Many models, including renormalizable quantum gravity, Podolsky's generalized electrodynamics, the Lee-Wick model, and others, include higher derivative field equations. Higher derivative theories are being studied for a variety of reasons, including improving renormalization qualities and removing ultraviolet divergences (Kruglov, 2010; Dai, 2021). Podolsky's

theory was introduced in the early 1940s by Bopp and Podolsky (Lazar and Leck, 2020). In order to avoid singularities in electromagnetic fields and to have a finite and positive self-energy of point charges, Bopp and Podolsky proposed a gradient theory representing a classical generalization of Maxwell electrodynamics towards generalized electrodynamics with fourth-order linear field equations (Lazar, 2019).

The purpose of this research is to reformulate the Lagrangian, proposed by Podolsky, in fractional form and to obtain conjugate momenta and energy stress tensor.

The following sections of the manuscript are organized as follows: In the next section, we briefly define the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative. The fractional Euler-Lagrange equations are obtained in section three. In section four, the energy-momentum tensor is constructed, and the Hamiltonian is obtained. The fifth section contains the conclusions.

## 2. Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative

The left and right Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives are defined as follows (Diab et al., 2013):

- The left Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative,

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau \quad (1)$$

- The right Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative,

$${}_t D_b^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( -\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_t^b (\tau-t)^{n-\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha$  represents the order of the derivative such that  $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$  and  $\Gamma$  represents the Euler's

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Lagrange gamma function. If  $\alpha$  is an integer, these derivatives are defined in the usual sense, i.e.,

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^\alpha, \quad {}_t D_b^\alpha f(t) = \left(-\frac{d}{dt}\right)^\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3)$$

### 3. Formulation

Assume that the Lagrangian  $L$  is a function of the potential  $A_\alpha$  and its first and second derivatives:

$$L = L(A_\alpha, {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\beta A_\alpha, {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\beta {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\gamma A_\alpha) \quad (4)$$

where  $A_\alpha$  are functions of space-time coordinates  $x_\alpha = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ . The variational equation:

$$\delta W = \delta \iint LV dt = 0, \quad dV = dx_1 dx_2 dx_3, \\ \text{or } \delta W = \delta \iint L d\Omega = 0, \quad d\Omega = dV dx_4 = 0 \quad (5)$$

this results in the field equation.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) + {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) = 0 \quad (6)$$

as new coordinates, we introduce:

$$q_\alpha = A_\alpha \text{ and } Q_\alpha = {}_a D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha \quad (7)$$

and define the momenta conjugate to  $q_\alpha$  and  $Q_\alpha$  by,

$$p_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha)} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha)} \right) \quad (8)$$

and,

$$P_\alpha = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha)} \quad (9)$$

respectively. The Hamiltonian can be described as follows:

$$H = -L + p_{\alpha\beta} {}_b D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha)} {}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha \quad (10)$$

Using Eqs. 7 and 9 the time derivatives of the coordinates,  ${}_a D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha$  and  ${}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha$ , can be removed from the Hamiltonian. Then,

$$H = H(A_\alpha, p_{\alpha\beta}, {}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha, {}_b D_{x_i}^\beta {}_b D_{x_j}^\gamma A_\alpha, {}_b D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha, P_\alpha, {}_b D_{x_i}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha). \quad (11)$$

Taking the differentials of Eqs. 10 and 11 and equating coefficients we get:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha)} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha)} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha)} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha)} \right) \quad (12a)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha)} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha)} \quad (12b)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\beta A_\alpha)} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\beta A_\alpha)} \quad (12c)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\beta {}_b D_{x_k}^\gamma A_\alpha)} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\beta {}_b D_{x_k}^\gamma A_\alpha)} \quad (12d)$$

and,

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial (p_\alpha)} = {}_b D_{x_0}^\beta A_\alpha, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial (P_\alpha)} = {}_b D_{x_0}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha \quad (13)$$

It may now be concluding from Eqs. 8, 9, 12, 13, and 6 that:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha)} = -{}_b D_{x_0}^\beta P - {}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\beta A_\alpha)} \quad (14)$$

$${}_b D_{x_0}^\beta p_\alpha = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha)} + {}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha \frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\beta A_\alpha)} - {}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\gamma \frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_j}^\beta A_\alpha)} \quad (15)$$

$${}_b D_{x_0}^\beta P = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha A_\alpha)} + {}_b D_{x_i}^\alpha \frac{\partial H}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_i}^\beta {}_b D_{x_0}^\rho A_\alpha)} \quad (16)$$

The variational equation can be used to calculate the energy-momentum stress tensor.

$$\delta W = \iint (L \delta_{\mu\nu} - {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\alpha A_\alpha p_{\alpha\nu} - {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\alpha A_\alpha P_{\alpha\lambda\nu}) dS_\nu \delta x_\nu \quad (17)$$

where,

$$p_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha)} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\alpha)} \quad (18)$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\alpha)} \quad (19)$$

From the definition of the total momentum  $P_\mu$ ,

$$\delta W = P_\mu \delta x_\mu. \quad (20)$$

By comparison with Eq. 17:

$$P_\mu = \int T_{\mu\nu} dS_\nu \quad (21)$$

where the energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is given by,

$$T_{\mu\nu} = L \delta_{\mu\nu} - \left( {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k A_\alpha \right) P_{\alpha\nu} - \left( {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^n A_\alpha \right) P_{\alpha\lambda\nu} \quad (22)$$

### 4. Fractional Lagrangian density

Let us consider the Lagrangian proposed by Podolsky (Bertin et al., 2017; Podolsky and Schwed, 1948):

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{a^2}{2} {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\alpha F^{\alpha\beta} {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\rho F_{\alpha\gamma} \quad (23)$$

where the field quantities  $F_{\alpha\beta} = {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\alpha A_\beta - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\alpha A_\alpha$ , and  $a$  being a parameter with a dimension of the inverse of mass.

Using the definition of the left Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative, the fractional Lagrangian density takes the form:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} \left[ {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\alpha A_\beta - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\alpha A_\alpha \right] \left[ {}_b D_{x_\sigma}^\sigma A_\nu - {}_b D_{x_\nu}^\sigma A_\sigma \right] - \frac{a^2}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} \left[ {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\sigma}^\rho A_\nu - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\nu}^\rho A_\sigma \right] g^{\gamma\xi} \left[ {}_b D_{x_\xi}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\rho A_\gamma - {}_b D_{x_\xi}^\alpha {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\rho A_\alpha \right]. \quad (24)$$

But  ${}_b D_{x_v}^\rho = ({}_b D_{x_t}^\rho, {}_b D_{x_j}^\rho)$ . The Euler Lagrange equation is given by,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) + {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho A_\lambda)} = 0. \quad (25)$$

First term:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\lambda} = 0. \quad (26)$$

Second term:

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) = -\frac{1}{4} g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} \left[ (\delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\lambda^\beta - \delta_\mu^\beta \delta_\lambda^\alpha) ({}_b D_{x_\sigma}^\rho A_\nu - {}_b D_{x_\nu}^\rho A_\sigma) + ({}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\rho A_\beta - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha) (\delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\lambda^\nu - \delta_\mu^\nu \delta_\lambda^\alpha) \right] \quad (27)$$

or,

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) = -({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A^\lambda - {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\rho A^\mu) = -F^{\mu\lambda} \quad (28)$$

Then,

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho A_\lambda)} \right) = -{}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho F^{\mu\lambda}. \quad (29)$$

Third term:

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho A_\lambda)} = -\frac{a^2}{2} {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho \left[ g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} (\delta_\mu^\beta \delta_\eta^\sigma \delta_\lambda^\nu - \delta_\mu^\sigma \delta_\eta^\beta \delta_\lambda^\alpha) {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\rho F_{\alpha\gamma} + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\xi} (\delta_\mu^\xi \delta_\eta^\alpha \delta_\lambda^\gamma - \delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\eta^\xi \delta_\lambda^\gamma) \right] \quad (30)$$

$$= -a^2 \left[ {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\eta\beta} - \square {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\lambda\beta} \right]. \quad (31)$$

Using the identity, see [Appendix A](#),

$${}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\eta\beta} = 0.$$

Therefore,

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\eta}^\rho A_\lambda)} = a^2 \square {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\lambda\beta}. \quad (32)$$

Substituting Eqs. 26, 29, and 32 in Eq. 25, we get

$${}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho F^{\mu\lambda} + a^2 \square {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\lambda\beta} = 0 \quad (33)$$

change  $\beta$  to  $\mu$  we obtain,

$$(1 - a^2 \square) {}_b D_{x_\mu}^\rho F^{\mu\lambda} = 0 \quad (34)$$

## 5. Energy-momentum tensor

To evaluate the energy-momentum tensor the following quantities  $p_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $P_{\mu\lambda\beta}$  are required

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha)} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\alpha)} \right) \\ p_{\alpha\beta} &= -F^{\beta\alpha} - {}_a D_{x_\mu}^k \left[ \frac{-a^2}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} (\delta_\sigma^\mu \delta_\beta^\rho \delta_\nu^\alpha - \delta_\beta^\rho \delta_\nu^\sigma \delta_\sigma^\alpha) ({}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\omega A_\gamma - {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\omega A_\alpha) \frac{a^2}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\sigma}^\rho A_\nu - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\nu}^\rho A_\sigma) g^{\gamma\xi} (\delta_\xi^\mu \delta_\alpha^\beta \delta_\gamma^\alpha - \delta_\xi^\alpha \delta_\gamma^\beta \delta_\alpha^\alpha) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

we are able to recast the above equation as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\alpha\beta} &= -F^{\beta\alpha} + a^2 {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k [g^{\alpha\mu} {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\beta\gamma} - g^{\beta\mu} {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma}] \\ &= -F^{\beta\alpha} + a^2 {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega [{}_b D_{x_\alpha}^k F^{\beta\gamma} - {}_b D_{x_\beta}^k F^{\alpha\gamma}] \\ &= -F^{\beta\alpha} + a^2 {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega [{}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega ({}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A^\alpha - {}_b D_{x_\alpha}^k A^\beta)] \\ &= -F^{\beta\alpha} + a^2 {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\beta\alpha} \\ &= (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\beta\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

on the other hand, the total momentum can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mu\lambda\beta} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\rho {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho A_\mu)} = -\frac{1}{2} a^2 g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} (\delta_\beta^\lambda \delta_\sigma^\beta \delta_\nu^\mu - \delta_\beta^\lambda \delta_\nu^\sigma \delta_\sigma^\mu) {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\xi F_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} a^2 {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\xi} (\delta_\xi^\lambda \delta_\alpha^\beta \delta_\gamma^\mu - \delta_\xi^\alpha \delta_\gamma^\beta \delta_\alpha^\mu) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

the above equation can be written as:

$$= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[ ({}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\beta\gamma} + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\beta\beta}) g^{\lambda\mu} - ({}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\mu\gamma} + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\mu\beta}) g^{\beta\lambda} \right]$$

or,

$$P_{\mu\lambda\beta} = -a^2 \left[ {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\beta\gamma} g^{\lambda\mu} - {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\mu\gamma} g^{\beta\lambda} \right] \quad (38)$$

replacing  $\lambda$  by  $\beta$  in the previous equation we get:

$$P_{\mu\lambda\beta} = -a^2 \left[ {}_a D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\lambda\gamma} g^{\beta\mu} - {}_a D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\mu\gamma} g^{\beta\lambda} \right]. \quad (39)$$

Thus the energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is given by:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = L\delta_{\mu\nu} - ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^k A_\alpha) P_{\alpha\nu} - ({}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\rho A_\alpha) P_{\alpha\lambda\nu} \quad (40)$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} &= L\delta_{\mu\nu} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k A_\alpha (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\alpha\nu} + \\ &a^2 {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k {}_b D_{x_\lambda}^\rho A_\alpha ({}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\lambda\gamma} g^{\nu\alpha} - {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma} g^{\nu\lambda}) \\ &= L\delta_{\mu\nu} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k A_\alpha (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\alpha\nu} + \\ &a^2 \left[ {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k ({}_b D_{x_\alpha}^\rho A^\nu - {}_b D_{x_\nu}^\rho A^\alpha) \right] {}_b D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

The above equation can be simplified to:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = L\delta_{\mu\nu} - {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k A_\alpha (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\alpha\nu} + a^2 {}_b D_{x_\mu}^k F^\nu_\alpha {}_a D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma}. \quad (41)$$

The Hamiltonian is given by:

$$H = T_{00} = L - \int d^3x \left( \frac{1}{2} D_{x_0}^k A_\alpha (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\alpha 0} + \frac{1}{2} D_{x_0}^k F^{\alpha 0} D_{x_0}^\omega F^{\alpha \gamma} \right). \quad (42)$$

Because of the ambiguity in the partial differential equation with regard to  $\dot{A}_\alpha$ . Care must be taken while computing the momenta canonically conjugate to  $A_\alpha$  and  $\dot{A}_\alpha$ .

$$H = L - \int d^3x \left( \frac{1}{2} D_{x_0}^k A_\alpha (1 - a^2 \square) F^{\alpha 0} + \frac{1}{2} D_{x_0}^k F^{\alpha 0} D_{x_0}^\omega F^{\alpha \gamma} \right). \quad (43)$$

We have from Eq. 18:

$$p_\alpha = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{x_0}^k A_\alpha)} - \int d^3x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{x_0}^k D_{x_0}^\omega A_\alpha)} \right) - \int d^3x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{x_0}^k D_{x_0}^\omega F^{\alpha \gamma})} \right). \quad (44)$$

Using Eqs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Appendix B we get,

$$p_\alpha = F^{\alpha 0} + a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_j}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} g^{j\alpha} + D_{x_\beta}^\rho D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\beta\gamma} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma} \right) \right).$$

After some algebraic manipulations, we are capable of arriving at:

$$p_\alpha = F^{\alpha 0} + a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_j}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} g^{j\alpha} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma} \right) \right) \quad (45)$$

thus we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= F^{00} + a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_j}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} g^{j0} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} \right) \right) \\ &= -a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} \right) = -a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_0}^k D_{x_0}^\omega F^{00} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_j}^\omega F^{0j} \right) \\ &= -a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_0}^k D_{x_j}^\omega F^{0j} \right) = a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_0}^k D_{x_j}^\omega F^{j0} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p_l &= F^{l0} + a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_j}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} g^{jl} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{l\gamma} \right) \right) \\ &= F^{l0} + a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_l}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{l\gamma} \right) \right) \\ &= F^{l0} + a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_l}^k D_{x_0}^\omega F^{0\gamma} - D_{x_0}^k D_{x_l}^\omega F^{l\gamma} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

using the identity:

$$D_{x^\lambda}^n F^{\mu\nu} + D_{x^\mu}^k F^{\nu\lambda} + D_{x^\nu}^m F^{\lambda\mu} = 0 \quad (50)$$

With  $\lambda = l, \mu = 0$ , and  $\nu = \gamma$

$$D_{x^l}^k F^{0\gamma} + D_{x^0}^k F^{\gamma l} + D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{l0} = 0 \quad (51)$$

Then,

$$D_{x^l}^k F^{0\gamma} - D_{x^0}^k F^{l\gamma} = - D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{l0}$$

Eq. 49 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} p_l &= F^{l0} - a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\gamma}^\omega D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{l0} \right) \\ &= (1 - a^2 \square) F^{l0} \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

similarly,

$$P_\alpha = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{x_0}^k A_\alpha)} = -a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{0\beta} g^{\alpha 0} - D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{\alpha\beta} \right) \right) \quad (53)$$

or,

$$P_0 = -a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{0\beta} g^{00} - D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{0\beta} \right) \right) = 0 \quad (54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_j &= -a^2 \left( \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{0\beta} g^{j0} - D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{j\beta} \right) \right) \\ &= -a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{j\beta} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

In vector notation, these quantities become i.e. when  $(\alpha \rightarrow 1)$ :

$$p_0 = -a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_j}^k D_{x_\gamma}^\omega F^{j0} \right) = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \quad (56)$$

$$p_j = (1 - a^2) F^{k0} = (1 - a^2 \square) \vec{E} \quad (57)$$

$$P_0 = 0, P_j = a^2 \int d^3x \left( D_{x_\beta}^\rho F^{j\beta} \right) \quad (58)$$

$$\vec{P} = a^2 \left( \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (59)$$

## 6. Conclusion

In various areas of physics, Lagrangians depending on higher-order derivatives appear regularly. Using special properties of the higher derivative terms, advances in the understanding of astrophysical and cosmological behaviors were considered feasible. In this work, we have considered the Lagrangian density of higher derivative generalized electrodynamics proposed by Podolsky and obtained the equations of motion, the energy stress tensor, the canonical Momentum, and the Hamiltonian. A major point in this study is that we used the energy stress tensor to evaluate the Hamiltonian of the system. As a special case, for the equation of motion in agreement with the classical results.

## Appendix A. Proof of field- strength tensor identity

Prove that  $D_{x_\eta}^\rho D_{x_\beta}^\omega F^{\eta\beta} = 0$ , We have:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{x_\eta}^\rho D_{x_\beta}^\omega F^{\eta\beta} &= D_{x_\eta}^\rho D_{x_\beta}^\omega \left( D_{x^\eta}^k A^\beta - D_{x^\beta}^k A^\eta \right) = \\ &= D_{x_\beta}^\rho D_{x_\eta}^\omega D_{x^\eta}^k A^\beta - D_{x_\eta}^\rho D_{x_\beta}^\omega D_{x^\beta}^k A^\eta \\ &= D_{x_\beta}^\rho \square A^\beta - D_{x_\eta}^\rho \square A^\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Change  $\eta$  to  $\beta$  in the second term, we get:

$$D_{x_\eta}^\rho D_{x_\beta}^\omega F^{\eta\beta} = 0. \quad (A1)$$

## Appendix B. Calculation of conjugate momenta

We can rewrite Eq. 44 as:

First term:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{x_0}^k A_\alpha)} = F^{\alpha 0}. \quad (B1)$$

Second term:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \rho}^k)} = -\frac{1}{2} a^2 g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} (\delta_\beta^0 \delta_\sigma^0 \delta_\nu^\rho - \delta_\beta^0 \delta_\nu^0 \delta_\sigma^\rho) {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} a^2 {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\xi} (\delta_\xi^0 \delta_\alpha^0 \delta_\gamma^\rho - \delta_\xi^0 \delta_\gamma^0 \delta_\alpha^\rho).$$

After some mathematical manipulation we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \rho}^k)} &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 (g^{\alpha 0} g^{0\rho} - g^{\alpha\rho} g^{00}) {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\alpha\gamma} + \\ &{}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{\alpha\beta} (g^{\rho 0} \delta_\alpha^0 - g^{00} \delta_\alpha^\rho) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 (g^{\alpha 0} {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{0\gamma} - {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\gamma}^\rho + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{0\gamma} g^{\rho 0} - \\ &{}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{\rho\gamma}) \\ &= -a^2 [{}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} g^{\rho 0} - {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{\rho\gamma}]. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} {}_b D_{x_0}^k \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \rho}^k)} \right) &= -a^2 [{}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} - \\ &{}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{\rho\gamma}] \\ {}_b D_{x_0}^k \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \alpha}^k)} &= -a^2 [{}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{0\gamma} - \\ &{}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{\alpha\gamma}]. \end{aligned} \quad (B2)$$

Third Term:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_j A \alpha}^k)} &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 g^{\alpha\sigma} g^{\beta\nu} (\delta_\beta^0 \delta_\sigma^j \delta_\nu^\rho - \delta_\beta^0 \delta_\nu^j \delta_\sigma^\rho) {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\alpha\gamma} - \\ &\frac{1}{2} a^2 {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\xi} (\delta_\xi^0 \delta_\alpha^j \delta_\gamma^\rho - \delta_\xi^0 \delta_\gamma^j \delta_\alpha^\rho). \end{aligned}$$

After some mathematical manipulation, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_j A \alpha}^k)} &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 [(g^{\alpha j} g^{0\rho} - g^{\alpha\rho} g^{0j}) {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\alpha\gamma} + \\ &{}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\xi} (g^{0\rho} \delta_\alpha^j - g^{0j} \delta_\alpha^\rho)] \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_0}^k {}_b D_{x_j A \alpha}^k)} &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 [{}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\gamma}^j g^{0\rho} + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{j\beta} g^{0\rho}] = \\ &-a^2 {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F^{j\gamma}. \end{aligned} \quad (B3)$$

Fourth term:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_j}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \rho}^k)} &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 [g^{\alpha 0} g^{j\rho} {}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{\alpha\gamma} + {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{j\beta} g^{i\rho} \delta_\alpha^0] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} a^2 [{}_b D_{x^\gamma}^\omega F_{0\gamma} g^{j\rho} + g^{j\rho} {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{0\beta}]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial ({}_b D_{x_j}^k {}_b D_{x_0 A \rho}^k)} = -a^2 {}_b D_{x_\beta}^n F^{0\beta} g^{j\rho}. \quad (B4)$$

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