UNIVERSITÀ DI PAVIA

Anno Accademico 2021/2022

ELETTRODINAMICA E RELATIVITA'

Anno immatricolazione	2021/2022
Anno offerta	2021/2022
Normativa	DM270
SSD	FIS/02 (FISICA TEORICA, MODELLI E METODI MATEMATICI)
Dipartimento	DIPARTIMENTO DI MATEMATICA 'FELICE CASORATI'
Corso di studio	MATEMATICA
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Anno di corso	1°
Periodo didattico	Primo Semestre (29/09/2021 - 14/01/2022)
Crediti	6
Ore	48 ore di attività frontale
Lingua insegnamento	Italiano
Tipo esame	ORALE
Docente	CARFORA MAURO (titolare) - 6 CFU
Prerequisiti	Introductory courses in Mechanics and Electrodynamics, Calculus. Advanced topics in tensorial analysis, topology, and differential geometry will be introduced during the lectures.
Obiettivi formativi	This is an advanced course in special relativity and electrodynamics, aimed to provide a thoughtful introduction to the subject at the level of a beginning graduate student. The level of physical and mathematical sophistication is quite high. Differential forms and advanced calculus are thoroghly used without apology. The objective is that the student can appreciate the nature and character of special relativity and how this theory fits into the general scheme of modern Physics.
Programma e contenuti	Introduction to relativity, an overview. Deduction of the Lorentz transformations and their properties. Connecion with group theory. The role of the speed of light. The Lorentz group and the Poincaré group. Spinorial representation. The universal covering of the Lorentz group:

	Sl(2,C). Topological properties. Minkowski vector spaces and Minkowski spacetime. Timelike, spacelike, nulllike 4-vectors. The light-cone. Meaning of spacetime separation between events. Causality in Minkowski spacetime: Cronological and causal past and future of an event. Acronal sets. Tensor algebra over a Minkowskian vector space. Vector bundles over Minkowski spacetime. Tensor fields. Differental forms and their properties. Exterior derivative, integration, Stokes theorem and codifferential. Manifestly covariant formulation of electromagnetism: the Faraday 2-form. Examples. Gauge invariance and the 4-potential. The Lorenz gauge. Gauge invariant quantities and topology. The wave equation and retarded Green functions. The Lorentz force and the energy-momentum tensor of the electromagnetic field. Variational deduction of Maxwell equations in manifestly covariant form. Introduction to field theory on Minkowski spacetime. Relativistic kinematics and dynamics. Proper time, 4-velocity and 4-acceleration. Local inertial frames. Proper mass. 4-forces in special relativity. Heat type forces. Conservation laws. Relativistc particle mechanics. 4-momentum conservation and its meaning. Equivalence of energy and mass. Compton and inverse-compton effect. Threshold energies for subnuclear reaction. Inclusive and exclusive processes and their relativistic kinematics. The center of momentum frame. Examples.
Metodi didattici	IL CORSO SI TERRA' IN PRESENZA E SVOLTE SECONDO LE MODALITA DI SEGUITO RIPORTATE (NEL CASO SI RIPRESENTASSE UNA SITUAZIONE DI EMERGENZA SANITARIA IL CORSO VERRA' TENUTO ONLINE (PIATTAFORMA KIRO). Lectures are going the way of the blackboard. I think that a projector lecturing is unsuitable for mathematics and physics. As a teacher I am not just conveying information, I teach to think mathematically, by example. Calculations are inevitable in our discipline, and it is crucially important to let students feel the subtle play of rhythms, and to highlight recursion and reduction to simpler cases.
Testi di riferimento	W. Rindler: "Relativity, Special, General and Cosmological" Oxford University Press. Selected chapers from: (1) C. Misner, K. Thorne, J. A. Wheeler: "Garvitation", Freeman (2) I. Madsen, J. Tornehave: "From Calculus to Cohomology", Cambridge Univesrity Press. (3) S.W. Hawking & G.F.R. Ellis:" The large scale structure of space-time", Cambridge Univ. Press; (4) J. D. Jackson: "Classical Electrodynamics", John Wiley&Sons; (5) C. Cattaneo: "Appunti di meccanica relativistica" La Goliardica (Roma) (6) V. Barone: "Relatività", Boringhieri. (7) R.Penrose and W.Rindler "Spinors and space time" (Vol.1), Cambridge
Modalità verifica apprendimento	The final oral examination is aimed to find out what students have understood of the topics of the course rather than just what they know and can recite. The exam will assess the acquired knowledge of special relativity and electrodynamics, the ability to express and communicate

	as well as the ability to analyze the question posed during the examination, break it down into the relevant key points and work through to provide an acceptable answer. All of these will help me in assessing the success of the student in transitioning from a “knowledge-acquirer” to a practicing physicist who can synthesize and attack complex problems as well create new knowledge by carrying out original research.
Altre informazioni	Il corso è English-friendly. Quindi anche su richiesta di una minoranza di studenti verrà tenuto in Inglese.
Obiettivi Agenda 2030 per lo sviluppo sostenibile	$lbl_legenda_sviluppo_sostenibile