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Integral form of Yang-Mills equations and its gauge invariant conserved charges

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Despite the fact that the integral form of the equations of classical electrodynamics is well known, the same is not true for non-abelian gauge theories. In this talk we present the integral form of the classical Yang-Mills equations in the presence of sources and then use it to solve the long standing problem of constructing non-abelian electric and magnetic conserved charges, for any field configuration, which are invariant under general gauge transformations. The construction is based on concepts in loop spaces and on a generalization of the non-abelian Stokes theorem for two-form connections, which resemble the techniques used in integrable field theories. The charges are explicitly evaluated

for monopoles and dyons. In the case of the Wu-Yang monopole the integral equations imply that such a solution needs a unique point source to be self-consistent. Our results are important in the understanding of global properties of non-abelian gauge theories.

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