

PHY 712 Electrodynamics
10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 107

Plan for Lecture 24:

Continue reading Chap. 11 – Theory of Special Relativity

A. Transformations of the Electromagnetic Fields

B. Connection to Liénard-Wiechert potentials for constant velocity sources

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Velocity transformation detail from Lecture 26:

Consider : $u_x = \frac{u'_x + v}{1 + vu'_x/c^2}$ $u_y = \frac{u'_y}{\gamma_v(1 + vu'_x/c^2)}$ $u_z = \frac{u'_z}{\gamma_v(1 + vu'_x/c^2)}$

Note that $\gamma_u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (u/c)^2}} = \frac{1 + vu'_x/c^2}{\sqrt{1 - (u'/c)^2} \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$

Elements of "proof":

$$1 - \left(\frac{u}{c}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\gamma_v^2(1 + vu'_x/c^2)^2} \left(\gamma_v^2(1 + vu'_x/c^2)^2 - \gamma_v^2(u'_x/c + v/c)^2 - (u'_y/c)^2 - (u'_z/c)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\gamma_v^2(1 + vu'_x/c^2)^2} \left(\gamma_v^2(1 - (v/c)^2)(1 - (u'_x/c)^2) - (u'_y/c)^2 - (u'_z/c)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1 - (u'/c)^2}{\gamma_v^2(1 + vu'_x/c^2)^2}$$

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Special theory of relativity and Maxwell's equations

Continuity equation : $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$

Lorentz gauge condition : $\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

Potential equations : $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi \rho$
 $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}$

Field relations : $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$
 $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

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More 4-vectors:

Time and position : $\begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x^\alpha$

Charge and current : $\begin{pmatrix} c\rho \\ J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow J^\alpha$

Vector and scalar potentials : $\begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^\alpha$

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Lorentz transformations

$$\mathcal{L}_v = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_v & \gamma_v \beta_v & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_v \beta_v & \gamma_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Time and space : $x^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v x'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v^{\alpha\beta} x'^\beta$

Charge and current : $J^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v J'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v^{\alpha\beta} J'^\beta$

Vector and scalar potential : $A^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v A'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v^{\alpha\beta} A'^\beta$

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4-vector relationships

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A^0 \\ A^1 \\ A^2 \\ A^3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow (A^\alpha, \mathbf{A}): \text{ upper index 4 - vector } A^\alpha \text{ for } (\alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3)$$

Keeping track of signs -- lower index 4 - vector $A_\alpha = (A^0, -\mathbf{A})$

Derivative operators :

$$\partial^\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}, -\nabla \right) \quad \partial_\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}, \nabla \right)$$

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Potential equations : $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi \rho$
 $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}$ $\partial_\beta \partial^\beta A^\alpha = \frac{4\pi}{c} J^\alpha$

Field relations : $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$
 $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

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Electric and Magnetic field relationships

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{c \partial t} = -(\partial^0 A^1 - \partial^1 A^0)$$

$$E_y = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{c \partial t} = -(\partial^0 A^2 - \partial^2 A^0)$$

$$E_z = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{c \partial t} = -(\partial^0 A^3 - \partial^3 A^0)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$B_x = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} = -(\partial^2 A^3 - \partial^3 A^2)$$

$$B_y = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} = -(\partial^3 A^1 - \partial^1 A^3)$$

$$B_z = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} = -(\partial^1 A^2 - \partial^2 A^1)$$

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Field strength tensor $F^{\alpha\beta} \equiv (\partial^\alpha A^\beta - \partial^\beta A^\alpha)$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transformation of field strength tensor

$$F'^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\gamma} F^{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{L}_\delta^{\beta\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_\nu & \gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & \gamma_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F'^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_x & -\gamma_\nu(E'_y + \beta_\nu B'_z) & -\gamma_\nu(E'_z - \beta_\nu B'_y) \\ E'_x & 0 & -\gamma_\nu(B'_z + \beta_\nu E'_y) & \gamma_\nu(B'_y - \beta_\nu E'_z) \\ \gamma_\nu(E'_y + \beta_\nu B'_z) & \gamma_\nu(B'_z + \beta_\nu E'_y) & 0 & -B'_x \\ \gamma_\nu(E'_z - \beta_\nu B'_y) & -\gamma_\nu(B'_y - \beta_\nu E'_z) & B'_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Inverse transformation of field strength tensor

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}^{-1\alpha\gamma} F'^{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{L}_\delta^{-1\beta\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_\nu & -\gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & \gamma_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_x & -\gamma_\nu(E'_y - \beta_\nu B'_z) & -\gamma_\nu(E'_z + \beta_\nu B'_y) \\ E'_x & 0 & -\gamma_\nu(B'_z - \beta_\nu E'_y) & \gamma_\nu(B'_y + \beta_\nu E'_z) \\ \gamma_\nu(E'_y - \beta_\nu B'_z) & \gamma_\nu(B'_z - \beta_\nu E'_y) & 0 & -B'_x \\ \gamma_\nu(E'_z + \beta_\nu B'_y) & -\gamma_\nu(B'_y + \beta_\nu E'_z) & B'_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Summary of results :

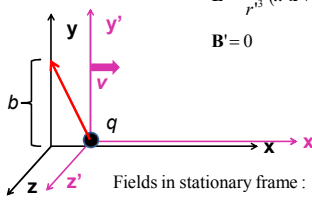
$$E_x = E'_x \qquad B_x = B'_x$$

$$E_y = \gamma_\nu(E'_y + \beta_\nu B'_z) \qquad B_y = \gamma_\nu(B'_y - \beta_\nu E'_z)$$

$$E_z = \gamma_\nu(E'_z - \beta_\nu B'_y) \qquad B_z = \gamma_\nu(B'_z + \beta_\nu E'_y)$$

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Example:



Fields in moving frame :

$$\mathbf{E}' = \frac{q}{r'^3} (x' \hat{\mathbf{x}} + y' \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \frac{q(-vt' \hat{\mathbf{x}} + b \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{((-vt')^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = 0$$

Fields in stationary frame :

$$E_x = E'_x \qquad B_x = B'_x$$

$$E_y = \gamma_\nu(E'_y + \beta_\nu B'_z) \qquad B_y = \gamma_\nu(B'_y - \beta_\nu E'_z)$$

$$E_z = \gamma_\nu(E'_z - \beta_\nu B'_y) \qquad B_z = \gamma_\nu(B'_z + \beta_\nu E'_y)$$

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Example:

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$$\mathbf{B}' = 0$$

Fields in stationary frame :

$$E_x = E'_x = \frac{q(-vt')}{((-vt')^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_y = \gamma_v (E'_y) = \frac{q(\gamma_v b)}{((-vt')^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$B_z = \gamma_v (\beta_v E'_y) = \frac{q(\gamma_v \beta_v b)}{((-vt')^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

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Example:

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$$\mathbf{B}' = 0$$

Fields in stationary frame :

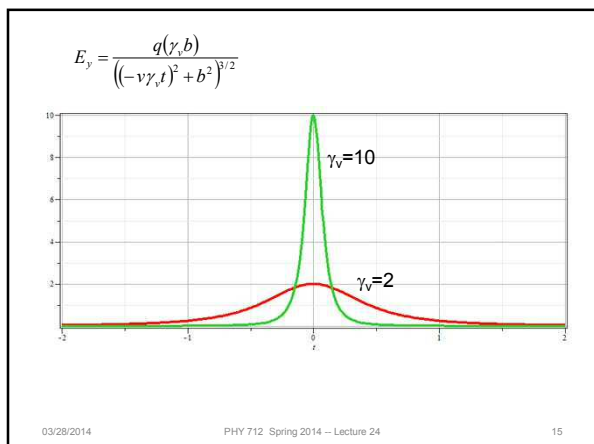
$$E_x = E'_x = \frac{q(-v\gamma_v t)}{((-v\gamma_v t)^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_y = \gamma_v (E'_y) = \frac{q(\gamma_v b)}{((-v\gamma_v t)^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$B_z = \gamma_v (\beta_v E'_y) = \frac{q(\gamma_v \beta_v b)}{((-v\gamma_v t)^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

Expression in terms of consistent coordinates

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the Liénard-Wiechert potentials (temporarily keeping SI units

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t)) \quad \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) = q\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t)\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t)) \quad \dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t)}{dt}$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \int d^3r' dt' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c))$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \int \int d^3r' dt' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}', t')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c))$$

Evaluating integral over t' :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' f(t') \delta(t' - (t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t')|/c)) = \frac{f(t_r)}{1 - \frac{\mathbf{R}_q(t_r) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r))}{c|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}}$$

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the Liénard-Wiechert potentials – continued (SI units)

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{\mathbf{v}}{R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}}$$

where $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)$ $\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r}$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{\partial\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the Liénard-Wiechert potentials – continued (SI units)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) + \left(\mathbf{R} \times \left\{ \left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2} \right\} \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \left[\frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2}\right) - \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}/c}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^2} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{cR}$$

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the Liénard-Wiechert potentials – continued (Gaussian units)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) + \left(\mathbf{R} \times \left\{ \left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2} \right\} \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{c} \left[\frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2}\right) - \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}} / c}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^2} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{R}$$

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the Liénard-Wiechert potentials – continued (Gaussian units)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[\left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \right]$$

For our example:

$$\mathbf{R}_q(t_r) = vt_r \hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad \mathbf{r} = b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = b\hat{\mathbf{y}} - vt_r \hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad R = \sqrt{v^2 t_r^2 + b^2}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = v\hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad t_r = t - \frac{R}{c}$$

This should be equivalent to the result given in Jackson (11.152):

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z, t) = \mathbf{E}(0, b, 0, t) = q \frac{-v\gamma t \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \gamma b \hat{\mathbf{y}}}{(b^2 + (v\gamma t)^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y, z, t) = \mathbf{B}(0, b, 0, t) = q \frac{\gamma \beta b \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{(b^2 + (v\gamma t)^2)^{3/2}}$$

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