

# PHY 712 Electrodynamics 11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 103

**Notes for Lecture 26:** 

## Finish Chap. 11 and begin Chap. 14

- A. Electromagnetic field transformations & corresponding analysis of Liénard-Wiechert potentials for constant velocity sources
- B. Radiation by moving charged particles

21	Fri: 03/25/2022	Chap. 9	Radiation from localized oscillating sources	<u>#18</u>	03/30/2022
22	Mon: 03/28/2022	Chap. 9	Radiation from oscillating sources		
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Remember schedule change for Friday 4/8/2022 –

11:30-12 Graduate student luncheon

12-12:50 PHY 712

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Comment: Some of you have been looking at textbooks (such as Zangwill) and sources available on the internet and finding different equations from those presented in these lecture notes and in Jackson. That is a good thing in general, however please be aware that there are different units (SI for example) and different conventions for 4vectors (some using different ordering of space and time, some using imaginary (i) for the time-like portion). Since we are using Jackson for now, it will good to make sure that you are OK with those equations as well.

## Physics Colloquium

THURSDAY
4 PM Olin 101

APRIL 7, 2022

# "Nuclear Power and Market Failure"

This presentation will build on the concepts in Mr. Kee's 2021 book (Market Failure: How Electricity Markets are Killing Nuclear Power). The presentation will explain that despite nuclear power's key role in stopping climate change, nuclear power capacity is declining in many countries, including the U.S. To explain this decline in nuclear power (and the failure to embark on a major nuclear build program), Mr. Kee will provide a high-level discussion of the electricity industry and the various approaches to managing that industry to explain some reasons why nuclear power is not thriving. Finally, he will discuss the role of government in nuclear power, as seen in many countries outside the US, and how this role of



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4:00 pm - Olin 101\*

\*Link provided for those unable to attend in person.

Note: For additional information on the seminar or to obtain the video conference link, contact

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge – review using SI units for now --

Liènard-Wiechert potentials and fields --

Determination of the scalar and vector potentials for a moving point particle (also see Landau and Lifshitz *The Classical Theory of Fields*, Chapter 8.)

Consider the fields produced by the following source: a point charge q moving on a trajectory  $R_q(t)$ .

Charge density:  $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t))$ 

Current density:  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r},t) = q \, \dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t))$ , where  $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t)}{dt}$ 



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

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

We performing the integrations over first  $d^3r'$  and then dt' making use of the fact that for any function of t',

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

where the "retarded time" is defined to be

$$t_r \equiv t - \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}{c}.$$

Resulting scalar and vector potentials:

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

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

Notation: 
$$\mathbf{R} \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)$$

$$\mathbf{v} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r),$$

$$t_r \equiv t - \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)|}{c}.$$

In order to find the electric and magnetic fields, we need to evaluate  $\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ 

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

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

The trick of evaluating these derivatives is that the retarded time  $t_r$  depends on position  $\mathbf{r}$  and on itself. We can show the following results using the shorthand notation:

$$\nabla t_r = -\frac{\mathbf{R}}{c\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial t_r}{\partial t} = \frac{R}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)}.$$

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

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

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

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

Convert to cgs Gaussian units:

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

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

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

Note that this analysis is carried out in a single frame of reference. Now we resume our discussion about transforming values between two different inertial frames of reference.

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

$$F^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad F^{\prime\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_x & -E'_y & -E'_z \\ E'_x & 0 & -B'_z & B'_y \\ E'_y & B'_z & 0 & -B'_x \\ E'_z & -B'_y & B'_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 Transformation of field strength tensor

$$F^{\,\prime\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_{x} & -E'_{y} & -E'_{z} \\ E'_{x} & 0 & -B'_{z} & B'_{y} \\ E'_{y} & B'_{z} & 0 & -B'_{x} \\ E'_{z} & -B'_{y} & B'_{x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}_{v}^{\alpha\gamma} F^{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{L}_{v}^{\delta\beta} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{L}_{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{v} & \gamma_{v} \beta_{v} & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_{v} \beta_{v} & \gamma_{v} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_{x} & -\gamma_{v} \left( E'_{y} + \beta_{v} B'_{z} \right) & -\gamma_{v} \left( E'_{z} - \beta_{v} B'_{y} \right) \\ E'_{x} & 0 & -\gamma_{v} \left( B'_{z} + \beta_{v} E'_{y} \right) & \gamma_{v} \left( B'_{y} - \beta_{v} E'_{z} \right) \\ \gamma_{v} \left( E'_{y} + \beta_{v} B'_{z} \right) & \gamma_{v} \left( B'_{z} + \beta_{v} E'_{y} \right) & 0 & -B'_{x} \\ \gamma_{v} \left( E'_{z} - \beta_{v} B'_{y} \right) & -\gamma_{v} \left( B'_{y} - \beta_{v} E'_{z} \right) & B'_{x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



### Inverse transformation of field strength tensor

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

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

$$F^{\prime\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -\gamma_v \left( E_y - \beta_v B_z \right) & -\gamma_v \left( E_z + \beta_v B_y \right) \\ E_x & 0 & -\gamma_v \left( B_z - \beta_v E_y \right) & \gamma_v \left( B_y + \beta_v E_z \right) \\ \gamma_v \left( E_y - \beta_v B_z \right) & \gamma_v \left( B_z - \beta_v E_y \right) & 0 & -B_x \\ \gamma_v \left( E_z + \beta_v B_y \right) & -\gamma_v \left( B_y + \beta_v E_z \right) & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Summary of results:

$$E'_{x} = E_{x}$$

$$E'_{y} = \gamma_{v} \left( E_{y} - \beta_{v} B_{z} \right)$$

$$B'_{y} = \gamma_{v} \left( B_{y} + \beta_{v} E_{z} \right)$$

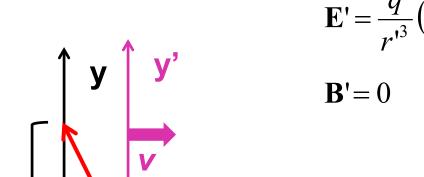
$$E'_{z} = \gamma_{v} \left( E_{z} + \beta_{v} B_{y} \right)$$

$$B'_{z} = \gamma_{v} \left( B_{z} - \beta_{v} E_{y} \right)$$



## Example:

Fields in moving frame:



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

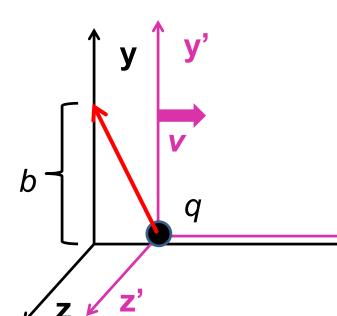
Fields in stationary frame:

$$\begin{split} E_{x} &= E'_{x} & B_{x} = B'_{x} \\ E_{y} &= \gamma_{v} \left( E'_{y} + \beta_{v} B'_{z} \right) & B_{y} &= \gamma_{v} \left( B'_{y} - \beta_{v} E'_{z} \right) \\ E_{z} &= \gamma_{v} \left( E'_{z} - \beta_{v} B'_{y} \right) & B_{z} &= \gamma_{v} \left( B'_{z} + \beta_{v} E'_{y} \right) \end{split}$$



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

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

Fields in stationary frame:

$$E_{x} = E'_{x} = \frac{q(-vt')}{((-vt')^{2} + b^{2})^{3/2}}$$

$$E_{y} = \gamma_{v} (E'_{y}) = \frac{q(\gamma_{v}b)}{((-vt')^{2} + b^{2})^{3/2}}$$

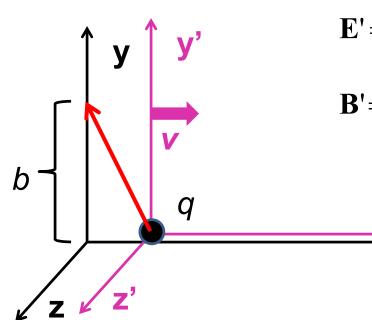
$$B_{z} = \gamma_{v} (\beta_{v}E'_{y}) = \frac{q(\gamma_{v}\beta_{v}b)}{((-vt')^{2} + b^{2})^{3/2}}$$

$$B_z = \gamma_v (\beta_v E'_v) = \frac{q(\gamma_v \beta_v b)}{((-vt')^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$
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Fields in stationary frame:

$$E_{x} = E'_{x} = \frac{q(-v\gamma_{v}t)}{((-v\gamma_{v}t)^{2} + b^{2})^{3/2}}$$

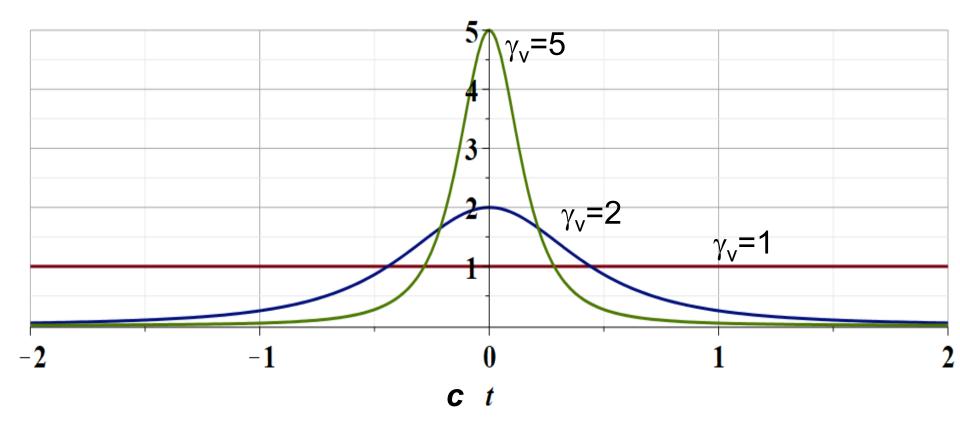
$$E_{y} = \gamma_{v} (E'_{y}) = \frac{q(\gamma_{v}b)}{((-v\gamma_{v}t)^{2} + b^{2})^{3/2}}$$

$$B_z = \gamma_v \left(\beta_v E'_v\right) = \frac{q(\gamma_v \beta_v b)}{\left(\left(-v\gamma_v t\right)^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}}$$
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Expression in terms of consistent coordinates



$$E_{y} = \frac{q(\gamma_{v}b)}{\left(\left(-v\gamma_{v}t\right)^{2} + b^{2}\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{q(\gamma_{v}b)}{\left(\left(\gamma_{v}^{2} - 1\right)c^{2}t^{2} + b^{2}\right)^{3/2}} = B_{z} / (\gamma_{v}\beta_{v})$$





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

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

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

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

## Question – Why would you want to use the Liénard-Wiechert potentials?

- 1. They are extremely complicated. It is best to avoid them at all costs?
- 2. The Lorentz transformations were bad enough?
- 3. There are some circumstances for which the Lorentz transformations do not simplify the analysis?

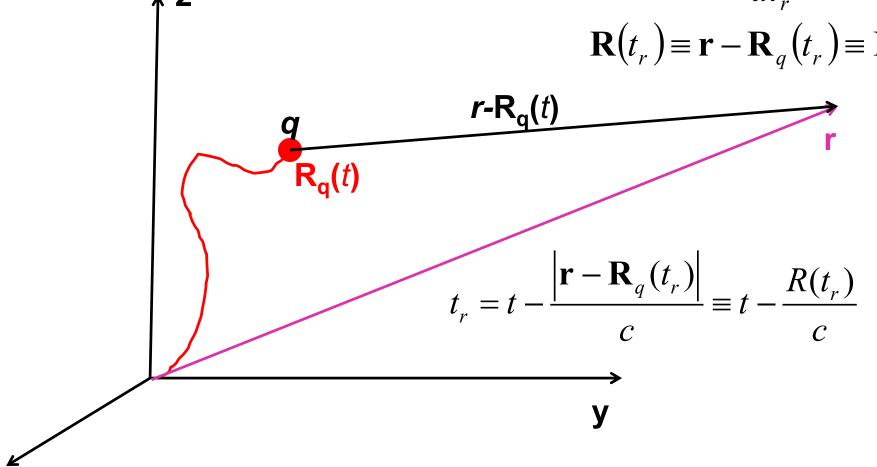
Analysis using a single reference frame --Radiation from a moving charged particle

Variables (notation):

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{q}(t_{r}) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r})}{dt_{r}} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(t_{r}) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r}) \equiv \mathbf{R}$$

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$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right)^3} \left[ \left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \right]$$
 are no acceleration terms.  
For our example:

Note that for our example there

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Why take this example?

- 1. Complete waste of time since we already know the answer.
- 2. If we get the same answer as we did using the Lorentz transformation, we will feel more confident in applying this approach to study electromagnetic fields resulting from more complicated trajectories.

Note that it might be advisable to derive the details of the analysis for yourselves.

#### Some details

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

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

For our example:

$$\mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r}) = vt_{r}\hat{\mathbf{x}} \qquad \mathbf{r} = b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

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

 $t_r$  must be a solution to a quadratic equation:

$$t_r - t = -\frac{R}{c}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $t_r^2 - 2\gamma^2 t t_r + \gamma^2 t^2 - \gamma^2 b^2 / c^2 = 0$ 

with the physical solution:

$$t_r = \gamma \left( \gamma t - \frac{\sqrt{(v\gamma t)^2 + b^2}}{c} \right)$$



Some details continued:

Now we can express R as:

$$R = \gamma \left( -\beta v \gamma t + \sqrt{(v \gamma t)^2 + b^2} \right)$$

and the related quantities:

$$\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{v}R / c = -vt\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$R - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R} / c = \frac{\sqrt{(v\gamma t)^2 + b^2}}{\gamma}$$

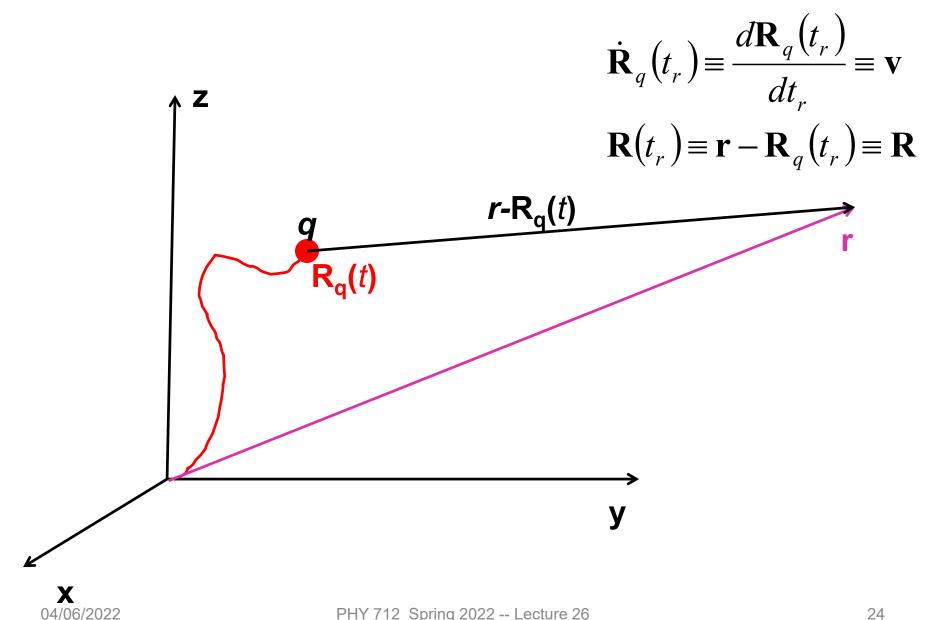
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^{3}} \left[ \left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v^{2}}{c^{2}}\right) \right] = q \frac{-v\gamma t \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \gamma b \hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\left(b^{2} + (v\gamma t)^{2}\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{c} \left[ \frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \right] = q \frac{\gamma \beta b \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\left(b^2 + (v\gamma t)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$
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## EM fields from a moving charged particle

Variables (notation):





## Liénard-Wiechert fields (cgs Gaussian units):

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left[ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) + \left( \mathbf{R} \times \left\{ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c} \right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2} \right\} \right) \right]. \tag{19}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{c} \left[ \frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2} \right) - \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}/c}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^2} \right]. \tag{20}$$

In this case, the electric and magnetic fields are related according to

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

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{q}(t_{r}) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r})}{dt_{r}} \equiv \mathbf{v} \qquad \mathbf{R}(t_{r}) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r}) \equiv \mathbf{R} \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}} \equiv \frac{d^{2}\mathbf{R}_{q}(t_{r})}{dt_{r}^{2}}$$



#### Electric field far from source:

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

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

$$\text{Let } \hat{\mathbf{R}} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R} \qquad \beta \equiv \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \qquad \dot{\beta} \equiv \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{cR(1 - \beta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^{3}} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ \left(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \beta\right) \times \dot{\beta} \right] \right\}$$

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



## Poynting vector:

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{q}{cR(1-\boldsymbol{\beta}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}}-\boldsymbol{\beta})\times\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]\}$$

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

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \,\hat{\mathbf{R}} \big| \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) \big|^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c R^2} \,\hat{\mathbf{R}} \, \frac{\big| \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \big[ (\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \big]^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^6}$$

Note: We have used the fact that

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$$



#### Power radiated

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \left| \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) \right|^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c R^2} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\left| \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ \left( \hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|^2}{\left( 1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} \right)^6}$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}R^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{\left| \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ \left( \hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|^2}{\left( 1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} \right)^6}$$

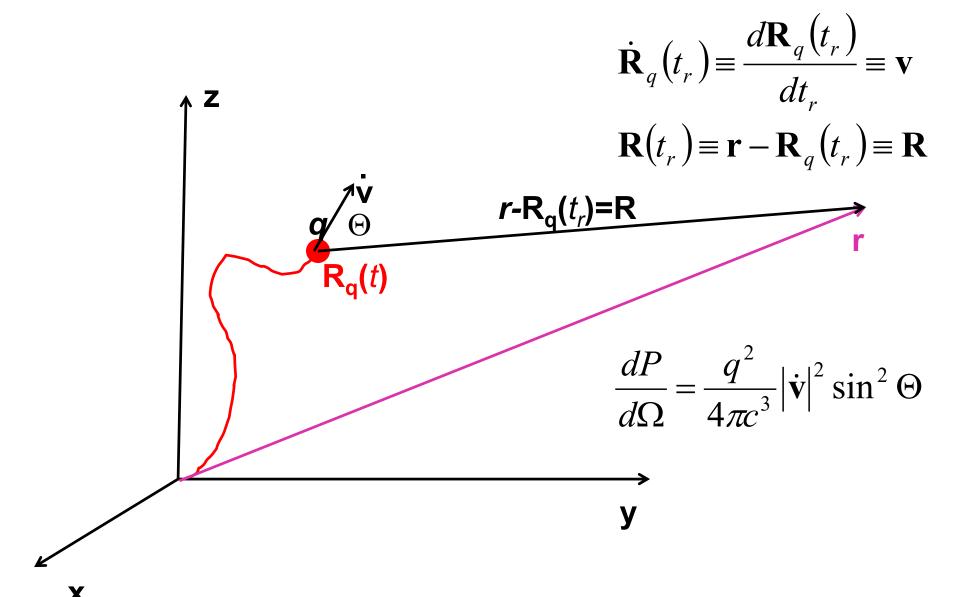
In the non-relativistic limit:  $\beta \ll 1$ 

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \left| \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} \left| \dot{\mathbf{v}} \right|^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

## Radiation from a moving charged particle

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Variables (notation):

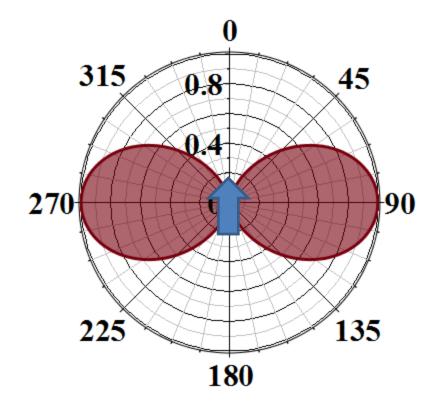




### Radiation power in non-relativistic case -- continued

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

$$P = \int d\Omega \frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2$$



Blue arrow indicates the particle acceleration direction

What do you think will happen when the particle velocities become larger with respect to the speed of light in vacuum?

- 1. The radiation pattern will be essentially the same.
- 2. The radiation pattern will be quite different.