



PHY 712 Electrodynamics

11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Notes for Lecture 30:

Finish reading Chap. 14 and start Chap. 15 –

Radiation from scattering charged particles

- 1. Thompson and Compton scattering**
- 2. Radiation from particle collisions**

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PHY 712 -- Assignment #24

April 18, 2022

*Finish reading Chap. 14 and start Chap. 15 in **Jackson**.*

1. *This problem concerns the Compton scattering of a photon having an initial momentum magnitude of p and a final momentum magnitude p' at an angle θ due to an electron of mass m , initially at rest, as discussed in lecture and on page 696 of **Jackson**. The wavelength of the photon before the collision is $\lambda=h/p$ and after is $\lambda'=h/p'$, where h is Planck's constant. Show that*

$$\lambda' - \lambda = (h/(mc^2))(1 - \cos\theta).$$

Note – this week is more or less “normal” except for no classes will be held on Thursday 4/21/2022 (and therefore no physics colloquium this week).

Thompson scattering -- classical picture

Some details of scattering of electromagnetic waves incident on a particle of charge q and mass m_q

Incident electromagnetic wave:

\mathbf{k}_0 propagation direction

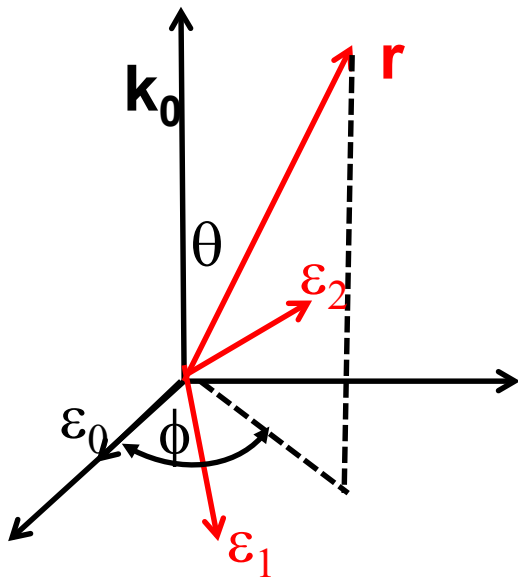
$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0$ polarization direction

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}', t') = \Re \left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}' - i\omega t'} \right)$$

Scattered radiation:

\mathbf{r} observed position

$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2$ polarization directions





Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation

Power radiated in direction $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ by charged particle with acceleration $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$:

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} \left| \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}) \right|^2$$

Suppose that the acceleration $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$ of a particle (charge q and mass m_q)

is caused by an electric field: $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{q}{m_q} \Re(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$$

Time averaged power: $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 \left| \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0) \right|^2$

What assumptions are made to conclude that

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{q}{m_q} \Re \left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \right) \quad ?$$

Is it always true?

Comment on acceleration

Lorentz force: $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B})$

For $v \ll c$, the dominate force on a charged particle is from the electric field. According to Newton:

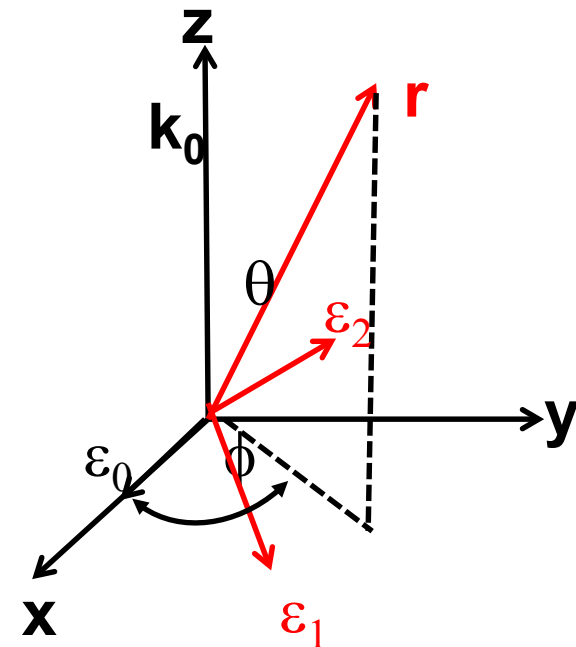
$$m_q \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \equiv m_q \dot{\mathbf{v}} = q\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = q\epsilon_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t}$$



Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power: $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0)|^2$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin \theta (\cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Polarization of incident light: $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

Polarization of scattered light:

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1 = \cos \theta (\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin \phi) - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sin \theta$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cos \phi$$

Are these polarizations unique?

Note that we are associating the vector $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}})$ with the polarization of the light. Why?

Liénard-Wiechert fields (cgs Gaussian units):

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

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

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

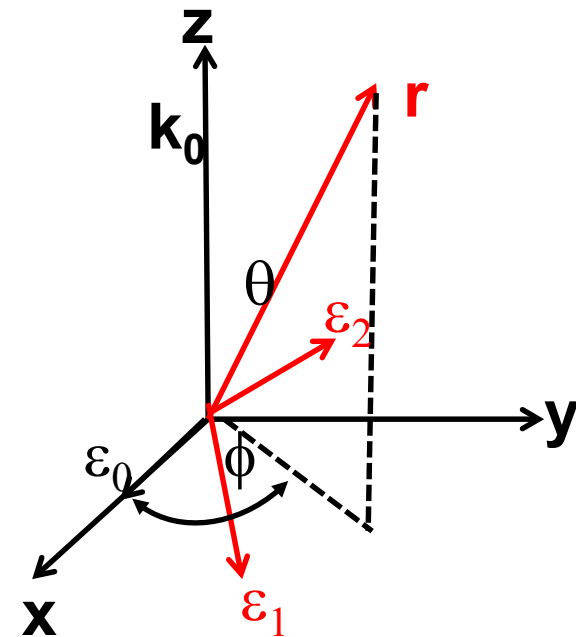
$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{R}. \quad (21)$$



Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power: $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0)|^2$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin \theta (\cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Polarization of incident light: $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

Polarization of scattered light:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0) = \hat{\mathbf{r}} (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0) - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \quad (\text{perpendicular to } \hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

denote scattered light polarization by $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*$

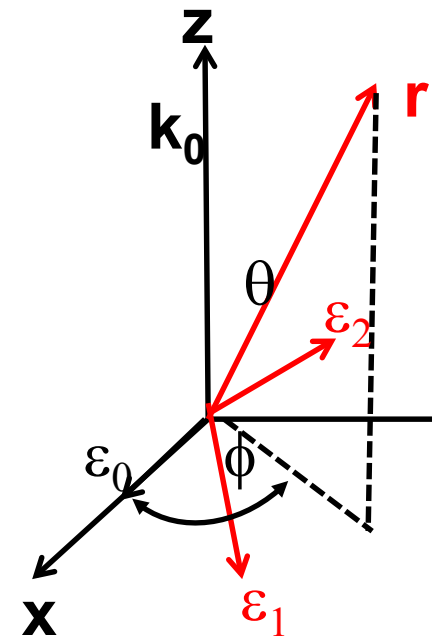
$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0)) = -\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0$$



Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power: $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0)|^2$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin \theta (\cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



Incident light: $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

Polarization of scattered light: $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*$

Linear combination of

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \cos \theta (\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin \phi) - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sin \theta$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cos \phi$$

$$\left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle = \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle + \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle = \left\langle \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \right\rangle + \left\langle \sin^2 \phi \right\rangle$$



Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power with polarization $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*$:

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2$$

Scattered light may be polarized parallel to incident field or polarized with an angle θ so that the time and polarization averaged cross section is given by:

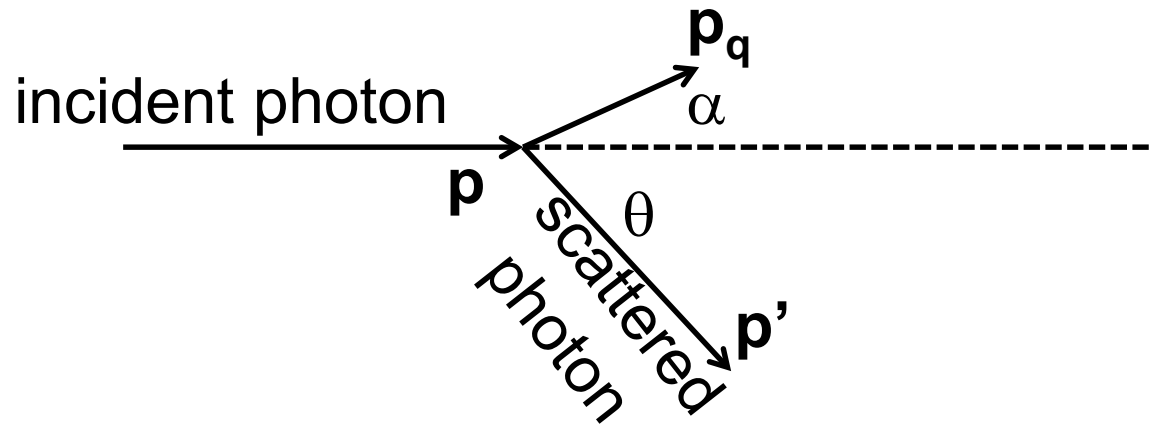
$$\left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi = \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi + \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}$$

Averaged cross section:
$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

This formula is appropriate in the X-ray scattering of electrons or soft γ -ray scattering of protons



Thompson scattering – relativistic and quantum modifications



Conservation of momentum and energy:

$$p = p' \cos \theta + p_q \cos \alpha \quad pc = \hbar \omega$$

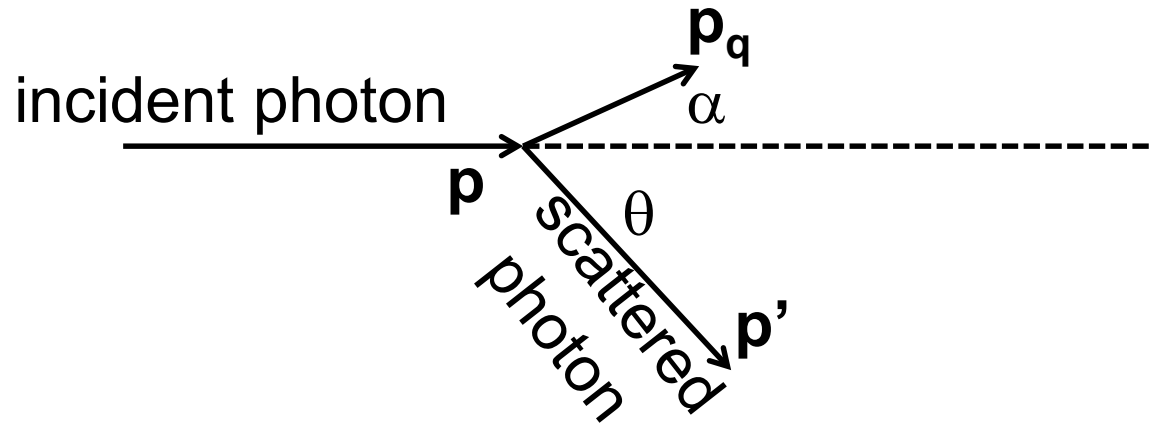
$$0 = p' \sin \theta - p_q \sin \alpha \quad p' c = \hbar \omega'$$

$$\hbar \omega + m_q c^2 = \hbar \omega' + \sqrt{p_q'^2 c^2 + (m_q c^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{p'}{p} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\hbar \omega}{m_q c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$



Thompson scattering – relativistic and quantum modifications



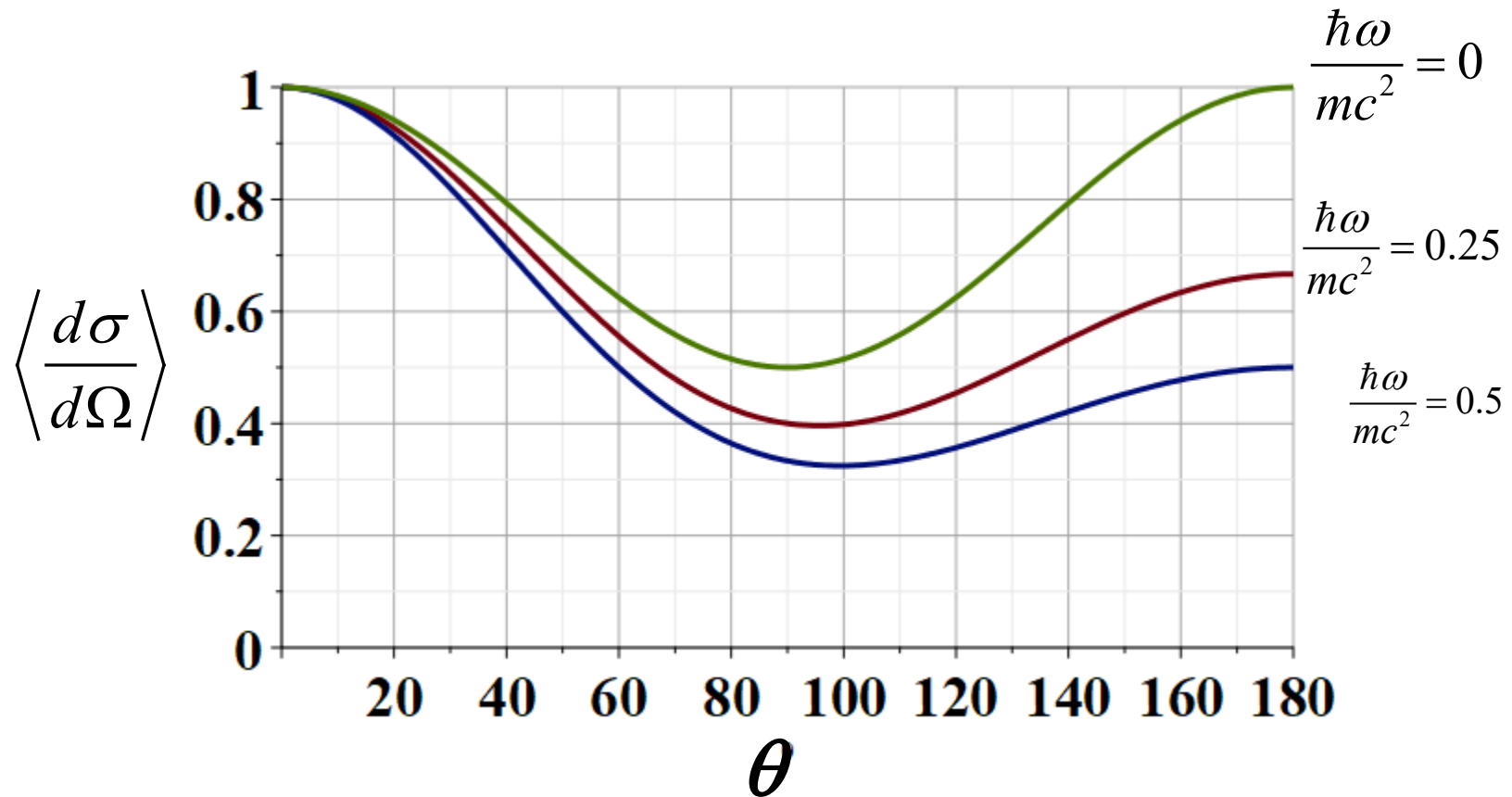
Relativistic and quantum modifications to averaged cross section:

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{p'}{p} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\frac{p'}{p} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\hbar\omega}{m_q c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$



Modified Thompson scattering cross section



In fact, the more accurate treatment by Klein and Nishina gives

$$\frac{p'}{p} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\hbar\omega}{m_q c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$

Klein-Nishina formula

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left(\frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{p'}{p} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{p'}{p} + \frac{p}{p'} - \sin^2 \theta \right)$$

Note that for $\frac{\hbar\omega}{m_q c^2} \ll 1$ all results are consistent

Up to now, we have been considering (re)radiation due to a charged particle interacting with an electromagnetic field. Next time we will consider radiation due to interactions (collisions) of charged particles themselves.



Radiation produced by collisions of charged particles

Generation of X-rays in a Coolidge tube

<https://www.orau.org/ptp/collection/xraytubescoolidge/coolidgeinformation.htm>

