



PHY 712 Electrodynamics

10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Notes for Lecture 29:

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**

24	Mon: 03/13/2023	Chap. 9	Radiation from localized oscillating sources	#17	03/17/2023
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PHY 712 -- Assignment #20

March 24, 2023

Continue reading Chapter 11 in **Jackson** .

1. Derive the relationships between the component of the electric and magnetic field components E_x , E_y , E_z , B_x , B_y , and B_z as measured in the stationary frame of reference and the components E'_x , E'_y , E'_z , B'_x , B'_y , and B'_z measured in a moving frame of reference which is moving at a constant relative velocity v along the x axis.

PHY 712 Presentation Schedule
There will be 3 or 4 ~12-minute presentations each day

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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 4-vectors (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 Jackson's equations as well.

Your questions:

From Banasree: In slide 15, what are the green and blue lines showing? In slide 19 we were given, $R_q(t)$ in x direction and r in y direction, but from from figure given, how do we decide that? What happens when E_z is not zero?

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 $\mathbf{R}_q(t)$.

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 $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t)}{dt}$.



Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

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

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

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

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

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

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

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

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

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

In order to find the electric and magnetic fields, we need to 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:

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

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued

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

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

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

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

Convert to cgs Gaussian units:

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

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

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

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

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

$$F^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad F'^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E'_x & -E'_y & -E'_z \\ E'_x & 0 & -B'_z & B'_y \\ E'_y & B'_z & 0 & -B'_x \\ E'_z & -B'_y & B'_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transformation of field strength tensor

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}_\nu^{\alpha\gamma} F'^{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{L}_\nu^{\delta\beta} \quad \mathcal{L}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_\nu & \gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_\nu \beta_\nu & \gamma_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Inverse transformation of field strength tensor

$$F'^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}_v^{-1\alpha\gamma} F^{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{L}_v^{-1\delta\beta} \quad \mathcal{L}_v^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_v & -\gamma_v\beta_v & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma_v\beta_v & \gamma_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Summary of results:

$$E'_x = E_x$$

$$B'_x = B_x$$

$$E'_y = \gamma_v(E_y - \beta_v B_z)$$

$$B'_y = \gamma_v(B_y + \beta_v E_z)$$

$$E'_z = \gamma_v(E_z + \beta_v B_y)$$

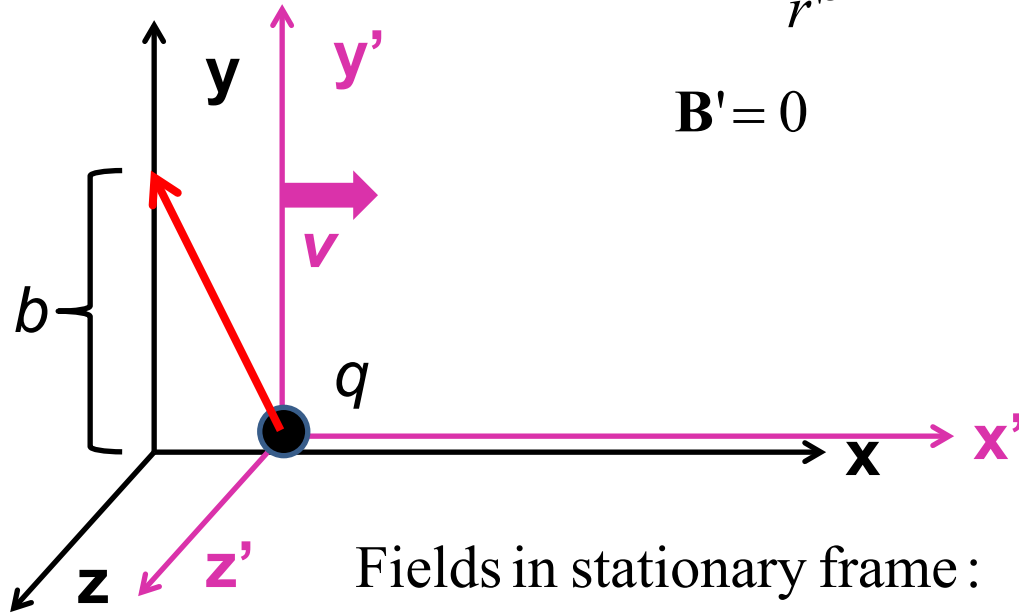
$$B'_z = \gamma_v(B_z - \beta_v E_y)$$

Example:

Fields in moving frame:

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

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



Fields in stationary frame:

$$E_x = E'_x$$

$$E_y = \gamma_v (E'_y + \beta_v B'_z)$$

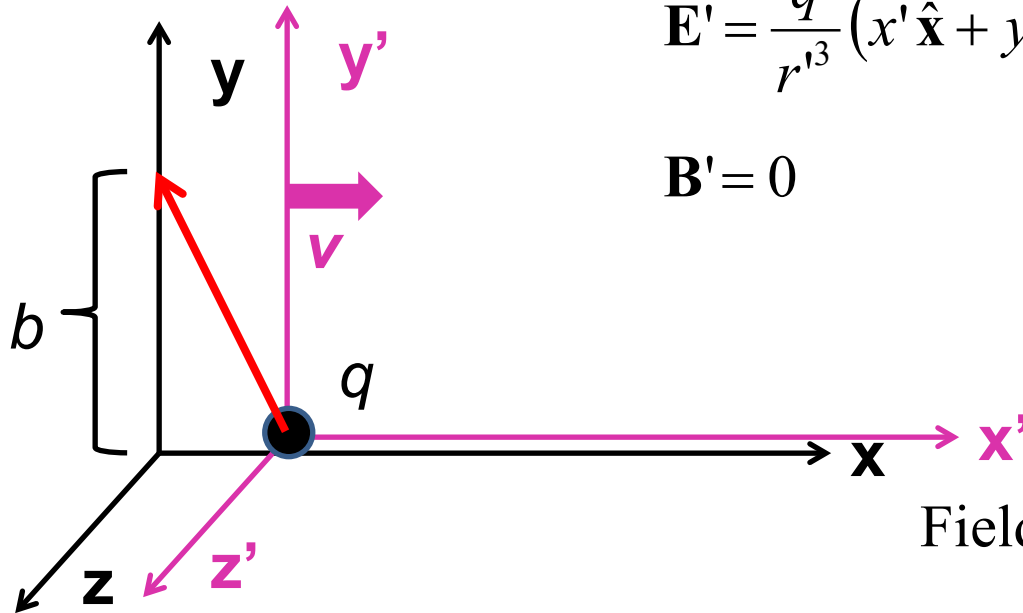
$$E_z = \gamma_v (E'_z - \beta_v B'_y)$$

$$B_x = B'_x$$

$$B_y = \gamma_v (B'_y - \beta_v E'_z)$$

$$B_z = \gamma_v (B'_z + \beta_v E'_y)$$

Example:



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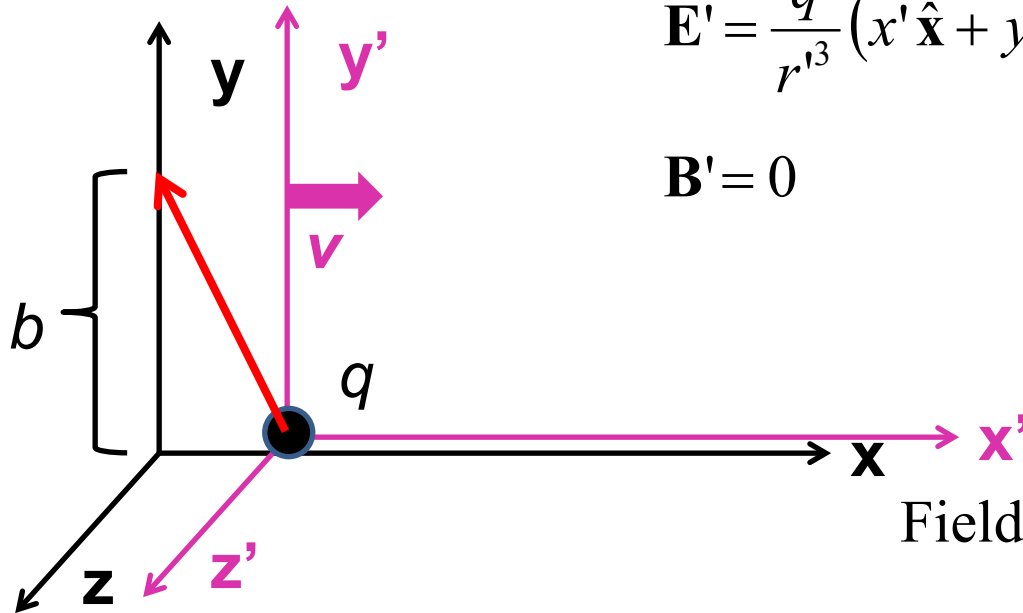
Fields in stationary frame:

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

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

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

Example:



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

Fields in stationary frame:

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

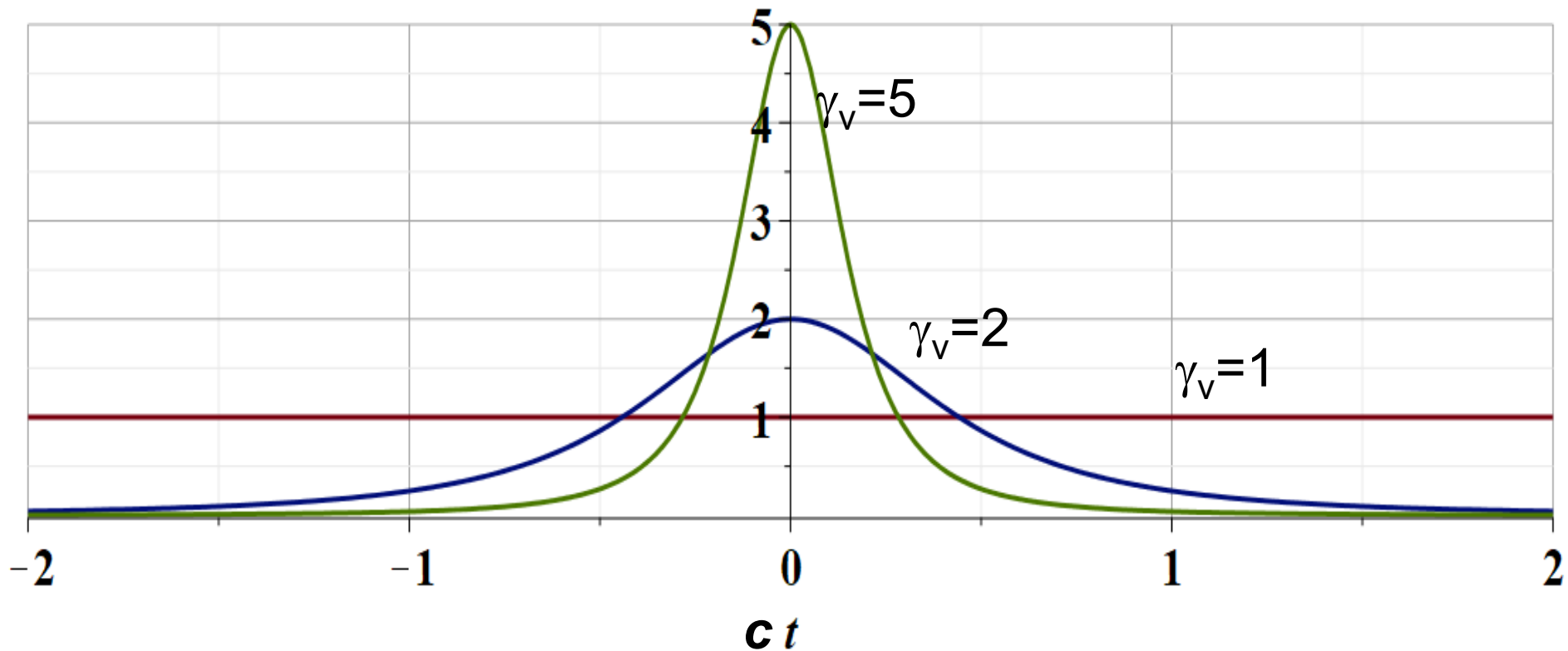
$$E_y = \gamma_v (E'_y) = \frac{q(\gamma_v b)}{\left((-v\gamma_v t)^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

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

Expression in terms of consistent coordinates

$$E_y = \frac{q(\gamma_v b)}{\left((-v\gamma_v t)^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{q(\gamma_v b)}{\left((\gamma_v^2 - 1)c^2 t^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}} = B_z / (\gamma_v \beta_v)$$

Plot with $q=1$; $b=1$ γ_v as given



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

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

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

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

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?

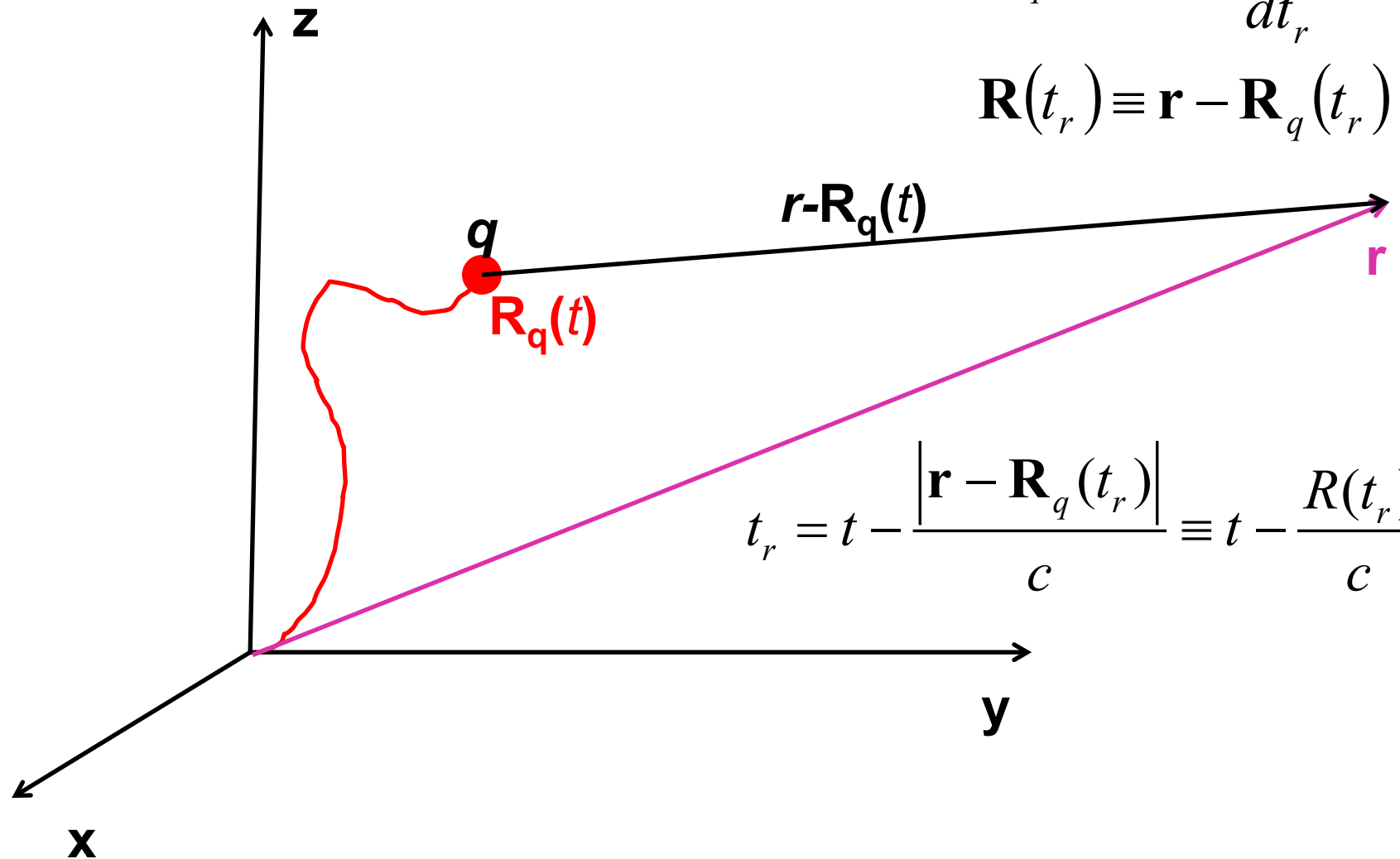


Analysis using a single reference frame --
 Radiation from a moving charged particle

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

Note that for our example there are no acceleration terms.

For our example:

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

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

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

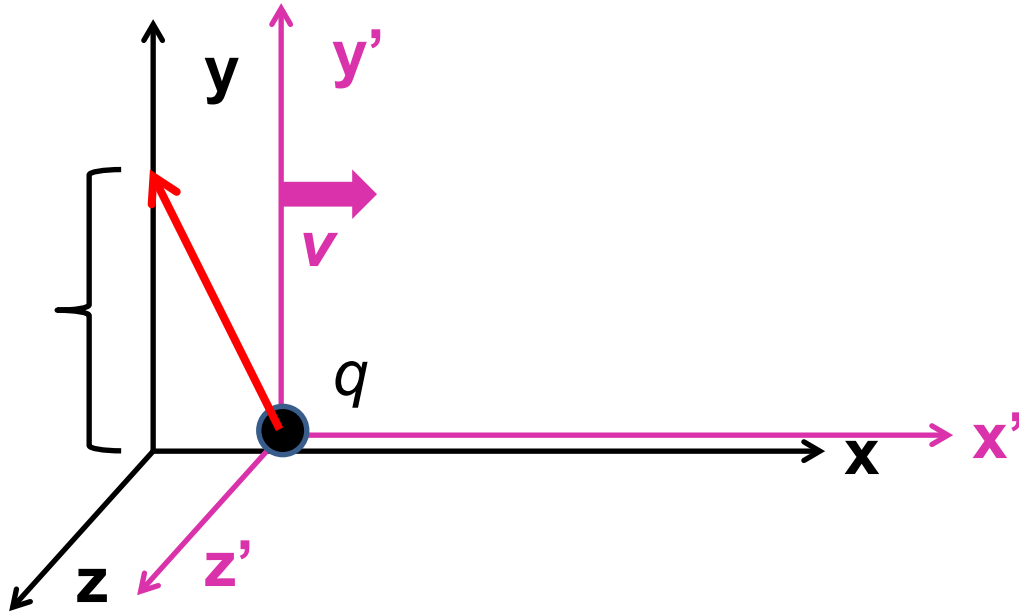
$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{c} \left[\frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{\left(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c}\right)^3} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \right]$$

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

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

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

Example geometry



Question about the trajectory – $\mathbf{R}_q(t_r) = vt_r \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ $\mathbf{r} = b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

This choice allows us to analyze the Lienard-Wiechert approach (within the “stationary” reference frame) of the same phenomenon solved previously using the Lorentz transformation. Because of the geometry E_z is zero here.

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

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

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

For our example:

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

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

t_r must be a solution to a quadratic equation:

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

with the physical solution:

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

$$\text{Note that } (t_r - t)^2 = \frac{R^2}{c^2} = \frac{v^2 t_r^2 + b^2}{c^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$

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:

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

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

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

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

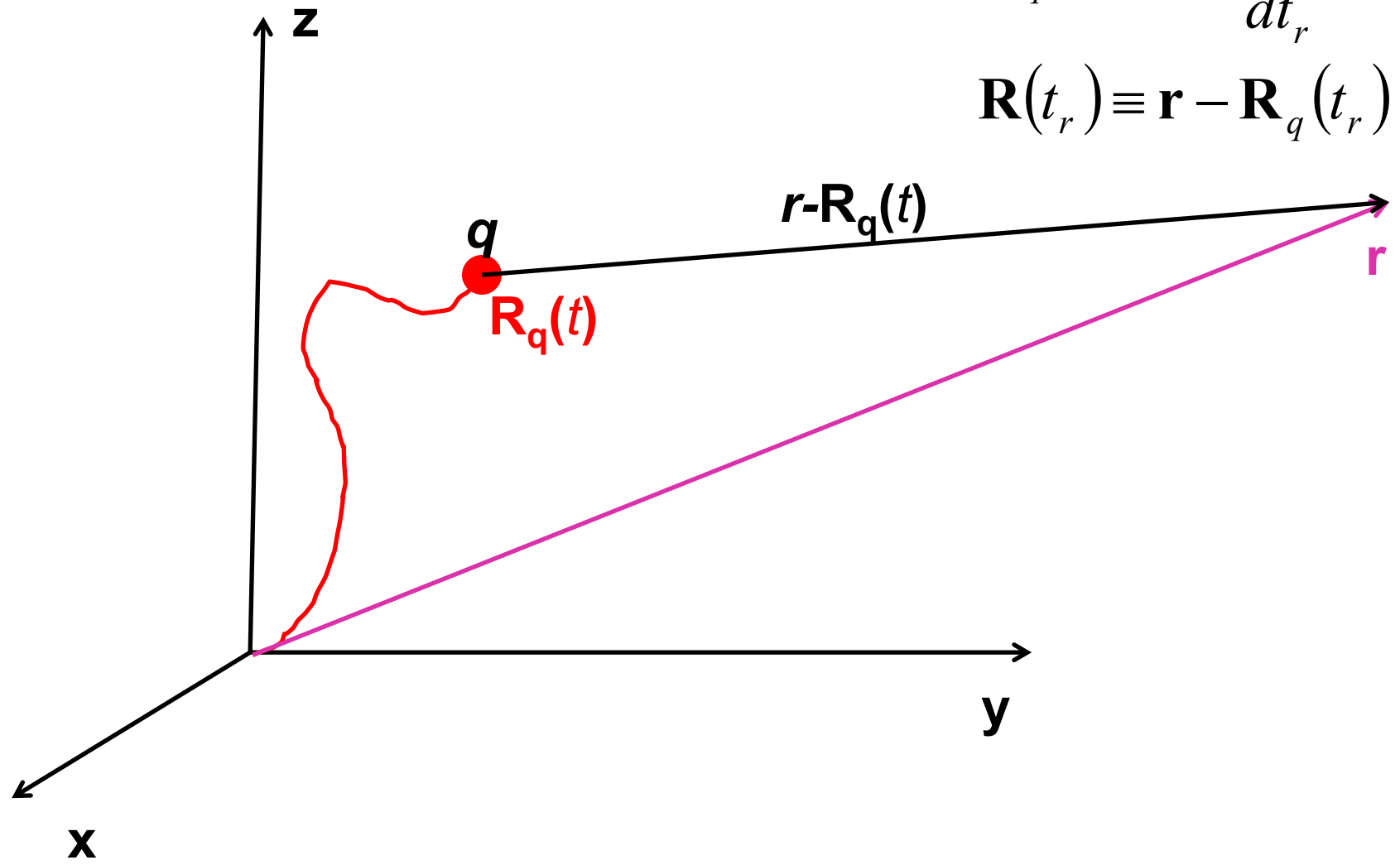


EM fields from a moving charged particle

Variables (notation):

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

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



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

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

Notation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r} \equiv \mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{R}(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{R} \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}} \equiv \frac{d^2\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r^2}$$

Electric field far from source – keeping only dominant terms

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

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

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

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

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

Poynting vector:

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

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

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

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

Note: We have used the fact that

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

Power radiated

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

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

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

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

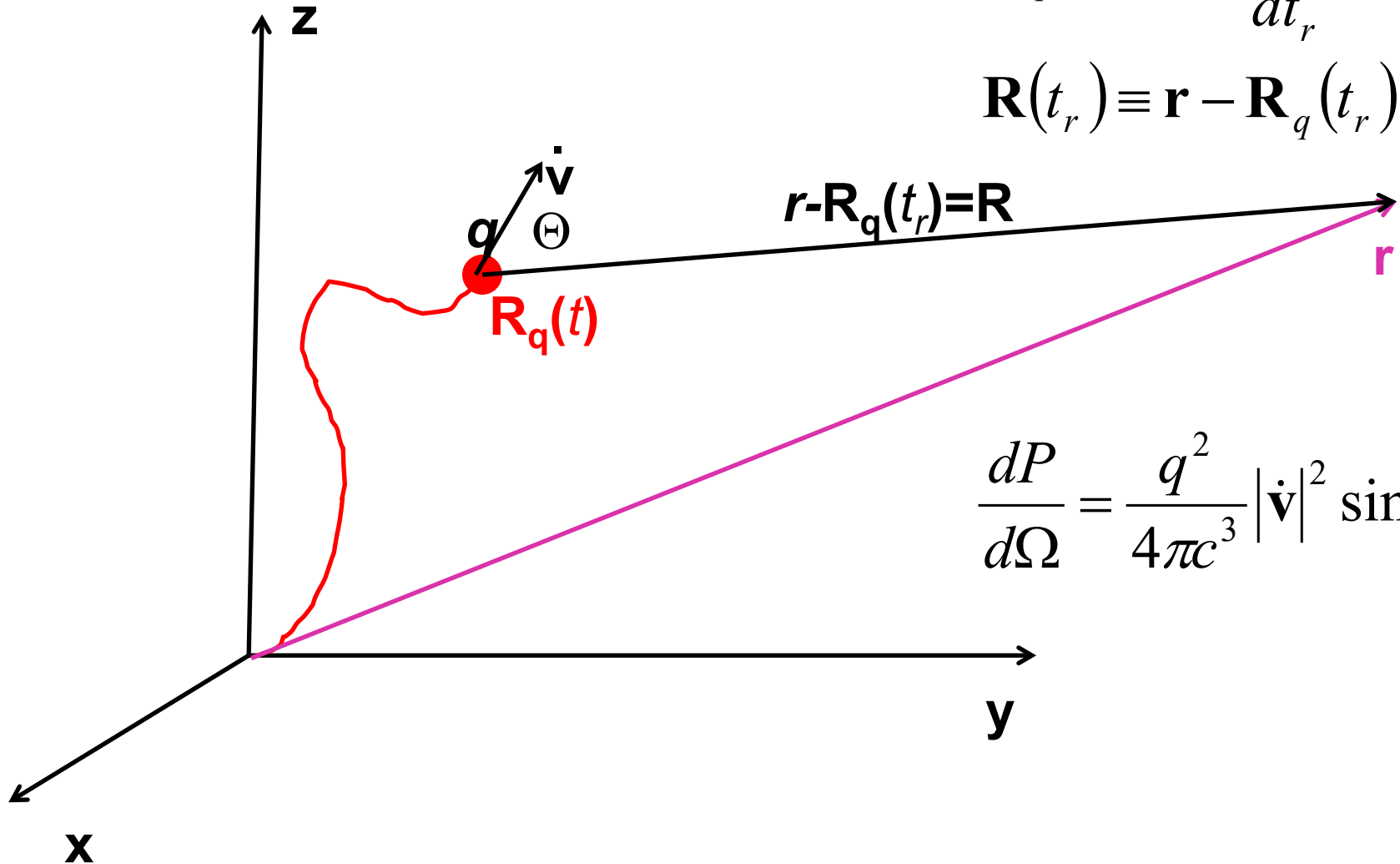


Radiation from a moving charged particle

Variables (notation):

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

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

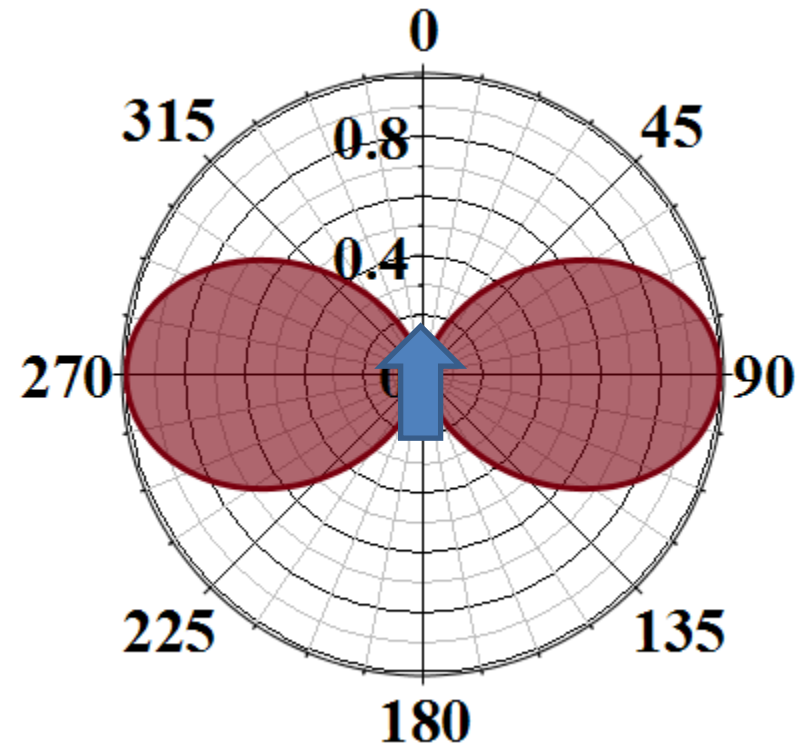


$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

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.