PHY 712 Electrodynamics
10-10:50 AM MWF in Olin 103

Lecture Notes for Lecture 15:

Start reading Chapter 6 (Sec. 6.1-6.4)

Note: Instead of following Sec. 6.5, we will introduce the Lienard-Wiéchert approach.

1. **Maxwell's full equations; effects of time varying fields and sources**

2. **Gauge choices and transformations**

3. **Green's function for vector and scalar potentials**

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PHY 712 – Problem Set #14

Read Chapter 6 (Sec. 6.1-6.4) in **Jackson**.

1. Evaluate the following integral over the Dirac delta function of a non-trivial argument. Explain your reasoning and show intermediate steps.

$$\int_{-10}^{10} e^{-x^2} \delta(\sin(x))dx.$$

Full electrodynamics with time varying fields and sources
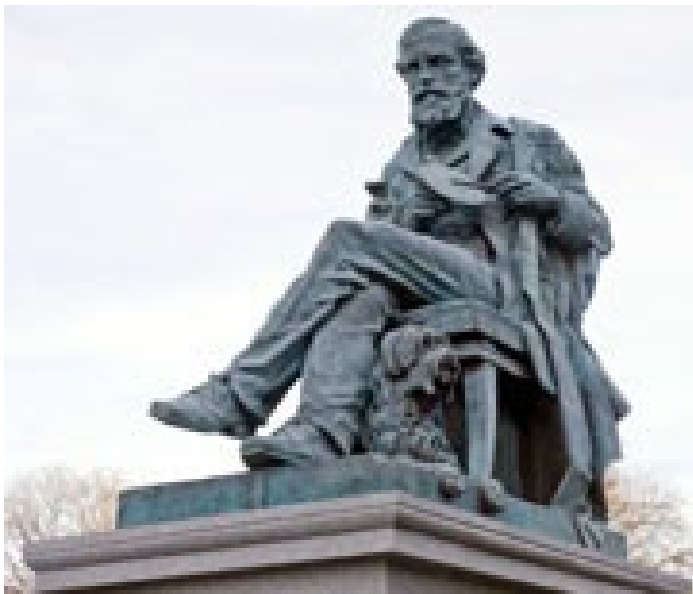
Maxwell's equations

Image of statue of James Clerk-Maxwell (1831-1879) in Edinburgh

"From a long view of the history of mankind - seen from, say, ten thousand years from now - there can be little doubt that the most significant event of the 19th century will be judged as Maxwell's discovery of the laws of electrodynamics"

Richard P Feynman

http://www.clerkmaxwellfoundation.org/

Maxwell's equations

Coulomb's law : $\qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{free}$

Ampere - Maxwell's law : $\quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{J}_{free}$

Faraday's law : $\qquad\qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

No magnetic monopoles : $\quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

Maxwell's equations

Microscopic or vacuum form $(\mathbf{P} = 0; \ \mathbf{M} = 0)$:

Coulomb's law : $\qquad\qquad\qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$

Ampere - Maxwell's law : $\quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \dfrac{1}{c^2} \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$

Faraday's law : $\qquad\qquad\quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

No magnetic monopoles : $\quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \nabla \times \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

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

$$\text{or} \quad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials -- continued

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho / \varepsilon_0 :$$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{\partial (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})}{\partial t} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial (\nabla \Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} \right) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials -- continued

General form for the scalar and vector potential equations:

$$-\nabla^2\Phi - \frac{\partial(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A})}{\partial t} = \rho/\varepsilon_0$$

$$\nabla\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) + \frac{1}{c^2}\left(\frac{\partial(\nabla\Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2}\right) = \mu_0\mathbf{J}$$

Coulomb gauge form -- require $\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}_C = 0$

$$-\nabla^2\Phi_C = \rho/\varepsilon_0$$

$$-\nabla^2\mathbf{A}_C + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2\mathbf{A}_C}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial(\nabla\Phi_C)}{\partial t} = \mu_0\mathbf{J}$$

Note that $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_l + \mathbf{J}_t$ with $\nabla\times\mathbf{J}_l = 0$ and $\nabla\cdot\mathbf{J}_t = 0$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials -- continued

Coulomb gauge form - - require $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}_C = 0$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi_C = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_C + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}_C}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial (\nabla \Phi_C)}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Note that $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_l + \mathbf{J}_t$ with $\nabla \times \mathbf{J}_l = 0$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_t = 0$

Continuity equation for charge and current density :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_l = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_l = -\varepsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial (\nabla \Phi_C)}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial (\nabla \Phi_C)}{\partial t} = \varepsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial (\nabla \Phi_C)}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_l$$

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_C + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}_C}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_t$$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials -- continued

Review of the general equations:

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{\partial(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})}{\partial t} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + \frac{1}{c^2}\left(\frac{\partial(\nabla \Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2}\right) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Lorentz gauge form -- require $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}_L + \dfrac{1}{c^2}\dfrac{\partial \Phi_L}{\partial t} = 0$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi_L + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_L}{\partial t^2} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

Recall that

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_L + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}_L}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$$

Formulation of Maxwell's equations in terms of vector and scalar potentials -- continued

Lorentz gauge form $--$ require $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}_L + \dfrac{1}{c^2}\dfrac{\partial \Phi_L}{\partial t} = 0$

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi_L + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_L}{\partial t^2} = \rho / \varepsilon_0$$

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_L + \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}_L}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Alternate potentials : $\quad \mathbf{A'}_L = \mathbf{A}_L + \nabla\Lambda \quad$ and $\quad \Phi'_L = \Phi_L - \dfrac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial t}$

Yields same physics provided that : $\quad \nabla^2 \Lambda - \dfrac{1}{c^2}\dfrac{\partial^2 \Lambda}{\partial t^2} = 0$

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_L - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_L}{\partial t^2} = -\rho / \varepsilon_0$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_L - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}_L}{\partial t^2} = -\mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Consider the general form of the 3 - dimensional wave equation :

$$\nabla^2 \Psi - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2} = -4\pi f$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r},t) \Rightarrow \text{wave field} \qquad f(\mathbf{r},t) \Rightarrow \text{source}$$

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

Let Ψ represent Φ, A_x, A_y, A_z Let f represent ρ, J_x, J_y, J_z

$$\nabla^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r},t) - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t^2} = -4\pi f(\mathbf{r},t)$$

Green's function :

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) G(\mathbf{r},t;\mathbf{r}',t') = -4\pi\delta^3(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')\delta(t-t')$$

Formal solution for field $\Psi(\mathbf{r},t)$:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r},t) = \Psi_{f=0}(\mathbf{r},t) + \int d^3r' \int dt' G(\mathbf{r},t;\mathbf{r}',t')f(\mathbf{r}',t')$$

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

Determination of the form for the Green's function :

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = -4\pi \delta^3 (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t')$$

For the case of isotropic boundary values at infinity :

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta \left(t' - \left(t - \frac{1}{c} |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \right) \right)$$

Formal solution for field $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Psi_{f=0}(\mathbf{r}, t) +$$

$$\int d^3 r' \int dt' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta \left(t' - \left(t - \frac{1}{c} |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \right) \right) f(\mathbf{r}', t')$$

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

Analysis of the Green's function:

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right)G\left(\mathbf{r},t;\mathbf{r}',t'\right) = -4\pi\delta^3\left(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'\right)\delta\left(t-t'\right)$$

"Proof" -- Fourier analysis in the time domain -- note that

$$\delta\left(t-t'\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega\, e^{i\omega(t-t')}$$

Define:

$$G\left(\mathbf{r},t;\mathbf{r}',t'\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega\, e^{i\omega(t-t')}\, \tilde{G}\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \left(\nabla^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\right)\tilde{G}\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega\right) = -4\pi\delta^3\left(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'\right)$$

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

Analysis of the Green's function (continued) :

$$\left(\nabla^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\right)\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = -4\pi\delta^3(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$$

For the case of isotropic boundary values at infinity :

$$\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = \widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}',\omega)$$

Further assuming that $\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}',\omega)$ is isotropic in $|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'| \equiv R$:

$$\left(\frac{1}{R}\frac{d^2}{dR^2}R + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\right)\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = -4\pi\delta^3(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$$

Solution : $\quad \widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = \frac{1}{R}e^{\pm i\omega R/c}$

Solution of Maxwell's equations in the Lorentz gauge -- continued
  Analysis of the Green's function (continued) :

$$\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} e^{\pm i\omega|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|/c}$$

$$G(\mathbf{r},t;\mathbf{r}',t') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega\, e^{i\omega(t-t')}\, \widetilde{G}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\omega)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega\, e^{i\omega(t-t')}\, \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} e^{\pm i\omega|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|/c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega\, e^{i\omega(t-t'\pm|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|/c)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t-t'\pm|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|/c) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \delta(t'-t\mp|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|/c)$$

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

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{r}', t') = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta\left(t' - \left(t \pm |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| / c\right)\right)$$

Solution for field $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Psi_{f=0}(\mathbf{r}, t) +$$

$$\int d^3 r' \int dt' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta\left(t' - \left(t - \frac{1}{c}|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|\right)\right) f(\mathbf{r}', t')$$

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

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

$R_q(t)$

q

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

Comment on Lienard-Wiechert potential results

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

where the "retarded time" is defined to be

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

Note that for any function $F(x)$:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)\delta(x - x_0)dx = F(x_0)$$

Now consider a function $p(x)$, for which $p(x_i) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \cdots$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)\delta(p(x))dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)\left(\sum_i \delta\left((x - x_i)\frac{dp}{dx}\Big|_{x_i} \right) \right) dx$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{F(x_i)}{\left| \dfrac{dp}{dx} \right|_{x_i}}$$

Comment on Lienard-Wiechert potential results -- continued

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

where the "retarded time" is defined to be

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

In this case we have:
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t')\delta\big(p(t')\big)\,dt' = \frac{f(t_r)}{\left|1 - \dfrac{\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r)\cdot\big(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\big)}{c\left|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)\right|}\right|}$$

where:
$$p(t') \equiv t' - \left(t - \frac{\left|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\right|}{c}\right)$$

$$\frac{dp(t')}{dt'} = 1 - \frac{\dfrac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t')}{dt'}\cdot\big(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\big)}{c\left|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\right|} \equiv 1 - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t')\cdot\big(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\big)}{c\left|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_q(t')\right|}$$

Summary of results for fields due to moving charge – Liénard Wiechert potentials

Resulting scalar and vector potentials:

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

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

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

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

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