

# **PHY 712 Electrodynamics**

**11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

## **Plan for Lecture 27:**

**Continue reading Chap. 11 – Theory of Special Relativity**

**A. Transformations of the  
Electromagnetic Fields**

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

	03-13(Wed)	<i>Spring Break</i>		
	03-15(Fri)	<i>Spring Break</i>		
	03-18(Mon)	<i>APS Meeting</i>	(no class)	Exam
	03-20(Wed)	<i>APS Meeting</i>	(no class)	Exam
	03-22(Fri)	<i>APS Meeting</i>	(no class)	Exam
<b>25</b>	03-25(Mon)	Chap. 11	Lorentz transformations	<a href="#">#17</a>
<b>26</b>	03-27(Wed)	Chap. 11	Transformations between electromagnetic fields	<a href="#">#18</a>
	<b>27</b>	03-28(Thur)	Chap. 11	Liénard-Wiechert potentials revisited
		03-29(Fri)	<i>Good Friday</i>	(no class)
<b>28</b>	04-01(Mon)	Chap. 14	Radiation by accelerated charges	
<b>29</b>	04-03(Wed)	Chap. 14	Radiation by accelerated charges	
<b>30</b>	04-05(Fri)	Chap. 14	Synchrotron radiation spectrum	
<b>31</b>	04-08(Mon)			
<b>32</b>	04-10(Wed)			
<b>33</b>	04-12(Fri)			
	04-15(Mon)		(no class -- presentation preparation)	
	04-17(Wed)		(no class -- presentation preparation)	
	04-19(Fri)		(no class -- presentation preparation)	
<b>34</b>	04-22(Mon)			
<b>35</b>	04-24(Wed)			
<b>36</b>	04-26(Fri)			
	04-29(Mon)		Student presentations	
	05-01(Wed)		Student presentations	

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

Elements of "proof":

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

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

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

## 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 :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^\alpha$$

## 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 :  $A^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v A'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v^{\alpha\beta} A'^\beta$

## 4-vector relationships

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

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

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

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



## Electric and Magnetic field relationships

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Inverse transformation of field strength tensor

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

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

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

Summary of results :

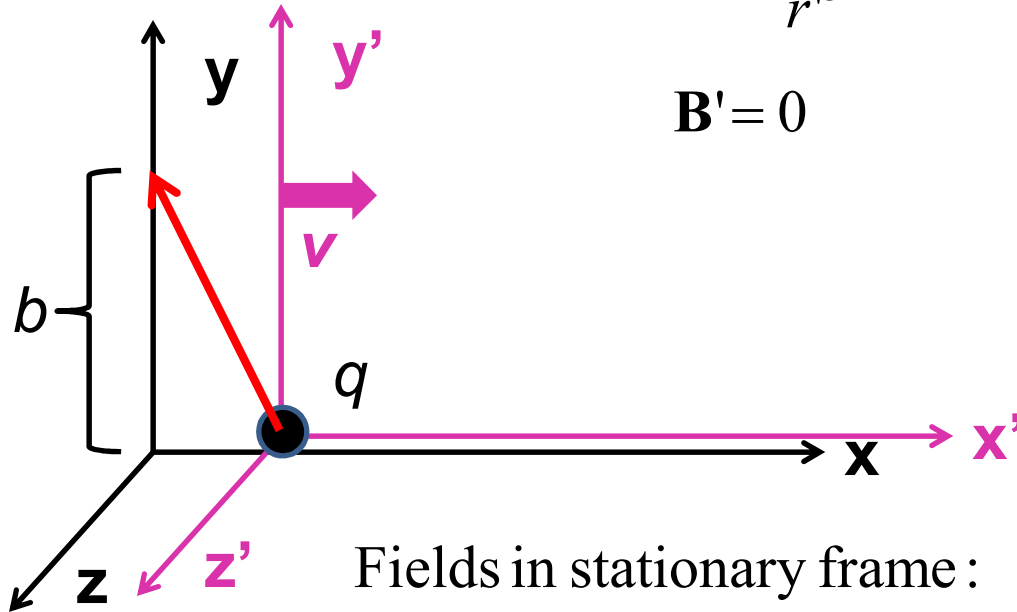
$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= E'_x & B_x &= B'_x \\ E_y &= \gamma_v(E'_y + \beta_v B'_z) & B_y &= \gamma_v(B'_y - \beta_v E'_z) \\ E_z &= \gamma_v(E'_z - \beta_v B'_y) & B_z &= \gamma_v(B'_z + \beta_v E'_y) \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$E_x = E'_x$$

$$B_x = B'_x$$

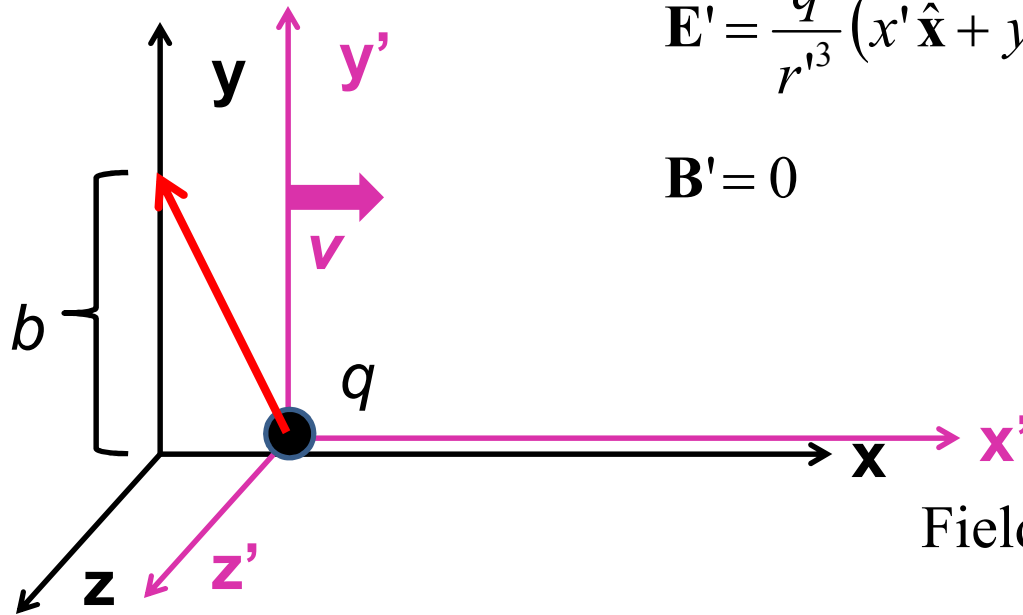
$$E_y = \gamma_v (E'_y + \beta_v B'_z)$$

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

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

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

Example:



Fields in moving frame:

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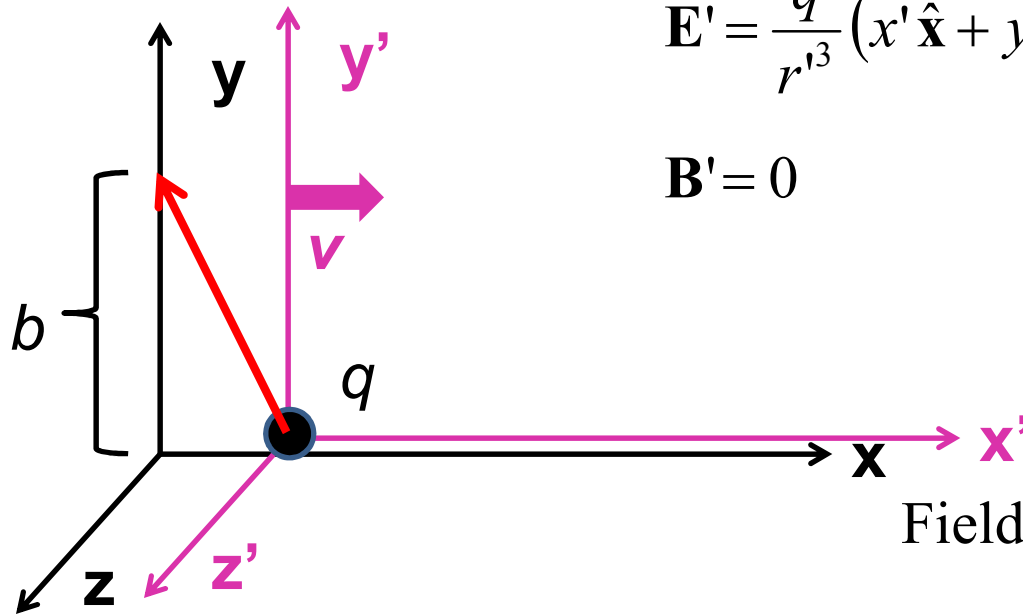
Fields in stationary frame:

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

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

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

Example:



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:

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

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

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

Expression in terms of consistent coordinates

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

