PHY 712 Electrodynamics
9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Plan for Lecture 26:

Continue reading Chap. 11 –

Theory of Special Relativity

A. **Lorentz transformation relations**

B. **Electromagnetic field transformations**

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

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Lorentz transformations

Convenient notation :

$$\beta_v \equiv \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\gamma_v \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta_v^2}}$$

Stationary frame		Moving frame
ct	$=$	$\gamma(ct'+\beta x')$
x	$=$	$\gamma(x'+\beta ct')$
y	$=$	y'
z	$=$	z'

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Lorentz transformations -- continued

For the moving frame with $\mathbf{v} = v\hat{\mathbf{x}}$:

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{L}_v \begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{L}_v^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice :

$$c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = c^2 t'^2 - x'^2 - y'^2 - z'^2$$

Special theory of relativity and Maxwell's equations

Continuity equation: $\qquad \dfrac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$

Lorentz gauge condition: $\qquad \dfrac{1}{c}\dfrac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

Potential equations: $\qquad \dfrac{1}{c^2}\dfrac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi\rho$

$\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \dfrac{1}{c^2}\dfrac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \dfrac{4\pi}{c}\mathbf{J}$

Field relations: $\qquad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - \dfrac{1}{c}\dfrac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$

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

More 4-vectors:

Time and position : $\qquad \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x^\alpha$

Charge and current : $\qquad \begin{pmatrix} c\rho \\ J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow J^\alpha$

Vector and scalar potentials : $\qquad \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^\alpha$

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 : $\quad x^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v x'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v{}^{\alpha\beta} x'^\beta$

Charge and current : $\quad J^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_v J'^\alpha \equiv \mathcal{L}_v{}^{\alpha\beta} J'^\beta$

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 $\quad A_\alpha = (A^0, -\mathbf{A})$

Derivative operators :

$$\partial^\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}, -\nabla\right) \qquad \partial_\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}, \nabla\right)$$

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$$\dfrac{1}{c^2} \dfrac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \dfrac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} \qquad \partial_\alpha \partial^\alpha A^\alpha = \dfrac{4\pi}{c} J^\alpha$$

Field relations : $\qquad \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \dfrac{1}{c} \dfrac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$

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

Electric and Magnetic field relationships

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$F^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transformation of field strength tensor

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

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

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Inverse transformation of field strength tensor

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

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

Summary of results :
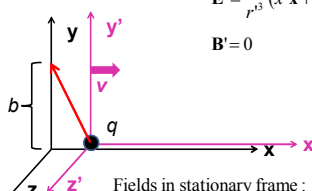
$$E_x = E'_x \qquad\qquad B_x = B'_x$$
$$E_y = \gamma_v\left(E'_y+\beta_v B'_z\right) \qquad B_y = \gamma_v\left(B'_y-\beta_v E'_z\right)$$
$$E_z = \gamma_v\left(E'_z-\beta_v B'_y\right) \qquad B_z = \gamma_v\left(B'_z+\beta_v E'_y\right)$$

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Example:

Fields in moving frame:

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

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

Fields in stationary frame:
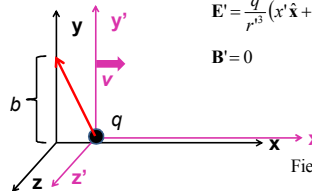
$$E_x = E'_x \qquad\qquad B_x = B'_x$$
$$E_y = \gamma_v\left(E'_y + \beta_v B'_z\right) \qquad B_y = \gamma_v\left(B'_y - \beta_v E'_z\right)$$
$$E_z = \gamma_v\left(E'_z - \beta_v B'_y\right) \qquad B_z = \gamma_v\left(B'_z + \beta_v E'_y\right)$$

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Example:

Fields in moving frame:

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

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

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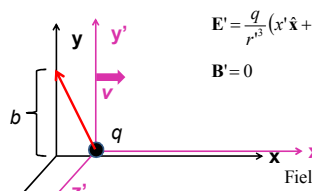
$$E_x = E'_x = \frac{q\left(-vt'\right)}{\left(\left(-vt'\right)^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

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

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

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Example:

Fields in moving frame:

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

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

Fields in stationary frame:

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

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

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

Expression in terms of consistent coordinates

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

$\gamma_v = 10$

$\gamma_v = 2$

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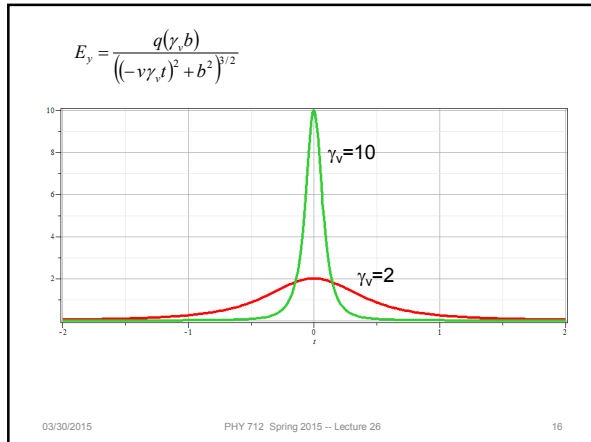
Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the
the Liènard-Wiechert potentials (temporarily keeping SI units

$$\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = q\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t)) \quad \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r},t) = q\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t)\delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t)) \quad \dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t)}{dt}$$

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

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

Evaluating integral over t':

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

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the
the Liènard-Wiechert potentials – continued (SI units)

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

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

where $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)$ $\mathbf{v} = \dfrac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r}$

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

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

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Examination of this system from the viewpoint of the
the Liènard-Wiechert potentials – continued (SI units)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For our example:

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

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

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

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

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

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