

PHY 712 Electrodynamics
9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 105

Plan for Lecture 28:

Continue reading Chap. 14 – Synchrotron radiation

- 1. Radiation from electron synchrotron devices**
- 2. Radiation from astronomical objects in circular orbits**

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Radiation from charged particle in circular path

Power distribution for circular acceleration

$$\frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^5} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

$$= \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}|^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^2 - (\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2 (1 - \beta^2)}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^5} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

$$P_r(t_r) = \int d\Omega \frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \gamma^4$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation

Starting with the power distribution from a charged particle:

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

$$\equiv |\mathbf{a}(t)|^2$$

where $\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4\pi c}} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$

Time integrated power per solid angle:

$$\frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dP(t)}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt |\mathbf{a}(t)|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation -- continued

Time integrated power per solid angle using Parseval's theorem:

$$\frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dP(t)}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt |\mathbf{a}(t)|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2$$

In terms of the amplitude and its Fourier transform:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \mathbf{a}(t) e^{i\omega t} \quad \mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2 = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega (|\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2 + |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(-\omega)|^2) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega} \equiv 2 |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2$$

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For our case:
$$\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4\pi c}} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

Fourier amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \mathbf{a}(t) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c} \end{aligned}$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation – continued

Evaluating the Fourier amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \mathbf{a}(t) e^{i\omega t} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r \frac{dt}{dt_r} e^{i\omega(t_r + R(t_r)/c)} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r + R(t_r)/c)} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^2} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c} \end{aligned}$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation – continued

Exact expression:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r + R(t_r)/c)} \left. \frac{\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^2} \right|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

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

Some approximations:

For $r \gg R_q(t_r)$ $R(t_r) \approx r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)$ where $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}$

At the same level of approximation: $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \approx \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation – continued

Exact expression:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r + R(t_r)/c)} \frac{\left| \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[\left(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|}{\left(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} \right)^2} \bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

Approximate expression:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c}} e^{i\omega(r/c)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c)} \frac{\left| \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left[\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|}{\left(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right)^2} \bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

Resulting spectral intensity expression:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c)} \frac{\left| \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left[\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|}{\left(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right)^2} \right|^2 \bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

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Alternative expression --

It can be shown that:

$$\frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left[\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right]}{\left(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right)^2} = \frac{d}{dt_r} \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta} \right)}{\left(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right)} \right)$$

Integration by parts and assumptions about behaviors at the integration limit, shows that the spectral intensity depends on the following integral:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c)} \left[\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r) \right) \right] \right|^2$$

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When the dust clears, the spectral intensity depends on the following integral:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c)} \left[\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r) \right) \right] \right|^2$$

Recall that the spectral intensity is related to the time integrated power:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dP(t)}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega}$$

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Synchrotron radiation light source installations

Synchrotron at Brookhaven National Lab, NY



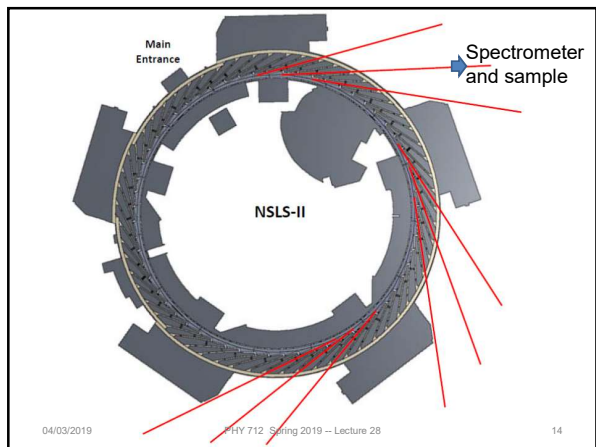
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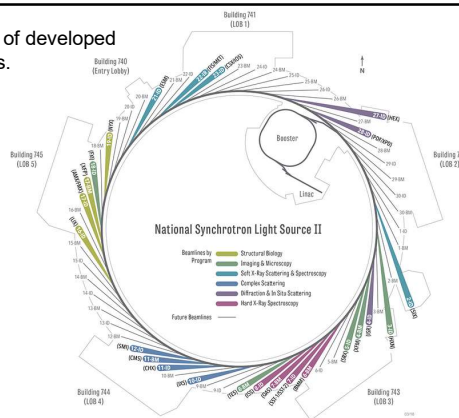


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Overview of developed beamlines.



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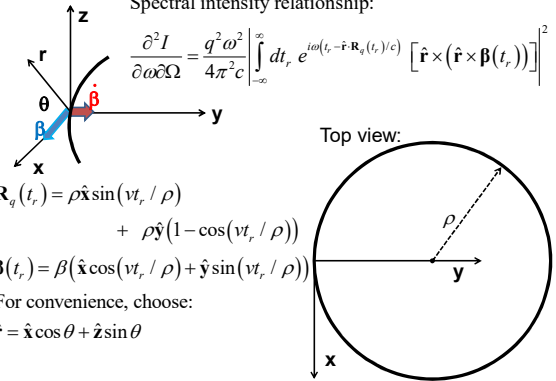
Advanced photon source, Argonne National Laboratory



<https://www.aps.anl.gov/>

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Spectral intensity relationship:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c)} [\hat{r} \times (\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r))] \right|^2$$


Top view:

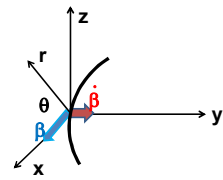
$$\mathbf{R}_q(t_r) = \rho \hat{x} \sin(vt_r / \rho) + \rho \hat{y} (1 - \cos(vt_r / \rho))$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r) = \beta (\hat{x} \cos(vt_r / \rho) + \hat{y} \sin(vt_r / \rho))$$

For convenience, choose:

$$\hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos \theta + \hat{z} \sin \theta$$

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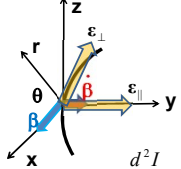
$$\hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos \theta + \hat{z} \sin \theta$$

Note that we have previous shown that in the radiation zone, the Poynting vector is in the \hat{r} direction; we can then choose to analyze two orthogonal polarization directions:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\parallel} = \hat{y} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\perp} = -\hat{x} \sin \theta + \hat{z} \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \beta (-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\parallel} \sin(vt_r / \rho) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\perp} \sin \theta \cos(vt_r / \rho))$$

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$\epsilon_{\parallel} = \hat{y}$ $\epsilon_{\perp} = -\hat{x} \sin \theta + \hat{z} \cos \theta$
 $\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \beta) =$
 $\beta (-\epsilon_{\parallel} \sin(vt_r / \rho) + \epsilon_{\perp} \sin \theta \cos(vt_r / \rho))$

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \beta) e^{i\omega(t - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t)/c)} dt \right|^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2 \beta^2}{4\pi^2 c} \{ |C_{\parallel}(\omega)|^2 + |C_{\perp}(\omega)|^2 \}$$

$$C_{\parallel}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin(vt / \rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt / \rho))}$$

$$C_{\perp}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin \theta \cos(vt / \rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt / \rho))}$$

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We will analyze this expression for two different cases. The first case, is appropriate for man-made synchrotrons used as light sources. In this case, the light is produced by short bursts of electrons moving close to the speed of light ($v \approx c(1 - 1/(2\gamma^2))$) passing a beam line port. In addition, because of the design of the radiation ports, $\theta \approx 0$, and the relevant integration times t are close to $t \approx 0$. This results in the form shown in Eq. 14.79 of your text. It is convenient to rewrite this form in terms of a critical frequency $\omega_c \equiv \frac{3c\gamma^3}{2\rho}$.

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{3q^2 \gamma^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c} \right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \left\{ \left[K_{2/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2} \left[K_{1/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 \right\}$$

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Some details:

Modified Bessel functions

$$K_{1/3}(\xi) = \sqrt{3} \int_0^{\infty} dx \cos\left[\frac{3}{2}\xi\left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)\right] \quad K_{2/3}(\xi) = \sqrt{3} \int_0^{\infty} dx x \sin\left[\frac{3}{2}\xi\left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)\right]$$

Exponential factor

$$\omega(t_r - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c) = \omega \left(t_r - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt_r / \rho) \right)$$

In the limit of $t_r \approx 0$, $\theta \approx 0$, $v \approx c \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \right)$

$$\omega(t_r - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)/c) \approx \frac{\omega t_r}{2\gamma^2} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2) + \frac{\omega c^2 t_r^3}{6\rho^2} = \frac{3}{2} \xi \left(x + \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right)$$

where $\xi = \frac{\omega \rho}{3c\gamma^3} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2}$ and $x = \frac{c\gamma t_r}{\rho(1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{1/2}}$

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$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{3q^2 \gamma^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \left\{ \left[K_{2/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2} \left[K_{1/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 \right\}$$

By plotting the intensity as a function of ω , we see that the intensity is largest near $\omega \approx \omega_c$. The plot below shows the intensity as a function of ω/ω_c for $\gamma\theta=0, 0.5$ and 1:

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More details

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{d^2 I_{\parallel}}{d\omega d\Omega} + \frac{d^2 I_{\perp}}{d\omega d\Omega}$$

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\parallel}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{3q^2 \gamma^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \left[K_{2/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\perp}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{3q^2 \gamma^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2} \left[K_{1/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2$$

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The second example of synchrotron radiation comes from a distant charged particle moving in a circular trajectory such that the spectrum represents a superposition of light generated over many complete circles. In this case, there is an interference effect which results in the spectrum consisting of discrete multiples of v/ρ . For this case we need to reconsider the analysis. There is a very convenient Bessel function identity of the form:

$$e^{-ia \sin \alpha} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m(a) e^{-im\alpha} \quad \text{Here } J_m(a) \text{ is a Bessel function of integer order } m.$$

In our case $a = \frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos \theta$ and $\alpha = \frac{vt}{\rho}$.

$$C_{\parallel}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin(vt/\rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt/\rho))} = \frac{c}{-i\omega\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt/\rho))}$$

$$= \frac{c}{-i\omega\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \theta} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m \left(\frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos \theta \right) 2\pi \delta(\omega - m \frac{v}{\rho}).$$

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Astronomical synchrotron radiation -- continued:

Note that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i(\omega - m\frac{v}{\rho})t} = 2\pi\delta(\omega - m\frac{v}{\rho}).$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{\parallel}(\omega) = 2\pi i \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J'_m\left(\frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos\theta\right) \delta\left(\omega - m\frac{v}{\rho}\right),$$

where $J'_m(a) \equiv \frac{dJ_m(a)}{da}$

Similarly:

$$C_{\perp}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin\theta \cos(vt/\rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c}\cos\theta\sin(vt/\rho))}$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{\tan\theta}{v/c} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} J_m\left(\frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos\theta\right) \delta\left(\omega - m\frac{v}{\rho}\right).$$



Astronomical synchrotron radiation -- continued:

In both of the expressions, the sum over m includes both negative and positive values. However, only the positive values of ω and therefore positive values of m are of interest. Using the identity: $J_{-m}(a) = (-1)^m J_m(a)$, the result becomes:

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2 \beta^2}{c} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \delta\left(\omega - m\frac{v}{\rho}\right) \left\{ \left[J'_m\left(\frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos\theta\right) \right]^2 + \frac{\tan^2\theta}{v^2/c^2} \left[J_m\left(\frac{\omega\rho}{c} \cos\theta\right) \right]^2 \right\}.$$

These results were derived by Julian Schwinger (Phys. Rev. **75**, 1912-1925 (1949)). The discrete case is similar to the result quoted in Problem 14.15 in Jackson's text. For information on man-made synchrotron sources, the following web page is useful:

http://www.als.lbl.gov/als/synchrotron_sources.html.



On the Classical Radiation of Accelerated Electrons

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(Received March 8, 1949)

This paper is concerned with the properties of the radiation from a high energy accelerated electron, as recently observed in the General Electric synchrotron. An elementary derivation of the total rate of radiation is first presented, based on Larmor's formula for a slowly moving electron, and arguments of relativistic invariance. We then construct an expression for the instantaneous power radiated by an electron moving along an arbitrary, prescribed path. By casting this result into various forms, one obtains the angular distribution, the spectral distribution, or the combined angular and spectral distributions of the radiation. The method is based on an examination of the rate at which the electron irreversibly transfers energy to the electromagnetic field, as determined by half the difference of retarded and advanced electric field intensities. Formulas are obtained for an arbitrary charge-current distribution and then specialized to a point charge. The total radiated power and its angular distribution are obtained for an arbitrary trajectory. It is found that the direc-

tion of motion is a strongly preferred direction of emission at high energies. The spectral distribution of the radiation depends upon the detailed motion over a time interval large compared to the period of the radiation. However, the narrow cone of radiation generated by an energetic electron indicates that only a small part of the trajectory is effective in producing radiation observed in a given direction, which also implies that very high frequencies are emitted. Accordingly, we evaluate the spectral and angular distributions of the high frequency radiation by an energetic electron, in their dependence upon the parameters characterizing the instantaneous orbit. The average spectral distribution, as observed in the synchrotron measurements, is obtained by averaging the electron energy over an acceleration cycle. The entire spectrum emitted by an electron moving with constant speed in a circular path is also discussed. Finally, it is observed that quantum effects will modify the classical results here obtained only at extraordinarily large energies.

EARLY in 1945, much attention was focused on the design of accelerators for the production of very high energy electrons and other charged particles.¹ In connection with this activity, the author investigated in some detail the limitations to the

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$$P = \frac{2 e^2}{3 c^3} \left(\frac{dv}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{2 e^2}{3 m^2 c^3} \left(\frac{dp}{dt} \right)^2. \quad (1.1)$$

