

# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion I

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- Start with Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho, \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = 0, \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \partial_t \vec{B} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \partial_t \vec{D} = \vec{J}.$$

- Let's work out our way to an equation for  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $F$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{E} + \partial_t \vec{A}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi - \partial_t \vec{A} \\ \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \epsilon \partial_t \vec{E} &= \vec{J} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \mu \epsilon \partial_t \vec{E} = \mu \vec{J} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) + \mu \epsilon (\vec{\nabla} \partial_t \Phi + \partial_t^2 \vec{A}) = \mu \vec{J} \end{aligned}$$

## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion II

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- Using  $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$ ,

we get:

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu\epsilon\partial_t\Phi) + \mu\epsilon\partial_t^2 \vec{A} = \mu\vec{J}$$

- In the Lorenz' Gauge:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu\epsilon\partial_t\Phi = 0$

- Thus  $\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu\epsilon\partial_t^2 \vec{A} = -\mu\vec{J}$  [JDJ 6.16]

- Using  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \Rightarrow -\nabla^2\Phi - \partial_t\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$  gives

$$\nabla^2\Phi - \mu\epsilon\partial_t^2\Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

Inhomogeneous wave equations

[JDJ 6.15]



## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion III

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- So the problem is to solve the equation for  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $F$  given the form of  $r$  and  $\mathbf{J}$

$$\left[ \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \vec{A} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{r}{\epsilon_0} \\ -\mu_0 \vec{J} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For a moving charge distribution with velocity  $\mathbf{v}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \rho(\vec{x} - \vec{v}t) \\ \vec{J} &= \vec{v} \rho(\vec{x} - \vec{v}t) \end{aligned}$$

# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion IV

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- For both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  we have to solve an inhomogeneous d'Alembert equation of the form

$$\square f = g(\vec{x} - \vec{v}t).$$

- Consider  $\vec{v} = v\hat{z} \Rightarrow f(\vec{x} - \vec{v}t) = (x, y, z - vt) \xrightarrow{\uparrow} f(x, y, \zeta)$

- Then 
$$\begin{aligned}\partial_z f &\rightarrow \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \partial_\zeta f = \partial_\zeta f \\ \partial_t f &\rightarrow \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} \partial_\zeta f = -v \partial_\zeta f\end{aligned}$$
with  $\zeta \equiv z - vt$

- So 
$$\square f \rightarrow (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_\zeta^2 - \mu\epsilon v^2 \partial_\zeta^2) f = (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \gamma^{-2} \partial_\zeta^2) f.$$

with 
$$\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \mu\epsilon v^2}}.$$





## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion V

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- Let  $z' = \gamma\zeta \Rightarrow \partial_\zeta = \frac{\partial z'}{\partial \zeta} \partial_{z'} = \gamma \partial_{z'}$

- Then our d'Alembert equation has the form

$$(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_{z'}^2) f(x, y, \gamma^{-1} z') = g(x, y, \gamma^{-1} z').$$

- Consider a point charge

$$\rho(\vec{x} - \vec{v}t) \rightarrow \delta(x)\delta(y)\delta(\gamma^{-1}z') = \gamma\delta(x)\delta(y)\delta(z') = \gamma\delta(\vec{x}')$$

- Vector potential is along  $z$   $\vec{A} \rightarrow A\hat{z}$  ( $A_x = A_y = 0$ );

- And we have to solve

$$\nabla_{x'}^2 A = -\gamma\mu q v \delta(\vec{x}'), \quad \nabla_{x'}^2 \Phi = -\gamma \frac{q}{\epsilon} \delta(\vec{x}').$$



## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion VI

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- The equation  $\nabla_{x'}^2 A = -\gamma\mu qv\delta(\vec{x}')$ ,  $\nabla_{x'}^2 \Phi = -\gamma\frac{q}{\epsilon}\delta(\vec{x}')$ .

is solve by inspection from

$$\nabla_{x'}^2 \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{x}'|} \right) = -4\pi\delta(\vec{x}')$$

- The results are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = \frac{\gamma\mu}{4\pi} \frac{qv}{R}, \\ \Phi = \frac{\gamma}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{q}{R}, \end{array} \right. \text{ where } R \equiv \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + \gamma^2(z - vt)^2}.$$



# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion VII

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- The E-field can be calculated from

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi - \partial_t \vec{A}$$

- Which gives

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= -\frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon}(\vec{\nabla} + \mu\epsilon v\partial_t\hat{z})\frac{1}{R} \\ &= \frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon R^3} [x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + \gamma^2(z - vt)(1 - \mu\epsilon v^2)\hat{z}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon R^3} [x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + (z - vt)\hat{z}]$$



## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion VIII

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- In spherical coordinate

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \sin^2 \theta, \quad z - vt = r \cos \theta.$$

- So  $\Rightarrow R^2 = r^2(\sin^2 \theta + \gamma^2 \cos^2 \theta)$   
 $= \gamma^2 r^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1 - \gamma^2}{\gamma^2} \sin^2 \theta \right) = \gamma^2 r^2 (1 - \mu \epsilon v^2 \sin^2 \theta),$

- and  $E = \frac{\gamma q}{4\pi\epsilon \gamma^3 r^3 (1 - \mu \epsilon v^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}$   
 $= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \frac{1 - \mu \epsilon v^2}{(1 - \mu \epsilon v^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}.$

- In vacuum  $\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \frac{\vec{r}}{\gamma^2 (1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}. \quad [\text{JDJ, Eq. (11.154)}]$



# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion IX

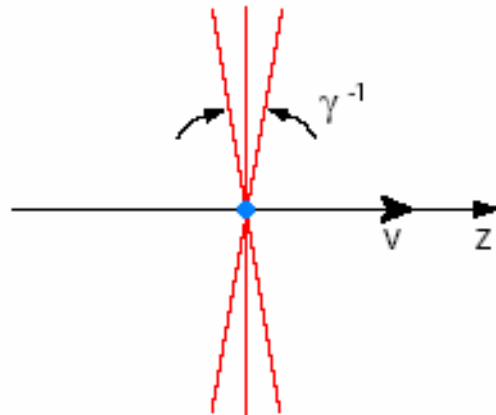
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- Consider

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \frac{\vec{r}}{\gamma^2(1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}.$$

- Note that  $E(\pi/2)/E(0) = \gamma^3$

the field line are squashed long the direction of motion.



E-field line associated  
to a moving charge with  
Lorentz factor  $\gamma$



## e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion X

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- B- field can also be computed  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} = \mu\epsilon\Phi\vec{v} &\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu\epsilon\vec{\nabla} \times (\Phi\vec{v}) = \mu\epsilon[\vec{\nabla}\Phi \times \vec{v} + \Phi\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}] \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu\epsilon\vec{\nabla}\Phi \times \vec{v}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{E} = -\vec{v} \times (\vec{\nabla}\Phi + \partial_t\vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla}\Phi \times \vec{v}.$$

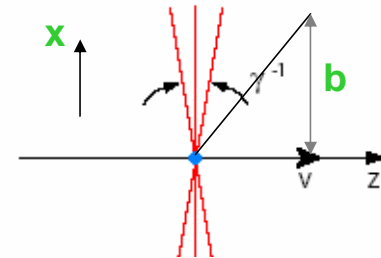
$$\boxed{\vec{B} = \mu\epsilon\vec{v} \times \vec{E}}, \text{ or } \vec{B} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \frac{\gamma q}{R^3} \vec{v} (x\hat{y} - y\hat{x}).$$



# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion XI

- Further reduction (try to introduce an impact parameter  $b$ )

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \frac{\hat{r}}{\gamma^2 (1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2}}$$



- introducing  $\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r} = \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + v^2 t^2}}$ .

$$1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{\beta^2 b^2}{b^2 + (vt)^2} = \frac{b^2 + v^2 t^2 - \beta^2 b^2}{b^2 + v^2 t^2} = \frac{(1 - \beta^2) b^2 + v^2 t^2}{b^2 + v^2 t^2}$$

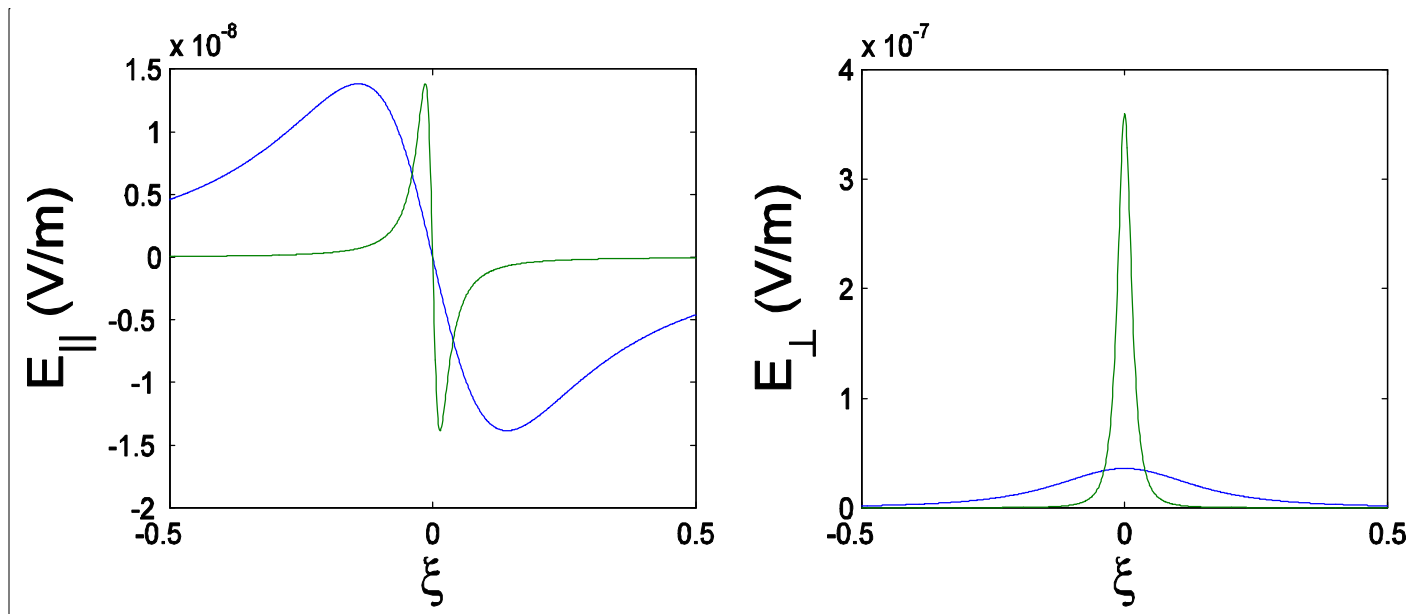
$$1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{b^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 t^2}{\gamma^2 r^2} \Rightarrow \gamma r \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \sqrt{b^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 t^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\gamma \vec{r}}{(b^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 t^2)^{3/2}} \Rightarrow \vec{E}_\perp = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\gamma b \hat{x}}{(b^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 t^2)^{3/2}}.$$



# e.m. field of charge in rectilinear motion XII

- Example of E-field associated to a charge at rest ( $\beta=1$ ) and moving with  $\gamma=10$ .





# Space charge effects I

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- Let's consider the interaction of two particles moving parallel to each other and consider the force experienced by the particle of charge  $q_0$  from the other particle

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= q_0(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \\ &= q_0[\vec{E} + \mu\epsilon \vec{v} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{E})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{F} &= q_0 \left[ (1 - \mu\epsilon v^2) \vec{E} + \mu\epsilon v^2 E_z \hat{z} \right] \\ &= q_0 \left( \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \vec{E} + \frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma^2} E_z \hat{z} \right) = q_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma^2} (\vec{E} - E_z \hat{z}) + E_z \hat{z} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F} = q_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \vec{E}_\perp + \vec{E}_\parallel \right]$$

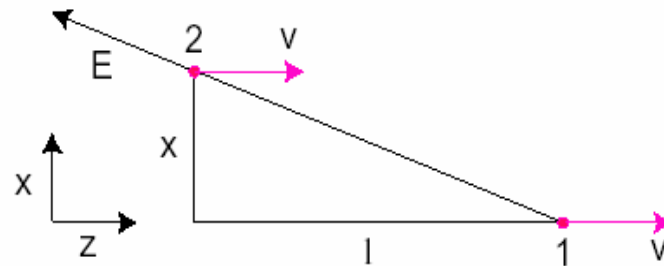


## Space charge effects II

- Let's consider the fields are generated by a source particle of unit charge then

$$F_l = E_z = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ql}{\gamma^2(l^2 + x^2/\gamma^2)^{3/2}},$$

$$F_t = E_x - vB_y = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qx}{\gamma^4(l^2 + x^2/\gamma^2)^{3/2}}.$$



In accelerator physics, the force  $\mathbf{F}$  is often called *the space charge force*.

The longitudinal force decreases with the growth of  $\gamma$  as  $\gamma^{-2}$  (for  $l \gtrsim x/\gamma$ ). For the transverse force, if  $l \gg x/\gamma$ ,  $F_t \sim \gamma^{-4}$ , and for  $l = 0$ ,  $F_t \sim \gamma^{-1}$ . Hence, in the limit  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , the electromagnetic interaction in free space between two particles on parallel paths vanishes.

