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**Wednesday, 15 June, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

*Answer **five** questions with at least **one** from each section:*

*Start the answer to each question in a fresh book.*

*A list of physical constants and conversion factors accompanies this paper.*

*The numbers in the margin indicate the weight that the Examiners expect to assign to each part of the question.*

**Do NOT turn over until told that you may do so.**

The following notation is used throughout the paper: capital bold letters (e.g.  $\mathbf{U}$ ) indicate 4-vectors; lower case bold letters (e.g.  $\mathbf{v}$ ) indicate 3-vectors. Note, however, that the symbols  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  in questions 3 and 4 indicate 3-vectors: the electric and magnetic fields and vector potential respectively.

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1. For a particle of mass  $m$  moving along a world-line in an inertial reference frame,  $S$ , define the proper time,  $\tau$ , 4-velocity,  $\mathbf{U}$  and 4-acceleration,  $\mathbf{A}$ . Using the relation for the  $\gamma$ -factor,  $\gamma(v) = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$  of the particle,  $d\gamma/dt = \gamma^3(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}/c^2)$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  are the particle 3-velocity and 3-acceleration, correspondingly, find  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\gamma$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ .

Find the invariants of 4-velocity and 4-momentum. Evaluate explicitly the scalar product,  $\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . [5]

Two events in  $S$  are characterized by 4-coordinates,  $\mathbf{D} = (ct_d, \mathbf{x}_d)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (ct_b, \mathbf{x}_b)$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_d$  and  $\mathbf{x}_b$  are 3-vectors. Write down the condition for these events to be connected by a time-like interval. In such a case, can we find an inertial frame,  $S'$ , where the two events are occurring simultaneously? Explain. What is the physical meaning of the condition  $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ ? [5]

Define proper acceleration and pure force. A particle undergoing hyperbolic motion has a worldline given by  $x^2 - t^2 = L^2$ , where  $L$  is a constant and the speed of light is  $c = 1$ . Find the particle's speed,  $v$ , the Lorentz factor,  $\gamma(v)$  and the acceleration,  $a$ , as functions of  $x$  and show that  $a\gamma^3$  is constant. [5]

Now consider the motion of a particle of mass  $m$ , initially at rest under the influence of a constant 3-force,  $\mathbf{f}$ . Find  $\beta \equiv \mathbf{v}/c$  and the Lorentz factor  $\gamma(t)$  of the particle as a function of time  $t$ . Sketch the graphs of  $\gamma(t)$  and  $\beta(t)$ . [5]

An electron is accelerated from rest through a gap of  $L = 10$  m by an electric field of strength  $5 \text{ MV m}^{-1}$  that is constant throughout the gap. Find  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  at the other end of the gap. How much would  $\beta$  change if the accelerating field was reduced by 20%? How long does it take for the electron to reach the other end of the gap? [5]

2. A frame  $S'$  is moving relative to the laboratory frame,  $S$ , with velocity  $\mathbf{v} = (v_x, 0, 0)$ . A particle of mass  $m$  moves in  $S$  with velocity  $\mathbf{u} = (u_x, u_y, 0)$ . Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $S$ . Using  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{u}_{\perp}$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_{\parallel}$  is the component of the particle's velocity in the direction of motion of  $S'$  and  $\mathbf{u}_{\perp}$  is the component perpendicular to it, show that the angle  $\theta'$  in frame  $S'$  is given by

$$\tan \theta' = \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma_v(u \cos \theta - v)},$$

where  $\gamma_v \equiv \gamma(v)$  is the Lorentz factor. [5]

In frame  $S$  an electron moves in a uniform magnetic field,  $\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B)$ , along a spiral trajectory defined by the Larmor radius,  $R$ , and a constant longitudinal velocity,  $\mathbf{v}_z \parallel \mathbf{B}$ . The initial 4-momentum of the electron is  $\mathbf{P}_0$ . The ratio between longitudinal and transverse components of the electron's 3-momentum is  $\mathbf{p}_{\parallel}/\mathbf{p}_{\perp} = 1$ , while the electron's Lorentz factor is  $\gamma = 17$ . At  $t = t_0$  a constant electric field,  $\mathbf{E} = (0, 0, E_z)$ , is applied in such a way that it decelerates the electron. After propagating 1 m along the  $z$  direction, the electron's longitudinal velocity drops to zero,  $v_z = 0$ . Find the strength,  $E_z$ , of the electric field applied and the factor  $\gamma$  at the end of the trajectory. Sketch the dependence of the Larmor radius on  $z$ . Ignore any radiation effects by the electron. [7]

[Hint: Use the fact that the electron's rest energy in eV is  $m_0c^2 = 0.511$  MeV and  $\gamma = 1 + eV/m_0c^2$ , where  $V$  is the voltage applied.]

Two photons of the same angular frequency,  $\omega$ , and with 4-momenta  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , move in the stationary frame  $S$ . The first photon moves along the  $x$  direction and has  $v_y = 0$  while the second photon moves at some angle  $\theta$  to the  $x$  direction. Both photons have  $v_z = 0$ . Find:

- (a) the rest energy of the system as a function of  $\omega$  and  $\theta$ ; and
- (b) the velocity of the centre of mass frame relative to the lab frame as a function of  $\theta$ , making a sketch of the  $\theta$ -dependence. [7]

Photons with wave 4-vector  $\mathbf{K}$  are radiated by a stationary laser towards a beam of electrons. Each electron in the beam has energy  $W$  and velocity  $v$  along the  $x$  direction. A single photon scatters off an electron. In the lab frame,  $S$ , find the maximum photon energy after the scattering. If the electron's energy is 2 GeV and the photon's wavelength is 1 cm, calculate the scattered photon's wavelength. [6]

**3.** Name three phenomena, each of which can be detected via the studies of emitted or reflected light in astrophysics, that would represent a direct test of Special Relativity. Explain what the relativistic Doppler effect is and derive the equation for the photon's frequency shift from  $\omega$  to  $\omega'$  between reference frames S and S', respectively, moving with relative velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ . The photon is emitted at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to  $\mathbf{v}$  in S. [6]

A plane monochromatic electromagnetic wave with angular frequency  $\omega$  and wave 3-vector  $\mathbf{k}$  propagates in a uniform medium with refractive index  $n$ . Define the phase and group velocities,  $v_{ph}$  and  $v_{gr}$ , and show that  $v_{gr}v_{ph} = c^2$  for  $n = 1$ . [4]

An electron of mass  $m_e$  and a proton of mass  $M_p$  are moving in the lab frame S in opposite directions but toward each other with velocities,  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 0, \pm v_z)$ , respectively. At some moment the particles collide and a photon is emitted in the direction perpendicular to the  $z$  axis. After the collision, the electron and the proton are moving as a single particle. The wavelength of the photon as measured by an observer in the laboratory frame is  $\lambda$ . Find the minimal total energy of the electron and proton,  $E_{tot}$ , before the collision that would allow emission of such a photon. [7]

A plane, linearly polarized electromagnetic wave propagates in the  $z$  direction through a uniform medium with the refractive index  $n > 1$ . The electric and magnetic fields of the wave are given by

$$E_y = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz), \quad B_x = B_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \quad \text{and} \quad |\mathbf{E}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0| = 1.$$

Find the vector potential,  $\mathbf{A}$ , the scalar potential,  $\varphi$  and the wave 4-vector,  $\mathbf{K}$ , in the Lorentz gauge,  $\partial^\mu A_\mu = 0$ . Is it possible to find a reference frame in which either the electric or magnetic field of the wave defined above would vanish? If yes, find the frame's velocity relative to the lab frame. [8]

4. Write down the relation between the electric and magnetic fields,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , and the components of the 4-vector potential,  $A^\mu$ . Define the field strength tensor,  $F^{\alpha\beta} = \partial^\alpha A^\beta - \partial^\beta A^\alpha$  and show that its components satisfy  $\partial^c F^{ab} + \partial^a F^{bc} + \partial^b F^{ca} = 0$ . Define the 4-current,  $J_\nu$ , and show that two out of the four Maxwell's equations can be written in the form  $\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = J_\nu$ .

Show that the Lorentz force acting on the unit volume of charge density,  $\rho$ , can be written as  $f_\mu = J^\nu F_{\nu\mu}$ . What is the physical meaning of the  $f_0$  component of this 4-vector? [7]

Consider a unit vector,  $U_W^\mu = W^\mu / (m_0 c |\mathbf{s}|)$ , parallel to the Pauli-Lubanski spin vector,  $W^\mu = (\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{p}, E\mathbf{s}/c)$ . Show without direct calculations that  $U_W^\mu$  and the 4-momentum are orthogonal to each other, i.e.  $U_W^\mu P_\mu = 0$ . [Hint: Use the rest frame.] [5]

A free relativistic electron (with  $\gamma = 100$ ) moves (a) in a vacuum (refractive index  $n = 1$ ), or (b) in a uniform medium (refractive index  $n = 2$ ). Explain whether the electron emits a photon in either of the cases listed. If the electron in case (a) or case (b) can emit a photon, at what angle with respect to the electron's trajectory is the photon emitted? [6]

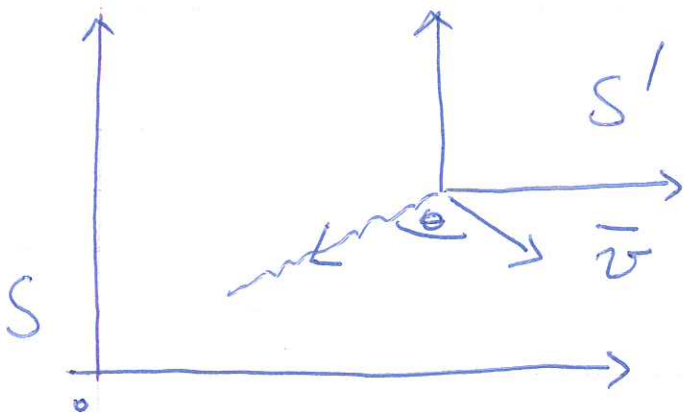
A straight wire with the charge density  $\rho$  moves with velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  along the  $z$  axis. Find the electric and magnetic fields,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , generated by the wire in the frames:

- (i)  $S'$  which is co-moving with the wire;
- (ii) the laboratory (stationary) frame  $S$ .

A second identical wire having the same charge density and separated by the distance,  $d$ , from the first wire moves parallel to the first wire with the same velocity. Is it possible to find such a frame that the forces between wires can be described as purely magnetic? Prove the statement. [7]

- Stellar aberration
- Relativ. Doppler effect
- Radio time delay
- Headlight effect

Doppler effect:



Photon in  $S'$ :

$$k'^{\mu} = \left( \frac{\omega'}{c}, \vec{k}' \right)$$

Photon in  $S$ :

$$k^{\mu} = \left( \frac{\omega}{c}, \vec{k} \right)$$

Lor. transf.  $S \rightarrow S'$ :

$$k'^0 = \gamma (k^0 - \beta \cdot \vec{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega'}{c} = \gamma \left( \frac{\omega}{c} - \frac{v}{c} |\vec{k}| \cos \theta \right) =$$

$$= \gamma \frac{\omega}{c} \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta \right), \quad \text{since } |\vec{k}| = \frac{\omega}{c}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = \frac{\omega'}{\gamma \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta \right)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= 0 \\ k'^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

• phase velocity

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Elem waves  $\sim e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}$

Const. phase:  $-\omega t + \vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} = \text{const}$

Can choose direction along  $\vec{k}$  in isotropic medium (e.g. choose  $z$  along  $\vec{k}$ )

$\Rightarrow -\omega t + kz = \text{const}, k = |\vec{k}|.$

$$-\omega dt + k dz = 0 \Rightarrow v_{ph} = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{|\vec{k}|}$$

In medium,  $\vec{k}^{\mu} = \left( \frac{\omega n}{c}, \vec{k} \right), k^2 = 0$

$$|\vec{k}| = \omega n / c \Rightarrow v_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{|\vec{k}|} = c / n.$$

• Group velocity: wave packet

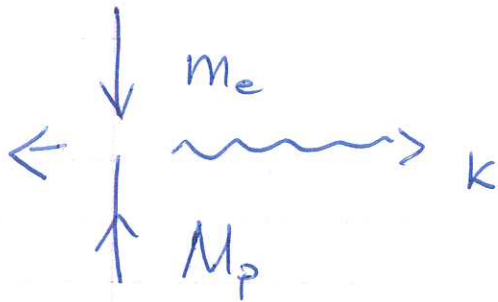
with  $v_{gr} = d\omega / dk, \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c/n$

$$\Rightarrow v_{gr} \cdot v_{ph} = c^2 / n^2 = c^2 \text{ for } n=1.$$



$$\bar{v} = (0, 0, \pm v_z)$$

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$$P_e + P_p = p' + k$$

Before:  $P_e = \left( \frac{E_e}{c}, \bar{P}_e \right) = (\gamma m_e c, -\gamma m_e v_z)$

$$P_p = \left( \frac{E_p}{c}, \bar{P}_p \right) = (\gamma M_p c, \gamma M_p v_z)$$

Here  $\gamma = (1 - v_z^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$

$$E_{TOT} = \gamma (m_e + M_p) c^2 \equiv \gamma M_{TOT} c^2.$$

After:  $k^\mu = \left( \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda}, \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda}, 0, 0 \right)$

$$P'^\mu = \left( \gamma' M_{TOT} c, \gamma' M_{TOT} v'_x, 0, \gamma' M_{TOT} v'_z \right)$$

So,  $\gamma v_z (M_p - m_e) = \gamma' (M_p + m_e) v'_z$

$$0 = \gamma' (M_p + m_e) v'_x + \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\gamma'^2 = \left(1 - v_x'^2/c^2 - v_z'^2/c^2\right)^{-1}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \gamma' v_z' = \gamma v_z \frac{M_p - m_e}{M_p + m_e} \\ \gamma' v_x' = - \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda (M_p + m_e)} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma'^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma^2 v_z^2 \left(\frac{M_p - m_e}{M_p + m_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(M_p + m_e)^2}$$

Also,  $\gamma (m_e + M_p) c = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} + \gamma' (m_e + M_p) c$

$$\gamma' (m_e + M_p) c = \gamma (m_e + M_p) c - \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma' = \gamma - \frac{2\pi}{\lambda (m_e + M_p)}}$$

So, we have the following eq. relating  $\lambda$  and  $v_z'$ :

$$\left( \gamma - \frac{2\hbar}{\lambda (m_e + M_p)} \right)^2 = 1 + (\gamma^2 - 1) \left( \frac{M_p - m_e}{M_p + m_e} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{2\hbar}{\lambda} \right)^2 \frac{1}{(M_p + m_e)^2} \quad 3-5$$

For a given  $\lambda$ , this allows to find  $\gamma$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{TOT}} = \gamma (m_e + M_p) c^2.$$

$$\bullet E_y = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

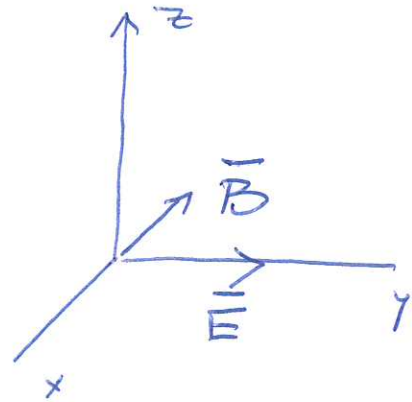
$$B_x = -B_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

$$A^\mu = (\phi/c, \bar{A})$$

$$K^\mu = (\frac{\omega}{c}, 0, 0, k)$$

$$X^\mu = (ct, x, y, z)$$

$$\square A^\mu = 0 \quad (\text{eom})$$



$$\bar{B} = \text{curl} \bar{A} \quad \bar{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$B_x = \partial_y A_z - \partial_z A_y = -B_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

$$B_y = -\partial_x A_z + \partial_z A_x = 0$$

$$B_z = \partial_x A_y - \partial_y A_x = 0$$

$$A_y = -\frac{B_0}{k} \sin(\omega t - kz) \quad A_x = 0 \quad A_z = 0$$

$$\bar{E} = -\nabla\phi - \partial\bar{A}/\partial t \Rightarrow \phi = 0,$$

$$E_x = 0, \quad E_y = -\partial_t A_y = \\ = + \frac{\omega B_0}{k} \cos(\omega t - kz) = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

$$\omega/k = c/n \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_0 = c B_0 / n.$$

$$|\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0| = 1 \quad c B_0^2 / n = 1$$

$$B_0^2 = n/c \quad B_0 = \sqrt{n/c} \quad E_0 = \sqrt{c/n}$$

$$A^\mu = (0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega k}} \sin(k^\mu x_\mu), 0)$$

Invariants of electromagnetic field:

$$\alpha \sim \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}, \quad \mathcal{D} \sim \vec{E}^2/c^2 - \vec{B}^2.$$

Plane wave is a solution of Maxwell's eq. with  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  in  $V$  frame  $E' \perp B'$ ,  $E'/c = B'$ ,  
 $E'$  and  $B'$  are always non-zero.

# Problem 4

4-1

$$A^M = (\Phi/c, \bar{A})$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{B} &= \text{curl } \bar{A} = \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{A} \\ \bar{E} &= -\nabla \phi - \partial_t \bar{A} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \partial^\alpha A^\beta - \partial^\beta A^\alpha \quad (\text{definition})$$

Note:  $F^{\alpha\beta} = -F^{\beta\alpha}$

Relation to  $\bar{E}, \bar{B}$ :  $F^{0i} = \underline{E}^i / c$

$$F^{ij} = \epsilon^{ijk} B^k$$

$$F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_x/c & E_y/c & E_z/c \\ -\frac{E_x}{c} & 0 & B_z & -B_y \\ -\frac{E_y}{c} & -B_z & 0 & B_x \\ -\frac{E_z}{c} & B_y & -B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Maxwell's eqs:  $\partial_\beta F^{\alpha\beta} = \mu_0 J^\alpha$

4 eqs (in components) corresp. to

$$\text{div } \bar{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{curl } \bar{B} = \mu_0 \bar{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t}$$

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Indeed, since  $J^\mu = (\rho c, \vec{j})$ , where  $\rho, \vec{j}$  are the charge density and current density in the lab frame, with  $\partial_\mu J^\mu = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \text{div } \vec{j} = 0$ , we have for  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$\partial_\beta F^{\alpha\beta} = \mu_0 J^\alpha.$$

i.e.  $\partial_0 \underbrace{F^{00}}_{=0} + \partial_i F^{0i} = \mu_0 J^0 = \mu_0 c \rho$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_i E^i = \mu_0 c^2 \rho = \rho / \epsilon_0.$$

And similarly for  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$  (show this!)

• The other half of Maxwell's eqs

$$\text{div } \vec{B} = 0, \quad \text{curl } \vec{E} = - \partial \vec{B} / \partial t,$$

corresp. to Bianchi identity

$$\partial_\alpha F_{\beta\gamma} + \partial_\gamma F_{\alpha\beta} + \partial_\beta F_{\gamma\alpha} = 0.$$

This identity is satisfied due to anti-symmetry of  $F_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\partial_\alpha \partial_\beta = \partial_\beta \partial_\alpha$ !

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_\alpha (\partial_\beta A_\gamma - \partial_\gamma A_\beta) + \partial_\gamma (\partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha) \\
& + \partial_\beta (\partial_\gamma A_\alpha - \partial_\alpha A_\gamma) = \\
& = \cancel{\partial_\alpha \partial_\beta A_\gamma} - \cancel{\partial_\alpha \partial_\gamma A_\beta} + \cancel{\partial_\gamma \partial_\alpha A_\beta} - \cancel{\partial_\gamma \partial_\beta A_\alpha} + \\
& + \cancel{\partial_\beta \partial_\gamma A_\alpha} - \cancel{\partial_\beta \partial_\alpha A_\gamma} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

For example:

$$\partial^1 F^{23} + \partial^3 F^{12} + \partial^2 F^{31} = 0$$

$$\text{is } \partial^x B^x + \partial^z B^z + \partial^y B^y = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{div } \bar{B} = 0.$$

- Lorentz force (density)  $\bar{f} = \bar{F}/V$   
 $\bar{f} = \rho \bar{E} + \bar{j} \times \bar{B}$  ( $\rho = Q/V$   
 $\bar{j} = \bar{J}/V$ )

can be written in covariant form as

$$\underline{f_\mu = F_{\mu\nu} J^\nu} \quad (\text{note a typo in the order of indices in the problem})$$



Indeed,  $f_i = F_{i\nu} J^\nu = F_{i0} J^0 +$   
 $+ F_{ij} J^j = \frac{E_i}{c} \rho c + \epsilon_{ijk} B_k J_j$

The  $f_0$  component is

$$f_0 = F_{0\nu} J^\nu = F_{00} J^0 + F_{0i} J^i =$$

$$= -\bar{E} \cdot \bar{J} / c$$

Since  $\vec{j} = nq\vec{v}$ ,  $f_0 \sim \vec{j} \cdot \vec{v}$ , i.e. this is power density or the work done by external field on charges inside the volume.

Consider  $U_w^\mu = W^\mu / m_0 c |\bar{s}|$ , where

$W^\mu = (\bar{s} \cdot \bar{p}, E \bar{s} / c)$  is the Pauli-Lubanski vector

$$U_w^\mu \cdot P_\mu = 0 \quad ?$$

Indeed,  $U_w^\mu = \left( \frac{\bar{p} \cdot \bar{s}}{m_0 c |\bar{s}|}, \frac{E \bar{s}}{m_0 c^2 |\bar{s}|} \right)$

In particle's rest frame,  $P^\mu = (m_0 c, \bar{0})$

and  $U_w^\mu = \left( 0, \frac{\bar{s}}{|\bar{s}|} \right) \Rightarrow$

$$U_w^\mu P_\mu = - \underset{0}{U_w^0} P^0 + \bar{U}_w \underset{0}{\bar{P}} = 0$$

Since Mink. scalar product is invar,

$U_w^\mu P_\mu = 0$  in any frame.

- Electron with  $\gamma = 100$  moves in  
 a) vac with  $n = 1$ .

$$p = p' + k, \quad \text{where } k^\mu = \left( \frac{\omega}{c}, \vec{k} \right)$$

photon's 4-vector  
of momentum

and  $p, p'$  are 4-momenta of the  
electron before / after emission.

$$p^2 = p'^2 + 2pk + k^2 \Rightarrow pk = 0$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{"} & \text{"} & \text{"} \\ m^2c^2 & m^2c^2 & 0 \end{matrix}$

With  $p' = \left( \frac{\epsilon'}{c}, \vec{p}' \right)$ , we have

$$- \frac{\epsilon'}{c} \frac{\omega}{c} + \vec{p}' \cdot \vec{k} = 0 \quad |\vec{k}| = \omega/c$$

or  $\frac{\epsilon'}{c} = |\vec{p}'| \cos \varphi$        $\varphi$  - angle  
between  $\vec{p}', \vec{k}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \cos \varphi = \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2c^2}{p'^2c^2}} > 1 \text{ (impossible)}$$

b) a medium with  $n = 2$ .

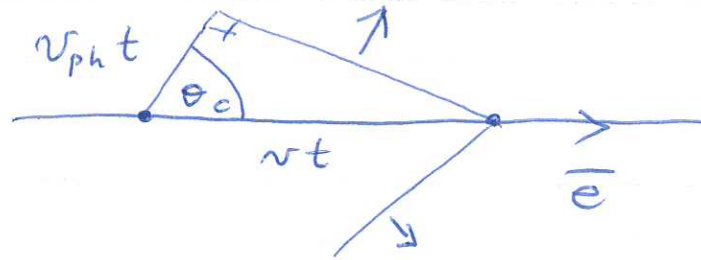
In this case, the electron is not free.

Light in medium has phase vel.

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$$v_{ph} = c/n < c$$

Electron moving with  $v > c/n$  can emit photon (Cherenkov radiation)



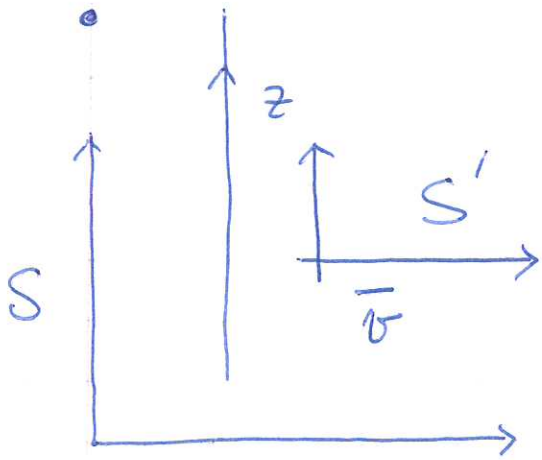
$$v \cos \theta_c = v_{ph} \Rightarrow \cos \theta_c = \frac{v_{ph}}{v}$$

$$v = c \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2}$$

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{c}{n \cdot c \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2}} = \frac{1}{n (\sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2})} \approx 0.5$$

$$\theta_c \approx 60^\circ$$

Analysis of Cherenkov eff.: see e.g. L-L or Jackson.



In  $S'$ , the wire is stationary

Gauss' theorem:

$$2\pi r' l' E_r' = l' \rho' / \epsilon_0$$

for the length  $l'$  of the wire. Here  $\rho' = \rho_0$ : proper charge density. So, in  $S'$  we have  $\vec{B}' = 0$  and

$$E_r' = \rho' / 2\pi \epsilon_0 r', \quad \text{where } \rho' = \rho_0 \text{ and } r'^2 = x'^2 + y'^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow E_z' = 0, \quad E_x' = \frac{\partial x'}{\partial r'} E_r' = \frac{x'}{r'} E_r' =$$

$$= \frac{\rho' x'}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r'^2}, \quad E_y' = \frac{y'}{r'} E_r' = \frac{\rho' y'}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r'^2}.$$

To find fields in  $S$ , make Lor. transf.

Note:  $\rho' dl' = \rho dl$  (charge conserved)

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \gamma \rho' = \gamma \rho_0 \text{ in } S$$

$$\text{Also, } x' = x, \quad y' = y, \quad r' = r.$$

So,  $E'_z = 0$ ,  $E'_x = \frac{\rho_0 x}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ , 4-9

$$E'_y = \frac{\rho_0 y}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho y}{\gamma 2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad \left( \text{here } \rho \text{ is } \frac{\text{charge dens.}}{\text{in } S} \right)$$

$$(r^2 = x^2 + y^2)$$

Field transformations:  $S \rightarrow S'$

$$\bar{E}'_{\parallel} = \bar{E}_{\parallel}$$

$$\bar{E}'_{\perp} = \gamma (\bar{E}_{\perp} + \bar{v} \times \bar{B})$$

$$S' \rightarrow S : \begin{cases} \bar{E}_{\parallel} = \bar{E}'_{\parallel} \\ \bar{E}_{\perp} = \gamma (\bar{E}'_{\perp} - \bar{v} \times \bar{B}') \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_z = 0$$

$$E_x = \frac{\gamma \rho_0 x}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho x}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$E_y = \frac{\gamma \rho_0 y}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = \frac{\rho y}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

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frame

Magnetic field:  $S \rightarrow S'$

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$$\begin{cases} \bar{B}_{\parallel} = \bar{B}'_{\parallel} \\ \bar{B}_{\perp} = \gamma (\bar{B}'_{\perp} - \bar{v} \times \bar{E}' / c^2) \end{cases}$$

For  $S' \rightarrow S$ :

$$\begin{cases} \bar{B}_{\parallel} = \bar{B}'_{\parallel} \\ \bar{B}_{\perp} = \gamma (\bar{B}'_{\perp} + \bar{v} \times \bar{E}' / c^2) \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Lab frame

$$\begin{cases} B_z = 0 \\ B_x = -\frac{\gamma v}{c^2} E'_y = -\frac{\rho v y}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r^2 c^2} \\ B_y = \frac{\rho v x}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r^2 c^2} \end{cases}$$

( $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $\rho$  is the charge density in  $S$ ).

• In  $S'$ , forces are electric,  $\bar{B}' = 0$ .

In any other frame  $S''$ ,  $\bar{E}'_{\perp} = \tilde{\gamma} \bar{E}'_{\perp}$

$\Rightarrow$  impossible to eliminate electric forces.