

# SECTION 11

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(SECTION 10 WAS FOR PREUM II DEBRIEFING)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- IN GENERAL: NO HW DISCUSSION VIA EMAIL
- NO TA ON MONDAY (I'LL BE @ PERIMETER INSTITUTE)
- OFFICE HRS @ USUAL TIME w/ MATT CLICHE
- FEEL FREE TO USE MATHEMATICA AT WILL (PRINT WORK)

## BIG PICTURE

### RETARDED POTENTIALS <sup>FINITE</sup>

INFORMATION TRAVELS @ THE SPEED OF LIGHT  
w/ FINITE SPEED OF LIGHT (+ CAUSALITY)

→ SPECIAL RELATIVITY IS BUILT INTO EFM!  
YOU SHOULD KEEP AN EYE OUT

OR ITS AVATARS:

$$\beta = v/c \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

$$x^2 = -r^2 + c^2 t^2$$

(BTW: CONSIDER  $c=1$  ~~TAKING~~  
REPLACING  $c$ 's @ THE END)

ALL THIS RETARDED SCUM: JUST THINK ONE

GRIFFITHS 810-3

## RETARDED SCALAR POTENTIAL

CLAIM:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{s}, t + R/c)}{R} d^3s$$

$\rho(\mathbf{s}, t)$   
↙  
 $t_r$

OBSERVATION  
POSITION & TIME

$$R = \cancel{r} - \mathbf{s}^*(t)$$

↑  
TIME DEPENDENT

FIND  $\Phi$  FOR A <sup>MOVING</sup> POINT CHARGE, INTERPRET  
THE WEIRD FACTORS.

POINT CHARGE:  $\rho(\mathbf{s}, t) = q \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_q(t) - \mathbf{s})$

SO:  $d^3s$  WILL ~~SMOOR~~ HIT THE  $\delta^{(3)}$   
R IN DENOMINATOR  $\rightarrow |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_q(t_r)|$

↳  $\int \rho(\mathbf{s}, t_r) d^3s$  GUES  $q$ , RIGHT?

**No**: LIKE PHOTOCOPIING A SHEET WHILE MOVING IT  
B/C YOU'RE NOT SAMPLING THE SYSTEM @  
A FIXED TIME, YOU GET A SMEARED  
PICTURE!

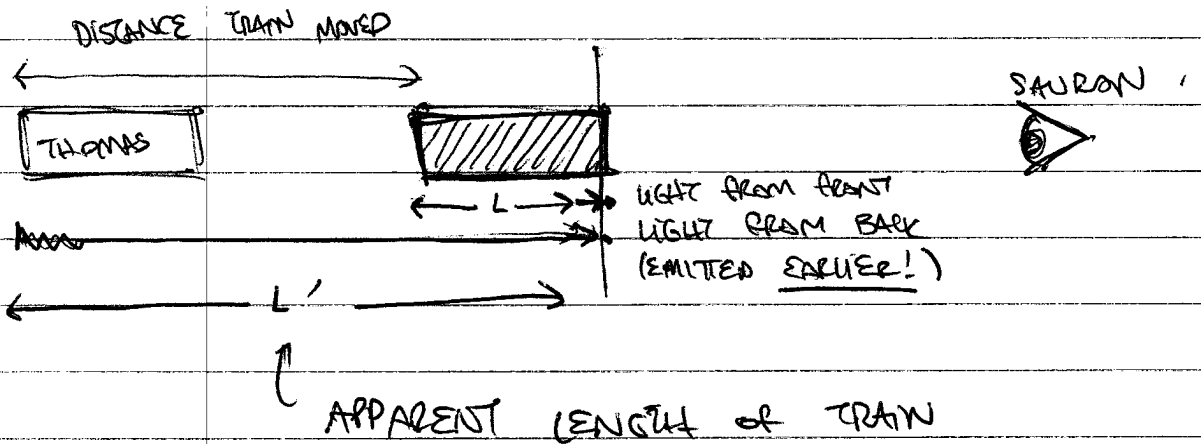
$\int \rho(\mathbf{s}, t_r) d^3s$  EVALUATES  $\rho$  @ DIFFERENT TIMES.

CLAIM

$$\int \rho(\mathbf{s}, t_e) d^3s = \frac{q}{1 - \hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

↑ UNIT LEN.

### GRITCH'S TRAIN ANALOGY



time for light from rear to reach front  
= time for train to travel  $(L' - L)$

$$\frac{L'}{c} = \frac{L' - L}{v} \Rightarrow L'v = cL' - cL$$

$$\Rightarrow L' = \frac{L}{1 - v/c}$$

note:  
nothing to do  
w/ SR  
(more like  
NR DOPPLER)

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta}$$

[this is conceptually clearer  
than HMM]

↑ ANGLE w/  
LINE of SIGHT

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{e}{[R - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{R}]} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

[HMM 8.42]

POINT CH.

$$[\phi(t)] = f(t_e)$$

CONCEPTUALLY THAT'S ALL NICE.

A IS COMPLETELY ANALOGOUS.

A GOOD TECHNICAL STEP TO WORK THROUGH:

[ DETERMINE  $t_R$  FOR A PARTICLE  
MOVING @ CONSTANT VELOCITY ]  
(GRF 9-3)

$$\boxed{r_2(t) = vt}$$

$$t_R = t + \frac{R}{c}$$

$R = |r - r_2(t)|$   
↑  
w/  $t = t_R!$

$$\Rightarrow (t_R - t)^2 c^2 = (r - vt_R)^2$$

SOLVE FOR  $t_R$  (SET  $c=1$ ) ( $\Leftrightarrow v \rightarrow \beta$ )

$$t_R^2 - 2t t_R + t^2 = r^2 - 2(r \cdot v) t_R + v^2 t_R^2$$

$$(1 - v^2) t_R^2 - 2(t - r \cdot v) t_R + (t^2 - r^2) = 0$$

$$t_R = \frac{2(t - r \cdot v) \pm \sqrt{4(t - r \cdot v)^2 - 4(1 - v^2)(t^2 - r^2)}}{2(1 - v^2)}$$

TWO SOLUTIONS: RETARDED ? ADVANCED  
↳ IMPOSE CAUSALITY

For  $v=0$ :  $t_R = t \pm \sqrt{r^2}$

↑  
WHICH SIGN? WANT  
RETARDED TIME, MINUS.

$$\Rightarrow t_R = \frac{(t - r \cdot v) - \sqrt{(t - r \cdot v)^2 + (1 - v^2)(r^2 - t^2)}}{1 - v^2}$$

HOW TO RESTORE C'S:

EVERYTHING SHOULD BE A TIME.

$$s: v^2 \rightarrow \beta^2 = v^2/c^2$$

$$r \rightarrow r/c$$

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↙ steady state

## COMPARE TO STATIC CASE

SOMETHING NOT COMPLETELY OBVIOUS TO ME

→ YOU CAN'T DO THIS W/ THE E & B FIELDS DIRECTLY!

→ BUT: DOING SO IS NOT ACTUALLY A BAD APPROX

H & M 4.61: QUASISTATIC APPROX FOR TIME-DEP POT:

$$\mathbf{E} = \int d^3s \frac{\rho \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{R^2} - \frac{1}{c^2 R} \dot{\mathbf{j}}$$

↑  
COULOMB

↑  
FARADAY

OF RETARDATION (GENERATED) FIELD:

$$\mathbf{E} = \int d^3s \frac{[\rho] \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{R^2} + \frac{[\dot{\rho}] \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{cR} - \frac{1}{c^2 R} [\dot{\mathbf{j}}]$$

EXPAND

$$\rho \mapsto \rho(t) = \rho(t_r) + \underbrace{\dot{\rho}(t_r) \underbrace{(t_r - t)}_{(R/c)}} + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\rho}(t_r) \underbrace{(t_r - t)^2}$$

UNACCOUNTED FOR  
(ACCEL & ABOVE)

SIMILARLY FOR B w/  $\mathbf{j}$  expanded about  $t_r$   
IN THE STATIC EQ

SANITY CHECK:

for a POINT CHARGE, THE POTENTIALS/FIELDS ARE CALLED LIENARD - WIECHERT

HM 8-2: SHOW THAT LW B FIELD REDUCES TO BIOT-SAVART IN APPROPRIATE LIMIT.

NONRELATIVISTIC  $v \ll c \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow 0$   
LOW ACCEL.  $a \ll \frac{v}{R}$

(HM 8.64)

$$\mathbf{B} = e \left( \frac{(\underline{\beta} \times \underline{n})(1-\beta^2)}{k^3 R^2} + \frac{(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{n})(\underline{\beta} \times \underline{n})}{c^2 k^3 R} + \frac{\underline{a} \times \underline{n}}{c^2 k^2 R} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega/n &= R/R \\ k &= 1 - \underline{\beta} \cdot \underline{n} \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= e \left[ \frac{\underline{\beta} \times \underline{R}}{R^3} + \frac{(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{R})(\underline{\beta} \times \underline{R})}{c^2 R^3} + \frac{\underline{a} \times \underline{R}}{c^2 R^2} \right]$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\frac{e \underline{v} \times \underline{R}}{c R^3}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\sim \frac{a \beta}{c^2 R}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\sim \frac{a}{c^2 R}$$

$$\sim \beta^2 / R^2$$

$B_1$

$B_2$

$B_3$

OBSERVE:  $B_3 \gg B_2$  AS  $u \ll c$  ( $\beta \rightarrow 0$ )  
 $B_1 \gg B_3$  AS  $\frac{a}{c^2} \ll \frac{\beta}{R}$

So only  $B_1$  IN THIS UNIT.

Now NOTE:

$$e \underline{u} = e \frac{d\underline{l}}{dt} = \frac{dq}{dt} \underline{dl} = I \underline{dl}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{B} \rightarrow \frac{I \underline{dl} \times \underline{R}}{cR^3}$$

NOT SMART.



WE SAW FROM OUR COMPARISON OF THE  
[QUASI] STATIC FIELDS TO THE JAKIMOWICZ FIELDS  
THAT THE CORRECTIONS OCCUR @ THE Q  
OF ACCELERATION TERMS

↓  
ACCELERATING CHARGES GIVE RADIATION  
eg. PLANE WAVES (WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT  
THE SOURCE BEFORE - JUST MADE THE  
POINT THAT ONCE YOU HAVE A PLANE  
WAVE, IT CANNOT SOURCE ITSELF)

CF B FIELD IN PUS PROBLEM.

POT - SAVART TERM DOESN'T GIVE RADIATION,  
OTHER TERMS DO

BTW:  $E \sim \nabla \times B$

SO FOR BOTH E & B,

THE RADIATION TERMS GO LIKE  $1/R$

↳  $S \sim E \times B \sim 1/R^2$

SURFACE AREA  $\sim R^2$ , s.t.

ENERGY IS CONSERVED FOR THESE GUYS.

$$P = \int \underline{S} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dA \propto \boxed{a^2}$$

IN HW : RADIATION AS A KINK

