

## The Electromagnetic field from Liénard-Wiechert Potential of Moving Point charge

Electromagnetic field  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  given by

$$\vec{B} = \text{curl } \vec{A} \quad - (1) \quad \text{and} \quad E = -\text{grad } \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \quad - (2)$$

Now from Liénard-Wiechert Potential, given by

$$\phi(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' \quad (3)$$

$$\vec{A}(r, t) = -\frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v(t') \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' \quad (4)$$

Putting these values from (3) and (4) in eq (2) we get

$$\vec{E}(r, t) = -\left[ \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \nabla \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' + \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v(t') \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' \right] \quad (5)$$

Now we note that the only dependence on the spatial coordinate  $\vec{r}$  of the field point is through  $R$ . So gradient operation is equivalent to  $\text{grad} = \hat{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial R}$  — (6)

Here  $\hat{n}$  is unit vector along  $\vec{R} = (r - r')$ .

So eq (5) will be

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= -\left[ \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \hat{n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v(t') \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' \right] \\ &= -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\hat{n}}{R^2} \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c}) - \frac{\hat{n}}{Rc} \delta'(t' - t + \frac{R}{c}) \right] dt' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v(t') \delta'(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt' \end{aligned}$$

The prime on the delta function means differentiation with respect to its argument. Now using  $\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$  and hence substituting  $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2 \epsilon_0}$

and  $\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}}{c}$ , we get

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\hat{n}}{R^2} \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c}) + \left( \frac{\vec{B} - \hat{n}}{cR} \right) \delta'(t' - t + \frac{R}{c}) \right] dt' \quad (7)$$

Similarly substituting the value of  $\vec{A}$  from (4) in eq (1) we get

$$\vec{B}(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \nabla \times \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{v(t') \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} dt'$$

$$\vec{B}(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \times \left\{ \frac{v(t') \delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R(r, r')} \right\} \right] dt' \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ n \times v \left\{ \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R^2} + \frac{\delta'(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{Rc} \right\} \right] dt'$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 q c}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ n \times \vec{B} \left\{ \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{R^2} + \frac{\delta'(t' - t + \frac{R}{c})}{Rc} \right\} \right] dt' \quad (8)$$

Since  $t_1 = t' + \frac{R}{c}$

$$\text{So } \frac{dt_1}{dt} = 1 + \frac{1}{c} \frac{dR}{dt} = 1 = \frac{v \cdot R}{cR} \quad (9) \left[ \text{Since } \frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{R}}{R} \right]$$

$$\text{So } = 1 - \vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n} = k \quad \left[ \text{Here } \vec{\beta} = \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \text{ and } k = 1 - \vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n} \right]$$

$$dt_1 = \frac{dt}{k} \quad (10)$$

Substituting (9) and (10) in eq (7) and (8) we get

$$E(r, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \frac{n}{kR^2} \delta(t_1 - t) + \frac{(\vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n})}{k c R} \delta'(t_1 - t) \right] dt_1 \quad (11)$$

$$B(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ (n \times \vec{\beta}) \left\{ \frac{-\delta(t_1 - t)}{kR^2} + \frac{1}{k c R} \delta'(t_1 - t) \right\} \right] dt_1 \quad (12)$$

Integrating by part on the derivative of delta function, we get

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{n}{kR^2} - \frac{d}{dt_1} \left( \frac{\vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n}}{k c R} \right) \right] \quad (13)$$

$$B(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{n \times \vec{\beta}}{kR^2} - \frac{d}{dt_1} \left( \frac{n \times \vec{\beta}}{k c R} \right) \right] \quad (14)$$

from (10),  $dt_1 = k dt$  so eq (13) and (14)

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{n}{kR^2} + \frac{1}{c k} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n}}{kR} \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

$$B(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \hat{n}}{kR^2} + \frac{1}{c k} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \hat{n}}{kR} \right) \right] \quad (16)$$

from (17) we have  $\frac{dR}{dt} = -\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}$  and  $\frac{dR}{dt} = -v$

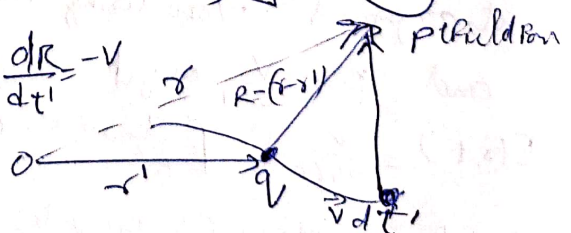
$$R = nR$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = n \frac{dR}{dt} + R \frac{dn}{dt}$$

rate of change of unit vector  $\hat{n}$  with time is given by

$$\frac{d\hat{n}}{dt} = -\frac{\vec{v}}{R} + \frac{n(\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n})}{R} = -\frac{\vec{\beta}c}{R} + \frac{n(\vec{\beta}c \cdot \hat{n})}{R} = \frac{c}{R} \{ \hat{n}(\vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{n}) - (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{n})\vec{\beta} \}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{d\hat{n}}{dt} = \frac{n \times (\hat{n} \times \vec{\beta})}{R} \quad (18)$$





So making this substitution, whenever it appears in (15) and (16)

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{n}}{k^2 R^2} + \frac{\hat{n}}{ck} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{kR} \right) - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{k^2 R^2} - \frac{1}{ck} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{\beta}}{kR} \right) \right] \quad (18)$$

$$B(r, t) = \frac{dq}{4\pi} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\vec{\beta}}{k^2 R^2} + \frac{1}{ck} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{\beta}}{kR} \right) \right\} \times \hat{n} \right] \quad (19) \quad (-20)$$

from eq (19) and (20) magnetic induction is related simply to the electric field by relation

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\hat{n} \times \vec{E}}{c} \quad (21)$$

The remaining derivatives needed in eq (19) and (20) are

$$\frac{d\vec{\beta}}{dt} = \vec{\beta} \quad (22)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} (kR) = \frac{R}{c} \frac{dk}{dt} + \frac{k}{c} \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{R}{c} \frac{d}{dt} (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) + (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \frac{d}{dt} (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})$$

$$= \frac{R}{c} \left\{ \frac{d\hat{n}}{dt} \cdot \vec{\beta} + \hat{n} \cdot \frac{d\vec{\beta}}{dt} \right\} - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} + (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})^2 \quad \left[ \sin \theta \frac{1}{c} \frac{dR}{dt} = -\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right]$$

$$= -\left\{ \hat{n} \times (\hat{n} \times \vec{\beta}) \right\} \cdot \vec{\beta} - \frac{(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})}{c} R - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} + (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})^2$$

$$= -\left\{ (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \hat{n} - (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{n}) \vec{\beta} \right\} \cdot \vec{\beta} - \frac{(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})}{c} R - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} + (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})^2$$

$$= \beta^2 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} - \frac{R}{c} (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \quad (23)$$

Then eq (14) takes the form

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{n}}{k^2 R^2} + \frac{\hat{n}}{ck} \left( -\frac{1}{k^2 R^2} \right) \frac{d}{dt} (kR) - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck} \left( -\frac{1}{k^2 R^2} \right) \frac{d}{dt} (kR) \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})}{k^2 R^2} - \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})}{ck^2 R^2} \frac{d}{dt} (kR) - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}}{k^2 R^2} - \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})}{k^3 R^2} \left\{ \beta^2 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} - \frac{R}{c} (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \right\} - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})}{k^3 R^2} \left\{ k - \beta^2 + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} + \frac{R}{c} (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \right\} - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}}{k^3 R^2} \left\{ (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) - \beta^2 + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} + \frac{R}{c} \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right\} - \frac{\vec{\beta}}{ck^2 R} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})(1 - \beta^2)}{k^3 R^2} + \frac{\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}}{k^2 R c} \left\{ (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) - k \vec{\beta} \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})(1 - \beta^2)}{k^3 R^2} + \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})}{k^3 R c} \left\{ (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) - (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \vec{\beta} \right\} \right] \quad (24)$$

$$\text{using } \hat{n} \times (\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\beta} = (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}) - \left\{ \hat{n} \cdot (\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}) \right\} \vec{\beta} = (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}) - (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \vec{\beta}$$

we may write equation (24) as

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta})(1 - \beta^2)}{k^3 R^2} + \frac{1}{k^3 R c} \{ \hat{n} \times (\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\beta} \} \right] \quad (25)$$

Now using  $n = \frac{\vec{R}}{R}$  and  $k = 1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta} = 1 - \frac{\vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta}}{R}$ , i.e.  $kR = R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta}$

Then eq (25) will be

$$E(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\vec{R} - (R\vec{\beta})(1 - \beta^2)}{(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} + \frac{\vec{R} \times (\vec{R} - R\vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\beta}}{c(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} \right] \quad (26)$$

and magnetic field induction is given by

$$\vec{B}(r, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R c} \left[ \frac{\hat{n} \times (\vec{R} - R\vec{\beta})(1 - \beta^2)}{(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} + \frac{\hat{n} \times \{ \vec{R} \times (\vec{R} - R\vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\beta} \}}{c(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} \right]$$

using  $\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$  and  $\vec{R} \times \vec{R} = 0$  we may write as

$$\vec{B}(r, t) = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 q}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{(\vec{\beta} \times \vec{R})(1 - \beta^2)}{(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} + \frac{\hat{n} \times \{ \vec{R} \times (\vec{R} - R\vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\beta} \}}{c(R - \vec{R} \cdot \vec{\beta})^3} \right]$$

Equation (26) and (27) represent required (27) electromagnetic field due to a moving point charge