

Problem 1 (10 marks)

Consider a collection of charges in nonrelativistic motion, so that

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{G}_{\text{ch}}(\vec{r}, t) &= \sum_j \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j(t)) m_j \vec{v}_j(t), \\ \overleftrightarrow{T}_{\text{ch}}(\vec{r}, t) &= \sum_j \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j(t)) m_j \vec{v}_j(t) \vec{v}_j(t)\end{aligned}$$

are their momentum density and momentum current density, respectively. Show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{G}_{\text{ch}} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \overleftrightarrow{T}_{\text{ch}} = \vec{f},$$

where $f(\vec{r}, t)$ is the familiar Lorentz force density. How does the local momentum conservation follow from this?

Problem 2 (30 marks)

Observer A uses unprimed coordinates, observer B uses primed coordinates. They move relative to each other with velocity \vec{v} . By considering both (i) infinitesimal Lorentz transformations and (ii) a finite Lorentz transformation, show that both observers see the same total charge, that is

$$\int (d\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}, t) = \int (d\vec{r}') \rho'(\vec{r}', t'),$$

where the integrations cover all of space.

Hints: You can choose \vec{v} along the z axis if you like; the identity

$$f(x - a) = f(x) - \int dx' [\eta(x - x') - \eta(x - a - x')] \frac{df(x')}{dx'}$$

could be useful.

Problem 3 (20 marks)

A point dipole $\vec{d}(t)$ moves along the trajectory $\vec{R}(t)$, so that the charge density is given by

$$\rho(\vec{r}, t) = -\vec{d}(t) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R}(t)).$$

Verify that $\int (d\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}, t) = 0$ and $\int (d\vec{r}) \vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{d}(t)$. Then find the corresponding current density $\vec{j}(\vec{r}, t)$ and express the magnetic dipole moment $\vec{\mu}(t)$ in terms of $\vec{d}(t)$ and $\vec{R}(t)$.