

Problem 1 (25 marks)

Consider the following sequence of four infinitesimal Lorentz transformations:

first by $\delta\vec{v}_1$, then by $\delta\vec{v}_2$, next by $-\delta\vec{v}_1$, finally by $-\delta\vec{v}_2$.

Keeping terms that are at most first order in $\delta\vec{v}_1$ or $\delta\vec{v}_2$ or both, show that the total transformation amounts to

$$t \rightarrow t, \quad \vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r} + \delta\vec{\phi} \times \vec{r} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta t = 0, \quad \delta\vec{r} = \delta\vec{\phi} \times \vec{r}$$

with $\delta\vec{\phi} = \frac{1}{c^2}(\delta\vec{v}_1 \times \delta\vec{v}_2)$. What does the total transformation mean in geometrical terms?

Problem 2 (25 marks)

Exploit the definitions of $F^{\mu\nu}$ and $T^{\mu\nu}$ in (4.2.2) and (4.2.25), respectively, to verify the statement of (4.2.31) on page 52 of the notes, that is:

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{c} j_\nu.$$

Relate the right-hand side to the 4-force density on page 29.

Problem 3 (25 marks)

A point charge e is moving on a circle of radius R with constant speed v , so that

$$x(t) = R \cos(vt/R), \quad y(t) = R \sin(vt/R), \quad z(t) = 0$$

are the charge's cartesian coordinates as a function of time t . Find the retarded potentials for points on the z axis. Which components of $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$ and $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$ can you infer from this limited knowledge of the potentials?

Problem 4 (25 marks)

A bit more realistic than the antenna model of Section 6.6 in the notes is the model defined by the electric current density

$$\vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{e}_z I \delta(x) \delta(y) \eta(L^2 - 4z^2) \cos(\pi z/L) \cos(\omega t).$$

Find the corresponding charge density $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$. Then calculate the electric dipole moment $\vec{d}(t)$, the magnetic dipole moment $\vec{\mu}(t)$, and the electric quadrupole moment $\vec{Q}(t)$. Use them to determine the time-averaged total radiated power $\int d\Omega \frac{dP}{d\Omega}$ in accordance with the Larmor formula (6.3.16).