

# Lecture 12

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reap: We will need this information for analysis of EM-field:

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(\vec{r}, t) = k \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' \\ \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' \end{cases}$$

$$t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c} \leftarrow \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c} \leftarrow \text{time-delay}$$

## Scalar and Vector Potentials of Moving Point Charges (Liénard-Wiechert Potentials)

For the electrostatic field we have introduced the volume density of point charge  $\rightarrow$

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = q \cdot \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_q)$$

" $\delta$ " is the Dirac delta function

Recapitulation of some properties of the " $\delta$ "-function:

For 1D space:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') \delta(x - x') dx' = f(x)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

For 3D space:

$$\int f(\vec{r}') \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d^3r' = f(\vec{r})$$

$$\int \delta(\vec{r}) d^3r = 1$$

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \delta(x) \cdot \delta(y) \cdot \delta(z)$$

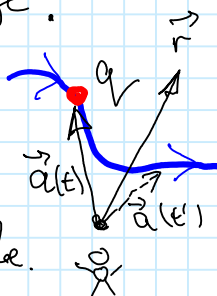
$$\vec{r}(x, y, z)$$

Time-dependent density of the point charge:

$$\rho(\vec{r}, t) = q \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t))$$

$\vec{a}(t)$  is the radius-vector of our charge particle.

" $t$ " is the real time.

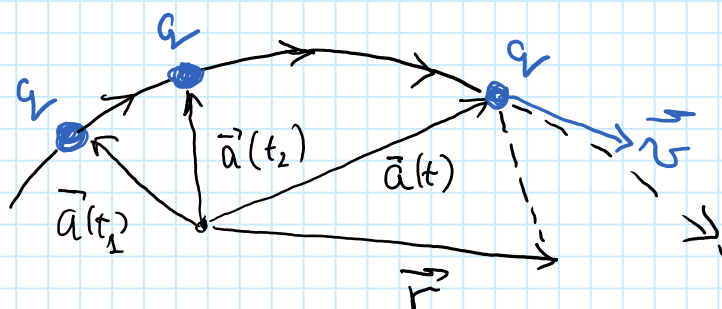


The radius vector  $\vec{a}(t)$  is considered as a known function of the time  $t$ . The scalar potential induced by moving point charge " $q$ " can be written as:

$$t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$$

$$\varphi(\vec{r}, t) = k \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' = k \int \frac{q \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{a}(t_r))}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' = kq \int \frac{\delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{a}(t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}))}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r'$$

$$\begin{cases} t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c} \quad \text{time delay} \\ \vec{a}(t_r) = \vec{r}'(t_r) \end{cases}$$



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Math. recapitulation:

Expression for the potential can be simplified. We will need to do a few transformations, which involve the  $\delta$ -function and its property.

Integration with the  $\delta$ -function is usually a very simple procedure:

$$\int f(\vec{r}') \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_0) d^3r' = f(\vec{r}_0) \quad [\vec{r}' \rightarrow \vec{r}_0]$$

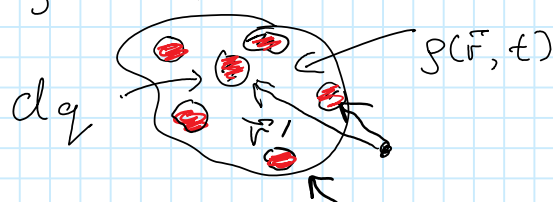
In our case:  $\vec{r}' \equiv \vec{a}(t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})$

and we have to solve this equation to determine  $\vec{r}'_0 \equiv \vec{r}'_0(t)$  !!

**Step 1** Let us to consider an expression for the volume charge density,  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$ . We have defined the volume charge density as a time-dependent function  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$ , which describes a local charge distribution:

$$dq = \rho(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d^3r$$

and  $Q = \int dq = \int \rho(\vec{r}', t) d^3r'$



The time "t" has the same value for all small "dq" charges.

In our expression for the potential: the  $\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)$  density depends on the delayed time  $t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$ :  $\rho(\vec{r}', t_r) = \rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})$ .

$$\int_V \rho(\vec{r}', t_r) d^3r' \neq q$$

The static limit " $c \rightarrow \infty$ "  
 $\rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}) \approx \rho(\vec{r}', t)$   
if  $c \rightarrow \infty$

Calculations of the volume integral cannot yield the total charge  $q$  because the density  $\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)$  includes an additional dependance on  $\vec{r}'$ .  
 $t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$ . The time delay  $\tau_d = \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$  is different for different points

**Step 2**

Calculations of the potential of a moving point charge

$$\varphi(\vec{r}, t) = K \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' = K \int \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r' dt' \delta(t' - t_r)$$

This equation is valid for any charge density, and we will use it for the density of point charges.

where  $t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c}$

expression with two Delta-functions

$$t' - t_r$$

In this equation:  
 $-\infty \leq t' \leq \infty$   
 and  $a(t')$   
 does not depend  
 on  $t_r$  !!

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = kq \int \frac{d^3r' dt' \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{a}(t')) \delta(t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

Integration over volume coordinates  $\vec{r}'$ :

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = kq \int dt' \int \frac{d^3r'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{a}(t')) \delta(t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}{c})$$

Integration of  
 the  $\delta$ -function:

$$\int f(\vec{r}') \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_0) d^3r' = f(\vec{r}_0)$$

replacement  
 $\vec{r}' \rightarrow \vec{r}_0$

In our integration it should be

$$\vec{r}' \rightarrow \vec{a}(t')$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\vec{r}, t) = kq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt' \frac{\delta(t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}{c})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}$$

Integration:  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt' \delta(t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}{c})$

Math.  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta[f(x)] dx = \frac{1}{|f'(x_0)|}$ , where  $f(x_0) = 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta[f(x)] dx = \sum_i \frac{1}{|f'(x_i)|}$$

for several roots  $x_i$

Proof:  $\int \delta(ax) dx = \frac{1}{|a|}$

$$\int \delta[f(x)] dx = \int \delta[f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0)] dx = \int \delta[f'(x_0)(x-x_0)] dx = \frac{1}{|f'(x_0)|}$$

The Taylor expansion near  
 the root point  $x_0$ .

Our Integral  
 can be calculated:  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt' \delta[t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}{c}]}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|} = \frac{1}{|\dot{f}(t'_0)| \cdot |\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t'_0)|}$

Math.  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt' \delta[f(t')]}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}$ , where  $f(t') = t' - t + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}{c}$

where  $\dot{f} = \frac{df}{dt'}$

Root:  $f(t'_0) = 0 \Rightarrow t'_0 = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t'_0)|}{c} = t_r \Rightarrow t'_0 = t_r$

$$\dot{f}(t') = \frac{df}{dt'} = 1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \left( \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')|}{c} \right)$$

This is the time  $(t_r)$  which includes a  
 time delay:  $t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|}{c}$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{f}(t_r) &= 1 + \frac{1}{c} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} |\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t')| \right)_{t'=t_r} = 1 - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{a}(t')}{\partial t'} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} |\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)| = \\ &= 1 - \frac{\vec{v}(t_r)}{c} \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|} = 1 - \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v}(t_r)}{c}, \quad \vec{n} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|} \end{aligned}$$

unit vector

The final formula for the scalar potential of moving charge is given by

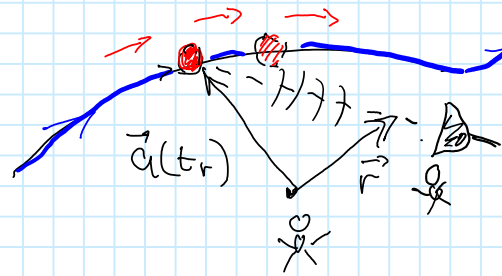
$$\varphi(\vec{r}, t) = k \frac{q}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)| \left(1 - \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v}(t_r)}{c}\right)}$$

Liénart-Wiechert  
scalar potential

Delayed time:  $t_r = t - \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|}{c}$

$$t_r + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|}{c} = t$$

This is the equation for the calculation of  $t_r$ -value



$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|}$$

unit vector of the direction  
between detector and particle  
at the time  $t_r$ .

The vector-potential of moving point charge:  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{v} q c \vec{\omega}, t = \vec{v} q \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t))$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q \vec{v}(t_r)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)| \left(1 - \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v}(t_r)}{c}\right)}$$

Lienart-Wiechert  
vector-potential

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{a}(t)}{dt}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\vec{v}(t_r)}{c^2} \varphi(\vec{r}, t_r)$$

" $t_r$ " can be calculated  
from the equation

$$t_r + \frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{a}(t_r)|}{c} = t$$

If  $\vec{r} = 0$

$$t_r + \frac{a(t_r)}{c} = t$$

