

Radiation

①  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$   
 $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$

$$\left(-\nabla^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right) \phi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\left(-\nabla^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right) \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$$

② We introduce the Green's function

$$\left(-\nabla^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2}\right) \frac{1}{4\pi} G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \delta(t-t')$$

which has solution

$$G(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \delta\left(t-t' - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|\right)$$

③ Using ② in ① we have the potentials

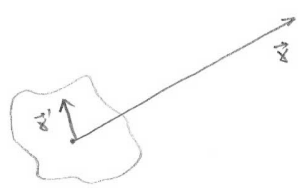
$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3\vec{r}' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \delta\left(t-t' - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|)}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3\vec{r}' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}', t')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \delta\left(t-t' - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|\right)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|)}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

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$\tau \rightarrow$  characteristic time involved in the process.

(i) Static:  $|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \ll c\tau$

(ii) Radiation:  $|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \gg c\tau$  ( $|\vec{r}| \gg |\vec{r}'|$ )

3 Case (i) corresponds to

$$t - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \approx t$$

which when used in 3 leads to

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|},$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}', t)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|},$$

which is the case of statics.

⑥ We shall concentrate on radiation. In the radiation approximation we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| &= \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'} & \frac{1}{r} &= \frac{1}{r} \\
 &= r \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 - 2\frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2}} \\
 &= r \sqrt{1 - 2\hat{r} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}'}{c} + O\left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2} \\
 &= r \left[ 1 - \hat{r} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}'}{c} + O\left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2 \right] & \sqrt{1-x} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \dots \\
 &= r - \hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}' + r O^2 & O^2 &= O\left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} &= \frac{1}{r \left[ 1 - \hat{r} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}'}{c} + O^2 \right]} & \frac{1}{1-x} &= 1 + x + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 + O \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

⑦ Using ⑥ in ③ we have the potentials in the radiation approximation to be:

$$\phi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}', t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}) + O^2$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}) + O^2$$

$$t_r = t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}$$

⑧ The fields are obtained from ⑦ using

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

⑨ Let us evaluate

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}', \overbrace{t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}}^{t_r})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r} \right) \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}', t_r) + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' (\vec{\nabla} t_r) \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t_r}$$

⑩  $\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$

$$\vec{\nabla} t_r = \vec{\nabla} \left( t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{c} \vec{\nabla} r + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{\nabla} \hat{r}) \cdot \vec{r}'$$

$$= -\frac{\hat{r}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{r} (\vec{1} - \hat{r} \hat{r}) \cdot \vec{r}'$$

$$= -\frac{\hat{r}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{r} (\vec{r}' - \hat{r} \hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}')$$

$$= -\frac{\hat{r}}{c} - \frac{1}{c} \hat{r} \times \left( \hat{r} \times \frac{\vec{r}'}{r} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \hat{r} = \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \vec{r})}{r} + \vec{r} \left( \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\vec{1}}{r} - \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} (\vec{1} - \hat{r} \hat{r})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \phi(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}', t_r) \quad \rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \quad \rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \hat{r} \times \left( \hat{r} \times \frac{\vec{r}'}{r} \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \quad \rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} \\ &= - \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \end{aligned}$$

12 Similarly we can derive.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) &= - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \times \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}) + O^2 \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \end{aligned}$$

13 Using 11 and 12 in 8 we have.

$$\begin{aligned} c \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= - \hat{r} \times \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \\ \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= + \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \end{aligned}$$

(14) Maxwell's equations implies the local charge conservation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') + \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') = 0$$

using which we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} &= - \left\{ \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r = t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{c}} \\ &= - \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t_r) + (\vec{\nabla}' t_r) \cdot \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \\ &= - \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t_r) + \frac{\hat{r}}{c} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \quad \left( \vec{\nabla}' t_r = \frac{\hat{r}}{c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(15) Using (14) we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3 r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rho(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} &= - \int d^3 r' \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t_r) \rightarrow = 0 \text{ if } \vec{J} \text{ is confined.} \\ &+ \frac{\hat{r}}{c} \cdot \int d^3 r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \\ &= \frac{\hat{r}}{c} \cdot \int d^3 r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \end{aligned}$$

(16) Using (15) in the expression for electric field in (13) we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \cdot \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \\ &= \hat{r} \hat{r} \cdot \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \\ &= \hat{r} \times \left( \hat{r} \times \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} \right) + O^2 \\ &= - \hat{r} \times c \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) + O^2 \quad (\text{using (13)}). \end{aligned}$$

(17) Thus, we have.

$$\begin{aligned} c \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= - \hat{r} \times \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \int d^3r' \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}', t') \right\}_{t'=t_r} + O^2 \\ \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= - \hat{r} \times c \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) + O^2. \end{aligned}$$

(18) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{r} \times \vec{E} &= - \hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times c \vec{B}) \\ &= - \hat{r} (\hat{r} \cdot c \vec{B}) + c \vec{B} \\ &\quad \downarrow = 0 \\ &= c \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\hat{r}$ ,  $\vec{E}$ , and  $\vec{B}$  are orthogonal to each other

(19) Radiation fields are characterized by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c\vec{B} &= \hat{r} \times \vec{E} + O^2 \\ \vec{E} &= -\hat{r} \times c\vec{B} + O^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \hat{r}, \vec{E}, \text{ and } \vec{B} \text{ are orthogonal}$$

$$c^2 B^2 = E^2 + O^2 \quad \rightarrow \text{electric energy} = \text{magnetic energy.}$$

These properties are also satisfied by plane waves.

