

The transformation of \vec{E} & \vec{B} can be written more generally as

$$\vec{E}_{\parallel} = \vec{E}'_{\parallel} \quad \vec{B}_{\parallel} = \vec{B}'_{\parallel}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\perp} = \left(\vec{E}' + \frac{-\vec{v} \times \vec{B}'}{c} \right)_{\perp} \gamma$$

$$\vec{B}_{\perp} = \left(\vec{B}' + \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}'}{c} \right)_{\perp} \gamma$$

with \parallel the comp't of vector parallel to relative velocity of two moving frames and \perp the comp't of vector perpendicular to the relative motion.

Define $\vec{r} \equiv \vec{x}_{\text{obs}} - \vec{x}_{\text{part}} = (x-vt, y, z)$

in observer frame

note $\vec{E} = \frac{\gamma q \vec{r}}{r^3}$ ← radial from particle to observer

$$r'^2 = \gamma^2 (x-vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \gamma^2 \left((x-vt)^2 + (1-\beta^2)(y^2+z^2) \right)$$

$$r^2 = (x-vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{so } r'^2 = \gamma^2 r^2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2 (y^2+z^2)}{r^2} \right)$$

Define $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} \equiv |\vec{r}| |\vec{v}| \cos \psi$ ← angle between \vec{r} & \vec{v}

$$\text{then } \frac{y^2+z^2}{r^2} = \sin^2 \psi$$

$$\text{So } r'^2 = \gamma^2 r^2 (1 - \beta^2 \sin^2 \psi)$$

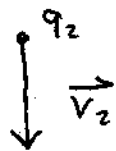
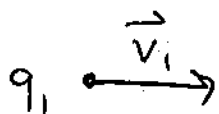
$$\therefore \vec{E} = \left(\frac{q \vec{r}}{r^3} \right) \left(\frac{1 - v^2/c^2}{(1 - v^2/c^2 \sin^2 \psi)^{3/2}} \right)$$

↑
usual non-rel
part

↑
relativistic correction

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{E}$$

Fun to think about, e.g. in non-rel limit



\vec{r} = vector pointing from 1 to 2
 $\vec{v}_1 \parallel \vec{r}$, $\vec{v}_2 \perp \vec{r}$

Field due to q_1 @ q_2 location: $\vec{E}_1 = \frac{q_1 \vec{r}}{r^3}$

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{1}{c} \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{E}_1 = 0 \quad \text{since } \vec{v}_1 \parallel \vec{r}$$

Field due to q_2 @ q_1 location $\vec{E}_2 = q_2 \frac{(-\vec{r})}{r^3}$

$$\vec{B}_2 = \frac{1}{c} \vec{v}_2 \times \vec{E}_2 \neq 0 \quad \text{since } \vec{v}_2 \perp \vec{r}$$

so force on 2 is $\vec{F}_2 = q_2 \vec{E}_1 + \frac{q_2}{c} \vec{v}_2 \times \vec{B}_1$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_2 = \frac{q_1 q_2 \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

Force on 1 is $\vec{F}_1 = q_1 \vec{E}_2 + \frac{q_1}{c} \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{B}_2$

$$\vec{F}_1 = -\frac{q_1 q_2 \vec{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{q_1 q_2}{r^3 c^2} \vec{v}_1 \times (\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{r})$$

extra
sideways force, pointing
in $(-\vec{v}_2)$ direction.

~~Force on 1 is~~

opposite to force on 2

Seems action \neq reaction!

resolution: field energy/momentum

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