

Lecture 19: Multipole Radiation II

For higher multipole moments we will consider only the radiation terms.

Most easily done in the Fourier domain:

Sinusoidal sources:

$$\rho(\vec{x}, t) = \tilde{\rho}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \vec{J}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{\tilde{J}}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t}$$

(Read part in the end)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \phi(\vec{x}, t) &= \int \frac{\rho(\vec{x}', t_{\text{ret}})}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d^3x' = \int \frac{\tilde{\rho}(\vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} e^{i\omega(t - \frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}{c})} \\ &= \int \tilde{\rho}(\vec{x}') \frac{e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} e^{-i\omega t} \\ &\quad \tilde{\phi}(\vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{c} \int \vec{\tilde{J}}(\vec{x}') \frac{e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

Keeping only radiation terms ($\sim \frac{1}{r}$)

$$\tilde{\phi}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{r} \int \tilde{\rho}(\vec{x}') e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

$$\vec{\tilde{A}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{cr} \int \vec{\tilde{J}}(\vec{x}') e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

In the radiation zone $|\vec{x}| \gg |\vec{x}'| \Rightarrow |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \approx r - \hat{r} \cdot \vec{x}'$

Far field: $e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \approx e^{ikr} e^{-i(\hat{r} \cdot \vec{x}')}$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \int \rho(\vec{x}') e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'} d^3x' \\ \vec{A}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr} \int \vec{J}(\vec{x}') e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'} d^3x' \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{k} = \frac{\omega}{c} \hat{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{\phi}(\vec{x}) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \underbrace{\rho(\vec{k})}_{\text{Fourier transform}}, \quad \vec{A}(\vec{x}) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr} \underbrace{\vec{J}(\vec{k})}_{\uparrow}}$$

In the radiation zone the potentials depend on the Fourier components of the sources

Fields:

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}) = \nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{c} \nabla \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) \times \vec{J}(\vec{k})$$

Keeping only radiation term

$$\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}(\vec{x}) = i\frac{k}{c} \hat{r} \times \vec{J}(\vec{k}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} = i\hat{k} \times \vec{J}(\vec{k}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}(\vec{x}) &= i\frac{\omega}{c} \vec{A}(\vec{x}) - \nabla \tilde{\phi}(\vec{x}) \\ &= \left(i\frac{k}{c} \vec{J}(\vec{k}) - i\hat{k} \tilde{\rho}(\vec{k}) \right) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Now $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \Rightarrow -i\omega \tilde{\rho}(\vec{k}) + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{k}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\rho}(\vec{k}) = \frac{\hat{k}}{c} \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{ik}{c} \left(\vec{J}(\vec{k}) - \hat{k} (\hat{k} \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{k})) \right) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \quad (\hat{k} = \hat{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = ik \vec{J}_{\perp}(\vec{k}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr}$$

Thus in general, in radiation zone

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}(\vec{x}, \omega) &= i\frac{\omega}{c} (\hat{r} \times \vec{J}(\vec{k})) \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr} \\ \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}(\vec{x}, \omega) &= i\frac{\omega}{c} \vec{J}_{\perp}(\vec{k}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr} = i\frac{\omega}{c} \hat{r} \times (\vec{J}(\vec{k}) \times \hat{r}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{cr} \\ &= \vec{B}_{\text{rad}} \times \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

Multipole contributions to $\vec{J}(\vec{k})$

$$\vec{J}(\vec{k}) = \int d^3x' \vec{J}(\vec{x}') e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'}$$

Expand in power series in $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'$ ($\lambda \gg d$)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{J}(\vec{k}) = \underbrace{\int d^3x' \vec{J}(\vec{x}')}_{\vec{J}^{(0)}(\vec{k})} + \underbrace{\int d^3x' (-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}') \vec{J}(\vec{x}')}_{\vec{J}^{(2)}(\vec{k})} + \dots$$

$$\vec{J}^{(0)}(\vec{k}) = -i\omega \vec{p}_0$$

Electric dipole $\vec{p} = \vec{p}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$
Contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}^{(0)}(\vec{x}, \omega) &= +\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{\vec{p}_0}{r} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}, & \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}^{(0)} &= -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} (\hat{r} \times \vec{p}_0) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \\ & & &= \hat{r} \times \vec{E}_{\text{rad}} \end{aligned}$$

Magnetic Dipole + Electric Quadrupole Radiation

$$\vec{J}^{(2)}(\vec{k}) = -i \int (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}') \vec{J}(\vec{x}') d^3x' = -ik_0 \int \vec{x}' \vec{J}(\vec{x}') d^3x'$$

$$\vec{J}_i^{(2)}(\vec{k}) = -ik_j \int x'_j \vec{J}_i(\vec{x}') d^3x'$$

Aside: $\int x'_j \vec{J}_i d^3x' = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int (x'_j \vec{J}_i - x'_i \vec{J}_j)}_{\text{Magnetic dipole contribution}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int (x'_j \vec{J}_i + x'_i \vec{J}_j)}_{\text{Electric Quad Contribution}}$

Magnetic dipole: $\vec{J}_i^{(M1)}(\vec{k}) = ik_j \epsilon_{ijk} \int \frac{(\vec{x}' \times \vec{J}(\vec{x}'))_k}{2} d^3x' = i \epsilon_{ijk} ck_j m_{0k}$

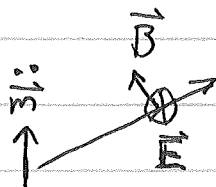
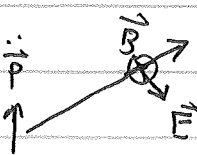
$$\Rightarrow \vec{J}^{(M1)}(\vec{k}) = +ick \vec{k} \times \vec{m}_0 = i\omega \hat{r} \times \vec{m}_0$$

\Rightarrow Oscillating magnetic dipole $\vec{m}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}^{(M1)} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \vec{m}_0) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{m}_\perp \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \\ \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}^{(M1)} = \hat{B}_{\text{rad}} \times \hat{r} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} (\vec{m}_0 \times \hat{r}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \end{cases}$$

Magnetic dipole contribution like electric dipole

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{m} \quad \vec{E} \rightarrow \vec{B} \quad \vec{B} \rightarrow -\vec{E}$$



Power radiated in magnetic dipole

Angular distribution:

$$\frac{d\langle P_{\text{rad}} \rangle}{d\Omega} = \langle \vec{S} \rangle \cdot r^2 = \frac{c}{8\pi} |\vec{E}_{\text{rad}}|^2 r^2 = \frac{c}{8\pi} |\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}|^2 r^2$$

$$= \frac{c}{8\pi} k^4 |\vec{m}_0|^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{c k^4}{8\pi} m_0^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

Total radiated power in 4π-stereadians

$$\boxed{\langle P_{\text{rad}} \rangle = \frac{c k^4}{3} m_0^2}$$

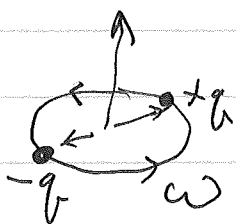
Suppose system has both a time varying electric and magnetic dipole. How does the power (E1) compare to (M1)?

$$\frac{\text{Power (E1)}}{\text{Power (M1)}} = \frac{p_0^2}{\mu_0 m_0^2} \sim \frac{(q d)^2}{\left(\frac{q}{c_T} d^2\right)^2} \sim \left(\frac{c_T}{d}\right)^2 \sim \left(\frac{c}{v}\right)^2 \sim \left(\frac{\lambda}{d}\right)^2$$

Expansion parameter

So for charges moving slowly, compared to c electric dipole radiation dominates except if the dipole contribution vanishes due to symmetry

Example:



$$p_0 \sim q R$$

$$m_0 \sim q \frac{\omega}{c} R^2 = I \frac{\text{Area}}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_0}{p_0} \sim \frac{\omega}{c} R \ll 1$$

Electric Quadrupole Contribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{J}^{(E2)}(\vec{r}) &= -i\frac{\vec{k}}{2} \cdot \int (\vec{x}' \vec{J}(\vec{x}') + \vec{J}(\vec{x}') \vec{x}') d^3x' \\
 &= i\frac{\vec{k}}{2} \cdot \int \vec{x}' \vec{x}' (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{x}')) d^3x' \\
 &\quad \rightarrow i\omega \rho(\vec{x}') \\
 &= \frac{-\omega^2}{2c} \hat{r} \cdot \underbrace{\int \vec{x}' \vec{x}' \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x'} \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{3} (\vec{Q}_0 + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \int (r')^2 \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x')
 \end{aligned}$$

Electric Quadrupole moment: $\vec{Q}(t) = \vec{Q}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\vec{Q}_0 = \int (3\vec{x}'\vec{x}' - \hat{\mathbb{I}}) \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x'$$

$$\vec{J}^{(E2)}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\omega^2}{6c} \hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q}_0 - \frac{\omega^2}{6} \hat{r} \left(\int (r')^2 \rho(\vec{x}') d^3x' \right)$$

Fields $\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}^{(E2)} = \cancel{\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}} i\frac{\omega}{c^2} (\hat{r} \times \vec{J}^{(E2)}(\vec{r})) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}^{(E2)} = -i\frac{\omega^3}{6c^3} \hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q}_0) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{rad}}^{(E2)} = \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}^{(E2)} \times \hat{r} = -i\frac{\omega^3}{6c^3} (\hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q}_0)_{\perp} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

$$\frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{c}{8\pi} |\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}|^2 r^2 = \frac{c k^6}{288\pi} |(\hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q}_0) \times \hat{r}|^2$$

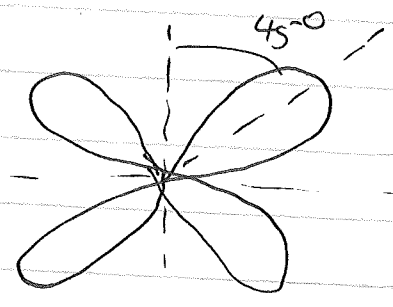
Example: Distribution with azimuthal symmetry

$$\vec{Q}_0 = Q_0 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & & \\ & -\frac{1}{2} & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{r} = \sin\theta (\cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\phi \hat{y}) + \cos\theta \hat{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{Q}_0 \cdot \hat{r} = Q_0 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sin\theta (\cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\phi \hat{y}) + \cos\theta \hat{z} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{-i\omega^3}{4c^3} \sin 2\theta Q_0 \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \hat{\phi}$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} \sim |\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}|^2 \sim \sin^2 2\theta$$



Radiation pattern with 4 lobes

Example: Oscillating charge:

$$z(t) = a \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$\rho(z,t) = q_0 \delta(z - a \cos \omega_0 t)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_0(t) = qa^2 (\cos 2\omega_0 t - 1)$$

Radiates at $2\omega_0$!

Generally, all harmonics are radiated:

$$\rho(z,t) = \left(q_0 \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikz} \right) e^{-ik a \cos \omega_0 t} \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-ika) J_n(ka) e^{-in\omega_0 t}$$

(Bessel funct.)
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expansion parameter
Fourier series

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-ika) e^{ikz} J_n(ka) \right] e^{-in\omega_0 t}$$