

Radiating Systems (Jackson 9.1-9.2)

Consider radiation from a sinusoidally oscillating localized source:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho(\underline{x}, t) &= \rho(\underline{x}) e^{-i\omega t} \\ \underline{J}(\underline{x}, t) &= \underline{J}(\underline{x}) e^{-i\omega t} \end{aligned} \right\} (9.1)$$

$\rho(\underline{x}, t)$ and $\underline{J}(\underline{x}, t)$ are not independent but are related by the conservation of charge:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{J} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{J} = i\omega \rho \quad (\times 9.1)$$

It is convenient to work with the potentials Φ and \underline{A} , instead of the fields \underline{E} and \underline{B} , and use the Lorenz gauge condition $\nabla \cdot \underline{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = 0$ (6.14)

Recall that Φ, \underline{A} satisfy inhomogeneous wave equations

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \Phi = -\rho / \epsilon_0 \quad (6.15)$$

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \underline{A} = -\mu_0 \underline{J} \quad (6.16)$$

with general solutions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Phi(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\underline{x}', t - \frac{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|}{c})}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|} \\ \underline{A}(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{\underline{J}(\underline{x}', t - \frac{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|}{c})}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|} \end{aligned} \right\} (6.48)$$

Substituting (9.1) in (6.48) gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{\rho(\underline{x}') e^{ik|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|}}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|} \\ \underline{A}(\underline{x}, t) &= \frac{\mu_0 e^{-i\omega t}}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{\underline{J}(\underline{x}') e^{ik|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|}}{|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'|} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(x9.2)}$$

where $k = \frac{\omega}{c}$.

Let's look at the radiation field, where $|\underline{x}| \gg |\underline{x}'|$:

$$|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'| = \sqrt{|\underline{x}|^2 - 2\underline{x} \cdot \underline{x}' + |\underline{x}'|^2} = r \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}'}{r} + \frac{|\underline{x}'|^2}{r^2}}$$

where $r \equiv |\underline{x}|$, $\hat{n} \equiv \frac{\underline{x}}{r}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\underline{x}-\underline{x}'| &\approx r \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-2 \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}'}{r} + \frac{|\underline{x}'|^2}{r^2} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \left(-2 \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}'}{r} + \frac{|\underline{x}'|^2}{r^2} \right)^2 \dots \right] \\ &\approx r - \hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}' + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{|\underline{x}'|^2}{r}\right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(x9.4)}$$

Neglect terms of order $\frac{k|\underline{x}'|^2}{r}$ (and higher) in the exponents of (x9.2). Also set $|\underline{x}-\underline{x}'| \approx r$ in the denominators. (The neglected terms vary faster than $1/r$ and are therefore, by definition, not part of the radiation field potentials.) This gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}(\underline{x}, t) &\approx \frac{e^{i(kr-\omega t)}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') e^{-ik\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}'} \\ \underline{A}(\underline{x}, t) &\approx \frac{\mu_0 e^{i(kr-\omega t)}}{4\pi r} \int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}') e^{-ik\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}'} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(x9.5)}$$

Equations (X9.5) give the radiation field of any sinusoidally oscillating source. (Size of source can be \gg wavelength $2\pi/k$, so far.)

There are 3 length scales:

$$|\underline{x}'| \sim a = \text{source size}$$

$$r = \text{distance from source to observer}$$

$$1/k = \text{wavelength} / 2\pi$$

We've already assumed $r \gg a$. Suppose also

$$ka \ll 1 \quad (\text{X9.6})$$

i.e., source size \ll wavelength. Then the exponential in (X9.5) can be expressed as a rapidly converging power series:

$$\underline{\Phi}(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') (-ik\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}')^n \quad (\text{X9.7})$$

$$\underline{A}(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{\mu_0 e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{4\pi r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}') (-ik\hat{n} \cdot \underline{x}')^n$$

Consider the $n=0$ terms:

$$\underline{\Phi}_0(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') \quad (\text{X9.8})$$

$$\underline{A}_0(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{\mu_0 e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{4\pi r} \int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}')$$

But $\int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') = \text{total charge} = \text{constant for a localized source (by definition)}$, so the $n=0$ term for $\underline{\Phi}$ is zero unless $\omega=0$ ($\Rightarrow k=0$), i.e., static monopole field (not radiation field).

There is no monopole radiation field.

What about $\underline{A}_0(\underline{x}, t)$? The integral $\int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}') = 0$ in electrostatics, but it can be $\neq 0$ in the presence of a time-varying charge density. In fact we can write $\int \underline{J} d^3x'$ in terms of ρ . Consider

$$\underbrace{\int d^3x' \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_j} (x'_i J_j(\underline{x}'))}_{=0 \text{ by integration by parts, since } \underline{J} = 0 \text{ at boundary of source.}} = \int d^3x' \delta_{ij} J_j(\underline{x}') + \int d^3x' x'_i \frac{\partial J_j}{\partial x'_j}$$

$$\therefore \int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}') = - \int d^3x' \underline{x}' \nabla' \cdot \underline{J} \quad (\sim 9.14)$$

But charge conservation (x9.1) $\Rightarrow \nabla' \cdot \underline{J} = i\omega \rho$

$$\therefore \int d^3x' \underline{J}(\underline{x}') = -i\omega \int d^3x' \rho(\underline{x}') \underline{x}' \equiv -i\omega \underline{p} \quad (\text{x9.9})$$

Where $\underline{p} \equiv \int d^3x' \underline{x}' \rho(\underline{x}') =$ electric dipole moment (9.17)
(same as in electrostatics).

Substituting (x9.9) in (x9.8) gives

$$\underline{A}_0(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{-i\mu_0\omega}{4\pi} \underline{p} \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{r} \quad (9.16)$$

(9.16) describes electric dipole radiation, the most common form in nature. Examples include linear antennas, atomic transitions, Thompson scattering, and cyclotron radiation.

Notes:

- Jackson, after eqn.(9.3), says "a sinusoidal time dependence is understood." This means there is an invisible factor $e^{-i\omega t}$ on the right side of (9.3), (9.6), (9.8), (9.9), (9.11), (9.13), (9.16), (9.18), (9.19), (9.20), and subsequent equations that have \underline{E} , \underline{A} , \underline{E} , or \underline{H} on the left side. But not (9.17). The electric dipole moment defined here is the static one given by $p(\underline{x}')$. The actual dipole moment of the source is of course time-dependent ($e^{-i\omega t}$) because of the time-dependence of $p(\underline{x}', t) = p(\underline{x}')e^{-i\omega t}$ assumed in (9.1).

- Jackson has a factor r missing from the denominator on the right side of the second un-numbered eqn. on top. of p. 910.

We can calculate the radiation fields \underline{E} and \underline{B} from (9.16). (Don't need the corresponding expression for $\Phi_0(\underline{x}, t)$.) Jackson uses $\underline{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{B}$. It's easier to start with \underline{B} then derive \underline{E} from it.

$$\underline{B}_0 = \nabla \times \underline{A}_0 = \nabla \times \left(\frac{-i\mu_0 \omega}{4\pi} \underline{p} \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-i\mu_0 \omega}{4\pi} e^{-i\omega t} \nabla \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) \times \underline{p}$$

(since \underline{p} = constant vector)

$$\nabla \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) = ik \hat{n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} - \hat{n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^2}$$

$$= k \hat{n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \left(i - \frac{1}{kr} \right) \approx ik \hat{n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

 $(kr \gg 1)$

$$\rightarrow \underline{B}_0 \approx \frac{\mu_0 \omega k}{4\pi} \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{r} \hat{n} \times \underline{p} \quad (\sim 9.19)$$

= Radiation mag. field of electric dipole.

We can get \underline{E}_0 from \underline{B}_0 using Faraday's law:

$$\nabla \times \underline{B}_0 = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}_0}{\partial t} = -i\omega \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \underline{E}_0$$

$$\text{from (9.19), } \nabla \times \underline{B}_0 = \frac{\mu_0 \omega k}{4\pi} \nabla \times \left[\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \hat{n} \times \underline{p} \right] e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 \omega k}{4\pi} \hat{n} \underline{p} \cdot \nabla \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} - \underline{p} \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

(since \underline{p} = const and $\underline{p} \cdot \nabla \hat{n} = 0$)

$$\nabla \left(\frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right) \approx ik \hat{n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \quad (\text{above}) \rightarrow$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{B}_0 \approx \frac{i\mu_0 \omega k^2}{4\pi r} \left[\hat{n} (\underline{p} \cdot \hat{n}) - \underline{p} \right]$$

$$\equiv -\underline{p}_\perp = -\text{comp. } \underline{p} \perp \hat{n}$$

