

5. An infinitely long, uniformly charged wire of radius a and total charge per unit length λ , is at rest on the z -axis of the lab frame.

- (a) (2 pts) Compute the electric field $\mathbf{E}(x, y, z)$ interior and exterior to the wire in the lab frame by solving Gauss's law in that frame.
- (b) Complete the next 4 steps to compute $\mathbf{E}'(x', y', z')$ and $\mathbf{B}'(x', y', z')$ in a frame moving in the positive z -direction with speed v .
 - i. (2 pts) Give the Lorentz boost $x'^{\sigma} = L_{\mu}^{\sigma} x^{\mu}$ ($\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}$) from the Lab to the moving frame (take $x^0 = ct, x^1 = x, x^2 = y, x^3 = z$).
 - ii. (2 pts) Construct the electromagnetic field tensor $F^{\alpha\beta}$ from the electric field you found in part (a).
 - iii. (2 pts) Use your lorentz boost to compute the electromagnetic field tensor $F'^{\alpha\beta} = L_{\mu}^{\alpha} L_{\nu}^{\beta} F^{\mu\nu}$ ($\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{LFL}^T$) in the moving frame.
 - iv. (2 pts) From your $F'^{\alpha\beta}$ give the answer to (b).

Hint: Recall that in both SI and Gaussian units $F^{\sigma\mu} = -F^{\mu\sigma}$ and $F^{0i} = -E^i$. In Gaussian units $F^{12} = -B^z$, $F^{23} = -B^x$ and $F^{13} = B^y$, but in SI units $F^{12} = -c B^z$, $F^{23} = -c B^x$ and $F^{13} = c B^y$

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E+M #5

Gaussian

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a) We can use Gauss' Law to find \vec{E}

$$\int \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \int 4\pi \rho$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi Q_{enc}$$

* If we are at $r > a$:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi \lambda L$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi L r = 4\pi \lambda L$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2\lambda}{r} \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle \quad (\text{in Cartesian})$$

* If $r < a$:

$$Q_{enc} = \frac{\lambda r^2 L}{a^2} \quad \text{since wire is uniformly charged}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi \frac{\lambda r^2 L}{a^2}$$

$$E \cdot 2\pi L r = \frac{4\pi L \lambda r^2}{a^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2\lambda r}{a^2} \hat{r}$$

$$= \frac{2\lambda \sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{a^2} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \begin{cases} \frac{2\lambda \sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{a^2} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & \text{if } r < a \\ \frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & r > a \end{cases}$$

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b) i) For a boost of velocity v in \hat{z} direction:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta\gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x'^{\sigma} = L^{\sigma}_{\mu} x^{\mu}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta\gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma ct - \beta\gamma z \\ x \\ y \\ -\beta\gamma ct + \gamma z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -E_z & -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\cos\phi & -\sin\phi & 0 \\ \cos\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \frac{2\lambda\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{a^2} & r < a \\ \frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & r > a \end{cases}$$

$$\text{iii) } F'^{\alpha\beta} = L^{\alpha}_{\mu} L^{\beta}_{\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= L F L^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta\gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\cos\phi & -\sin\phi & 0 \\ \cos\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta\gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\gamma\cos\phi & -\gamma\sin\phi & 0 \\ \cos\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\phi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta\gamma\cos\phi & \beta\gamma\sin\phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta\gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

#5 (cont.)

$$b) \text{ iii) } F'^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\gamma \cos \varphi & -\gamma \sin \varphi & 0 \\ \gamma \cos \varphi & 0 & 0 & -\beta \gamma \cos \varphi \\ \gamma \sin \varphi & 0 & 0 & -\beta \gamma \sin \varphi \\ 0 & \beta \gamma \cos \varphi & \beta \gamma \sin \varphi & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$iv) \quad E' = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma \lambda \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{a^2} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & r < a \\ \frac{\gamma \lambda}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \langle \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & r > a \end{cases}$$

$$B' = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta \gamma \lambda \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{a^2} \langle \cos \varphi, -\sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & r < a \\ \frac{\beta \gamma \lambda}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \langle \cos \varphi, -\sin \varphi, 0 \rangle & r > a \end{cases}$$