

6. In the lab you measure a uniform electric field and a uniform magnetic induction

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0(\cos 45^\circ \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin 45^\circ \hat{\mathbf{y}}),$$

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}},$$

where $B_0 = E_0$ in Gaussian units or $B_0 = E_0/c$ in SI units. The goal of this problem is to compute the \mathbf{E}' and \mathbf{B}' fields an observer sees if moving relative to the lab with a velocity $\mathbf{v} = v_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$.

- (a) [2 pts] Combine \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} into a single 4×4 anti-symmetric electromagnetic field tensor $F^{\alpha\beta}$.
- (b) [2 pts] Give the 4×4 Lorentz boost L^α_β that transforms the lab coordinates (ct, x, y, z) into the moving frame's coordinates (ct', x', y', z') i.e., $x'^\alpha = L^\alpha_\beta x^\beta$ where $x^\beta = (ct, x, y, z)$. In matrix notation $x' = L x$.
- (c) [3 pts] Find \mathbf{E}' and \mathbf{B}' by boosting the F tensor, i.e., compute $F'^{\alpha\beta} = L^\alpha_\sigma L^\beta_\lambda F^{\sigma\lambda}$ which in matrix notation is $F' = L F L^\top$
- (d) [3 pts] For what value of v_0 will \mathbf{E}' and \mathbf{B}' be parallel?

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E+M #6

Gaussian

$$a) F^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ E_y & B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ E_z & -B_y & +B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{E} = \langle E_0 \cos(45^\circ), E_0 \sin(45^\circ), 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{B} = \langle B_0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_0 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -E_0 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ E_0 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ E_0 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & 0 & -B_0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b) L_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$c) F' = L F L^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_0/\sqrt{2} & -E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & -B_0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$c) F' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} & -\gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} - \gamma \beta B_0 & 0 \\ E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & -B_0 \\ 0 & \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} & \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} + \gamma B_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\beta \gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta \gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} & -\gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} - \gamma \beta B_0 & 0 \\ \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & -\beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} \\ \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} + \gamma \beta B_0 & 0 & 0 & -\beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} - \gamma B_0 \\ 0 & \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} & \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} + \gamma B_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \langle \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2}, \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} + \gamma \beta B_0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{B} = \langle \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2} + \gamma B_0, \beta \gamma E_0/\sqrt{2}, 0 \rangle$$

d) * Because we are in Gaussian units, $E_0 = B_0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = E_0 \langle \gamma/\sqrt{2}, \gamma/\sqrt{2} + \gamma \beta, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{B} = E_0 \langle \beta \gamma/\sqrt{2} + \gamma, \beta \gamma/\sqrt{2}, 0 \rangle$$

$$\frac{\beta \gamma}{\sqrt{2}} + \gamma = \frac{\beta \gamma}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\beta + \sqrt{2} =$$