

1. Prob 12.11

- (a) In this configuration, the muon moves with constant speed in a circle, its β and γ are constant. With $\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ and $\mathbf{E} = 0$, the equation of motion of its spin is given by (11.170)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} = \frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{s} \times \left[\left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{B} \right] = \frac{e}{mc} \left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (1)$$

Let \mathbf{B} be along the z direction, then we immediately see that

$$\frac{ds_z}{dt} = 0 \quad (2)$$

If the muon is initially polarized longitudinally, we see that the z component of its spin remains zero. The differential equation for its x and y components are

$$\frac{ds_x}{dt} = \frac{eB}{mc} \left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) s_y \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{ds_y}{dt} = -\frac{eB}{mc} \left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) s_x \quad (4)$$

Substituting one for the other, we obtain the harmonic oscillator equation

$$\frac{d^2 s_i}{dt^2} = - \left[\frac{eB}{mc} \left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \right]^2 s_i \quad \text{for } i = x, y \quad (5)$$

This shows that the spin vector oscillates with a frequency

$$\omega_{\text{spin}} = \frac{eB}{mc} \left(a + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) = \frac{eBa}{mc} + \omega_{\text{orbital}} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\omega_{\text{orbital}} = \frac{eB}{\gamma mc} \quad (7)$$

is the orbital frequency of the muon in the magnetic field.

The difference in frequency explains the precession of the spin.

- (b) The momentum of the particle is

$$p = \frac{eBR}{c} \approx 1275 \text{ MeV}/c \quad (8)$$

giving Lorentz factor

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}}{mc^2} \approx 12.1 \quad (9)$$

The number of precession periods per mean lifetime is

$$N = \frac{\gamma \tau_0}{2\pi/\Omega} \approx 7.12 \quad (10)$$

- (c) From part (a), we have

$$\Omega = \frac{eBa}{mc} = \omega_{\text{orbital}} \times \gamma a \quad (11)$$

The number of precession periods per orbital rotation is then

$$N = \frac{2\pi/\omega_{\text{orbital}}}{2\pi/\Omega} = \gamma a \quad (12)$$

- For 300MeV muon, $\gamma \approx 2.8$, $N \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-3}$;
- For 300MeV electron, $\gamma \approx 587$, $N \approx 0.68$;
- For 5GeV electron, $\gamma \approx 9.8 \times 10^3$, $N \approx 11.4$.

2. Prob 12.12

(a) We start with (11.170)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} = \frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{s} \times \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{B} - \left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1} \right) (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\beta} - \left(\frac{g}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1} \right) \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{E} \right] \quad (13)$$

and the identity

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{s}) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} + \frac{1}{\beta} [\mathbf{s} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{s}) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}] \cdot \frac{d\boldsymbol{\beta}}{dt} \quad (14)$$

where $d\boldsymbol{\beta}/dt$ is given by (11.168)

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{\beta}}{dt} = \frac{e}{\gamma mc} [\mathbf{E} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{B} - \boldsymbol{\beta} (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{E})] \quad (15)$$

Since $\mathbf{s}_\perp = \mathbf{s} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{s}) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, the second term of (14) is just

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \frac{d\boldsymbol{\beta}}{dt} = \frac{e}{\gamma mc} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{E}}{\beta} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \quad (16)$$

In calculating $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot d\mathbf{s}/dt$ of (14), note that the term proportional to $\mathbf{s} \times [(\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\beta}]$ in (13) is normal to $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ hence has no contribution, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} &= \frac{e}{mc} \left\{ \left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot (\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{B}) - \left(\frac{g}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot [\mathbf{s} \times (\boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{E})] \right\} \\ &= \frac{e}{mc} \left\{ \left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{s} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - \left(\frac{g}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1} \right) (\boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot \underbrace{(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{s})}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{s}_\perp} \right\} \\ &= \frac{e}{mc} \left\{ \left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - \left(\frac{g}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1} \right) (\boldsymbol{\beta} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{E}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Adding (16) and (17) gives (11.171)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{s}) &= -\frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B} + \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{\gamma\beta}{\gamma+1} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta} \right) \mathbf{E} \right] \\ &= -\frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B} + \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \mathbf{E} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

(b) (18) can be written in terms of $|\mathbf{s}|$ and θ ,

$$\frac{d(|\mathbf{s}| \cos \theta)}{dt} = -\frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{s}_\perp \cdot \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B} + \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \mathbf{E} \right] \quad (19)$$

From 11.167 and 11.155 we see that $d\mathbf{s}/dt$ is perpendicular to \mathbf{s} , so $|\mathbf{s}|$ is constant, which means

$$\frac{d(|\mathbf{s}| \cos \theta)}{dt} = -|\mathbf{s}| \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -|\mathbf{s}_\perp| \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad (20)$$

Dividing both sides of (19) by $-|\mathbf{s}_\perp|$ gives

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{e}{mc} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B} + \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \mathbf{E} \right] \quad (21)$$

(c) For particle to be undeflected by the $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ selector, it must satisfy $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}/B^2$. This means $\{\hat{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\}$ is a set of right-handed orthogonal unit vectors. But since $(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \cdot \mathbf{B} = B$, $\{\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}\}$ is also such a set. Therefore $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ must be antiparallel to \mathbf{E} , i.e., $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{E} = -|\mathbf{E}| = -\beta B$. This turns (21) to

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{eB}{mc} \left[\left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) - \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \beta \right] = \frac{eB}{mc} \cdot \frac{g}{2\gamma^2} = \frac{g}{2\gamma} \left(\frac{eB}{\gamma mc} \right) \quad (22)$$

(d) Given $L^\alpha = (\gamma\beta, \gamma\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$, $N^\alpha = (0, \hat{\mathbf{n}})$, let's evaluate the scalar $(gL_\alpha/2 - U_\alpha/\nu) F^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta$ in time and space components,

$$\text{For } \alpha = 0 \quad \left(\frac{g}{2} L_0 - \frac{U_0}{\nu} \right) F^{0\beta} N_\beta = \left(\frac{g}{2} \gamma\beta - \frac{\gamma c}{\nu} \right) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \gamma \left(\frac{g\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta} \right) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad (23)$$

$$\text{For } \alpha = i \quad \left(\frac{g}{2} L_i - \frac{U_i}{\nu} \right) F^{i\beta} N_\beta = -\left(\frac{g}{2} \gamma\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \frac{\gamma\mathbf{v}}{\nu} \right) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{B}) = \gamma \left(\frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \times \mathbf{B}) \quad (24)$$

Comparing the sum of (23) and (24) with (21) gives the covariant form

$$\frac{e}{mc} \left(\frac{g}{2} L_\alpha - \frac{U_\alpha}{\nu} \right) F^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta = \gamma \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} \quad (25)$$