

To avoid the terrible abuse of symbol of z and e , we use q to denote the moving charge.

1. The frequency space potentials are given by (13.25)

$$\Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{2q}{\epsilon(\omega)} \left[\frac{\overbrace{\delta(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})}^{(1/v)\delta(k_3 - \omega/v)}}{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2 \epsilon(\omega)}{c^2}} \right] = \frac{2q}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \left[\frac{\delta\left(k_3 - \frac{\omega}{v}\right)}{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2 \epsilon(\omega)}{c^2}} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \epsilon(\omega) \boldsymbol{\beta} \Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \quad (2)$$

Applying the Fourier transform $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3k \Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ &= \frac{2qe^{i\omega z/v}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} v\epsilon(\omega)} \int dk_1 dk_2 \frac{e^{ik_1 x + ik_2 y}}{k_1^2 + k_2^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \frac{\omega^2 \epsilon(\omega)}{c^2}} \quad \text{choose axis so } y = 0 \\ &= \frac{2qe^{i\omega z/v}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} v\epsilon(\omega)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik_1 \rho} dk_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2^2 + k_1^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \frac{\omega^2 \epsilon(\omega)}{c^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Define

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \frac{\omega^2 \epsilon(\omega)}{c^2} = \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} [1 - \beta^2 \epsilon(\omega)] \quad (4)$$

When $\beta^2 \epsilon(\omega) < 1$, we have $\lambda^2 > 0$, the inner integral is elementary,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2^2 + k_1^2 + \lambda^2} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k_1^2 + \lambda^2}} \quad (5)$$

This turns (3) into

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) &= \frac{2\pi q e^{i\omega z/v}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} v\epsilon(\omega)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\overbrace{e^{ik_1 \rho} dk_1}^{2K_0(\lambda\rho)}}{\sqrt{k_1^2 + \lambda^2}} \quad \text{see DLMF 10.32.E11} \\ &= \frac{q e^{i\omega z/v}}{v\epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} K_0(\lambda\rho) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where we have chosen the branch of λ with positive real part to make the asymptotic form of $K_0(\lambda\rho) \propto e^{-\lambda\rho}$ not blow up when $\rho \rightarrow \infty$.

2. When ϵ is constant and $\beta^2 \epsilon < 1$, (6) can be written as

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \frac{q e^{i\omega z/v}}{v\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} K_0\left(\frac{|\omega|\rho}{\Gamma v}\right) \quad \text{where } \Gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2 \epsilon}} \quad (7)$$

Applying Fourier transform, we get

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{q}{v\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_0\left(\frac{|\omega|\rho}{\Gamma v}\right) e^{i\omega(z/v - t)} d\omega \quad (8)$$

Here we invoke [DLMF 10.43.E20](#) and [DLMF 10.43.E21](#)

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos(at) K_0(t) dt = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{1+a^2}} \quad \int_0^{\infty} \sin(at) K_0(t) dt = \frac{\sinh^{-1} a}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \quad (9)$$

By parity, in (6), only the integral involving $\cos[\omega(z/v - t)]$ survives, giving

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{q}{\pi v \epsilon} \frac{\Gamma v}{\rho} \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{\Gamma(z - vt)}{\rho} \right]^2}} = \frac{q}{\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + \Gamma^2(z - vt)^2}} \quad (10)$$

From (2), when ϵ is constant, the vector potential is simply $\epsilon\beta$ times the scalar potential, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \epsilon\beta\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (11)$$

The electric field has only $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}$ component,

$$\begin{aligned} E_z(\mathbf{x}, t) &= -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\epsilon\beta}{c} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial t} \\ &= -(1 - \beta^2\epsilon) \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial z} = -\frac{q}{\Gamma^2\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{-\Gamma^2(z - vt) \cdot \Gamma}{[\rho^2 + \Gamma^2(z - vt)^2]^{3/2}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma q(z - vt)}{\epsilon [\rho^2 + \Gamma^2(z - vt)^2]^{3/2}} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$E_\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\rho} = \frac{\Gamma q\rho}{\epsilon [\rho^2 + \Gamma^2(z - vt)^2]^{3/2}} \quad (13)$$

The magnetic field is

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\epsilon\beta \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \epsilon\beta E_\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \frac{\beta\Gamma q\rho}{[\rho^2 + \Gamma^2(z - vt)^2]^{3/2}} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad (14)$$

These differ from (11.152) by $\gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$ and additional factor $1/\epsilon$ for E_z, E_ρ .

3. When $\beta^2\epsilon > 1$, we see that $\lambda^2 < 0$ from (4). Let

$$\mu^2 = -\lambda^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} (\beta^2\epsilon - 1) > 0 \quad (15)$$

the integral (3) is now

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \frac{2qe^{i\omega z/v}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} v\epsilon(\omega)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik_1\rho} dk_1 \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2^2 + k_1^2 - \mu^2}}_I \quad (16)$$

For $|k_1| > \mu$, the double integral can be calculated straightforwardly,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|k_1|>\mu} e^{ik_1\rho} dk_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2^2 + k_1^2 - \mu^2} &= \int_{|k_1|>\mu} e^{ik_1\rho} dk_1 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k_1^2 - \mu^2}} \\ &= 2\pi \underbrace{\int_{\mu}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(k_1\rho) dk_1}{\sqrt{k_1^2 - \mu^2}}}_{-Y_0(\mu\rho) \cdot \pi/2} \quad \text{see [DLMF 10.9.E12](#)} \\ &= -\pi^2 Y_0(\mu\rho) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

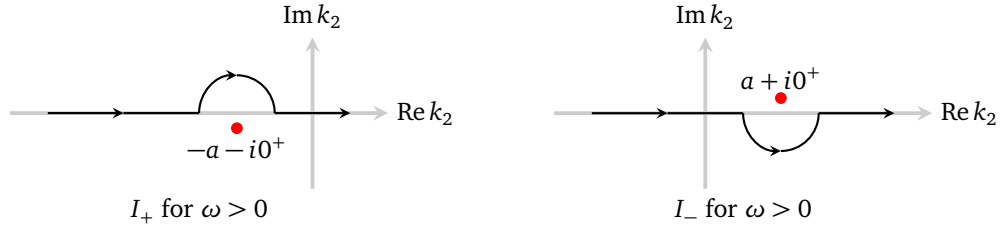
On the other hand, when $|k_1| < \mu$, with

$$a \equiv \sqrt{\mu^2 - k_1^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} (\beta^2\epsilon - 1) - k_1^2} \quad (18)$$

the inner integral of (16) becomes

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{(k_2 + a)(k_2 - a)} = \frac{1}{2a} \left(\overbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2 - a}}^{I_-} - \overbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2 + a}}^{I_+} \right) \quad (19)$$

Consider the physical situation where $\text{Im } \epsilon(\omega)$ is infinitesimally positive for positive frequency (absorbing medium),



then the pole of I_+ , I_- are indicated by the red dots in the diagram above.

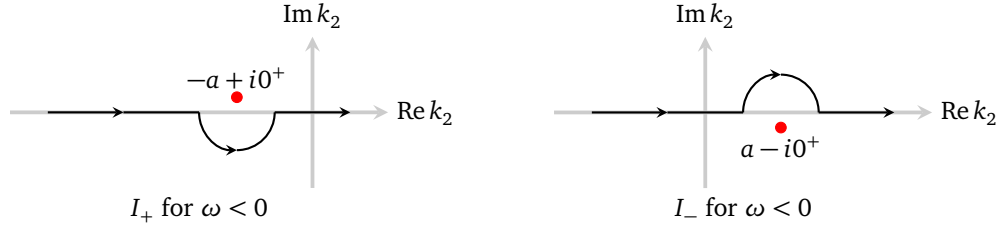
To evaluate I_+ with pole at $-a - i0^+$, we choose the contour with infinitesimal semicircle above the singularity

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_+ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{-R}^{-a-r} \frac{dk_2}{k_2 + a} + \int_{-a+r}^R \frac{dk_2}{k_2 + a} + \int_{\text{semicircle}} \frac{dz}{z + a} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[\ln \left(\frac{-r}{-R + a} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{R + a}{r} \right) \right] + \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\pi}^0 \frac{ire^{i\phi} d\phi}{re^{i\phi}} \\
 &= -i\pi
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_- &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{-R}^{a-r} \frac{dk_2}{k_2 - a} + \int_{a+r}^R \frac{dk_2}{k_2 - a} + \int_{\text{semicircle}} \frac{dz}{z - a} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[\ln \left(\frac{-r}{-R - a} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{R - a}{r} \right) \right] + \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{ire^{i\phi} d\phi}{re^{i\phi}} \\
 &= i\pi
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

For negative frequencies, the absorption requirement is on the complex conjugate $\epsilon^*(\omega)$, so $\text{Im } \epsilon(\omega) < 0$ for $\omega < 0$, the contours of I_{\pm} are flipped about the real axis (see diagram below) hence I_{\pm} gain a minus sign on top of (20), (21).



In summary, the inner integral of (16), considering both positive and negative frequencies, is

$$I = \frac{1}{2a} (I_- - I_+) = \text{sgn}(\omega) \frac{i\pi}{\sqrt{\mu^2 - k_1^2}} \tag{22}$$

which gives the remaining part of the double integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{|k_1| < \mu} e^{ik_1 \rho} dk_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_2}{k_2^2 + k_1^2 - \mu^2} &= \text{sgn}(\omega) 2\pi i \int_0^{\mu} \frac{\cos(k_1 \rho) dk_1}{\sqrt{\mu^2 - k_1^2}} \quad \text{see DLMF 10.9.E4} \\
 &= \text{sgn}(\omega) \pi^2 i J_0(\mu \rho)
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Putting (17) and (23) back to (16) gives the desired result

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \frac{qe^{i\omega z/\nu}}{\nu \epsilon(\omega)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} [-Y_0(\mu \rho) + \text{sgn}(\omega) iJ_0(\mu \rho)] \tag{24}$$

Finally, when $\epsilon(\omega)$ is independent of frequency, applying Fourier transform $\omega \rightarrow t$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{q}{\nu \epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(z/\nu - t)} \left[-Y_0 \left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{\nu} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) + \text{sgn}(\omega) iJ_0 \left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{\nu} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) \right] d\omega
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

By parity,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(z/v-t)} Y_0 \left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) d\omega = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \cos[\omega(z/v-t)] Y_0 \left(\frac{\omega \rho}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) d\omega \quad (26)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(z/v-t)} \operatorname{sgn}(\omega) i J_0 \left(\frac{|\omega| \rho}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) d\omega = -2 \int_0^{\infty} \sin[\omega(z/v-t)] J_0 \left(\frac{\omega \rho}{v} \sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1} \right) d\omega \quad (27)$$

The latter integrals are given in 6.671.12 and 6.671.7 of *I. S. Gradshteyn and I. M. Ryzhik, Table of Integrals, Series and Products Eighth Edition*

$$\int_0^{\infty} Y_0(ax) \cos(bx) dx = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}} & \text{for } b > a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } a > b > 0 \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} J_0(ax) \sin(bx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}} & \text{for } b > a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } a > b > 0 \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

When $z > vt$, the sum of the two integrals in (25) vanishes, regardless of the relative size of a and b . But for $z < vt$, the sum enhances the result for the $b > a > 0$ case. In summary, the full scalar potential is

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2q}{\epsilon \sqrt{(z-vt)^2 - \rho^2 (\beta^2 \epsilon - 1)}} & \text{for } z < vt \text{ and } \rho < \frac{vt-z}{\sqrt{\beta^2 \epsilon - 1}} = \frac{vt-z}{\tan \theta_c} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Multiplying (30) by β/ϵ , as indicated by (2), will give us the same vector potential as (13.51).

The non-zero potential region is the interior of the shockwave lightcone, as depicted below.

