

1. Prob 9.5

(a) From Chapter 6, the time dependent scalar and vector potential can be written

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \int dt' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}', t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \delta\left(t' + \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c} - t\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \int dt' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \delta\left(t' + \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c} - t\right) \quad (2)$$

With the harmonic time dependency $e^{-i\omega t}$ of $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t)$, we can write the potentials as

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = e^{-i\omega t} \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = e^{-i\omega t} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-i\omega t} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}') \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \quad (4)$$

Recall the Green function expansion (9.98)

$$\frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = ik \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} j_l(kr_{<}) h_l^{(1)}(kr_{>}) \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \quad (5)$$

for observation point outside the source region ($r_{>} = r, r_{<} = r'$), the scalar potential becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{ik}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} h_l^{(1)}(kr) \cdot \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') j_l(kr') \left[\sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \phi') Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \right] d^3x' \quad \text{by Addition Theorem (3.63)} \\ &= \frac{ik}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} h_l^{(1)}(kr) \cdot \left(\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \right) \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') j_l(kr') P_l(\cos \gamma) d^3x' \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where γ is the angle between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' .

For dipole contribution to $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$, we set $l = 1$, hence

$$h_1^{(1)}(kr) = -\frac{e^{ikr}}{kr} \left(1 + \frac{i}{kr} \right) \quad (7)$$

and with long-wavelength assumption $kr' \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$j_1(kr') \approx \frac{kr'}{3} \quad (8)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{ik}{\epsilon_0} \left(-\frac{e^{ikr}}{kr} \right) \left(1 + \frac{i}{kr} \right) \cdot \frac{3}{4\pi} \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') \frac{kr'}{3} \cos \gamma d^3x' \\ &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} (1 - ikr) \cdot \overbrace{\int \rho(\mathbf{x}') \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}' d^3x'}^{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}} \\ &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p} (1 - ikr) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For dipole contribution to $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$, we set $l = 0$, thus with $h_0^{(1)}(kr) = e^{ikr}/ikr$ and $j_0(kr') \approx 1$, we have

$$\mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{ik\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{ikr} \int \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}') d^3x' = -\frac{i\mu_0\omega}{4\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \mathbf{p} \quad (10)$$

where we have used (9.14).

Note in this derivation, the only approximation used is the small argument approximation for $j_l(kr')$, justified by the long-wavelength assumption. In particular, it not assumed that $kr \gg 1$ besides the requirement that the observation point is outside the source region.

(b) To get the field from $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$, denote

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} f(r) \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p} \quad \text{where} \quad f(r) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} (1 - ikr) \quad (11)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(r) &= \frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} (1 - ikr) \right] \mathbf{n} \\ &= \left[ik \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} (1 - ikr) - \frac{3e^{ikr}}{r^4} (1 - ikr) - ik \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} \right] \mathbf{n} \\ &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} \left[k^2 r - \frac{3(1 - ikr)}{r} \right] \mathbf{n} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla [f(r) \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}] &= \nabla f(r) (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}) + f(r) \nabla (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}) \\ &= \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} \left[k^2 r - \frac{3(1 - ikr)}{r} \right] \mathbf{n} (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}) + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r^3} (1 - ikr) \mathbf{p} \\ &= [\mathbf{p} - 3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})] \left(\frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{ik}{r^2} \right) e^{ikr} + k^2 \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

In Lorenz gauge, the electric field is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) &= -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}) + i\omega \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \nabla [f(r) \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}] + \frac{k^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \mathbf{p} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ [3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}] \left(\frac{1}{r^3} - \frac{ik}{r^2} \right) e^{ikr} + k^2 \overbrace{[\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})]}^{(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{p}) \times \mathbf{n}} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which agrees with (9.18).

\mathbf{H} is given by the usual relation $\mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} / \mu_0$ which, of course, would agree with (9.18).

2. Prob 9.6

(a) Up to first order of $|\mathbf{x}'|/r$, we have

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{r^2}\right)^{-1/2} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{r}\right) \quad |\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'| \approx r \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{r}\right) \quad (15)$$

Thus from (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{\rho\left(\mathbf{x}', t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|}{c}\right)}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{r}\right) \cdot \left[\rho\left(\mathbf{x}', t - \frac{r}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{x}', t')}{\partial t'} \bigg|_{t'=t-r/c} \cdot (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}') \right] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Up to first order of $|\mathbf{x}'|/r$, the integral has three parts,

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & \frac{1}{r} \int \rho\left(\mathbf{x}', t - \frac{r}{c}\right) d^3x' = \frac{Q_{\text{ret}}}{r} \\ 2. \quad & \frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{n} \cdot \int \mathbf{x}' \rho\left(\mathbf{x}', t - \frac{r}{c}\right) d^3x' = \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{r^2} \\ 3. \quad & \frac{1}{cr} \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \left[\int \mathbf{x}' \rho(\mathbf{x}', t') d^3x' \right] \bigg|_{t'=t-r/c} = \frac{1}{cr} \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(t')}{\partial t'} \bigg|_{t-r/c} = \frac{1}{cr} \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The first part is the monopole contribution and can be ignored for our purpose. And in the third part, $\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}/\partial t$ is understood to represent the time derivative of the dipole evaluated at the retarded time.

In summary, the dipole contribution to the scalar potential is

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}} + \frac{1}{cr} \mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (18)$$

For vector potential, we can replace ρ with \mathbf{J} in (16), i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{r}\right) \cdot \left[\mathbf{J}\left(\mathbf{x}', t - \frac{r}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t')}{\partial t'} \bigg|_{t'=t-r/c} \cdot (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}') \right] \quad (19)$$

But from (9.14), we see the integral

$$\frac{1}{r} \int \mathbf{J} d^3x' = -\frac{1}{r} \int \mathbf{x}' (\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}) d^3x' = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \mathbf{x}' \rho d^3x' \quad (20)$$

is of order $|\mathbf{x}'|/r$, so all the $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}'$ terms in (19) can be ignored. Thus the vector potential becomes

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \left[\int \mathbf{x}' \rho(\mathbf{x}', t') d^3x' \right] \bigg|_{t'=t-r/c} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \quad (21)$$

(b) The fields can be evaluated routinely,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \nabla \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left\{ -\frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{n} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\frac{\partial p_j(t')}{\partial t'} \bigg|_{t-r/c} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left\{ -\frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{n} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} \left[\frac{\partial^2 p_j(t')}{\partial t'^2} \right] \bigg|_{t-r/c} \cdot \left(-\frac{x_i}{cr} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{n} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{cr} \mathbf{n} \times \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

For electric field,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{\partial\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\underbrace{\nabla\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}\right)}_{\mathbf{X}} + \underbrace{\nabla\left(\frac{1}{cr}\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t}\right)}_{\mathbf{Y}} \right] - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} + \frac{1}{c^2 r} \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Evaluation of \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} is tedious but straightforward,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{X} &= \nabla\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}\right) = \nabla\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right)(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) + \frac{1}{r^3}\nabla(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) \\
&= -\frac{3}{r^3}\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) + \frac{1}{r^3}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [x_i p_i(t-r/c)] \\
&= -\frac{3}{r^3}\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) + \frac{1}{r^3}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \left[\delta_{ij} p_i(t-r/c) + x_i \frac{\partial p_i(t')}{\partial t'} \Big|_{t-r/c} \cdot \left(-\frac{x_j}{cr}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{r^3} [\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}} - 3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}})] - \frac{1}{cr^2} \mathbf{n} \left(\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Y} &= \nabla\left(\frac{1}{cr^2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t}\right) = \nabla\left(\frac{1}{cr^2}\right)(\mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t}) + \frac{1}{cr^2}\nabla\left(\mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t}\right) \\
&= -\frac{2}{cr^2}\mathbf{n} \left(\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{1}{cr^2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[x_i \frac{\partial p_i(t')}{\partial t'} \Big|_{t-r/c} \right] \\
&= -\frac{2}{cr^2}\mathbf{n} \left(\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{1}{cr^2}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \left[\delta_{ij} \frac{\partial p_i(t')}{\partial t'} \Big|_{t-r/c} + x_i \frac{\partial^2 p_i(t')}{\partial t'^2} \Big|_{t-r/c} \left(-\frac{x_j}{cr}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{cr^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}} - 2\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}})] - \frac{1}{c^2 r} \mathbf{n} \left(\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Putting everything back to (23) yields the desired identity

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{r}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \left[\frac{3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) - \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{r^3} \right] + \frac{1}{c^2 r} \left[\mathbf{n} \left(\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right) - \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right] \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{r}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \left[\frac{3\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}) - \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{r^3} \right] + \frac{1}{c^2 r} \mathbf{n} \times \left(\mathbf{n} \times \frac{\partial^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}}{\partial t^2} \right) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

(c) If the source has harmonic time dependency, the following substitutions hold

$$-i\omega \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \qquad \mathbf{p}e^{ikr-i\omega t} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{p}_{\text{ret}}(t') \tag{27}$$

It is then straightforward to verify they connect the fields of arbitrary time dependency (22), (26) to the harmonic time dependency (9.18).