

Under the influence of the electric field, the equation of motion of the charge is

$$m\ddot{x} = -\Gamma\dot{x} - kx + eE(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{where } k = m\omega_0^2 \quad (1)$$

With the assumption that the motion of the charge is small compared to the spatial variation of \mathbf{E} , we can take the approximation $E(x, t) \approx E(0, t)$, turning (1) into

$$m\ddot{x} + \Gamma\dot{x} + m\omega_0^2 x - eE(0, t) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Taking the Fourier transform of (2) gives

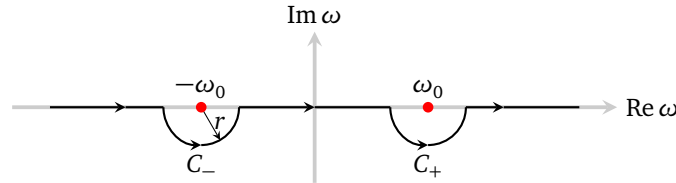
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\left(m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{d}{dt} + m\omega_0^2 \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega - e \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \right] &= 0 \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ [-m(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) - i\Gamma\omega] x(\omega) - eE(\omega) \} e^{-i\omega t} d\omega &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Orthogonality of the Fourier transform implies that the integrand must vanish for all ω , leading to

$$x(\omega) = \frac{-eE(\omega)}{m(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) + i\Gamma\omega} \quad (4)$$

The total energy transfer from the field to the charge is given by the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} eE(0, t) \frac{dx(t)}{dt} dt \\ &= e \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega E(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} \right] \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' (-i\omega') x(\omega') e^{-i\omega' t} \right] \quad \omega' \rightarrow -\omega' \\ &= e \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega E(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' (i\omega') x^*(\omega') \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i(\omega - \omega')t}}_{\delta(\omega - \omega')} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{e^2}{m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{-|E(\omega)|^2 i\omega}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) - i\Gamma\omega/m} d\omega}_I \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



Under the limit $\Gamma \rightarrow 0$, the integrand has two poles approaching $\pm\omega_0$ from above and the real-axis integral can be decomposed into

$$I = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\omega_0 - r} + \int_{-\omega_0 + r}^{\omega_0 - r} + \int_{\omega_0 + r}^{\infty} + \int_{C_-} + \int_{C_+} \right)$$

where the first three terms give

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\omega_0 - r} + \int_{-\omega_0 + r}^{\omega_0 - r} + \int_{\omega_0 + r}^{\infty} \right) = P.V. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{-|E(\omega)|^2 i\omega}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)} d\omega \quad (6)$$

which is a pure imaginary number, having no contribution to ΔE . For the two semi-circular contours, let $z = \pm\omega_0 + re^{i\phi}$, $\phi \in [-\pi, 0]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } I &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{C_-} + \int_{C_+} \right) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{-|E(z)|^2 iz \cdot ire^{i\phi} d\phi}{re^{i\phi} (-2\omega_0 + re^{i\phi})} + \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{-|E(z)|^2 iz \cdot ire^{i\phi} d\phi}{re^{i\phi} (2\omega_0 + re^{i\phi})} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} [|E(-\omega_0)|^2 + |E(\omega_0)|^2] = \pi |E(\omega_0)|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which yields the total energy transfer

$$\Delta E = \frac{\pi e^2 |E(\omega_0)|^2}{m} \quad (8)$$