

**NOTE**: Problems are graded at 10 pts. each, unless indicated otherwise.

● [Jackson Prob. (14.2)]. Using the Larmor formulas for the nonrelativistic motion of a point charge  $q$ , find the time-averaged quantities:  $\langle dP/d\Omega \rangle$  = power radiated per unit solid angle, and  $\langle P \rangle$  = total power radiated, when  $q$  moves as follows...

(A) ... along the  $z$ -axis with instantaneous position:  $z(t) = R \cos \omega_0 t$  ( $R \& \omega_0 = \text{cnsts}$ );

(B) ... in a circle of radius  $R$  in the  $xy$  plane, at  $\omega_0$  frequency  $\omega_0$  ( $R \& \omega_0 = \text{cnsts}$ ).

In each case, sketch the angular distribution of the radiation. Is there a significant difference in  $\langle P \rangle$  for the linear motion vs. the circular motion?

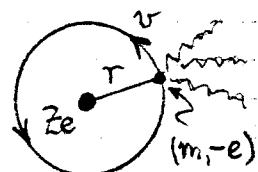
● [Jackson Prob. (14.3)]. A nonrelativistic particle of mass  $m$ , charge  $ze$ , and initial kinetic energy  $K$  collides head-on with a fixed central force field. The interaction is repulsive, and is specified by a potential  $V(r)$ :  $V(r)$  increases as the separation  $r$  decreases, and  $V(r) > K$  for all  $r < r_0$  (so  $r_0$  = "closest distance of approach").

(A) Show that the total energy radiated by  $ze$  during this encounter is ...

$$\Delta W = \frac{4}{3c} \left( \frac{ze}{mc} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{dV}{dr} \right|^2 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{V(r_0) - V(r)}}$$

(B) Let the potential be Coulombic:  $V(r) = zZe^2/r$ . If  $v_0$  is the velocity of  $ze$  at infinity, show the radiated energy is:  $\Delta W = \frac{16}{45} (z/Z) (v_0/c)^3 K \ll K$ .

● An electron (mass  $m$ , charge  $(-e)$ ), in a hydrogenlike atom (stationary nucleus of charge  $Ze$ ), moves in a circular orbit of radius  $r$ . Treat the system classically, and assume the electron velocity  $v \ll c$ .




(A) Find an expression for the electron's total orbit energy  $E$  in terms of  $r$  alone.

(B) Assume the electron radiates energy  $\Delta E \ll |E|$ , per orbit. Find the radiated power  $P$  in terms of  $r$  alone. Equate  $P$  to the rate of loss of orbital energy, to obtain a differential eqn for the decrease in orbit radius  $r$  due to radiation.

(C) Calculate the elapsed time for the electron to spiral into the nucleus if it starts from  $r = a_0$ . Set  $Z=1$ ,  $a_0 = 0.53 \text{ \AA}$  (Bohr radius). Calculate a number for the collapse time.

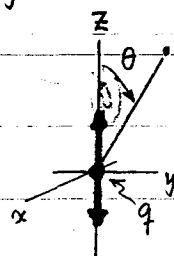
# φ520 Prob. Solutions

 [Jackson (14.2)] Use Larmor formulas for radiation from SHO & from cyclotron orbit.

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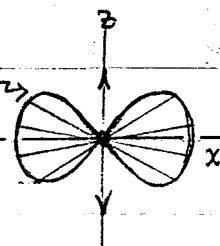
(a) SHO:  $z(t) = R \cos \omega_0 t \Rightarrow$  acceln:  $a(t) = \ddot{z}(t) = -\omega_0^2 R \cos \omega_0 t$ .

So // In Eq. (14.21)  $\Rightarrow \frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |a|^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{4\pi c^3} [\cos^2 \omega_0 t] \sin^2 \theta$



Time average (over many cycles):  $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left[ \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{8\pi c^3} \right] \sin^2 \theta$ , since  $\langle \cos^2 \omega_0 t \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The  $\theta$  distribution of  $\langle dP/d\Omega \rangle$  is the familiar  $\sin^2 \theta$ , as at right  $\rightarrow$



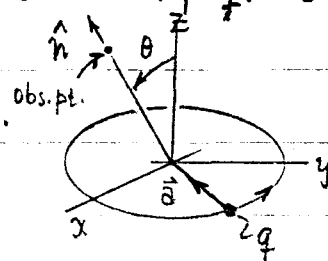
From In Eq. (14.22), the Larmor version of the total radiated power

is  $P = \frac{2q^2}{3c^3} |a|^2 = \frac{2}{3c^3} (q\omega_0^2 R)^2 [\cos^2 \omega_0 t] \rightarrow \langle P \rangle = \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{3c^3}$

Notice that the radiation increases as the 4<sup>th</sup> power of the natural freq.  $\omega_0$ .

(b) Cyclotron Orbit:  $q$ 's position in xy-plane:  $\vec{r} = R(\cos \omega_0 t, \sin \omega_0 t, 0)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  acceln:  $\vec{a} = \ddot{\vec{r}} = -a(\cos \omega_0 t, \sin \omega_0 t, 0)$ , w/  $a = \omega_0^2 R$ .



Since problem has cylindrical symmetry about z-axis after time averaging, can locate obs. pt. in xz-plane without loss of generality. Then, unit vector to obs pt is:

$\hat{n} = (\sin \theta, 0, \cos \theta) \Rightarrow \hat{n} \cdot \vec{a} = -a \cos \omega_0 t \sin \theta = a \cos \Theta$ ,  $\Theta = \angle(\hat{n}, \vec{a})$ ;

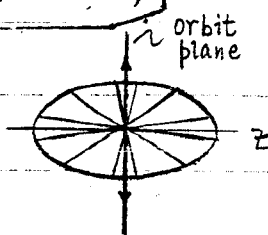
So //  $\cos \Theta = -\cos \omega_0 t \sin \theta$ , and //  $\sin^2 \Theta = 1 - [\cos^2 \omega_0 t] \sin^2 \theta$ .

$\theta$  is the usual colatitude & as shown. The time-averaged power/solid  $\angle$  is

$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |a|^2 \langle \sin^2 \Theta \rangle = \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{4\pi c^3} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \right] = \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{8\pi c^3} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$

The  $\theta$  distribution is shown at right. Total radiated power is:

$\langle P \rangle = \int_0^\pi \langle dP/d\Omega \rangle \cdot 2\pi \sin \theta d\theta = 2 \cdot \frac{(q\omega_0^2 R)^2}{3c^3}$  Note: twice as much  $\langle P \rangle$  for part (b) vs (a).



37 [Jackson (14.3)], Calculate rad<sup>n</sup> energy loss for particle ( $m, ze$ ) during collision

(a) Total energy radiated:  $\Delta W = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P dt = \frac{2}{3} \frac{(ze)^2}{m^2 c^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |dp/dt|^2 dt$ , via Larmor.

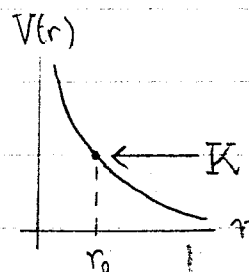
But Newton II  $\Rightarrow dp/dt = -dV/dr$ . And total energy  $E = K + V = V(r_0)$ .

This last statement is true if the loss  $\Delta W \ll E$ . We assume this to be true.

Then plug in  $|dp/dt|^2 = |dV/dr|^2$ , and change integration variables  $dt \rightarrow dr$ , via

$$dt = \frac{dr}{v}, \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{2K}{m}} \Rightarrow dt = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} dr / [V(r_0) - V(r)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Sol: 
$$\Delta W = 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \frac{(ze)^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{dV}{dr} \right|^2 dr / [V(r_0) - V(r)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



(b) Coulomb potential:  $V(r) = zZe^2/r$ , and:  $V(r_0) = K$  (at  $r = \infty$ ),

or  $\frac{zZe^2}{r_0} = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 \Rightarrow \underline{r_0} = zZe^2 / m v_0^2$ , is closest approach.

Also:  $|dV/dr|^2 = (zZe^2)^2 / r^4$ . The above formula for  $\Delta W$  is then...

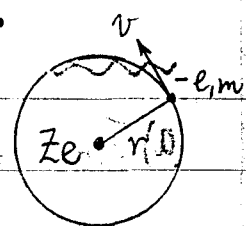
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta W &= \left\{ \frac{4}{3c} \left( \frac{ze}{mc} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\} \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{dr}{r^4} / \left[ \frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{1}{r} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{change variables to } y = \frac{r_0}{r} \Rightarrow dr = -\frac{r_0}{y^2} dy \\ &= \left\{ \right\} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{r_0}}{r_0^3} \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 dy}{\sqrt{1-y}} = \left\{ \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{r_0^{5/2}} \cdot 2\sqrt{1-y} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{3}(1-y) + \frac{1}{5}(1-y^2) \right] \Big|_{y=1}^{y=0} \end{aligned}$$

i.e., 
$$\Delta W = \frac{4}{3c} \left( \frac{ze}{mc} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \left( \frac{m v_0^2}{2zZe^2} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \cdot \frac{16}{15}$$

or 
$$\Delta W = \frac{8}{45} \frac{z m v_0^5}{Z c^3} = \frac{16}{45} \frac{z}{Z} \left( \frac{v_0}{c} \right)^3 K, \quad \text{where } K = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = \text{incident K.E.}$$

Notice that for the nonrelativistic case,  $v_0 \ll c$ , and the radiative loss  $\Delta W \ll K$ . This justifies the assumption made in part (a) that  $E = K + V \approx \text{const.}$

● Calculate radiative time-of-collapse for the classical atom.



(a) Centripetal force = Coulomb force  $\Rightarrow \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{Ze^2}{r^2}$ , which gives:

$$\text{K.E.} : K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{Ze^2}{2r}$$

The P.E. for the orbiting electron is:  $V = -Ze^2/r$ , so the total orbit energy is

$$E = K + V = -Ze^2/2r$$

(b) With the centripetal accel<sup>n</sup>:  $a = v^2/r$ , the electron radiates energy at rate

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} |a|^2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} \left| \frac{Ze^2}{mr^2} \right|^2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 (Ze^2)^2}{m^2 c^3} \frac{1}{r^4}$$

where we've used  $v^2/r = Ze^2/mr^2$ , from part (a).

Equate the radiative loss  $P$  to rate of loss of  $E$  (orbit) from part (a):

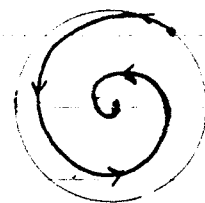
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( -\frac{Ze^2}{2r} \right) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 (Ze^2)^2}{m^2 c^3} \frac{1}{r^4} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{Ze^4}{m^2 c^3} \right) \frac{1}{r^2}$$

Note this can be written:  $\frac{1}{c} (dr/dt) = (-) \frac{4Z}{3} (r_0/r)^2$ , where  $r_0 = \frac{e^2}{mc^2} = 2.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$

is the classical electron radius. Thus the radial velocity of the electron is  $\ll c$  until it essentially hits the nucleus, and the radial shrinkage is small until the same point. The total time for the electron to spiral down from  $R$  to zero is

$$(c) \quad T(\text{collapse}) = \int_{r=R}^{r=0} dt = \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{m^2 c^3}{Ze^4} \right) \int_R^0 r^2 dr = \frac{1}{4Z} \left( \frac{m^2 c^3}{e^4} \right) R^3$$

$$\text{or } T(\text{collapse}) = \frac{1}{4Z} \frac{r_0}{c} \left( \frac{R}{r_0} \right)^3, \quad r_0 = \frac{e^2}{mc^2} = 2.82 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm.}$$



For  $Z=1$  &  $R=a_0 = 0.53 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$ , have:  $R/a_0 = 1.88 \times 10^4$ . The #'s then give:

$$T(\text{collapse}) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{2.82}{3} \times 10^{-23} (1.88)^3 \times 10^{12} = \underline{1.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ sec.}} \quad \text{Life is short!}$$

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