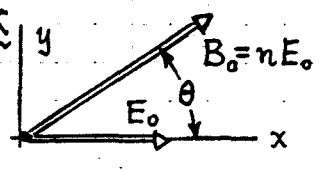
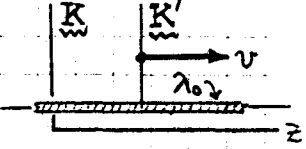


②⑥ With x & y the usual 2D cartesian coordinates, consider rotations in the xy plane, governed by the rotation matrix: $\underline{R} = (R_{ik}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$. Let: $\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -xy & -y^2 \\ x^2 & xy \end{pmatrix}$. Show that \underline{T} is an acceptable 2nd rank tensor, by virtue of transforming correctly under \underline{R} , i.e. $T_{ij} \rightarrow T'_{ij} = R_{ik} R_{jl} T_{kl}$. Similarly, test: $\underline{T}' = \begin{pmatrix} xy & y^2 \\ x^2 & -xy \end{pmatrix}$, as a tensor.

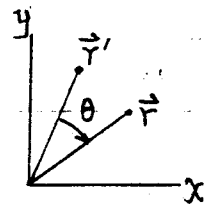
②⑦ [~ Jackson Prob. (11.13)]. In reference frame K , a uniform electric field E_0 is \parallel x -axis, while a uniform magnetic field $B_0 = nE_0$ ($n = \text{some number} > 0$) lies in the xy plane. In K , B_0 lies at a given $\angle \theta$ relative to E_0 .  (A) Find the relative velocity β (magnitude & direction) of a moving frame K' in which these fields appear to be parallel ($\theta' = 0$). Is β at all restricted by the size of n ? (B) Calculate the fields E'_0 & B'_0 in the K' frame when $\theta \ll 1$, and when $\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$.

②⑧ [Jackson Prob. (11.11)]. A very long straight wire is at rest in inertial frame K' , where it has uniform charge/unit length λ_0 . K' (and the wire) move at velocity $\underline{v} \parallel$ wire down the z -axis of lab frame K .  (A) Write down the E' & B' fields in cylindrical cds in K' . Using the Lorentz transforms for the fields, find E & B in the lab frame K . (B) What are the charge & current densities for the wire in K' ? In K ? (C) From the densities in K , calculate E & B in K directly. Compare with the E & B found in part (A). What do you conclude?

②⑨ [pts.]. For the free-space Maxwell Eqs. $\nabla \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{E} \\ \underline{B} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 4\pi\rho \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$, $\nabla \times \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{E} \\ \underline{B} \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{c} \begin{Bmatrix} -\dot{\underline{B}} \\ \dot{\underline{E}} + 4\pi\mathbf{J} \end{Bmatrix}$, let the fields & sources all be real, and define $\underline{M} = \underline{E} + i\underline{B}$. Condense the Maxwell Eqs. to just 2 eqs. involving $\nabla \cdot \underline{M}$ & $\nabla \times \underline{M}$. In turn, show that the Maxwell system \Rightarrow tensor divergence $\partial_\alpha \mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} = (4\pi/c) J^\beta$, $\partial_\alpha = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}, \nabla)$, $J^\beta = (c\rho, \mathbf{J})$, and: $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -M_1 & -M_2 & -M_3 \\ M_1 & 0 & iM_3 & -iM_2 \\ M_2 & -iM_3 & 0 & iM_1 \\ M_3 & iM_2 & -iM_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Verify that the Maier field tensor $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta}$ transforms properly for a Lorentz boost along the x_1 -axis [INT: see Jkⁿ Sec. (11.10)]. Finally, find the eigenvalues of the tensor $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta}$.

⑥ Test 2D matrix arrays for tensor character: $\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -xy & y^2 \\ x^2 & xy \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{T}' = \begin{pmatrix} xy & y^2 \\ x^2 & -xy \end{pmatrix}$.

The 2D rotation matrix is: $\underline{R} = \begin{pmatrix} C & S \\ -S & C \end{pmatrix}$, where $\begin{cases} C = \cos \theta \\ S = \sin \theta \end{cases}$. Note that $\underline{R}^{-1} = \underline{R}^T = \begin{pmatrix} C & -S \\ S & C \end{pmatrix}$. For a proper tensor \underline{A} , must have...



$$A_{ij} \rightarrow A'_{ij} = R_{ik} R_{jl} A_{kl} = R_{ik} A_{kl} R_{lj}^T, \text{ or: } \boxed{\underline{A}' = \underline{R} \underline{A} \underline{R}^T}$$

(a) Test: $\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -xy & -y^2 \\ x^2 & xy \end{pmatrix}$. Note that: $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \underline{R} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Cx + Sy \\ -Sx + Cy \end{pmatrix}$.

Check, $\underline{T}' \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} C & S \\ -S & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -xy & -y^2 \\ x^2 & xy \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C & -S \\ S & C \end{pmatrix} \dots$ do the matrix multⁿ...

$$\begin{pmatrix} -x'y' & -y'^2 \\ x'^2 & x'y' \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} (S^2 - C^2)xy + CS(x^2 - y^2) & 2CSxy - S^2x^2 - C^2y^2 \\ C^2x^2 + S^2y^2 + 2CSxy & -(S^2 - C^2)xy - CS(x^2 - y^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{But } \begin{matrix} x' = Cx + Sy \\ y' = -Sx + Cy \end{matrix} \Rightarrow -x'y' = (Cx + Sy)(Sx - Cy) = (S^2 - C^2)xy + CS(x^2 - y^2).$$

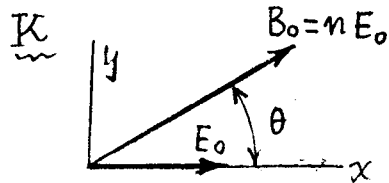
So T'_{11} transforms OK. Similarly $T'_{21} = x'^2 = C^2x^2 + S^2y^2 + 2CSxy$, is OK.

Finally: $T'_{12} = -T'_{21}$ check out, and: $\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -xy & -y^2 \\ x^2 & xy \end{pmatrix}$, is an authentic tensor.

(b) Testing $\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} xy & y^2 \\ x^2 & -xy \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{T}' \stackrel{?}{=} \underline{R} \underline{T} \underline{R}^T$, similarly, we calculate...

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'y' & y'^2 \\ x'^2 & -x'y' \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} (C^2 - S^2)xy + CS(x^2 + y^2) & C^2y^2 - S^2x^2 - 2CSxy \\ C^2x^2 - S^2y^2 - 2CSxy & -(C^2 - S^2)xy - CS(x^2 + y^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Re T'_{11} : $x'y' = (Cx + Sy)(Cy - Sx) = (C^2 - S^2)xy - CS(x^2 - y^2)$, so we do not have an identity as in part (a). The rest of the components of this \underline{T}' have similar problems, and $\underline{T}' = \begin{pmatrix} xy & y^2 \\ x^2 & -xy \end{pmatrix}$ is not a qualified tensor. Note that the difference between tensor & non-tensor character is just a sign change in the 12 comp.



27 Transform \vec{E} & \vec{B} fields into parallelism.

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(a) Perusal of the field transfⁿ eqns (11.148) $\Rightarrow \vec{E}'$ & \vec{B}' will be in the $x'y'$ plane if the Lorentz boost is along the z -axis: $\vec{\beta} = \beta \hat{z}$ [note: axes $(1,2,3) \leftrightarrow (z,x,y)$]. Then...

$$E'_z = E_z = 0, \quad E'_x = \gamma(E_x - \beta B_y) = \gamma E_0(1 - n\beta \sin \theta), \quad E'_y = \dots = \gamma E_0 n\beta \cos \theta;$$

$$B'_z = B_z = 0, \quad B'_x = \gamma(B_x + \beta E_y) = \gamma E_0 n\beta \cos \theta, \quad B'_y = \dots = \gamma E_0 (n \sin \theta - \beta).$$

If the fields are to be parallel in K' , then...

$$\frac{B'_y}{B'_x} = \frac{E'_y}{E'_x} \Rightarrow \frac{n \sin \theta - \beta}{n \beta \cos \theta} = \frac{n \beta \cos \theta}{1 - n \beta \sin \theta}, \quad \text{or } (n \sin \theta) \beta^2 - (n^2 + 1) \beta + n \sin \theta = 0.$$

Solve this quadratic to get the req'd β . Choose $(-)\sqrt{\quad}$ so $\beta \rightarrow 0$ as $\theta \rightarrow 0$...

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{1}{2n \sin \theta} \left[(n^2 + 1) - \sqrt{(n^2 + 1)^2 - 4n^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right]} \quad \text{Note: } n=1 \Rightarrow \beta = \tan(\theta/2).$$

For a possible β , the $\sqrt{\quad}$ must be real, which $\Rightarrow (n^2 + 1) \geq 2n \sin \theta$. Subtract $2n$ from both sides to write this as: $(n-1)^2 \geq -2n(1 - \sin \theta)$. Since this inequality is true for all n & θ , then $\left(\frac{n^2 + 1}{2n \sin \theta} \right) \geq 1$, and the $\sqrt{\quad}$ is always real. Also, when $r = \left(\frac{n^2 + 1}{2n \sin \theta} \right) \geq 1$, it is easy to show $\beta = r - \sqrt{r^2 - 1}$, obeys $0 < \beta \leq 1$. Thus, there is no restriction on β due to the size of n .

(b) For the specific θ -values given, above formula for β allows calculating...

A. $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{n} + O(\epsilon^2), \quad \text{and } \gamma = n/\sqrt{n^2 - 1} \text{ (neglect } O(\epsilon^2))$

So $\vec{E}'_0 \approx \frac{nE_0}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \left[\underbrace{(1 - \cos \epsilon)}_0 \hat{x}' + \underbrace{(\sin \epsilon)}_\epsilon \hat{y}' \right], \quad \vec{B}'_0 \approx \frac{n^2 E_0}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \left[\underbrace{(\sin \epsilon)}_\epsilon \hat{x}' + \underbrace{\left(\cos \epsilon - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)}_{1 - (1/n^2)} \hat{y}' \right]$

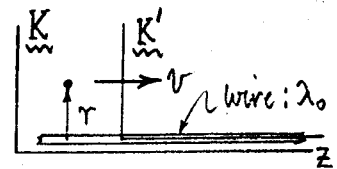
... neglect $O(\epsilon^2) \Rightarrow$

B. $\theta = \epsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow \beta \approx n\epsilon/(n^2 + 1), \text{ to 1st order in } \epsilon, \text{ and } \gamma \approx 1.$

So $\vec{E}'_0 \approx E_0 \left(\hat{x}' + \left(\frac{n^2 \epsilon}{n^2 + 1} \right) \hat{y}' \right), \quad \vec{B}'_0 \approx nE_0 \left(\hat{x}' + \left(\frac{n^2 \epsilon}{n^2 + 1} \right) \hat{y}' \right), \text{ to 1st order in } \epsilon.$

Prob. Solution

(28) Verify Lorentz transforms for \vec{E} & \vec{B} fields kinematically.

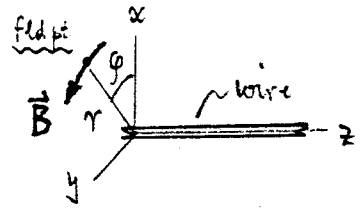


(a) In K' , wire is at rest, so $B' \equiv 0$, and: $E' = \left(\frac{2\lambda_0}{r}\right) \hat{r}$, points radially outward (with: $r = \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}$, the radial distance) from the wire. These fields: $E' = \frac{2\lambda_0}{r} (\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi, 0)$, $B' = (0, 0, 0)$ transform into K via Jackson's Eqs. (11.148) [interchange primes & non-primes, set $\beta \rightarrow (-)\beta$], i.e. with $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E_z &= 0, & B_z &= 0 \\ E_x &= \gamma(E'_x + \beta B'_y), & B_x &= \gamma(B'_x - \beta E'_y) \\ E_y &= \gamma(E'_y - \beta B'_x), & B_y &= \gamma(B'_y + \beta E'_x) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{E} = \gamma \vec{E}', \vec{B} = \gamma \beta \left(\frac{2\lambda_0}{r}\right) (-\sin\varphi, \cos\varphi, 0)}$$

Note that since \vec{r} is \perp motion, it is the same in both K' & K : $r = \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

\vec{B} is tangent to circle of radius r in system K .



(b) In K' , the charge density is λ_0 (by defn) while the current $\equiv 0$ (since wire at rest).

In K : $\lambda_0 = \frac{\Delta \text{charge}}{\Delta \text{length}} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\Delta \text{charge}}{(\Delta \text{length})\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \gamma \lambda_0$, because of the length contraction between K' & K . Also, in K , this λ is moving at velocity v , so it constitutes an apparent current: $I = \lambda v = \gamma \lambda_0 \beta c$. Altogether, in K ...

Charge density: $\lambda = \gamma \lambda_0$, current: $I = (\gamma \beta \lambda_0) c$.

(c) If we did not know about relativity in K , we would write down directly:

$$\vec{E} = \left(\frac{2\lambda}{r}\right) \hat{r} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Gauss' Law} \end{array} \right., \quad \vec{B} = \left(\frac{2I}{cr}\right) (-\sin\varphi, \cos\varphi, 0) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Biot-Savart Law} \end{array} \right.$$

With $\lambda = \gamma \lambda_0$, we see: $E(\text{in } K) = \gamma E'(\text{in } K')$, and with: $I/c = \gamma \beta \lambda_0$, we see $B(\text{in } K)$ is exactly what we've calculated here. Thus we have verified the field transfⁿs of part (a) from purely kinematic considerations.

◆ Jackson's Eq. (5.6)

② [29 pts]. Write the Maxwell Eqs. as a tensor divergence on Minkowski's tensor $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta}$.

1) For $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{E} + i\mathbf{B}$, and $J_0 = c\rho$, Maxwell's divergence eqns $\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi\rho, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \end{cases}$ easily combine to give:

$$\rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M} = (4\pi/c) J_0. \quad (1)$$

In the same way (by simple addition) the curl eqns $\begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c}(\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t), \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = +\frac{1}{c}(\partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t) + \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}, \end{cases}$ yield:

$$\rightarrow -\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial x_0} - i \nabla \times \mathbf{M} = (4\pi/c) \mathbf{J}, \quad (2)$$

where $x_0 = ct$ is the time coordinate.

2) In terms of components of the 4-position $\tilde{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$, Eqs (1) & (2)

$$\text{are} \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}(0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(+M_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(+M_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}(+M_3) &= \frac{4\pi}{c} J_0; \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}(-M_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(-iM_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}(iM_2) &= \frac{4\pi}{c} J_1; \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}(-M_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(iM_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}(-iM_1) &= \frac{4\pi}{c} J_2; \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}(-M_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(-iM_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}(iM_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}(0) &= \frac{4\pi}{c} J_3. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

Evidently this set of eqns can be written in the form of a tensor divergence...

$$\boxed{\partial_\alpha \mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta} = (4\pi/c) J^\beta}, \quad \text{with } \partial_\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}, \nabla \right), \quad J^\beta = (c\rho, \mathbf{J}), \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -M_1 & -M_2 & -M_3 \\ +M_1 & 0 & +iM_3 & -iM_2 \\ +M_2 & -iM_3 & 0 & +iM_1 \\ +M_3 & +iM_2 & -iM_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{the Minkowski tensor.} \quad (5)$$

Eqs. (4) are \equiv Maxwell Eqns, with $(\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta})$ a new form of the field tensor.

3) If $(\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta})$ is an acceptable field tensor, then under a Lorentz transform $\underline{\Lambda}$, we must have $\underline{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{M}}' = \underline{\Lambda} \underline{\mathcal{M}} \underline{\Lambda}_T$ [Jkⁿ Eq. (11.147)]. For a Lorentz boost $\underline{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ along the x_1 axis, this requires...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -M_1' & -M_2' & -M_3' \\ +M_1' & 0 & +iM_3' & -iM_2' \\ +M_2' & -iM_3' & 0 & +iM_1' \\ +M_3' & +iM_2' & -iM_1' & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -M_1 & -M_2 & -M_3 \\ +M_1 & 0 & +iM_3 & -iM_2 \\ +M_2 & -iM_3 & 0 & +iM_1 \\ +M_3 & +iM_2 & -iM_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

After some arithmetic, we find this relation is satisfied identically if... (6)

$M_1' = M_1,$	or -- separating real & imaginary parts of $M_k = E_k + iB_k$:	$E_1' = E_1, \quad B_1' = B_1$
$M_2' = \gamma(M_2 + i\beta M_3),$		$E_2' = \gamma(E_2 - \beta B_3), \quad B_2' = \gamma(B_2 + \beta E_3)$
$M_3' = \gamma(M_3 - i\beta M_2);$		$E_3' = \gamma(E_3 + \beta B_2), \quad B_3' = \gamma(B_3 - \beta E_2)$

The boxed eqns are precisely the Lorentz-transformed fields for an x_1 -boost, according to Jkⁿ Eq. (11.148). So $(\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta})$ transforms properly, as a contravariant field tensor, at least for Lorentz boosts. (7)

4) The eigenvalues λ of $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$ are found by imposing $\det(\underline{\mathcal{M}} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$, i.e.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -M_1 & -M_2 & -M_3 \\ +M_1 & -\lambda & +iM_3 & -iM_2 \\ +M_2 & -iM_3 & -\lambda & +iM_1 \\ +M_3 & +iM_2 & -iM_1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad \int \text{After some more arithmetic, this yields...} \quad [\lambda^2 - (M_1^2 + M_2^2 + M_3^2)][\lambda^2 + (M_1^2 + M_2^2 + M_3^2)] = 0. \quad (8)$$

Since $(M_1^2 + M_2^2 + M_3^2) = (E^2 - B^2) + 2i \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$, then the eigenvalues of $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$ are

$$\lambda = \pm [(E^2 - B^2) + 2i \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}]^{1/2}, \quad \pm i [(E^2 - B^2) + 2i \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}]^{1/2}. \quad (9)$$

Both quantities here, $(E^2 - B^2)$ & $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$, are Lorentz invariants [cf Landau & Lifshitz "Cl. Theory of Fields" (2nd ed, 1962), § 25]. So the λ 's are also Lorentz invariant.