

Here we fill the details leading to the  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}$  field expression (14.13), (14.14) from the field strength tensor (14.11), i.e.,

$$F^{\lambda\mu} = \frac{e}{V \cdot (x-r)} \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[ \frac{(x-r)^\lambda V^\mu - (x-r)^\mu V^\lambda}{V \cdot (x-r)} \right] \quad (1)$$

where it is understood to be evaluated at the retarded time  $\tau_0$  defined by the light-cone condition

Denote

$$(x-r)^\lambda = (R, \mathbf{Rn}) \equiv Rn^\lambda \quad \text{where} \quad n^\lambda = (1, \mathbf{n}) \quad (2)$$

$$V^\lambda = (\gamma c, \gamma c \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \gamma c \beta^\lambda \quad \text{where} \quad \beta^\lambda = (1, \boldsymbol{\beta}) \quad (3)$$

then the numerator in the square bracket is

$$N^{\lambda\mu} \equiv (x-r)^\lambda V^\mu - (x-r)^\mu V^\lambda = \gamma c R (n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda) \quad (4)$$

Note that

$$\frac{d[(x-r(\tau))^\lambda]}{d\tau} = -\frac{dr}{\frac{1}{\gamma} dt} = -V^\lambda = -\gamma c \beta^\lambda \quad (5)$$

and that the derivative of the four velocity with respect to the proper time is

$$\frac{dV^0}{d\tau} = c \frac{d\gamma}{d\tau} = c \left( \frac{d}{\frac{1}{\gamma} dt} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}}} \right) = c \gamma^4 \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{d\tau} = c \left( \frac{d}{\frac{1}{\gamma} dt} \right) (\gamma \boldsymbol{\beta}) = c \gamma \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sqrt{1-\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}}} \right) = c \gamma [\gamma \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \gamma^3 \boldsymbol{\beta} (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})] \quad (7)$$

which allows us to write more compactly as

$$\frac{dV^\lambda}{d\tau} = c \gamma^2 \dot{\beta}^\lambda + c \gamma^4 \beta^\lambda (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \quad \text{where } \dot{\beta}^\lambda = (0, \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \quad (8)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN^{\lambda\mu}}{d\tau} &= \frac{d[(x-r)^\lambda V^\mu - (x-r)^\mu V^\lambda]}{d\tau} = (-\gamma c \beta^\lambda)(\gamma c \beta^\mu) + R n^\lambda \frac{dV^\mu}{d\tau} - (-\gamma c \beta^\mu)(\gamma c \beta^\lambda) - R n^\mu \frac{dV^\lambda}{d\tau} \\ &= R \left( n^\lambda \frac{dV^\mu}{d\tau} - n^\mu \frac{dV^\lambda}{d\tau} \right) \\ &= c \gamma^2 R \{ n^\lambda [\dot{\beta}^\mu + \gamma^2 \beta^\mu (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})] - n^\mu [\dot{\beta}^\lambda + \gamma^2 \beta^\lambda (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})] \} \\ &= c \gamma^2 R (n^\lambda \dot{\beta}^\mu - n^\mu \dot{\beta}^\lambda) + c \gamma^4 R (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) (n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For the denominator in the square bracket, we have

$$V \cdot (x-r) = c \gamma R (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d[V \cdot (x-r)]}{d\tau} = -c^2 + (x-r)_\lambda \frac{dV^\lambda}{d\tau} = -c^2 - c \gamma^2 R (\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + c \gamma^4 R (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \quad (11)$$

Putting all these back to (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^{\lambda\mu} &= \frac{e}{V \cdot (x-r)} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\frac{dN^{\lambda\mu}}{d\tau} [V \cdot (x-r)] - \frac{d[V \cdot (x-r)]}{d\tau} N^{\lambda\mu}}{[V \cdot (x-r)]^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{e}{[c \gamma R (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})]^3} \left\{ [c \gamma^2 R (n^\lambda \dot{\beta}^\mu - n^\mu \dot{\beta}^\lambda) + c \gamma^4 R (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) (n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda)] \cdot c \gamma R (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \right. \\ &\quad \left. [-c^2 - c \gamma^2 R (\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + c \gamma^4 R (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})] \cdot c \gamma R (n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The terms involving  $(\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})$  cancel out. Separating the rest into group without acceleration and with acceleration, we have

$$F^{\lambda\mu} = e \left[ \frac{n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda}{\gamma^2 R^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3} \right] + \frac{e}{c} \left[ \frac{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})(n^\lambda \dot{\beta}^\mu - n^\mu \dot{\beta}^\lambda) + (\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{n})(n^\lambda \beta^\mu - n^\mu \beta^\lambda)}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3 R} \right] \quad (13)$$

For electric field,  $\lambda = i, \mu = 0$ , this is readily seen to give

$$\begin{aligned} E^i = F^{i0} &= e \left[ \frac{(n - \boldsymbol{\beta})^i}{\gamma^2 R^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3} \right] + \frac{e}{c} \left[ \frac{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})(-\dot{\beta}^i) + (\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \cdot \mathbf{n})(n - \boldsymbol{\beta})^i}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3 R} \right] \\ &= e \left[ \frac{\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\gamma^2 R^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3} \right]^i + \frac{e}{c} \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{n} \times [(\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3 R} \right\}^i \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

For magnetic field, for example  $\lambda = 2, \mu = 3$ , we can see that  $F^{23}$  is the x component of the vector

$$e \left[ \frac{\mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\gamma^2 R^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3} \right] + \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{n} \times \left\{ \frac{-\mathbf{n} \times [(\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3 R} \right\} = -\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E} \quad (15)$$

hence (14.13) and (14.14) are verified.