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1) Bremsstrahlung

a)

Let e be the particle's charge and let $\vec{v}(t)$ be the particle's velocity at time t .

Since the particle has no acceleration for $t < 0$ and for $t > T$, and an acceleration of $-a$ for $0 < t < T$,

we have

$$a(t) = \dot{v}(t) = -a \theta(t(T-t))$$

Which we can Fourier transform

to get $\dot{v}(\omega)$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \theta(t(T-t)) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -a \int_0^T e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -a \left[\frac{e^{i\omega t}}{i\omega} \right]_0^T$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = \frac{-a}{i\omega} [e^{i\omega T} - 1]$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -\frac{2a}{\omega} e^{i\omega T/2} \left[\frac{e^{i\omega T/2} - e^{-i\omega T/2}}{2i} \right]$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -2a e^{i\omega T/2} \frac{\sin(\omega T/2)}{\omega}$$

$$\dot{v}(\omega) = -Ta e^{i\omega T/2} \text{sinc}(\omega T/2)$$

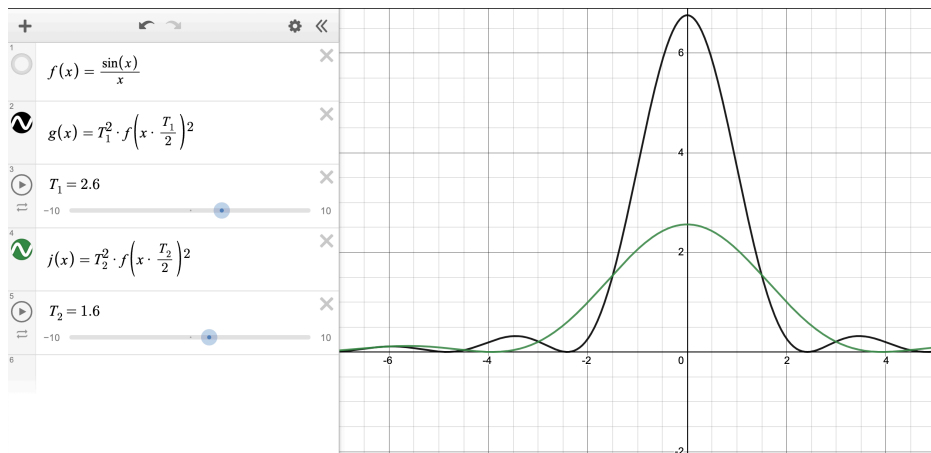
$$\rightarrow |\dot{v}(\omega)|^2 = a^2 T^2 \text{sinc}^2(\omega T/2)$$

$$\text{where } \text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$$

So we have

$$\frac{dU}{d\omega} = \frac{2e^2 a^2 T^2}{3\pi c^3} \text{sinc}^2(\omega T/2)$$

A sketch of the function is below



The radiated frequencies are concentrated around $\omega = 0$ and decay to roughly zero for $\omega > \frac{2\pi}{T}$. Thus, the spectrum is dominated by frequencies ω in $-\frac{2\pi}{T} < \omega < \frac{2\pi}{T}$.

If we wanted to produce radiation of higher frequency we would decrease T .

b) The total radiated energy is given by

$$U = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{dU}{d\omega} = \int_0^{\infty} dt P(t)$$

$$U = \frac{2e^2 a^2 T^2}{3\pi c^3} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \operatorname{sinc}^2(\omega T/2)$$

$$U = \frac{2e^2 a^2 T^2}{3\pi c^3} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\sin^2(\omega T/2)}{\omega^2 T^2/2^2}$$

$$x = \omega \frac{T}{2}, \quad dx = \frac{T}{2} d\omega$$

$$U = \frac{2e^2 a^2 T^2}{3\pi c^3} \cdot \frac{2}{T} \int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{\sin^2(x)}{x^2}$$

$$U = \frac{4e^2 a^2 T}{3\pi c^3} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$U = \frac{2e^2 a^2}{3c^3} T$$

But since $\dot{v}(t)$ is zero for $t > T$, we have

$$U = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt P(t) = \int_0^T dt P(t)$$

$$\rightarrow U = \frac{2e^2 a^2}{3c^3} T = \int_0^T dt P(t)$$

The radiated energy upto a time t is given by

$$U(t) = \int_0^t dt' P(t')$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{dU}{dT} = P, \text{ the total power radiated.}$$

$$P = \frac{dU}{dT} = \frac{2e a^2}{3c^3}$$

Which is precisely the Larmor formula.

2) Pulsar

$$T = 2.5 \text{ s}, \quad \dot{T} = 8 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$M = 3 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}, \quad R = 10^6 \text{ cm}$$

$$a) \quad P = \frac{2}{3c^3} (\ddot{\vec{m}}(t))^2$$

If we assume the star loses energy due purely to magnetic dipole radiation, then

$$-\frac{dU}{dt} = P \quad \text{where} \quad P = \frac{2}{3c^3} \ddot{\vec{m}}(t)^2$$

$$\text{and} \quad U = \frac{I \Omega^2}{2}, \quad I = \frac{2MR^2}{5}$$

Since $\vec{m}(t)$ lies in the xy -plane

we can parameterize it by

$$\vec{m}(t) = m \left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T(t)} t\right), \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T(t)} t\right), 0 \right)$$

Since $\dot{T} \ll 1$, we can assume
 $\ddot{m} \approx -\Omega^2 \dot{m}$ so that

$$p = \frac{2}{3c^3} \ddot{m}^2 = \frac{2}{3c^3} \Omega^4 m^2$$

$$\text{and } \Omega(t) = \frac{2\pi}{T + \dot{T}t}$$

Next, we have

$$U(t) = \frac{MR^2}{5} \Omega^2$$

$$\text{so } -\frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{2MR^2}{5} \Omega(t) \dot{\Omega}(t)$$

Now setting

$$p = -\frac{dU}{dt}, \text{ we have}$$

$$\frac{2}{3c^3} \Omega^4 m^2 = -\frac{2}{5} MR^2 \Omega(t) \dot{\Omega}(t)$$

$$\rightarrow m^2 = -\frac{3}{5} MR^2 c^3 \frac{\dot{\Omega}(t)}{\Omega^3}$$

$$m^2 = \frac{3}{5} MR^2 c^3 \frac{\dot{T} T(t)}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\rightarrow m^2 \approx \frac{3}{20\pi^2} M R^2 c^3 \dot{T} T$$

b)

$$\vec{B}(\hat{x}) = \frac{3(\hat{x} \cdot \vec{m})\hat{x} - \vec{m}}{r^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^4}\right)$$

Since this quantity is maximized for $\hat{x} \parallel \vec{m}$, we have

$$B_{\max}(R) = \frac{2m}{R^3}$$

$$B_{\max}^2 = \frac{4m^2}{R^6}$$

$$B_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5\pi^2} \frac{M^2}{R^4} c^3 \dot{T} T}$$

Which seems quite wrong since I can't get the units to work out.