

What we will do is to solve a problem more relevant to finding the zeroth order contribution than bremsstrahlung radiation: beta decay radiation (pair production).

F.4 Pair Production

F.4.1 Classical

We now take as our current a (charge) pair production

$$j^\mu(x) = e \int d\tau \left[\frac{dy_1^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau} \delta^{(4)}((x - y_1(\tau))) - \frac{dy_2^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau} \delta^{(4)}((x - y_2(\tau))) \right], \quad (\text{F.100})$$

where we have

$$y_{1,2}^\mu(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \tau < 0 \\ \frac{p_{1,2}^\mu}{m_{1,2}} \tau, & \tau > 0 \end{cases}; \quad (\text{F.101})$$

we have allowed ourselves the freedom to have both difference masses and different momenta for the two (opposite) charges.

The Fourier transform of our current is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{j}^\mu(k) &= \int d^4x e^{ik \cdot x} j^\mu(x) \\ &= e \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\frac{p_1^\mu}{m_1} e^{\tau(-\epsilon + i \frac{k \cdot p_1}{m_1})} - \frac{p_2^\mu}{m_2} e^{\tau(-\epsilon + i \frac{k \cdot p_2}{m_2})} \right] \\ &= ie \left[\frac{p_1}{k \cdot p_1 + i\epsilon} - \frac{p_2}{k \cdot p_2 + i\epsilon} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.102})$$

The only difference classically from the bremsstrahlung result is that the
