

EP 1027: Supplementary material for lecture 14

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1 Radiation fields

In class I mentioned that we need the expressions for $\frac{\partial t'}{\partial t}$ and $\nabla t'$ to find the expressions for the radiation part of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} . Here I work these out. First consider $\frac{\partial t'}{\partial t}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c} \right)_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} \\ &= \frac{\partial t}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{c} (\nabla' |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{c} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t') \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t}.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Here in going from the second to third line we have applied chain rule, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t} \cdot \nabla$ and in going from the third to fourth line we have again applied a chain rule, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'}$. In the final step we have just substituted,

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \left[\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')},$$

and,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t'} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} = \frac{d\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')}{dt'} = \mathbf{v}(t').$$

Thus from (1) it is easy to see,

$$\frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t')}{c}}.\tag{2}$$

Next consider $\nabla t'$,

$$\nabla t' = \nabla \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')}}{c} \right) = -\frac{1}{c} \nabla |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')}\tag{3}$$

To proceed further we go to component form,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')})_i &= \partial_i|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')| \\
&= \frac{x_j - \zeta_j(t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')|} (\partial_i x_j - \partial_i \zeta_j(t')) \\
&= \frac{x_j - \zeta_j(t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')|} \left(\delta_{ij} - \partial_i t' \frac{\partial \zeta_j(t')}{\partial t'} \right) \\
&= \frac{x_i - \zeta_i(t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')|} - \left(\frac{x_j - \zeta_j(t')}{|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')|} \frac{\partial \zeta_j(t')}{\partial t'} \right) \partial_i t' \\
&= \frac{x_i - x'_i}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} - \left(\frac{x_j - x'_j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} v_j(t') \right) \partial_i t' \\
\Rightarrow \nabla|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|_{\mathbf{x}=\boldsymbol{\zeta}(t')} &= \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} - \left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t') \right) \nabla t' \\
&= \hat{\mathbf{n}} - (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)) \nabla t'.
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting this back in (3) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla t' &= -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}}}{c} + \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)}{c} \right) \nabla t' \\
\Rightarrow \nabla t' &= -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}}/c}{1 - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)}{c}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

2 Radiation fields

2.1 Far zone approximation Taylor expansion

In class I used the Taylor expansion of $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|$ around $\mathbf{x}' = 0$ for the far zone approximation i.e. when $|\mathbf{x}| \ll |\mathbf{x}'|$. This is a Taylor expansion of a function in 3 variables, namely $x'_1 = 0, x'_2 = 0, x'_3 = 0$. Here I perform the Taylor expansion to first order. First I Taylor expand in powers of x_1

$$f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) = f(0, x'_2, x'_3) + \left. \frac{\partial f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_1} \right|_{x'_1=0} x'_1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'^2_1} \right|_{x'_1=0} x'^2_1 + \dots \tag{5}$$

Next we Taylor expand the RHS around $x'_2 = 0$. We will be content to just evaluate up to the second order. The first term on the RHS of (5) is,

$$f(0, x'_2, x'_3) = f(0, 0, x'_3) + \left. \frac{\partial f(0, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_2} \right|_{x'_2=0} x'_2 + \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_2} \right|_{x'_2=0} x'^2_2 + \dots$$

The second term in the RHS of (5) is,

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_1} \right|_{x'_1=0} = \left. \frac{\partial f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_1} \right|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} + \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'_1 \partial x'_2} \right|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'_2 + \dots$$

The third term in the RHS of the (5) is,

$$\frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'^2_1} \right|_{x'_1=0} x'^2_1 = \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)}{\partial x'^2_1} \right|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'^2_1 + \dots$$

Plugging these in the RHS of (5),

$$f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) = f(0, 0, x'_3) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_1} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'_2 \\ + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_1} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'^2_1 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'_1 \partial x'_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'_2 x'_1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=0} x'^2_2 \dots$$

Finally we can Taylor expand all the terms in the RHS around $x'_3 = 0$ to second order to obtain,

$$f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) = f(0, 0, 0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_1} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_3} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_3 \\ + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_1} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'^2_1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'^2_2 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2_3} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'^2_3 \\ + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'_1 \partial x'_2} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_1 x'_2 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'_2 \partial x'_3} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_2 x'_3 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'_3 \partial x'_1} \Big|_{x'_1=x'_2=x'_3=0} x'_3 x'_1 + \dots$$

It is easy to write the above expression in terms of ∇ operator,

$$f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) = f(0, 0, 0) + \mathbf{x}' \cdot \nabla' f|_{\mathbf{x}'=0} + \frac{1}{2} x'_i x'_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'_i \partial x'_j} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}'=0} + \dots \quad (6)$$

For the case at hand, $f = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|$. Plugging this in the multi-variable Taylor expansion (6) to first order,

$$|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| = |\mathbf{x}| + \mathbf{x}' \cdot (\nabla' |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}'=0} + \dots \\ = |\mathbf{x}| + \mathbf{x}' \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}'=0} + \dots \\ = |\mathbf{x}| - \mathbf{x}' \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|} + \dots \\ \approx |\mathbf{x}| - \mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

2.2 Radiation fields in the far zone limit

In class I showed that the retarded potential in the far zone limit is,

$$A^\mu(t, \mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' j^\mu(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}')$$

and then I showed that the \mathbf{B} -field is given by,

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\int d^3\mathbf{x}' \nabla \times \mathbf{j}(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{x}|} + \text{non-radiation pieces.}$$

Then I used the chain rule to turn spatial derivatives into of time derivatives,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mathbf{j}(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}')] = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial (|\mathbf{x}| - \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}')}{\partial x},$$

thus leading to,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B} &= \frac{\int d^3\mathbf{x}' \nabla \times \mathbf{j}(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0|\mathbf{x}|} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{\int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}}{\partial t} \times \nabla (|\mathbf{x}| - \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c|\mathbf{x}|} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{\int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}}{\partial t} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c|\mathbf{x}|} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\int d^3\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{j}(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}') \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{B}_{rad} = -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}. \quad (7)$$

This was presented without proof in class.

Next, let's construct the electric field $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$. The first term,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla\Phi &= \nabla \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \rho(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}') \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\left(\nabla \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \right) \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \rho + \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \nabla \rho \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \nabla \rho + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \nabla (|\mathbf{x}| - \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}') + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \rho(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}') \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= -c\hat{\mathbf{x}}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

In this last line I have used the Lorenz gauge condition, $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$. But since we can convert spatial derivatives into time derivatives, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{c} \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$, and we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla\Phi &= -c\hat{\mathbf{x}}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right) \\
&= -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the full E -field is,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}_{rad} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \\
&= \hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right). \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

3 Half wave antenna

3.1 Retarded potential for half wave antenna

First we recall the expression for the four dimensional potential in the far-zone approximation,

$$A^\mu(t, \mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' j^\mu\left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}'}{c}, \mathbf{x}'\right). \quad (9)$$

For a *one-dimensional* current distribution along z -direction one has the location of the current element to be $\mathbf{x}' = z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ and one has to replace,

$$d^3\mathbf{x}' j^3(t', \mathbf{x}') = dz' I(t', z').$$

Plugging this in (9), with $\mathbf{x}' = z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$$A^3(t, \mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int dz' I\left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{z' \cos \theta}{c}, z'\right) \quad (10)$$

Here we have used, $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{x}' = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot z'\hat{\mathbf{z}} = z' \cos \theta$. Now recall from the lecture that for the half-wave emitter/antenna, the current distribution in the antenna is that of a standing wave pattern,

$$I(t, z) = I_0 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi z}{\lambda}\right) \cos \omega t, \quad \lambda = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega}$$

while the range of integration $z \in (-\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2})$. Substituting this form of the current in (10) we get the retarded potential for the half-wave antenna in the far-zone approximation,

$$\begin{aligned} A^3(t, \mathbf{x}) &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{4}}^{\frac{\lambda}{4}} dz' \cos\left(\frac{2\pi z'}{\lambda}\right) \cos \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{z' \cos \theta}{c}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{4}}^{\frac{\lambda}{4}} dz' \cos\left(\frac{2\pi z'}{\lambda}\right) \cos \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{z' \cos \theta}{c}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{4}}^{\frac{\lambda}{4}} dz' \left[\cos \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{z'(1 + \cos \theta)}{c}\right) + \cos \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} - \frac{z'(1 - \cos \theta)}{c}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0 \omega c} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \left[\frac{\sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{z'(1 + \cos \theta)}{c}\right)}{1 + \cos \theta} - \frac{\sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} - \frac{z'(1 - \cos \theta)}{c}\right)}{1 - \cos \theta} \right]^{\lambda/4}_{-\lambda/4} \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0 \omega c} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \left[\left\{ \frac{\sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\lambda(1 + \cos \theta)}{4c}\right)}{1 + \cos \theta} - \frac{\sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} - \frac{\lambda(1 - \cos \theta)}{4c}\right)}{1 - \cos \theta} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} - \frac{\lambda(1 - \cos \theta)}{4c}\right) - \sin \omega \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c} + \frac{\lambda(1 - \cos \theta)}{4c}\right)}{1 - \cos \theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \omega c} \frac{I_0}{|\mathbf{x}|} \left[\frac{\cos \left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right) \sin \frac{\pi(1 + \cos \theta)}{2}}{1 + \cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right) \sin \frac{\pi(1 - \cos \theta)}{2}}{1 - \cos \theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \omega c} \frac{I_0 \cos \left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right)}{|\mathbf{x}|} \left[\frac{\cos \left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{1 + \cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{1 - \cos \theta} \right] \\ &= \frac{I_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0 \omega c} \frac{\cos \left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right)}{|\mathbf{x}|} \frac{\cos \left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2 \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

This was the expression presented in the lecture slides in the class.

Now using this expression for the vector potential, we can go ahead and compute the magnetic field \mathbf{B} in the far zone approximation,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B} &= -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{c} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \\ \Rightarrow |\mathbf{B}| &= \frac{\sin \theta}{c} \left| \frac{\partial A^3}{\partial t} \right| \\ &= \frac{I_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{\sin\left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{|\mathbf{x}| \sin \theta}.\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

3.2 Poynting vector and power emitted by the half-wave antenna

Since $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} form an orthogonal triad, the Poynting vector is,

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{\mu_0 c} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{I_0^2}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0 c} \frac{\sin^2\left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{|\mathbf{x}|^2 \sin^2 \theta} \hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

The time-averaged value of $\langle \sin^2\left(\omega t - \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}|}{c}\right) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$. Hence the time-averaged Poynting vector is,

$$\langle |\mathbf{S}| \rangle = \frac{I_0^2}{8\pi^2 \epsilon_0 c} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^2} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2 \theta}.$$

Since Poynting vector is the power emitted per unit normal area, we get the power radiated by multiplying with the area element, $dA = |\mathbf{x}|^2 d\Omega$ where Ω is the solid angle,

$$\begin{aligned}dP &= \langle |\mathbf{S}| \rangle |\mathbf{x}|^2 d\Omega \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \langle |\mathbf{S}| \rangle |\mathbf{x}|^2 \\ &= \frac{I_0^2}{8\pi^2 \epsilon_0 c} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2 \theta}.\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

This is the power distribution as a function of the polar angle θ as presented in class.

Finally, the full(integrated) power emitted by the half-wave emitter can be computed by integrating over all solid angle. In polar coordinates, $d\Omega = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$,

$$\begin{aligned}P &= \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{I_0^2}{8\pi^2 \epsilon_0 c} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2 \theta} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{I_0^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 c} \left(\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi \cos \theta}{2}\right)}{\sin \theta} d\theta \right) \\ &\approx 1.22 \frac{I_0^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 c}.\end{aligned}$$