

13.2. The equation of motion for the charge is

$$m \frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} + m\omega_0^2 \vec{x} = e \left(\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$

where $\vec{v} = d\vec{x}/dt$. Since magnetic field does not do work, we can ignore it in the above equation, for energy transfer calculation. Introduce the Fourier transform,

$$\vec{x}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{x}(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega, \quad \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) e^{-i\omega t} dt,$$

the equation of motion for frequency ω becomes

$$\left(m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) - i\omega\Gamma \right) \vec{x}(\omega) = e \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega).$$

Since the charge's motion is small in amplitude, to a crude approximation, we can replace $\vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega)$ with its value at origin, $\vec{E}(\omega) \equiv \vec{E}(0, \omega)$. Then,

$$\vec{x}(\omega) = \frac{e}{m} \frac{\vec{E}(\omega)}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}, \quad \text{where } \gamma = \Gamma/m.$$

The energy transferred to the particle is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= e \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E} dt = 2e \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{+\infty} (-i\omega) \vec{x}(\omega) \vec{E}^*(\omega) d\omega \\ &= \frac{2e^2}{m} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{-i\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma} |\vec{E}(\omega)|^2 d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

For small damping, $\gamma \ll 1$, we have

$$[\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma]^{-1} = (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^{-1} + i\pi\delta(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2).$$

$$\text{Then, } \Delta E = \frac{2e^2}{m} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega \pi \delta(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) |\vec{E}(\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{\pi e^2}{m} |\vec{E}(\omega_0)|^2,$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\delta(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) = \frac{1}{2\omega_0} [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) + \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$$

and also the integration w.r.t. Dirac δ -function.