

11.28 (a) In the rest frame of the dipole, $\Phi' = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}'/r'^3$, and $\vec{A}' = 0$. Using the Lorentz transformation, $\vec{r}'_0 = \gamma(\vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}t)$, $\vec{r}'_1 = \vec{r}_1$. We can assume that K and K' have the same origin at $t = t' = 0$, then the position of the dipole in K is $\vec{x}_0(t) = \vec{v}t$. Therefore, in K , $\Phi' = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}/R^3$, where $\vec{R} = \vec{x} - \vec{x}_0(t)$. Since (Φ, \vec{A}) is a 4-vector, we must have

$$\Phi = \gamma(\Phi' + \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{A}') = \gamma\Phi' = \gamma \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3}, \quad \vec{A}_0 = \gamma(\vec{A}'_0 + \vec{\beta}\Phi') = \gamma\vec{\beta} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3}, \quad \vec{A}_1 = \vec{A}'_1 = 0.$$

For small $\beta \ll 1$, $\gamma = 1 + O(\beta^2)$. Therefore, to first order in β

$$\Phi = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3}, \quad \vec{A} = \vec{\beta} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3}.$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \dot{\vec{R}}}{R^3} - \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R})(\dot{\vec{R}} \cdot \vec{R})}{R^5} = -\vec{v} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} - 3\vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p})}{R^3}, \quad \text{where } \vec{n} = \vec{R}/R.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \vec{\beta} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3} \right) = \vec{\beta} \cdot \left[(\vec{p} \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{\vec{R}}{R^3} \right) \right] = \vec{\beta} \cdot \left[(\vec{p} \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{\vec{n}}{R^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \vec{\beta} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{R^3} \left(\vec{p} - \vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}) \right) + \vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(\frac{1}{R^2} \right) \right] = \vec{\beta} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} - 3\vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p})}{R^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \partial_\alpha A^\alpha = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0.$$

(c) $\vec{E} = -\nabla \Phi = -\nabla \left(\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3} \right) = \frac{3\vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}) - \vec{p}}{R^3}$, which can be viewed as the dipole electric field with center at $\vec{x}_0(t)$. We can also expand \vec{n} and \vec{R} in $\vec{x}_0(t)$, to get higher order terms, which correspond to higher order moments.

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} = \nabla \left(\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3} \right) \times \vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta} \times \left[-\nabla \left(\frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{R}}{R^3} \right) \right] = \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}.$$