

Problem 1

Start with Larmours formula

$$P = \frac{\mu_0 q^2 a^2}{6\pi c} = \frac{\mu_0 q^2}{6\pi c m^2} \left(\frac{d\bar{p}}{dt} \right)^2$$

and its realistic generalisation

$$P = \frac{\mu_0 q^2}{6\pi c m^2} \left(\frac{dp_\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} \right)$$

where the relativistic four vector has the components

$$(p^0, p^1, p^2, p^3) = (E/c, p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

and with $d\tau = dt/\gamma$ and $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$

$$E = \gamma mc^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{p} = \gamma m \bar{v}$$

Show that the relativistic generalisation leads to the so-called Lienard result

$$P = \frac{\mu_0 q^2 c}{6\pi} \gamma^6 \left(\dot{\beta}^2 - (\bar{\beta} \times \dot{\bar{\beta}})^2 \right)$$

Problem 2

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Problem 3

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Problem 4

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