

Electromagnetic Radiation from Accelerated Charges  
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Fields at distance  $\vec{r}$  for charge  $q$  moving at constant velocity  $\vec{v}$ :

$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 q}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{c^2 r^2}$$

In the last step we have used the relation  $\epsilon_0\mu_0 = 1/c^2$ .

Let the charge experience an acceleration  $\vec{a}$  in the  $z$ -direction. The fields at an angle  $\theta$  to the  $z$ -direction are given by

$$E_0 = \frac{qa}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{\sin\theta}{r}$$

$$B_0 = E_0/c$$

The electric field  $\vec{E}$  lies in the plane formed by  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{a}$ , and perpendicular to  $\vec{r}$ , whereas the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is perpendicular to that plane.

The Poynting Vector is given by

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{E_0^2}{\mu_0 c} \hat{r} = \frac{q^2 a^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2)^2} \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\mu_0 c r^2} \hat{r}$$

The total energy radiated per unit time through a sphere of radius  $r$  is

$$P = \frac{dE}{dt} = \oint \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{A} = r^2 \oint S d\Omega = \frac{q^2 a^2 \epsilon_0}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 c^3} \oint \sin^2\theta d\Omega$$

The integral in the formula is

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^3\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \frac{4}{3} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{8\pi}{3}$$

Thus we obtain

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{a^2}{c^3}$$

For an electron (charge  $e_0 = -1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C placed in an electric field of magnitude 1 Volt per meter, the acceleration is  $a = e_0 E/m = 1.8 \times 10^{11}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>. The power radiated in electromagnetic energy in this case is  $P = 2 \times 10^{-31}$  Watts, for each electron.