

Solutions to Problem 10.5

Recall 10.3

$$\left. \begin{aligned} * V(\vec{r}, t) &= 0 \\ * \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \vec{r} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= -\vec{\nabla}V - \dot{\vec{A}} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \\ \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

* NB this is a stationary point charge at the origin!

Transformed Potentials with $\lambda = -\frac{qt}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

$$* V'(\vec{r}, t) = V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$* \vec{A}'(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \vec{r} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qt}{r^2} \vec{r} = 0$$

* NB this is the very same physical system but it looks more conventional in this gauge

* NB the apparent time dependence of $A(\vec{r}, t)$ was a "gauge artifact"