

Solution to Problem 12.11

(a) In the S Frame

* q_A is at rest at $\vec{r}_A = 0 \rightarrow \vec{E}_A(\vec{r}) = \frac{q_A}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \quad \& \vec{B}_A = 0$

* q_B is at $\vec{r}_B(t) = vt\hat{x} + d\hat{y}$

$\therefore \vec{F}_{onB} = q_B \vec{E}_A(\vec{r}_{B(t)}) = \frac{q_A q_B}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{[vt\hat{x} + d\hat{y}]}{[v^2t^2 + d^2]^{3/2}} \xrightarrow{t=0} \frac{q_A q_B}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{y}$

(b) In the S' Frame (with $\vec{v} = v\hat{x}$ w.r.t S)

* Recall from class that the force on a particle moving with \vec{u} in S is

$$\vec{F}' = \frac{\vec{F} - \beta\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{F}}{\gamma(1-\beta\cdot\vec{u}/c)} + \beta \frac{[\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{F} - \beta\vec{u}\cdot\vec{F}]}{(1-\beta\cdot\vec{u}/c)} \xrightarrow{\vec{u}=\vec{v}} \gamma(\vec{F} - \beta\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{F}) + \beta\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{F}$$

* q_A is at $\vec{r}'_A(t') = -vt'\hat{x} \rightarrow$ it crosses $x'=0$ at $t'=0 \rightarrow t=x=0$

$\therefore \vec{F} = \frac{q_A q_B}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{y} \rightarrow \vec{F}' = \frac{\gamma q_A q_B}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{y}$

(bii) The S' Fields are

* $\vec{E}' = \hat{\beta}\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{E} + \gamma[\vec{E} - \beta\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{E} + \vec{v}\times\vec{B}] \xrightarrow{at\ t=0} \frac{\gamma q_A}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{y}$

* $\vec{B}' = \hat{\beta}\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{B} + \gamma[\vec{B} - \beta\hat{\beta}\cdot\vec{B} - \vec{v}\times\vec{E}/c] \xrightarrow{at\ t=0} -\frac{\gamma q_A}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c d^2} \hat{z}$

$\therefore \vec{F}' = q_B (\vec{E}' + \vec{v}\times\vec{B}') = \frac{\gamma q_A q_B}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d^2} \hat{y}$