

9.11 Three charges are located along the z axis, a charge $+2q$ at the origin, and charges $-q$ at $z = \pm a \cos \omega t$. Determine the lowest nonvanishing multipole moments, the angular distribution of radiation, and the total power radiated. Assume $ka \ll 1$.

$$\rho = q [2\delta(z) - \delta(z - a \cos \omega t) - \delta(z + a \cos \omega t)] \delta(x) \delta(y)$$

$$\vec{J} = \hat{z} q a \omega \sin \omega t [\delta(z - a \cos \omega t) - \delta(z + a \cos \omega t)] \delta(x) \delta(y)$$

$$\bar{p} = \int d^3x \vec{x} \rho = -q \hat{z} [a \cos \omega t - a \cos \omega t] = 0$$

$$\bar{m} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \vec{x} \times \vec{J} \propto \hat{z} \times \hat{z} = 0$$

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x \rho (3x_i x_j - r^2 \delta_{ij})$$

$$= -q a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t (3 \delta_{i3} \delta_{j3} - \delta_{ij}) \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} Q_{33} = -4q a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t \\ Q_{11} = Q_{22} = +2q a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t \end{cases}$$

Write $\cos^2 \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\omega t)$

The zero-frequency part will not contribute to the radiation, so henceforth we focus on the frequency 2ω component.

Write (the relevant part of)

$$Q_{33} = \text{Re} (-2q a^2 e^{-2i\omega t})$$

$$Q_{11} = Q_{22} = \text{Re} (+q a^2 e^{-2i\omega t})$$

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We can then apply standard results for radiation from harmonically-varying electric quadrupoles:

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0 k^6}{512 \pi^2} \frac{|Q_{33}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta}{(-2qa^2)^2} \quad (9.51)$$

$$= \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0 k^6 q^2 a^4}{128 \pi^2} \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\text{for } k = \frac{2\omega}{c}$$

$$P = \int d\Omega \frac{dP}{d\Omega}$$

$$= \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0 k^6 q^2 a^4}{128 \pi^2} (2\pi) \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta) \cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \theta - \frac{1}{5} \cos^5 \theta \right|_{-1}^1 = 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{4}{15}$$

$$= \frac{c^2 \epsilon_0 k^6 q^2 a^4}{240 \pi}$$