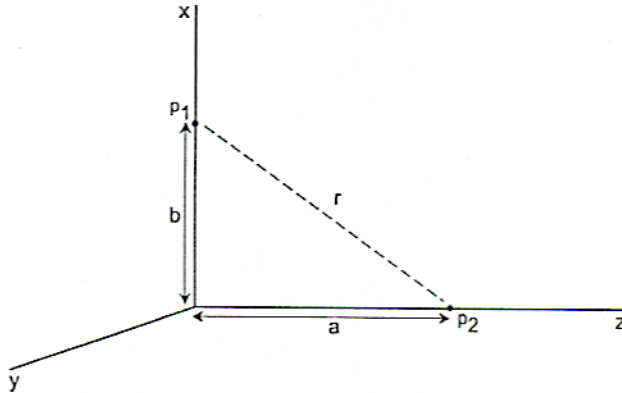


Consider the time-dependent coulomb interaction of two particles. Assume particle 1 has charge q_1 and mass m_1 , whereas particle 2 has charge q_2 and mass m_2 . Assume further that in a cartesian coordinate system with coordinates x, y, z , particle 1 is at $x = b, y = 0$, and $z = 0$, whereas particle 2 is at $x = 0, y = 0$, and $z = a$ (see the figure below).



(a) What is the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2? Express your answer in terms of q_2, a , and b .

(b) Assume now that particle 1 remains fixed in the coordinate system of part (a) whereas particle 2 moves along the z axis from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ with constant speed $v \ll c$ and that particle 2 is closest to particle 1 at time $t = 0$. (i) What is the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2 as a function of t ? Express your answer in terms of q_2, b, v , and t . (ii) Sketch the nonzero components of the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2 as a function of t .

(c) Using your expression for the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2 as a function of t , (i) estimate the time interval τ over which the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2 exceeds half its peak value. (ii) What is the maximum force on particle 1 due to particle 2 during their encounter? Express your answer in terms of q_1, q_2 , and b .

(d) Assume now that particle 1 is free to move. Using your estimate of τ and your expression for the electric field \vec{E} at particle 1 due to particle 2 as a function of t , estimate the distance δ that particle 1 moves during the duration τ of its encounter with particle 2. Express δ in terms of q_1, q_2, m_1 , and v .

(e) Assume that particle 1 is free to move but that $\delta \ll b$. (i) What is the total impulse $\delta\vec{I}$ given to particle 1 during its encounter with particle 2? (ii) What is the total energy δE given to particle 1? Express your answers in terms of q_1, q_2, m_1, m_2, b , and v .

(f) Using the formula $P = 2q^2|\dot{v}|^2/3c^3$ [Gaussian units] or $P = q^2|\dot{v}|^2/6\pi\epsilon_0c^3$ [SI units] for the power radiated by a nonrelativistic accelerating electrical charge, estimate the peak power radiated by particle 1 during its encounter with particle 2.

(g) Using the peak power estimated in part (f), estimate the total energy δE_{rad} radiated by particle 1 during its encounter with particle 2.