

Q3 A charge Q moves on the x axis at constant relativistic velocity $-v\hat{\mathbf{x}}$. At the moment that the charge Q is at the origin, the fields at the point $(x, y, z) = (0, d, 0)$ are

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\gamma}{d^2} \hat{\mathbf{y}},$$

$$\mathbf{B} = -\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{\gamma}{d^2} \hat{\mathbf{z}},$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}.$$

A test charge q is moving parallel to the x axis on the line $y = d, z = 0$ at the same constant relativistic speed — but in the *opposite* direction. It reaches the point $(0, d, 0)$ at the same time that charge Q is at the origin.

- a) Find the force on q due to Q at the moment that Q is at the origin and q is at $(0, d, 0)$.
- b) In the present frame of reference, the fields produced by Q obey the condition $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$. Will this condition remain true in all inertial frames?

For the remaining problems consider the frame in which the charge q is at rest.

- c) Find the speed of the charge Q in the frame in which q is at rest.
- d) Find the \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} fields at the position of test charge q due to charge Q , at the moment that they have the same x co-ordinate in the frame in which q is at rest. You may either Lorentz transform the given fields, or use your result from part (c).
- e) Find the force on q due to Q , at the moment they have the same x co-ordinate in the frame in which q is at rest.
- f) Should the forces in parts (a) and (e) be equal? If so, why? If not, why not?