

Cullwick's Paradox: Charged Particle on the Axis of a Toroidal Magnet

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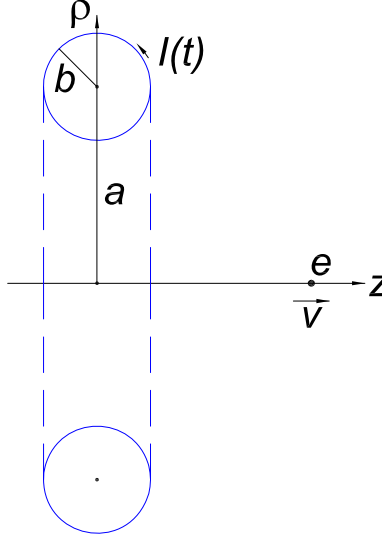
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1 Problem

In an induction linac [1] a toroidal solenoid magnet carries a time-dependent current $I(t)$ such that the induced electric field can transfer energy from the magnet to charged particles that move along the axis of the toroid.

Discuss the force and momentum balance in an idealized induction linac consisting of a single magnet whose form is a torus of major radius a and minor radius $b \ll a$, and a single electron of charge e that moves along the symmetry axis of the toroid. The current I is the total current crossing any major circle on the surface of the torus.



While actual induction linacs contain high-permeability ferrites inside the toroid, whose windings are made from shielded or unshielded conductors, it suffices here to consider a nonconducting toroid (without ferrites) whose currents are due to electric charges fixed on the rims of rotating disks. Neighboring disks have opposite charges and rotate in opposite senses so that the net electric charge (and the net mechanical angular momentum) of the toroid is zero. This configuration of a nonconducting toroid has no azimuthal current, in contrast to a single-layer helical winding on the toroid which includes, in effect, a single azimuthal current loop.

You may assume that (unlike the case of an induction linac) the velocity v of the moving charge e of rest mass m is small compared to c , the speed of light, and that the time variation of the current in the toroid is slow enough that radiation and retarded effects can be ignored.

Provide an analysis in the rest frame of the moving charge as well as in the lab frame, *i.e.*, the rest frame of the toroid.

Cullwick [2, 3] has noted that this example is paradoxical because no force is exerted on the moving charge when the current is constant in the toroid,¹ but the moving charge exerts a nonzero force on the toroid.²

2 Solution

The force $\mathbf{F}_e$ on the electric charge e due to the toroid causes a time rate of change of the mechanical momentum $\mathbf{P}_e$ of the electron according to

$$\mathbf{F}_e = \frac{d\mathbf{P}_e}{dt}, \quad (1)$$

and likewise the force $\mathbf{F}_T$ on the toroid changes the mechanical momentum $\mathbf{P}_T$ of the latter according to

$$\mathbf{F}_T = \frac{d\mathbf{P}_T}{dt}. \quad (2)$$

The paradox (which dates back to Ampère) is that the magnetic interaction of a moving charge and a current (as well as the magnetic interaction of two moving charges) does not in general obey Newton’s third law, $\mathbf{F}_e \neq -\mathbf{F}_T$, so that the total mechanical momentum of the system, $\mathbf{P}_{\text{mech}} = \mathbf{P}_e + \mathbf{P}_T$, is not constant in time, in apparent violation of Newton’s first law for an isolated system.

The resolution of such paradoxes is that electromechanical systems in general possess an additional momentum, $\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$, associated with the interaction of the charges and currents with the electromagnetic field such that the total momentum of an isolated system, $\mathbf{P}_e + \mathbf{P}_T + \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$ in the present example, is constant in time.

A further subtlety is that the sum $\mathbf{P}_{\text{mech}} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$, while constant, may appear to have a nonzero value for an isolated system at rest. However, a “hidden” mechanical momentum $\mathbf{P}_h$ can be identified that restores the total momentum of a system at rest to zero.

2.1 Analysis in the Lab Frame

2.1.1 The Electromagnetic Momentum

For systems in which effects of radiation and of retardation can be ignored, the electromagnetic momentum can be calculated in various equivalent ways [7] (in Gaussian units),

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}} = \int \frac{\rho \mathbf{A}}{c} d\text{Vol} = \int \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{4\pi c} d\text{Vol} = \int \frac{\Phi \mathbf{J}}{c^2} d\text{Vol}, \quad (3)$$

where ρ is the electric charge density, $\mathbf{A}$ is the magnetic vector potential (in the Coulomb gauge where $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$), $\mathbf{E}$ is the electric field, Φ is the electric (scalar) potential, and $\mathbf{J}$ is the electric current density. The first form is due to Faraday [8] and Maxwell [9], the second

¹Toroids with a simple helical winding have a net azimuthal current that leads to an external magnetic field. The idealized toroidal field considered here could be better approximated by a double helical winding, with one winding in the opposite sense to the other. See, for example, [4].

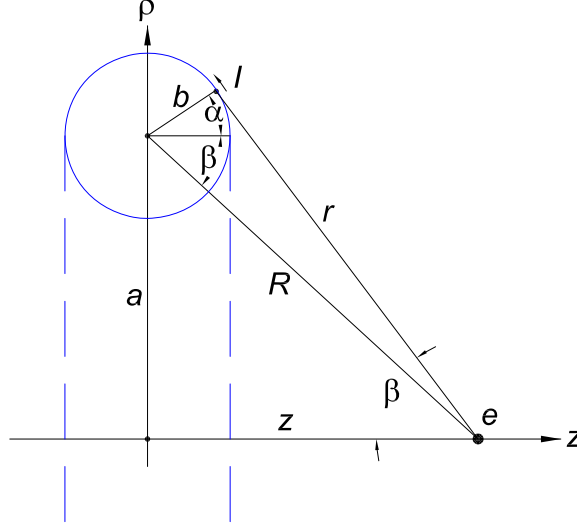
²This paradox was revived in [5, 6], without reference to Cullwick.

form is due to Poynting [10] and Abraham [11], and the third form was introduced by Furry [12].

To calculate the electromagnetic momentum using the first form of eq. (3), we need the vector potential $\mathbf{A}_T$ of the toroid at the position of the charge e , but we do not need the vector potential of the charge since the toroid is assumed to be electrically neutral. The vector potential of the toroid obeys

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A}_T = \mathbf{B}_T = B_T \hat{\phi}, \quad (4)$$

where the magnetic field is $B_T = 2I/ac$ inside the toroid and zero outside, and $\hat{\phi}$ is a unit vector in the azimuthal direction in a cylindrical coordinate system (ρ, ϕ, z) . The toroid is centered on the origin with the z -axis as its axis, as shown in the figure below (with radius b exaggerated for clarity).



Cullwick notes [3] that the relation (4) has the same form as Maxwell's equation for the magnetic field due to a conducting wire that forms a (solid) torus of the same dimensions as the (hollow) toroidal magnet when the wire carries azimuthal current density $\mathbf{J} = J \hat{\phi}$,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{loop}} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J \hat{\phi}. \quad (5)$$

From the Biot-Savart law we know that the magnetic field along the axis of the current loop is, for $b \ll a$,

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{loop}}(0, 0, z) \approx \frac{2\pi}{c} \frac{\pi b^2 J a^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \quad (6)$$

Comparing eqs. (4) and (5), we see that on replacing $4\pi J$ in eq. (6) by $2I/a$ we obtain the vector potential on the axis of the toroid when $b \ll a$,

$$\mathbf{A}_T(0, 0, z) \approx \frac{\pi b^2 I}{c} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \quad (7)$$

Hence, the electromagnetic momentum of the system when charge e is at position z on the axis of the toroid is

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{e \mathbf{A}_T(0, 0, z)}{c} = \frac{\pi b^2 I e}{c^2} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad (8)$$

which is independent of the velocity of the charge.

To calculate the electromagnetic momentum using the second form of eq. (3), we note that the electric field at the toroid due to charge e has magnitude $E_e = e/(z^2 + a^2)$ on average, and that the z -component of $\mathbf{E}_e \times \mathbf{B}_T$ (which is the only one remaining after the integral over the toroid volume) is $E_e B_T a/\sqrt{z^2 + a^2}$. Hence,³

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}} = \int \frac{\mathbf{E}_e \times \mathbf{B}_T}{4\pi c} d\text{Vol} \approx \frac{e}{z^2 + a^2} \frac{2I}{ac} \frac{a}{\sqrt{z^2 + a^2}} \frac{2\pi a \pi b^2}{4\pi c} \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{\pi b^2 I e}{c^2} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \quad (9)$$

For completeness, we calculate the electromagnetic momentum using the third form of eq. (3). We must keep the first correction to the spatial dependence of the electric potential Φ_e of charge e over the toroid. Referring to the figure above, we see that $r = \sqrt{R^2 - 2bR \cos(\alpha + \beta) + b^2} \approx R[1 - \frac{b}{R} \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$, $\sin \beta = (a + b \sin \alpha)/r \approx a/R$, and $R = \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}$. Only the z -component of the integral survives, so noting that $J_z d\text{Vol} \rightarrow -Ib \sin \alpha d\alpha$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}} &= \int \frac{\Phi_e \mathbf{J}}{c^2} d\text{Vol} = - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{eI}{c^2 r} b \sin \alpha d\alpha \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ &\approx - \frac{eIb}{c^2 R} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \alpha d\alpha \left(1 + \frac{b}{R} (\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) \right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ &= \frac{\pi b^2 I e}{c^2} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

2.1.2 The Force on the Electric Charge

The force $\mathbf{F}_e$ on the electric charge is due to the electric field $\mathbf{E}_T$ induced when the current in the toroid changes. This field is conveniently calculated as the time derivative of the vector potential (7). Thus,

$$\mathbf{F}_e = e\mathbf{E}_T = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial t} = -\frac{\pi b^2 \dot{I} e}{c^2} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \quad (11)$$

where $\dot{I} = dI/dt$, independent of the velocity of the charge. This force is nonzero only when the current I in the toroid is changing.

2.1.3 The Force on the Toroid

The magnetic field $\mathbf{B}_e$ at a distance $\mathbf{r}$ from the moving charge e is given by

$$\mathbf{B}_e = e \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} = \frac{ev\rho}{cr^3} \hat{\phi}, \quad (12)$$

where $\mathbf{v}$ is its velocity, and ρ is distance from the observation point to the z -axis. This magnetic field acts on the current I in the toroid to exert a force on the latter given by

$$\mathbf{F}_T = \oint \frac{I}{c} d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B}_e = \frac{evI}{c^2} \oint dl_\rho \frac{\rho}{r^3} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (13)$$

³The “self momentum” of charge e associated with the cross product $\mathbf{E}_e \times \mathbf{B}_e$ is, as usual, assumed to be part of the mechanical momentum of the charge.

Referring to the figure above, we see that $dl_\rho = b \cos \alpha d\alpha$, $\rho = a + b \sin \alpha \approx a$, $r = \sqrt{R^2 - 2bR \cos(\alpha + \beta) + b^2} \approx R[1 - \frac{b}{R} \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$, $\cos \beta = (z - b \cos \alpha)/r \approx z/R$, and $R = \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_T &\approx \frac{evI}{c^2} \int_0^{2\pi} b \cos \alpha d\alpha \frac{a}{R^3} \left(1 + 3\frac{b}{R} (\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) \right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ &= \frac{3evI\pi b^2}{c^2} \frac{az}{(z^2 + a^2)^{5/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}} = -\frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial z}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

recalling eq. (7). This force is nonzero whenever the velocity v of the charge and the current I in the toroid are nonzero.

2.1.4 Momentum Balance in the Lab Frame

The sum of the electromagnetic forces on the system is

$$\mathbf{F}_T + \mathbf{F}_e = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial t} - \frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial z} = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{d\mathbf{A}_T}{dt}, \quad (15)$$

where d/dt is the convective derivative according to an observer on the charge e . The total force is nonzero when the charge is moving and/or the current in the toroid is changing, in apparent violation of Newton's third law.

Consistency with Newton's laws is restored if we recall eq. (8) for the electromagnetic momentum of the system, so that we can write

$$\mathbf{F}_T + \mathbf{F}_e = -\frac{d\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}}{\partial t} - v \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}}{\partial z}, \quad (16)$$

noting that the electromagnetic momentum varies both with the current in the toroid and with the position z of charge e . Then, using eqs. (1) and (2) we see that the total momentum of the system is constant in time,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}_T}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{P}_e}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{P}_{\text{total}}}{dt} = 0. \quad (17)$$

2.1.5 “Hidden” Mechanical Momentum

While eq. (17) is a satisfactory representation of overall momentum balance, another aspect of momentum in this example remains paradoxical. Namely, that if the velocity of charge e is zero and toroid is at rest and contains a constant current, then the mechanical momenta $\mathbf{P}_e$ and $\mathbf{P}_T$ appear to be zero, yet the electromagnetic momentum $\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$ of eq. (8) is nonzero. If the total momentum of an isolated system at rest is to be zero, in accordance with usual expectations, there must be an additional, “hidden” momentum in the system that is equal and opposite to the $\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$.

The question of whether the electromagnetic momentum (3) itself corresponds to a kind of “hidden” mechanical momentum was considered by Maxwell in secs. 552 and 590 of [13], who felt that the issue could not be settled at that time. Cullwick appears to have concluded that the electromagnetic momentum associated with currents actually is the mechanical

momentum of the moving charges that comprise the currents. See chap. 18 of [3]. However, this view does not ensure that the total momentum is zero for an isolated system at rest.⁴

Rather, we argue that if the charge e is brought sufficient slowly from “infinity” to rest near the toroid, then the force (14) is always negligible, and negligible work is done on the toroid during this process. The toroid remains at rest so long as the velocity of the charge e is negligible. The total energy of a charge e' of rest mass M that participates in the current I of the toroid remains Mc^2 . When charge e is in the electric potential $\Phi = e/r$ of charge e , its electrical potential energy is $e'\Phi$, so the effective mass M_{eff} of charge e' must be lower than M , such that $\Delta M_{\text{eff}} = M_{\text{eff}} - M = -e'\Phi/c^2$ according to Einstein’s relation for the equivalence of mass and energy.⁵ Following initial discussion of this effect by Shockley [14] and by Coleman and Van Vleck [15], a useful expression for the “hidden” mechanical momentum $\mathbf{P}_h$ was given by Furry [12],

$$\mathbf{P}_h = - \int \frac{\Phi \mathbf{J}}{c^2} d\text{Vol}. \quad (19)$$

who noted that for a single charge e' , $\mathbf{J} d\text{Vol} \leftrightarrow e' \mathbf{v}$, so that the “hidden” mechanical momentum associated with ΔM_{eff} is the $d\mathbf{P}_h = -(e'\Phi/c^2) \mathbf{v} \leftrightarrow -(\Phi \mathbf{J}/c^2) d\text{Vol}$. Comparing with eq. (3) we see that

$$\mathbf{P}_h = -\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}, \quad (20)$$

(and not $+\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$ as argued by Cullwick [3]), so that the total momentum is indeed zero.^{6,7}

2.2 Analysis in the Rest Frame of the Moving Charge

The transformation from the lab frame to the rest frame of charge e requires a boost by the small velocity v , and so we expect the forces to be the same in both frames. However, in the rest frame of the charge e that charge creates no magnetic field, so it appears that the force on the toroid is zero in this frame, and hence Galilean invariance may be violated.

⁴Suppose that all the rest mass M_T of the toroid is uniformly distributed on the rims of the disks of radius b that rotate with angular velocity $\omega = I/Q$, where Q is the total charge on these disks. If we ignore the “hidden” mechanical momentum of eq. (19), the mechanical momentum of the toroid has only a z -component given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_T &= \int_0^{2\pi} \gamma(\phi) M_T V_z(\phi) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \approx \frac{M_T}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(1 + \frac{V_T^2 + 2V_T b\omega \cos \phi + b^2 \omega^2}{2c^2} \right) (V_T + b\omega \cos \phi) \hat{\mathbf{z}} d\phi \\ &= M_T V_T \left(1 + \frac{V_T^2 + 2b^2 \omega^2}{2c^2} \right) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where $\mathbf{V}_T = V_T \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ is the velocity of its center of mass. Then, if the toroid is at rest, $V_T = 0$, its mechanical momentum is also zero.

⁵Here we adopt a model of the (electrically neutral) toroidal current as provided pairs of counter-rotating disks with charges fixed to their rims. This avoids issues of shielding of the external electric field in metallic conductors. Compare, for example, [16].

⁶The present example is perhaps the earliest on record in which “hidden” momentum plays a role. For a general discussion of this topic by the author, see [17].

⁷The present example, in which the mechanical momentum of conduction currents includes a “hidden” component, contrasts with others [18, 19, 20] in which part or all of an isolated electromechanical system has tiny net velocity, such that the associated mechanical momentum is effectively “hidden”.

The resolution of this aspect of Cullwick's paradox is to be found in the relativistic transformation of charge and current density, which form a 4-vector, $(c\rho, \mathbf{J})$. We consider only the case that the velocity v of charge e is small compared to the speed of light, so that $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} \approx 1$.

In the lab frame there is no charge density ρ associated in the toroid, but in the rest frame of charge e , whose lab velocity is $\mathbf{v}$, the toroid has a nonzero charge density ρ' given by

$$\rho' = \gamma \left(\rho - \frac{\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{c^2} \right) \approx -\frac{\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{c^2} = -\frac{v J_z}{c^2}, \quad (21)$$

where the $'$ indicates quantities measured in the rest frame of the charge. The lab-frame current consists of positive and negative charge densities that are equal and opposite but which have different velocities. On transforming to a moving frame, the positive and negative charge densities are no longer the same, and a net charge density (21) is observed. See sec. 86 of [21] for further discussion, including the example of a moving ring of current.

Since the current density $\mathbf{J}$ resides on the surface of the toroid, the volume charge density (21) can be re-expressed as a surface charge density σ' given by

$$\sigma' \approx \frac{vI}{2\pi a c^2} \sin \alpha, \quad (22)$$

where α the angle shown in the figure above. The charge distribution (22) on the toroid is positive for radial distances ρ greater than a and negative for $\rho < a$, so that total charge on the toroid is zero in the rest frame (as well as in the lab frame).

Charge e exerts an electrostatic force on the charge distribution (22) on the toroid, and, of course, charge e experiences an equal and opposite electrostatic force from the toroid (in addition to the force if the current is changing).

For low-velocity transformations, the current density is unchanged since $\rho = 0$ in the lab frame,

$$\mathbf{J}' = \gamma (\mathbf{J}_{\parallel} - \rho \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{J}_{\perp} \approx \mathbf{J}. \quad (23)$$

We now calculate the electromagnetic momentum $\mathbf{P}'_{\text{EM}}$, and the forces $\mathbf{F}'_{\text{T}}$ on the toroid and $\mathbf{F}'_e$ on the charge e in the rest frame of charge e .

2.2.1 The Electromagnetic Momentum

It is simplest to use the first form of eq. (3) to evaluate the electromagnetic momentum in the rest frame. The only vector potential in this frame is that due to the current $\mathbf{J}' \approx \mathbf{J}$ in the toroid. Hence, the rest frame vector potential $\mathbf{A}'$ obeys

$$\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A}'_{\text{T}} \approx \mathbf{A}_{\text{T}}. \quad (24)$$

The rest-frame electromagnetic momentum is therefore,⁸

$$\mathbf{P}'_{\text{EM}} = \int \frac{\rho' \mathbf{A}'}{c} d\text{Vol}' \approx \frac{e \mathbf{A}_{\text{T}}}{c} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}, \quad (25)$$

⁸We do not include the term $\sigma' \mathbf{A}'_{\text{T}}/c$ in eq. (25) as this is suppressed a factor of c^2 .

the same as in the lab frame. This result illustrates how electromagnetic momentum that is tied to charges and currents does not transform like the space part of an energy-momentum 4-vector. See, for example, sec. 12.10 of [22] for additional comments.

We can, however, relate the electromagnetic momentum to the charge/current-density 4-vector, $(\Phi, \mathbf{A})$. In the lab frame the electric potential Φ_T of the toroid vanishes, so the transformation of the toroid's lab-frame 4-vector ($\Phi_T = 0, \mathbf{A}_T$) to the rest frame of charge e gives

$$\Phi'_T = \gamma \left(\Phi_T - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}_T}{c} \right) \approx -\frac{v}{c} A_{T,z}, \quad \mathbf{A}'_T = \gamma \left(\mathbf{A}_{T,\parallel} - \Phi_T \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \right) + \mathbf{A}_{T,\perp} \approx \mathbf{A}_T. \quad (26)$$

2.2.2 The Force on the Toroid

The electric field $\mathbf{E}'_e \approx \mathbf{E}_e = e\hat{\mathbf{r}}/r^2$ of charge e exerts a force $\mathbf{F}'_T$ on the charge distribution σ' on the toroid in the charge's rest frame given by⁹

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}'_T &= \int \sigma' \mathbf{E}'_e d\text{Area}' = \int \sigma' \frac{e\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} d\text{Area}' \\ &\approx \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{vI \sin \alpha}{2\pi a c^2} \frac{e(\sin \beta \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \cos \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}})}{R^2} \left(1 + 2\frac{b}{R} \cos(\alpha + \beta) \right) 2\pi ab d\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

A subtlety compared to the calculations in sec. 2.1 is that the factor $\cos \beta$ in the expression for $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ in eq. (27) must be expanded to the next order of accuracy. Indeed,

$$\cos \beta = \frac{z - b \cos \alpha}{r} \approx \frac{z}{r} \approx \frac{z}{R} \left(1 + \frac{b}{R} \cos(\alpha + \beta) \right). \quad (28)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}'_T &\approx \frac{vIb}{c^2 R^3} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \alpha e(a \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \left(1 + 3\frac{b}{R} (\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) \right) d\alpha \\ &\approx \frac{3evI\pi b^2}{c^2} \frac{az}{(z^2 + a^2)^{5/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}} = -\frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial z} = \mathbf{F}_T. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

2.2.3 The Force on the Electric Charge

The force $\mathbf{F}'_e$ on the electric charge in its rest frame is due to the electric field $\mathbf{E}'_{T,\text{ind}}$ induced when the vector potential of the toroid changes at the position of the charge e , and also due to the electric field $\mathbf{E}'_{T,\sigma'}$ of the charge distribution (21) on the toroid. The vector potential $\mathbf{A}'_T$ at the charge e is the same in the rest frame as in the lab frame, but in the rest frame $\mathbf{A}'_T$ changes due to the velocity $\mathbf{v}_T = -\mathbf{v}$ of the toroid, as well as due to changes in the current I . Hence, the force due to the changing vector potential of the toroid is

$$\mathbf{F}'_{e,\text{ind}} = e\mathbf{E}'_{T,\text{ind}} = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}'_T}{\partial t} - \frac{e}{c} (\mathbf{v}_T \cdot \nabla'_T) \mathbf{A}'_T = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial t} - \frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial z}, \quad (30)$$

⁹A briefer argument works backwards from the end of eq. (31).

noting that $\nabla'_T = -\nabla'_e (= -\nabla_e)$ since the former refers to the coordinates of the (center of the) toroid while the latter refers to the coordinates of the charge e . The electrostatic force on charge e is equal and opposite to the electrostatic force (27) on the toroid,

$$\mathbf{F}'_{e,\sigma'} = \int e \mathbf{E}'_{T,\sigma'} d\text{Area}' = \int e \frac{-\sigma' \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} d\text{Area}' = -\mathbf{F}'_T = \frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial z} = -e \nabla'_e \Phi'_T = -e \nabla_e \Phi'_T(0, 0, z), \quad (31)$$

where the last form refers to the electric potential (26) of the toroid in the rest frame of charge e .

The total force on charge e in its rest frame is

$$\mathbf{F}'_e = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial t} = \mathbf{F}_e. \quad (32)$$

2.2.4 Momentum Balance in the Rest Frame of Charge e

Once it is recognized that, in the rest frame of charge e , the moving toroid appears to have a nonzero surface charge distribution, we find that the forces on the charge and on the toroid are the same as in the lab frame. Also, the electromagnetic momentum is the same in both frames (which shows that $\mathbf{P}_{\text{EM}}$ does not behave exactly like an ordinary momentum in all respects). Hence, the details of momentum balance are the same in both frames.

The sum of the forces on the charge e and on the toroid in the rest frame is

$$\mathbf{F}'_e + \mathbf{F}'_T = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}_T}{\partial t} = -\frac{e}{c} \frac{d\mathbf{A}'_T}{dt} = -\frac{d\mathbf{P}'_{\text{EM}}}{dt}, \quad (33)$$

since the partial and total time derivatives of the vector potential at charge e are the same in the charge's rest frame. Relating the forces to the corresponding time rates of change of momentum, we have

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}'_e}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{P}'_T}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{P}'_{\text{EM}}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{P}'_{\text{total}}}{dt} = 0. \quad (34)$$

As expected, the total momentum is constant in the rest frame of the charge e .

2.2.5 “Hidden” Mechanical Momentum in the Rest Frame of Charge e

According to the prescription of Furry [12], the “hidden” mechanical momentum in the rest frame of charge e can be calculated as¹⁰

$$\mathbf{P}'_h = - \int \frac{\Phi'_e \mathbf{J}'}{c^2} d\text{Vol}' = -\mathbf{P}'_{\text{EM}}. \quad (35)$$

We have seen in eq. (23) that $\mathbf{J}' \approx \mathbf{J}$. Similarly, the electric potential of charge e in its rest frame is that same as that in the lab frame when $v \ll c$, so that $\Phi'_e \approx \Phi_e$. Hence,

$$\mathbf{P}'_h \approx \mathbf{P}_h. \quad (36)$$

¹⁰We neglect the contribution from $\Phi'_T \mathbf{J}'/c^2$ in eq. (35) as this is suppressed by two additional powers of c .

Thus, “hidden” mechanical momentum does not transform between moving frames like an ordinary mechanical momentum. The “hidden” momentum, as does the electromagnetic momentum, transforms like the charge-current 4-vector rather than like an energy-momentum 4-vector. Hence, both of these concepts must be treated with care in problems involving transformations between moving frames. See [23, 17] for additional commentary.

2.3 Energy Considerations

2.3.1 Energy Flow in an Induction Linac

In the lab frame the charge e is accelerated by the electric field $\mathbf{E}_T$ that exists when the current in the toroid is changing. The power P absorbed by the charge is

$$P = \mathbf{F}_e \cdot \mathbf{v} = evE_T(0, 0, z) = -\frac{ev}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A_T(0, 0, z) = -\frac{ev\dot{I}\pi b^2}{c} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}. \quad (37)$$

The flow of power from the toroid to the charge is described by the Poynting vector, or more precisely, by the interaction part of the Poynting vector,

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{int}} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \mathbf{E}_T \times \mathbf{B}_e + \frac{c}{4\pi} \mathbf{E}_e \times \mathbf{B}_T. \quad (38)$$

It would be nice to have a plot of the field lines of the Poynting vector (38), which would show them emanating from the toroid and converging on the charge e . Lacking such a plot, we content ourselves with verification that the total Poynting flux across a small surface surrounding charge e , and also across the surface of the toroid, is equal to the power P of eq. (37).

We first consider a small cylindrical surface of radius ρ and length $2l \gg \rho$ centered on the charge e . The electric field due to the toroid is essentially uniform over this surface, so $\mathbf{E}_T \approx E_T(0, 0, z)$, and the magnetic field $\mathbf{B}_e$ of charge e is given by eq. (12). Outside the toroid the magnetic field $\mathbf{B}_T$ vanishes, so only the first term in eq. (38) contributes there. We can neglect the Poynting flux on the ends of the small cylinder since $\rho \ll l$. Hence, the inward Poynting flux over the surface of this cylinder is

$$\begin{aligned} -\oint \mathbf{S}_{\text{int}} \cdot d\mathbf{Area} &= -\frac{c}{4\pi} \oint \mathbf{E}_T \times \mathbf{B}_e \cdot d\mathbf{Area} \approx -\frac{c}{4\pi} \int_{-l}^l E_T \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \frac{ev\rho}{cr^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot 2\pi\rho dz \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \\ &\approx \frac{evE_T\rho^2}{2} \int_{-l}^l \frac{dz}{(z^2 + \rho^2)^{3/2}} = evE_T \frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + \rho^2}} \rightarrow evE_T = P, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

in the limit that the radius ρ of the cylinder goes to zero.

To evaluate the outward Poynting flux from the surface of the toroid we consider a toroidal surface just outside the actual toroid, so that the second term of eq. (38) can again be neglected. The electric field $\mathbf{E}_T$ due to the changing current $\dot{I}$ flows in loops of radius b just outside the toroid. From Faraday’s law, the magnitude of the induced electric field at the surface of the toroid is

$$E_T = -\frac{b\dot{B}_\phi}{2c} = -\frac{b\dot{I}}{ac}, \quad (40)$$

recalling that $B_\phi = 2I/ac$ inside the toroid. The magnetic field of charge e at the toroid has magnitude $B_e = eva/c(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}$. The cross product $\mathbf{E}_T \times \mathbf{B}_e$ is directed along the outward normal to the surface of the toroid. Hence, the total outward Poynting flux from the toroid is

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{S}_{\text{int}} \cdot d\mathbf{Area} &= \frac{c}{4\pi} E_T B_e \text{Area} = -\frac{c}{4\pi} \frac{b\dot{I}}{ac} \frac{eva}{c(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} 2\pi a 2\pi b \\ &= -\frac{ev\dot{I}\pi b^2}{c} \frac{a}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = P. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

2.3.2 Energy Balance in the Lab Frame

There are several forms of energy stored in the system,

$$U = U_e + U_T + U_{\text{int}}, \quad (42)$$

where the energy

$$U_e = \gamma mc^2 \approx mc^2 + \frac{mv^2}{2} \quad (43)$$

of the moving charge includes its electromagnetic self energy. The energy U_T of the toroid can be written

$$U_T = U_{T,\text{mech}} + U_{T,\text{EM}}. \quad (44)$$

We suppose that all the rest mass M_T of the toroid is uniformly distributed on the rims of the disks of radius b that rotate with angular velocity $\omega = I/Q$, where Q is the total charge on these disks. Then, the mechanical energy of the toroid is

$$\begin{aligned} U_{T,\text{mech}} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \gamma(\phi) M_T c^2 \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \approx \frac{M_T c^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(1 + \frac{V_T^2 + 2V_T b \omega \cos \phi + b^2 \omega^2}{2c^2} \right) d\phi \\ &= M_T c^2 + \frac{M_T (V_T^2 + b^2 \omega^2)}{2} = M_T c^2 + \frac{M_T (V_T^2 + b^2 I^2 / Q^2)}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

where $\mathbf{V}_T = V_T \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ is the velocity of its center of mass. The electromagnetic energy stored in the toroid is

$$U_{T,\text{EM}} = \int_T \frac{B_T^2}{8\pi} d\text{Vol} \approx \frac{(2I/ac)^2}{8\pi} 2\pi ab^2 = \frac{ab^2 I^2}{2c^2}. \quad (46)$$

The electromagnetic interaction energy of the magnetic fields of the charge and toroid is

$$U_{\text{int}} = \int_T \frac{\mathbf{B}_T \cdot \mathbf{B}_e}{4\pi} d\text{Vol} \approx \frac{(2I/ac)}{4\pi} \frac{eva}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} 2\pi ab^2 = \frac{ab^2 I ev}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}, \quad (47)$$

where $z = z_e - z_T$ is the distance between the charge and the center of the toroid.

The time rate of change of the energy of the system is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dU}{dt} &\approx m v \dot{v} + M_T V_T \dot{V}_T + \left(\frac{M_T b^2}{Q^2} + \frac{ab^2}{2c^2} \right) I \dot{I} + \frac{ab^2 \dot{I} ev}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{ab^2 I e \dot{v}}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{3ab^2 I ev z (v - V_T)}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

For an induction linac, the toroid would be at rest in the laboratory ($V_T = 0 = \dot{V}_T$) and an external source would provide the power dU/dt that is transferred to the moving charge, as well as providing for the changes in the various other forms of energy of the system.

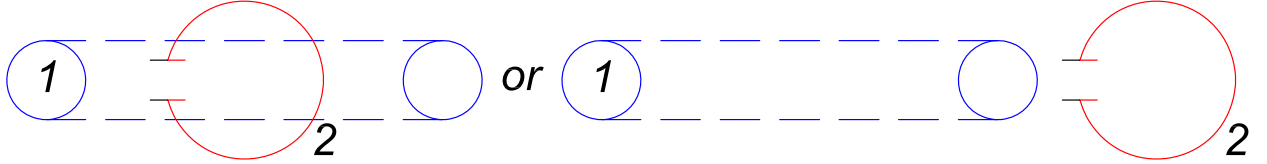
We can also contemplate the idealized case of an isolated system with no external power source. Then, the total energy U is constant in time. The first two terms of eq. (48) can be written as $F_e v + F_T V_T$, and then using eqs. (11) and (21) we have that

$$0 \approx \left(\frac{M_T b^2}{Q^2} + \frac{ab^2}{2c^2} \right) \dot{I} + \frac{ab^2 e \dot{v}}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{3ab^2 e v^2 z}{c(a^2 + z^2)^{5/2}}, \quad (49)$$

which relates the change in the current in the toroid to the change in the motion of the charge, such that energy is conserved. The derivatives $\dot{I}$ and $\dot{v}$ cannot both be negligible in an isolated system unless z is so large that the third term in eq. (49) is also negligible.

A Appendix: Circuit Version of Cullwick's Paradox

A variant on Cullwick's paradox can be given in circuit form [24]. Consider a toroidal solenoid (1) and a simple LC circuit (2) in the form of a single-turn loop with a capacitor, as shown in the figure below. The LC circuit does not link the toroid. As usual in circuit analysis, we suppose that the frequency of the currents is low enough that they are spatially uniform in both the toroid and the LC circuit (and currents on the capacitor plates are neglected).



The $\mathcal{EMF}$ $\mathcal{E}_1$ induced in the toroid by an oscillatory current $I_2 e^{i\omega t}$ in the LC circuit is

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \oint_1 \mathbf{E}_1(I_2) \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1 = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \oint_1 \mathbf{A}_1(I_2) \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1 = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{dI_2}{dt} \oint_1 \int_2 \frac{d\mathbf{l}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1}{r_{12}^2} \equiv -i\omega M_{12} I_2, \quad (50)$$

where the electrical field $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \partial \mathbf{A} / \partial ct$ is entirely due to the vector potential $\mathbf{A}$ (if we ignore the small fringe field of the capacitor, as always done in circuit analysis), and the (retarded) vector potential is due only to the conduction current in the LC circuit [25] (see also [26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 4]). That is, the integral $\int_2$ is restricted to the conductor of the LC circuit and does not include the “displacement current” in the gap between the capacitor plates.¹¹ Then, the mutual inductance M_{12} is given by

$$M_{12} = \frac{1}{c^2} \oint_1 \int_2 \frac{d\mathbf{l}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1}{r_{12}^2}. \quad (51)$$

If circuit 2 were a closed loop then $M_{12} = 0$, but in the present case M_{12} is nonzero. Similarly, the $\mathcal{EMF}$ $\mathcal{E}_2$ induced in the LC circuit by current $I_1 e^{i\omega t}$ in the toroid is given by

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = \int_2 \mathbf{E}_2(I_1) \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2 = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \int_2 \mathbf{A}_2(I_1) \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2 = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{dI_1}{dt} \int_2 \oint_1 \frac{d\mathbf{l}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2}{r_{21}^2} \equiv -i\omega M_{21} I_1, \quad (52)$$

¹¹The unphysical result of [24] is based on the erroneous assumption that the “displacement current” $\partial \mathbf{D} / \partial t$ is a source of the vector potential (and of $\mathcal{EMF}$). This leads to the misunderstanding that $M_{12} = 0$ when the integral $\int_2$ is taken to be over a closed loop so as to include the “displacement current”.

where again the integral $\int_2$ is restricted to the conductor of the LC circuit. That is, the $\mathcal{E}_2$ does not include a contribution from the gap between the capacitor plates because there is no charge there for the electric field to act on (and $\mathcal{E}_2$ is unique only if the integral is restricted to the physical conductor).¹² The mutual inductance M_{21} is given by

$$M_{21} = \frac{1}{c^2} \int_2 \oint_1 \frac{d\mathbf{l}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{l}_2}{r_{21}^2} = M_{12}, \quad (53)$$

since $r_{12} = r_{21}$.

A.1 Energy Conservation

For completeness, we perform an energy analysis of the coupled loops 1 and 2, supposing that they contain resistances R_1 and R_2 that dissipate energy. When the toroid is driven by an AC voltage source $V e^{i\omega t}$, the loop equation for the toroid is

$$V = R_1 I_1 + i\omega L_1 I_1 + i\omega M_{12} I_2, \quad (54)$$

where L_1 is the self inductance of the toroid, and that for the LC circuit (which has no voltage source) is

$$0 = R_2 I_2 + i\omega L_2 I_2 - \frac{i}{\omega C_2} I_2 + i\omega M_{21} I_1. \quad (55)$$

From eq. (55) we have that

$$I_2 = -\frac{i\omega^2 M_{21} C_2}{\omega R_2 C_2 + i(\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)} I_1 = -\frac{i\omega^2 M_{21} C_2 [\omega R_2 C_2 - i(\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)]}{\omega^2 R_2^2 C_2^2 + (\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)^2} I_1, \quad (56)$$

and then eq. (54) tells us that

$$V = \left[R_1 + i\omega L_1 + \frac{\omega^3 M_{12} M_{21} C_2 [\omega R_2 C_2 - i(\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)]}{\omega^2 R_2^2 C_2^2 + (\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)^2} \right] I_1. \quad (57)$$

The time-average power delivered by the voltage source is

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(V I_1^*) = \frac{1}{2} \left[R_1 + \frac{\omega^4 M_{12} M_{21} R_2 C_2^2}{\omega^2 R_2^2 C_2^2 + (\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)^2} \right] |I_1|^2, \quad (58)$$

while the power consumed in the toroid is

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2} R_1 |I_1|^2, \quad (59)$$

¹²Another form of the circuit paradox would result from accepting that M_{12} is nonzero but erroneously supposing that the electric field in the gap of the capacitor contributes to the $\mathcal{EMF}$ induced in the LC circuit by the toroid. Typical analyses of LC circuits make this assumption with little error because the length of the gap between the capacitor plates is small compared to the circumference of the circuit. However, when the second loop is a toroid that is not linked by the LC circuit, including the electric field in the gap in the calculation of the $\mathcal{EMF}$ leads to the misunderstanding that $M_{21} = 0$.

and the power consumed in the LC circuit is

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2} R_2 |I_2|^2 = \frac{1}{2} R_2 \frac{\omega^4 M_{21}^2 C_2^2}{\omega^2 R_2^2 C_2^2 + (\omega^2 L_2 C_2 - 1)^2} |I_1|^2, \quad (60)$$

recalling eq. (56). Thus, energy is conserved,

$$P = P_1 + P_2, \quad (61)$$

since $M_{21} = M_{12}$ according to eq. (53).

Clearly, if the voltage source were connected to the LC circuit, rather than to the toroid, relation (61) would again hold.

A.2 Beyond the Approximations of Circuit Analysis

The preceding circuit analysis makes various approximations that are not strictly correct.

The current in the circuits has been assumed to be spatially uniform, whereas there is a nonuniform surface current on both sides of the plates of the capacitor [38].

The effect of the electric fringe field of the capacitor has been neglected.

The effect of the physical configuration of the voltage source on the electric and magnetic fields has been neglected.

The effect of any measuring devices, used to probe the current in the circuits, has been neglected.

The magnetic field outside the toroidal solenoid has been assumed to be zero in the quasistatic approximation, whereas it is actually nonzero [4].

Radiation has been neglected.¹³

The toroid, the capacitor, and the wire loop of the LC circuit are made of rather good conductors, at whose surface the tangential component of the electric field is negligible. That is, $\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ is negligible for these good conductors, and is significantly nonzero only in the voltage source and in the load resistor. So, the forms (50) and (52) for the $\mathcal{EMF}$ s are not accurate (and the concept of mutual inductance is only approximate).

To deal with all of these effects a more sophisticated analysis is required, of the sort made for antenna systems. There, systems with good conductors (with finite thicknesses) and possible, compact load capacitors, inductors and resistors are analyzed via an integral equation (due to Pocklington [40]) that incorporates the good-conductor boundary condition. These calculations are better performed numerically than analytically.¹⁴ Energy conservation is, of course, maintained throughout such analyses.

When dealing with pairs of antennas, one transmitting and one receiving, as in the example of this Appendix, a reciprocity relation can be formulated (see, for example, [43]) between the drive voltages and driven currents when the roles of transmitter and receiver are reversed. This is a generalization of the condition $M_{12} = M_{21}$ on the mutual inductances of circuit analysis.

Thus, there exists a powerful formalism to go beyond the approximations of circuit analysis, although this formalism does not lend itself to simple analytic results, and we content ourselves with the circuit analysis given in the main part of this Appendix.

¹³For discussion of a nominally simple circuit for which radiation cannot be ignored, see [39].

¹⁴See, for example, [41] and [42] for analytic discussion of this approach.

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