

# Forces on small, neutral objects.

Can also calculate more directly, and will find  
 Force on small neutral dielectric particles from oscillating EM fields.  
 (Sub. for 6.8, 6.9 in Jackson) object  $\leftarrow$  monochromatic

One particle:  $F = qE + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

Collection of point charges:

$$F = \sum q_i \vec{E}_i(x_i, t) + \sum q_i \dot{\vec{x}}_i \times \vec{B}(x_i, t)$$

Case: oscillating fields vary over length scale  $\lambda$ .  
 say size of particles/object  $\ll \lambda$  [ $\langle r \rangle \ll \lambda$ ]

Expand:  $E_i(x_i, t) = E_0(x_0, t) + ((\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_0(x_0, t) + \dots$   
 $B_i(x_i, t) = B_0(x_0, t) + \dots$  (omitted)

$$F = (\sum q_i) E(x_0, t) + (\sum q_i (\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E(x_0, t) + \dots$$

$$+ \sum q_i (\dot{\vec{x}}_i - \dot{\vec{x}}_0) \times \vec{B}(x_0, t)$$

$\uparrow$  freebie

Neutral:  $\sum q_i = 0$   
 $\sum q_i (\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_0) \equiv \vec{p}$  dipole moment.

$$F = (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E(x_0, t) + \dot{\vec{p}} \times \vec{B}(x_0, t)$$

plus con. of  $\mathcal{O}(\langle r \rangle / \lambda)$

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Dielectric: polarization driven by electric field.  
 take linear  
 static case:  $\vec{p} = \alpha \vec{E}$ .

Here oscillating:  $\vec{E}(x, t) = E_0(x) \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$   
 because of inertia may be time lag,  
 $\vec{p}(x, t) = \vec{p}_0(x) \cos(\omega(t - t_{lag}) - \varphi)$   
 $= \vec{p}_0(x) \cos(\omega t - \varphi')$

~~Define~~

Will use complex notation: e.g.,  $\vec{E}(x, t) = \text{Re } E_0(x) e^{-i\omega t}$

$E_0$  may be complex (e.g.,  $E_0(x) = E(x) e^{i\varphi}$ )

$$\vec{p}(x, t) = \text{Re } p_0(x) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$p_0 = \alpha E_0$$

$\alpha$  may be complex,  
to account for phase  
difference.

Will consider time averaged force  
 $\langle \dots \rangle$  for time average.

Note that  $\langle A \cdot B \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(A_0 \cdot B_0^*)$  (where  $A, B$  both  
 oscillate as above,  
 as same  $\omega$ )

~~Proof~~

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{Re } A_0 e^{-i\omega t} \\ &= \text{Re} [ (\text{Re } A_0 + i \text{Im } A_0) (\cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t) ] \\ &= \text{Re} [ \text{Re } A_0 \cos \omega t + \text{Im } A_0 \sin \omega t + 2 \text{imag terms} ] \\ &= \text{Re } A_0 \cos \omega t + \text{Im } A_0 \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A \cdot B \rangle &= \text{Re } A_0 \cdot \text{Re } B_0 \langle \cos^2 \omega t \rangle + \text{Im } A_0 \cdot \text{Im } B_0 \langle \sin^2 \omega t \rangle \\ &\quad + \text{Re } A_0 \cdot \text{Im } B_0 \langle \cos \omega t \sin \omega t \rangle + \text{Im } A_0 \cdot \text{Re } B_0 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\text{Re } A_0 \cdot \text{Re } B_0 + \text{Im } A_0 \cdot \text{Im } B_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(A_0 \cdot B_0^*)$$

QED



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{just in case: } A_0 \cdot B_0^* = (\text{Re } A_0 + i \text{Im } A_0)(\text{Re } B_0 - i \text{Im } B_0) \\ = \text{Re } A_0 \text{Re } B_0 + \text{Im } A_0 \text{Im } B_0 \\ + i \text{Im } A_0 \text{Re } B_0 - i \text{Re } A_0 \text{Im } B_0. \end{array} \right.$$

Time derivative: 
$$p(x,t) = \text{Re} (p_0(x) e^{-i\omega t})$$

$$\dot{p}(x,t) = \text{Re} (-i\omega p_0(x) e^{-i\omega t})$$

again just in case: really works. 
$$p_0 = |p_0| e^{i\varphi}$$

$$p(x,t) = \text{Re} |p_0| e^{-i(\omega t - \varphi)} = |p_0| \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p} &\stackrel{?}{=} \text{Re} (-i\omega p_0 e^{-i\omega t}) = \text{Re} (-i\omega |p_0| e^{-i(\omega t - \varphi)}) \\ &= \text{Re} [-i\omega |p_0| (\cos(\omega t - \varphi) - i \sin(\omega t - \varphi))] \\ &= -\omega |p_0| \sin(\omega t - \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Time averaged force

$$\vec{F} = (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} + \dot{\vec{p}} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} ((\vec{p}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_0^*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (-i\omega \vec{p}_0 \times \vec{B}_0^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (\alpha (\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_0^*) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (-i\omega \vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0^*) \end{aligned}$$

Faraday: 
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \times \vec{E}_0 = +i\omega \vec{B}_0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_0^* = -i\omega \vec{B}_0^*$$

$$\langle F \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (\alpha (\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_0^* + \alpha \vec{E}_0 \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}_0^*))$$

use

$$\vec{E}_0 \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}_0^*) = \vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_0^* - (\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_0^*$$

$$\therefore \langle F \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [\alpha \vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}_0^*]$$

Further analyze:  $\alpha$  may be complex.  
 $\alpha = \alpha' + i\alpha''$ ,  $\alpha', \alpha''$  real.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle F \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [(\alpha' + i\alpha'') \vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^*] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha' \operatorname{Re} [\vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^*] - \frac{1}{2} \alpha'' \operatorname{Im} [\vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^*]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle F \rangle_{\alpha'} &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha' \cdot \frac{1}{2} \{ E_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^* + E_0^* \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0 \} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \alpha' \vec{\nabla} (E_0 \cdot E_0^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \alpha' \vec{\nabla} |\vec{E}_0|^2\end{aligned}$$

The intensity gradient force - comment any dates.

$\langle F \rangle_{\alpha''}$ : first consider momentum density in fields from Poynting's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{g} &= \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S} \\ \langle \vec{g} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \operatorname{Re} (E_0 \times B_0^*) \\ B_0^* &= \frac{i}{\omega} \nabla \times E_0^*\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{g} \rangle &= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2\omega} \operatorname{Re} \{ i E_0 \times (\nabla \times E_0^*) \} \\ &= -\frac{\epsilon_0}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \{ E_0 \times (\nabla \times E_0^*) \} \\ &= -\frac{\epsilon_0}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \{ E_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^* - (E_0 \cdot \nabla) E_0^* \}\end{aligned}$$

Next consider  $\vec{\nabla} \times (E_0 \times E_0^*) = 4$  terms, two where  $\nabla$  acts on  $E_0$ , and two where it acts on  $E_0^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}&= \vec{E}_0 (\nabla \cdot E_0^*) - (E_0 \cdot \nabla) E_0^* - E_0^* (\nabla \cdot E_0) + (E_0^* \cdot \nabla) E_0 \\ &= 2i \operatorname{Im} [E_0 (\nabla \cdot E_0^*)] - 2i \operatorname{Im} [(E_0 \cdot \nabla) E_0^*]\end{aligned}$$

For this term, use  $\nabla \cdot E_0 = 0$ . Meaning we make approx for this term by just keeping incoming wave (for which we can consider  $\rho = 0$ ).

Then

$$\langle \vec{g} \rangle = -\frac{\epsilon_0}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} [E_0 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}) E_0^*] + \frac{i\epsilon_0}{4\omega} \operatorname{Im} [\nabla \times (E_0 \times E_0^*)]$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im} [ \vec{E}_0 \cdot (\nabla) E_0^* ] = - \frac{2\omega}{\epsilon_0} \langle \vec{g} \rangle + \frac{i}{2} \nabla \times (\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*)$$

Define  $\vec{g}(\vec{r})$   
for here  $\leftarrow$  lower case

$$\therefore \langle F \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \alpha' \nabla |\vec{E}_0|^2 + \frac{\omega \alpha''}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \langle \vec{S} \rangle + \frac{i}{4} \nabla \times (\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*)$$

Note that last term is real.

Often define  
whenever

$$\langle \frac{\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*}{L_s} \rangle = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2\omega} i (\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*),$$

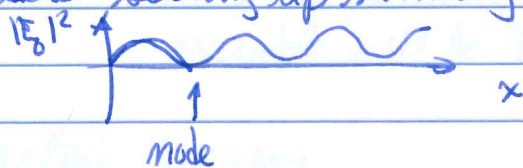
Albaladejo et al.

$$\langle \vec{F} \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \alpha' \nabla |\vec{E}_0|^2 + \frac{\omega \alpha''}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \langle \vec{S} \rangle + \frac{\omega \alpha''}{\epsilon_0} \nabla \times \langle \frac{\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*}{L_s} \rangle$$

for plane waves, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> terms are zero  
get result that force proportional to Poynting vector.

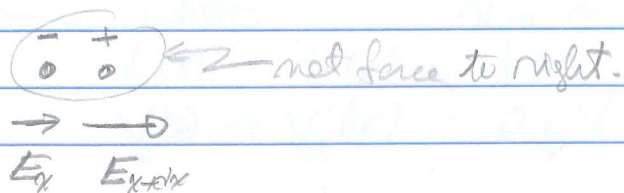
still regarding plane waves,  $\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^* = 0$  for linear polarization  
but  $\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^* \neq 0$  for circular polarization.  
but for plane waves,  $\vec{E}_0 \times E_0^*$  has no position dep.

example where first term not zero, think of two opposing  
lasers setting up standing wave.



Force pushes towards  
to max  $|E_0|^2$   
"optical tweezer"

more physically,  $\vec{E}$  polarizes object,  
if  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \neq 0$ , push to stronger E field:



- Last term is spin curl force. Requires weird but not unthinkable field configurations.

Refs: Chaumet & Nieto-Vesperinas, Opt. Lett. 25 (2000), 1065-1067  
Albaladeho, Marqués, Laroche, and Sáenz, PRL 102 (2009), 113602 (4pp)

See also

Ruffner and Grier, PRL 111 (2013), 059301 (1pp),  
and response by Marqués and Sáenz, PRL 111 (2013), 059302 (1pp).

For those who might like to see a case where the Poynting vector points one way but the radiation pressure pushes another way may like:

Afanasiev, Carbon, and Mukherjee, J. Opt. Soc. Am. B 31 (2014), 2721-2727.