

Phys. 402  
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Qu-Ex 1

Given  $t_R = t - \frac{|\mathbf{r} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_0(t_R)|}{c}$ ,  $\vec{R} = \mathbf{r} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_0(t_R)$   
 $R = |\vec{R}|$

$$\vec{v}(t') = \frac{d}{dt'} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_0(t') \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\beta} = \vec{v}/c \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\vec{R}}{R}$$

Compute:

1)  $\frac{\partial t_R}{\partial t}$

2)  $\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial R}{\partial t}$

3)  $\nabla (ct_R)$

4)  $\nabla R$