

Last Time

Introduced the equations for the potentials

Coulomb Gauge: $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

$$-\nabla^2 \phi = \rho$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right] \vec{A} = \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (-\nabla \phi)$$

Lorentz Gauge: $\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right] \phi = \rho$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right] \vec{A} = \vec{j}/c$$

Then

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla \phi$$

Quasi-Statics

Described How we can use these equations to solve for the induced fields to each order in $1/c$

E_x Coulomb



$$I(t) = I_0 \cos \omega t \hat{z}$$

0th

$$\varphi^{(0)} = 0$$

1st

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \frac{I}{c} \delta^2(x_\perp) \hat{z}$$

$$A^z = -\frac{I(t)/c}{2\pi} \ln \rho + C \quad B = \nabla \times A$$

2nd

$$\varphi^{(2)} = 0$$

$$A^{(2)} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A}^{(1)} - \nabla \varphi$$

$$\vec{E} = \left[-\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t I(t) \right] \frac{\ln \rho}{2\pi} \hat{z} \Leftarrow \text{Gives induced field automatically}$$

Quasi-statics in metals: (Intro)

① • Free charge rushes to the surface

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

Now for a metal

$$\vec{j} = \sigma E$$

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\sigma E) = 0$$

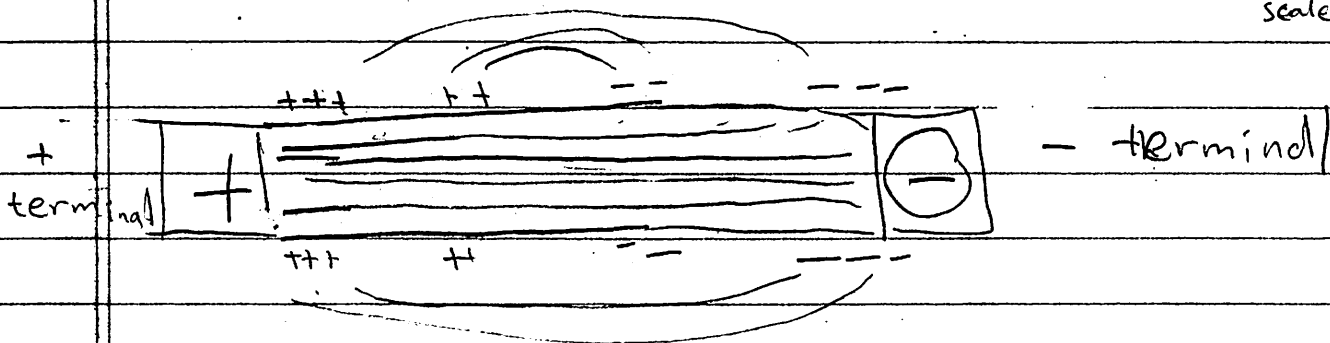
$$\partial_t \rho + \sigma \underbrace{\nabla \cdot E}_{=\rho} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \rho + \sigma \rho = 0$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

actually
this is
too fast
our macro
theory of electrodynam
doesn't apply on
such
time
scales;

All charge rushes to the surface:



- The surface charges (and their gradients) cause current to flow down the wire

- They are also responsible for the change in potential from one end of the terminal to the other

How fast is $1/\sigma$?

$$\vec{j}_{HL} = \sigma_{HL} \vec{E}_{HL}$$

$$\vec{j}_{MKS} = \sigma_{MKS} \vec{E}_{MKS}$$

$$\vec{j}_{HL} = \vec{j}_{MKS} \sqrt{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{E}_{HL} = \sqrt{\epsilon_0} \vec{E}_{MKS}$$

$$\sigma_{HL} = \sigma_{MKS} / \epsilon_0$$

$$\sigma_{MKS} \text{ for Cu} \sim 10^7 \frac{1}{\Omega \cdot m}$$

Find

$$\sigma_{HL} \approx 1.12 \times 10^{18} \frac{1}{s} \frac{\sigma_{MKS}}{(10^7 \Omega \cdot m)}$$

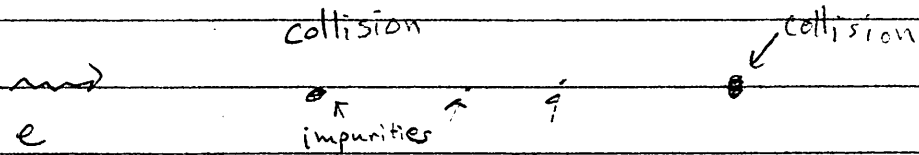
Wow! $\sim \frac{1 \text{ A}}{c}$ Why so fast,

Note

$$e\sigma_{HL} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \quad 10^{+18} \frac{1}{\text{s}} \quad \frac{\sigma_{HL}}{10^{+18} \frac{1}{\text{s}}}$$

$$e\sigma_{HL} = 0.16 \text{ Amps} \left(\frac{\sigma_{HL}}{10^{+18} \frac{1}{\text{s}}} \right)$$

Model



- Electrons are free in metal and occasionally scatter off impurities.

Typical momentum is large, $p \approx \hbar/a_0$

$$\lambda_D = \frac{\hbar}{p} \ll \text{mfpl}$$

- We are considering time-scales much larger than time between collisions, and much longer

than $\frac{\hbar}{E_{\text{kin}}} \sim \frac{\hbar}{p^2/2m} \sim \tau_{\text{quant}} \quad \tau_{\text{quant}} \ll \tau_c$

↑
time
between
collisions

- Classical transport is good enough:

$$m a = - \underbrace{m v}_{\text{drag force}} + \underbrace{e E}_{\text{driving force}}$$

For steady state $a = 0$

$$v = \frac{e E \tau_c}{m}$$

and

$$\vec{j} = nev$$

$$\vec{j} = \frac{ne^2\tau_c}{m} E$$

$\equiv \sigma$

So

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau_c}{m} = \omega_p^2 \tau_c$$

The plasma frequency:

$$\omega_p \equiv \left(\frac{ne^2}{m} \right)^{1/2} \sim \left[\frac{1}{a_0^3} \frac{e^2}{m} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\sim \left[\left(\frac{e^2}{a_0} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{ma_0^2} \right) \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{27.2 \text{ eV}}{\hbar} \right) \sim 10^{16} \text{ rad/s}$$

\sim 1/Time it takes electron to orbit

\sim a typical quantum phase

So for copper $\sigma \sim 10^{18} \text{ 1/s}$

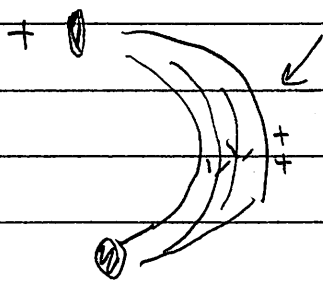
$$\omega_p \tau_c \sim 100 \gg 1$$

and

$$\omega_p (\omega_p \tau_c) \sim 10^{18} \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\tau_c \sim 10^{-14} \frac{1}{s}$$

↑
time it takes to establish current.



at the bend need to have some excess charge to cause the current to be constant

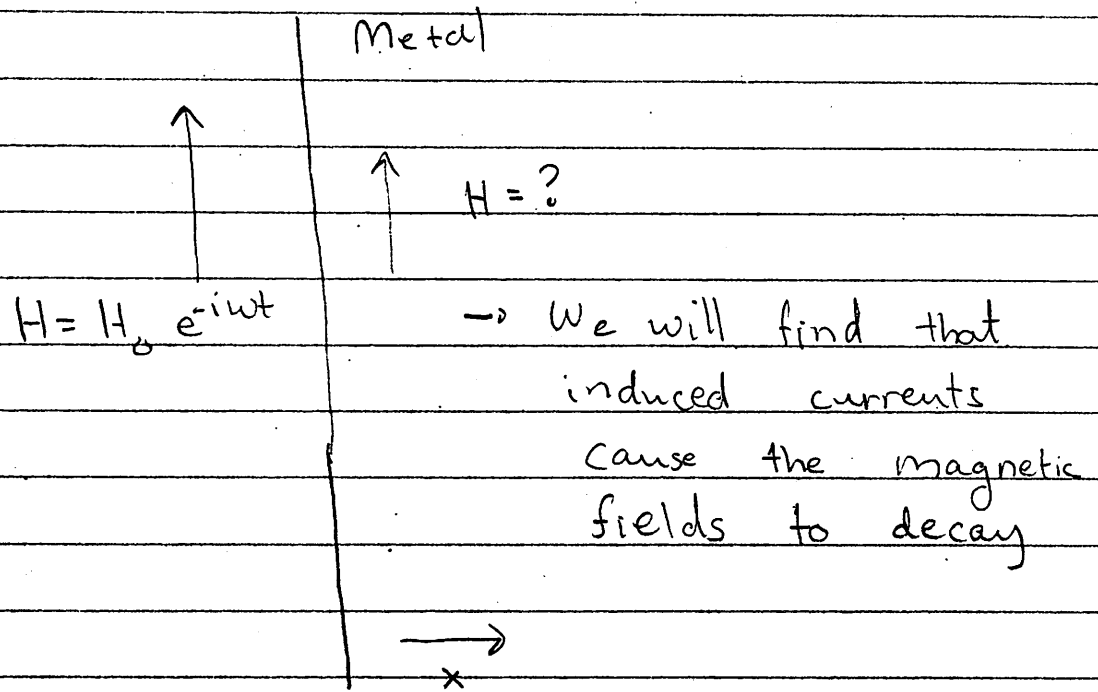
$$\Delta Q \sim \frac{I}{\sigma} \text{ from dimensions}$$

$$\Delta Q \sim \frac{1 \text{ C/s}}{10^{18} / \text{s}} \sim 10^{-18} \text{ C}$$

~ 10 extra electrons

The Skin Effect & Quasi-statics in metals

Diffusion of magnetic fields



→ We will find that induced currents cause the magnetic fields to decay

Equations for B in metals

If B changes in time then it will induce currents in the metal, which shield the interior

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{j}_{\text{ind}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

Now $\vec{j}_{\text{ind}} = \sigma \vec{E}$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{H}) = \sigma \nabla \times \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{H}) - \nabla^2 \vec{H} = -\frac{\sigma}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$B = \mu H$

Or

$$+\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \frac{\mu \sigma}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$$

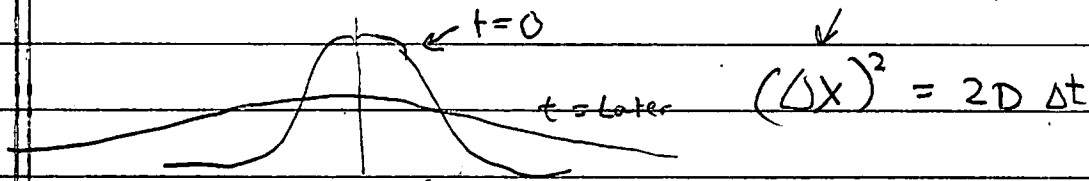
Diffusion Equation

canonical form

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 \vec{h}$$

A primer on the Diffusion Equation: $\partial_t n = D \nabla^2 n$

A drop of dye in water, The width of drop grows with time



• The diffusion equation smears out features.
The Magnetic Diffusion coefficient is:

$$D = \frac{c^2}{\mu \sigma} \Rightarrow \text{units } \left[\frac{c^2}{\sigma} \right] \sim \frac{(\text{meters})^2}{s}$$

$$D \approx \frac{1 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{millisec}} \quad \text{for } \mu \approx 1 \quad \text{for copper}$$

Solving the Diffusion Eq: (for problem given two pages ago)

$$H(z, t) = H_0 e^{-i\omega t} h(x)$$

Then $\nabla^2 H = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{i\omega}{D} \right] h(x) = 0$$

And: find trying e^{ikz}

$$k^2 = \frac{i\omega}{D} \Rightarrow$$

$$k_{\pm} = \pm (1+i) \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}} \equiv \pm (1+i) \frac{1}{\delta}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{i} = \pm \frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

↪ δ is skin depth
see next page for def.

Solving the Diffusion Eq. pg. 2

Thus we find, selecting $e^{ik_+x} \sim e^{-x/\delta} e^{ix/\delta}$

$$H^z = H_0 e^{-x/\delta} \cos(x/\delta - \omega t) = \text{Re } H_0 e^{ik_+x - i\omega t}$$

Find that the magnetic field decays at a length scale:

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2D}{\omega}} = \sqrt{\frac{2c^2}{\omega \mu \sigma}} \quad (\text{see estimate})$$

We can calculate the current and electric field

$$\sigma \vec{E} = \vec{j} = \nabla \times \vec{B}$$

$$\frac{j^y}{c} = -\frac{\partial B^z}{\partial x} = \text{Re} \frac{-2}{2x} H_0 e^{-i\omega t} e^{ik_+x}$$

$$= \text{Re} -ik_+ H_0 e^{-i\omega t} e^{ik_+x}$$

$$\frac{j^y}{c} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\delta} H_0 e^{-x/\delta} \cos(x/\delta - \omega t - \pi/4)$$

$$-ik_+ = -i \frac{(1+i)}{\delta}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\delta} e^{-i\pi/4}$$

(Aside: Estimate of Skin Depth in Copper)

Estimate:

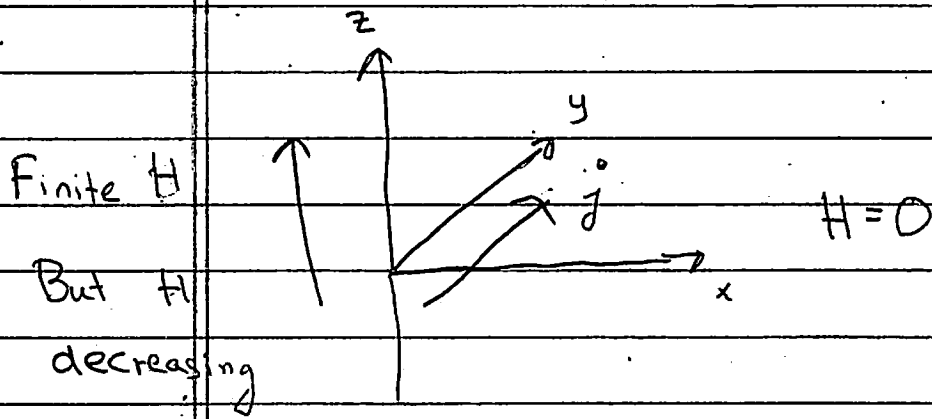
$$\sigma = \sigma_{18} \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$$

$$f = f_{\text{kHz}} \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} = \omega / 2\pi \Rightarrow \omega = f_{\text{kHz}} \times 2\pi \times 10^3 \text{ 1/s}$$

$$\delta = 0.53 \text{ cm} \frac{1}{\sqrt{f_{\text{kHz}} \sigma_{18}}}$$

Solving the Diffusion Eq. Pg 3

Picture at $t=0$ and $x=0$



The total current:

$$\frac{K^y}{c} = \int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\delta} H_0 e^{-x/\delta} \cos(x/\delta - \omega t - \pi/4)$$

$$\frac{K^y}{c} = H_0 \cos \omega t \leftarrow \text{This is what you expect from B.C.}$$

