

Electricity and Magnetism:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

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

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

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \text{Speed of Light}$$

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

Units (use heavyside Lorentz units)

Coulomb Law $F = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$. Choose a set

of units where $\epsilon_0 = 1$ then $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$

Formally define:

$$\bar{E} = \sqrt{\epsilon_0} E \quad \bar{Q} = Q / \sqrt{\epsilon_0} \quad \bar{P} = \rho / \sqrt{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\bar{B} = \sqrt{\epsilon_0} B$$

Then Eqs become

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{E} = \bar{\rho}$$

$$\nabla \times \bar{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

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

$$\nabla \times \bar{E} = - \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t}$$

Then drop the bars ... same as setting $\epsilon_0 = 1$

• As we will see \bar{E} and \bar{B} are very much the same thing. Define

$$E_{HL} = \bar{E} \text{ and } B_{HL} = c \bar{B}, \text{ so that } E_{HL} \text{ and}$$

B_{HL} have the same units:

$$E_{HL} = \bar{E}$$

$$B_{HL} = c \bar{B}$$

$$= E_{\text{mks}} \sqrt{\epsilon_0}$$

$$= c B_{\text{mks}} \sqrt{\epsilon_0} = \frac{B_{\text{mks}}}{\sqrt{\mu_0}}$$

Then the equations read:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_{HL} = \rho_{HL}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B}_{HL} = \frac{\vec{j}_{HL}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial E_{HL}}{\partial t}$$

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

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

We will use this and stop writing HL unless needed.

Remarks

① To convert from MKS to HL set $\epsilon_0 = 1$ and arrange to multiply all magnetic fields by c :

$$\underline{Ex} \quad F = q \vec{E}_{MKS} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_{MKS}$$

$$= q \vec{E}_{MKS} + \frac{v}{c} \times (c \vec{B}_{MKS})$$

$$= q \vec{E}_{HL} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B}_{HL}$$

Then for E+M equations in HL units we see structure

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

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

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

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

$$\vec{F} = q \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

• Note every time derivative comes with $\frac{1}{c}$, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

• Every velocity is measured in units of c . For example

$$\frac{\vec{j}}{c} = \frac{\text{charge} \times \text{velocity}}{\text{vol} \quad c}$$

Thus, if the system has a characteristic length L and characteristic time scale T , then the solutions will change rather dramatically from when

$$\frac{L}{c} \ll T$$

vs

$$T \ll \frac{L}{c}$$

electrostatics

+ magnetostatics

+ quasi-static

System very rapidly

adjusts to changes

in the charges

Radiation dominated.

takes a finite time

for light to propagate

across the system

Classical Mechanics of Charged Particles

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F} = q \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

- Consider the fields specified and solve for the motion of the particles
- This is not really E+M, its classical mechanics + special relativity, we want to find $\vec{E} + \vec{B}$

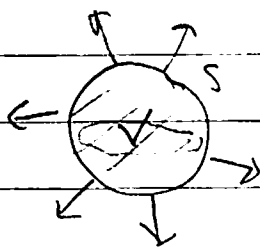
Fundamental Problem of Electrodynamics:

- Specify the charges and currents $\rho(\vec{x}, t)$ and $\vec{j}(\vec{x}, t)$ and solve for the fields. But respect continuity

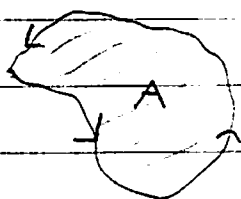
$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

Equations in integral form + Qualitative features

① Stokes theorem: $\int_{\text{Vol}} (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}) d^3x = \int_{\text{Area}} d\vec{S} \cdot \vec{V}$



② $\int_{\text{area}} d\vec{S} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = \int_{\text{loop}} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{l}$



Define

$$\Phi_B = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = \text{magnetic flux}$$

$$\Phi_E = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \text{electric flux}$$

The maxwell eqs are

$$a) \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho$$

$$b) \nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\vec{j}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

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

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

So for example:

$$\int_{\text{Vol}} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \int_{\text{Vol}} \rho \, d^3x, \text{ this leads to -}$$

Integral Forms:

$$a) \int_{\text{area}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{\text{env}} \quad (\text{Gauss Law})$$

$$b) \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{I}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi_E}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Ampere's Law} \\ + \text{maxwell correction})$$

$$c) \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 \quad (\text{No magnetic} \\ \text{charge})$$

$$d) -\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi_B}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Changing magnetic} \\ \text{flux produces a} \\ \text{backe Emf})$$

↑
Lenz Law

Faraday)

Qualitative Features

a) $Q \rightarrow \vec{E}$ charges make e-fields (Gauss Law)

b) $\vec{J} \leftrightarrow \vec{B}$ moving charges (currents) make B-fields (Ampère)

d) Changing \vec{B} -fields make induced ^{changing} \vec{E} -fields

- Changing B-fields are caused by changing currents or accelerating charges

(Faraday)

b) Changing electric fields create changing B-fields (Maxwell correction), which in turn makes changing \vec{E} etc,

This sets off a wave of light, where changing \vec{E} makes changing \vec{B} and vice-versa.

Remarks

- ① To get the whole process started you need accelerating charges:

Formula: (worth memorizing!)

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \right) \frac{1}{c^3} a^2$$

↑ power radiated by an accelerating charge

↑ charge²

↑ acceleration of charges

- ② We specify currents/charges and solve for fields. (The backreaction of the fields on the currents is not part of classical E+M. But is a part of quantum electrodynamics)

Media - we will often study fields in media, where the currents and charges are a function of the fields through constituent relations, e.g. for a conductor:

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

Current → \vec{j} = conductivity σ × electric field \vec{E}

- Such constituent relations depend on the medium, and are ~~usually~~ valid only when the wavelength is very long compared to micro scales
- For each medium, find a different set of equations to be solved, e.g. for a conductor

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{j}/c + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\sigma}{c} \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

Now we solve this equation for the fields, with no reference to the currents.

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- So when asked a ^{EM} question about "a medium", we should first be clear about what the constituent relations are! (conductor, dielectric, topological insulator, ferromagnet)

→ Then solve the eqns for fields

→ Then you know the currents from constituent relation

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