

Lecture 1

The Basics

Divergence and Curl Operations

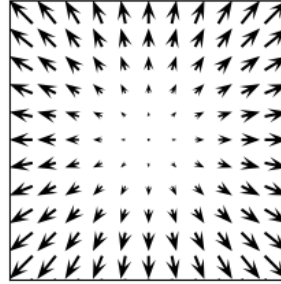
In Cartesian coordinates, we have

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \\ \partial_z \end{bmatrix}$$

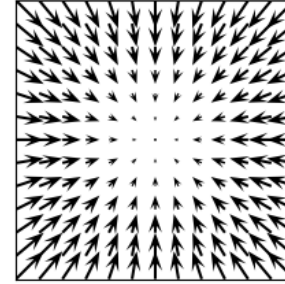
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_y F_z - \partial_z F_y \\ \partial_x F_z - \partial_z F_x \\ \partial_x F_y - \partial_y F_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = \partial_x F_x + \partial_y F_y + \partial_z F_z$$

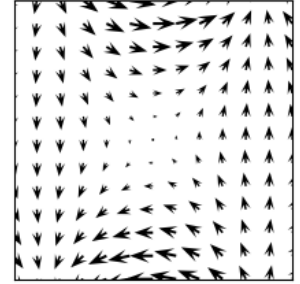
$$F(x,y)=(2x,2y) \\ \text{div}=4, \text{curl}=0$$



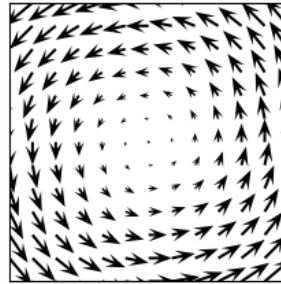
$$F(x,y)=(-2x,-2y) \\ \text{div}=-4, \text{curl}=0$$



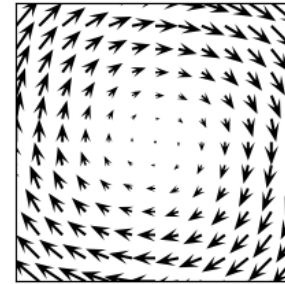
$$F(x,y)=(y\cos(x)^2, \sin(x)^2) \\ \text{div}=-2y\sin(x), \text{curl}=0$$



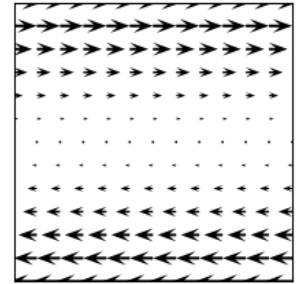
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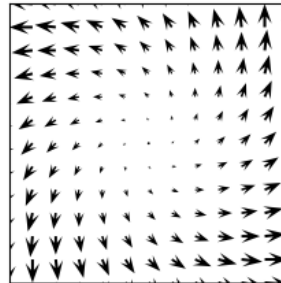
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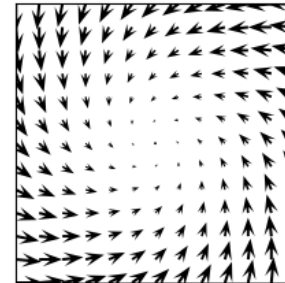
$$F(x,y)=(2y,0) \\ \text{div}=0, \text{curl}=-2$$



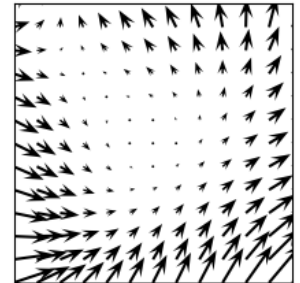
$$F(x,y)=(x-y, x+y) \\ \text{div}=2, \text{curl}=2$$



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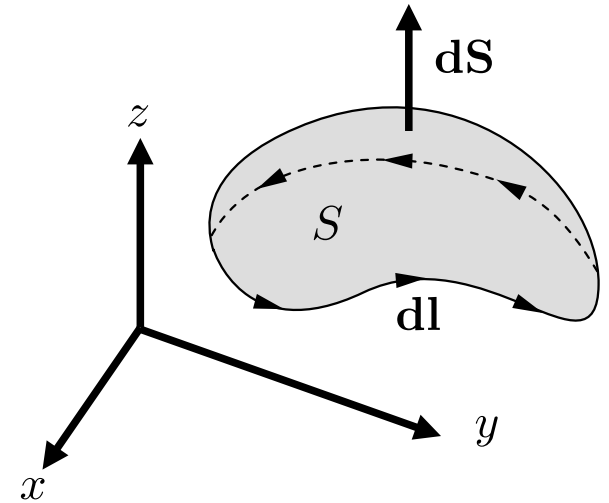
$$F(x,y) = (x^2-y, x+y^2) \\ \text{div}=2(x+y), \text{curl}=2$$



The Stokes and Divergence Theorems

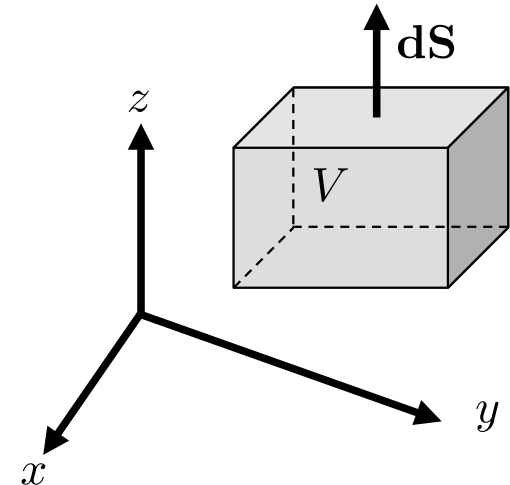
Stokes theorem

$$\iint (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$



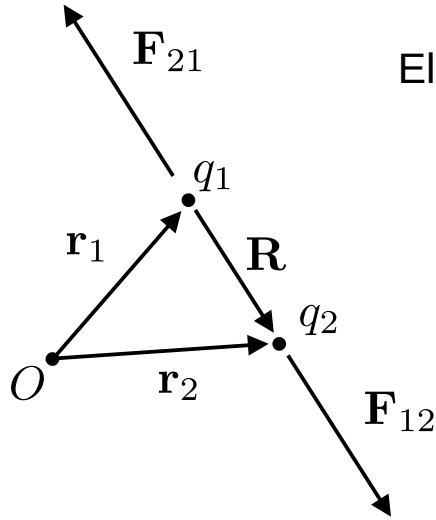
Divergence theorem

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \oiint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$



Electrostatics

What is an Electric Field ?



Electric force between two charged particles
(Coulomb law)

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = -\mathbf{F}_{21} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{R}|^2} \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$

where $\begin{cases} \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{|\mathbf{R}|} \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} \epsilon_0 = 8.854\,187\,8\dots \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \\ q \text{ is expressed in Coulomb [C]} \end{cases}$

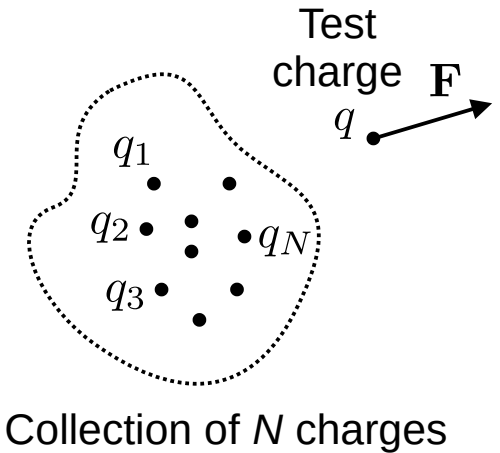
$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{q_1 q_2 (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|^3}$$

Generalization to N charges

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k|^3}$$

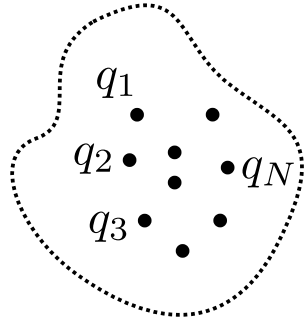
$$\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k|^3}$$



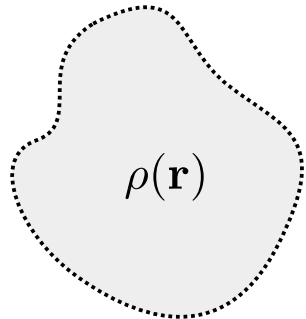
We consider that q is a “test charge” used to measure \mathbf{F} everywhere in space

From Discrete to Continuous Distribution of Charges



Collection of N charges

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k|^3}$$



Continuous distribution of charge

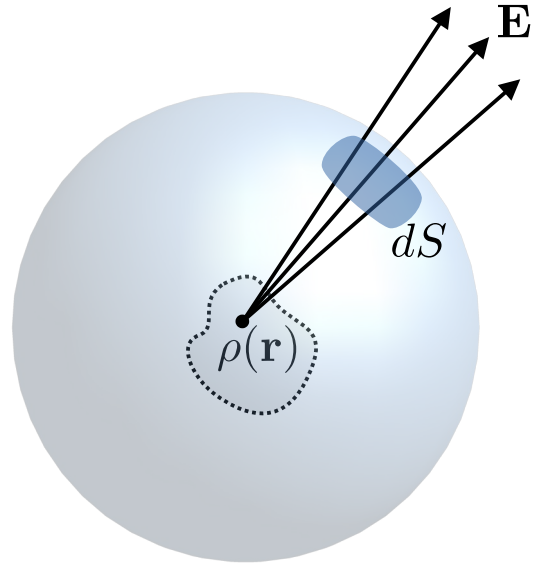
$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV'$$

The total charge is

ρ is expressed in $[\text{C}/\text{m}^3]$ $Q = \iiint_V \rho(\mathbf{r}) dV$

Gauss Law

Electric flux through a closed surface



$$\Phi_E = \oiint_S \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \, dV'$$

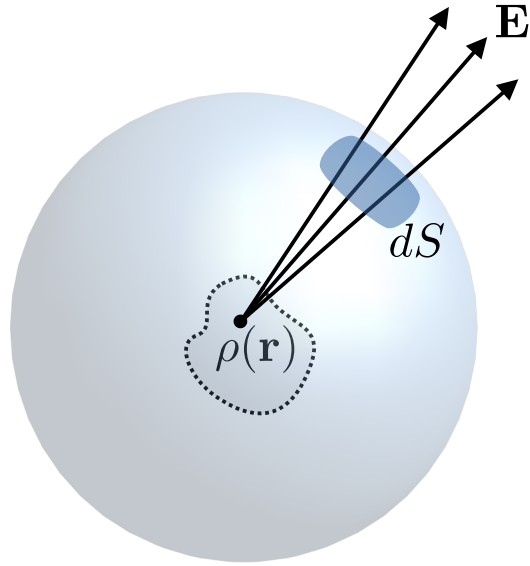
$$\Phi_E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') \left[\oiint_S \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS \right] \, dV'$$

Solid angle: $\Omega = \oiint_S \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R^3} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = 4\pi$

$$\Phi_E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') \, dV' = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oiint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss Law



$$\oiint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{alternatively} \quad \oiint_S \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho(\mathbf{r}) dV$$

Using the divergence theorem

$$\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho(\mathbf{r}) dV$$

Note that this assumes that we are in vacuum

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

If the background material has a dielectric response, then

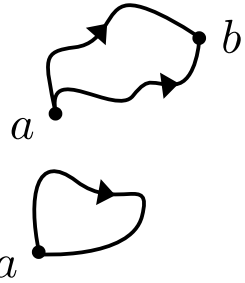
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

where $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$

Scalar and Vector Potentials

Scalar potential: An arbitrary vector field \mathbf{F} is irrotational and conservative if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0 \quad \text{everywhere} \\ \int_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad \text{is independent of the path} \\ \oint_c \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \quad \text{for any closed path} \\ \mathbf{F} = -\nabla V \quad \text{where } V \text{ is a scalar potential} \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$$



In electrostatics, the electric field may be expressed as

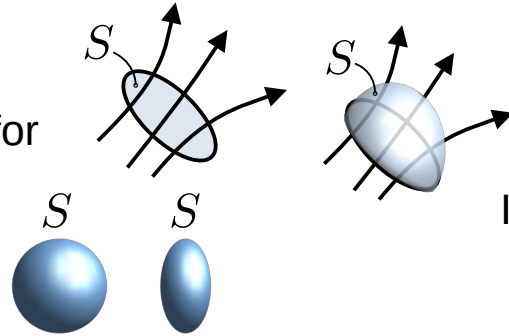
$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

In general, we have

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla V + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Vector potential: An arbitrary vector field \mathbf{F} is solenoidal or divergence-less if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0 \quad \text{everywhere} \\ \iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad \text{is independent of the surface for any boundary line} \\ \oiint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad \text{for any closed surface} \\ \mathbf{F} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} \text{ is a vector potential} \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$$



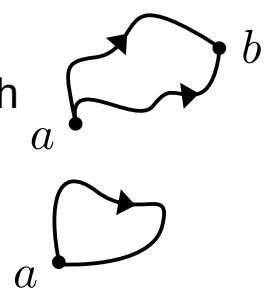
In magnetostatics, the magnetic field may be expressed as

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

The Scalar Potential

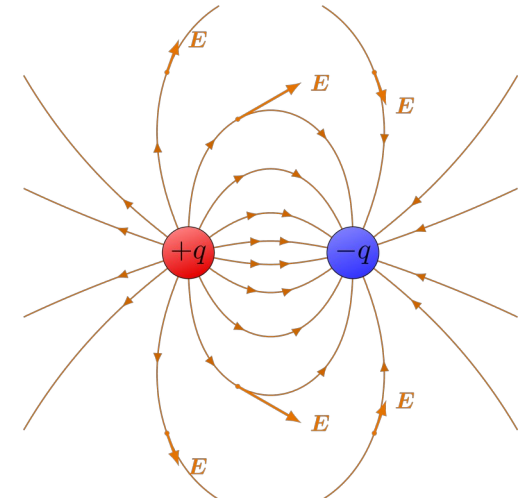
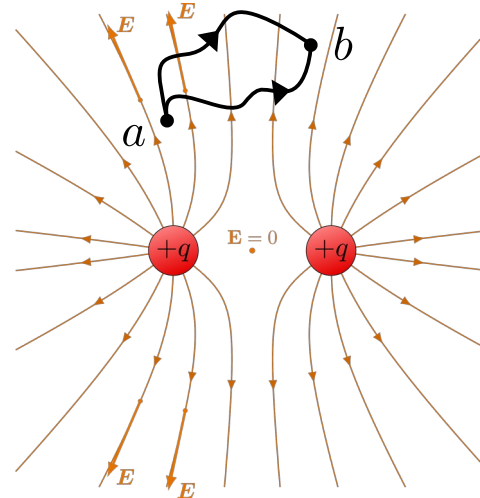
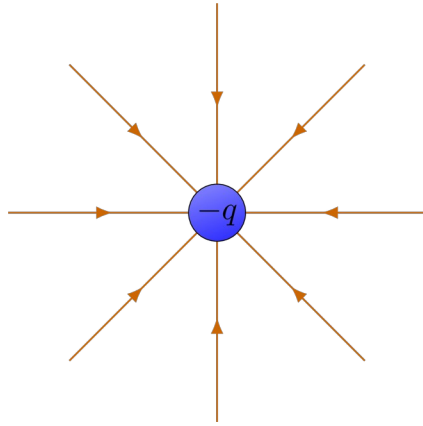
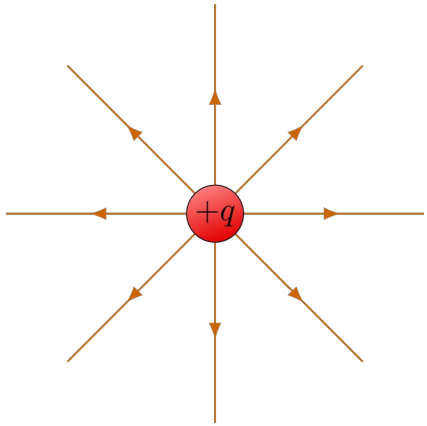
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In electrostatics, the electric field may be expressed as

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$



The Electric Potential

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\longrightarrow V(\mathbf{r}) = -\int_c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = V(b) - V(a)$$

Gauss law

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

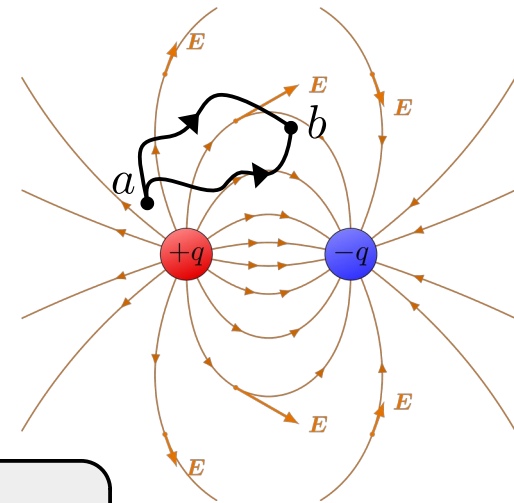
$$\longrightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \nabla \cdot (-\nabla V) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \longrightarrow$$

Poisson's equation

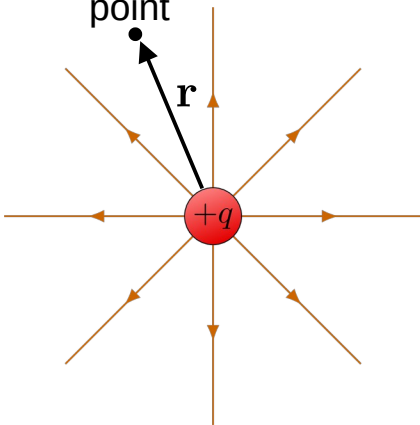
$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

General solution to Poisson's equation

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \iiint_{V'} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dV'$$



observation point



Electric field of a point charge

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \iiint_{V'} \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV' \xrightarrow{\rho(\mathbf{r}) = q\delta(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3}$$

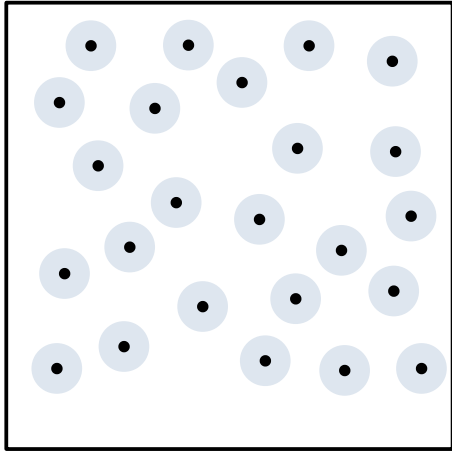
Electric potential of a point charge

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = -\int_r^\infty \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_\infty^r \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \longrightarrow$$

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{r}$$

Simple Model of Dielectrics

Unpolarized medium



Total field in the medium

Free-space field

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

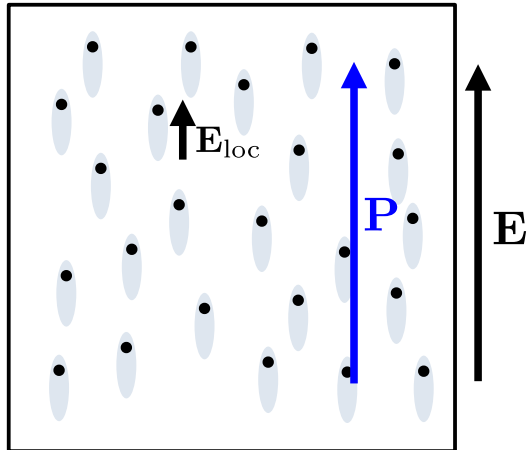
Polarization response of the medium

\mathbf{D} and \mathbf{P} are in $[\text{C}/\text{m}^2]$

we express the effective response of the medium using a susceptibility

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_{ee} \mathbf{E} \quad \text{where } \chi_{ee} \text{ is unitless}$$

Polarized medium



$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \epsilon_0 \chi_{ee} \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_{ee}) \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

The relative permittivity ϵ_r is unitless but ϵ_0 and ϵ are in $[\text{F}/\text{m}]$

Clausius-Mosotti Equation

When a medium is polarized, the polarization within the material cancels out leaving only the surface charge density

$$\sigma = \mathbf{P} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{P} = P_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

To find the local field \mathbf{E}_{loc} acting on a atom, we consider a small sphere around the atom and assume it is homogeneously polarized. This means that the sphere has a surface charge

$$\sigma_{\text{sphere}} = \mathbf{P} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\text{sphere}} = -P_0 \cos \theta$$

The potential of the sphere is now (note that the sphere is in vacuum!)

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_{V'} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dV' = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_{S'} \frac{\sigma_{\text{sphere}}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dS' = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_{S'} \frac{P_0 \cos \theta'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dS' = -\frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} z$$

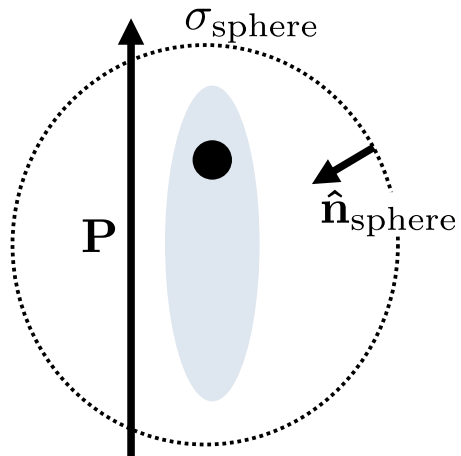
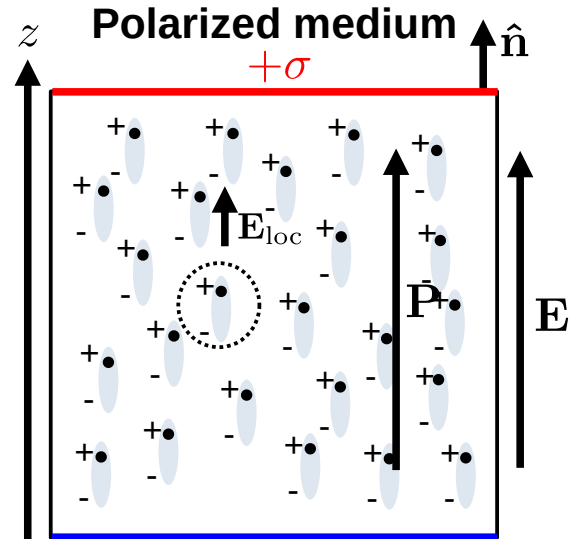
The electric field inside the sphere is given by

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}} = -\nabla V = -\nabla \left(-\frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} z \right) = \frac{P_0}{3\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$\mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}$ represents the effect of all the atoms

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{loc}} = \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}} = \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{3\epsilon_0}$$

The local field is the sum of the excitation \mathbf{E} and the field produced by the sphere $\mathbf{E}_{\text{sphere}}$



The Electric Potential Energy

Potential energy

$$U = qV$$

Force and potential energy

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U$$

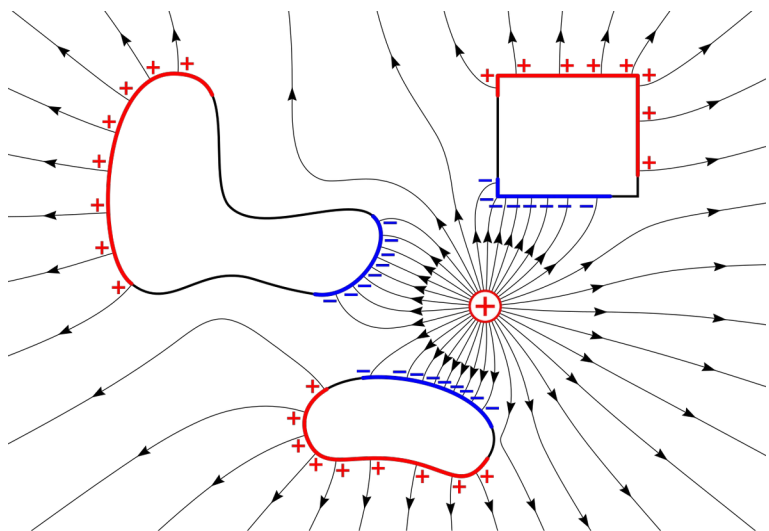
$$U_{ab}(\mathbf{r}) = U(\mathbf{b}) - U(\mathbf{a}) = - \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -q\nabla V$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$$

Electric charge near conductors



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In electrostatics there is no variation in time

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Currents do not exist because charges do not move

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Inside a conductor, the force is zero

$$\mathbf{E} = 0$$

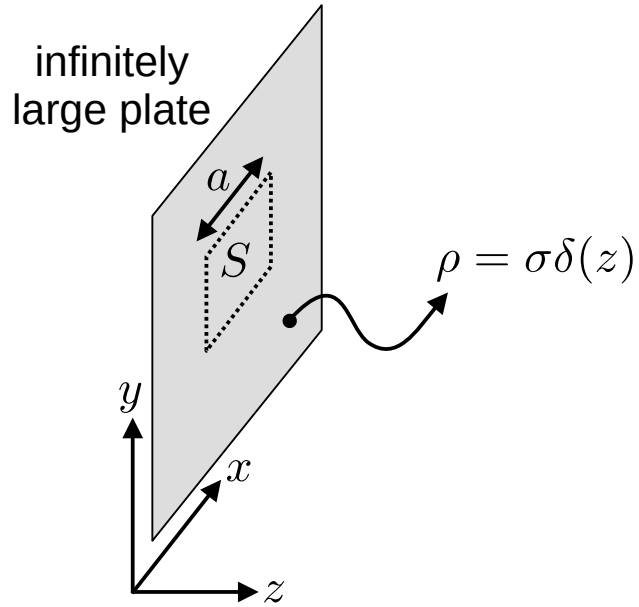
$$V = \text{const}$$

On the surface of a conductor, we must also have

$$\mathbf{E}_{\parallel} = 0$$

So that the tangential force is zero on the conductor surface preventing the existence of surface currents

Example: Field from a Charged Plate



σ is a surface charge density in [C/m²]

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho} \longrightarrow \oiint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_V \rho dV = a^2 \sigma$$

By symmetry of the problem, only the D_z component is non-zero

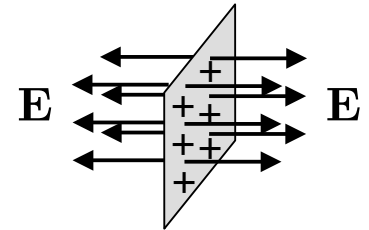
$$a^2 \sigma = \oiint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_0^a \int_0^a D_z dx dy = 2a^2 D_z$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \longrightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon} \hat{\mathbf{z}}}$$

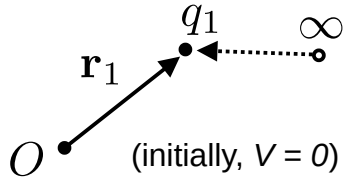
The corresponding electric potential is

$$V(z) = - \int_0^z \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_z^0 \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon} dz' = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon} z$$



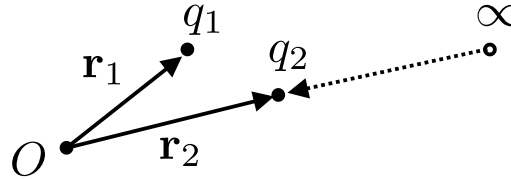
Energy in Electrostatic Fields

How much energy to bring q_1 from infinity to position \mathbf{r}_1 ?



$$U_1 = 0$$

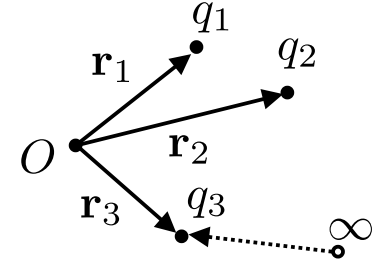
Now, we bring q_2 from infinity to position \mathbf{r}_2



$$U_2 = q_2 V_{21}$$

V_{21} is the potential difference between \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2

Now we bring a third charge from infinity



$$U_3 = q_3 (V_{31} + V_{32})$$

The total energy is $U = U_1 + U_2 + U_3 = q_2 V_{12} + q_3 (V_{31} + V_{32})$

If the charges were brought together in the reverse order $U = U_3 + U_2 + U_1 = q_2 V_{23} + q_1 (V_{12} + V_{13})$

Summing both equations and re-arranging the terms

$$2U = q_1 (V_{12} + V_{13}) + q_2 (V_{21} + V_{23}) + q_3 (V_{31} + V_{32})$$

Potential energy

$$U = qV$$

total potential at point \mathbf{r}_1

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N q_i V_i$$

continuous charge

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V'} \rho V dV'$$

Energy in Electric Fields

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V'} \rho V dV' \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss law } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho} W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V'} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) V dV'$$

Mathematical identity $(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D})V = \nabla \cdot (V\mathbf{D}) - \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla V$ \longrightarrow $W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V'} \nabla \cdot (V\mathbf{D}) dV' - \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{V'} \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla V dV'$

Using the divergence theorem and

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \oint_S (V\mathbf{D}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dV$$

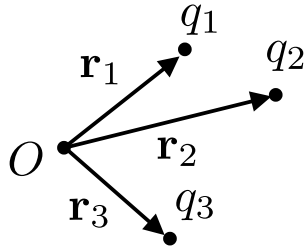
Typically $V \propto 1/r$ and $\mathbf{D} \propto 1/r^2$,
so by taking the surface of
integration to infinity, the
integral goes to zero !

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dV \xrightarrow{\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}} W_e = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV$$

Notice the role of ϵ_0 !

Interpretation of Electric Energy

Electric energy stored in a system of electric charges



Two formulas to compute the same thing

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N q_i V_i$$

finite value

$$W_e = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV$$

$$W_e \rightarrow \infty$$

The electric field of a charge diverges at $r = 0$!

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3}$$

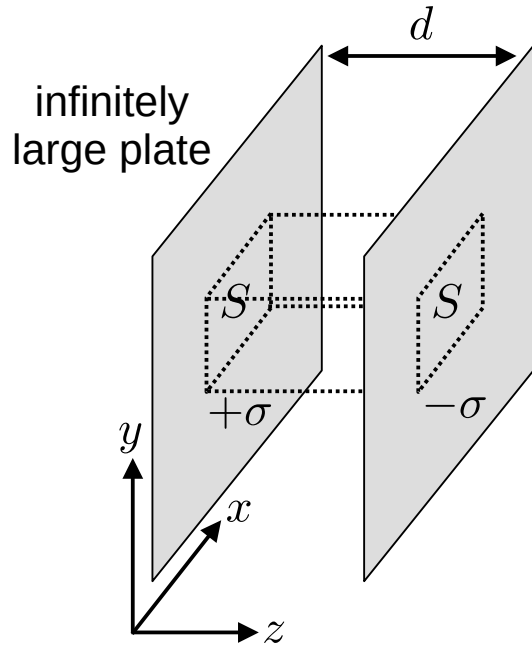
$$|\mathbf{E}|^2 = |\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 + \mathbf{E}_3|^2$$

$$= |\mathbf{E}_1|^2 + |\mathbf{E}_2|^2 + |\mathbf{E}_3|^2 + \underbrace{\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2 + \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3 + \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3}_{\text{Leads to a finite amount of energy}}$$

Fields of the charges themselves that are indeed infinite because it would take an infinite amount of energy to “create” point sources

Leads to a finite amount of energy

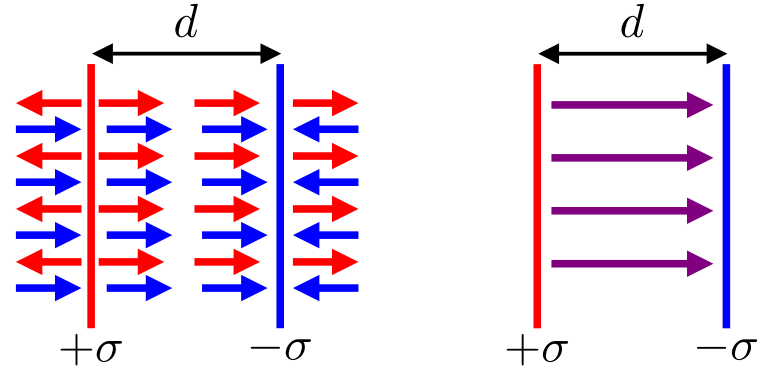
Parallel Plate Capacitor



The field of a single plate is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



The field outside the capacitor is zero and it is continuous and constant inside

The potential difference between the plates is

$$V = - \int_d^0 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^d \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} dz = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} d$$

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

where $E = |\mathbf{E}|$

The stored energy is

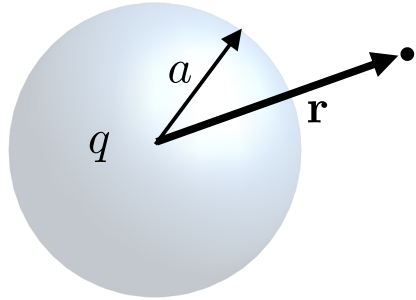
$$W_e = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV = \frac{\epsilon}{2} S d E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \frac{S}{d} V^2 = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

$$C = \epsilon \frac{S}{d}$$

where C is the capacitance in [F] and S is an area on the plates₁₉

Capacitance of a Charged Sphere

Conductive sphere with charge q and radius a



$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \\ V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } r > a$$

The energy stored in the field outside the sphere is

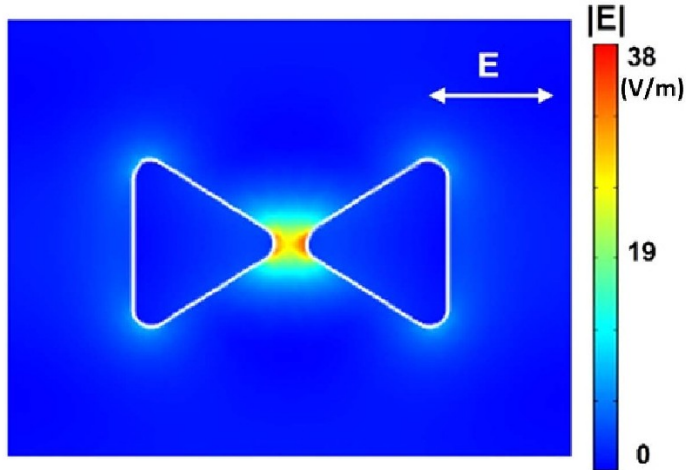
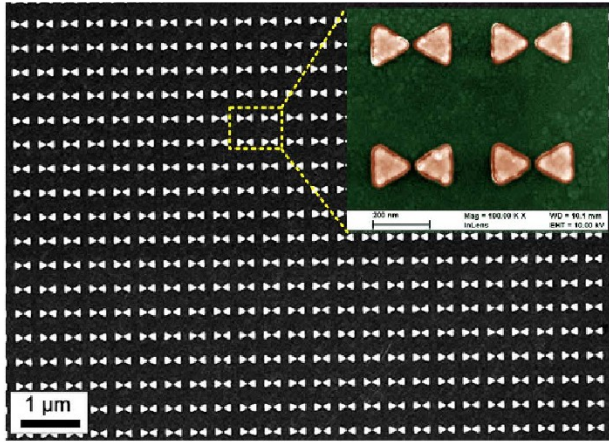
$$W_e = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \iiint_V \left(\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \right)^2 dV = \frac{q^2}{32\pi^2\epsilon} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_a^\infty \frac{1}{r^4} r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi = \frac{q^2}{8\pi\epsilon a}$$

The capacitance of the sphere is found using $C = \frac{2W_e}{V^2} = 4\pi\epsilon a$ or simply as $C = \frac{q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon a$

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon a$$

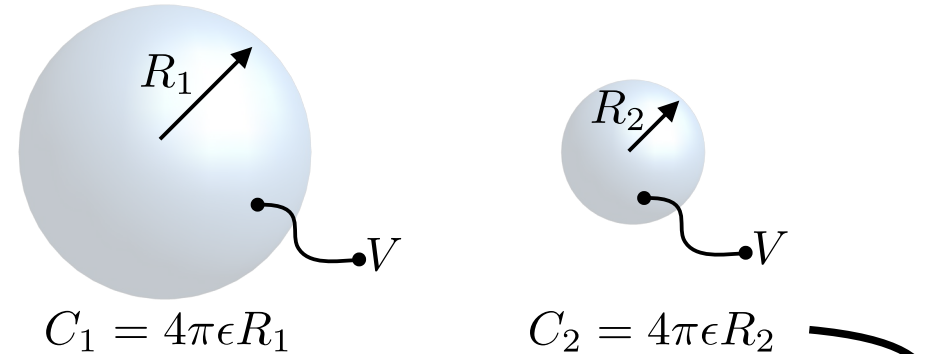
Why is the Electric Field Strong at Sharp Edges ?

Excitation of gold bow tie antennas



<https://doi.org/10.1038/srep18567>

Consider two isolated spheres with the same potential V



The total charge is given by $Q = CV$

Since they are at the same potential

$$\frac{Q_1}{C_1} = V = \frac{Q_2}{C_2}$$

surface charge

$$\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} = \frac{R_1}{R_2} \quad \leftarrow \quad \sigma = \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{Q_2}{Q_1}$$

Smaller sphere has a higher surface charge \Rightarrow stronger field

Bigger sphere holds more charge

Why Do We Want Strong Fields ?

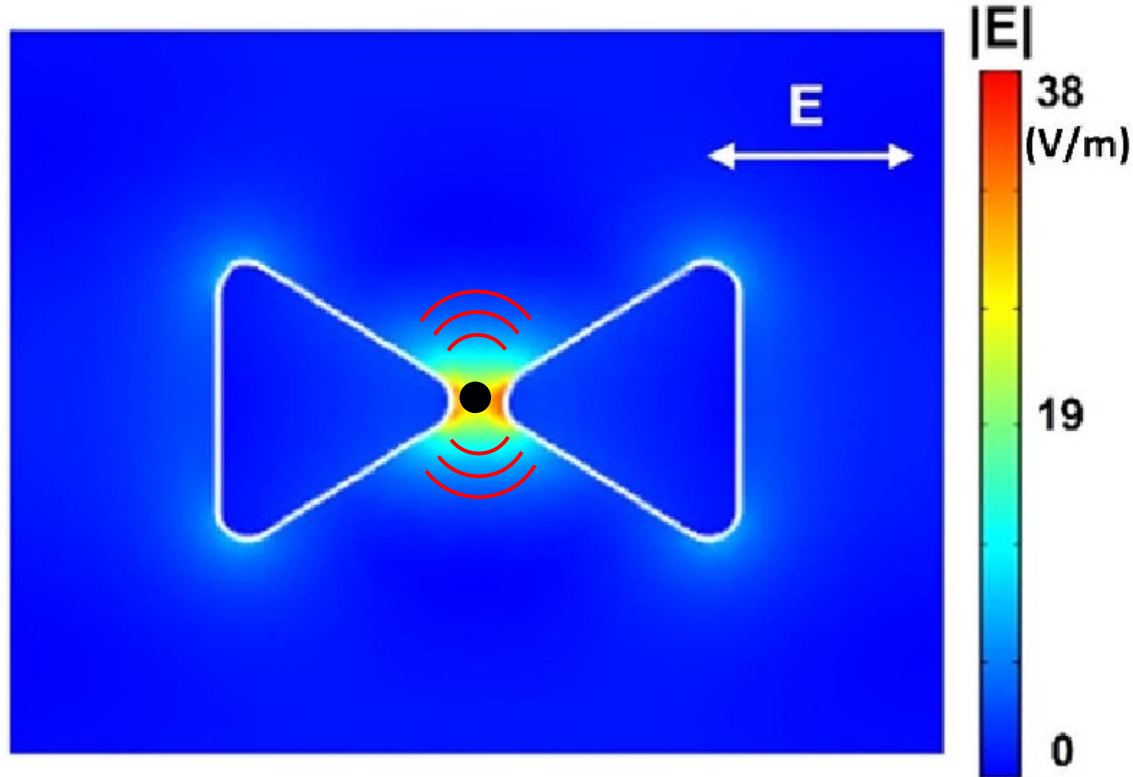
Strong field means lots of electric energy => increases particle interactions

$$W_e = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{E}|^2 dV$$

Force is the gradient of the energy

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla W$$

Particles will feel a force !

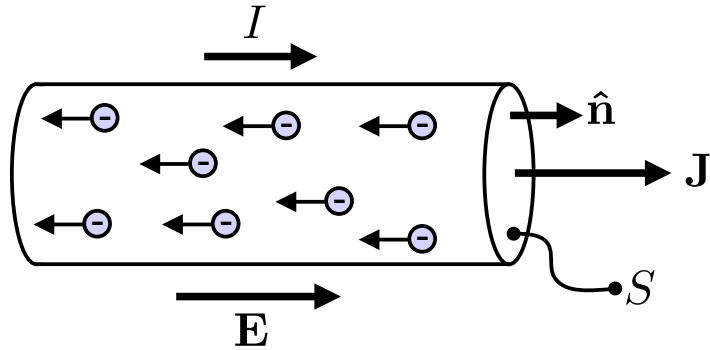


What Have We Learned So Far....

- The concept of fields comes from the desire to explain “forces acting at a distance”
- A static electric field is irrotational and conservative and may be expressed as the gradient of a scalar potential.
- A static magnetic field is divergence-less or solenoidal and may be expressed as the curl of a vector potential
- The electric field of a charge decreases as $1/r^2$. It is in fact simply the ratio of the charge by the surface area of a sphere since the field lines spread in 3D.
- The electric energy in a volume is proportional to $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}$. The permittivity increases the stored energy.
- The vacuum permittivity may be seen as a mean to convert electric field intensity in a volume into electric energy
- The electric field of a charged plate is independent of the position from the plate. The field lines do not spread in space in contrast to the case of a charged sphere
- The capacitance is a measure of the ability of a system to store electric energy
- The capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor is $C = \epsilon S/d$
- Sharp conductive edges have higher surface charge density than smooth ones leading to stronger fields
- Strong fields are interesting because they increase interactions with nanoparticles (useful for sensing)
- Strong field gradients lead to optical force (useful for trapping particles)

Magnetostatics

What is a Current ?



The current is a variation of charges in time

$$I = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

The units are

$$\begin{cases} I \text{ is in [A]} \\ Q \text{ is in [C]} \\ \mathbf{J} \text{ is in [A/m}^2\text{]} \end{cases}$$

Convection currents: flow of charges in an insulator $\mathbf{J} = \rho_v \mathbf{u}$ ← velocity in [m/s]

Conduction currents: flow of charges in a conductor

← volume charge density in [C/m³]

Charges move due to electric force $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{for electron}}$ $\mathbf{F} = -e\mathbf{E}$

$\mathbf{F} = \frac{m\mathbf{u}}{\tau} = -e\mathbf{E}$ \longrightarrow the drift velocity of the electrons is $\mathbf{u} = -\frac{e\tau}{m}\mathbf{E}$

mean collision time τ

$\rho_v = -ne$ where n is the density of electrons

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho_v \mathbf{u} = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}\mathbf{E} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$$

the conductivity σ is in [1/(Ωm)]

Ohm Law

Let's model this piece of wire of length l as a parallel plate capacitor. We have that

$$E = \frac{V}{l}$$

Assuming a uniform current within the wire

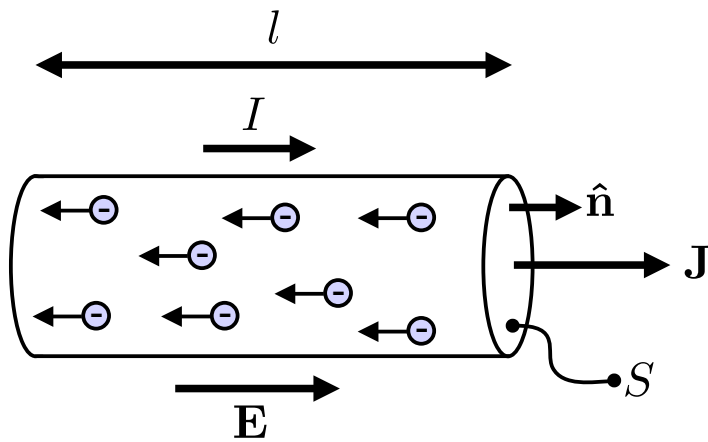
$$\frac{I}{S} = J = \sigma E \quad \text{where } \sigma \text{ is in } [1/(\Omega\text{m})]$$

Combining both, we get

$$\sigma \frac{V}{l} = \frac{I}{S} \quad \longrightarrow \quad V = \frac{l}{\sigma S} I \quad \longrightarrow \quad V = RI$$

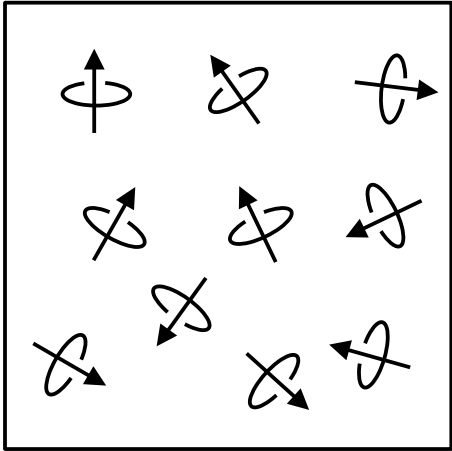
where the resistance is

$$R = \frac{l}{\sigma S}$$



Simple Model of Magnetic Materials

Unmagnetized medium



Total field in the medium

Free-space field

Magnetization response of the medium

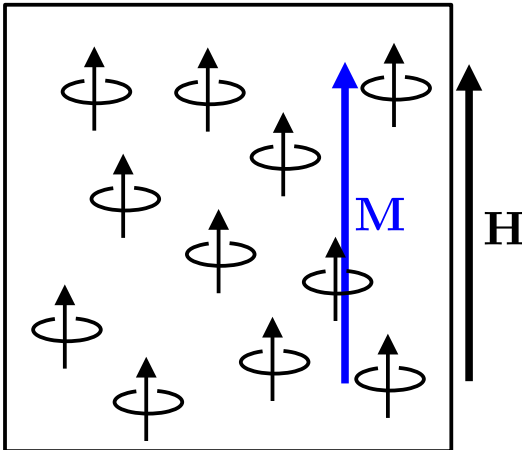
$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$$

\mathbf{B} is in $[\text{Vs/m}^2]$, \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{M} are in $[\text{A/m}]$

we express the effective response of the medium using a susceptibility

$$\mathbf{M} = \chi_{\text{mm}} \mathbf{H} \quad \text{where } \chi_{\text{mm}} \text{ is unitless}$$

Magnetized medium



$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \chi_{\text{mm}} \mathbf{H})$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_{\text{mm}}) \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

The relative permeability μ_r is unitless but μ_0 and μ are in $[\text{H/m}]$

Static Vector Potential

Ampère circuit law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

Constitutive relation

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

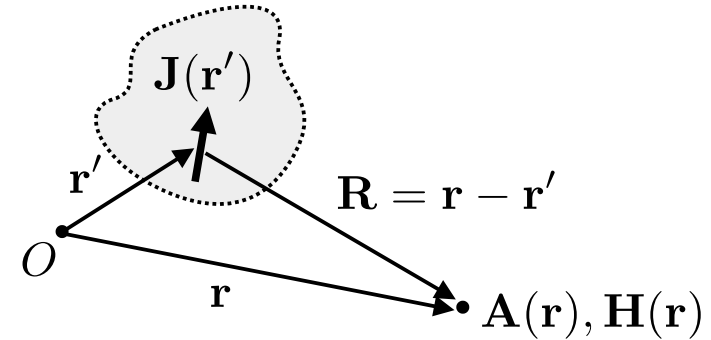
$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Taking the curl and using Ampère law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Continuous distribution of current



$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{J}$$

We are free to define \mathbf{A} such that its divergence is 0 since we know that

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

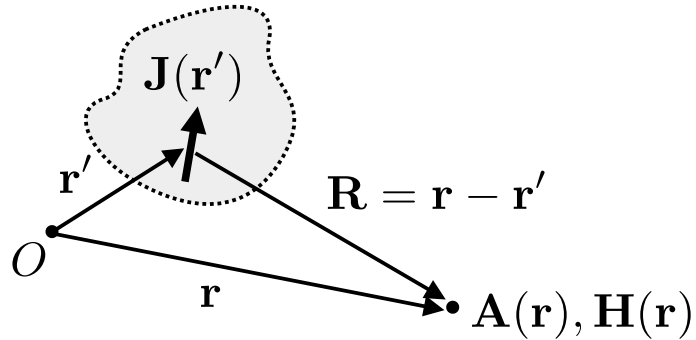
$$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \nabla - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

General solution

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_V \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \frac{1}{R} dV'$$

The Biot-Savart Law



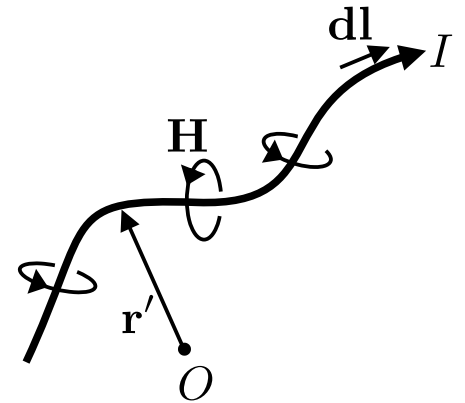
General solution

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_V \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \frac{1}{R} dV'$$

The magnetic field is directly obtained using

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \times \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R^3} dV'$$



For a line current

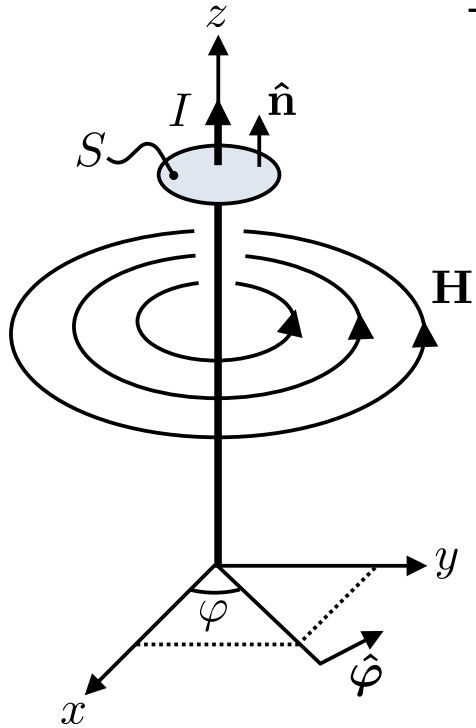
$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') = I\delta(\mathbf{r}')d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{L'} d\mathbf{l}' \times \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R^3}$$

where we have used the identity

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{R} \right) = \frac{1}{R} \nabla \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \times \nabla \frac{1}{R} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \times \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R^3}$$

Example: Infinite Current Line



The current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = I\delta(x)\delta(y)\hat{\mathbf{z}} \longrightarrow I = \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

Ampère circuit law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

Integrating over the surface S

$$\iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

Using Stokes theorem

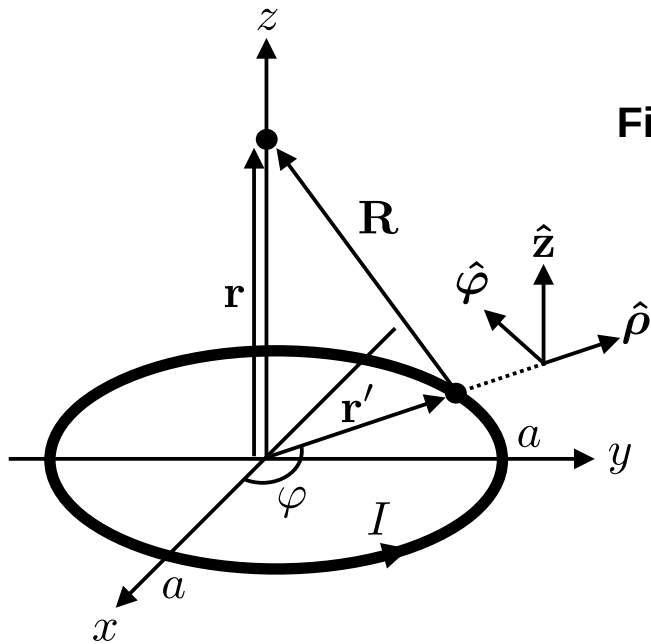
$$\oint_c \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I$$

By the symmetry of the problem

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

Example: Current Loop

Find the magnetic field along the z-axis

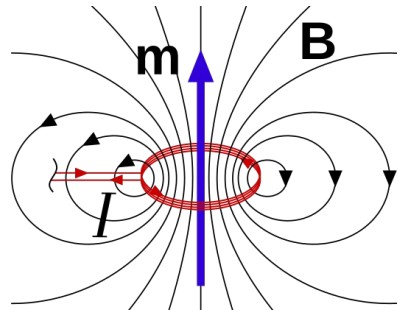


$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{L'} d\mathbf{l}' \times \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R^3}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{r} = z\hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{r}' = a\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \\ \mathbf{R} = z\hat{\mathbf{z}} - a\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} \\ d\mathbf{l}' = a d\varphi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \end{cases}$$

$$R = |\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{R}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(z) = \frac{Ia}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \frac{z\hat{\mathbf{z}} - a\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}}{(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} d\varphi = \frac{Ia}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\pi} (z\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} + a\hat{\mathbf{z}}) d\varphi$$



$$\mathbf{H}(z) = \frac{Ia^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

In the center of the loop
 $z = 0$

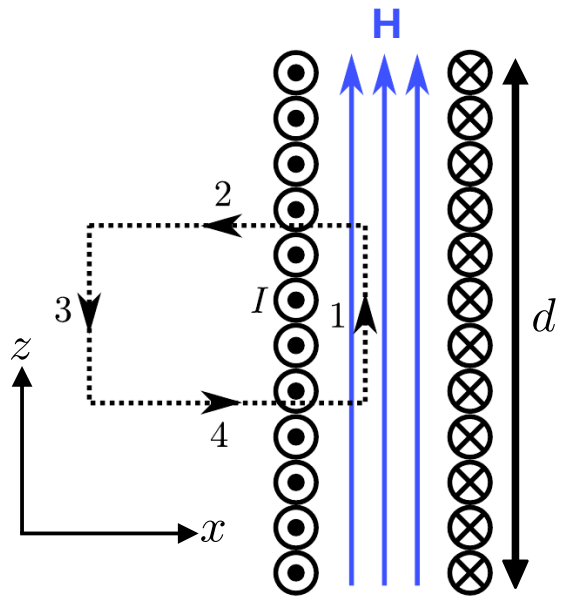
$$\mathbf{H}(0) = \frac{I}{2a} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

if $z \gg a$

$$\mathbf{H}(z) \approx \frac{a^2 I}{2z^3} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Example: Solenoid

Coil with current I and N turns



Ampère circuit law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

By symmetry, the contributions from sides 2 and 4 cancel out. By taking side 3 to infinity, the field is zero.

$$\int_1 \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{NI}{d} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{NI}{d} \delta(x)$$

variation of current per unit length

Magnetic energy

$$W_m = \frac{\mu}{2} \iiint_V |\mathbf{H}|^2 dV$$

$$W_m = \frac{\mu}{2} Sd |\mathbf{H}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu \frac{SN^2}{d} I^2 = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

Coil inductance

$$L = \mu \frac{S}{d} N^2$$

S is the surface area of the coil

What Have We Learned So Far....

- The magnetic energy in a volume is proportional to $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H}$. The permeability increases the stored energy.
- The vacuum permeability may be seen as a mean to convert magnetic field intensity in a volume into magnetic energy
- If the distribution of current density \mathbf{J} inside a volume is known, we can integrate it to find the vector potential \mathbf{A} , which allows us to find the magnetic field everywhere in space
- The inductance is a measure of the ability of a system to store magnetic energy
- The magnetic field of a current line is simply the current divided by the perimeter of a circle since the field lines spread over a circle (cylindrical symmetry)
- The magnetic field of a current loop forms an equivalent magnetic dipole (like a magnet)
- Remember the formula for the inductance of a coil

Maxwell Equations

Summary from Statics

Electrostatics

Ampère circuit law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Gauss law

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

Constitutive relation

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

Electric energy

$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} \, dV$$

Magnetostatics

Ampère circuit law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

Magnetic Gauss law

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

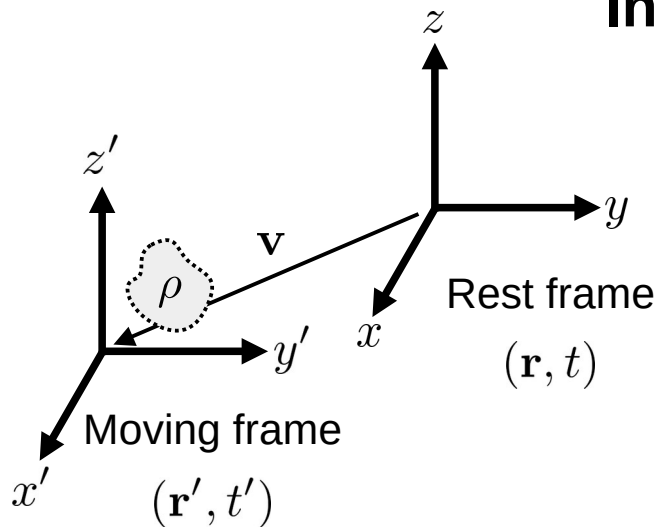
Constitutive relation

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

Magnetic energy

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} \, dV$$

Inferring Maxwell Equations



Gallilean transform

$$\begin{cases} t = t' \\ \mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{v}t \end{cases}$$

Electric field in the rest frame $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

Change of variables $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{v}t$

$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{v}t', t')$

What is the time derivative of \mathbf{E} ?

A charge distribution is moving with velocity \mathbf{v} such that

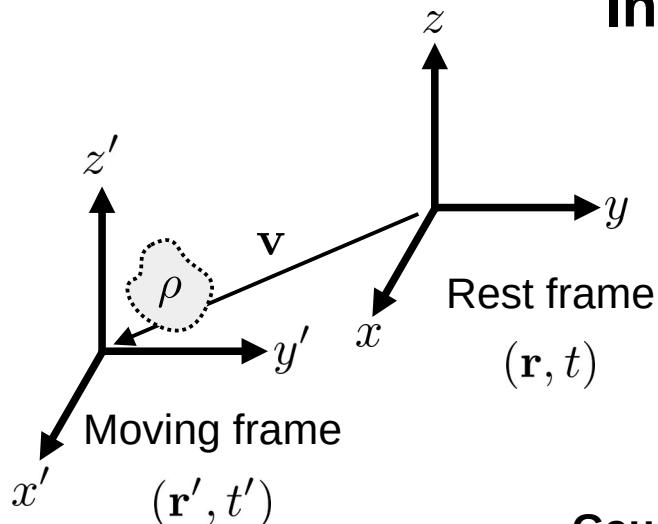
$$|\mathbf{v}| \ll c$$

$$\frac{d}{dt'} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{v}t', t') = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{dt'} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial r_i} \frac{dr_i}{dt} \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{dt}{dt'} = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt'} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{v}t', t') = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{E} \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt'} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{v}t', t') = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{E}$$

Inferring Maxwell Equations



A charge distribution is moving with velocity \mathbf{v} such that $|\mathbf{v}| \ll c$

Vector identity

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt'} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{t}', t')}_{=0} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{E}$$

The time variation of \mathbf{E} w.r.t the moving frame variables is zero

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{v}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) - \underbrace{\mathbf{E}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}}_{=0} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{E}$$

Gauss law

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

The velocity vector is constant with position

$$\nabla \times (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{v} \rho + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{v} \rho \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell Equations in the Time Domain

Differential form

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \rho_m$$

Integral form

$$\oint_c \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_S \left(\mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\oint_c \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \iint_S \left(\mathbf{K} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\oiint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_V \rho_e dV = Q_e$$

$$\oiint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_V \rho_m dV = Q_m$$

Units

\mathbf{E} is in [V/m]

\mathbf{H} is in [A/m]

\mathbf{D} is in [C/m²]

\mathbf{B} is in [Vs/m²]

\mathbf{J} is in [A/m²]

\mathbf{K} is in [V/m²]

ρ_e is in [C/m³]

ρ_m is in [Vs/m³]

Note that [C] = [As]

Lorentz force

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

Constitutive relations

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$$

For simple isotropic media

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

Currents and Polarizations

Constitutive relations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$




$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

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



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{K} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} - \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$

 = impressed

 = induced

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{ind}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{ind}} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t}$$

Electric and magnetic polarizations may be seen as equivalent induced currents

The Continuity Equations

Differential form

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \rho_m$$

Pre-multiplying by $\nabla \cdot$.

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}$$

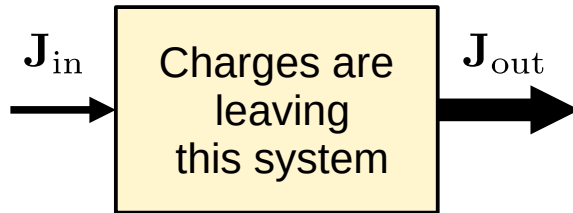
$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

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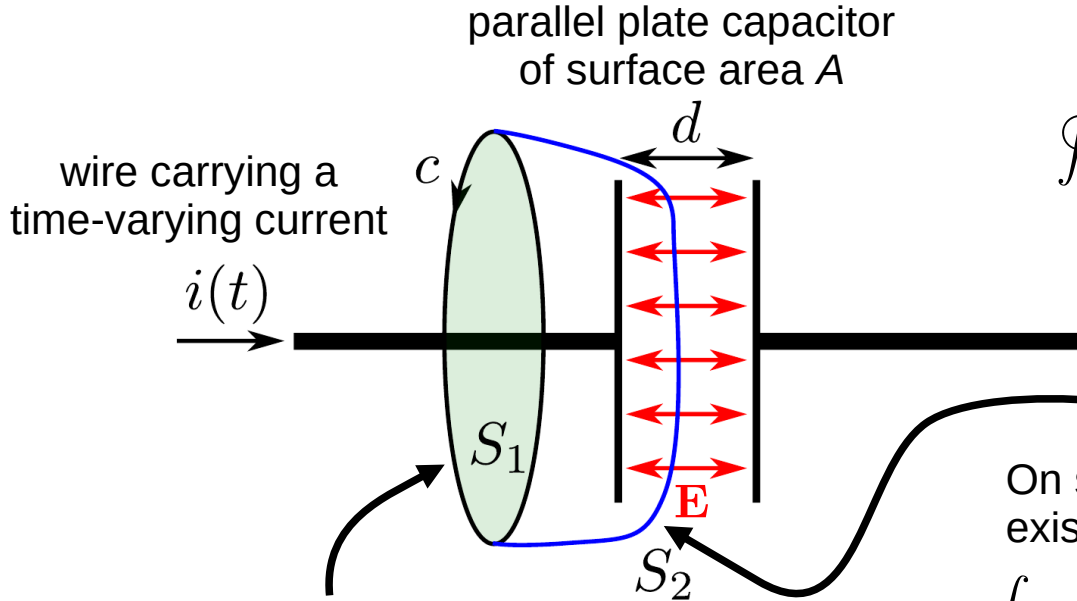
Divergence of the currents implies a variation in time of the charge densities

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_m$$



Understanding Capacitors



Ampère law in integral form

$$\oint_c \mathbf{H}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_S \mathbf{J}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \mathbf{D}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon\mathbf{E}$

For a fixed contour c , we are free to choose any surface of integration S

On surface S_2 , $\mathbf{J} = 0$, and assuming that $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{v}/d$ exist only between the plates, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_c \mathbf{H}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_{S_2} \epsilon\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\epsilon A \frac{v(t)}{d} \right) = \epsilon \frac{A}{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(t) = C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(t) \end{aligned}$$

On surface S_1 , $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D} = 0$, and so

$$\oint_c \mathbf{H}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_{S_1} \mathbf{J}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = i(t)$$

Equating both equations

$$i(t) = C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(t)$$

where C is the capacitance of the plates

For time-harmonic signals with $e^{j\omega t}$

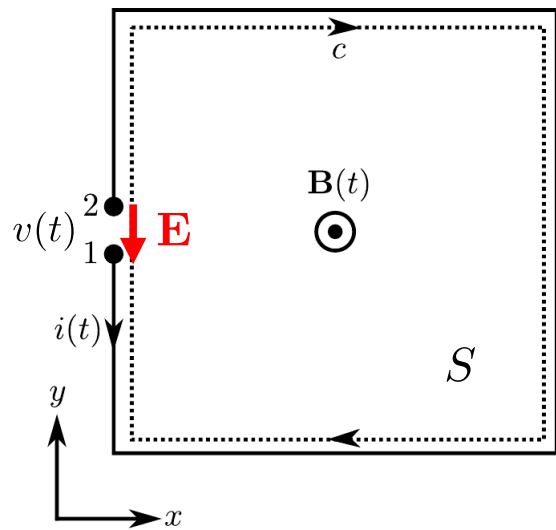
$$I = j\omega CV = \frac{V}{Z}$$

Impedance of a capacitor

$$Z = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

Understanding Inductors

Loop of wire with time-varying magnetic field



Faraday law in integral form

$$\oint_c \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint_S \mathbf{B}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \Phi_B: \text{magnetic flux}$$

We only consider the electric field in the gap between the electrodes

$$\oint_c \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = v(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_B \rightarrow v(t) = N \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_B$$

For a coil with N loops

The magnetic field in a coil is

$$\mathbf{H}(t) = \frac{Ni(t)}{d} \hat{z} \rightarrow \Phi_B = \iint_S \mathbf{B}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{\mu Ni(t)S}{d}$$

where S is the surface area of the coil and d is its length

Combining these equations yields

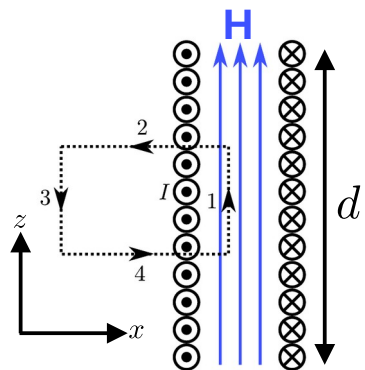
$$v(t) = N \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\mu Ni(t)S}{d} = \mu \frac{S}{d} N^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(t) \rightarrow v(t) = L \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(t)$$

where L is the inductance of the coil

For time-harmonic signals with $e^{j\omega t}$

Impedance of an inductor

$$V = j\omega LI = ZI \rightarrow Z = j\omega L$$



Maxwell Equations for Time-Harmonic Fields

Time domain: $f(t)$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \rho_m$$

From now on, we will generally consider the time-harmonic function

$$e^{j\omega t}$$

Frequency domain: $f(\omega)$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega \mathbf{D}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{K} - j\omega \mathbf{B}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \rho_m$$

This is a typical engineering convention. Physicists tend to use

$$e^{-i\omega t}$$

To convert from one to the other, simply use $j \leftrightarrow -i$ but be careful when considering material loss!

Duality Principle

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{K} - j\omega \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}) = \rho_e \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_0 \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \rho_m$$

$$\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow -\mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$$

$$\mathbf{K} \rightarrow -\mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mu_0 \mathbf{M}$$

$$\mathbf{M} \rightarrow -\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\rho_e \rightarrow \rho_m$$

$$\rho_m \rightarrow -\rho_e$$

$$\epsilon_0 \leftrightarrow \mu_0$$

What Have We Learned So Far....

- In a time varying case, electric and magnetic field are connected together via Maxwell equations
- We can consider that time-varying electric and magnetic polarization density \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{M} are equivalent to electric and magnetic current densities \mathbf{J} and \mathbf{K} , respectively
- Understand how Maxwell equations may be cleverly used to compute the response of capacitors and inductors
- The impedance of a capacitor is $Z = 1/(j\omega C)$, that of an inductor is $Z = j\omega L$
- Duality is a very useful concept that may be used to derive solutions for magnetic problems if the solutions for the corresponding electric problems are known