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Classical Electrodynamics

Outline:

Maxwell's Equations in vacuum

①  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$

③  $\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

②  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

④  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

→ Remark about  $\epsilon_0, \mu_0$

• notes: -  $\rho$  scalar quantity

-  $\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{J}$  are vector quantities

(3-D) vectors

Also a vector

\* Maxwell's Eqs. are PDE

② and ③ are homogeneous

① and ④

inhomogeneous →  $\rho / \epsilon_0$

→  $\mu_0 \vec{J}$

what to study?

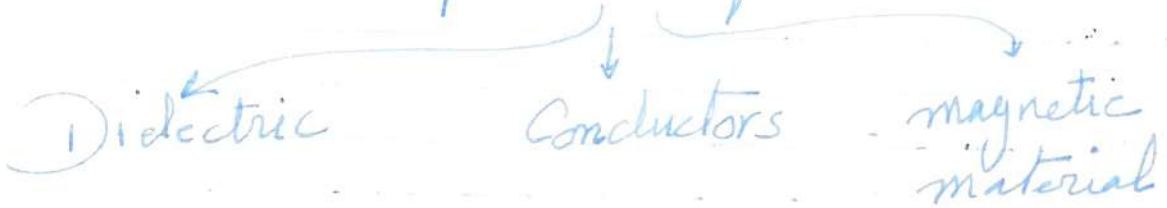
- Solution of Maxwell's Eqs, under static conditions  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  i.e there are not  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{E}$  to vary.

- BVP's: ① and ③ electrostatic BVP's eqns., ② and ④ magnetostatic BVP's

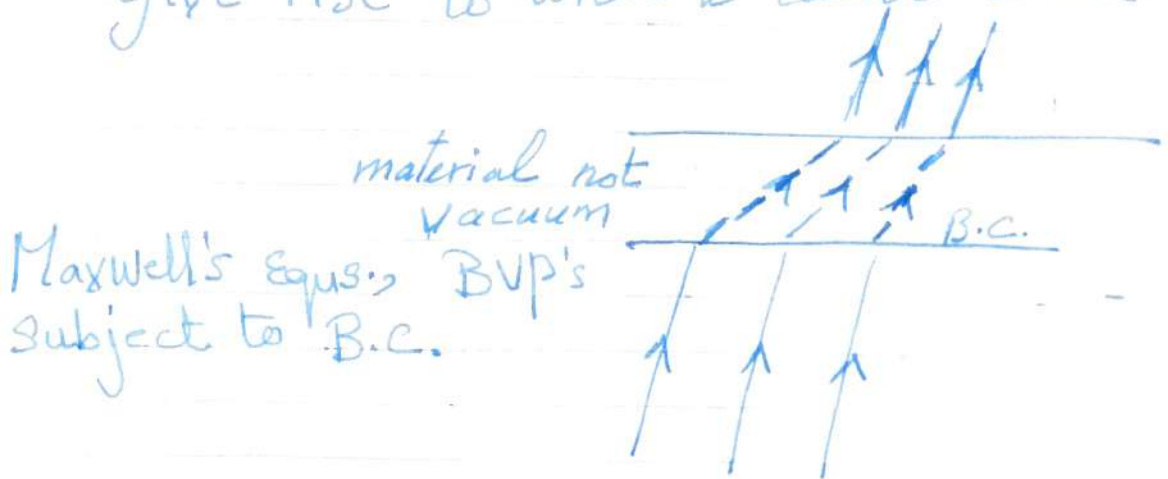
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مبدأ عمل كل علم في  $E$  استخدام  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho_{ext}$   $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\dot{\vec{B}}$   $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$   $\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_{ext} + \dot{\vec{D}}$   $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$   $\vec{H} = \vec{B} - \mu_0 \vec{M}$   $\vec{E} = -\nabla \phi - \dot{\vec{A}}$   $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

PART II Influence of material media



BVPs in presence of material media give rise to what is called B.C.'s



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PART II: Dynamics case: time-varying  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ 

- o E.M. waves propagation in vacuum.
- oo E.M. waves in material media
  - (1) conductors
  - (2) Dielectrics

PART III: Covariant formulation of ED

- (i) Gauge invariance
- (ii) Relativity and EM
- (iii) Lorentz scalars in EM

Ref. (1) Griffiths: Electrodynamics 4<sup>th</sup>(2) Jackson: classical ED 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

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(3) Sadika: elements of EM  
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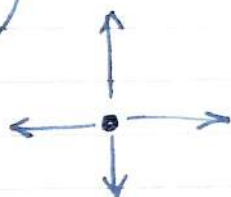
- 1<sup>st</sup> concept

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{f(r')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} \hat{r} - \hat{r}' d\tau'$$

- Due to spherical symmetry of  $\vec{E}$  field of a point charge, we use spherical polar coordinate system  $(r, \theta, \phi)$

let  $\vec{r} - \vec{r}' = \vec{r}_2$

Then  $\hat{r} - \hat{r}' = \hat{r}_2$



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int f(r') \frac{\hat{r}_2}{r_2^2} d\tau'$$

Therefore, the fun.,  $\frac{\hat{r}_2}{r_2^2}$  is of interest to

use  $\therefore f(r_2) = \hat{r}_2 / r_2^2$  where  $r_2$  can represent in spherical coordinates.

Note: Ex.  $r_2^2 = |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2 = (x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2$



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? let's understand  $f(r) = \frac{r}{r^2}$

?? Define Gauss-divergence theorem

$$\int_{\text{Volume}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} \, dV = \int_{\text{Surface}} f \cdot dS$$

note  $\vec{\nabla} \equiv i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  this operates or acting on unprimed variables

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x - x') = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \int_{\text{Volume}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f} \, dV = \int_{\text{Volume}} \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \, dV$$

→  $dV$  means small volume i.e.  $dx \, dy \, dz$  in Cartesian coordinate

→ use  $r$  instead of  $z$  because  $\vec{\nabla}$  acting on  $\vec{r}$  not  $r$

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→ evaluation of divergence  $\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$

$\hat{r} \equiv$  unit vector  $\equiv \hat{a}_r$

and

$\frac{1}{r^2}$  is a scalar quantity

$$\therefore \vec{u} = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{a}_r + 0 \cdot \hat{a}_\theta + 0 \cdot \hat{a}_\phi$$

$$\text{Hence } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1}{r^2} (r^2 u_r)_r + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} (\sin \theta u_\theta)_\theta$$

zero

$$+ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} (u_\phi)_\phi$$

zero

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( r^2 \frac{1}{r^2} \right)_r = \text{zero}$$

LHS = zero

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 0 \text{ OR } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) = 0$$

Now: come to RHS of G+D Theorem

$$\text{RHS} = \int \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) \cdot \left( r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi dr \right) = 4\pi$$

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of sphere



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$$LHS = 0$$

$$RHS = 4\pi$$

this means we're trying to say that GD Theorem is not valid for the function

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

However GD Theorem is supposed to be valid for any vector valued function?

So what to do?  
this a paradox.

$$\vec{E} \propto \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{also } f \propto \hat{r} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

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Definition of Dirac-Delta function

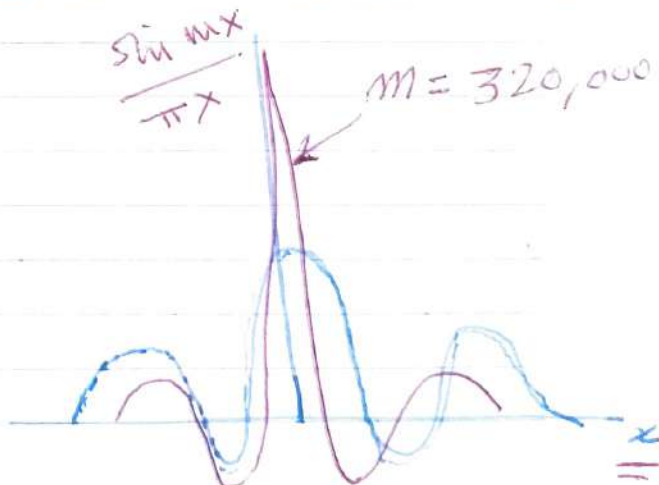
$$f(x) = \frac{\sin mx}{\pi x}$$

m: parameter

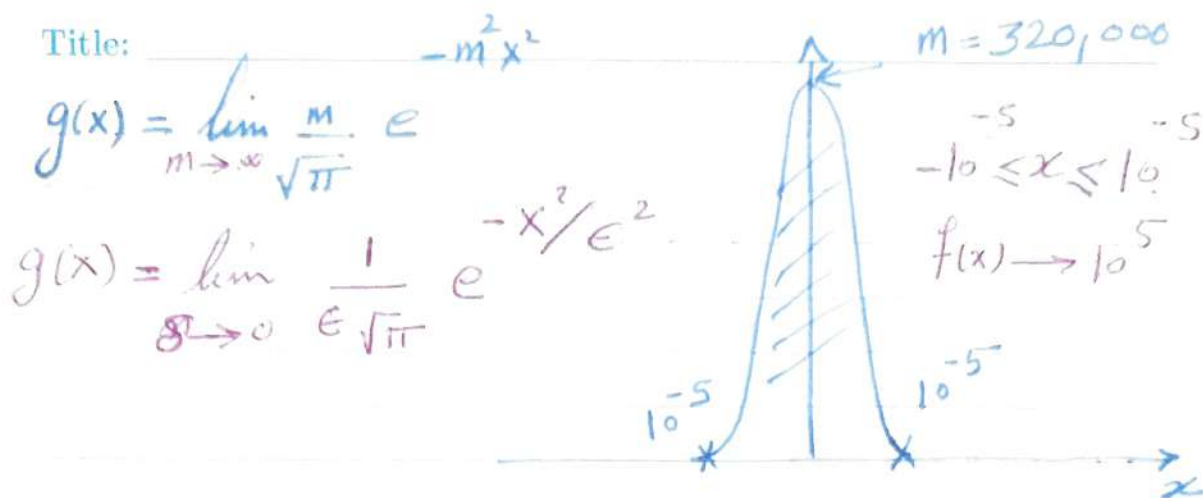
$$f(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(mx)}{\pi x}$$

this is equivalent to

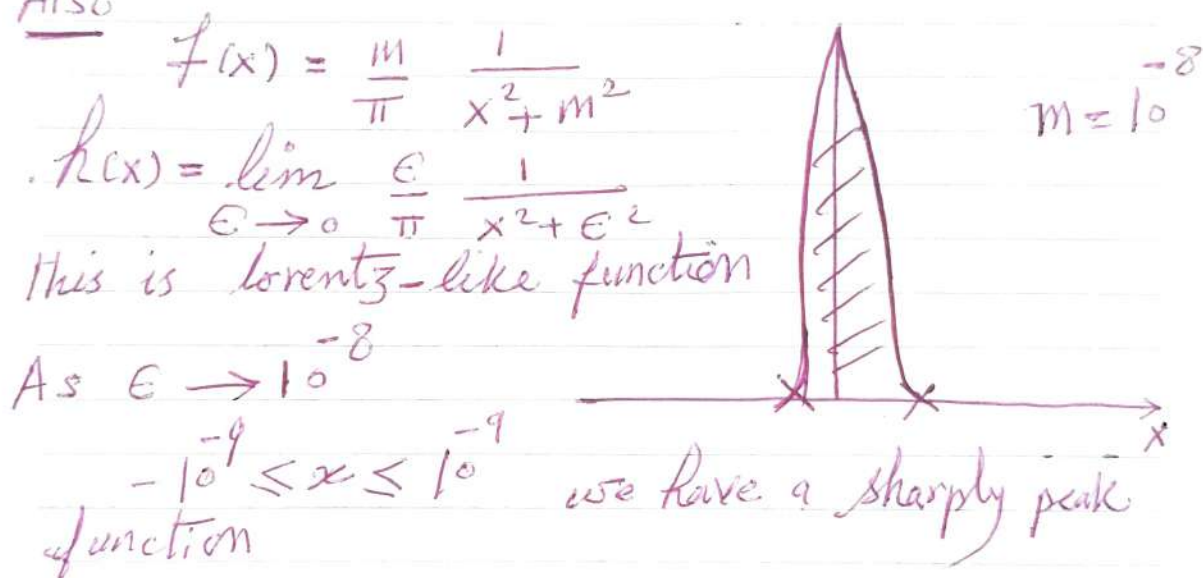
$$f(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{\epsilon})}{\pi x}$$



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Also



Why do we need these types of function?

Ex. An electron is located at  $x=0$ ,  
How to write this mathematically?  
if you just write  $q$ , then the information about its position is missing.

let's denote this sharply peak function  $\delta(x-x_0)$

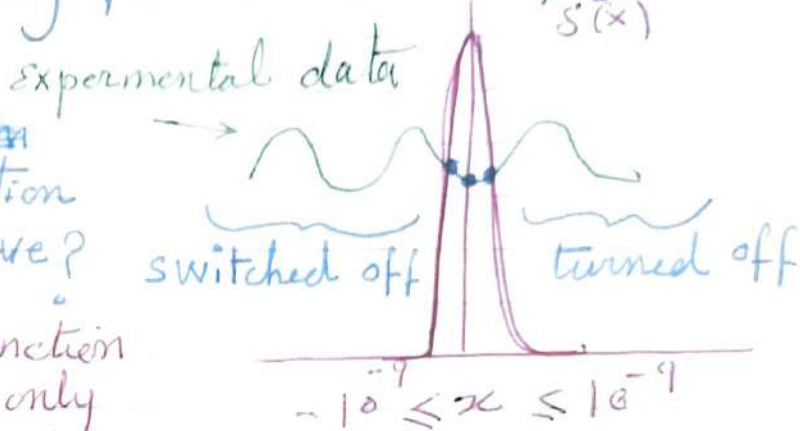


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Exs:  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\epsilon} e^{-|x|/\epsilon}$ ,  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{sech}^2(\frac{x}{\epsilon})}{2\epsilon}$

o sharply peaking function come to physics  $\delta(x)$

? what is the function action of  $\delta$ -function on some data curve?



Ans the Delta-function picks up signal only

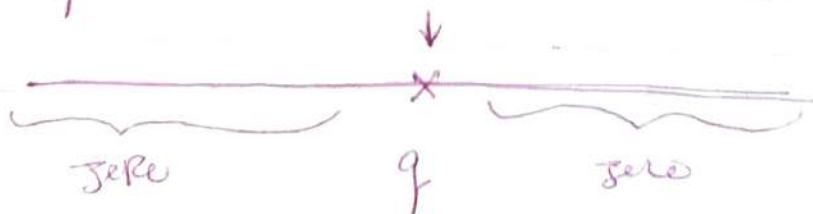
where  $\delta$ -peaks (around  $x=x_0$ )

and it rejects all other parts of the signal

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-x_0) f(x) dx = f(x_0)$$

Therefore, if we write  $q$  at  $x=x_0$  then  $\equiv q \delta(x-x_0)$

where  $q \delta(x-x_0)$  is zero everywhere except  $x_0$



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∴ Hence,  $\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 0$

$$\int_{\text{Vol}} \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} d^3r = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LHS} \\ \text{Surf.} \end{array} \right. \int \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} dS = 4\pi \quad \text{RHS}$$

We can resolve this paradox by saying

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 4\pi \delta^3(r) \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 4\pi \text{ at } r=0 \\ 0 \text{ other} \end{array}$$

$$= 4\pi \delta(x) \delta(y) \delta(z)$$

Equivalently  $\nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r})$

therefore, let's evaluate  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$

$$\nabla \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{r'} \rho(r') \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} d^3r' \right\}, \quad r = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) d^3r'$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \rho(r') 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r}) d^3r'$$

acting only on  $\vec{r}$   
unprimed

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$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho(r') \delta(r-r') d^3r'$$

use  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-x_0) f(x) dx = f(x_0)$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho(\vec{r}') \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') d^3r' = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho(\vec{r})$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_0} \end{array} \right|$$

using

note that  $\delta$  is symmetrical function  
even

$$\delta(\vec{r}'-\vec{r}) = \delta(r-r')$$

Evaluation of  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}$

For this, we need to expand  $\left( \vec{\nabla} \wedge \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right)$  in spherical coordinate system

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_r & r \hat{a}_\theta & r \sin \theta \hat{a}_\phi \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{1}{(r-r')^2} & r \cdot 0 & r \sin \theta \cdot 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E} = 0 \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho(\vec{r}') \left( \vec{\nabla} \wedge \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) d^3r'$$

where  $\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{a}_r + 0 \hat{a}_\theta + 0 \hat{a}_\phi$



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How to move from statics → dynamics

electrostatics →  $\rho(\vec{r})$

magnetostatics →  $\vec{J}(\vec{r})$  → steady-state motion  
OR uniform current flow

i.e. (1) no acceleration or deceleration  
(2) no fluctuation

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

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

valid only for electro-  
statics (vacuum  
OR air)

valid only for  
magnetostatics

- note:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  because no magnetic monopole
- Maxwell's eqs. is not sufficient, we have  
OR must have additional information

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

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

Electric displacement  
magnetic displacement

$$\vec{F} = q [\vec{E} + \vec{v} \wedge \vec{B}] \quad \text{Lorentz force}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{Continuity Equation}$$



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linear?

- what is meant by {homogeneous + isotropic}
- $\therefore \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$  and  $\mu_0 \mu_r$  absorbed in  $\vec{D}$ ,  $\vec{H}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho_{\text{free}} \\ \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{D} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{H} &= \vec{J} \end{aligned}$$

Above Equus. in integral form

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{\text{free}}$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \wedge d\vec{l} = \vec{J}$$

note: With  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \Rightarrow$  surface integral

$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \Rightarrow$  line integral

### Electrostatics

$$\rho(\vec{r}), \vec{E}(\vec{r}), V(\vec{r})$$

Given any one quantity find the other two

$\rho(\vec{r})$  is the source (cause)

$\vec{E}(\vec{r})$  or  $V(\vec{r})$  is the effect

### magnetostatics

$$\vec{J}(\vec{r}), \vec{B}(\vec{r}), \vec{A}(\vec{r})$$

Given any one of the above, determine the other two

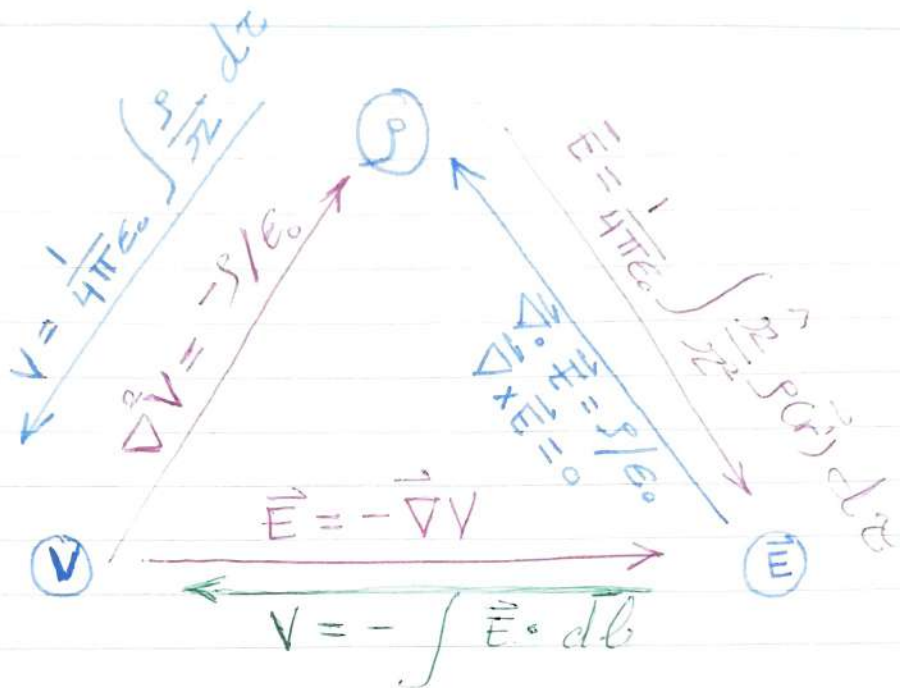
$\vec{J}(\vec{r})$  cause

$\vec{B}(\vec{r}), \vec{A}(\vec{r})$  are effects

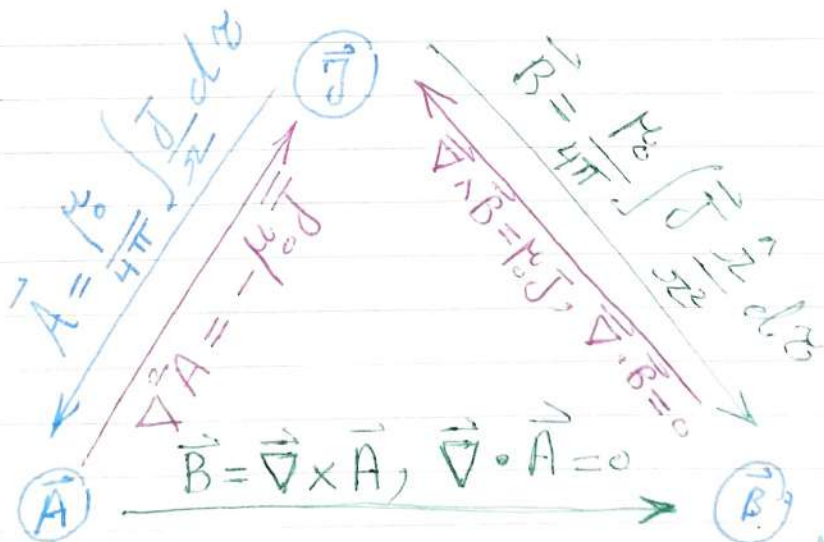
$\vec{A}(\vec{r})$  is magnetic vector potential



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For Magnetostatics



with  $r = r - r'$   
unique theorem  $\rightarrow$  ??

Related to  
Gauge  
transformation



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Helmholtz theorem

let  $\vec{C}$  be such that

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

let  $g$  be a scalar function

$g(x, y, z)$ , then there exists  
a vector function  $\vec{F}$  such

that

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = g$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \vec{C}$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $|\vec{F}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$   
then  $\vec{F}$  is a unique. Also  $|\vec{C}| \rightarrow 0$   
and  $g \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\vec{C}$  and  $g$  are given

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

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

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

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?? why the continuity equ. is not an independent equation.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$

start with  $\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$  Ampere's Law

take divergence

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\mu_0 \vec{J})$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$0 = \mu_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J})$$

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$  Continuity Equ. is included into Max.

this means, if  $\rho$  is a fun. of time, then it should be reflected in the Ampere's law

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}$$

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

use continuity Equ.  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \right\}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left\{ \vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right\} = 0$$

this term has the same unit of  $\vec{J}$

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Therefore, in dynamics, we have two terms regarding current density

$$\vec{J} \rightarrow \vec{J} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

statics  $\rightarrow$  dynamics, The Ampere's Law has to be modified with this new  $\vec{J}$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \left\{ \vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right\} \\ &= \mu_0 \vec{J} + \underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}_{\text{Maxwell's Correction}} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Maxwell's Correction  
to Ampere law



# Gauge transformation

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gauge over  
تفاضل ثابت هو جزء من  
والله كل العلم بعينه هذا الثابت  
فيه حركات كالتزيين لذلك

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{constant} = 0$$

↓ infinite choices

So there is a rule in order to  
choose a constant  $\Rightarrow$  means fixing  
values  $\Rightarrow$  gauge transformation

in electrodynamics

$\Rightarrow$  Coulomb gauge

$\Rightarrow$  Lorentz gauge

\* Gauge transformation  
and gauges

consider

$$\int x \cdot dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + c \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + c \right] = x$$

this is because  $\frac{d}{dx} c = \text{zero}$

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So, we have the freedom in choosing the constant while maintaining

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \frac{x^2}{2} + c \right\} = x \quad \text{fixing the constant is called a gauge}$$

Similarly: variable also

$$\int xy dx = \frac{y x^2}{2} + f(y)$$

because

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \frac{y x^2}{2} + f(y) \right\} = xy$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ f(x) \right\} = 0$$

Therefore, we have the freedom to choose any function of  $y$  (not a constant) fixing  $f(y)$  is a kind of gauge



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In the gauge of electrostatics,

Vector calculus:  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$   
 $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow$  always  
 another rule  $\hookrightarrow$  A scalar fun.,  
 and  $\vec{\nabla} c = 0$   $\phi(x, y, z)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  constant

This means  $\vec{E} = \{ \vec{\nabla} \phi(x, y, z) + \vec{\nabla} c \}$   $c: \text{constant}$   
 ↓ nothing but zero

$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}(\phi + c)$  ?  $\ominus$  electric potential  
 at  $\infty$  equal zero

$\Rightarrow$  If we choose/fix  
 a constant  $c$ , then  
 it is a gauge

$\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$

For magnetic field (static and dynamics)

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

Vector calculus:  $\text{div}(\text{curl}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \{ \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{A} \} = 0$

Then, the vector  $\vec{A}$  is known magnetic vector potential  
 $\hookrightarrow$  any vector



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just a name not physical reasons

note:  $\vec{A}$  magnetic vector potential is not potential energy

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

vector calculus: curl (grad) = 0

$$\nabla \times \{ \nabla \phi \} = 0$$

valid for any scalar func, of  $x, y, z$  used here

we can write  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \{ \vec{A} + \nabla g \}$

freedom to adding a scalar func,

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

↑ New magnetic vector potential

وكل  $\vec{B}$  يمكن أن يكتب  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$   $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \{ \vec{A} + \nabla g \}$

By comparing with equ.  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \{ \vec{A} + \nabla g \}$  can be represent by many

infinite magnetic vector potential

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Therefore  $\vec{A}_{\text{new}} = \vec{A}_{\text{old}} + (\nabla g)$

↓ give identically same  $\vec{B}$

this way we can generate many mag., vec., pot., for a given  $\vec{B}$ .

⇒ Hence we say that mag., vec., pot., has arbitrariness to the extent of gradient of a scalar

Consider,  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}_0 + \nabla g$

New  $\vec{A}$                       ↓ old  $\vec{A}$                       ↓ any scalar fun., of (x,y,z)

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \nabla \cdot \{ \vec{A}_0 + \nabla g \}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0 + \nabla^2 g$$

We know  $\text{div}(\text{grad}) = \nabla^2$   
Here  $\vec{A}_0$  and  $\vec{A}$ , both represent same  $\vec{B}$

Hence generally  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0 \neq 0 \Rightarrow$

~~lead~~ we have a lot more freedom to choose  $g$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \wedge \vec{A}_0$$

Also  $\vec{B} = \nabla \wedge \vec{A}$

there is no reason to expect  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0 = 0$

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Now ~~we~~ we'll exploit this freedom such that  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_0 = -\nabla^2 g$

This means, we find / determine the fun., such that

$$\nabla^2 g = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_0$$

successful  $\Rightarrow$   $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  it is easy to solve this equation

Just at  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  gauge  
 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_0 = -\nabla^2 g$  is given

Conclusion:

For a given mag. field  $\vec{B}$ , we found that mag. vec., pot.,  $\vec{A}$  such that

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \Rightarrow$  This is known as a coulomb gauge, because we have fixed the arbitrariness in  $\vec{A}$ .



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Then, we say that we're working in the coulomb gauge

o Consequence: for the discovered  $\vec{A}$ , we still have  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  and

$$\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \quad (\text{magnetostatics})$$

Since  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{A}$  we have

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

and vector calculus: curl curl = grad(div) - Lap

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B} &= \vec{\nabla} \times \{ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \} \\ &= \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

under the coulomb gauge  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ , Hence

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = -\nabla^2 \vec{A} \quad \text{and Maxwell's eq.}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Therefore

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J} \quad \text{this is the Poisson's eq.}$$

Vector Poisson eq. in vector form  
3 differential p.p. equations



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for comparison;

$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho/\epsilon_0$  in electrostatics  
is the scalar equation