

# Computational Electromagnetics : Review of Maxwell's Equations

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## Topics in this module

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# Maxwell's equations + continuity relation

Consider real valued physical quantities:  $\mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\vec{r}, t)$ , etc

$\rho_m, \mathcal{M}(\vec{r}, t) \rightarrow$

- Not physical
- Mathematical convenience ✓
- Makes symmetric

$$\nabla \times \mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} - \mathcal{M}(\vec{r}, t), \text{ Faraday, 1843} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathcal{H}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{D}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \mathcal{J}(\vec{r}, t), \text{ Ampere, 1823} \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{D}(\vec{r}, t) = \rho_e, \text{ Coulomb, 1785} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \rho_m, \text{ Gauss, 1841} \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{J}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot ( ) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathcal{H}) = 0$$

## Maxwell's equations: a wave example

Let's apply the equations in source/charge free vacuum

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= -\frac{\partial \mathcal{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathcal{H}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{D}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathcal{D}(\vec{r}, t) &= 0, \quad \mathcal{D}(\vec{r}, t) = \epsilon_0 \mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathcal{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= 0, \quad \mathcal{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_0 \mathcal{H}(\vec{r}, t) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Constitutive}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathcal{B}) &= -\mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \mathcal{H}) \\ &= -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{E} = -\nabla^2 \mathcal{E} \end{aligned}$$

Take 1D  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{E}$  wave Eqn.

$\mathcal{E} = \epsilon_0 \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$  is a soln.

$k^2 \mathcal{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathcal{E}$   $k = \omega/c$

Take a curl of first eqn:

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t))) &= \left[ \underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathcal{E})}_0 - \nabla^2 \mathcal{E} \right]_{VC} \\ &= \nabla^2 [\epsilon_x \hat{x} + \epsilon_y \hat{y} + \epsilon_z \hat{z}] \end{aligned}$$

## Time Harmonic form

Electrical Engineers prefer phasors! e.g.  $\underline{\mathcal{E}}(\vec{r}, t) = \text{Re}[\underline{\vec{E}}(\vec{r})e^{j\omega t}]$

complex

- $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow$  complex
- EE / Phy conventions

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -j\omega \vec{B}(\vec{r}) - \vec{M}(\vec{r}) \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}(\vec{r}) = j\omega \vec{D}(\vec{r}) + \vec{J}(\vec{r}) \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D}(\vec{r}) = \rho_e \quad (7)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \rho_m \quad (8)$$

$e^{-j\omega t}$

Constitutive relations:

$$\left[ \vec{D}(\vec{r}) = \epsilon(\vec{r})\vec{E}(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \mu(\vec{r})\vec{H}(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{J}(\vec{r}) = \sigma(\vec{r})\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \right]$$

Ohm's law

medium

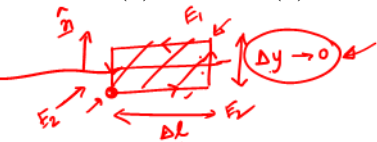
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## Tangential Boundary Conditions

Start with  $\nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = -j\omega\vec{B}(\vec{r}) - \vec{M}(\vec{r})$  ←  $\iint \nabla \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint (-j\omega\vec{B} - \vec{M}) \cdot d\vec{s}$

medium 1,  $\epsilon_1, \mu_1, \sigma_1$



$$(E_2)_x \Delta l + (E_2)_y \frac{\Delta y}{2} + (E_1)_y \frac{\Delta y}{2} - (E_1)_x \Delta l - (E_1)_y \frac{\Delta y}{2} - (E_2)_y \frac{\Delta y}{2}$$

$$[(E_2)_x - (E_1)_x] \Delta l$$

tangential  $\vec{E}$

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) = -\vec{M}_s$$

Similarly  $\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_2 - \vec{H}_1) = \vec{J}_s$

pure surface current

tangential  $\vec{H}$

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

$$= -(j\omega\hat{B} + \hat{M}) \Delta y \Delta l$$

$$= -\hat{M} \Delta y \Delta l$$

$$= -\vec{M}_s \Delta l$$



## Normal Boundary Conditions

Start with  $\nabla \cdot \vec{D}(\vec{r}) = +\rho_e$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{D} \, dv = \oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = \underbrace{(D_1)_n \Delta S - (D_2)_n \Delta S + ( )}_{\text{cancel}} 2\pi r \Delta y$$



$$\int_V \rho_e \, dv = \rho_e \Delta S (2\pi r \Delta y)$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot (\vec{D}_2 - \vec{D}_1) = \rho_{es}$$

Similarly  $\hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B}_2 - \vec{B}_1) = \rho_{ms}$

*pure surface charge*

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## Power in a field

Instantaneous Poynting vector defined as  $\mathcal{S}(\vec{r}, t) = \mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t) \times \mathcal{H}(\vec{r}, t)$

Use  $\mathcal{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \text{Re}[\vec{E}(\vec{r})e^{j\omega t}] = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{E}e^{j\omega t} + \vec{E}^*e^{-j\omega t}]$

$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{H}e^{j\omega t} + \vec{H}^*e^{-j\omega t}]$

$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{2} [\text{Re}(\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) + \text{Re}[(\vec{E} \times \vec{H})e^{2j\omega t}]]$

$\mathcal{S}_{\text{av}}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\text{Re}(\vec{E}(\vec{r}) \times \vec{H}(\vec{r})^*)]$

real  $\rightarrow$  power  
 imag  $\rightarrow$  reactive

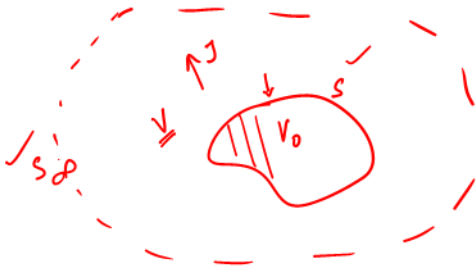
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## Uniqueness theorem

Statement: The field  $(\vec{E}(\vec{r}), \vec{H}(\vec{r}))$  created by some sources  $\vec{J}(\vec{r})$  in a lossy volume V are unique if any one of these are true; =====

- ①  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})_{tan}$  over S is known ✓
- ②  $\vec{H}(\vec{r})_{tan}$  over S is known
- ③  $\vec{E}(\vec{r})_{tan}$  known over some part,  
 $\vec{H}(\vec{r})_{tan}$  known over remaining part of S.



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# "Volume Equivalence" Theorem

Say we have some sources in vacuum ✓

denoted by  $E_0, H_0$

$$\textcircled{1} - \left[ \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{E}_0(\vec{r}) &= -j\omega\mu_0\vec{H}_0(\vec{r}) - \vec{M}(\vec{r}) \\ \nabla \times \vec{H}_0(\vec{r}) &= j\omega\epsilon_0\vec{E}_0(\vec{r}) + \vec{J}(\vec{r}) \end{aligned} \right]$$

... now place an obstacle in the medium ✓

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}) &= -j\omega\mu(r)\vec{H}(\vec{r}) - \vec{M}(\vec{r}) \\ \nabla \times \vec{H}(\vec{r}) &= j\omega\epsilon(r)\vec{E}(\vec{r}) + \vec{J}(\vec{r}) \end{aligned} \right] \textcircled{2}$$

Subtract the two sets of Eqns

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\vec{E}(\vec{r}) - \vec{E}_0(\vec{r})) &= -j\omega(\mu H - \mu_0 H_0) \\ \nabla \times (\vec{H}(\vec{r}) - \vec{H}_0(\vec{r})) &= +j\omega(\epsilon E - \epsilon_0 E_0) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Define:  $\vec{E}_s(\vec{r}) = \vec{E} - \vec{E}_0$

$\vec{H}_s(\vec{r}) =$  scattered fields.



$$E_s = E - E_0$$

$$H = H_0 + H_s$$

$$H_0 = H - H_s$$

## Volume Equivalence Theorem (contd.)

$$\nabla \times (\vec{E}(\vec{r}) - \vec{E}_0(\vec{r})) = -j\omega(\mu\vec{H}(\vec{r}) - \mu_0\vec{H}_0(\vec{r})) =$$

$$= -j\omega(\mu\vec{H} - \mu_0(\vec{H} - H_s))$$

$$= -j\omega((\mu - \mu_0)\vec{H} + \mu_0 H_s) \quad (1)$$

Have replaced obstacle by equivalent volume sources

$$\nabla \times (\vec{H}(\vec{r}) - \vec{H}_0(\vec{r})) = +j\omega(\epsilon\vec{E}(\vec{r}) - \epsilon_0\vec{E}_0(\vec{r})) =$$

$$= +j\omega(\epsilon E - \epsilon_0(E - E_s))$$

$$= +j\omega((\epsilon - \epsilon_0)E + \epsilon_0 E_s)$$

Define  $\vec{M}_{eq}(\vec{r}) = j\omega(\mu - \mu_0)\vec{H}$        $\vec{J}_{eq}(\vec{r}) = j\omega(\epsilon - \epsilon_0)\vec{E}$

Finally gives

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_s(\vec{r}) = -\vec{M}_{eq} - j\omega\mu_0\vec{H}_s$$

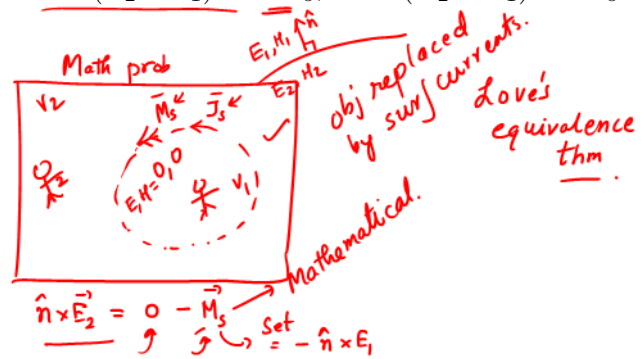
$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_s(\vec{r}) = +\vec{J}_{eq} + j\omega\epsilon_0\vec{E}_s$$

No object!  
Price → Eqv currents



# Surface Equivalence Principle

Recall tangential boundary conditions:  $\hat{n} \times (\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) = -\vec{M}_s$ ,  $\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_2 - \vec{H}_1) = +\vec{J}_s$ .



The discontinuity of fields is saved by the presence of surface currents

Surface Eqv: Replace object by tangential surface currents.

Volume Eqv: Replace object by volume currents.

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