

Where were we? Find $\frac{\partial p_{\text{mech}}}{\partial t}$, write in form of continuity equation, identify $\frac{\partial p_{\text{em}}}{\partial t}$, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}$.

EM force on charges in a volume, V

$$\vec{F} = \int_V (\rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}) d\tau$$

Force per volume, $\vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$

Write in terms of fields only:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho &= \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \\ \vec{J} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Maxwell equations}$$

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \times \vec{B}$$

Use every trick in the book to get this into a hideous form, and then simplify with the magic of notation. We're not going to let Griffiths do all the sweating, though.

Let's look at \vec{f} , and with 20-20 hindsight (we know the answer) figure out how to attack it. We know that the continuity equation has a $\frac{\partial p_{\text{em}}}{\partial t}$ term, and the last term of \vec{f} looks close, but it would be better if we had a time derivative of \vec{E} and \vec{B} .

Like so:

$$\frac{\partial(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) + \left(\vec{E} \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

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

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Good

Let's try not to have
any terms besides $\frac{\partial f_{em}}{\partial t}$
with both $\vec{E} + \vec{B}$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} + \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

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

Now we have for \vec{f} :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{f} = & \epsilon_0 [(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})] - \frac{1}{\mu_0} [\vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})] \\ & - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

① Add in a $\underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{B}}_0$ to the terms with \vec{B} for symmetry

② Use a product rule to get rid of triple cross-products.

It's not that we hate triple cross-products, but rather that we want all terms to have the form of a time derivative $\frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_{em}}{\partial t}$, or a divergence $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}$ when we're done.

So, for example

$$\vec{E} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla (E^2) - (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}$$

Now we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{f} = & \epsilon_0 [(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} [(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}] \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} (\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2) - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

The circled term is the only time derivative, so it must be that

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_{em}}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

The rest of \vec{f} must be $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\overset{\leftrightarrow}{T}}$, and now we have to figure out how to write $\vec{\overset{\leftrightarrow}{T}}$!

Since we have so nicely separated E & B , we can work with only the E terms (for example) and extend the results to include B at the end.

We begin by comparing one component of the general expression $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}$ (which is a vector) to one component of our result. Let's pick the x -component. A tensor dotted with a vector yields a vector:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T})_x &= \sum_{i=x,y,z} \nabla_i T_{ix} \\ &= \nabla_x T_{xx} + \nabla_y T_{yx} + \nabla_z T_{zx} \end{aligned}$$

Now pick out the x -component of the \vec{E} terms of our vector:

$$\epsilon_0 [(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}] - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} \epsilon_0 E^2$$



$$\epsilon_0 [(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) E_x + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_x] - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x \epsilon_0 E^2$$

To proceed further, we'll write this out term by term, and then group the terms according to derivative, i.e. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\text{stuff}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\text{stuff}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\text{stuff})$. Finally we can equate these to

$\nabla_x T_{xx}$, $\nabla_y T_{yx}$, $\nabla_z T_{zx}$ thereby identifying the electric field portion of T_{xx} , T_{yx} , T_{zx} . Add the magnetic field part, and we'll be done. OK, here goes:

$$\epsilon_0 \left[\left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \right) E_x + \left(E_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + E_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + E_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) E_x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (E^2) \right]$$

This is, grouping by derivative type,

$$\epsilon_0 \left[\left(E_x \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + E_x \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E^2 \right) + \left(E_x \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + E_y \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right) + \left(E_x \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} + E_z \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \right) \right]$$

This is:

$$\epsilon_0 \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (E_x E_x - \frac{1}{2} E^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (E_x E_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (E_x E_z) \right]$$

similarly for B:

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (B_x B_x - \frac{1}{2} B^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (B_x B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (B_x B_z) \right]$$

Since the sum should be $\nabla_x T_{xx} + \nabla_y T_{yx} + \nabla_z T_{zx}$
we can now see that

$$T_{xx} = \epsilon_0 (E_{xx} - \frac{1}{2} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_{xx} - \frac{1}{2} B^2)$$

$$T_{yx} = \epsilon_0 (E_y E_x) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_y B_x)$$

$$T_{zx} = \epsilon_0 (E_z E_x) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_z B_x)$$

If we swap the indices in T_{yx} , we get the same result since $E_y E_x = E_x E_y$ and so on.

So, $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{T}$ is a symmetric tensor, meaning that $T_{ij} = T_{ji}$. So, writing the result in general form:

$$T_{ij} = \epsilon_0 (E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2)$$

Here, δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta, as opposed to the Dirac delta function introduced in chapter 1. The Kronecker delta is defined as $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ and $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$. δ_{ij} is a tensor;

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, we're done. We have obtained a continuity equation representing conservation of momentum density:

$$\frac{\partial (p_{\text{mech}} + p_{\text{em}})}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}$$

with $p_{\text{em}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$

and $T_{ij} = \epsilon_0 (E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2)$