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## Preface

The second edition of *Schaum's Outline of Electromagnetics* offers three new chapters—in transmission lines, waveguides, and antennas. These have been included to make the book a more powerful tool for students and practitioners of electromagnetic field theory. I take pleasure here in thanking my colleagues M. L. Kult and K. F. Lee for their contribution of this valuable material.

The basic approach of the first edition has been retained: "As in other Schaum's Outlines the emphasis is on how to solve problems. Each chapter consists of an ample set of problems with detailed solutions, and a further set of problems with answers, preceded by a simplified outline of the principles and facts needed to understand the problems and their solutions. Throughout the book the mathematics has been kept as simple as possible, and an abstract approach has been avoided. Concrete examples are liberally used and numerous graphs and sketches are given. I have found in many years of teaching that the solution of most problems begins with a carefully drawn sketch."

Once again it is to my students—my former students—that I wish to dedicate this book.

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# Chapter 1

## Vector Analysis

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Vectors are introduced in physics and mathematics courses, primarily in the cartesian coordinate system. Although cylindrical coordinates may be found in calculus texts, the spherical coordinate system is seldom presented. All three coordinate systems must be used in electromagnetics. As the notation, both for the vectors and the coordinate systems, differs from one text to another, a thorough understanding of the notation employed herein is essential for setting up the problems and obtaining solutions.

### 1.2 VECTOR NOTATION

In order to distinguish *vectors* (quantities having magnitude and direction) from *scalars* (quantities having magnitude only) the vectors are denoted by boldface symbols. A *unit vector*, one of absolute value (or magnitude or length) 1, will in this book always be indicated by a boldface, lowercase  $\mathbf{a}$ . The unit vector in the direction of a vector  $\mathbf{A}$  is determined by dividing  $\mathbf{A}$  by its absolute value:

$$\mathbf{a}_A = \frac{\mathbf{A}}{|\mathbf{A}|} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\mathbf{A}}{A}$$

By use of the unit vectors  $\mathbf{a}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_y$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_z$  along the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes of a cartesian coordinate system, an arbitrary vector can be written in *component form*:

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$$

In terms of components, the absolute value of a vector is defined by

$$|\mathbf{A}| = A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

### 1.3 VECTOR ALGEBRA

1. Vectors may be added and subtracted.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \pm (B_x \mathbf{a}_x + B_y \mathbf{a}_y + B_z \mathbf{a}_z) \\ &= (A_x \pm B_x) \mathbf{a}_x + (A_y \pm B_y) \mathbf{a}_y + (A_z \pm B_z) \mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

2. The associative, distributive, and commutative laws apply.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) &= (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C} \\ k(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) &= k\mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{B} \quad (k_1 + k_2)\mathbf{A} = k_1\mathbf{A} + k_2\mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}\end{aligned}$$

3. The *dot product* of two vectors is, by definition,

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = AB \cos \theta \quad (\text{read "A dot B"})$$

where  $\theta$  is the smaller angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . In Example 1 it is shown that

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

which gives, in particular,  $|\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}}$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** The dot product obeys the distributive and scalar multiplication laws

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot k\mathbf{B} = k(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

This being the case,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \cdot (B_x \mathbf{a}_x + B_y \mathbf{a}_y + B_z \mathbf{a}_z) \\ &= A_x B_x (\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_x) + A_y B_y (\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_y) + A_z B_z (\mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_z) \\ &\quad + A_x B_y (\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_y) + \cdots + A_z B_y (\mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_y)\end{aligned}$$

However,  $\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = \mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 1$  because the  $\cos \theta$  in the dot product is unity when the angle is zero. And when  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\cos \theta$  is zero; hence all other dot products of the unit vectors are zero. Thus

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

4. The *cross product* of two vectors is, by definition,

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (AB \sin \theta) \mathbf{a}_n \quad (\text{read "A cross B"})$$

where  $\theta$  is the smaller angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is a unit vector normal to the plane determined by  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  when they are drawn from a common point. There are two normals to the plane, so further specification is needed. The normal selected is the one in the direction of advance of a right-hand screw when  $\mathbf{A}$  is turned toward  $\mathbf{B}$  (Fig. 1-1). Because of this direction requirement, the commutative law does not apply to the cross product; instead,

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

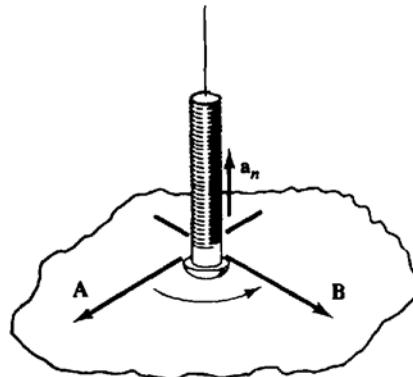


Fig. 1-1

Expanding the cross product in component form,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \times (B_x \mathbf{a}_x + B_y \mathbf{a}_y + B_z \mathbf{a}_z) \\ &= (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{a}_x + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \mathbf{a}_y + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

which is conveniently expressed as a determinant:

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

**EXAMPLE 2.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y - 3\mathbf{a}_z$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y$ , find  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = (2)(1) + (4)(-1) + (-3)(0) = -2$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -3\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y - 6\mathbf{a}_z$$

#### 1.4 COORDINATE SYSTEMS

A problem which has cylindrical or spherical symmetry could be expressed and solved in the familiar cartesian coordinate system. However, the solution would fail to show the symmetry and in most cases would be needlessly complex. Therefore, throughout this book, in addition to the cartesian coordinate system, the circular cylindrical and the spherical coordinate systems will be used. All three will be examined together in order to illustrate the similarities and the differences.

A point  $P$  is described by three coordinates, in cartesian  $(x, y, z)$ , in circular cylindrical  $(r, \phi, z)$ , and in spherical  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , as shown in Fig. 1-2. The order of specifying the coordinates is important and should be carefully followed. The angle  $\phi$  is the same angle in both the cylindrical and spherical systems. But, in the order of the coordinates,  $\phi$  appears in the second position in cylindrical,  $(r, \phi, z)$ , and the third position in spherical,  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ . The same symbol,  $r$ , is used in both cylindrical and spherical for two quite different things. In cylindrical coordinates  $r$  measures the distance from the  $z$  axis in a plane normal to the  $z$  axis, while in the spherical system  $r$  measures the distance from the origin to the point. It should be clear from the context of the problem which  $r$  is intended.

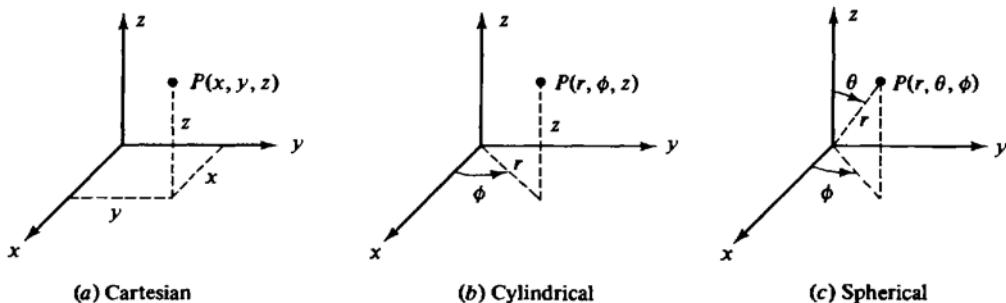


Fig. 1-2

A point is also defined by the intersection of three orthogonal surfaces, as shown in Fig. 1-3. In cartesian coordinates the surfaces are the infinite planes  $x = \text{const.}$ ,  $y = \text{const.}$ , and  $z = \text{const.}$  In cylindrical coordinates,  $z = \text{const.}$  is the same infinite plane as in cartesian;  $\phi = \text{const.}$  is a half plane with its edge along the  $z$  axis;  $r = \text{const.}$  is a right circular cylinder. These three surfaces are orthogonal and their intersection locates point  $P$ . In spherical coordinates,  $\phi = \text{const.}$  is the same half plane as in cylindrical;  $r = \text{const.}$  is a sphere with its center at the origin;  $\theta = \text{const.}$  is a right circular cone whose axis is the  $z$  axis and whose vertex is at the origin. Note that  $\theta$  is limited to the range  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .

Figure 1-4 shows the three unit vectors at point  $P$ . In the cartesian system the unit vectors have fixed directions, independent of the location of  $P$ . This is not true for the other two systems (except in the case of  $\mathbf{a}_z$ ). Each unit vector is normal to its coordinate surface and is in the direction in which the coordinate increases. Notice that all these systems are right-handed:

$$\mathbf{a}_x \times \mathbf{a}_y = \mathbf{a}_z \quad \mathbf{a}_r \times \mathbf{a}_\phi = \mathbf{a}_z \quad \mathbf{a}_r \times \mathbf{a}_\theta = \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

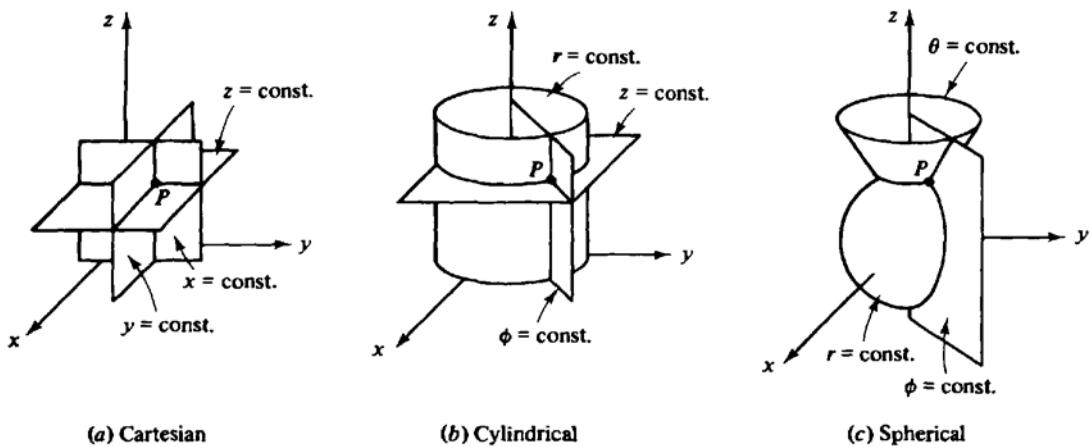


Fig. 1-3

The component forms of a vector in the three systems are

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = A_r \mathbf{a}_r + A_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + A_z \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = A_r \mathbf{a}_r + A_\theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + A_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{spherical})$$

It should be noted that the components  $A_x$ ,  $A_r$ ,  $A_\phi$ , etc., are not generally constants but more often are functions of the coordinates in that particular system.

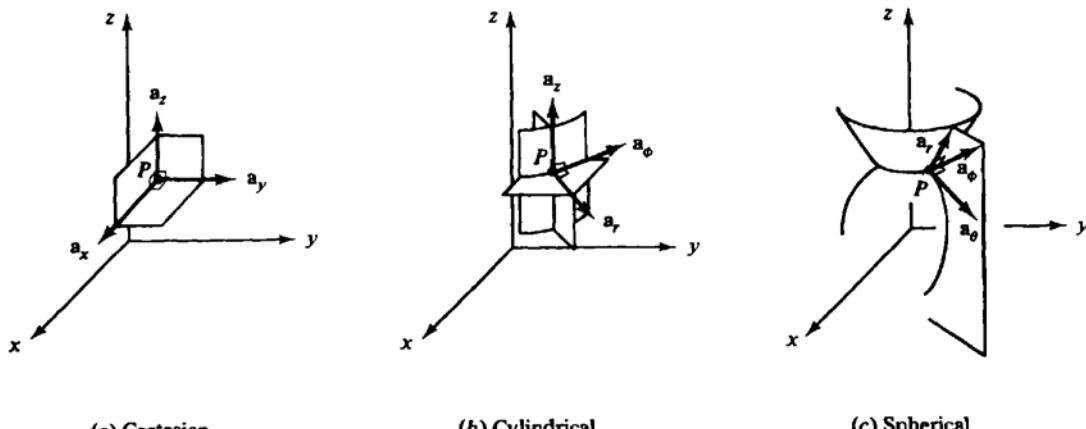


Fig. 1-4

## 1.5 DIFFERENTIAL VOLUME, SURFACE, AND LINE ELEMENTS

There are relatively few problems in electromagnetics that can be solved without some sort of integration—along a curve, over a surface, or throughout a volume. Hence the corresponding differential elements must be clearly understood.

When the coordinates of point  $P$  are expanded to  $(x + dx, y + dy, z + dz)$  or  $(r + dr, \phi + d\phi, z + dz)$  or  $(r + dr, \theta + d\theta, \phi + d\phi)$ , a differential volume  $dv$  is formed. To the first order in infinitesimal quantities the differential volume is, in all three coordinate systems, a rectangular box. The value of  $dv$  in each system is given in Fig. 1-5.

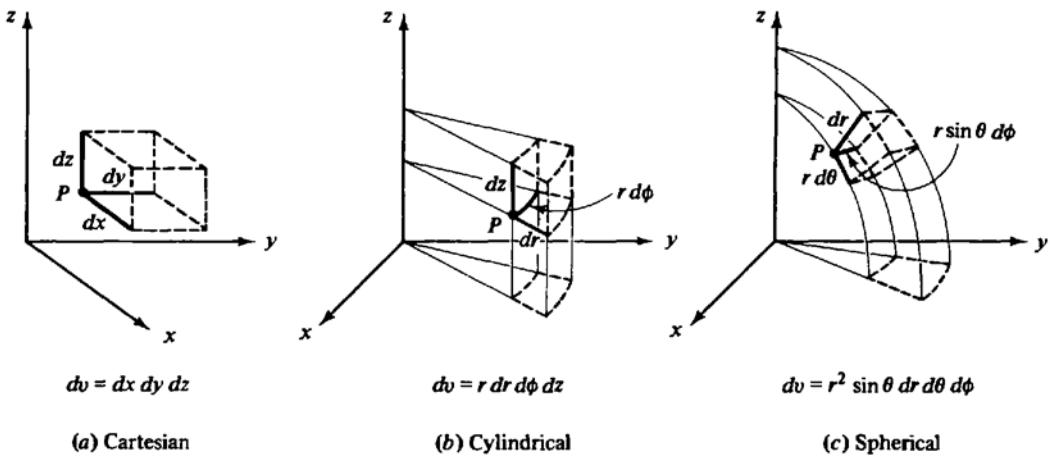


Fig. 1-5

From Fig. 1-5 may also be read the areas of the surface elements that bound the differential volume. For instance, in spherical coordinates, the differential surface element perpendicular to  $\mathbf{a}_r$  is

$$dS = (r d\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

The differential line element,  $d\ell$  is the diagonal through  $P$ . Thus

$$d\ell^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

$$d\ell^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2 \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$d\ell^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \quad (\text{spherical})$$

## Solved Problems

**1.1.** Show that the vector directed from  $M(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to  $N(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in Fig. 1-6 is given by

$$(x_2 - x_1)\mathbf{a}_x + (y_2 - y_1)\mathbf{a}_y + (z_2 - z_1)\mathbf{a}_z$$

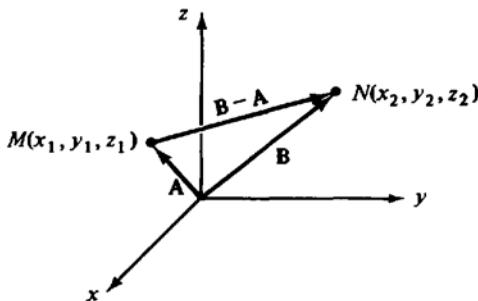


Fig. 1-6

The coordinates of  $M$  and  $N$  are used to write the two position vectors  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  in Fig. 1-6.

$$\mathbf{A} = x_1\mathbf{a}_x + y_1\mathbf{a}_y + z_1\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{B} = x_2\mathbf{a}_x + y_2\mathbf{a}_y + z_2\mathbf{a}_z$$

Then

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = (x_2 - x_1)\mathbf{a}_x + (y_2 - y_1)\mathbf{a}_y + (z_2 - z_1)\mathbf{a}_z$$

- 1.2.** Find the vector  $\mathbf{A}$  directed from  $(2, -4, 1)$  to  $(0, -2, 0)$  in cartesian coordinates and find the unit vector along  $\mathbf{A}$ .



$$\mathbf{A} = (0 - 2)\mathbf{a}_x + [-2 - (-4)]\mathbf{a}_y + (0 - 1)\mathbf{a}_z = -2\mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$|\mathbf{A}|^2 = (-2)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2 = 9$$

$$\mathbf{a}_A = \frac{\mathbf{A}}{|\mathbf{A}|} = -\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}_x + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}_y - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{a}_z$$

- 1.3.** Find the distance between  $(5, 3\pi/2, 0)$  and  $(5, \pi/2, 10)$  in cylindrical coordinates.



First, obtain the *cartesian* position vectors  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  (see Fig. 1-7).

$$\mathbf{A} = -5\mathbf{a}_y, \quad \mathbf{B} = 5\mathbf{a}_y + 10\mathbf{a}_z$$

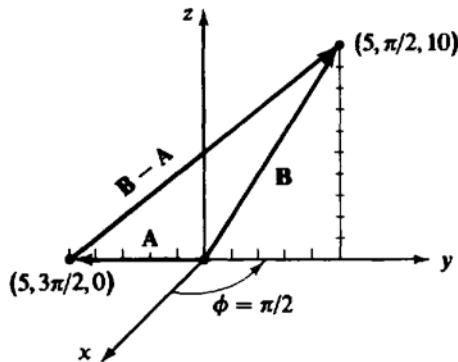


Fig. 1-7

Then  $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = 10\mathbf{a}_y + 10\mathbf{a}_z$  and the required distance between the points is

$$|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}| = 10\sqrt{2}$$

The cylindrical coordinates of the points cannot be used to obtain a vector between the points in the same manner as was employed in Problem 1.1 in cartesian coordinates.

- 1.4.** Show that  $\mathbf{A} = 4\mathbf{a}_x - 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z$  are perpendicular.

Since the dot product contains  $\cos \theta$ , a dot product of zero from any two nonzero vectors implies that  $\theta = 90^\circ$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = (4)(1) + (-2)(4) + (-1)(-4) = 0$$

- 1.5.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 6\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z$ , find the smaller angle between them using (a) the cross product, (b) the dot product.



(a)

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -16\mathbf{a}_x + 8\mathbf{a}_y + 12\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (4)^2 + (0)^2} = 4.47$$

$$|\mathbf{B}| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (6)^2 + (-4)^2} = 7.21$$

$$|\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}| = \sqrt{(-16)^2 + (8)^2 + (12)^2} = 21.54$$

Then, since  $|\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \sin \theta$ ,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{21.54}{(4.47)(7.21)} = 0.668 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 41.9^\circ$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = (2)(0) + (4)(6) + (0)(-4) = 24$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{|\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}|} = \frac{24}{(4.47)(7.21)} = 0.745 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 41.9^\circ$$

- 1.6.** Given  $\mathbf{F} = (y - 1)\mathbf{a}_x + 2x\mathbf{a}_y$ , find the vector at  $(2, 2, 1)$  and its projection on  $\mathbf{B}$ , where  $\mathbf{B} = 5\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}(2, 2, 1) &= (2 - 1)\mathbf{a}_x + (2)(2)\mathbf{a}_y \\ &= \mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y \end{aligned}$$

As indicated in Fig. 1-8, the projection of one vector on a second vector is obtained by expressing the unit vector in the direction of the second vector and taking the dot product.

$$\text{Proj. } \mathbf{A} \text{ on } \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{a}_B = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{|\mathbf{B}|}$$

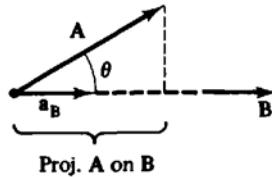


Fig. 1-8

Thus, at  $(2, 2, 1)$ ,

$$\text{Proj. } \mathbf{F} \text{ on } \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{|\mathbf{B}|} = \frac{(1)(5) + (4)(-1) + (0)(2)}{\sqrt{30}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}$$

- 1.7.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_z$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = 2\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C}$  and compare it with  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$$

Then

$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2\mathbf{a}_y + 4\mathbf{a}_z$$

A similar calculation gives  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 2\mathbf{a}_y + 3\mathbf{a}_z$ . Thus the parentheses that indicate which cross product is to be taken first are essential in the vector triple product.

- 1.8.** Using the vectors  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  of Problem 1.7, find  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$  and compare it with  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}$ .

From Problem 1.7,  $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} = -4\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} = (1)(-4) + (1)(-1) + (0)(2) = -5$$

Also from Problem 1.7,  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C} = (2)(0) + (-2)(2) + (-1)(1) = -5$$

Parentheses are not needed in the scalar triple product since it has meaning only when the cross product is taken first. In general, it can be shown that

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix}$$

As long as the vectors appear in the same cyclic order the result is the same. The scalar triple products not in this cyclic order have a change in sign.

- 1.9.** Express the unit vector which points from  $z = h$  on the  $z$  axis toward  $(r, \phi, 0)$  in cylindrical coordinates. See Fig. 1-9.

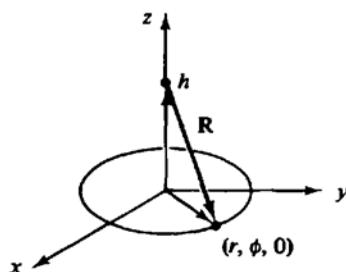


Fig. 1-9

The vector  $\mathbf{R}$  is the difference of two vectors:

$$\mathbf{R} = r\mathbf{a}_r - h\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{a}_R = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{|\mathbf{R}|} = \frac{r\mathbf{a}_r - h\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}$$

The angle  $\phi$  does not appear explicitly in these expressions. Nevertheless, both  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_R$  vary with  $\phi$  through  $\mathbf{a}_r$ .

- 1.10.** Express the unit vector which is directed toward the origin from an arbitrary point on the plane  $z = -5$ , as shown in Fig. 1-10.

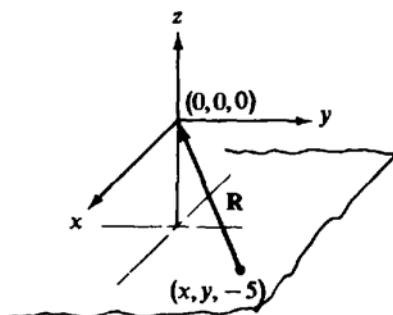


Fig. 1-10

Since the problem is in cartesian coordinates, the two-point formula of Problem 1.1 applies.

$$\mathbf{R} = -x\mathbf{a}_x - y\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{a}_R = \frac{-x\mathbf{a}_x - y\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 25}}$$

- 1.11.** Use the spherical coordinate system to find the area of the strip  $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$  on the spherical shell of radius  $a$  (Fig. 1-11). What results when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = \pi$ ?



The differential surface element is [see Fig. 1-5(c)]

$$dS = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

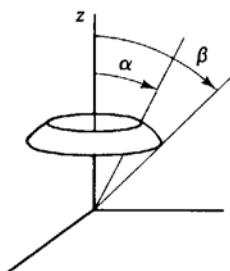


Fig. 1-11

Then

$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} a^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ = 2\pi a^2 (\cos \alpha - \cos \beta)$$

When  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = \pi$ ,  $A = 4\pi a^2$ , the surface area of the entire sphere.

- 1.12.** Obtain the expression for the volume of a sphere of radius  $a$  from the differential volume.

From Fig. 1-5(c),  $dv = r^2 \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi$ . Then

$$v = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^a r^2 \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3$$

- 1.13.** Use the cylindrical coordinate system to find the area of the curved surface of a right circular cylinder where  $r = 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $h = 5 \text{ m}$ , and  $30^\circ \leq \phi \leq 120^\circ$  (see Fig. 1-12).

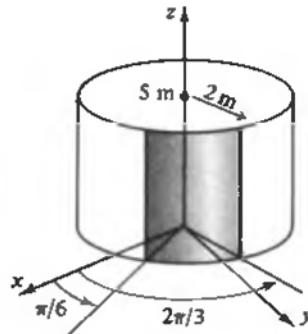


Fig. 1-12

The differential surface element is  $dS = r \, d\phi \, dz$ . Then

$$A = \int_0^5 \int_{\pi/6}^{2\pi/3} 2 \, d\phi \, dz \\ = 5\pi \text{ m}^2$$

- 1.14.** Transform

$$\mathbf{A} = y \mathbf{a}_x + x \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \mathbf{a}_z$$

from cartesian to cylindrical coordinates.

Referring to Fig. 1-2(b),

$$x = r \cos \phi \quad y = r \sin \phi \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{A} = r \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_x + r \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_y + r \cos^2 \phi \mathbf{a}_z$$

Now the projections of the cartesian unit vectors on  $\mathbf{a}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_z$  are obtained:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_r = \cos \phi & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = -\sin \phi & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = \sin \phi & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = \cos \phi & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0 & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0 & \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 1 \end{array}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{a}_r = \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_x - \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\mathbf{a}_\phi = \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_x + \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{a}_z$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} = 2r \sin \phi \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_x + (r \cos^2 \phi - r \sin^2 \phi) \mathbf{a}_y + r \cos^2 \phi \mathbf{a}_z$$

- 1.15.** A vector of magnitude 10 points from  $(5, 5\pi/4, 0)$  in cylindrical coordinates toward the origin (Fig. 1-13). Express the vector in cartesian coordinates.

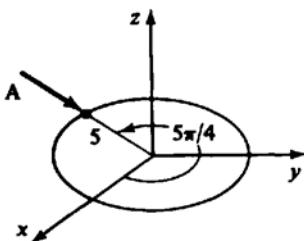


Fig. 1-13

In cylindrical coordinates, the vector may be expressed as  $10\mathbf{a}_r$ , where  $\phi = \pi/4$ . Hence

$$A_x = 10 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \quad A_y = 10 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \quad A_z = 0$$

so that

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{a}_y$$

Notice that the value of the radial coordinate, 5, is immaterial.

## Supplementary Problems

- 1.16.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 4\mathbf{a}_y + 10\mathbf{a}_z$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 2\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y$ , find the projection of  $\mathbf{A}$  on  $\mathbf{B}$ . *Ans.*  $12/\sqrt{13}$
- 1.17.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (10/\sqrt{2})(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 3(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)$ , express the projection of  $\mathbf{B}$  on  $\mathbf{A}$  as a vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.*  $1.50(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)$
- 1.18.** Find the angle between  $\mathbf{A} = 10\mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$  and  $\mathbf{B} = -4\mathbf{a}_y + 0.5\mathbf{a}_z$  using both the dot product and the cross product. *Ans.*  $161.5^\circ$
- 1.19.** Find the angle between  $\mathbf{A} = 5.8\mathbf{a}_y + 1.55\mathbf{a}_z$  and  $\mathbf{B} = -6.93\mathbf{a}_y + 4.0\mathbf{a}_z$  using both the dot product and the cross product. *Ans.*  $135^\circ$

- 1.20.** Given the plane  $4x + 3y + 2z = 12$ , find the unit vector normal to the surface in the direction away from the origin. *Ans.*  $(4\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z)/\sqrt{29}$

- 1.21.** Find the relationship which the cartesian components of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  must satisfy if the vector fields are everywhere parallel.

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{A_x}{B_x} = \frac{A_y}{B_y} = \frac{A_z}{B_z}$$

- 1.22.** Express the unit vector directed toward the origin from an arbitrary point on the line described by  $x = 0, y = 3$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \mathbf{a} = \frac{-3\mathbf{a}_y - z\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{9 + z^2}}$$

- 1.23.** Express the unit vector directed toward the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  from an arbitrary point in the plane  $y = -5$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \mathbf{a} = \frac{(x_1 - x)\mathbf{a}_x + (y_1 + 5)\mathbf{a}_y + (z_1 - z)\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 + 5)^2 + (z_1 - z)^2}}$$

- 1.24.** Express the unit vector directed toward the point  $(0, 0, h)$  from an arbitrary point in the plane  $z = -2$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \mathbf{a} = \frac{-x\mathbf{a}_x - y\mathbf{a}_y + (h + 2)\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (h + 2)^2}}$$

- 1.25.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 5\mathbf{a}_x$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 4\mathbf{a}_x + B_y\mathbf{a}_y$ , find  $B_y$  such that the angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $45^\circ$ . If  $\mathbf{B}$  also has a term  $B_z\mathbf{a}_z$ , what relationship must exist between  $B_y$  and  $B_z$ ? *Ans.*  $B_y = \pm 4, \sqrt{B_y^2 + B_z^2} = 4$

- 1.26.** Show that the absolute value of  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$  is the volume of the parallelepiped with edges  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ . (*Hint:* First show that the base has area  $|\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}|$ .)

- 1.27.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_z$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = 3\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = -2\mathbf{a}_x + 6\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z$ , show that  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $\perp$  to both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .

- 1.28.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = 2\mathbf{a}_z$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y$ , find  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}$ . Examine other variations of this scalar triple product. *Ans.*  $-4, \pm 4$

- 1.29.** Using the vectors of Problem 1.28 find  $(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C}$ . *Ans.*  $-8\mathbf{a}_z$

- 1.30.** Find the unit vector directed from  $(2, -5, -2)$  toward  $(14, -5, 3)$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \mathbf{a} = \frac{12}{13}\mathbf{a}_x + \frac{5}{13}\mathbf{a}_z$$

- 1.31.** Find the vector directed from  $(10, 3\pi/4, \pi/6)$  to  $(5, \pi/4, \pi)$ , where the endpoints are given in spherical coordinates. *Ans.*  $-9.66\mathbf{a}_x - 3.54\mathbf{a}_y + 10.61\mathbf{a}_z$

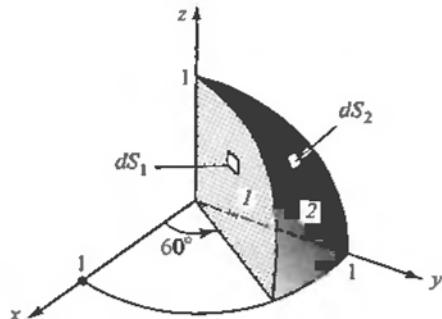
- 1.32.** Find the distance between  $(2, \pi/6, 0)$  and  $(1, \pi, 2)$ , where the points are given in cylindrical coordinates. *Ans.* 3.53

- 1.33.** Find the distance between  $(1, \pi/4, 0)$  and  $(1, 3\pi/4, \pi)$ , where the points are given in spherical coordinates. *Ans.* 2.0

- 1.34.** Use spherical coordinates and integrate to find the area of the region  $0 \leq \phi \leq \alpha$  on the spherical shell of radius  $a$ . What is the result when  $\alpha = 2\pi$ ? *Ans.*  $2\alpha a^2, A = 4\pi a^2$

- 1.35.** Use cylindrical coordinates to find the area of the curved surface of a right circular cylinder of radius  $a$  and height  $h$ . *Ans.*  $2\pi ah$

- 1.36.** Use cylindrical coordinates and integrate to obtain the volume of the right circular cylinder of Problem 1.35. *Ans.*  $\pi a^2 h$
- 1.37.** Use spherical coordinates to write the differential surface areas  $dS_1$  and  $dS_2$  and then integrate to obtain the areas of the surfaces marked 1 and 2 in Fig. 1-14. *Ans.*  $\pi/4, \pi/6$

**Fig. 1-14**

- 1.38.** Use spherical coordinates to find the volume of a hemispherical shell of inner radius 2.00 m and outer radius 2.02 m. *Ans.*  $0.162\pi \text{ m}^3$
- 1.39.** Using spherical coordinates to express the differential volume, integrate to obtain the volume defined by  $1 \leq r \leq 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ , and  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2$ . *Ans.*  $\frac{7\pi}{6} \text{ m}^3$

# Chapter 2

## Coulomb Forces and Electric Field Intensity

### 2.1 COULOMB'S LAW

There is a force between two charges which is directly proportional to the charge magnitudes and inversely proportional to the square of the separation distance. This is *Coulomb's law*, which was developed from work with small charged bodies and a delicate torsion balance. In vector form, it is stated thus,

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon d^2} \mathbf{a}$$

Rationalized SI units will be used throughout this book. The force is in newtons (N), the distance is in meters (m), and the (derived) unit of charge is the coulomb (C). The system is rationalized by the factor  $4\pi$ , introduced in Coulomb's law in order that it not appear later in Maxwell's equations.  $\epsilon$  is the *permittivity* of the medium, with the units  $C^2/N \cdot m^2$  or, equivalently, farads per meter (F/m). For free space or vacuum,

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \approx \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} \text{ F/m}$$

For media other than free space,  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$ , where  $\epsilon_r$  is the *relative permittivity* or *dielectric constant*. Free space is to be assumed in all problems and examples, as well as the approximate value for  $\epsilon_0$ , unless there is a statement to the contrary.

For point charges of like sign the Coulomb force is one of repulsion, while for unlike charges the force is attractive. To incorporate this information rewrite Coulomb's law as follows:

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{21}^2} \mathbf{a}_{21} = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{21}^3} \mathbf{R}_{21}$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_1$  is the force on charge  $Q_1$  due to a second charge  $Q_2$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_{21}$  is the unit vector *directed from  $Q_2$  to  $Q_1$* , and  $\mathbf{R}_{21} = R_{21} \mathbf{a}_{21}$  is the displacement vector from  $Q_2$  to  $Q_1$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** Find the force on charge  $Q_1$ ,  $20 \mu\text{C}$ , due to charge  $Q_2$ ,  $-300 \mu\text{C}$ , where  $Q_1$  is at  $(0, 1, 2)$  m and  $Q_2$  at  $(2, 0, 0)$  m.

Because 1 C is a rather large unit, charges are often given in microcoulombs ( $\mu\text{C}$ ), nanocoulombs ( $\text{nC}$ ), or picocoulombs ( $\text{pC}$ ). (See Appendix for the SI prefix system.) Referring to Fig. 2-1,

$$\mathbf{R}_{21} = -2\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z \quad R_{21} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = 3$$

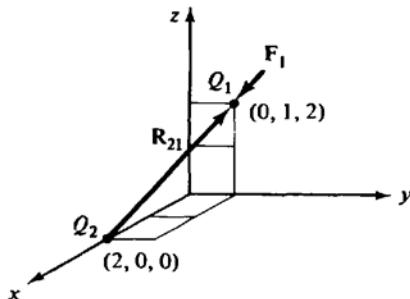


Fig. 2-1

and

$$\mathbf{a}_{21} = \frac{1}{3}(-2\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{(20 \times 10^{-6})(-300 \times 10^{-6})}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(3)^2} \left( \frac{-2\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z}{3} \right) \\ &= 6 \left( \frac{2\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z}{3} \right) \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

The force magnitude is 6 N and the direction is such that  $Q_1$  is attracted to  $Q_2$  (unlike charges attract).

This force relationship is bilinear in the charges. Consequently, superposition applies, and the force on a charge  $Q_1$  due to  $n - 1$  other charges  $Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_n$  is the *vector sum* of the individual forces:

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{21}^2} \mathbf{a}_{21} + \frac{Q_1 Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{31}^2} \mathbf{a}_{31} + \dots = \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{Q_k}{R_{k1}^2} \mathbf{a}_{k1}$$

This superposition extends in a natural way to the case where charge is continuously distributed through some spatial region: one simply replaces the above vector sum by a *vector integral* (see Section 2.3).

The force field in the region of an isolated charge  $Q$  is spherically symmetric. This is made evident by locating  $Q$  at the origin of a spherical coordinate system, so that the position vector  $\mathbf{R}$ , from  $Q$  to a small test charge  $Q_t \ll Q$ , is simply  $r\mathbf{a}_r$ . Then

$$\mathbf{F}_t = \frac{Q_t Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

showing that on the spherical surface  $r = \text{constant}$ ,  $|\mathbf{F}_t|$  is constant, and  $\mathbf{F}_t$  is radial.

## 2.2 ELECTRIC FIELD INTENSITY

Suppose that the above-considered test charge  $Q_t$  is sufficiently small so as not to disturb significantly the field of the fixed point charge  $Q$ . Then the *electric field intensity*,  $\mathbf{E}$ , due to  $Q$  is defined to be the force per unit charge on  $Q_t$ :  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{F}_t/Q_t$ .

For  $Q$  at the origin of a spherical coordinate system [see Fig. 2-2(a)], the electric field intensity at an arbitrary point  $P$  is, from Section 2.1,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

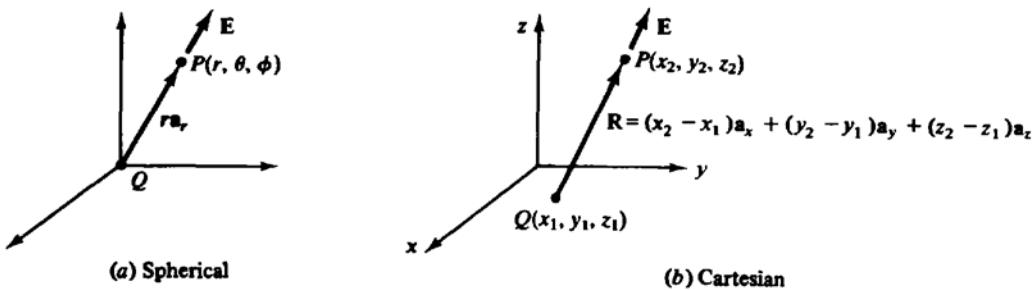


Fig. 2-2

In an arbitrary cartesian coordinate system [see Fig. 2-2(b)],

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R$$

The units of  $\mathbf{E}$  are newtons per coulomb (N/C) or the equivalent, volts per meter (V/m).

**EXAMPLE 2.** Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 3, 4)$  m in cartesian coordinates due to a point charge  $Q = 0.5 \mu\text{C}$  at the origin. In this case

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R} &= 3\mathbf{a}_y + 4\mathbf{a}_z & R &= 5 & \mathbf{a}_R &= 0.6\mathbf{a}_y + 0.8\mathbf{a}_z \\ \mathbf{E} &= \frac{0.5 \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(5)^2} (0.6\mathbf{a}_y + 0.8\mathbf{a}_z)\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|\mathbf{E}| = 180 \text{ V/m}$  in the direction  $\mathbf{a}_R = 0.6\mathbf{a}_y + 0.8\mathbf{a}_z$ .

## 2.3 CHARGE DISTRIBUTIONS

### Volume Charge

When charge is distributed throughout a specified volume, each charge element contributes to the electric field at an external point. A summation or integration is then required to obtain the total electric field. Even though electric charge in its smallest division is found to be an electron or proton, it is useful to consider continuous (in fact, differentiable) charge distributions and to define a *charge density* by

$$\rho = \frac{dQ}{dv} \quad (\text{C/m}^3)$$

Note the units in parentheses, which is meant to signify that  $\rho$  will be in  $\text{C/m}^3$  provided that the variables are expressed in proper SI units (C for  $Q$  and  $\text{m}^3$  for  $v$ ). This convention will be used throughout this book.

With reference to volume  $v$  in Fig. 2-3, each differential charge  $dQ$  produces a differential electric field

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R$$

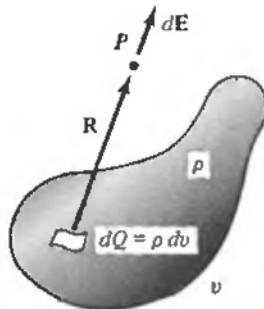


Fig. 2-3

at the observation point  $P$ . Assuming that the only charge in the region is contained within the volume, the total electric field at  $P$  is obtained by integration over the volume:

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_v \frac{\rho \mathbf{a}_R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} dv$$

### Sheet Charge

Charge may also be distributed over a surface or a sheet. Then each differential charge  $dQ$  on the sheet results in a differential electric field

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R$$

at point  $P$  (see Fig. 2-4). If the *surface charge density* is  $\rho_s$  ( $C/m^2$ ) and if no other charge is present in the region, then the total electric field at  $P$  is

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_S \frac{\rho_s \mathbf{a}_R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} dS$$

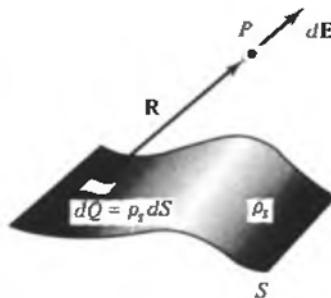


Fig. 2-4

### Line Charge

If charge is distributed over a (curved) line, each differential charge  $dQ$  along the line produces a differential electric field

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R$$

at  $P$  (see Fig. 2-5). And if the *line charge density* is  $\rho_e$  ( $C/m$ ), and no other charge is in the region, then the total electric field at  $P$  is

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_L \frac{\rho_e \mathbf{a}_R}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} d\ell$$

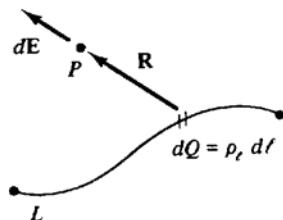


Fig. 2-5

It should be emphasized that in all three of the above charge distributions and corresponding integrals for  $\mathbf{E}$ , the unit vector  $\mathbf{a}_R$  is variable, depending on the coordinates of the charge element  $dQ$ . Thus  $\mathbf{a}_R$  cannot be removed from the integrand. It should also be noticed that whenever the appropriate integral converges, it defines  $\mathbf{E}$  at an *internal* point of the charge distribution.

## 2.4 STANDARD CHARGE CONFIGURATIONS

In three special cases the integration discussed in Section 2.3 is either unnecessary or easily carried out. In regard to these standard configurations (and to others which will be covered in this chapter) it should be noted that the charge is not "on a conductor." When a problem states that charge is distributed in the form of a disk, for example, it does not mean a disk-shaped conductor with charge on the surface. (In Chapter 6, conductors with surface charge will be examined.) Although it may now require a stretch of the imagination, these charges should be thought of as somehow suspended in space, fixed in the specified configuration.

### Point Charge

As previously determined, the field of a single point charge  $Q$  is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{spherical coordinates})$$

See Fig. 2-2(a). This is a spherically symmetric field that follows an *inverse-square law* (like gravitation).

### Infinite Line Charge

If charge is distributed with *uniform* density  $\rho_e$  (C/m) along an *infinite, straight line*—which will be chosen as the  $z$  axis—then the field is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{cylindrical coordinates})$$

See Fig. 2-6. This field has cylindrical symmetry and is inversely proportional to the *first power* of the distance from the line charge. For a derivation of  $\mathbf{E}$ , see Problem 2.9.

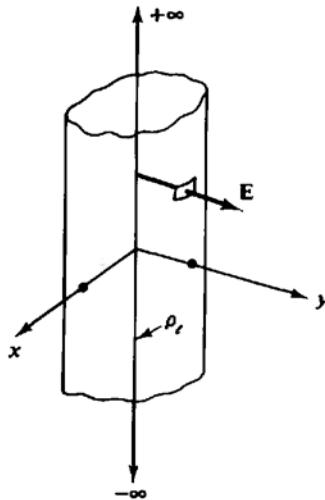


Fig. 2-6

**EXAMPLE 3.** A uniform line charge, infinite in extent, with  $\rho_e = 20 \text{ nC/m}$ , lies along the  $z$  axis. Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(6, 8, 3) \text{ m}$ .

In cylindrical coordinates  $r = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = 10 \text{ m}$ . The field is constant with  $z$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-9}}{2\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(10)} \mathbf{a}_r = 36 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$$

**Infinite Plane Charge**

If charge is distributed with *uniform* density  $\rho_s$  ( $C/m^2$ ) over an *infinite plane*, then the field is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n$$

See Fig. 2-7. This field is of constant magnitude and has mirror symmetry about the plane charge. For a derivation of this expression, see Problem 2.12.

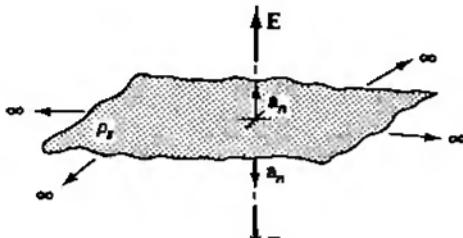


Fig. 2-7

**EXAMPLE 4.** Charge is distributed uniformly over the plane  $z = 10\text{ cm}$  with a density  $\rho_s = (1/3\pi) \text{nC/m}^2$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$ .

$$|\mathbf{E}| = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{(1/3\pi)10^{-9}}{2(10^{-9}/36\pi)} = 6 \text{ V/m}$$

Above the sheet ( $z > 10\text{ cm}$ ),  $\mathbf{E} = 6\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$ ; and for  $z < 10\text{ cm}$ ,  $\mathbf{E} = -6\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$ .

## Solved Problems

**2.1.** Two point charges,  $Q_1 = 50 \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = 10 \mu\text{C}$ , are located at  $(-1, 1, -3)\text{ m}$  and  $(3, 1, 0)\text{ m}$ , respectively (Fig. 2-8). Find the force on  $Q_1$ .



$$\mathbf{R}_{21} = -4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{21} = \frac{-4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_z}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1 &= \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{21}^2} \mathbf{a}_{21} \\ &= \frac{(50 \times 10^{-6})(10^{-5})}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(5)^2} \left( \frac{-4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_z}{5} \right) \\ &= (0.18)(-0.8\mathbf{a}_x - 0.6\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

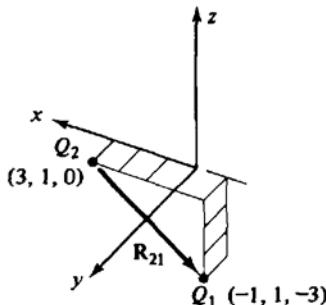


Fig. 2-8

The force has a magnitude of 0.18 N and a direction given by the unit vector  $-0.8\mathbf{a}_x - 0.6\mathbf{a}_z$ . In component form,

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = 0.144\mathbf{a}_x - 0.108\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$$

- 2.2.** Refer to Fig. 2-9. Find the force on a  $100 \mu\text{C}$  charge at  $(0, 0, 3)$  m if four like charges of  $20 \mu\text{C}$  are located on the  $x$  and  $y$  axes at  $\pm 4$  m.

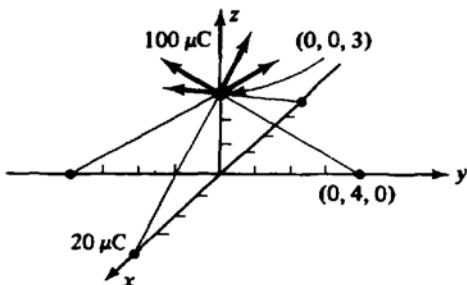


Fig. 2-9

Consider the force due to the charge at  $y = 4$ ,

$$\frac{(10^{-4})(20 \times 10^{-6})}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(5)^2} \left( \frac{-4\mathbf{a}_y + 3\mathbf{a}_z}{5} \right)$$

The  $y$  component will be canceled by the charge at  $y = -4$ . Similarly, the  $x$  components due to the other two charges will cancel. Hence

$$\mathbf{F} = 4 \left( \frac{18}{25} \right) \left( \frac{3}{5} \mathbf{a}_z \right) = 1.73 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$$

- 2.3.** Refer to Fig. 2-10. Point charge  $Q_1 = 300 \mu\text{C}$ , located at  $(1, -1, -3)$  m, experiences a force

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = 8\mathbf{a}_x - 8\mathbf{a}_y + 4\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$$

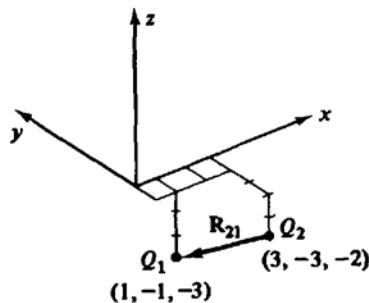


Fig. 2-10

due to point charge  $Q_2$  at  $(3, -3, -2)$  m. Determine  $Q_2$ .

$$\mathbf{R}_{21} = -2\mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$$

Note that, because

$$\frac{8}{-2} = \frac{-8}{2} = \frac{4}{-1}$$

the given force is along  $\mathbf{R}_{21}$  (see Problem 1.21), as it must be.

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R$$

$$8\mathbf{a}_x - 8\mathbf{a}_y + 4\mathbf{a}_z = \frac{(300 \times 10^{-6})Q_2}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(3)^2} \left( \frac{-2\mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z}{3} \right)$$

Solving,  $Q_2 = -40 \mu\text{C}$ .

- 2.4.** Find the force on a point charge of  $50 \mu\text{C}$  at  $(0, 0, 5)$  m due to a charge of  $500\pi \mu\text{C}$  that is uniformly distributed over the circular disk  $r \leq 5$  m,  $z = 0$  m (see Fig. 2-11).

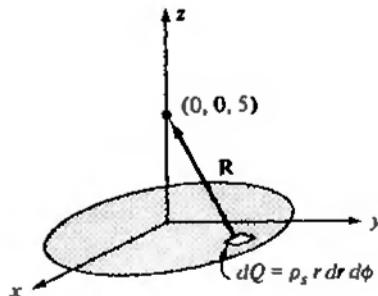


Fig. 2-11

The charge density is

$$\rho_s = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{500\pi \times 10^{-6}}{\pi(5)^2} = 0.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C/m}^2$$

In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\mathbf{R} = -r\mathbf{a}_r + 5\mathbf{a}_z$$

Then each differential charge results in a differential force

$$d\mathbf{F} = \frac{(50 \times 10^{-6})(\rho_s r dr d\phi)}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(r^2 + 25)} \left( \frac{-r\mathbf{a}_r + 5\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + 25}} \right)$$

Before integrating, note that the radial components will cancel and that  $\mathbf{a}_z$  is constant. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^5 \frac{(50 \times 10^{-6})(0.2 \times 10^{-4})5r dr d\phi}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(r^2 + 25)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= 90\pi \int_0^5 \frac{r dr}{(r^2 + 25)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z = 90\pi \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{r^2 + 25}} \right]_0^5 \mathbf{a}_z = 16.56\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

- 2.5.** Repeat Problem 2.4 for a disk of radius 2 m.



Reducing the radius has two effects: the charge density is increased by a factor

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{(5)^2}{(2)^2} = 6.25$$

while the integral over  $r$  becomes

$$\int_0^2 \frac{r dr}{(r^2 + 25)^{3/2}} = 0.0143 \quad \text{instead of} \quad \int_0^5 \frac{r dr}{(r^2 + 25)^{3/2}} = 0.0586$$

The resulting force is

$$\mathbf{F} = (6.25) \left( \frac{0.0143}{0.0586} \right) (16.56\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}) = 25.27\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$$

- 2.6.** Find the expression for the electric field at  $P$  due to a point charge  $Q$  at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ . Repeat with the charge placed at the origin.

As shown in Fig. 2-12,

$$\mathbf{R} = (x - x_1)\mathbf{a}_x + (y - y_1)\mathbf{a}_y + (z - z_1)\mathbf{a}_z$$

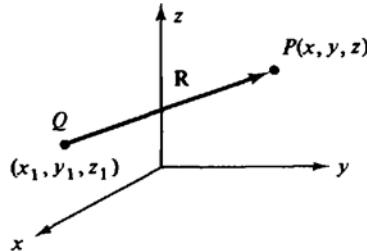


Fig. 2-12

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \mathbf{a}_R \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 [(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2]^{3/2}} (x - x_1)\mathbf{a}_x + (y - y_1)\mathbf{a}_y + (z - z_1)\mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

When the charge is at the origin,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} x\mathbf{a}_x + y\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z$$

but this expression fails to show the symmetry of the field. In spherical coordinates with  $Q$  at the origin,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

and now the symmetry is apparent.

- 2.7.** Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at the origin due to a point charge of 64.4 nC located at  $(-4, 3, 2)$  m in cartesian coordinates.

The electric field intensity due to a point charge  $Q$  at the origin in spherical coordinates is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

In this problem the distance is  $\sqrt{29}$  m and the vector from the charge to the origin, where  $\mathbf{E}$  is to be evaluated, is  $\mathbf{R} = 4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z$ .

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{64.4 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(29)} \left( \frac{4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{29}} \right) = (20.0) \left( \frac{4\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{29}} \right) \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.8.** Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 0, 5)$  m due to  $Q_1 = 0.35 \mu\text{C}$  at  $(0, 4, 0)$  m and  $Q_2 = -0.55 \mu\text{C}$  at  $(3, 0, 0)$  m (see Fig. 2-13).

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = -4\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{R}_2 = -3\mathbf{a}_x + 5\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}_1 &= \frac{0.35 \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(41)} \left( \frac{-4\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{41}} \right) \\ &= -48.0\mathbf{a}_y + 60.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}\end{aligned}$$

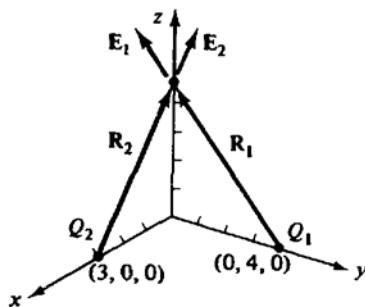


Fig. 2-13

$$\mathbf{E}_2 = \frac{-0.55 \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(34)} \left( \frac{-3\mathbf{a}_x + 5\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{34}} \right)$$

$$= 74.9\mathbf{a}_x - 124.9\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = 74.9\mathbf{a}_x - 48.0\mathbf{a}_y - 64.9\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.9.** Charge is distributed uniformly along an infinite straight line with constant density  $\rho_e$ . Develop the expression for  $\mathbf{E}$  at the general point  $P$ .



Cylindrical coordinates will be used, with the line charge as the  $z$  axis (see Fig. 2-14). At  $P$ ,

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \left( \frac{r\mathbf{a}_r - z\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

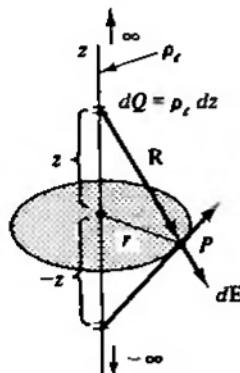


Fig. 2-14

Since for every  $dQ$  at  $z$  there is another charge  $dQ$  at  $-z$ , the  $z$  components cancel. Then

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\rho_e r dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_r$$

$$= \frac{\rho_e r}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2 \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \left[ \frac{z}{r^2 + z^2} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

- 2.10.** On the line described by  $x = 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = -4 \text{ m}$  there is a uniform charge distribution of density  $\rho_e = 20 \text{ nC/m}$ . Determine the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(-2, -1, 4) \text{ m}$ .

With some modification for cartesian coordinates the expression obtained in Problem 2.9 can be used with this uniform line charge. Since the line is parallel to  $\mathbf{a}_z$ , the field has no  $z$

component. Referring to Fig. 2-15,

$$\mathbf{R} = -4\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-9}}{2\pi\epsilon_0(5)} \left( \frac{-4\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y}{5} \right) = -57.6\mathbf{a}_x + 43.2\mathbf{a}_y \text{ V/m}$$

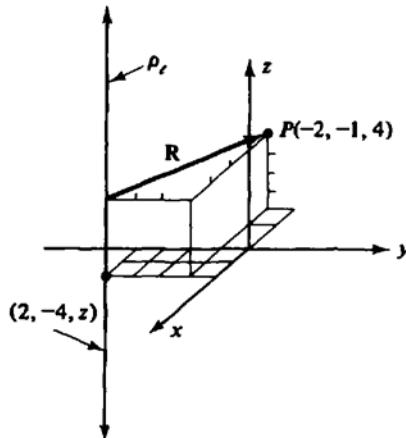


Fig. 2-15

- 2.11.** As shown in Fig. 2-16, two uniform line charges of density  $\rho_e = 4 \text{ nC/m}$  lie in the  $x=0$  plane at  $y = \pm 4 \text{ m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(4, 0, 10) \text{ m}$ .

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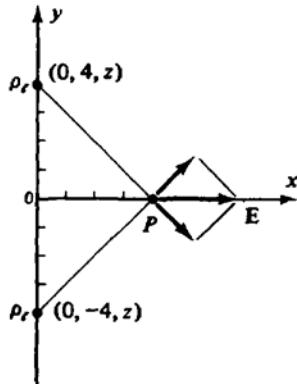


Fig. 2-16

The line charges are both parallel to  $\mathbf{a}_z$ ; their fields are radial and parallel to the  $xy$  plane. For either line charge the magnitude of the field at  $P$  would be

$$E = \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{18}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ V/m}$$

The field due to both line charges is, by superposition,

$$\mathbf{E} = 2 \left( \frac{18}{\sqrt{2}} \cos 45^\circ \right) \mathbf{a}_x = 18\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.12.** Develop an expression for  $\mathbf{E}$  due to charge uniformly distributed over an infinite plane with density  $\rho_s$ .

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The cylindrical coordinate system will be used, with the charge in the  $z = 0$  plane as shown in Fig. 2-17.

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s r dr d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r^2 + z^2)} \left( \frac{-r\mathbf{a}_r + z\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

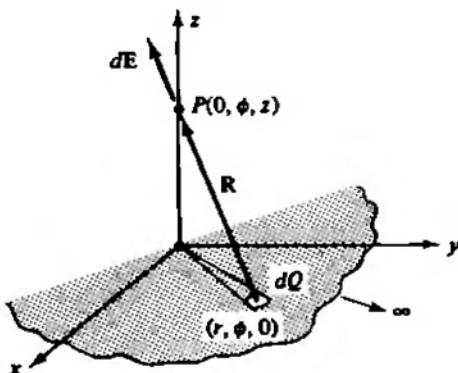


Fig. 2-17

Symmetry about the  $z$  axis results in cancellation of the radial components.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_s r z dr d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= \frac{\rho_s z}{2\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} \right]_0^\infty \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_z \end{aligned}$$

This result is for points above the  $xy$  plane. Below the  $xy$  plane the unit vector changes to  $-\mathbf{a}_z$ . The generalized form may be written using  $\mathbf{a}_n$ , the unit normal vector:

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n$$

The electric field is everywhere normal to the plane of the charge and its magnitude is independent of the distance from the plane.

- 2.13.** As shown in Fig. 2-18, the plane  $y = 3$  m contains a uniform charge distribution of density  $\rho_s = (10^{-8}/6\pi)$  C/m<sup>2</sup>. Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at all points.

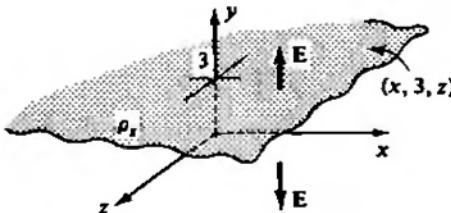


Fig. 2-18

For  $y > 3$  m,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n \\ &= 30\mathbf{a}_y \text{ V/m} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $y < 3$  m,

$$\mathbf{E} = -30\mathbf{a}_y \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.14.** Two infinite uniform sheets of charge, each with density  $\rho_s$ , are located at  $x = \pm 1$  (Fig. 2-19). Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  in all regions.

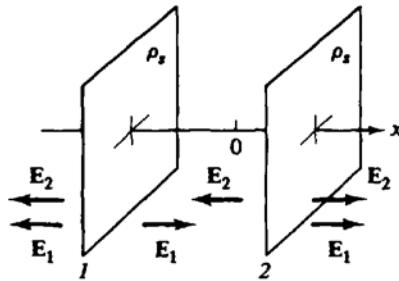


Fig. 2-19

Only parts of the two sheets of charge are shown in Fig. 2-19. Both sheets result in  $\mathbf{E}$  fields that are directed along  $x$ , independent of the distance. Then

$$\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = \begin{cases} -(\rho_s/\epsilon_0)\mathbf{a}_x & x < -1 \\ 0 & -1 < x < 1 \\ (\rho_s/\epsilon_0)\mathbf{a}_x & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- 2.15.** Repeat Problem 2.14 with  $\rho_s$  on  $x = -1$  and  $-\rho_s$  on  $x = 1$ .

$$\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -1 \\ (\rho_s/\epsilon_0)\mathbf{a}_x & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- 2.16.** A uniform sheet charge with  $\rho_s = (1/3\pi) \text{nC/m}^2$  is located at  $z = 5 \text{ m}$  and a uniform line charge with  $\rho_\ell = (-25/9) \text{nC/m}$  at  $z = -3 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 3 \text{ m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(x, -1, 0) \text{ m}$ .

The two charge configurations are parallel to the  $x$  axis. Hence the view in Fig. 2-20 is taken looking at the  $yz$  plane from positive  $x$ . Due to the sheet charge,

$$\mathbf{E}_s = \frac{\rho_s}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n$$

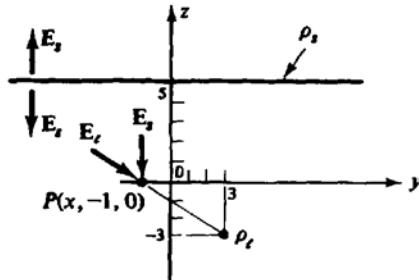


Fig. 2-20

At  $P$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_n = -\mathbf{a}_x$  and

$$\mathbf{E}_s = -6\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

Due to the line charge,

$$\mathbf{E}_\ell = \frac{\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

and at  $P$

$$\mathbf{E}_e = 8\mathbf{a}_y - 6\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

The total electric field is the sum,  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_e + \mathbf{E}_s = 8\mathbf{a}_y - 12\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m.}$

- 2.17.** Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(2, 0, 2) \text{ m}$  due to three standard charge distributions as follows: a uniform sheet at  $x = 0 \text{ m}$  with  $\rho_{s1} = (1/3\pi) \text{ nC/m}^2$ , a uniform sheet at  $x = 4 \text{ m}$  with  $\rho_{s2} = (-1/3\pi) \text{ nC/m}^2$ , and a uniform line at  $x = 6 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 0 \text{ m}$  with  $\rho_t = -2 \text{ nC/m}$ .

Since the three charge configurations are parallel with  $\mathbf{a}_x$ , there will be no  $z$  component of the field. Point  $(2, 0, 2)$  will have the same field as any point  $(2, 0, z)$ . In Fig. 2-21,  $P$  is located between the two sheet charges, where the fields add due to the difference in sign.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho_{s1}}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\rho_{s2}}{2\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\rho_t}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_x \\ &= 6\mathbf{a}_x + 6\mathbf{a}_x + 9\mathbf{a}_x \\ &= 21\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}\end{aligned}$$

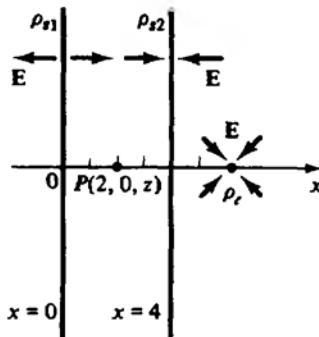


Fig. 2-21

- 2.18.** As shown in Fig. 2-22, charge is distributed along the  $z$  axis between  $z = \pm 5 \text{ m}$  with a uniform density  $\rho_t = 20 \text{ nC/m}$ . Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(2, 0, 0) \text{ m}$  in cartesian coordinates. Also express the answer in cylindrical coordinates.

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-9} dz}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(4+z^2)} \left( \frac{2\mathbf{a}_x - z\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{4+z^2}} \right) \text{ (V/m)}$$

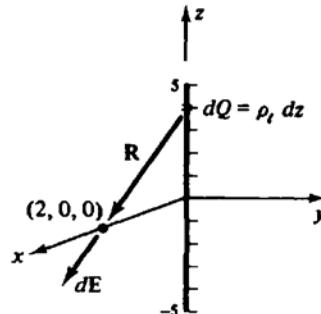


Fig. 2-22

Symmetry with respect to the  $z = 0$  plane eliminates any  $z$  component in the result.

$$\mathbf{E} = 180 \int_{-5}^5 \frac{2 dz}{(4+z^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_x = 167\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

In cylindrical coordinates,  $\mathbf{E} = 167\mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m.}$

- 2.19.** Charge is distributed along the  $z$  axis from  $z = 5 \text{ m}$  to  $\infty$  and from  $z = -5 \text{ m}$  to  $-\infty$  (see Fig. 2-23) with the same density as in Problem 2.18,  $20 \text{ nC/m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(2, 0, 0) \text{ m}$ .

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-9} dz}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(4+z^2)} \left( \frac{2\mathbf{a}_x - z\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{4+z^2}} \right) \text{ (V/m)}$$

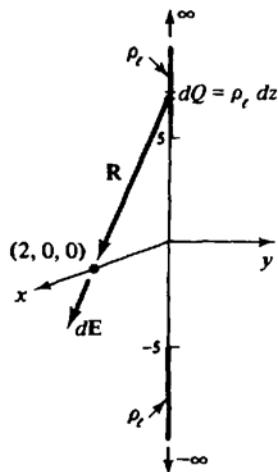


Fig. 2-23

Again the  $z$  component vanishes.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= 180 \left[ \int_5^\infty \frac{2 dz}{(4+z^2)^{3/2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{-5} \frac{2 dz}{(4+z^2)^{3/2}} \right] \mathbf{a}_x \\ &= 13 \mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m} \end{aligned}$$

In cylindrical coordinates,  $\mathbf{E} = 13 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$ .

When the charge configurations of Problems 2.18 and 2.19 are superimposed, the result is a uniform line charge.

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_t}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r = 180 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.20.** Find the electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, \phi, h)$  in cylindrical coordinates due to the uniformly charged disk  $r \leq a$ ,  $z = 0$  (see Fig. 2-24).

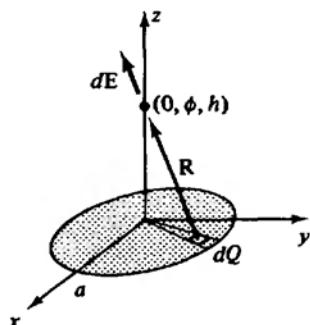


Fig. 2-24

If the constant charge density is  $\rho_s$ ,

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s r dr d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r^2+h^2)} \left( \frac{-r\mathbf{a}_r + h\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2+h^2}} \right)$$

The radial components cancel. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho_s h}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{r dr d\phi}{(r^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= \frac{\rho_s h}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{a^2 + h^2}} + \frac{1}{h} \right) \mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

Note that as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\mathbf{E} \rightarrow (\rho_s/2\epsilon_0)\mathbf{a}_z$ , the field due to a uniform plane sheet.

- 2.21.** Charge lies on the circular disk  $r \leq a$ ,  $z = 0$  with density  $\rho_s = \rho_0 \sin^2 \phi$ . Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, \phi, h)$ .

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$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_0 (\sin^2 \phi) r dr d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + h^2)} \left( \frac{-r\mathbf{a}_r + h\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}} \right)$$

The charge distribution, though not uniform, still is symmetrical such that all radial components cancel.

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_0 h}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{(\sin^2 \phi) r dr d\phi}{(r^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{\rho_0 h}{4\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{a^2 + h^2}} + \frac{1}{h} \right) \mathbf{a}_z$$

- 2.22.** Charge lies on the circular disk  $r \leq 4$  m,  $z = 0$  with density  $\rho_s = (10^{-4}/r)$  (C/m<sup>2</sup>). Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $r = 0$ ,  $z = 3$  m.

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$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{(10^{-4}/r) r dr d\phi}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r^2 + 9)} \left( \frac{-r\mathbf{a}_r + 3\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + 9}} \right) \text{ (V/m)}$$

As in Problems 2.20 and 2.21 the radial component vanishes by symmetry.

$$\mathbf{E} = (2.7 \times 10^6) \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 \frac{dr d\phi}{(r^2 + 9)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z = 1.51 \times 10^6 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m} \quad \text{or} \quad 1.51 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ MV/m}$$

- 2.23.** Charge lies in the  $z = -3$  m plane in the form of a square sheet defined by  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$  m,  $-2 \leq y \leq 2$  m with charge density  $\rho_s = 2(x^2 + y^2 + 9)^{3/2}$  nC/m<sup>2</sup>. Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at the origin.

From Fig. 2-25,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R} &= -x\mathbf{a}_x - y\mathbf{a}_y + 3\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{m}) \\ dQ &= \rho_s dx dy = 2(x^2 + y^2 + 9)^{3/2} \times 10^{-9} dx dy \quad (\text{C})\end{aligned}$$

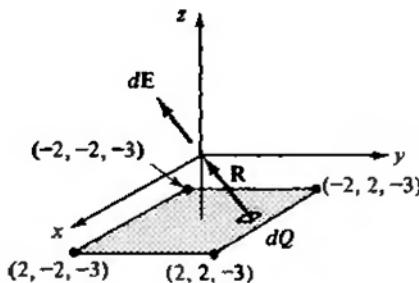


Fig. 2-25

and so

$$d\mathbf{E} = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + 9)^{3/2} \times 10^{-9} dx dy}{4\pi\epsilon_0(x^2 + y^2 + 9)} \left( \frac{-x\mathbf{a}_x - y\mathbf{a}_y + 3\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 9}} \right) \text{ (V/m)}$$

Due to symmetry, only the  $z$  component of  $\mathbf{E}$  exists.

$$\mathbf{E} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-2}^2 \frac{6 \times 10^{-9} dx dy}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_z = 864 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

- 2.24.** A charge of uniform density  $\rho_s = 0.3 \text{ nC/m}^2$  covers the plane  $2x - 3y + z = 6 \text{ m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the side of the plane containing the origin.

 Since this charge configuration is a uniform sheet,  $E = \rho_s/2\epsilon_0$  and  $\mathbf{E} = (17.0)\mathbf{a}_n \text{ V/m}$ . The unit normal vectors for a plane  $Ax + By + Cz = D$  are

$$\mathbf{a}_n = \pm \frac{A\mathbf{a}_x + B\mathbf{a}_y + C\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

Therefore, the unit normal vectors for this plane are

$$\mathbf{a}_n = \pm \frac{2\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{14}}$$

From Fig. 2-26 it is evident that the unit vector on the side of the plane containing the origin is produced by the negative sign. The electric field at the origin is

$$\mathbf{E} = (17.0) \left( \frac{-2\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{14}} \right) \text{ V/m}$$

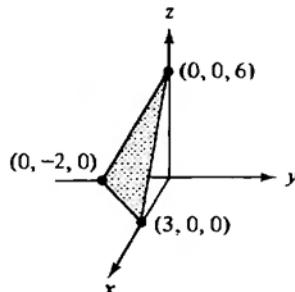


Fig. 2-26

## Supplementary Problems

- 2.25.** Two point charges,  $Q_1 = 250 \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = -300 \mu\text{C}$ , are located at  $(5, 0, 0) \text{ m}$  and  $(0, 0, -5) \text{ m}$ , respectively. Find the force on  $Q_2$ . *Ans.*  $\mathbf{F}_2 = (13.5) \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \text{ N}$
- 2.26.** Two point charges,  $Q_1 = 30 \mu\text{C}$  and  $Q_2 = -100 \mu\text{C}$ , are located at  $(2, 0, 5) \text{ m}$  and  $(-1, 0, -2) \text{ m}$ , respectively. Find the force on  $Q_1$ . *Ans.*  $\mathbf{F}_1 = (0.465) \left( \frac{-3\mathbf{a}_x - 7\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{58}} \right) \text{ N}$
- 2.27.** In Problem 2.26 find the force on  $Q_2$ . *Ans.*  $-\mathbf{F}_1$
- 2.28.** Four point charges, each  $20 \mu\text{C}$ , are on the  $x$  and  $y$  axes at  $\pm 4 \text{ m}$ . Find the force on a  $100\text{-}\mu\text{C}$  point charge at  $(0, 0, 3) \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $1.73 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$

- 2.29.** Ten identical charges of  $500 \mu\text{C}$  each are spaced equally around a circle of radius 2 m. Find the force on a charge of  $-20 \mu\text{C}$  located on the axis, 2 m from the plane of the circle. *Ans.*  $(79.5)(-\mathbf{a}_z)\text{N}$
- 2.30.** Determine the force on a point charge of  $50 \mu\text{C}$  at  $(0, 0, 5)$  m due to a point charge of  $500\pi \mu\text{C}$  at the origin. Compare the answer with Problems 2.4 and 2.5, where this same total charge is distributed over a circular disk. *Ans.*  $28.3\mathbf{a}_z\text{ N}$
- 2.31.** Find the force on a point charge of  $30 \mu\text{C}$  at  $(0, 0, 5)$  m due to a 4 m square in the  $z = 0$  plane between  $x = \pm 2$  m and  $y = \pm 2$  m with a total charge of  $500 \mu\text{C}$ , distributed uniformly. *Ans.*  $4.66\mathbf{a}_z\text{ N}$
- 2.32.** Two identical point charges of  $Q(\text{C})$  each are separated by a distance  $d(\text{m})$ . Express the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  for points along the line joining the two charges.  
*Ans.* If the charges are at  $x = 0$  and  $x = d$ , then, for  $0 < x < d$ ,
- $$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(d-x)^2} \right] \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$$
- 2.33.** Identical charges of  $Q(\text{C})$  are located at the eight corners of a cube with a side  $\ell(\text{m})$ . Show that the coulomb force on each charge has magnitude  $(3.29Q^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\ell^2)\text{N}$ .
- 2.34.** Show that the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  outside a spherical shell of uniform charge density  $\rho$ , is the same as  $\mathbf{E}$  due to the total charge on the shell located at the center.
- 2.35.** Develop the expression in cartesian coordinates for  $\mathbf{E}$  due to an infinitely long, straight charge configuration of uniform density  $\rho_\ell$ . *Ans.*  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x\mathbf{a}_x + y\mathbf{a}_y}{x^2 + y^2}$
- 2.36.** Two uniform line charges of  $\rho_\ell = 4 \text{nC/m}$  each are parallel to the  $z$  axis at  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \pm 4$  m. Determine the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(\pm 4, 0, z)$  m. *Ans.*  $\pm 18\mathbf{a}_z\text{ V/m}$
- 2.37.** Two uniform line charges of  $\rho_\ell = 5 \text{nC/m}$  each are parallel to the  $x$  axis, one at  $z = 0$ ,  $y = -2$  m and the other at  $z = 0$ ,  $y = 4$  m. Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(4, 1, 3)$  m. *Ans.*  $30\mathbf{a}_z\text{ V/m}$
- 2.38.** Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at the origin due to a uniform line charge distribution with  $\rho_\ell = 3.30 \text{nC/m}$  located at  $x = 3$  m,  $y = 4$  m. *Ans.*  $-7.13\mathbf{a}_x - 9.50\mathbf{a}_y\text{ V/m}$
- 2.39.** Referring to Problem 2.38, at what other points will the value of  $\mathbf{E}$  be the same? *Ans.*  $(0, 0, z)$
- 2.40.** Two meters from the  $z$  axis,  $|\mathbf{E}|$  due to a uniform line charge along the  $z$  axis is known to be  $1.80 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$ . Find the uniform charge density  $\rho_\ell$ . *Ans.*  $2.0 \mu\text{C/m}$
- 2.41.** The plane  $-x + 3y - 6z = 6$  m contains a uniform charge distribution  $\rho_s = 0.53 \text{nC/m}^2$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the side containing the origin. *Ans.*  $30 \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{46}} \right) \text{V/m}$
- 2.42.** Two infinite sheets of uniform charge density  $\rho_s = (10^{-9}/6\pi) \text{C/m}^2$  are located at  $z = -5$  m and  $y = -5$  m. Determine the uniform line charge density  $\rho_\ell$  necessary to produce the same value of  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(4, 2, 2)$  m, if the line charge is located at  $z = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ . *Ans.*  $0.667 \text{nC/m}$
- 2.43.** Two uniform charge distributions are as follows: a sheet of uniform charge density  $\rho_s = -50 \text{nC/m}^2$  at  $y = 2$  m and a uniform line of  $\rho_\ell = 0.2 \mu\text{C/m}$  at  $z = 2$  m,  $y = -1$  m. At what points in the region will  $\mathbf{E}$  be zero? *Ans.*  $(x, -2.273, 2.0)$  m
- 2.44.** A uniform sheet of charge with  $\rho_s = (-1/3\pi) \text{nC/m}^2$  is located at  $z = 5$  m and a uniform line of charge with  $\rho_\ell = (-25/9) \text{nC/m}$  is located at  $z = -3$  m,  $y = 3$  m. Find the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, -1, 0)$  m. *Ans.*  $8\mathbf{a}_z\text{ V/m}$

- 2.45.** A uniform line charge of  $\rho_e = (\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-8}/6) \text{ C/m}$  lies along the  $x$  axis and a uniform sheet of charge is located at  $y = 5 \text{ m}$ . Along the line  $y = 3 \text{ m}$ ,  $z = 3 \text{ m}$  the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  has only a  $z$  component. What is  $\rho_s$  for the sheet? *Ans.*  $125 \text{ pC/m}^2$
- 2.46.** A uniform line charge of  $\rho_e = 3.30 \text{ nC/m}$  is located at  $x = 3 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 4 \text{ m}$ . A point charge  $Q$  is  $2 \text{ m}$  from the origin. Find the charge  $Q$  and its location such that the electric field is zero at the origin. *Ans.*  $5.28 \text{ nC}$  at  $(-1.2, -1.6, 0) \text{ m}$
- 2.47.** A circular ring of charge with radius  $2 \text{ m}$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane, with center at the origin. If the uniform charge density is  $\rho_e = 10 \text{ nC/m}$ , find the point charge  $Q$  at the origin which would produce the same electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 0, 5) \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $100.5 \text{ nC}$
- 2.48.** The circular disk  $r \leq 2 \text{ m}$  in the  $z = 0$  plane has a charge density  $\rho_3 = 10^{-8}/r \text{ (C/m}^2)$ . Determine the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  for the point  $(0, \phi, h)$ . *Ans.*  $\frac{1.13 \times 10^3}{h\sqrt{4+h^2}} \mathbf{a}_z \text{ (V/m)}$
- 2.49.** Examine the result in Problem 2.48 as  $h$  becomes much greater than  $2 \text{ m}$  and compare it to the field at  $h$  which results when the total charge on the disk is concentrated at the origin.
- 2.50.** A finite sheet of charge, of density  $\rho_s = 2x(x^2 + y^2 + 4)^{3/2} \text{ (C/m}^2)$ , lies in the  $z = 0$  plane for  $0 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ m}$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2 \text{ m}$ . Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 0, 2) \text{ m}$ .  
*Ans.*  $(18 \times 10^9) \left( -\frac{16}{3} \mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y + 8\mathbf{a}_z \right) \text{ V/m} = 18 \left( -\frac{16}{3} \mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y + 8\mathbf{a}_z \right) \text{ GV/m}$
- 2.51.** Determine the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(8, 0, 0) \text{ m}$  due to a charge of  $10 \text{ nC}$  distributed uniformly along the  $x$  axis between  $x = -5 \text{ m}$  and  $x = 5 \text{ m}$ . Repeat for the same total charge distributed between  $x = -1 \text{ m}$  and  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $2.31\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}, 1.43\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}$
- 2.52.** The circular disk  $r \leq 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $z = 0$  has a charge density  $\rho_s = 2(r^2 + 25)^{3/2} e^{-10r} \text{ (C/m}^2)$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at  $(0, 0, 5) \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $5.66\mathbf{a}_x \text{ GV/m}$
- 2.53.** Show that the electric field is zero everywhere inside a uniformly charged spherical shell.
- 2.54.** Charge is distributed with constant density  $\rho$  throughout a spherical volume of radius  $a$ . By using the results of Problems 2.34 and 2.53, show that

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{cases} \frac{r\rho}{3\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_r & r \leq a \\ \frac{a^3\rho}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r & r \geq a \end{cases}$$

where  $r$  is the distance from the center of the sphere.

# Chapter 3

## Electric Flux and Gauss' Law

### 3.1 NET CHARGE IN A REGION

With charge density defined as in Section 2.3, it is possible to obtain the net charge contained in a specified volume by integration. From

$$dQ = \rho dv \quad (\text{C})$$

it follows that

$$Q = \int_v \rho dv \quad (\text{C})$$

In general,  $\rho$  will not be constant throughout the volume  $v$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** Find the charge in the volume defined by  $1 \leq r \leq 2 \text{ m}$  in spherical coordinates, if

$$\rho = \frac{5 \cos^2 \phi}{r^4} \quad (\text{C/m}^3)$$

By integration,

$$Q = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_1^2 \left( \frac{5 \cos^2 \phi}{r^4} \right) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = 5\pi \text{ C}$$

### 3.2 ELECTRIC FLUX AND FLUX DENSITY

*Electric flux*  $\Psi$ , a scalar field, and its density  $\mathbf{D}$ , a vector field, are useful quantities in solving certain problems, as will be seen in this and subsequent chapters. Unlike  $\mathbf{E}$ , these fields are not directly measurable; their existence was inferred from nineteenth-century experiments in electrostatics.



**EXAMPLE 2.** Referring to Fig. 3-1, a charge  $+Q$  is first fixed in place and a spherical, concentric, conducting shell is then closed around it. Initially the shell has no net charge on its surface. Now if a conducting path to ground is *momentarily* completed by closing a switch, a charge  $-Q$ , equal in magnitude but of opposite sign, is discovered on the shell. This charge  $-Q$  might be accounted for by a transient flow of negative charge from the ground, through the switch, and onto the shell. But what could provoke such a flow? The early experimenters suggested that a *flux* from the  $+Q$  to the conductor surface induced, or *displaced*, the charge  $-Q$  onto the surface. Consequently, it has also been called *displacement flux*, and the use of the symbol  $\mathbf{D}$  is a reminder of this early concept.

By definition, electric flux  $\Psi$  originates on positive charge and terminates on negative charge. In the absence of negative charge, the flux  $\Psi$  terminates at infinity. Also by definition, one coulomb of electric charge gives rise to one coulomb of electric flux. Hence

$$\Psi = Q \quad (\text{C})$$

In Fig. 3-2(a) the flux lines leave  $+Q$  and terminate on  $-Q$ . This assumes that the two charges are of equal magnitude. The case of positive charge with no negative charge in the region is illustrated in Fig. 3-2(b). Here the flux lines are equally spaced throughout the solid angle, and reach out toward infinity.

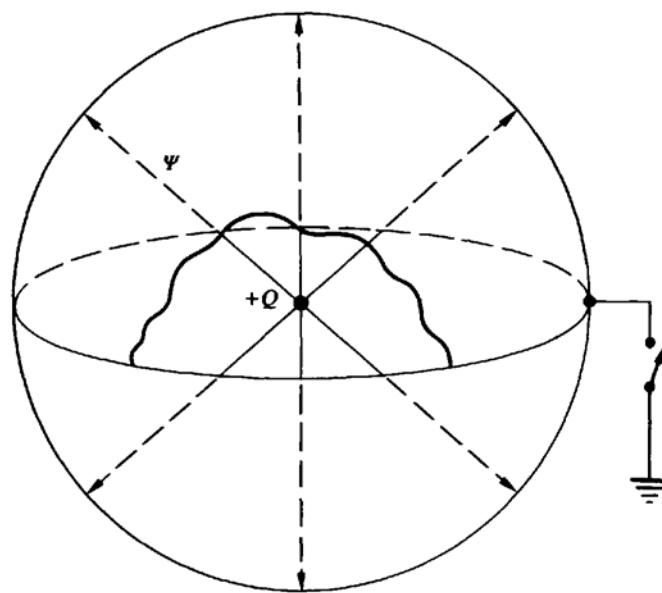


Fig. 3-1

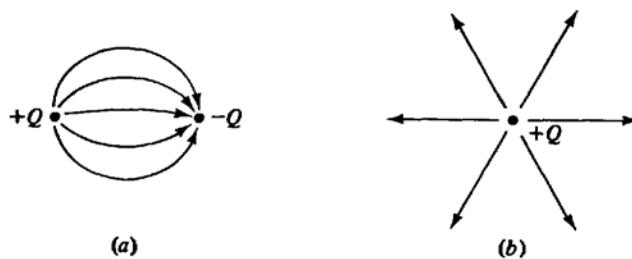


Fig. 3-2

If in the neighborhood of point  $P$  the lines of flux have the direction of the unit vector  $\mathbf{a}$  (see Fig. 3-3) and if an amount of flux  $d\Psi$  crosses the differential area  $dS$ , which is a normal to  $\mathbf{a}$ , then the **electric flux density** at  $P$  is

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{d\Psi}{dS} \mathbf{a} \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

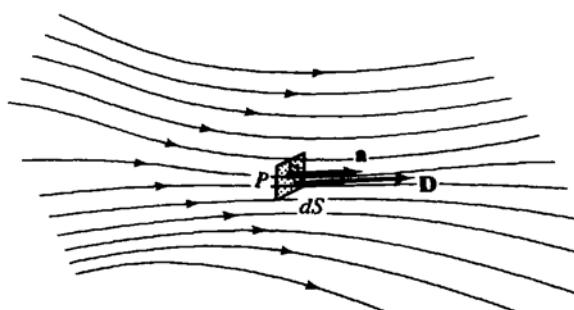


Fig. 3-3

A volume charge distribution of density  $\rho$  ( $\text{C/m}^3$ ) is shown enclosed by surface  $S$  in Fig. 3-4. Since each coulomb of charge  $Q$  has, by definition, one coulomb of flux  $\Psi$ , it follows that the net flux crossing the closed surface  $S$  is an exact measure of the net charge enclosed. However, the

density  $\mathbf{D}$  may vary in magnitude and direction from point to point of  $S$ ; in general,  $\mathbf{D}$  will not be along the normal to  $S$ . If, at the surface element  $dS$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the normal, then the differential flux crossing  $dS$  is given by

$$d\Psi = D dS \cos \theta = \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where  $d\mathbf{S}$  is the vector surface element, of magnitude  $dS$  and direction  $\mathbf{a}_n$ . The unit vector  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is always taken to point out of  $S$ , so that  $d\Psi$  is the amount of flux passing from the interior of  $S$  to the exterior of  $S$  through  $dS$ .

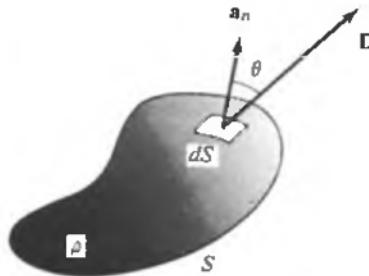


Fig. 3-4

### 3.3 GAUSS' LAW

Gauss' law states that *The total flux out of a closed surface is equal to the net charge within the surface.* This can be written in integral form as

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

A great deal of valuable information can be obtained from Gauss' law through clever choice of the surface of integration; see Section 3.5.

### 3.4 RELATION BETWEEN FLUX DENSITY AND ELECTRIC FIELD INTENSITY

Consider a point charge  $Q$  (assumed positive, for simplicity) at the origin (Fig. 3-5). If this is enclosed by a spherical surface of radius  $r$ , then, by symmetry,  $\mathbf{D}$  due to  $Q$  is of constant magnitude over the surface and is everywhere normal to the surface. Gauss' law then gives

$$Q = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = D \oint dS = D(4\pi r^2)$$

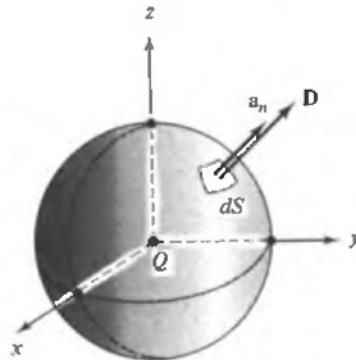


Fig. 3-5

from which  $D = Q/4\pi r^2$ . Therefore

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{a}_n = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

But, from Section 2.2, the electric field intensity due to  $Q$  is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

It follows that  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$ .

More generally, for any electric field in an isotropic medium of permittivity  $\epsilon$ ,

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

Thus,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  fields will have exactly the same form, since they differ only by a factor which is a constant of the medium. While the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  due to a charge configuration is a function of the permittivity  $\epsilon$ , the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  is not. In problems involving multiple dielectrics a distinct advantage will be found in first obtaining  $\mathbf{D}$ , then converting to  $\mathbf{E}$  within each dielectric.

### 3.5 SPECIAL GAUSSIAN SURFACES

The surface over which Gauss' law is applied must be closed, but it can be made up of several surface elements. If these surface elements can be selected so that  $\mathbf{D}$  is either normal or tangential, and if  $|\mathbf{D}|$  is constant over any element to which  $\mathbf{D}$  is normal, then the integration becomes very simple. Thus the defining conditions of a *special gaussian surface* are

1. The surface is closed.
2. At each point of the surface  $\mathbf{D}$  is either normal or tangential to the surface.
3.  $D$  is sectionally constant over that part of the surface where  $\mathbf{D}$  is normal.

**EXAMPLE 3** Use a special gaussian surface to find  $\mathbf{D}$  due to a uniform line charge  $\rho_r$  (C/m).

Take the line charge as the  $z$  axis of cylindrical coordinates (Fig. 3-6). By cylindrical symmetry,  $\mathbf{D}$  can

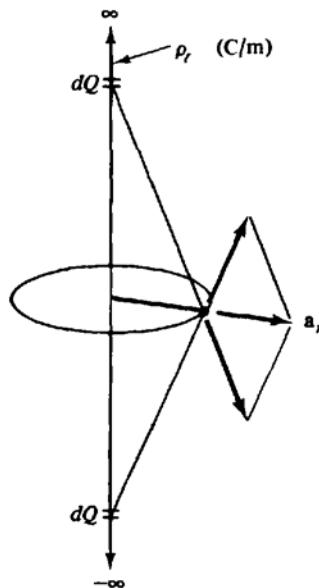


Fig. 3-6

only have an  $r$  component, and this component can only depend on  $r$ . Thus, the special gaussian surface for this problem is a closed right circular cylinder whose axis is the  $z$  axis (Fig. 3-7). Applying Gauss' law,

$$Q = \int_1 \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_2 \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_3 \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

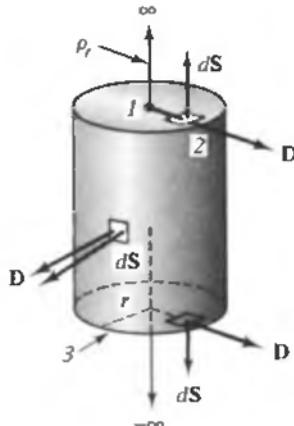


Fig. 3-7

Over surfaces 1 and 3,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $d\mathbf{S}$  are orthogonal, and so the integrals vanish. Over 2,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $d\mathbf{S}$  are parallel (or antiparallel, if  $\rho_t$  is negative), and  $D$  is constant because  $r$  is constant. Thus,

$$Q = D \int_2 dS = D(2\pi r L)$$

where  $L$  is the length of the cylinder. But the enclosed charge is  $Q = \rho_t L$ . Hence,

$$D = \frac{\rho_t}{2\pi r} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho_t}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

Observe the simplicity of the above derivation as compared to Problem 2.9.

The one serious limitation of the method of special gaussian surfaces is that it can be utilized only for highly symmetrical charge configurations. However, for other configurations, the method can still provide quick approximations to the field at locations very close to or very far from the charges. See Problem 3.36.

## Solved Problems

- 3.1.** Find the charge in the volume defined by  $0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1 \text{ m}$ , and  $0 \leq z \leq 1 \text{ m}$  if  $\rho = 30x^2y$  ( $\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^3$ ). What change occurs for the limits  $-1 \leq y \leq 0 \text{ m}$ ?

Since  $dQ = \rho dv$ ,

$$Q = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 30x^2y \, dx \, dy \, dz = 5 \mu\text{C}$$

For the change in limits on  $y$ ,

$$Q = \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^1 30x^2y \, dx \, dy \, dz = -5 \mu\text{C}$$

- 3.2.** Three point charges,  $Q_1 = 30 \text{ nC}$ ,  $Q_2 = 150 \text{ nC}$ , and  $Q_3 = -70 \text{ nC}$ , are enclosed by surface  $S$ . What net flux crosses  $S$ ?



Since electric flux was defined as originating on positive charge and terminating on negative charge, part of the flux from the positive charges terminates on the negative charge.

$$\Psi_{\text{net}} = Q_{\text{net}} = 30 + 150 - 70 = 110 \text{ nC}$$

- 3.3.** What net flux crosses the closed surface  $S$  shown in Fig. 3-8, which contains a charge distribution in the form of a plane disk of radius 4 m with a density  $\rho_s = (\sin^2 \phi)/2r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ )?



$$\Psi = Q = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 \left( \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{2r} \right) r dr d\phi = 2\pi \text{ C}$$

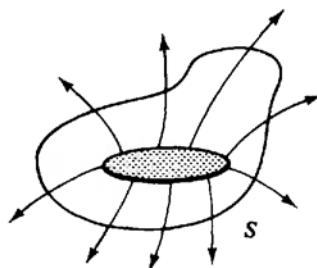


Fig. 3-8

- 3.4.** A circular disk of radius 4 m with a charge density  $\rho_s = 12 \sin \phi \text{ } \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$  is enclosed by surface  $S$ . What net flux crosses  $S$ ?

$$\Psi = Q = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 (12 \sin \phi) r dr d\phi = 0 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$$

Since the disk contains equal amounts of positive and negative charge [ $\sin(\phi + \pi) = -\sin \phi$ ], no net flux crosses  $S$ .

- 3.5.** Charge in the form of a plane sheet with density  $\rho_s = 40 \text{ } \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$  is located at  $z = -0.5 \text{ m}$ . A uniform line charge of  $\rho_t = -6 \text{ } \mu\text{C}/\text{m}$  lies along the  $y$  axis. What net flux crosses the surface of a cube 2 m on an edge, centered at the origin, as shown in Fig. 3-9?

$$\Psi = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

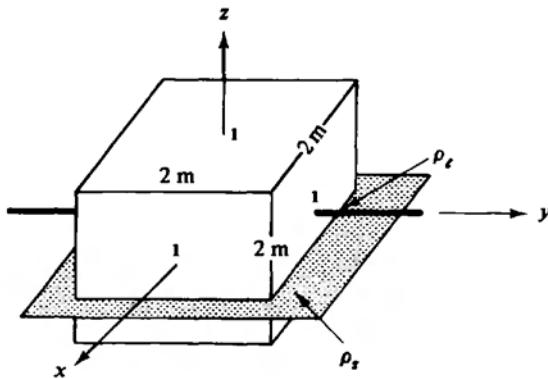


Fig. 3-9

The charge enclosed from the plane is

$$Q = (4 \text{ m}^2)(40 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2) = 160 \mu\text{C}$$

and from the line

$$Q = (2 \text{ m})(-6 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}) = -12 \mu\text{C}$$

Thus,  $Q_{\text{enc}} = \Psi = 160 - 12 = 148 \mu\text{C}$ .

- 3.6.** A point charge  $Q$  is at the origin of a spherical coordinate system. Find the flux which crosses the portion of a spherical shell described by  $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$  (Fig. 3-10). What is the result if  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = \pi/2$ ?

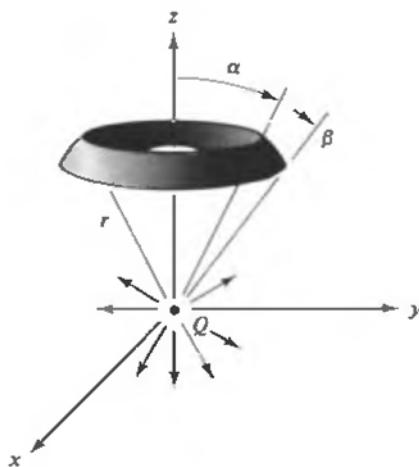


Fig. 3-10

The total flux  $\Psi = Q$  crosses a complete spherical shell of area  $4\pi r^2$ . The area of the strip is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_\alpha^\beta r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \\ &= 2\pi r^2 (\cos \alpha - \cos \beta) \end{aligned}$$

Then the flux through the strip is

$$\Psi_{\text{net}} = \frac{A}{4\pi r^2} Q = \frac{Q}{2} (\cos \alpha - \cos \beta)$$

For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = \pi/2$  (a hemisphere), this becomes  $\Psi_{\text{net}} = Q/2$ .

- 3.7.** A uniform line charge with  $\rho_e = 50 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}$  lies along the  $x$  axis. What flux per unit length,  $\Psi/L$ , crosses the portion of the  $z = -3 \text{ m}$  plane bounded by  $y = \pm 2 \text{ m}$ ?

The flux is uniformly distributed around the line charge. Thus the amount crossing the strip is obtained from the angle subtended compared to  $2\pi$ . In Fig. 3-11,

$$\alpha = 2 \arctan \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) = 1.176 \text{ rad}$$

Then

$$\frac{\Psi}{L} = 50 \left( \frac{1.176}{2\pi} \right) = 9.36 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}$$

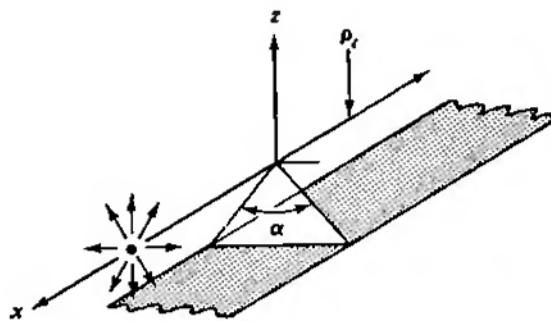


Fig. 3-11

- 3.8. A point charge,  $Q = 30 \text{ nC}$ , is located at the origin in cartesian coordinates. Find the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  at  $(1, 3, -4) \text{ m}$ .

Referring to Fig. 3-12,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{D} &= \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} \mathbf{a}_R \\ &= \frac{30 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi(26)} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{26}} \right) \\ &= (9.18 \times 10^{-11}) \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{26}} \right) \text{ C/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

or, more conveniently,  $D = 91.8 \text{ pC/m}^2$ .

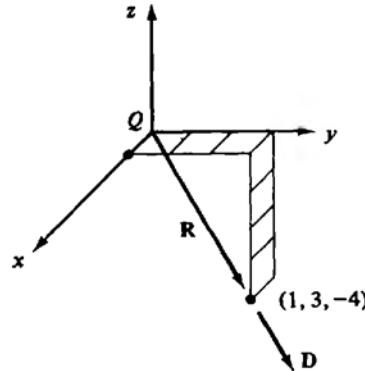


Fig. 3-12

- 3.9. Two identical uniform line charges lie along the  $x$  and  $y$  axes with charge densities  $\rho_c = 20 \mu\text{C/m}$ . Obtain  $\mathbf{D}$  at  $(3, 3, 3) \text{ m}$ .

The distance from the observation point to either line charge is  $3\sqrt{2} \text{ m}$ . Considering first the line charge on the  $x$  axis,

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = \frac{\rho_c}{2\pi r_1} \mathbf{a}_{r1} = \frac{20 \mu\text{C/m}}{2\pi(3\sqrt{2} \text{ m})} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

and now the  $y$  axis line charge,

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = \frac{\rho_c}{2\pi r_2} \mathbf{a}_{r2} = \frac{20 \mu\text{C/m}}{2\pi(3\sqrt{2} \text{ m})} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

The total flux density is the vector sum,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{20}{2\pi(3\sqrt{2})} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = (2.25) \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \text{ } \mu\text{C/m}^2$$

- 3.10.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = 10x\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $\text{C/m}^2$ ), determine the flux crossing a  $1\text{-m}^2$  area that is normal to the  $x$  axis at  $x = 3\text{ m}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  is constant over the area and perpendicular to it,

$$\Psi = \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{A} = (30 \text{ C/m}^2)(1 \text{ m}^2) = 30 \text{ C}$$

- 3.11.** Determine the flux crossing a  $1\text{-mm by } 1\text{-mm}$  area on the surface of a cylindrical shell at  $r = 10\text{ m}$ ,  $z = 2\text{ m}$ ,  $\phi = 53.2^\circ$  if

$$\mathbf{D} = 2x\mathbf{a}_x + 2(1 - y)\mathbf{a}_y + 4z\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (C/m}^2)$$



At point  $P$  (see Fig. 3-13),

$$x = 10 \cos 53.2^\circ = 6$$

$$y = 10 \sin 53.2^\circ = 8$$

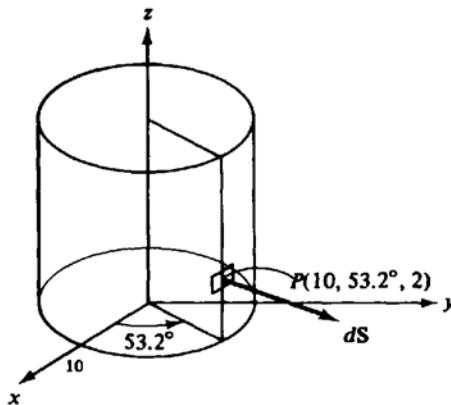


Fig. 3-13

Then, at  $P$ ,

$$\mathbf{D} = 12\mathbf{a}_z - 14\mathbf{a}_y + 8\mathbf{a}_x \text{ C/m}^2$$

Now, on a cylinder of radius  $10\text{ m}$ , a  $1\text{-mm}^2$  patch is essentially planar, with directed area

$$d\mathbf{S} = 10^{-6}(0.6\mathbf{a}_x + 0.8\mathbf{a}_y) \text{ m}^2$$

Then  $d\Psi = \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = (12\mathbf{a}_z - 14\mathbf{a}_y + 8\mathbf{a}_x) \cdot 10^{-6}(0.6\mathbf{a}_x + 0.8\mathbf{a}_y) = -4.0 \mu\text{C}$

The negative sign indicates that flux crosses this differential surface in a direction toward the  $z$  axis rather than outward in the direction of  $d\mathbf{S}$ .

- 3.12.** A uniform line charge of  $\rho_e = 3 \mu\text{C/m}$  lies along the  $z$  axis, and a concentric circular cylinder of radius  $2\text{ m}$  has  $\rho_s = (-1.5/4\pi) \mu\text{C/m}^2$ . Both distributions are infinite in extent with  $z$ . Use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  in all regions.

Using the special gaussian surface  $A$  in Fig. 3-14 and processing as in Example 3,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad 0 < r < 2$$

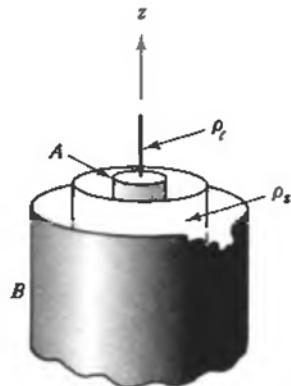


Fig. 3-14

Using the special gaussian surface  $B$ ,

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$(\rho_t + 4\pi\rho_s)L = D(2\pi r L)$$

from which

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho_t + 4\pi\rho_s}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad r > 2$$

For the numerical data,

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{cases} \frac{0.477}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \ (\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2) & 0 < r < 2 \text{ m} \\ \frac{0.239}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \ (\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2) & r > 2 \text{ m} \end{cases}$$

- 3.13.** Use Gauss' law to show that  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are zero at all points in the plane of a uniformly charged circular ring that are inside the ring.

Consider, instead of one ring, the charge configuration shown in Fig. 3-15, where the uniformly charged cylinder is infinite in extent, made up of many rings. For gaussian surface 1,

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = 0 = D \oint d\mathbf{S}$$

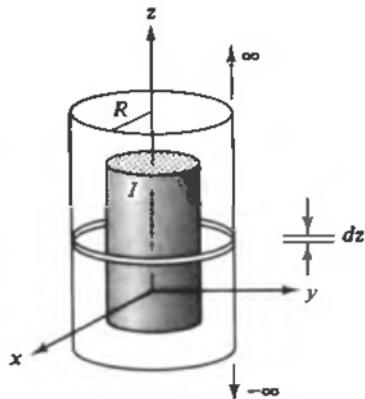


Fig. 3-15

Hence  $\mathbf{D} = 0$  for  $r < R$ . Since  $\Psi$  is completely in the radial direction, a slice  $dz$  can be taken from the cylinder of charge and the result found above will still apply to this ring. For all points within the ring, in the plane of the ring,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are zero.

- 3.14.** A charge configuration in cylindrical coordinates is given by  $\rho = 5re^{-2r}$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^3$ ). Use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$ .

Since  $\rho$  is not a function of  $\phi$  or  $z$ , the flux  $\Psi$  is completely radial. It is also true that, for  $r$  constant, the flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  must be of constant magnitude. Then a proper special gaussian surface is a closed right circular cylinder. The integrals over the plane ends vanish, so that Gauss' law becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{enc}} &= \int_{\text{internal surface}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ \int_0^L \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r 5re^{-2r} r dr d\phi dz &= D(2\pi r L) \\ 5\pi L[e^{-2r}(-r^2 - r - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}] &= D(2\pi r L) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{D} = \frac{2.5}{r} [\frac{1}{2} - e^{-2r}(r^2 + r + \frac{1}{2})] \mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ )

- 3.15.** The volume in cylindrical coordinates between  $r = 2 \text{ m}$  and  $r = 4 \text{ m}$  contains a uniform charge density  $\rho$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^3$ ). Use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  in all regions.

From Fig. 3-16, for  $0 < r < 2 \text{ m}$ ,

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = D(2\pi r L)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = 0$$

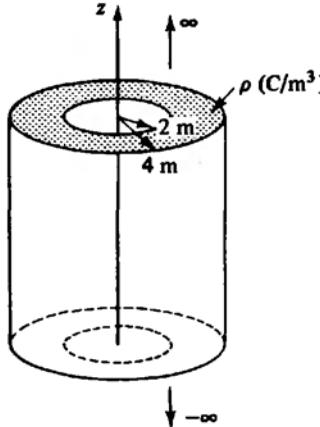


Fig. 3-16

For  $2 \leq r \leq 4 \text{ m}$ ,

$$\pi\rho L(r^2 - 4) = D(2\pi r L)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho}{2r} (r^2 - 4) \mathbf{a}_r$$
 ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ )

For  $r > 4 \text{ m}$ ,

$$12\pi\rho L = D(2\pi r L)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{6\rho}{r} \mathbf{a}_r$$
 ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ )

- 3.16.** The volume in spherical coordinates described by  $r \leq a$  contains a uniform charge density  $\rho$ . Use Gauss' law to determine  $\mathbf{D}$  and compare your results with those for the corresponding  $\mathbf{E}$  field, found in Problem 2.54. What point charge at the origin will result in the same  $\mathbf{D}$  field for  $r > a$ ?

For a gaussian surface such as  $\Sigma$  in Fig. 3-17,

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho = D(4\pi r^2)$$

and

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho r}{3} \mathbf{a}_r \quad r \leq a$$

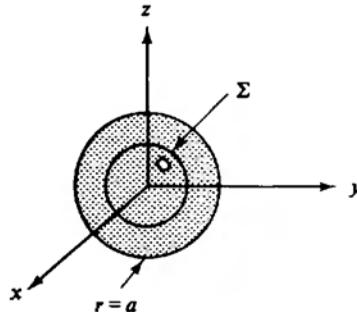


Fig. 3-17

For points outside the charge distribution,

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho = D(4\pi r^2) \quad \text{whence} \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{\rho a^3}{3r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad r > a$$

If a point charge  $Q = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 \rho$  is placed at the origin, the  $\mathbf{D}$  field for  $r > a$  will be the same. This point charge is the same as the total charge contained in the volume.

- 3.17.** A parallel-plate capacitor has a surface charge on the lower side of the upper plate of  $+\rho_s$  ( $C/m^2$ ). The upper surface of the lower plate contains  $-\rho_s$  ( $C/m^2$ ). Neglect fringing and use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  in the region between the plates.



All flux leaving the positive charge on the upper plate terminates on the equal negative charge on the lower plate. The statement *neglect fringing* insures that all flux is normal to the plates. For the special gaussian surface shown in Fig. 3-18,

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = \int_{\text{top}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{\text{side}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$= 0 + \int_{\text{bottom}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + 0$$

or

$$\rho_s A = D \int dS = DA$$

where  $A$  is the area. Consequently,

$$\mathbf{D} = \rho_s \mathbf{a}_n \quad (\text{C}/\text{m}^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_n \quad (\text{V}/\text{m})$$

Both are directed from the positive to the negative plate.

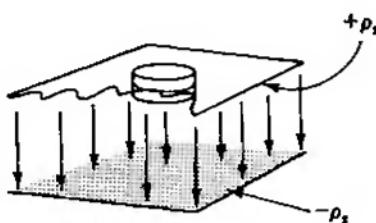


Fig. 3-18

### Supplementary Problems

- 3.18.** Find the net charge enclosed in a cube 2 m on an edge, parallel to the axes and centered at the origin, if the charge density is

$$\rho = 50x^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}y\right) \text{ } (\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^3)$$

*Ans.*  $84.9 \mu\text{C}$

- 3.19.** Find the charge enclosed in the volume  $1 \leq r \leq 3 \text{ m}$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/3$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 2 \text{ m}$  given the charge density  $\rho = 2z \sin^2 \phi$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^3$ ). *Ans.*  $4.91 \text{ C}$

- 3.20.** Given a charge density in spherical coordinates

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{(r/r_0)^2} e^{-r/r_0} \cos^2 \phi$$

find the amounts of charge in the spherical volumes enclosed by  $r = r_0$ ,  $r = 5r_0$ , and  $r = \infty$ .  
*Ans.*  $3.97\rho_0 r_0^3$ ,  $6.24\rho_0 r_0^3$ ,  $6.28\rho_0 r_0^3$

- 3.21.** A closed surface  $S$  contains a finite line charge distribution,  $0 \leq \ell \leq \pi \text{ m}$ , with charge density

$$\rho_\ell = -\rho_0 \sin \frac{\ell}{2} \text{ } (\text{C}/\text{m})$$

What net flux crosses the surface  $S$ ? *Ans.*  $-2\rho_0$  (C)

- 3.22.** Charge is distributed in the spherical region  $r \leq 2 \text{ m}$  with density

$$\rho = \frac{-200}{r^2} \text{ } (\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^3)$$

What net flux crosses the surfaces  $r = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $r = 4 \text{ m}$ , and  $r = 500 \text{ m}$ ?  
*Ans.*  $-800\pi \mu\text{C}$ ,  $-1600\pi \mu\text{C}$ ,  $-1600\pi \mu\text{C}$

- 3.23.** A point charge  $Q$  is at the origin of spherical coordinates and a spherical shell charge distribution at  $r = a$  has a total charge of  $Q' - Q$ , uniformly distributed. What flux crosses the surfaces  $r = k$  for  $k < a$  and  $k > a$ ? *Ans.*  $Q$ ,  $Q'$

- 3.24.** A uniform line charge with  $\rho_\ell = 3 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}$  lies along the  $x$  axis. What flux crosses a spherical surface centered at the origin with  $r = 3 \text{ m}$ ? *Ans.*  $18 \mu\text{C}$

- 3.25.** If a point charge  $Q$  is at the origin, find an expression for the flux which crosses the portion of a sphere, centered at the origin, described by  $\alpha \leq \phi \leq \beta$ . *Ans.*  $\frac{\beta - \alpha}{2\pi} Q$

- 3.26.** A point charge of  $Q$  (C) is at the center of a spherical coordinate system. Find the flux  $\Psi$  which crosses an area of  $4\pi \text{ m}^2$  on a concentric spherical shell of radius 3 m. *Ans.*  $Q/9$  (C)
- 3.27.** An area of  $40.2 \text{ m}^2$  on the surface of a spherical shell of radius 4 m is crossed by  $10 \mu\text{C}$  of flux in an inward direction. What point charge at the origin is indicated? *Ans.*  $-50 \mu\text{C}$
- 3.28.** A uniform line charge  $\rho_e$  lies along the  $x$  axis. What percent of the flux from the line crosses the strip of the  $y = 6$  plane having  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ ? *Ans.* 5.26%
- 3.29.** A point charge,  $Q = 3 \text{ nC}$ , is located at the origin of a cartesian coordinate system. What flux  $\Psi$  crosses the portion of the  $z = 2 \text{ m}$  plane for which  $-4 \leq x \leq 4 \text{ m}$  and  $-4 \leq y \leq 4 \text{ m}$ ?  
*Ans.*  $0.5 \text{ nC}$
- 3.30.** A uniform line charge with  $\rho_e = 5 \mu\text{C/m}$  lies along the  $x$  axis. Find  $\mathbf{D}$  at  $(3, 2, 1) \text{ m}$ .  
*Ans.*  $(0.356)\left(\frac{2\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \mu\text{C/m}^2$
- 3.31.** A point charge of  $+Q$  is at the origin of a spherical coordinate system, surrounded by a concentric uniform distribution of charge on a spherical shell at  $r = a$  for which the total charge is  $-Q$ . Find the flux  $\Psi$  crossing spherical surfaces at  $r < a$  and  $r > a$ . Obtain  $D$  in all regions.  
*Ans.*  $\Psi = 4\pi r^2 D = \begin{cases} +Q & r < a \\ 0 & r > a \end{cases}$
- 3.32.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = 500e^{-0.1x}\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $\mu\text{C/m}^2$ ), find the flux  $\Psi$  crossing surfaces of area  $1 \text{ m}^2$  normal to the  $x$  axis and located at  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $x = 5 \text{ m}$ , and  $x = 10 \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $452 \mu\text{C}, 303 \mu\text{C}, 184 \mu\text{C}$
- 3.33.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = 5x^2\mathbf{a}_x + 10z\mathbf{a}_z$  ( $\text{C/m}^2$ ), find the net outward flux crossing the surface of a cube 2 m on an edge centered at the origin. The edges of the cube are parallel to the axes. *Ans.*  $80 \text{ C}$
- 3.34.** Given that
- $$\mathbf{D} = 30e^{-r/b}\mathbf{a}_r - 2\frac{z}{b}\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$
- in cylindrical coordinates, find the outward flux crossing the right circular cylinder described by  $r = 2b$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 5b$  (m). *Ans.*  $129b^2$  (C)
- 3.35.** Given that
- $$\mathbf{D} = 2r \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi - \frac{\sin \phi}{3r} \mathbf{a}_z$$
- in cylindrical coordinates, find the flux crossing the portion of the  $z = 0$  plane defined by  $r \leq a$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2$ . Repeat for  $3\pi/2 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ . Assume flux positive in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction.  
*Ans.*  $-\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3}$
- 3.36.** In cylindrical coordinates, the disk  $r \leq a$ ,  $z = 0$  carries charge with nonuniform density  $\rho_s(r, \phi)$ . Use appropriate special gaussian surfaces to find approximate values of  $D$  on the  $z$  axis (a) very close to the disk ( $0 < z \ll a$ ), (b) very far from the disk ( $z \gg a$ ).  
*Ans.* (a)  $\frac{\rho_s(0, \phi)}{2}$ ; (b)  $\frac{Q}{4\pi z^2}$  where  $Q = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \rho_s(r, \phi) r dr d\phi$
- 3.37.** A point charge,  $Q = 2000 \text{ pC}$ , is at the origin of spherical coordinates. A concentric spherical distribution of charge at  $r = 1 \text{ m}$  has a charge density  $\rho_s = 40\pi \text{ pC/m}^2$ . What surface charge density on a concentric shell at  $r = 2 \text{ m}$  would result in  $\mathbf{D} = 0$  for  $r > 2 \text{ m}$ ?  
 *Ans.*  $-71.2 \text{ pC/m}^2$

- 3.38.** Given a charge distribution with density  $\rho = 5r$  ( $C/m^3$ ) in spherical coordinates, use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$ . *Ans.*  $(5r^2/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $C/m^2$ )
- 3.39.** A uniform charge density of  $2 C/m^3$  exists in the volume  $2 \leq x \leq 4$  m (cartesian coordinates). Use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  in all regions. *Ans.*  $-2\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $C/m^2$ ),  $2(x - 3)\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $C/m^2$ ),  $2\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $C/m^2$ )
- 3.40.** Use Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  in the region between the concentric conductors of a cylindrical capacitor. The inner cylinder is of radius  $a$ . Neglect fringing. *Ans.*  $\rho_{sa}(a/r)$ ,  $\rho_{sa}(a/\epsilon_0 r)$
- 3.41.** A conductor of substantial thickness has a surface charge of density  $\rho_s$ . Assuming that  $\Psi = 0$  within the conductor, show that  $D = \pm\rho_s$  just outside the conductor, by constructing a small special gaussian surface.

# Chapter 4

## Divergence and the Divergence Theorem

### 4.1 DIVERGENCE

There are two main indicators of the manner in which a vector field changes from point to point throughout space. The first of these is *divergence*, which will be examined here. It is a scalar and bears a similarity to the derivative of a function. The second is *curl*, a vector which will be examined when magnetic fields are discussed in Chapter 9.

When the divergence of a vector field is nonzero, that region is said to contain *sources* or *sinks*, sources when the divergence is positive, sinks when negative. In static electric fields there is a correspondence between positive divergence, sources, and positive electric charge  $Q$ . Electric flux  $\Psi$  by definition originates on positive charge. Thus, a region which contains positive charges contains the *sources* of  $\Psi$ . The divergence of the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  will be positive in this region. A similar correspondence exists between negative divergence, sinks, and negative electric charge.

Divergence of the vector field  $\mathbf{A}$  at the point  $P$  is defined by

$$\text{div } \mathbf{A} = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta v}$$

Here the integration is over the surface of an infinitesimal volume  $\Delta v$  that shrinks to point  $P$ .

### 4.2 DIVERGENCE IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES

The divergence can be expressed for any vector field in any coordinate system. For the development in cartesian coordinates a cube is selected with edges  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ , and  $\Delta z$  parallel to the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes, as shown in Fig. 4-1. Then the vector field  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined at  $P$ , the corner of the cube with the lowest values of the coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$$

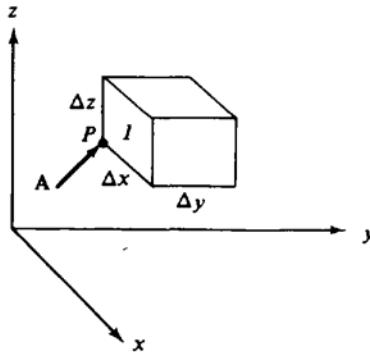


Fig. 4-1

In order to express  $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  for the cube, all six faces must be covered. On each face, the direction of  $d\mathbf{S}$  is outward. Since the faces are normal to the three axes, only one component of  $\mathbf{A}$  will cross any two parallel faces.

In Fig. 4-2 the cube is turned such that face 1 is in full view; the  $x$  components of  $\mathbf{A}$  over the faces to the left and right of 1 are indicated. Since the faces are small,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\text{left face}} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &\approx -A_x(x) \Delta y \Delta z \\ \int_{\text{right face}} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &\approx A_x(x + \Delta x) \Delta y \Delta z \\ &\approx \left[ A_x(x) + \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} \Delta x \right] \Delta y \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

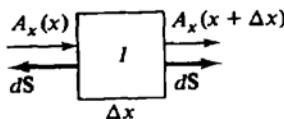


Fig. 4-2

so that the total for these two faces is

$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

The same procedure is applied to the remaining two pairs of faces and the results combined.

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \approx \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

Dividing by  $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z = \Delta v$  and letting  $\Delta v \rightarrow 0$ , one obtains

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

The same approach may be used in cylindrical (Problem 4.1) and in spherical coordinates.

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{spherical})$$

**EXAMPLE 1.** Given the vector field  $\mathbf{A} = 5x^2 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} \right) \mathbf{a}_x$ , find  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}$  at  $x = 1$ .

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 5x^2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} \right) = 5x^2 \left( \cos \frac{\pi x}{2} \right) \frac{\pi}{2} + 10x \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \pi x^2 \cos \frac{\pi x}{2} + 10x \sin \frac{\pi x}{2}$$

and  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}|_{x=1} = 10$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.** In cylindrical coordinates a vector field is given by  $\mathbf{A} = r \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_r + r^2 \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + 2re^{-5z} \mathbf{a}_z$ . Find  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}$  at  $(\frac{1}{2}, \pi/2, 0)$ .

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \sin \phi) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r^2 \cos \phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2re^{-5z}) = 2 \sin \phi - r \sin \phi - 10re^{-5z}$$

and  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}|_{(1/2, \pi/2, 0)} = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - 10 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^0 = -\frac{7}{2}$

**EXAMPLE 3.** In spherical coordinates a vector field is given by  $\mathbf{A} = (5/r^2) \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_r + r \cot \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$ . Find  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (5 \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r \sin \theta \cot \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r \sin \theta \cos \phi) = -1 - \sin \phi$$

### 4.3 DIVERGENCE OF $\mathbf{D}$

From Gauss' law (Section 3.3),

$$\frac{\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta v} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\Delta v}$$

In the limit,

$$\lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta v} = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\Delta v} = \rho$$

This important result is one of Maxwell's equations for static fields:

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

if  $\epsilon$  is constant throughout the region under examination (if not,  $\operatorname{div} \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \rho$ ). Thus both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  fields will have divergence of zero in any isotropic charge-free region.

**EXAMPLE 4.** In spherical coordinates the region  $r \leq a$  contains a uniform charge density  $\rho$ , while for  $r > a$  the charge density is zero. From Problem 2.54,  $\mathbf{E} = E_r \mathbf{a}_r$ , where  $E_r = (\rho r / 3\epsilon_0)$  for  $r \leq a$  and  $E_r = (\rho a^3 / 3\epsilon_0 r^2)$  for  $r > a$ . Then, for  $r \leq a$ ,

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon_0} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( 3r^2 \frac{\rho}{3\epsilon_0} \right) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

and, for  $r > a$ ,

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\rho a^3}{3\epsilon_0 r^2} \right) = 0$$

### 4.4 THE DEL OPERATOR

Vector analysis has its own shorthand, which the reader must note with care. At this point a vector operator, symbolized  $\nabla$ , is defined in cartesian coordinates by

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

In the calculus a differential operator  $D$  is sometimes used to represent  $d/dx$ . The symbols  $\nabla$  and  $\int$  are also operators; standing alone, without any indication of what they are to operate on, they look strange. And so  $\nabla$ , standing alone, simply suggests the taking of certain partial derivatives, each followed by a unit vector. However, when  $\nabla$  is dotted with a vector  $\mathbf{A}$ , the result is the divergence of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z \right) \cdot (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}$$

Hereafter, the divergence of a vector field will be written  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ .

**Warning!** The del operator is defined only in cartesian coordinates. When  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  is written for the divergence of  $\mathbf{A}$  in other coordinate systems, it does not mean that a del operator can be defined for these systems. For example, the divergence in cylindrical coordinates will be written as

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

(see Section 4.2). This *does not imply that*

$$\nabla = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \quad ) \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (\quad )}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial (\quad )}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

in cylindrical coordinates. In fact, the expression would give *false results* when used in  $\nabla V$  (the gradient, Chapter 5) or  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  (the curl, Chapter 9).

#### 4.5 THE DIVERGENCE THEOREM

Gauss' law states that the closed surface integral of  $\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  is equal to the charge enclosed. If the charge density function  $\rho$  is known throughout the volume, then the charge enclosed may be obtained from an integration of  $\rho$  throughout the volume. Thus,

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int \rho \, dv = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

But  $\rho = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}$ , and so

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) \, dv$$

This is the *divergence theorem*, also known as *Gauss' divergence theorem*. It is a three-dimensional analog of Green's theorem for the plane. While it was arrived at from known relationships among  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\rho$ , the theorem is applicable to any sufficiently regular vector field.

$$\text{divergence theorem} \quad \oint_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_v (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) \, dv$$

Of course, the volume  $v$  is that which is enclosed by the surface  $S$ .

**EXAMPLE 5.** The region  $r \leq a$  in spherical coordinates has an electric field intensity

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon} \mathbf{a}_r$$

Examine both sides of the divergence theorem for this vector field. For  $S$ , choose the spherical surface  $r = b \leq a$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} && \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) \, dv \\ & \iint \left( \frac{\rho b}{3\epsilon} \mathbf{a}_r \right) \cdot (b^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, \mathbf{a}_r) && \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon} \right) = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\rho b^3}{3\epsilon} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi && \text{then } \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^b \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} r^2 \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ & = \frac{4\pi \rho b^3}{3\epsilon} && = \frac{4\pi \rho b^3}{3\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

The divergence theorem applies to time-varying as well as static fields in any coordinate

system. The theorem is used most often in derivations where it becomes necessary to change from a closed surface integration to a volume integration. But it may also be used to convert the volume integral of a function that can be expressed as the divergence of a vector field into a closed surface integral.

## Solved Problems

### 4.1. Develop the expression for divergence in cylindrical coordinates.

A delta-volume is shown in Fig. 4-3 with edges  $\Delta r$ ,  $r \Delta\phi$ , and  $\Delta z$ . The vector field  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined at  $P$ , the corner with the lowest values of the coordinates  $r$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $z$ , as

$$\mathbf{A} = A_r \mathbf{a}_r + A_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$$

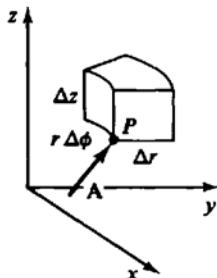


Fig. 4-3

By definition,

$$\text{div } \mathbf{A} = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta v} \quad (1)$$

To express  $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  all six faces of the volume must be covered. For the radial component of  $\mathbf{A}$  refer to Fig. 4-4.

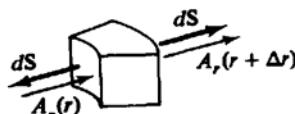


Fig. 4-4

Over the left face,

$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \approx -A_r r \Delta\phi \Delta z$$

and over the right face,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &\approx A_r (r + \Delta r) (r + \Delta r) \Delta\phi \Delta z \\ &\approx \left( A_r + \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} \Delta r \right) (r + \Delta r) \Delta\phi \Delta z \\ &\approx A_r \Delta\phi \Delta z + \left( A_r + r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} \right) \Delta r \Delta\phi \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

where the term in  $(\Delta r)^2$  has been neglected. The net contribution of this pair of faces is then

$$\left( A_r + r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} \right) \Delta r \Delta \phi \Delta z = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) \Delta r \Delta \phi \Delta z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) \Delta v \quad (2)$$

since  $\Delta v = r \Delta r \Delta \phi \Delta z$ .

Similarly, the faces normal to  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  yield

$$A_\phi \Delta r \Delta z \quad \text{and} \quad \left( A_\phi + \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} \Delta \phi \right) \Delta r \Delta z$$

for a net contribution of

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} \Delta v \quad (3)$$

and the faces normal to  $\mathbf{a}_z$  yield

$$A_z r \Delta r \Delta \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \left( A_z + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \Delta z \right) r \Delta r \Delta \phi$$

for a net contribution of

$$\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \Delta v \quad (4)$$

When (2), (3) and (4) are combined to give  $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ , (1) yields

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r A_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

#### 4.2. Show that $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}$ is zero for the field of a uniform line charge.



For a line charge, in cylindrical coordinates,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_c}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

Then

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\rho_c}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right) = 0$$

The divergence of  $\mathbf{E}$  for this charge configuration is zero everywhere except at  $r = 0$ , where the expression is indeterminate.

#### 4.3. Show that the $\mathbf{D}$ field due to a point charge has a divergence of zero.

For a point charge, in spherical coordinates,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

Then, for  $r > 0$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \right) = 0$$

#### 4.4. Given $\mathbf{A} = e^{-y}(\cos x \mathbf{a}_x - \sin x \mathbf{a}_y)$ , find $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{-y} \cos x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-e^{-y} \sin x) = e^{-y}(-\sin x) + e^{-y}(\sin x) = 0$$

**4.5.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = x^2 \mathbf{a}_x + yz \mathbf{a}_y + xy \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(xy) = 2x + z$$

**4.6.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \mathbf{a}_x$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, 2, 0)$ .



$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{-3/2}(2x) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}|_{(2,2,0)} = -8.84 \times 10^{-2}$$

**4.7.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = r \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_r + 2r \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + 2z^2 \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r^2 \sin \phi) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(2r \cos \phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(2z^2) \\ &= 2 \sin \phi - 2 \sin \phi + 4z = 4z\end{aligned}$$

**4.8.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 10 \sin^2 \phi \mathbf{a}_r + r \mathbf{a}_\phi + [(z^2/r) \cos^2 \phi] \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, \phi, 5)$ .

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{10 \sin^2 \phi + 2z \cos^2 \phi}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}|_{(2,\phi,5)} = 5$$

**4.9.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (5/r^2) \mathbf{a}_r + (10/\sin \theta) \mathbf{a}_\theta - r^2 \phi \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\phi$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(5) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(10) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(-r^2 \phi \sin \theta) = -r$$

**4.10.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 5 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + 5 \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(0.5, \pi/4, \pi/4)$ .



$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(5 \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(5 \sin \phi) = 10 \frac{\cos \theta}{r} + 5 \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}$$

and

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}|_{(0.5,\pi/4,\pi/4)} = 24.14$$

**4.11.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = \rho_0 z \mathbf{a}_z$  in the region  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$  in cartesian coordinates and  $\mathbf{D} = (\rho_0 z / |z|) \mathbf{a}_z$  elsewhere, find the charge density.

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

For  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_0 z) = \rho_0$$

and for  $z < -1$  or  $z > 1$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\mp \rho_0) = 0$$

The charge distribution is shown in Fig. 4-5.

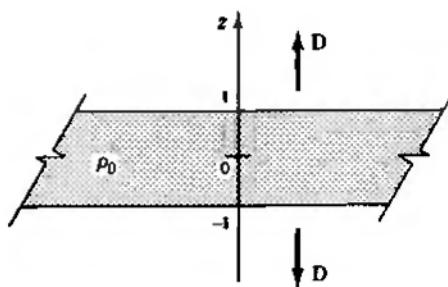


Fig. 4-5

- 4.12.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (10r^3/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ) in the region  $0 < r \leq 3 \text{ m}$  in cylindrical coordinates and  $\mathbf{D} = (810/4r)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ) elsewhere, find the charge density.

For  $0 < r \leq 3 \text{ m}$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{10r^4}{4} \right) = 10r^2 \quad (\text{C}/\text{m}^3)$$

and for  $r > 3 \text{ m}$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (810/4) = 0$$

- 4.13.** Given that

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{\pi r^2} (1 - \cos 3r) \mathbf{a}_r$$

in spherical coordinates, find the charge density.

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 \frac{Q}{\pi r^2} (1 - \cos 3r) \right] = \frac{3Q}{\pi r^2} \sin 3r$$

- 4.14.** In the region  $0 < r \leq 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = (-2 \times 10^{-4}/r)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ) and for  $r > 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = (-4 \times 10^{-4}/r^2)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ), in spherical coordinates. Find the charge density in both regions.

For  $0 < r \leq 1 \text{ m}$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-2 \times 10^{-4} r) = \frac{-2 \times 10^{-4}}{r^2} \quad (\text{C}/\text{m}^3)$$

and for  $r > 1 \text{ m}$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-4 \times 10^{-4}) = 0$$

- 4.15.** In the region  $r \leq 2$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = (5r^2/4)\mathbf{a}_r$ , and for  $r > 2$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = (20/r^2)\mathbf{a}_r$ , in spherical coordinates. Find the charge density.

For  $r \leq 2$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (5r^4/4) = 5r$$

and for  $r > 2$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (20) = 0$$

- 4.16.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (10x^3/3)\mathbf{a}_x$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ), evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume of a cube, 2 m on an edge, centered at the origin and with edges parallel to the axes.

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\text{vol}} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv$$

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  has only an  $x$  component,  $\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  is zero on all but the faces at  $x = 1 \text{ m}$  and  $x = -1 \text{ m}$  (see Fig. 4-6).

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{10(1)}{3} \mathbf{a}_x \cdot dy dz \mathbf{a}_x + \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{10(-1)}{3} \mathbf{a}_x \cdot dy dz (-\mathbf{a}_x) \\ &= \frac{40}{3} + \frac{40}{3} = \frac{80}{3} \text{ C} \end{aligned}$$

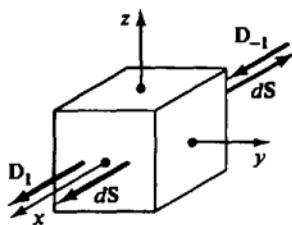


Fig. 4-6

Now for the right side of the divergence theorem. Since  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 10x^2$ ,

$$\int_{\text{vol}} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (10x^2) dx dy dz = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left[ 10 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 dy dz = \frac{80}{3} C$$

- 4.17.** Given that  $\mathbf{A} = 30e^{-r}\mathbf{a}_r - 2z\mathbf{a}_z$  in cylindrical coordinates, evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed by  $r = 2$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 5$  (Fig. 4-7).

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$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) dv$$

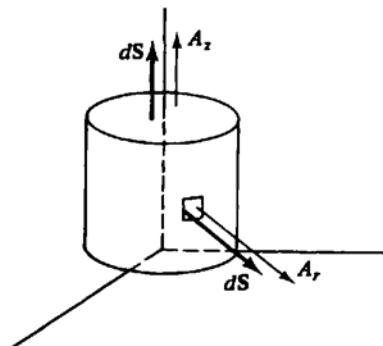


Fig. 4-7

It is noted that  $A_z = 0$  for  $z = 0$  and hence  $\mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  is zero over that part of the surface.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_0^5 \int_0^{2\pi} 30e^{-2}\mathbf{a}_r \cdot 2 d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_r + \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 -2(5)\mathbf{a}_z \cdot r dr d\phi \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= 60e^{-2}(2\pi)(5) - 10(2\pi)(2) = 129.4 \end{aligned}$$

For the right side of the divergence theorem:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (30re^{-r}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-2z) = \frac{30e^{-r}}{r} - 30e^{-r} - 2$$

and  $\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) dv = \int_0^5 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \left( \frac{30e^{-r}}{r} - 30e^{-r} - 2 \right) r dr d\phi dz = 129.4$

- 4.18** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (10r^3/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $C/m^2$ ) in cylindrical coordinates, evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed by  $r = 1$  m,  $r = 2$  m,  $z = 0$  and  $z = 10$  m (see Fig. 4-8).

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$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv$$

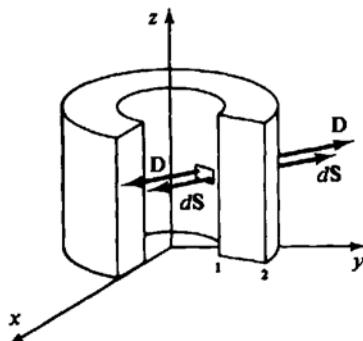


Fig. 4-8

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  has no  $z$  component,  $\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  is zero for the top and bottom. On the inner cylindrical surface  $d\mathbf{S}$  is in the direction  $-\mathbf{a}_r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int_0^{10} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{10}{4} (1)^3 \mathbf{a}_r \cdot (1) d\phi dz (-\mathbf{a}_r) \\ &\quad + \int_0^{10} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{10}{4} (2)^3 \mathbf{a}_r \cdot (2) d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_r \\ &= -\frac{200\pi}{4} + 16 \frac{200\pi}{4} = 750\pi \text{ C}\end{aligned}$$

From the right side of the divergence theorem:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{10r^4}{4} \right) = 10r^2$$

and

$$\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv = \int_0^{10} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 (10r^2)r dr d\phi dz = 750\pi \text{ C}$$

- 4.19.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (5r^2/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ) in spherical coordinates, evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed by  $r = 4 \text{ m}$  and  $\theta = \pi/4$  (see Fig. 4-9).

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$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv$$

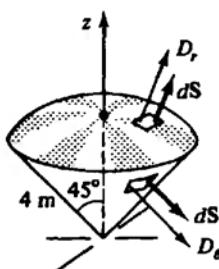


Fig. 4-9

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  has only a radial component,  $\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  has a nonzero value only on the surface  $r = 4 \text{ m}$ .

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{5(4)^2}{4} \mathbf{a}_r \cdot (4)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_r = 589.1 \text{ C}$$

For the right side of the divergence theorem:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{5r^4}{4} \right) = 5r$$

and

$$\int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) dv = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^4 (5r)r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = 589.1 \text{ C}$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 4.20.** Develop the divergence in spherical coordinates. Use the delta-volume with edges  $\Delta r$ ,  $r \Delta\theta$ , and  $r \sin \theta \Delta\phi$ .
- 4.21.** Show that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}$  is zero for the field of a uniform sheet charge.
- 4.22.** The field of an electric dipole with the charges at  $\pm d/2$  on the  $z$  axis is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{Qd}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} (2 \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_r + \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta)$$

Show that the divergence of this field is zero.

- 4.23.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = e^{5x} \mathbf{a}_x + 2 \cos y \mathbf{a}_y + 2 \sin z \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at the origin. *Ans.* 7.0
- 4.24.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (3x + y^2) \mathbf{a}_x + (x - y^2) \mathbf{a}_y$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.*  $3 - 2y$
- 4.25.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 2xy \mathbf{a}_x + z \mathbf{a}_y + yz^2 \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, -1, 3)$ . *Ans.* -8.0
- 4.26.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 4xy \mathbf{a}_x - xy^2 \mathbf{a}_y + 5 \sin z \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, 2, 0)$ . *Ans.* 5.0
- 4.27.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 2r \cos^2 \phi \mathbf{a}_r + 3r^2 \sin z \mathbf{a}_\phi + 4z \sin^2 \phi \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.* 4.0
- 4.28.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (10/r^2) \mathbf{a}_r + 5e^{-2z} \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, \phi, 1)$ . *Ans.* -2.60
- 4.29.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 5 \cos r \mathbf{a}_r + (3ze^{-2r}/r) \mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(\pi, \phi, z)$ . *Ans.* -1.59
- 4.30.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = 10 \mathbf{a}_r + 5 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.*  $(2 + \cos \theta)(10/r)$
- 4.31.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = r \mathbf{a}_r - r^2 \cot \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.*  $3 - r$
- 4.32.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = [(10 \sin^2 \theta)/r] \mathbf{a}_r$  (N/m), find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2 \text{ m}, \pi/4 \text{ rad}, \pi/2 \text{ rad})$ . *Ans.*  $1.25 \text{ N/m}^2$ .
- 4.33.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = r^2 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_r + 13\phi \mathbf{a}_\theta + 2r \mathbf{a}_\phi$ , find  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$ . *Ans.*  $4r \sin \theta + \left(\frac{13\phi}{r}\right) \cot \theta$
- 4.34.** Show that the divergence of  $\mathbf{E}$  is zero if  $\mathbf{E} = (100/r) \mathbf{a}_\phi + 40 \mathbf{a}_z$ .
- 4.35.** In the region  $a \leq r \leq b$  (cylindrical coordinates),

$$\mathbf{D} = \rho_0 \left( \frac{r^2 - a^2}{2r} \right) \mathbf{a}_r$$

and for  $r > b$ ,

$$\mathbf{D} = \rho_0 \left( \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2r} \right) \mathbf{a}_r$$

For  $r < a$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = 0$ . Find  $\rho$  in all three regions. *Ans.*  $0, \rho_0, 0$

- 4.36.** In the region  $0 < r \leq 2$  (cylindrical coordinates),  $\mathbf{D} = (4r^{-1} + 2e^{-0.5r} + 4r^{-1}e^{-0.5r})\mathbf{a}_r$ , and for  $r > 2$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = (2.057/r)\mathbf{a}_r$ . Find  $\rho$  in both regions. *Ans.*  $-e^{-0.5r}, 0$

- 4.37.** In the region  $r \leq 2$  (cylindrical coordinates),  $\mathbf{D} = [10r + (r^2/3)]\mathbf{a}_r$ , and for  $r > 2$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = [3/(128r)]\mathbf{a}_r$ . Find  $\rho$  in both regions. *Ans.*  $20 + r, 0$

- 4.38.** Given  $\mathbf{D} = 10 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_r + 2 \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ , find the charge density. *Ans.*  $\frac{\sin \theta}{5}(18 + 2 \cot^2 \theta)$

- 4.39.** Given

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{3r}{r^2 + 1} \mathbf{a}_r$$

in spherical coordinates, find the charge density. *Ans.*  $3(r^2 + 3)/(r^2 + 1)^2$

- 4.40.** Given

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{10}{r^2} [1 - e^{-2r}(1 + 2r + 2r^2)]\mathbf{a}_r$$

in spherical coordinates, find the charge density. *Ans.*  $40e^{-2r}$

- 4.41.** In the region  $r \leq 1$  (spherical coordinates),

$$\mathbf{D} = \left( \frac{4r}{3} - \frac{r^3}{5} \right) \mathbf{a}_r$$

and for  $r > 1$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = [5/(63r^2)]\mathbf{a}_r$ . Find the charge density in both regions. *Ans.*  $4 - r^2, 0$

- 4.42.** The region  $r \leq 2$  m (spherical coordinates) has a field  $\mathbf{E} = (5r \times 10^{-5}/\epsilon_0)\mathbf{a}_r$  (V/m). Find the net charge enclosed by the shell  $r = 2$  m. *Ans.*  $5.03 \times 10^{-3}$  C

- 4.43.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (5r^2/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  in spherical coordinates, evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed between  $r = 1$  and  $r = 2$ . *Ans.*  $75\pi$

- 4.44.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = (10r^3/4)\mathbf{a}_r$  in cylindrical coordinates, evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed by  $r = 2$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 10$ . *Ans.*  $800\pi$

- 4.45.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = 10 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_r + 2 \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ , evaluate both sides of the divergence theorem for the volume enclosed by the shell  $r = 2$ . *Ans.*  $40\pi^2$

# Chapter 5

## The Electrostatic Field: Work, Energy, and Potential

### 5.1 WORK DONE IN MOVING A POINT CHARGE

A charge  $Q$  experiences a force  $\mathbf{F}$  in an electric field  $\mathbf{E}$ . In order to maintain the charge in equilibrium a force  $\mathbf{F}_a$  must be applied in opposition (Fig. 5-1):

$$\mathbf{F} = QE \quad \mathbf{F}_a = -QE$$

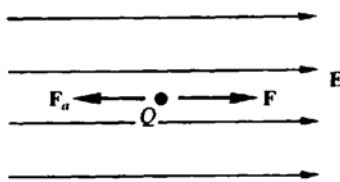


Fig. 5-1

Work is defined as a force acting over a distance. Therefore, a differential amount of work  $dW$  is done when the applied force  $\mathbf{F}_a$  produces a differential displacement  $d\mathbf{l}$  of the charge; i.e. moves the charge through the distance  $d\ell = |d\mathbf{l}|$ . Quantitatively,

$$dW = \mathbf{F}_a \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -QE \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

Note that when  $Q$  is positive and  $d\mathbf{l}$  is in the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $dW = -QE d\ell < 0$ , indicating that work was done by the electric field. [Analogously, the gravitational field of the earth performs work on a (positive) mass  $M$  as it is moved from a higher elevation to a lower one.] On the other hand, a positive  $dW$  indicates work done against the electric field (cf. lifting the mass  $M$ ).

Component forms of the differential displacement vector are as follows:

$$d\mathbf{l} = dx \mathbf{a}_x + dy \mathbf{a}_y + dz \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

$$d\mathbf{l} = dr \mathbf{a}_r + r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + dz \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$d\mathbf{l} = dr \mathbf{a}_r + r d\theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{spherical})$$

The corresponding expressions for  $d\ell$  were displayed in Section 1.5.

**EXAMPLE 1.** An electrostatic field is given by  $\mathbf{E} = (x/2 + 2y)\mathbf{a}_x + 2x\mathbf{a}_y$  (V/m). Find the work done in moving a point charge  $Q = -20 \mu\text{C}$  (a) from the origin to  $(4, 0, 0)$  m, and (b) from  $(4, 0, 0)$  m to  $(4, 2, 0)$  m.

(a) The first path is along the  $x$  axis, so that  $d\mathbf{l} = dx \mathbf{a}_x$ .

$$dW = -QE \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (20 \times 10^{-6}) \left( \frac{x}{2} + 2y \right) dx$$

$$W = (20 \times 10^{-6}) \int_0^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} + 2y \right) dx = 80 \mu\text{J}$$

(b) The second path is in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction, so that  $d\mathbf{l} = dy \mathbf{a}_y$ .

$$W = (20 \times 10^{-6}) \int_0^2 2x dy = 320 \mu\text{J}$$

## 5.2 CONSERVATIVE PROPERTY OF THE ELECTROSTATIC FIELD

The work done in moving a point charge from one location,  $B$ , to another,  $A$ , in a static electric field is independent of the path taken. Thus, in terms of Fig. 5-2,

$$\int_{\textcircled{1}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{\textcircled{2}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad \text{or} \quad \oint_{\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{2}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

where the last integral is over the *closed contour* formed by ① described positively and ② described negatively. Conversely, if a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  has the property that  $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$  over *every* closed contour, then the value of any line integral of  $\mathbf{F}$  is determined solely by the endpoints of the path. Such a field  $\mathbf{F}$  is called *conservative*; it can be shown that a criterion for the conservative property is that the curl of  $\mathbf{F}$  vanish identically (see Section 9.4).

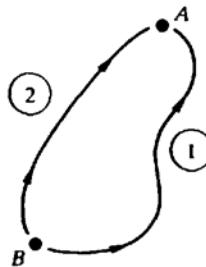


Fig. 5-2

**EXAMPLE 2.** For the  $\mathbf{E}$  field of Example 1, find the work done in moving the same charge from  $(4, 2, 0)$  back to  $(0, 0, 0)$  along a straight-line path.

$$\begin{aligned} W &= (20 \times 10^{-6}) \int_{(4,2,0)}^{(0,0,0)} \left[ \left( \frac{x}{2} + 2y \right) \mathbf{a}_x + 2x \mathbf{a}_y \right] \cdot (dx \mathbf{a}_x + dy \mathbf{a}_y) \\ &= (20 \times 10^{-6}) \int_{(4,2,0)}^{(0,0,0)} \left( \frac{x}{2} + 2y \right) dx + 2x dy \end{aligned}$$

The equation of the path is  $y = x/2$ ; therefore,  $dy = \frac{1}{2} dx$  and

$$W = (20 \times 10^{-6}) \int_4^0 \frac{5}{2}x dx = -400 \mu J$$

From Example 1,  $80 + 320 = 400 \mu J$  of work was spent *against* the field along the outgoing, right-angled path. Exactly this much work was returned by the field along the incoming, straight-line path, for a round-trip total of zero (conservative field).

## 5.3 ELECTRIC POTENTIAL BETWEEN TWO POINTS

The *potential* of point  $A$  with respect to point  $B$  is defined as the work done in moving a unit positive charge,  $Q_u$ , from  $B$  to  $A$ .

$$V_{AB} = \frac{W}{Q_u} = - \int_B^A \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{J/C or V})$$

It should be observed that the initial, or reference, point is the lower limit of the line integral. Then, too, the minus sign must not be omitted. This sign came into the expression by way of the force  $\mathbf{F}_a = -Q\mathbf{E}$ , which had to be applied to put the charge in equilibrium.

Because  $\mathbf{E}$  is a conservative field,

$$V_{AB} = V_{AC} - V_{BC}$$

whence  $V_{AB}$  may be considered as the *potential difference* between points  $A$  and  $B$ . When  $V_{AB}$  is positive, work must be done to move the unit positive charge from  $B$  to  $A$ , and point  $A$  is said to be at a higher potential than point  $B$ .

#### 5.4 POTENTIAL OF A POINT CHARGE

Since the electric field due to a point charge  $Q$  is completely in the radial direction,

$$V_{AB} = - \int_B^A \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_{r_B}^{r_A} E_r dr = - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{r_B}^{r_A} \frac{dr}{r^2} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

For a positive charge  $Q$ , point  $A$  is at a higher potential than point  $B$  when  $r_A$  is smaller than  $r_B$ .

If the reference point  $B$  is now allowed to move out to infinity,

$$V_{A\infty} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right)$$

or

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Considerable use will be made of this equation in the materials that follow. The greatest danger lies in forgetting where the reference is and attempting to apply the equation to charge distributions which themselves extend to infinity.

#### 5.5 POTENTIAL OF A CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

If charge is distributed throughout some finite volume with a known charge density  $\rho$  ( $C/m^3$ ), then the potential at some external point can be determined. To do so, a differential charge at a general point within the volume is identified, as shown in Fig. 5-3. Then at  $P$ ,

$$dV = \frac{dQ}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

Integration over the volume gives the total potential at  $P$ :

$$V = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\rho dv}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

where  $dQ$  is replaced by  $\rho dv$ . Now  $R$  must not be confused with  $r$  of the spherical coordinate system. And  $R$  is not a vector but the distance from  $dQ$  to the fixed point  $P$ . Finally,  $R$  almost always varies from place to place throughout the volume and so cannot be removed from the integrand.

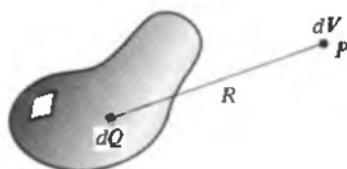


Fig. 5-3

If charge is distributed over a surface or a line, the above expression for  $V$  holds, provided that the integration is over the surface or the line and that  $\rho_s$  or  $\rho_\ell$  is used in place of  $\rho$ . It must be emphasized that all these expressions for the potential at an external point are based upon a *zero reference at infinity*.

**EXAMPLE 3.** A total charge of  $\frac{40}{3} \text{nC}$  is uniformly distributed in the form of a circular disk of radius 2 m. Find the potential due to this charge at a point on the axis, 2 m from the disk. Compare this potential with that which results if all of the charge is at the center of the disk.

Using Fig. 5-4,

$$\rho_s = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{10^{-8}}{3\pi} \text{ C/m}^2 \quad R = \sqrt{4 + r^2} \text{ (m)}$$

and

$$V = \frac{30}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \frac{r dr d\phi}{\sqrt{4 + r^2}} = 49.7 \text{ V}$$

With the total charge at the center of the disk, the expression for the potential of a point charge applies:

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 z} = \frac{\frac{40}{3} \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)2} = 60 \text{ V}$$

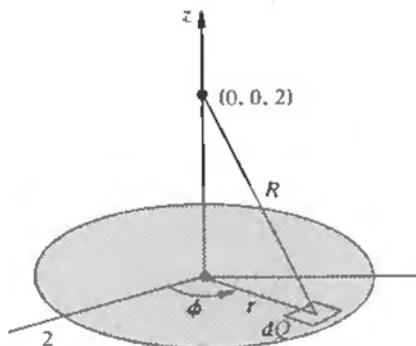


Fig. 5-4

## 5.6 GRADIENT

At this point another operation of vector analysis is introduced. Figure 5-5(a) shows two neighboring points,  $M$  and  $N$ , of the region in which a scalar function  $V$  is defined. The vector separation of the two points is

$$d\mathbf{r} = dx \mathbf{a}_x + dy \mathbf{a}_y + dz \mathbf{a}_z$$

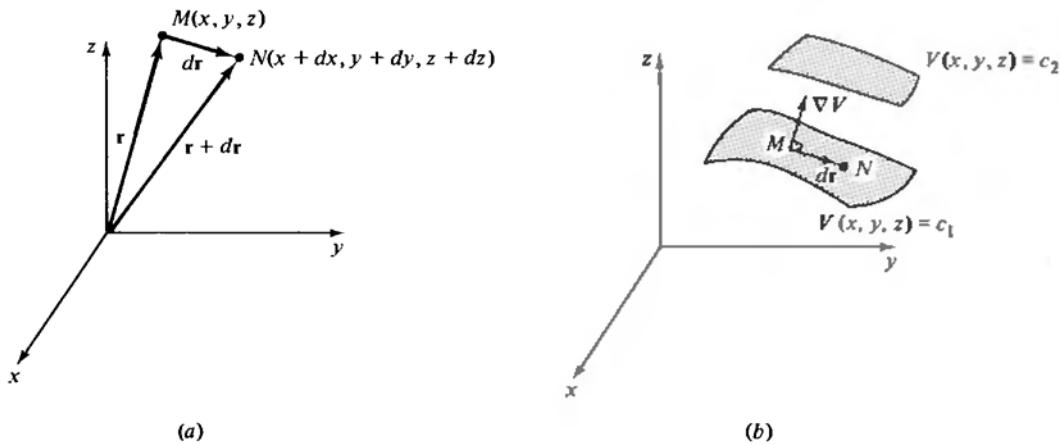


Fig. 5-5

From the calculus, the change in  $V$  from  $M$  to  $N$  is given by

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} dz$$

Now, the del operator, introduced in Section 4.4, operating on  $V$  gives

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

It follows that

$$dV = \nabla V \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

The vector field  $\nabla V$  (also written  $\text{grad } V$ ) is called the *gradient* of the scalar function  $V$ . It is seen that, for fixed  $|d\mathbf{r}|$ , the change in  $V$  in a given direction  $d\mathbf{r}$  is proportional to the projection of  $\nabla V$  in that direction. Thus  $\nabla V$  lies in the direction of maximum increase of the function  $V$ .

Another view of the gradient is obtained by allowing the points  $M$  and  $N$  to lie on the same *equipotential* (if  $V$  is a potential) *surface*,  $V(x, y, z) = c_1$  [see Fig. 5-5(b)]. Then  $dV = 0$ , which implies that  $\nabla V$  is perpendicular to  $d\mathbf{r}$ . But  $d\mathbf{r}$  is tangent to the equipotential surface; indeed, for a suitable location of  $N$ , it represents *any* tangent through  $M$ . Therefore,  $\nabla V$  must be along the surface normal at  $M$ . Since  $\nabla V$  is in the direction of increasing  $V$ , it points from  $V(x, y, z) = c_1$  to  $V(x, y, z) = c_2$ , where  $c_2 > c_1$ . *The gradient of a potential function is a vector field that is everywhere normal to the equipotential surfaces.*

The gradient in the cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems follows directly from that in the cartesian system. It is noted that each term contains the partial derivative of  $V$  with respect to distance in the direction of that particular unit vector.

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{\partial V}{r \partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{\partial V}{r \partial \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{\partial V}{r \sin \theta \partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{spherical})$$

While  $\nabla V$  is written for  $\text{grad } V$  in any coordinate system, it must be remembered that the del operator is defined only in cartesian coordinates.

## 5.7 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN $\mathbf{E}$ AND $V$

From the integral expression for the potential of  $A$  with respect to  $B$ , the differential of  $V$  may be written

$$dV = -\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

On the other hand,

$$dV = \nabla V \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

Since  $d\mathbf{l} = d\mathbf{r}$  is an arbitrary small displacement, it follows that

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

The electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  may be obtained when the potential function  $V$  is known by simply taking the negative of the gradient of  $V$ . The gradient was found to be a vector normal to the equipotential surfaces, directed to a positive change in  $V$ . With the negative sign here, the  $\mathbf{E}$  field is found to be directed from higher to lower levels of potential  $V$ .

**EXAMPLE 4.** In spherical coordinates and relative to infinity, the potential in the region  $r > 0$  surrounding a point charge  $Q$  is  $V = Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$ . Hence,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right) \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

in agreement with Coulomb's law. ( $V$  is obtained in principle by integrating  $\mathbf{E}$ ; so it is not surprising that differentiation of  $V$  gives back  $\mathbf{E}$ .)

### 5.8 ENERGY IN STATIC ELECTRIC FIELDS

Consider the work required to assemble, charge by charge, a distribution of  $n = 3$  point charges. The region is assumed initially to be charge-free and with  $\mathbf{E} = 0$  throughout.

Referring to Fig. 5-6, the work required to place the first charge,  $Q_1$ , into position 1 is zero. Then, when  $Q_2$  is moved toward the region, work equal to the product of this charge and the potential due to  $Q_1$  is required. The total work to position the three charges is

$$\begin{aligned} W_E &= W_1 + W_2 + W_3 \\ &= 0 + (Q_2 V_{2,1}) + (Q_3 V_{3,1} + Q_3 V_{3,2}) \end{aligned}$$

The potential  $V_{2,1}$  must be read "the potential at point 2 due to charge  $Q_1$  at position 1." (This rather unusual notation will not appear again in this book.) The work  $W_E$  is the energy stored in the electric field of the charge distribution. (See Problem 5.17 for a comment on this identification.)

Now if the three charges were brought into place in reverse order, the total work would be

$$\begin{aligned} W_E &= W_3 + W_2 + W_1 \\ &= 0 + (Q_2 V_{2,3}) + (Q_1 V_{1,3} + Q_1 V_{1,2}) \end{aligned}$$

When the two expressions above are added, the result is twice the stored energy:

$$2W_E = Q_1(V_{1,2} + V_{1,3}) + Q_2(V_{2,1} + V_{2,3}) + Q_3(V_{3,1} + V_{3,2})$$

The term  $Q_1(V_{1,2} + V_{1,3})$  was the work done against the fields of  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$ , the only other charges in the region. Hence,  $V_{1,2} + V_{1,3} = V_1$ , the potential at position 1. Then

$$2W_E = Q_1V_1 + Q_2V_2 + Q_3V_3$$

and

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^n Q_m V_m$$

for a region containing  $n$  point charges. For a region with a charge density  $\rho$  ( $C/m^3$ ) the summation becomes an integration,

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho V dv$$

Other forms (see Problem 5.12) of the expression for stored energy are

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dv \quad W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon E^2 dv \quad W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{D^2}{\epsilon} dv$$

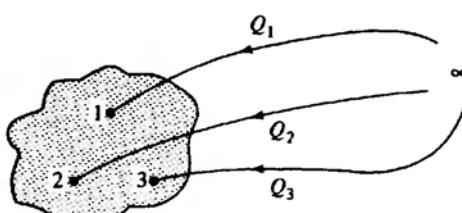


Fig. 5-6

In an electric circuit, the energy stored in the field of a capacitor is given by

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

where  $C$  is the capacitance (in farads),  $V$  is the voltage difference between the two conductors making up the capacitor, and  $Q$  is the magnitude of the total charge on one of the conductors.

**EXAMPLE 5.** A parallel-plate capacitor, for which  $C = \epsilon A/d$ , has a constant voltage  $V$  applied across the plates (Fig. 5-7). Find the stored energy in the electric field.

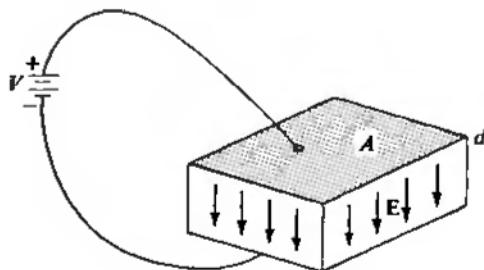


Fig. 5-7

With fringing neglected, the field is  $\mathbf{E} = (V/d)\mathbf{a}_n$  between the plates and  $\mathbf{E} = 0$  elsewhere.

$$\begin{aligned} W_E &= \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon E^2 dv \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left( \frac{V}{d} \right)^2 \int dv \\ &= \frac{\epsilon A V^2}{2d} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} C V^2 \end{aligned}$$

As an alternate approach, the total charge on one conductor may be found from  $\mathbf{D}$  at the surface via Gauss' law (Section 3.3).

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\epsilon V}{d} \mathbf{a}_n$$

$$Q = |\mathbf{D}| A = \frac{\epsilon V A}{d}$$

$$\text{Then } W = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon A V^2}{d} \right) = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

## Solved Problems

- 5.1.** Given the electric field  $\mathbf{E} = 2x\mathbf{a}_x - 4y\mathbf{a}_y$  (V/m), find the work done in moving a point charge +2 C (a) from (2, 0, 0) m to (0, 0, 0) and then from (0, 0, 0) to (0, 2, 0); (b) from (2, 0, 0) to (0, 2, 0) along the straight-line path joining the two points. (See Fig. 5-8.)

 (a) Along the  $x$  axis,  $y = dy = dz = 0$ , and

$$dW = -2(2x\mathbf{a}_x) \cdot (dx \mathbf{a}_x) = -4x dx$$

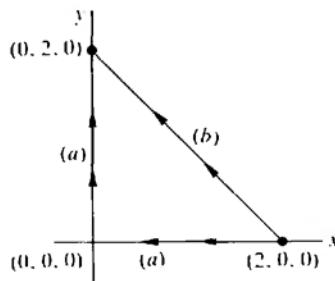


Fig. 5-8

Along the  $y$  axis,  $x = dx = dz = 0$ , and

$$dW = -2(-4y\mathbf{a}_v) \cdot (dy\mathbf{a}_y) = 8y dy$$

Thus

$$W = -4 \int_2^0 x dx + 8 \int_0^2 y dy = 24 \text{ J}$$

(b) The straight-line path has the parametric equations

$$x = 2 - 2t \quad y = 2t \quad z = 0$$

where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} dW &= -2[2(2-2t)\mathbf{a}_x - 4(2t)\mathbf{a}_y] \cdot [(-2 dt)\mathbf{a}_x + (2 dt)\mathbf{a}_y] \\ &= 16(1+t) dt \end{aligned}$$

and

$$W = 16 \int_0^1 (1+t) dt = 24 \text{ J}$$

- 5.2.** Find the work done in moving a point charge  $Q = 5 \mu\text{C}$  from the origin to  $(2 \text{ m}, \pi/4, \pi/2)$ , spherical coordinates, in the field



$$\mathbf{E} = 5e^{-r/4}\mathbf{a}_r + \frac{10}{r \sin \theta}\mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{V/m})$$

In spherical coordinates,

$$d\mathbf{l} = dr\mathbf{a}_r + r d\theta\mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi\mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Choose the path shown in Fig. 5-9. Along segment I,  $d\theta = d\phi = 0$ , and

$$dW = -QE \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (-5 \times 10^{-6})(5e^{-r/4} dr)$$

Along segment II,  $dr = d\theta = 0$ , and

$$dW = -QE \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (-5 \times 10^{-6})(10 d\phi)$$

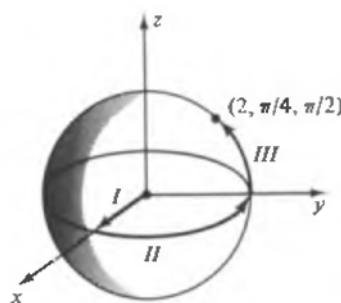


Fig. 5-9

Along segment *III*,  $dr = d\phi = 0$ , and

$$dW = -QE \cdot dl = 0$$

Therefore,

$$W = (-25 \times 10^{-6}) \int_0^2 e^{-r\phi} dr + (-50 + 10^{-6}) \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi = -117.9 \mu J$$

In this case, the field does  $117.9 \mu J$  of work on the moving charge.

- 5.3.** Given the field  $\mathbf{E} = (k/r)\mathbf{a}_r$  in cylindrical coordinates, show that the work needed to move a point charge  $Q$  from any radial distance  $r$  to a point at twice that radial distance is independent of  $r$ .

Since the field has only a radial component,

$$dW = -QE \cdot dl = -QE_r dr = \frac{-kQ}{r} dr$$

For the limits of integration use  $r_1$  and  $2r_1$ .

$$W = -kQ \int_{r_1}^{2r_1} \frac{dr}{r} = -kQ \ln 2$$

independent of  $r_1$ .

- 5.4.** For a line charge  $\rho_e = (10^{-9}/2) C/m$  on the  $z$  axis, find  $V_{AB}$ , where  $A$  is  $(2 m, \pi/2, 0)$  and  $B$  is  $(4 m, \pi, 5 m)$ .

$$V_{AB} = - \int_B^A \mathbf{E} \cdot dl \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

Since the field due to the line charge is completely in the radial direction, the dot product with  $dl$  results in  $E_r dr$ .

$$V_{AB} = - \int_B^A \frac{10^{-9}}{2(2\pi\epsilon_0 r)} dr = -9[\ln r]_B^A = 6.24 V$$

- 5.5.** In the field of Problem 5.4, find  $V_{BC}$ , where  $r_B = 4 m$  and  $r_C = 10 m$ . Then find  $V_{AC}$  and compare with the sum of  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{BC}$ .

$$V_{BC} = -9[\ln r]_C^B = -9(\ln 4 - \ln 10) = 8.25 V$$

$$V_{AC} = -9[\ln r]_C^A = -9(\ln 2 - \ln 10) = 14.49 V$$

$$V_{AB} + V_{BC} = 6.24 V + 8.25 V = 14.49 V = V_{AC}$$

- 5.6.** Given the field  $\mathbf{E} = (-16/r^2)\mathbf{a}_r$  ( $V/m$ ) in spherical coordinates, find the potential of point  $(2 m, \pi, \pi/2)$  with respect to  $(4 m, 0, \pi)$ .

The equipotential surfaces are concentric spherical shells. Let  $r = 2 m$  be  $A$  and  $r = 4 m$ ,  $B$ . Then

$$V_{AB} = - \int_4^2 \left( \frac{-16}{r^2} \right) dr = -4 V$$

- 5.7.** A line charge  $\rho_e = 400 \text{ pC/m}$  lies along the  $x$  axis and the surface of zero potential passes through the point  $(0, 5, 12) \text{ m}$  in cartesian coordinates (see Fig. 5-10). Find the potential at  $(2, 3, -4) \text{ m}$ .



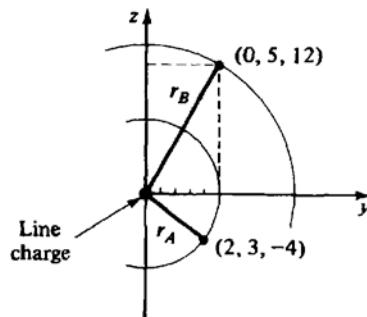


Fig. 5-10

With the line charge along the  $x$  axis, the  $x$  coordinates of the two points may be ignored.

$$r_A = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5 \text{ m} \quad r_B = \sqrt{25 + 144} = 13 \text{ m}$$

Then

$$V_{AB} = - \int_{r_B}^{r_A} \frac{\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} dr = - \frac{\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{r_A}{r_B} = 6.88 \text{ V}$$

- 5.8.** Find the potential at  $r_A = 5 \text{ m}$  with respect to  $r_B = 15 \text{ m}$  due to a point charge  $Q = 500 \text{ pC}$  at the origin and zero reference at infinity.



Due to a point charge,

$$V_{AB} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r_A} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right)$$

To find the potential difference, the zero reference is not needed.

$$V_{AB} = \frac{500 \times 10^{-12}}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)} \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{15} \right) = 0.60 \text{ V}$$

The zero reference at infinity may be used to find  $V_s$  and  $V_{1s}$ .

$$V_s = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) = 0.90 \text{ V} \quad V_{1s} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{15} \right) = 0.30 \text{ V}$$

Then

$$V_{AB} = V_s - V_{1s} = 0.60 \text{ V}$$

- 5.9.** Forty nanocoulombs of charge is uniformly distributed around a circular ring of radius 2 m. Find the potential at a point on the axis 5 m from the plane of the ring. Compare with the result where all the charge is at the origin in the form of a point charge.

With the charge in a line,

$$V = \int \frac{\rho_\ell d\ell}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$$

Here

$$\rho_\ell = \frac{40 \times 10^{-9}}{2\pi(2)} = \frac{10^{-8}}{\pi} \text{ C/m}$$

and (see Fig. 5-11)  $R = \sqrt{29} \text{ m}$ ,  $d\ell = (2 \text{ m}) d\phi$ .

$$V = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(10^{-8}/\pi)(2) d\phi}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)\sqrt{29}} = 66.9 \text{ V}$$

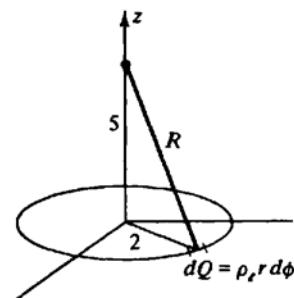


Fig. 5-11

If the charge is concentrated at the origin,

$$V = \frac{40 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0(5)} = 72.0 \text{ V}$$

- 5.10.** Five equal point charges,  $Q = 20 \text{ nC}$ , are located at  $x = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \text{ m}$ . Find the potential at the origin.



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{Q_m}{R_m} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} \right) = 261 \text{ V}$$

- 5.11.** Charge is distributed uniformly along a straight line of finite length  $2L$  (Fig. 5-12). Show that for two external points near the midpoint, such that  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are small compared to the length, the potential  $V_{12}$  is the same as for an infinite line charge.

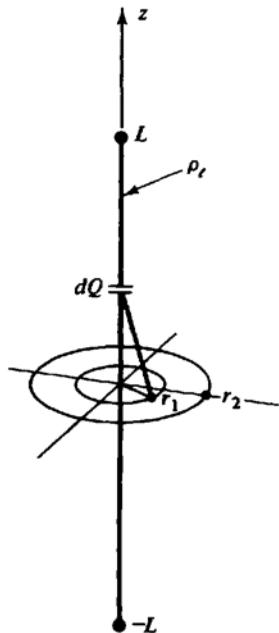


Fig. 5-12

The potential at point 1 with zero reference at infinity is

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= 2 \int_0^L \frac{\rho_\epsilon dz}{4\pi\epsilon_0(z^2 + r_1^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{2\rho_\epsilon}{4\pi\epsilon_0} [\ln(z + \sqrt{z^2 + r_1^2})]_0^L \\ &= \frac{\rho_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon_0} [\ln(L + \sqrt{L^2 + r_1^2}) - \ln r_1] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the potential at point 2 is

$$V_2 = \frac{\rho_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon_0} [\ln(L + \sqrt{L^2 + r_2^2}) - \ln r_2]$$

Now if  $L \gg r_1$  and  $L \gg r_2$ ,

$$V_1 \approx \frac{\rho_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon_0} (\ln 2L - \ln r_1)$$

$$V_2 \approx \frac{\rho_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon_0} (\ln 2L - \ln r_2)$$

Then

$$V_{12} = V_1 - V_2 \approx \frac{\rho_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

which agrees with the expression found in Problem 5.7 for the infinite line.

- 5.12.** Charge distributed throughout a volume  $v$  with density  $\rho$  gives rise to an electric field with energy content

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_v \rho V dv$$

Show that an equivalent expression for the stored energy is

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon E^2 dv$$

Figure 5-13 shows the charge-containing volume  $v$  enclosed within a large sphere of radius  $R$ . Since  $\rho$  vanishes outside  $v$ ,

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_v \rho dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{spherical volume}} \rho V dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{spherical volume}} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) V dv$$

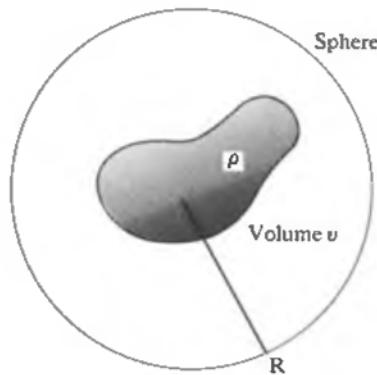


Fig. 5-13

The vector identity  $\nabla \cdot V\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla V + V(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$ , applied to the integrand, gives

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{spherical volume}} (\nabla \cdot V\mathbf{D}) dv - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{spherical volume}} (\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla V) dv$$

This expression holds for an arbitrarily large radius  $R$ ; the plan is to let  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

The first integral on the right equals, by the divergence theorem,

$$\frac{1}{2} \oint_{\text{spherical surface}} V\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Now, as the enclosing sphere becomes very large, the enclosed volume charge looks like a point charge. Thus, at the surface,  $D$  appears as  $k_1/R^2$  and  $V$  appears as  $k_2/R$ . So the integrand is decreasing as  $1/R^3$ . Since the surface area increases only as  $R^2$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\text{spherical surface}} V\mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

The remaining integral gives, in the limit,

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int (\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla V) dv = \frac{1}{2} \int (\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}) dv$$

And since  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ , the stored energy is also given by

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon E^2 dv \quad \text{or} \quad W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{D^2}{\epsilon} dv$$

- 5.13.** Given the potential function  $V = 2x + 4y$  (V) in free space, find the stored energy in a 1-m<sup>3</sup> volume centered at the origin. Examine other 1-m<sup>3</sup> volumes.

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z\right) = -2\mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

This field is constant in magnitude ( $E = \sqrt{20}$  V/m) and direction over all space, and so the total stored energy is infinite. (The field could be that within an infinite parallel-plate capacitor. It would take an infinite amount of work to charge such a capacitor.)

Nevertheless, it is possible to speak of an *energy density* for this and other fields. The expression

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon E^2 dv$$

suggests that each tiny volume  $dv$  be assigned the energy content  $w dv$ , where

$$w = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2$$

For the present field, the energy density is constant:

$$w = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 (20) = \frac{10^{-8}}{36\pi} \text{ J/m}^3$$

and so every 1-m<sup>3</sup> volume contains  $(10^{-8}/36\pi)$  J of energy.

- 5.14.** Two thin conducting half planes, at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \pi/6$ , are insulated from each other along the  $z$  axis. Given that the potential function for  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/6$  is  $V = (-60\phi/\pi)V$ , find the energy stored between the half planes for  $0.1 \leq r \leq 0.6$  m and  $0 \leq z \leq 1$  m. Assume free space.

To find the energy,  $W'_E$ , stored in a limited region of space, one must integrate the energy density (see Problem 5.13) through the region. Between the half planes,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left( \frac{-60\phi}{\pi} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{60}{\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{V/m})$$



and so

$$W'_E = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/6} \int_{0.1}^{0.6} \left(\frac{60}{\pi r}\right)^2 r dr d\phi dz = \frac{300\epsilon_0}{\pi} \ln 6 = 1.51 \text{ nJ}$$

- 5.15.** The electric field between two concentric cylindrical conductors at  $r = 0.01 \text{ m}$  and  $r = 0.05 \text{ m}$  is given by  $\mathbf{E} = (10^5/r)\hat{a}_r$  ( $\text{V/m}$ ), fringing neglected. Find the energy stored in a 0.5-m length. Assume free space.

$$W'_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon_0 E^2 dv = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int_h^{h+0.5} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{0.01}^{0.05} \left(\frac{10^5}{r}\right)^2 r dr d\phi dz = 0.224 \text{ J}$$

- 5.16.** Find the stored energy in a system of four identical point charges,  $Q = 4 \text{ nC}$ , at the corners of a square 1 m on a side. What is the stored energy in the system when only two charges at opposite corners are in place?

$$2W_E = Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2 + Q_3 V_3 + Q_4 V_4 = 4Q_1 V_1$$

where the last equality follows from the symmetry of the system.

$$V_1 = \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{12}} + \frac{Q_3}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{13}} + \frac{Q_4}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R_{14}} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 97.5 \text{ V}$$

Then

$$W_E = 2Q_1 V_1 = 2(4 \times 10^{-9})(97.5) = 780 \text{ nJ}$$

For only two charges in place,

$$2W_E = Q_1 V_1 = (4 \times 10^{-9}) \left( \frac{4 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{2}} \right) = 102 \text{ nJ}$$

- 5.17.** What energy is stored in the system of two point charges,  $Q_1 = 3 \text{ nC}$  and  $Q_2 = -3 \text{ nC}$ , separated by a distance of  $d = 0.2 \text{ m}$ ?

$$2W_E = Q_1 V_1 + Q_2 V_2 = Q_1 \left( \frac{Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \right) + Q_2 \left( \frac{Q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \right)$$

whence

$$W_E = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} = -\frac{(3 \times 10^{-9})^2}{4\pi(10^{-9}/36\pi)(0.2)} = -405 \text{ nJ}$$

It may seem paradoxical that the stored energy turns out to be negative here, whereas  $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon E^2$ , and hence

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{all space}} \epsilon E^2 dv$$

is necessarily positive. The reason for the discrepancy is that in equating the work done in assembling a system of point charges to the energy stored in the field, one neglects the infinite energy already in the field when the charges were at infinity. (It took an infinite amount of work to create the separate charges at infinity.) Thus, the above result,  $W_E = -405 \text{ nJ}$ , may be taken to mean that the energy is 405 nJ below the (infinite) reference level at infinity. Since only energy *differences* have physical significance, the reference level may properly be disregarded.

- 5.18.** A spherical conducting shell of radius  $a$ , centered at the origin, has a potential field



$$V = \begin{cases} V_0 & r \leq a \\ V_0 a / r & r > a \end{cases}$$

with the zero reference at infinity. Find an expression for the stored energy that this

potential represents

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & r < a \\ (V_0 a / r^2) \mathbf{a}_r & r > a \end{cases}$$

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon_0 E^2 dv = 0 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_a^\infty \left( \frac{V_0 a}{r^2} \right)^2 r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi = 2\pi\epsilon_0 V_0^2 a$$

Note that the total charge on the shell is, from Gauss' law,

$$Q = DA = \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 V_0 a}{a^2} \right) (4\pi a^2) = 4\pi\epsilon_0 V_0 a$$

while the potential at the shell is  $V = V_0$ . Thus,  $W_E = \frac{1}{2} QV$ , the familiar result for the energy stored in a capacitor (in this case, a spherical capacitor with the other plate of infinite radius).

## Supplementary Problems

- 5.19.** Find the work done in moving a point charge  $Q = -20 \mu\text{C}$  from the origin to  $(4, 2, 0)$  m in the field

$$\mathbf{E} = 2(x + 4y) \mathbf{a}_x + 8x \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

along the path  $x^2 = 8y$ . *Ans.*  $1.60 \text{ mJ}$

- 5.20.** Repeat Problem 5.2 using the direct radial path.

*Ans.*  $-39.35 \mu\text{J}$  (the nature of the singularity along the  $z$  axis makes the field nonconservative)

- 5.21.** Repeat Problem 5.2 using the path shown in Fig. 5-14. *Ans.*  $-117.9 \mu\text{J}$

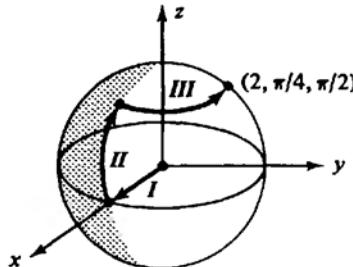


Fig. 5-14

- 5.22.** Find the work done in moving a point charge  $Q = 3 \mu\text{C}$  from  $(4 \text{ m}, \pi, 0)$  to  $(2 \text{ m}, \pi/2, 2 \text{ m})$ , cylindrical coordinates, in the field  $\mathbf{E} = (10^5/r) \mathbf{a}_r + 10^5 z \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{V/m})$ . *Ans.*  $-0.392 \text{ J}$

- 5.23.** Find the difference in the amounts of work required to bring a point charge  $Q = 2 \text{nC}$  from infinity to  $r = 2 \text{ m}$  and from infinity to  $r = 4 \text{ m}$ , in the field  $\mathbf{E} = (10^5/r) \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{V/m})$ . *Ans.*  $1.39 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$

- 5.24.** A uniform line charge of density  $\rho_e = 1 \text{nC/m}$  is arranged in the form of a square 6 m on a side, as shown in Fig. 5-15. Find the potential at  $(0, 0, 5)$  m. *Ans.*  $35.6 \text{ V}$

- 5.25.** Develop an expression for the potential at a point  $d$  meters radially outward from the midpoint of a finite line charge  $L$  meters long and of uniform density  $\rho_e$  (C/m). Apply this result to Problem 5.24 as a check.

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\rho_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{L/2 + \sqrt{d^2 + L^2/4}}{d} \quad (\text{V})$$

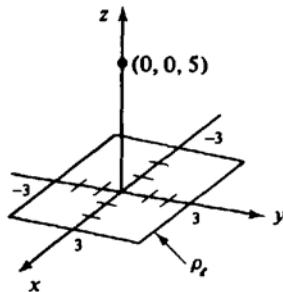


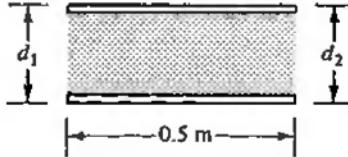
Fig. 5-15

- 5.26.** Show that the potential at the origin due to a uniform surface charge density  $\rho_s$  over the ring  $z=0$ ,  $R \leq r \leq R+1$  is independent of  $R$ .
- 5.27.** A total charge of 160 nC is first separated into four equal point charges spaced at 90° intervals around a circle of 3 m radius. Find the potential at a point on the axis, 5 m from the plane of the circle. Separate the total charge into eight equal parts and repeat with the charges at 45° intervals. What would be the answer in the limit  $\rho_s = (160/6\pi) \text{ nC/m}^2$ ? *Ans.* 247 V
- 5.28.** In spherical coordinates, point  $A$  is at a radius 2 m while  $B$  is at 4 m. Given the field  $\mathbf{E} = (-16/r^2)\mathbf{a}_r$  (V/m), find the potential of point  $A$ , zero reference at infinity. Repeat for point  $B$ . Now express the potential difference  $V_A - V_B$  and compare the result with Problem 5.6.  
*Ans.*  $V_A = 2V_B = -8 \text{ V}$
- 5.29.** If the zero potential reference is at  $r = 10 \text{ m}$  and a point charge  $Q = 0.5 \text{ nC}$  is at the origin, find the potentials at  $r = 5 \text{ m}$  and  $r = 15 \text{ m}$ . At what radius is the potential the same in magnitude as that at  $r = 5 \text{ m}$  but opposite in sign? *Ans.* 0.45 V, -0.15 V,  $\infty$
- 5.30.** A point charge  $Q = 0.4 \text{ nC}$  is located at  $(2, 3, 3) \text{ m}$  in cartesian coordinates. Find the potential difference  $V_{AB}$ , where point  $A$  is  $(2, 2, 3) \text{ m}$  and  $B$  is  $(-2, 3, 3) \text{ m}$ . *Ans.* 2.70 V
- 5.31.** Find the potential in spherical coordinates due to two equal but opposite point charges on the  $y$  axis at  $y = \pm d/2$ . Assume  $r \gg d$ . *Ans.*  $(Qd \sin \theta)/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$
- 5.32.** Repeat Problem 5.31 with the charges on the  $z$  axis. *Ans.*  $(Qd \cos \theta)/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$
- 5.33.** Find the charge densities on the conductors in Problem 5.14.  
*Ans.*  $\frac{+60\epsilon_0}{\pi r} (\text{C/m}^2)$  on  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\frac{-60\epsilon_0}{\pi r} (\text{C/m}^2)$  on  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{6}$
- 5.34.** A uniform line charge  $\rho_l = 2 \text{ nC/m}$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane parallel to the  $x$  axis at  $y = 3 \text{ m}$ . Find the potential difference  $V_{AB}$  for the points  $A(2 \text{ m}, 0, 4 \text{ m})$  and  $B(0, 0, 0)$ . *Ans.* -18.4 V
- 5.35.** A uniform sheet of charge,  $\rho_s = (1/6\pi) \text{ nC/m}^2$ , is at  $x = 0$  and a second sheet,  $\rho_s = (-1/6\pi) \text{ nC/m}^2$ , is at  $x = 10 \text{ m}$ . Find  $V_{AB}$ ,  $V_{BC}$ , and  $V_{AC}$  for  $A(10 \text{ m}, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(4 \text{ m}, 0, 0)$ , and  $C(0, 0, 0)$ . *Ans.* -36 V, -24 V, -60 V
- 5.36.** Given the cylindrical coordinate electric fields  $\mathbf{E} = (5/r)\mathbf{a}_r$  (V/m) for  $0 \leq r \leq 2 \text{ m}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = 2.5\mathbf{a}_r$  V/m for  $r > 2 \text{ m}$ , find the potential difference  $V_{AB}$  for  $A(1 \text{ m}, 0, 0)$  and  $B(4 \text{ m}, 0, 0)$ .  
*Ans.* 8.47 V
- 5.37.** A parallel-plate capacitor 0.5 m by 1.0 m, has a separation distance of 2 cm and a voltage difference of 10 V. Find the stored energy, assuming that  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$ . *Ans.* 11.1 nJ

- 5.38.** The capacitor described in Problem 5.37 has an applied voltage of 200 V.

- (a) Find the stored energy.  
 (b) Hold  $d_1$  (Fig. 5-16) at 2 cm and the voltage difference at 200 V, while increasing  $d_2$  to 2.2 cm. Find the final stored energy. [Hint:  $\Delta W_E = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta C)V^2$ ]

*Ans.* (a)  $4.4 \mu\text{J}$ ; (b)  $4.2 \mu\text{J}$



**Fig. 5-16**

- 5.39.** Find the energy stored in a system of three equal point charges,  $Q = 2 \text{ nC}$ , arranged in a line with 0.5 m separation between them. *Ans.*  $180 \text{ nJ}$

- 5.40.** Repeat Problem 5.39 if the charge in the center is  $-2 \text{ nC}$ . *Ans.*  $-108 \text{ nJ}$

- 5.41.** Four equal point charges,  $Q = 2 \text{ nC}$ , are to be placed at the corners of a square  $\frac{1}{3} \text{ m}$  on a side, one at a time. Find the energy in the system after each charge is positioned.

*Ans.* 0,  $108 \text{ nJ}$ ,  $292 \text{ nJ}$ ,  $585 \text{ nJ}$

- 5.42.** Given the electric field  $\mathbf{E} = -5e^{-r/a}\mathbf{a}_r$ , in cylindrical coordinates, find the energy stored in the volume described by  $r \leq 2a$  and  $0 \leq z \leq 5a$ . *Ans.*  $7.89 \times 10^{-10}a^3$

- 5.43.** Given a potential  $V = 3x^2 + 4y^2$  (V), find the energy stored in the volume described by  $0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1 \text{ m}$ , and  $0 \leq z \leq 1 \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $147 \text{ pJ}$

# Chapter 6

## Current, Current Density, and Conductors

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

*Electric current* is the rate of transport of electric charge past a specified point or across a specified surface. The symbol  $I$  is generally used for constant currents and  $i$  for time-variable currents. The unit of current is the *ampere* ( $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s}$ ; in the SI, the ampere is the basic unit and the coulomb is the derived unit).

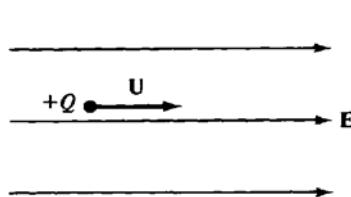
Ohm's law relates current to voltage and resistance. For simple dc circuits,  $I = V/R$ . However, when charges are suspended in a liquid or a gas, or where both positive and negative charge carriers are present with different characteristics, the simple form of Ohm's law is insufficient. Consequently, the current density  $\mathbf{J}$  ( $\text{A/m}^2$ ) receives more attention in electromagnetics than does current  $I$ .

### 6.2 CHARGES IN MOTION

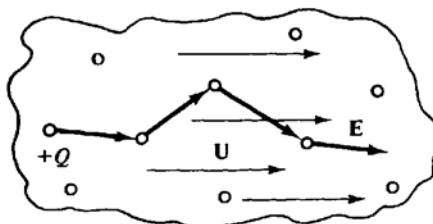
Consider the force on a positively charged particle in an electric field in vacuum, as shown in Fig. 6-1(a). This force,  $\mathbf{F} = +Q\mathbf{E}$ , is unopposed and results in constant acceleration. Thus the charge moves in the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$  with a velocity  $\mathbf{U}$  that increases as long as the particle is in the  $\mathbf{E}$  field. When the charge is in a liquid or gas, as shown in Fig. 6-1(b), it collides repeatedly with particles in the medium, resulting in random changes in direction. But, for constant  $\mathbf{E}$  and a homogeneous medium, the random velocity components cancel out, leaving a constant average velocity, known as the *drift velocity*  $\mathbf{U}$ , along the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$ . Conduction in metals takes place by movement of the electrons in the outermost shells of the atoms making up the crystalline structure. According to the *electron-gas theory*, these electrons reach an average drift velocity in much the same way as a charged particle moving through a liquid or gas. The drift velocity is directly proportional to the electric field intensity,

$$\mathbf{U} = \mu \mathbf{E}$$

where  $\mu$ , the *mobility*, has the units  $\text{m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ . Each cubic meter of a conductor contains on the order of  $10^{28}$  atoms. Good conductors have one or two electrons from each atom free to move upon application of the field. The mobility  $\mu$  varies with temperature and the crystalline structure of the solid. The particles in the solid have a vibratory motion which increases with temperature. This makes it more difficult for the charges to move. Thus, at higher temperatures the mobility  $\mu$  is reduced, resulting in a smaller drift velocity (or current) for a given  $\mathbf{E}$ . In circuit analysis this phenomenon is accounted for by stating a *resistivity* for each material and specifying an increase in this resistivity with increasing temperature.



(a) Vacuum



(b) Liquid or gas

Fig. 6-1

### 6.3 CONVECTION CURRENT DENSITY $\mathbf{J}$

A set of charged particles giving rise to a charge density  $\rho$  in a volume  $v$  is shown in Fig. 6-2 to have a velocity  $\mathbf{U}$  to the right. The particles are assumed to maintain their relative positions within the volume. As this charge configuration passes a surface  $S$  it constitutes a *convection current*, with density

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho \mathbf{U} \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

Of course, if the cross section of  $v$  varies or if the density  $\rho$  is not constant throughout  $v$ , then  $\mathbf{J}$  will not be constant with time. Further,  $\mathbf{J}$  will be zero when the last portion of the volume crosses  $S$ . Nevertheless, the concept of a current density caused by a cloud of charged particles in motion is at times useful in the study of electromagnetic field theory.

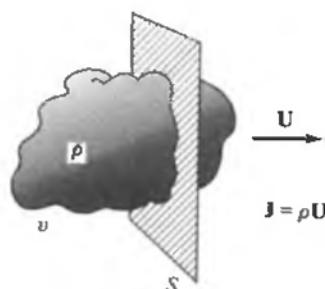


Fig. 6-2

### 6.4 CONDUCTION CURRENT DENSITY $\mathbf{J}$

Of more interest is the *conduction current* that occurs in the presence of an electric field within a conductor of fixed cross section. The current density is again given by

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho \mathbf{U} \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

which, in view of the relation  $\mathbf{U} = \mu \mathbf{E}$ , can be written

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

where  $\sigma = \rho\mu$  is the *conductivity* of the material, in *siemens per meter* ( $\text{S/m}$ ). In metallic conductors the charge carriers are electrons, which drift in a direction opposite to that of the electric field (Fig. 6-3). Hence, for electrons, both  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  are negative, which results in a positive conductivity  $\sigma$ , just as in the case of positive charge carriers. It follows that  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  have the same direction regardless of the sign of the charge carriers. It is conventional to treat electrons moving to the left as positive charges moving to the right, and always to report  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  as positive.

The relation  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$  is often referred to as the *point form of Ohm's law*. The factor  $\sigma$  takes into account the density of the electrons free to move ( $\rho$ ) and the relative ease with which they move through the crystalline structure ( $\mu$ ). As might be expected,  $\sigma$  is a function of temperature.

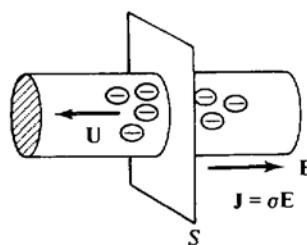


Fig. 6-3

**EXAMPLE 1.** What electric field intensity and current density correspond to a drift velocity of  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$  m/s in a silver conductor?

For silver  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu = 5.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ .

$$E = \frac{U}{\mu} = \frac{6.0 \times 10^{-4}}{5.6 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.07 \times 10^{-1} \text{ V/m}$$

$$J = \sigma E = 6.61 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$$

## 6.5 CONDUCTIVITY $\sigma$

In a liquid or gas there are generally present both positive and negative ions, some singly charged and others doubly charged, and possibly of different masses. A conductivity expression would include all such factors. However, if it is assumed that all the negative ions are alike and so too the positive ions, then the conductivity contains two terms as shown in Fig. 6-4(a). In a metallic conductor, only the valence electrons are free to move. In Fig. 6-4(b) they are shown in motion to the left. The conductivity then contains only one term, the product of the charge density of the electrons free to move,  $\rho_e$ , and their mobility,  $\mu_e$ .

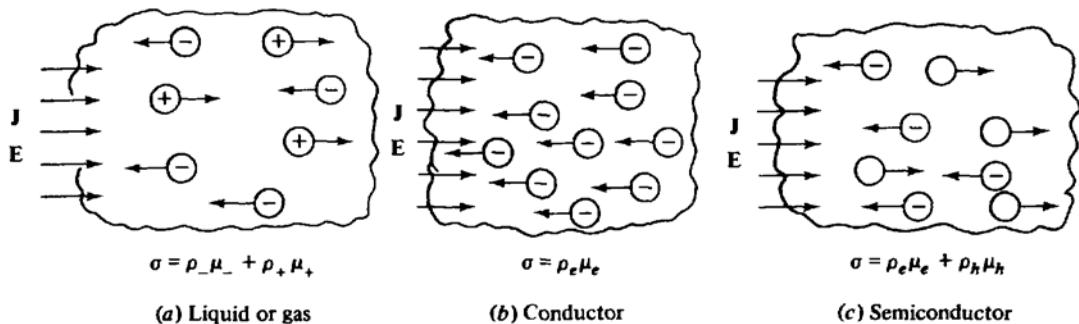


Fig. 6-4

A somewhat more complex conduction occurs in semiconductors such as germanium and silicon. In the crystal structure each atom has four covalent bonds with adjacent atoms. However, at room temperature, and upon influx of energy from some external source such as light, electrons can move out of the position called for by the covalent bonding. This creates an *electron-hole pair* available for conduction. Such materials are called *intrinsic* semiconductors. Electron-hole pairs have a short lifetime, disappearing by recombination. However, others are constantly being formed and at all times some are available for conduction. As shown in Fig. 6-4(c), the conductivity  $\sigma$  consists of two terms, one for the electrons and another for the holes. In practice, impurities, in the form of valence-three or valence-five elements, are added to create *p-type* and *n-type* semiconductor materials. The intrinsic behavior just described continues, but is far overshadowed by the presence of extra electrons in *n-type*, or holes in *p-type*, materials. Then, in the conductivity  $\sigma$ , one of the densities,  $\rho_e$  or  $\rho_h$ , will far exceed the other.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Determine the conductivity of intrinsic germanium at room temperature.

At 300 K there are  $2.5 \times 10^{19}$  electron-hole pairs per cubic meter. The electron mobility is  $\mu_e = 0.38 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$  and the hole mobility is  $\mu_h = 0.18 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ . Since the material is not doped, the numbers of electrons and holes are equal.

$$\sigma = N_e e(\mu_e + \mu_h) = (2.5 \times 10^{19})(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.38 + 0.18) = 2.24 \text{ S/m}$$

### 6.6 CURRENT I

Where current density  $\mathbf{J}$  crosses a surface  $S$ , as in Fig. 6-5, the current  $I$  is obtained by integrating the dot product of  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $d\mathbf{S}$ .

$$dI = \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad I = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Of course,  $\mathbf{J}$  need not be uniform over  $S$  and  $S$  need not be a plane surface.

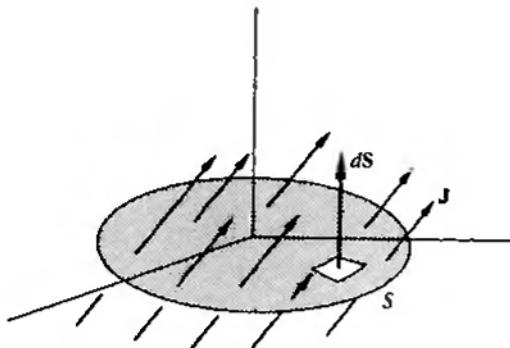


Fig. 6-5

**EXAMPLE 3.** Find the current in the circular wire shown in Fig. 6-6 if the current density is  $\mathbf{J} = 15(1 - e^{-1000r})\mathbf{a}_z$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>). The radius of the wire is 2 mm.

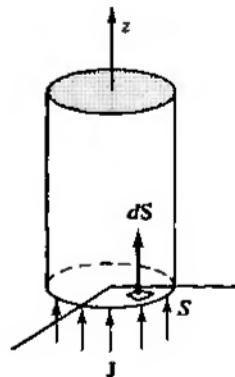


Fig. 6-6

A cross section of the wire is chosen for  $S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} dI &= \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= 15(1 - e^{-1000r})\mathbf{a}_z \cdot r dr d\phi \mathbf{a}_z \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{0.002} 15(1 - e^{-1000r})r dr d\phi \\ &= 1.33 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A} = 0.133 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

Any surface  $S$  which has a perimeter that meets the outer surface of the conductor all the way around will have the same total current,  $I = 0.133 \text{ mA}$ , crossing it.

### 6.7 RESISTANCE $R$

If a conductor of uniform cross-sectional area  $A$  and length  $\ell$ , as shown in Fig. 6-7, has a voltage difference  $V$  between its ends, then

$$E = \frac{V}{\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad J = \frac{\sigma V}{\ell}$$

assuming that the current is uniformly distributed over the area  $A$ . The total current is then

$$I = JA = \frac{\sigma A V}{\ell}$$

Since Ohm's law states that  $V = IR$ , the resistance is

$$R = \frac{\ell}{\sigma A} \quad (\Omega)$$

(Note that  $1 S^{-1} = 1 \Omega$ ; the siemens was formerly known as the *mho*.) This expression for resistance is generally applied to all conductors where the cross section remains constant over the length  $\ell$ . However, if the current density is greater along the surface area of the conductor than in the center, then the expression is not valid. For such nonuniform current distributions the resistance is given by

$$R = \frac{V}{\int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}} = \frac{V}{\int \sigma \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}$$

If  $\mathbf{E}$  is known rather than the voltage difference between the two faces, the resistance is given by

$$R = \frac{\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\int \sigma \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}$$

The numerator gives the voltage drop across the sample, while the denominator gives the total current  $I$ .

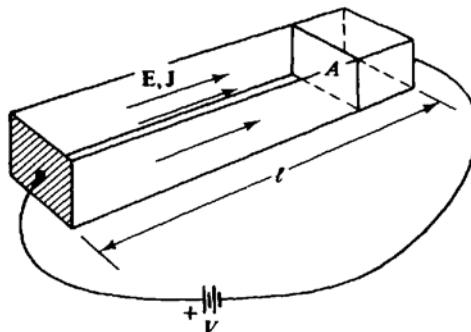


Fig. 6-7



**EXAMPLE 4.** Find the resistance between the inner and outer curved surfaces of the block shown in Fig. 6-8, where the material is silver for which  $\sigma = 6.17 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$ .

If the same current  $I$  crosses both the inner and outer curved surfaces,

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{k}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{k}{\sigma r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

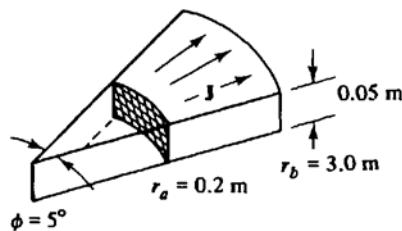


Fig. 6-8

Then ( $5^\circ = 0.0873 \text{ rad}$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \frac{\int_{0.2}^{3.0} \frac{k}{\sigma r} \mathbf{a}_r \cdot d\mathbf{a}_r}{\int_0^{0.05} \int_0^{0.0873} \frac{k}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \cdot r d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_r} \\ &= \frac{\ln 15}{\sigma(0.05)(0.0873)} = 1.01 \times 10^{-5} \Omega = 10.1 \mu\Omega \end{aligned}$$

## 6.8 CURRENT SHEET DENSITY $\mathbf{K}$

At times current is confined to the surface of a conductor, such as the inside walls of a waveguide. For such a *current sheet* it is helpful to define the density vector  $\mathbf{K}$  (in A/m), which gives the rate of charge transport per unit transverse length. (Some books use the notation  $\mathbf{J}_s$ .) Figure 6-9 shows a total current of  $I$ , in the form of a cylindrical sheet of radius  $r$ , flowing in the positive  $z$  direction. In this case,

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_z$$

at each point of the sheet. For other sheets,  $\mathbf{K}$  might vary from point to point.

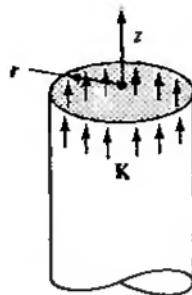


Fig. 6-9

In general, the current flowing through a contour  $C$  within a current sheet is obtained by integrating the *normal* component of  $\mathbf{K}$  along the contour.

$$I = \int_C K_n d\ell$$

**EXAMPLE 5.** A thin conducting sheet lies in the  $z = 0$  plane for  $0 < x < 0.05 \text{ m}$ . An  $\mathbf{a}_x$  directed current of 25 A is sinusoidally distributed across the sheet, with linear density zero for  $x = 0$  and  $x = 0.05 \text{ m}$  and maximum at  $x = 0.025 \text{ m}$  (see Fig. 6-10). Obtain an expression for  $\mathbf{K}$ .

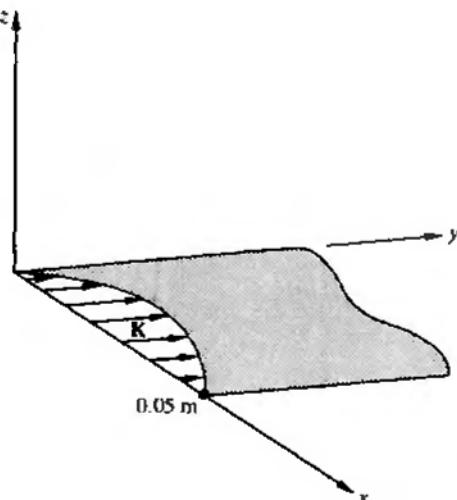


Fig. 6-10

The data give  $\mathbf{K} = (k \sin 20\pi x)\mathbf{a}_y$  (A/m), for an unknown constant  $k$ . Then

$$I = 25 = \int K_y \, dx = k \int_0^{0.05} \sin 20\pi x \, dx$$

or

$$25 = k/10\pi \quad \text{or} \quad k = 250\pi \text{ A/m.}$$

## 6.9 CONTINUITY OF CURRENT

Current  $I$  crossing a general surface  $S$  has been examined where  $\mathbf{J}$  at the surface was known. Now, if the surface is *closed*, in order for net current to come out there must be a decrease of positive charge within:

$$\oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = I = -\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \, dv$$

where the unit normal in  $d\mathbf{S}$  is the outward-directed normal. Dividing by  $\Delta v$ ,

$$\frac{\oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{\Delta v} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\int \rho \, dv}{\Delta v}$$

As  $\Delta v \rightarrow 0$ , the left side by definition approaches  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$ , the divergence of the current density, while the right side approaches  $-\partial \rho / \partial t$ . Thus

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

This is the *equation of continuity* for current. In it  $\rho$  stands for the *net charge* density, not just the density of mobile charge. As will be shown below,  $\partial \rho / \partial t$  can be nonzero within a conductor only transiently. Then the continuity equation,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$ , becomes the field equivalent of Kirchhoff's current law, which states that the net current leaving a junction of several conductors is zero.

In the process of conduction, valence electrons are free to move upon the application of an electric field. So, to the extent that these electrons are in motion, static conditions no longer exist. However, these electrons should not be confused with *net charge*, for each conduction electron is balanced by a proton in the nucleus such that there is zero net charge in every  $\Delta v$  of the

material. Suppose, however, that through a temporary imbalance a region within a solid conductor has a *net* charge density  $\rho_0$  at time  $t = 0$ . Then, since  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E} = (\sigma/\epsilon)\mathbf{D}$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \mathbf{D} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

Now, the divergence operation consists of partial derivatives with respect to the spatial coordinates. If  $\sigma$  and  $\epsilon$  are constants, as they would be in a homogeneous sample, then they may be removed from the partial derivatives.

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \rho = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

or  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \rho = 0$

The solution to this equation is

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-(\sigma/\epsilon)t}$$

Thus  $\rho$  decays exponentially, with a *time constant*  $\tau = \epsilon/\sigma$ , also known as the *relaxation time*. At  $t = \tau$ ,  $\rho$  has decayed to 36.8% of its initial value. For a conductor  $\tau$  is extremely small, on the order of  $10^{-19}$ . This confirms that *free charge* cannot remain within a conductor and instead is distributed evenly over the conductor surface.

**EXAMPLE 6.** Determine the relaxation time for silver, given that  $\sigma = 6.17 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$ . If charge of density  $\rho_0$  is placed within a silver block, find  $\rho$  after one, and also after five, time constants.

Since  $\epsilon \approx \epsilon_0$ ,

$$\tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} = \frac{10^{-9} 36\pi}{6.17 \times 10^7} = 1.43 \times 10^{-19} \text{ s}$$

Therefore

$$\text{at } t = \tau: \quad \rho = \rho_0 e^{-1} = 0.368\rho_0$$

$$\text{at } t = 5\tau: \quad \rho = \rho_0 e^{-5} = 6.74 \times 10^{-3} \rho_0$$

## 6.10 CONDUCTOR-DIELECTRIC BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

Under static conditions all net charge will be on the outer surfaces of a conductor and both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are therefore zero within the conductor. Because the electric field is a conservative field, the line integral of  $\mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  is zero for any closed path. A rectangular path with corners 1, 2, 3, 4 is shown in Fig. 6-11.

$$\int_1^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_2^3 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_3^4 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_4^1 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

If the path lengths 2 to 3 and 4 to 1 are now permitted to approach zero, keeping the interface between them, then the second and fourth integrals are zero. The path from 3 to 4 is within the

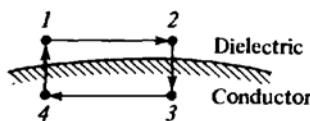


Fig. 6-11

conductor where  $\mathbf{E}$  must be zero. This leaves

$$\int_1^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_1^2 E_t d\ell = 0$$

where  $E_t$  is the tangential component of  $\mathbf{E}$  at the surface of the dielectric. Since the interval 1 to 2 can be chosen arbitrarily,

$$E_t = D_t = 0$$

at each point of the surface.

To discover the conditions on the normal components, a small, closed, right circular cylinder is placed across the interface as shown in Fig. 6-12. Gauss' law applied to this surface gives

$$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = Q_{\text{enc}}$$

or

$$\int_{\text{top}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{\text{side}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_A \rho_s dS$$

The third integral is zero since, as just determined,  $D_t = 0$  on either side of the interface. The second integral is also zero, since the bottom of the cylinder is within the conductor, where  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are zero. Then,

$$\int_{\text{top}} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\text{top}} D_n dS = \oint_A \rho_s dS$$

which can hold only if

$$D_n = \rho_s \quad \text{and} \quad E_n = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon}$$

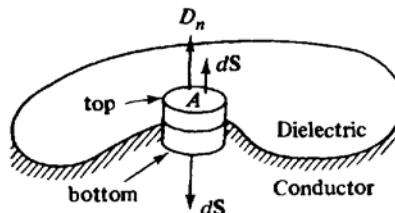


Fig. 6-12

**EXAMPLE 7.** The electric field intensity at a point on the surface of a conductor is given by  $\mathbf{E} = 0.2\mathbf{a}_x - 0.3\mathbf{a}_y - 0.2\mathbf{a}_z$  (V/m). Find the surface charge density at the point.

Supposing the conductor to be surrounded by free space,

$$\begin{aligned} D_n &= \epsilon_0 E_n = \rho_s, \\ E_n &= \pm |\mathbf{E}| = \pm 0.412 \text{ V/m} \\ \rho_s &= \left(\frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi}\right) (\pm 0.412) = \pm 3.64 \text{ pC/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The ambiguity in sign arises from that in the direction of the outer normal to the surface at the given point.

In short, under static conditions the field just outside a conductor is zero (both tangential and normal components) unless there exists a surface charge distribution. A surface charge does not imply a *net* charge in the conductor, however. To illustrate this, consider a positive charge at the origin of spherical coordinates. Now if this point charge is enclosed by an *uncharged* conducting

spherical shell of finite thickness, as shown in Fig. 6-13(a), then the field is still given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{+Q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

except within the conductor itself, where  $\mathbf{E}$  must be zero. The coulomb forces caused by  $+Q$  attract the conduction electrons to the inner surface, where they create a  $\rho_{s1}$  of negative sign. Then the deficiency of electrons on the outer surface constitutes a positive surface charge density  $\rho_{s2}$ . The electric flux lines  $\Psi$ , leaving the point charge  $+Q$ , terminate at the electrons on the inner surface of the conductor, as shown in Fig. 6-13(b). Then electric flux lines  $\Psi$  originate once again on the positive charges on the outer surface of the conductor. It should be noted that the flux does not pass through the conductor and the *net* charge on the conductor remains zero.

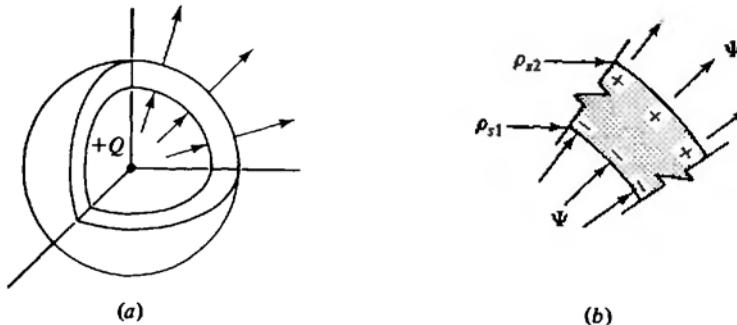


Fig. 6-13

## Solved Problems

-  6.1. An AWG #12 copper conductor has an 80.8 mil diameter. A 50-foot length carries a current of 20 A. Find the electric field intensity  $E$ , drift velocity  $U$ , the voltage drop, and the resistance for the 50 foot length.

Since a mil is  $\frac{1}{1000}$  inch, the cross-sectional area is

$$A = \pi \left[ \left( \frac{0.0808 \text{ in}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{2.54 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ in}} \right) \right]^2 = 3.31 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

Then

$$J = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{20}{3.31 \times 10^{-6}} = 6.04 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$$

For copper,  $\sigma = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$ . Then

$$E = \frac{J}{\sigma} = \frac{6.04 \times 10^6}{5.8 \times 10^7} = 1.04 \times 10^{-1} \text{ V/m}$$

$$V = E\ell = (1.04 \times 10^{-1})(50)(12)(0.0254) = 1.59 \text{ V}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1.59}{20} = 7.95 \times 10^{-2} \Omega$$

The electron mobility in copper is  $\mu = 0.0032 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ , and since  $\sigma = \rho\mu$ , the charge density is

$$\rho = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{5.8 \times 10^7}{0.0032} = 1.81 \times 10^{10} \text{ C/m}^3$$

From  $J = \rho U$  the drift velocity is now found as

$$U = \frac{J}{\rho} = \frac{6.05 \times 10^6}{1.81 \times 10^{16}} = 3.34 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$$

With this drift velocity an electron takes approximately 30 seconds to move a distance of 1 centimeter in the #12 copper conductor.

- 6.2.** What current density and electric field intensity correspond to a drift velocity of  $5.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$  in aluminum?

For aluminum, the conductivity is  $\sigma = 3.82 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$  and the mobility is  $\mu = 0.0014 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ .

$$J = \rho U = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} U = \frac{3.83 \times 10^7}{0.0014} (5.3 \times 10^{-4}) = 1.45 \times 10^7 \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$E = \frac{J}{\sigma} = \frac{U}{\mu} = 3.79 \times 10^{-1} \text{ V/m}$$

- 6.3.** A long copper conductor has a circular cross section of diameter 3.0 mm and carries a current of 10 A. Each second, what percent of the conduction electrons must leave (to be replaced by others) a 100 mm length?

Avogadro's number is  $N = 6.02 \times 10^{26} \text{ atoms/kmol}$ . The specific gravity of copper is 8.96 and the atomic weight is 63.54. Assuming one conduction electron per atom, the number of electrons per unit volume is

$$N_e = \left(6.02 \times 10^{26} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{kmol}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kmol}}{63.54 \text{ kg}}\right) \left(8.96 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(1 \frac{\text{electron}}{\text{atom}}\right)$$

$$= 8.49 \times 10^{28} \text{ electrons/m}^3$$

The number of electrons in a 100 mm length is

$$N = \pi \left(\frac{3 \times 10^{-3}}{2}\right)^2 (0.100)(8.49 \times 10^{28}) = 6.00 \times 10^{22}$$

A 10-A current requires that

$$\left(10 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{s}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \frac{\text{electron}}{\text{C}}\right) = 6.25 \times 10^{19} \text{ electrons/s}$$

pass a fixed point. Then the percent leaving the 100 mm length per second is

$$\frac{6.25 \times 10^{19}}{6.00 \times 10^{22}} (100) = 0.104\% \text{ per s}$$

- 6.4.** What current would result if all the conduction electrons in a 1-centimeter cube of aluminum passed a specified point in 2.0 s? Assume one conduction electron per atom.

The density of aluminum is  $2.70 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the atomic weight is 26.98 kg/kmol. Then

$$N_e = (6.02 \times 10^{26}) \left(\frac{1}{26.98}\right) (2.70 \times 10^3) = 6.02 \times 10^{28} \text{ electrons/m}^3$$

and  $I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{(6.02 \times 10^{28} \text{ electrons/m}^3)(10^{-2} \text{ m})^3 (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C/electron})}{2 \text{ s}} = 4.82 \text{ kA}$

- 6.5.** What is the density of free electrons in a metal for a mobility of  $0.0046 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$  and a conductivity of  $29.1 \text{ MS/m}$ ?

Since  $\sigma = \mu\rho$ ,

$$\rho = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{29.1 \times 10^6}{0.0046} = 6.33 \times 10^9 \text{ C/m}^3$$

and

$$N_e = \frac{6.33 \times 10^9}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 3.96 \times 10^{28} \text{ electrons/m}^3$$

- 6.6.** Find the conductivity of *n*-type germanium (Ge) at 300 K, assuming one donor atom in each  $10^8$  atoms. The density of Ge is  $5.32 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the atomic weight is 72.6 kg/kmol.

The carriers in an *n*-type semiconductor material are electrons. Since 1 kmol of a substance contains  $6.02 \times 10^{26}$  atoms, the carrier density is given by

$$\begin{aligned} N_e &= \left(6.02 \times 10^{26} \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{kmol}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kmol}}{72.6 \text{ kg}}\right) \left(5.32 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(\frac{\text{electrons}}{10^8 \text{ atoms}}\right) \\ &= 4.41 \times 10^{20} \text{ electrons/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

The intrinsic concentration  $n_i$  for Ge at 300 K is  $2.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . The *mass-action law*,  $N_e N_h = n_i^2$ , then gives the density of holes:

$$N_h = \frac{(2.5 \times 10^{19})^2}{4.41 \times 10^{20}} = 1.42 \times 10^{18} \text{ holes/m}^3$$

Because  $N_e \gg N_h$ , conductivity will be controlled by the donated electrons, whose mobility at 300 K is

$$\sigma \approx N_e e \mu_e = (4.41 \times 10^{20})(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.38) = 26.8 \text{ S/m}$$

- 6.7.** A conductor of uniform cross section and 150 m long has a voltage drop of 1.3 V and a current density of  $4.65 \times 10^5 \text{ A/m}^2$ . What is the conductivity of the material in the conductor?

Since  $E = V/\ell$  and  $J = \sigma E$ ,

$$4.65 \times 10^5 = \sigma \left(\frac{1.3}{150}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma = 5.37 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$$

- 6.8.** A table of resistivities gives 10.4 ohm · circular mils per foot for annealed copper. What is the corresponding conductivity in siemens per meter?

A *circular mil* is the area of a circle with a diameter of one mil ( $10^{-3}$  in).

$$1 \text{ cir mil} = \pi \left[ \left(\frac{10^{-3} \text{ in}}{2}\right) \left(0.0254 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{in}}\right) \right]^2 = 5.07 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$$

The conductivity is the reciprocal of the resistivity.

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{1}{10.4 \Omega \cdot \text{cir mil}}\right) \left(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}}\right) \left(0.0254 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{in}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ cir mil}}{5.07 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2}\right) = 5.78 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$$

- 6.9.** An AWG #20 aluminum wire has a resistance of 16.7 ohms per 1000 feet. What conductivity does this imply for aluminum?

From wire tables, a #20 wire has a diameter of 32 mils.

$$A = \pi \left[ \frac{32 \times 10^{-3}}{2} (0.0254) \right]^2 = 5.19 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\ell = (1000 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in/ft})(0.0254 \text{ m/in}) = 3.05 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$$

Then from  $R = \ell/\sigma A$ ,

$$\sigma = \frac{3.05 \times 10^2}{(16.7)(5.19 \times 10^{-7})} = 35.2 \text{ MS/m}$$

- 6.10.** In a cylindrical conductor of radius 2 mm, the current density varies with the distance from the axis according to



Find the total current  $I$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int J dS = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{0.002} 10^3 e^{-400r} r dr d\phi \\ &= 2\pi(10^3) \left[ \frac{e^{-400r}}{(-400)^2} (-400r - 1) \right]_0^{0.002} = 7.51 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

- 6.11.** Find the current crossing the portion of the  $y = 0$  plane defined by  $-0.1 \leq x \leq 0.1 \text{ m}$  and  $-0.002 \leq z \leq 0.002 \text{ m}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J} &= 10^2 |x| \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{A/m}^2) \\ I &= \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{-0.002}^{0.002} \int_{-0.1}^{0.1} 10^2 |x| \mathbf{a}_y \cdot dx dz \mathbf{a}_y = 4 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

- 6.12.** Find the current crossing the portion of the  $x = 0$  plane defined by  $-\pi/4 \leq y \leq \pi/4 \text{ m}$  and  $-0.01 \leq z \leq 0.01 \text{ m}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J} &= 100 \cos 2y \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m}^2) \\ I &= \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{-0.01}^{0.01} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} 100 \cos 2y \mathbf{a}_x \cdot dy dz \mathbf{a}_x = 2.0 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

- 6.13.** Given  $\mathbf{J} = 10^3 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_r \text{ A/m}^2$  in spherical coordinates, find the current crossing the spherical shell  $r = 0.02 \text{ m}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{J}$  and

$$d\mathbf{S} = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_r$$

are radial,

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi 10^3 (0.02)^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta d\phi = 3.95 \text{ A}$$

- 6.14.** Show that the resistance of any conductor of constant cross-sectional area  $A$  and length  $\ell$  is given by  $R = \ell/\sigma A$ , assuming uniform current distribution.

A constant cross section along the length  $\ell$  results in constant  $E$ , and the voltage drop is

$$V = \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = E\ell$$

If the current is uniformly distributed over the area  $A$ ,

$$I = \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = JA = \sigma EA$$

where  $\sigma$  is the conductivity. Then, since  $R = V/I$ ,

$$R = \frac{\ell}{\sigma A}$$

- 6.15.** Determine the resistance of the insulation in a length  $\ell$  of coaxial cable, as shown in Fig. 6-14.

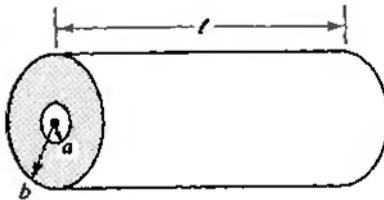


Fig. 6-14

Assume a total current  $I$  from the inner conductor to the outer conductor. Then, at a radial distance  $r$ ,

$$J = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{I}{2\pi r \ell}$$

and so

$$E = \frac{I}{2\pi\sigma r \ell}$$

The voltage difference between the conductors is then

$$V_{ab} = - \int_b^a \frac{I}{2\pi\sigma r \ell} dr = \frac{I}{2\pi\sigma \ell} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

and the resistance is

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma \ell} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

- 6.16.** A current sheet of width 4 m lies in the  $z = 0$  plane and contains a total current of 10 A in a direction from the origin to  $(1, 3, 0)$  m. Find an expression for  $\mathbf{K}$ .

At each point of the sheet, the direction of  $\mathbf{K}$  is the unit vector

$$\frac{\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{10}}$$

and the magnitude of  $\mathbf{K}$  is  $\frac{10}{4}$  A/m. Thus

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{10}{4} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{10}} \right) \text{ A/m}$$

- 6.17.** As shown in Fig. 6-15, a current  $I_T$  follows a filament down the  $z$  axis and enters a thin conducting sheet at  $z = 0$ . Express  $\mathbf{K}$  for this sheet.

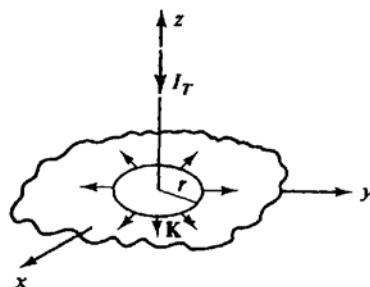


Fig. 6-15

Consider a circle in the  $z = 0$  plane. The current  $I_T$  on the sheet spreads out uniformly over the circumference  $2\pi r$ . The direction of  $\mathbf{K}$  is  $\mathbf{a}_r$ . Then

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{I_T}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

- 6.18.** For the current sheet of Problem 6.17 find the current in a  $30^\circ$  section of the plane (Fig. 6-16).

$$I = \int K_r d\ell = \int_0^{\pi/6} \frac{I_T}{2\pi r} r d\phi = \frac{I_T}{12}$$



Fig. 6-16

However, integration is not necessary, since for uniformly distributed current a  $30^\circ$  segment will contain  $30^\circ/360^\circ$  or  $1/12$  of the total.

- 6.19.** A current  $I$  (A) enters a thin right circular cylinder at the top, as shown in Fig. 6-17. Express  $\mathbf{K}$  if the radius of the cylinder is 2 cm.

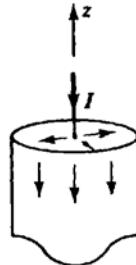


Fig. 6-17

On the top, the current is uniformly distributed over any circumference  $2\pi r$ , so that

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{A/m})$$

Down the side, the current is uniformly distributed over the circumference  $2\pi(0.02 \text{ m})$ , so that

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{I}{0.04\pi} (-\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

- 6.20.** A cylindrical conductor of radius 0.05 m with its axis along the  $z$  axis has a surface charge density  $\rho_s = \rho_0/z$  ( $\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ). Write an expression for  $\mathbf{E}$  at the surface.

Since  $D_n = \rho_s$ ,  $E_n = \rho_s/\epsilon_0$ . At  $(0.05, \phi, z)$ ,

$$\mathbf{E} = E_n \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0 z} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{V/m})$$

- 6.21.** A conductor occupying the region  $x \geq 5$  has a surface charge density

$$\rho_s = \frac{\rho_0}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}}$$

Write expressions for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  just outside the conductor.

The outer normal is  $-\mathbf{a}_x$ . Then, just outside the conductor,

$$\mathbf{D} = D_n(-\mathbf{a}_x) = \rho_s(-\mathbf{a}_x) = \frac{\rho_0}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}}(-\mathbf{a}_x)$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}}(-\mathbf{a}_x)$$

-  **6.22.** Two concentric cylindrical conductors,  $r_a = 0.01 \text{ m}$  and  $r_b = 0.08 \text{ m}$ , have charge densities  $\rho_{sa} = 40 \text{ pC/m}^2$  and  $\rho_{sb}$ , such that  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  fields exist between the two cylinders but are zero elsewhere. See Fig. 6-18. Find  $\rho_{sb}$  and write expressions for  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  between the cylinders.

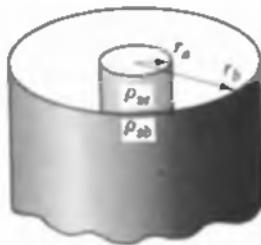


Fig. 6-18

By symmetry, the field between the cylinders must be radial and a function of  $r$  only. Then, for  $r_a < r < r_b$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr}(rD_r) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad rD_r = c$$

To evaluate the constant  $c$ , use the fact that  $D_n = D_r = \rho_{sa}$  at  $r = r_a + 0$ .

$$c = (0.01)(40 \times 10^{-12}) = 4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ C/m}$$

and so

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-13}}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{C/m}^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{4.52 \times 10^{-2}}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{V/m})$$

The density  $\rho_{sb}$  is now found from

$$\rho_{sb} = D_n|_{r=r_b-0} = -D_r|_{r=r_b-0} = -\frac{4 \times 10^{-13}}{0.08} = -5 \text{ pC/m}^2$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 6.23.** Find the mobility of the conduction electrons in aluminum, given a conductivity  $38.2 \text{ MS/m}$  and conduction electron density  $1.70 \times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . *Ans.*  $1.40 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$
- 6.24.** Repeat Problem 6.23 (a) for copper, where  $\sigma = 58.0 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $N_e = 1.13 \times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ; (b) for silver, where  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $N_e = 7.44 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$ .  
*Ans.* (a)  $3.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ ; (b)  $5.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$
- 6.25.** Find the concentration of holes,  $N_h$ , in *p*-type germanium, where  $\sigma = 10^3 \text{ S/m}$  and the hole mobility is  $\mu_h = 0.18 \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ . *Ans.*  $3.47 \times 10^{23} \text{ m}^{-3}$

- 6.26.** Using the data of Problem 6.25, find the concentration of electrons,  $N_e$ , if the intrinsic concentration is  $n_i = 2.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . *Ans.*  $1.80 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- 6.27.** Find the electron and hole concentrations in *n*-type silicon for which  $\sigma = 10.0 \text{ S/m}$ ,  $\mu_e = 0.13 \text{ m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ , and  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . *Ans.*  $4.81 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $4.68 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- 6.28.** Determine the number of conduction electrons in a 1-meter cube of tungsten, of which the density is  $18.8 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the atomic weight is 184.0. Assume two conduction electrons per atom. *Ans.*  $1.23 \times 10^{29}$
- 6.29.** Find the number of conduction electrons in a 1-meter cube of copper if  $\sigma = 58 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu = 3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ . On the average, how many electrons is this per atom? The atomic weight is 63.54 and the density is  $8.96 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . *Ans.*  $1.13 \times 10^{29}$ , 1.33
- 6.30.** A copper bar of rectangular cross section 0.02 by 0.08 m and length 2.0 m has a voltage drop of 50 mV. Find the resistance, current, current density, electric field intensity, and conduction electron drift velocity. *Ans.*  $21.6 \mu\Omega$ ,  $2.32 \text{ kA}$ ,  $1.45 \text{ MA/m}^2$ ,  $25 \text{ mV/m}$ ,  $0.08 \text{ mm/s}$
- 6.31.** An aluminum bus bar 0.01 by 0.07 m in cross section and of length 3 m carries a current of 300 A. Find the electric field intensity, current density, and conduction electron drift velocity. *Ans.*  $1.12 \times 10^{-2} \text{ V/m}$ ,  $4.28 \times 10^5 \text{ A/m}^2$ ,  $1.57 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$
- 6.32.** A wire table gives for AWG #20 copper wire at 20°C the resistance  $33.31 \Omega/\text{km}$ . What conductivity (in S/m) does this imply for copper? The diameter of AWG #20 is 32 mils. *Ans.*  $5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$
- 6.33.** A wire table gives for AWG #18 platinum wire the resistance  $1.21 \times 10^{-3} \Omega/\text{cm}$ . What conductivity (in S/m) does this imply for platinum? The diameter of AWG #18 is 40 mils. *Ans.*  $1.00 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$
- 6.34.** What is the conductivity of AWG #32 tungsten wire with a resistance of  $0.0172 \Omega/\text{cm}$ ? The diameter of AWG #32 is 8.0 mils. *Ans.*  $17.9 \text{ MS/m}$
- 6.35.** Determine the resistance per meter of a hollow cylindrical aluminum conductor with an outer diameter of 32 mm and wall thickness 6 mm. *Ans.*  $53.4 \mu\Omega/\text{m}$
- 6.36.** Find the resistance of an aluminum foil 1.0 mil thick and 5.0 cm square (*a*) between opposite edges on a square face, (*b*) between the two square faces. *Ans.* (*a*)  $1.03 \text{ m}\Omega$ ; (*b*)  $266 \text{ p}\Omega$
- 6.37.** Find the resistance of 100 ft of AWG #4/0 conductor in both copper and aluminum. An AWG #4/0 has a diameter of 460 mils. *Ans.*  $4.91 \text{ m}\Omega$ ,  $7.46 \text{ m}\Omega$
- 6.38.** Determine the resistance of a copper conductor 2 m long with a circular cross section and a radius of 1 mm at one end increasing linearly to a radius of 5 mm at the other. *Ans.*  $2.20 \text{ m}\Omega$
- 6.39.** Determine the resistance of a copper conductor 1 m long with a square cross section and a side 1 mm at one end increasing linearly to 3 mm at the other. *Ans.*  $5.75 \text{ m}\Omega$
- 6.40.** Develop an expression for the resistance of a conductor of length  $\ell$  if the cross section retains the same shape and the area increases linearly from  $A$  to  $kA$  over  $\ell$ . *Ans.*  $\frac{\ell}{\sigma A} \left( \frac{\ln k}{k - 1} \right)$
- 6.41.** Find the current density in an AWG #12 conductor when it is carrying its rated current of 30 A. A #12 wire has a diameter of 81 mils. *Ans.*  $9.09 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$
- 6.42.** Find the total current in a circular conductor of radius 2 mm if the current density varies with  $r$  according to  $J = 10^3/r$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>). *Ans.*  $4\pi \text{ A}$

- 6.43.** In cylindrical coordinates,  $\mathbf{J} = 10e^{-100r}\mathbf{a}_\phi$  ( $\text{A/m}^2$ ) for the region  $0.01 \leq r \leq 0.02 \text{ m}$ ,  $0 < z \leq 1 \text{ m}$ . Find the total current crossing the intersection of this region with the plane  $\phi = \text{const}$ .  
*Ans.*  $2.33 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}$

- 6.44.** Given a current density

$$\mathbf{J} = \left( \frac{10^3}{r^2} \cos \theta \right) \mathbf{a}_\theta \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

in spherical coordinates, find the current crossing the conical strip  $\theta = \pi/4$ ,  $0.001 \leq r \leq 0.080 \text{ m}$ .  
*Ans.*  $1.38 \times 10^4 \text{ A}$

- 6.45.** Find the total current outward directed from a 1-meter cube with one corner at the origin and edges parallel to the coordinate axes if  $\mathbf{J} = 2x^2\mathbf{a}_x + 2xy^3\mathbf{a}_y + 2xy\mathbf{a}_z$  ( $\text{A/m}^2$ ). *Ans.*  $3.0 \text{ A}$

- 6.46.** As shown in Fig. 6-19, a current of  $50 \text{ A}$  passes down the  $z$  axis, enters a thin spherical shell of radius  $0.03 \text{ m}$ , and at  $\theta = \pi/2$  enters a plane sheet. Write expressions for the current sheet densities  $\mathbf{K}$  in the spherical shell and in the plane.

*Ans.*  $\frac{265}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta$  ( $\text{A/m}$ ),  $\frac{7.96}{r} \mathbf{a}_r$  ( $\text{A/m}$ )

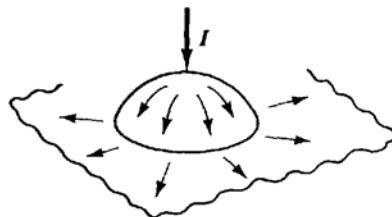


Fig. 6-19

- 6.47.** A filamentary current of  $I(\text{A})$  passes down the  $z$  axis to  $z = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$  where it enters the portion  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4$  of a spherical shell of radius  $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{K}$  for this current sheet.

*Ans.*  $\frac{80I}{\pi \sin \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta$  ( $\text{A/m}$ )

- 6.48.** A current sheet of density  $\mathbf{K} = 20\mathbf{a}_z$   $\text{A/m}$  lies in the plane  $x = 0$  and a current density  $\mathbf{J} = 10\mathbf{a}_z$   $\text{A/m}^2$  also exists throughout space. (a) Find the current crossing the area enclosed by a circle of radius  $0.5 \text{ m}$  centered at the origin in the  $z = 0$  plane. (b) Find the current crossing the square  $|x| \leq 0.25 \text{ m}$ ,  $|y| \leq 0.25 \text{ m}$ ,  $z = 0$ . *Ans.* (a)  $27.9 \text{ A}$ ; (b)  $12.5 \text{ A}$

- 6.49.** A hollow, thin-walled, rectangular conductor  $0.01$  by  $0.02 \text{ m}$  carries a current of  $10 \text{ A}$  in the positive  $x$  direction. Express  $\mathbf{K}$ . *Ans.*  $167\mathbf{a}_x$   $\text{A/m}$

- 6.50.** A solid conductor has a surface described by  $x + y = 3 \text{ m}$  and extends toward the origin. At the surface the electric field intensity is  $0.35 \text{ V/m}$ . Express  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  at the surface and find  $\rho_s$ .  
*Ans.*  $\pm 0.247(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)$   $\text{V/m}$ ,  $\pm 2.19 \times 10^{-12}(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)$   $\text{C/m}^2$ ,  $\pm 3.10 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C/m}^2$

- 6.51.** A conductor that extends into the region  $z < 0$  has one face in the plane  $z = 0$ , over which there is a surface charge density

$$\rho_s = 5 \times 10^{-10} e^{-10r} \sin^2 \phi \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

in cylindrical coordinates. Find the electric field intensity at  $(0.15 \text{ m}, \pi/3, 0)$ . *Ans.*  $9.45\mathbf{a}_z$   $\text{V/m}$

- 6.52. A spherical conductor centered at the origin and of radius 3 has a surface charge density  $\rho_s = \rho_0 \cos^2 \theta$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}$  at the surface.

Ans.  $\frac{\rho_0}{\epsilon_0} \cos^2 \theta \mathbf{a}_r$ ,



- 6.53. The electric field intensity at a point on a conductor surface is given by  $\mathbf{E} = 0.2\mathbf{a}_x - 0.3\mathbf{a}_y - 0.2\mathbf{a}_z$ , V/m. What is the surface charge density at the point? Ans.  $\pm 3.65 \text{ pC/m}^2$

- 6.54. A spherical conductor centered at the origin has an electric field intensity at its surface  $\mathbf{E} = 0.53(\sin^2 \phi)\mathbf{a}_r$ , V/m in spherical coordinates. What is the charge density where the sphere meets the  $y$  axis? Ans.  $4.69 \text{ pC/m}^2$

# Chapter 7

## Capacitance and Dielectric Materials

### 7.1 POLARIZATION $\mathbf{P}$ AND RELATIVE PERMITTIVITY $\epsilon_r$

Dielectric materials become *polarized* in an electric field, with the result that the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  is greater than it would be under free-space conditions with the same field intensity. A simplified but satisfactory theory of polarization can be obtained by treating an atom of the dielectric as two superimposed positive and negative charge regions, as shown in Fig. 7-1(a). Upon application of an  $\mathbf{E}$  field the positive charge region moves in the direction of the applied field and the negative charge region moves in the opposite direction. This displacement can be represented by an *electric dipole moment*,  $\mathbf{p} = Q\mathbf{d}$ , as shown in Fig. 7-1(c).

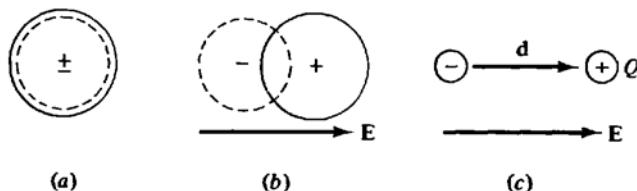


Fig. 7-1

For most materials, the charge regions will return to their original superimposed positions when the applied field is removed. As with a spring obeying Hooke's law, the work done in the distortion is recoverable when the system is permitted to go back to its original state. Energy storage takes place in this distortion in the same manner as with the spring.

A region  $\Delta v$  of a polarized dielectric will contain  $N$  dipole moments  $\mathbf{p}$ . Polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  is defined as the dipole moment per unit volume:

$$\mathbf{P} = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{N\mathbf{p}}{\Delta v} \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

This suggests a smooth and continuous distribution of electric dipole moments throughout the volume, which, of course, is not the case. In the macroscopic view, however, polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  can account for the increase in the electric flux density, the equation being

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

This equation permits  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  to have different directions, as they do in certain crystalline dielectrics. In an isotropic, linear material  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  are parallel at each point, which is expressed by

$$\mathbf{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \quad (\text{isotropic material})$$

where the *electric susceptibility*  $\chi_e$  is a dimensionless constant. Then,

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)\mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} \quad (\text{isotropic material})$$

where  $\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_e$  is also a pure number. Since  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$  (Section 3.4),

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$$

whence  $\epsilon_r$  is called the *relative permittivity*. (Compare Section 2.1.)

**EXAMPLE 1.** Find the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  for a dielectric material in which  $E = 0.15 \text{ MV/m}$  and  $\chi_e = 4.25$ .

Since  $\epsilon_r = \chi_e + 1 = 5.25$ ,

$$D = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E = \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} (5.25)(0.15 \times 10^6) = 6.96 \mu\text{C/m}^2$$

$$P = \chi_e \epsilon_0 E = \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} (4.25)(0.15 \times 10^6) = 5.64 \mu\text{C/m}^2$$

## 7.2 CAPACITANCE

Any two conducting bodies separated by free space or a dielectric material have a *capacitance* between them. A voltage difference applied results in a charge  $+Q$  on one conductor and  $-Q$  on the other. The ratio of the absolute value of the charge to the absolute value of the voltage difference is defined as the capacitance of the system:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad (\text{F})$$

where 1 farad(F) = 1 C/V.

The capacitance depends only on the geometry of the system and the properties of the dielectric(s) involved. In Fig. 7-2, charge  $+Q$  placed on conductor 1 and  $-Q$  on conductor 2 creates a flux field as shown. The  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  fields are therefore also established. To double the charges would simply double  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ , and therefore double the voltage difference. Hence the ratio  $Q/V$  would remain fixed.

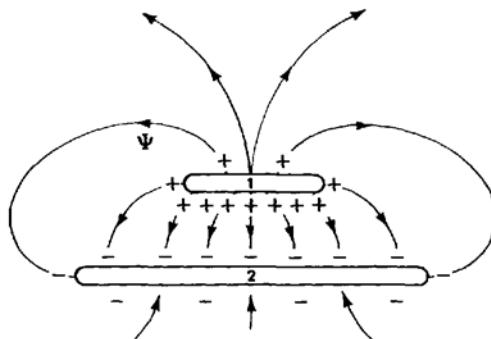


Fig. 7-2

**EXAMPLE 2.** Find the capacitance of the parallel plates in Fig. 7-3, neglecting fringing.

Assume a total charge  $+Q$  on the upper plate and  $-Q$  on the lower plate. This charge would normally be distributed over the plates with a higher density at the edges. By *neglecting fringing*, the problem is simplified and uniform densities  $\rho_s = \pm Q/A$  may be assumed on the plates. Between the plates  $\mathbf{D}$  is uniform, directed from  $+\rho_s$  to  $-\rho_s$ .

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{A} (-\mathbf{a}_z) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A} (-\mathbf{a}_z)$$

The potential of the upper plate with respect to the lower plate is obtained as in Section 5.3.

$$V = - \int_0^d \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A} (-\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot (dz \mathbf{a}_z) = \frac{Qd}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}$$

Then  $C = Q/V = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A/d$ . Notice that the result does not depend upon the shape of the plates but rather the area, the separation distance, and the dielectric material between the plates.

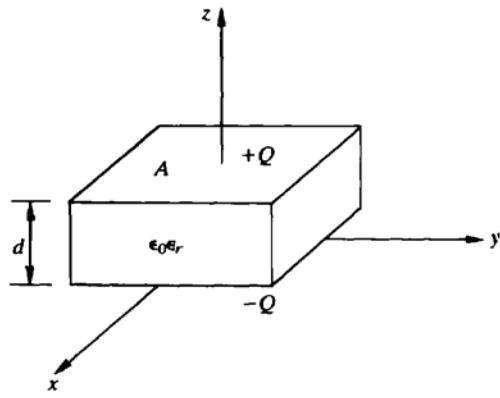


Fig. 7-3

### 7.3 MULTIPLE-DIELECTRIC CAPACITORS

When two dielectrics are present in a capacitor with the interface *parallel to E and D*, as shown in Fig. 7-4(a), the equivalent capacitance can be obtained by treating the arrangement as two capacitors in parallel [Fig. 7-4(b)].

$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A_1}{d} \quad C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A_2}{d}$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0}{d} (\epsilon_{r1} A_1 + \epsilon_{r2} A_2)$$

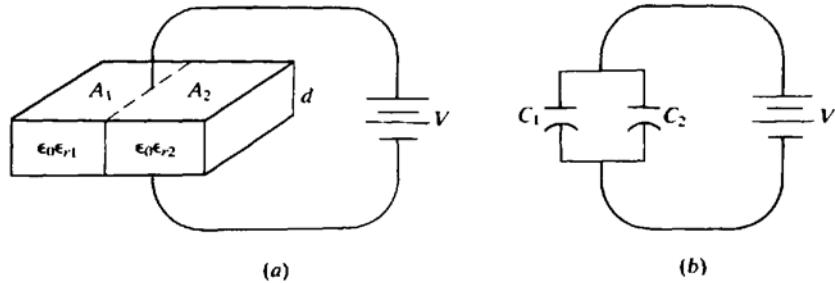


Fig. 7-4

When two dielectrics are present such that the interface is *normal to D and E*, as shown in Fig. 7-5(a), the equivalent capacitance can be obtained by treating the arrangement as two capacitors in series [Fig. 7-5(b)].

$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A}{d_1} \quad C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A}{d_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} = \frac{\epsilon_{r2} d_1 + \epsilon_{r1} d_2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} \epsilon_{r2} A}$$

The result can be extended to any number of dielectrics such that the interfaces are all normal to D and E: *the reciprocal of the equivalent capacitance is the sum of the reciprocals of the individual capacitances.*

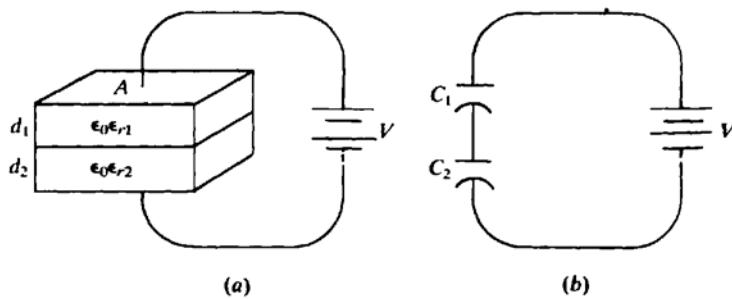


Fig. 7-5

**EXAMPLE 3.** A parallel-plate capacitor with area  $0.30 \text{ m}^2$  and separation 5.5 mm contains three dielectrics with interfaces normal to  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ , as follows:  $\epsilon_{r1} = 3.0$ ,  $d_1 = 1.0 \text{ mm}$ ;  $\epsilon_{r2} = 4.0$ ,  $d_2 = 2.0 \text{ mm}$ ;  $\epsilon_{r3} = 6.0$ ,  $d_3 = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ . Find the capacitance.

Each dielectric is treated as making up one capacitor in a set of three capacitors in series.

$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A}{d_1} = \frac{\epsilon_0 (3.0)(0.30)}{10^{-3}} = 7.96 \text{ nF}$$

Similarly,  $C_2 = 5.31 \text{ nF}$  and  $C_3 = 6.37 \text{ nF}$ ; whence

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{7.96 \times 10^{-9}} + \frac{1}{5.31 \times 10^{-9}} + \frac{1}{6.37 \times 10^{-9}} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{\text{eq}} = 2.12 \text{ nF}$$

#### 7.4 ENERGY STORED IN A CAPACITOR

By Section 5.8, the energy stored in the electric field of a capacitor is given by

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dv$$

where the integration may be taken over the space between the conductors with fringing neglected. If this space is occupied by a dielectric of relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$ , then  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}$ , giving

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E^2 dv$$

It is seen that, *for the same  $\mathbf{E}$  field as in free space*, the presence of a dielectric results in an increase in stored energy by the factor  $\epsilon_r > 1$ . In terms of the capacitance  $C$  and the voltage  $V$  this stored energy is given by

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

and the energy increase relative to free space is reflected in  $C$ , which is directly proportional to  $\epsilon_r$ .

#### 7.5 FIXED-VOLTAGE $\mathbf{D}$ AND $\mathbf{E}$

A parallel-plate capacitor with free space between the plates and a constant applied voltage  $V$ , as shown in Fig. 7-6, has a constant electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}_0$ . With fringing neglected,

$$\mathbf{E}_0 = \frac{V}{d} \mathbf{a}_n \quad \mathbf{D}_0 = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 V}{d} \mathbf{a}_n$$

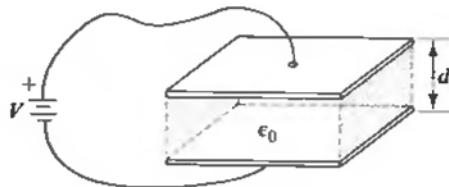


Fig. 7-6

Now, when a dielectric with relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$  fills the space between the plates,

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 \quad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon_r \mathbf{D}_0$$

because the voltage remains fixed, whereas the permittivity increases by the factor  $\epsilon_r$ .

**EXAMPLE 4.** A parallel-plate capacitor with free space between the plates is connected to a constant source of voltage. Determine how  $W_E$ ,  $C$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\rho_s$  change as a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 2$  is inserted between the plates.

Relationship	Explanation
$W_E = 2W_{E0}$	Section 7.4
$C = 2C_0$	$C = 2W_E/V^2$
$\rho_s = 2\rho_{s0}$	$\rho_s = D_n$
$Q = 2Q_0$	$Q = \rho_s A$

Insertion of the dielectric causes additional charge in the amount  $Q_0$  to be pulled from the constant-voltage source.

## 7.6 FIXED-CHARGE $\mathbf{D}$ AND $\mathbf{E}$

The parallel-plate capacitor in Fig. 7-7 has a charge  $+Q$  on the upper plate and  $-Q$  on the lower plate. This charge could have resulted from the connection of a voltage source  $V$  which was subsequently removed. With free space between the plates and fringing neglected,

$$\mathbf{D}_0 = \frac{Q}{A} \mathbf{a}_n \quad \mathbf{E}_0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{D}_0 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A} \mathbf{a}_n$$

In this arrangement there is no way for the charge to increase or decrease, since there is no conducting path to the plates. Thus, when a dielectric material is inserted between the plates,

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}_0 \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} \mathbf{E}_0$$

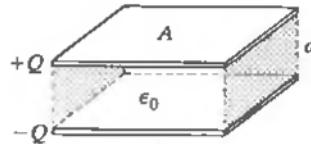


Fig. 7-7

**EXAMPLE 5.** A charged parallel-plate capacitor in free space is kept electrically insulated as a dielectric of relative permittivity 2 is inserted between the plates. Determine the changes in  $W_E$ ,  $C$ , and  $V$ .

Relationship	Explanation
$W_E = \frac{1}{2} W_{E0}$	$\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}_0$
$V = \frac{1}{2} V_0$	$V = Ed$
$C = 2C_0$	$C = Q/V$

(See Problem 7.20.)

## 7.7 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AT THE INTERFACE OF TWO DIELECTRICS

If the conductor in Figs. 6-11 and 6-12 is replaced by a second, different, dielectric, then the same argument as was made in Section 6.10 establishes the following two boundary conditions:

- (1) *The tangential component of  $\mathbf{E}$  is continuous across a dielectric interface.* In symbols,

$$E_{t1} = E_{t2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{D_{t1}}{\epsilon_{r1}} = \frac{D_{t2}}{\epsilon_{r2}}$$

- (2) *The normal component of  $\mathbf{D}$  has a discontinuity of magnitude  $|\rho_s|$  across a dielectric interface.* If the unit normal vector is chosen to point into dielectric 2, then this condition can be written

$$D_{n1} - D_{n2} = -\rho_s \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{r1}E_{n1} - \epsilon_{r2}E_{n2} = -\frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0}$$

Generally the interface will have no free charges ( $\rho_s = 0$ ), so that

$$D_{n1} = D_{n2} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{r1}E_{n1} = \epsilon_{r2}E_{n2}$$



**EXAMPLE 6.** Given that  $\mathbf{E}_1 = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z$  V/m at the charge-free dielectric interface of Fig. 7-8 find  $\mathbf{D}_2$  and the angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ .

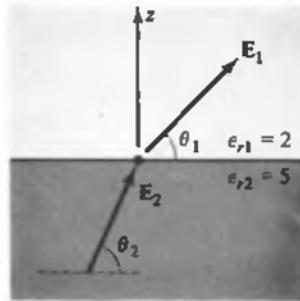


Fig. 7-8

The interface is a  $z = \text{const.}$  plane. The  $x$  and  $y$  components are tangential and the  $z$  components are normal. By continuity of the tangential component of  $\mathbf{E}$  and the normal component of  $\mathbf{D}$ :

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y + 5\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2 = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y + E_{z2}\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = \epsilon_0\epsilon_{r1}\mathbf{E}_1 = 4\epsilon_0\mathbf{a}_x - 6\epsilon_0\mathbf{a}_y + 10\epsilon_0\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = D_{x2}\mathbf{a}_x + D_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y + 10\epsilon_0\mathbf{a}_z$$

The unknown components are now found from the relation  $\mathbf{D}_2 = \epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2}\mathbf{E}_2$ ,

$$D_{x2}\mathbf{a}_x + D_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y + 10\epsilon_0\mathbf{a}_z = 2\epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2}\mathbf{a}_x - 3\epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2}\mathbf{a}_y + \epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2}E_{z2}\mathbf{a}_z$$

from which

$$D_{x2} = 2\epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2} = 10\epsilon_2 \quad D_{y2} = -3\epsilon_0\epsilon_{r2} = -15\epsilon_0 \quad E_{z2} = \frac{10}{\epsilon_{r2}} = 2$$

The angles made with the plane of the interface are easiest found from

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = |\mathbf{E}_1| \cos(90^\circ - \theta_1) \quad \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = |\mathbf{E}_2| \cos(90^\circ - \theta_2)$$

$$5 = \sqrt{38} \sin \theta_1 \quad 2 = \sqrt{17} \sin \theta_2$$

$$\theta_1 = 54.2^\circ \quad \theta_2 = 29.0^\circ$$

A useful relation can be obtained from

$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{E_{x1}}{\sqrt{E_{x1}^2 + E_{y1}^2}} = \frac{D_{x1}/\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}}{\sqrt{D_{x1}^2 + D_{y1}^2}}$$

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{E_{x2}}{\sqrt{E_{x2}^2 + E_{y2}^2}} = \frac{D_{x2}/\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}}{\sqrt{D_{x2}^2 + D_{y2}^2}}$$

In view of the continuity relations, division of these two equations gives

$$\frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\epsilon_{r2}}{\epsilon_{r1}}$$

## Solved Problems

- 7.1.** Find the polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  in a dielectric material with  $\epsilon_r = 2.8$  if  $\mathbf{D} = 3.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a C/m}^2$ .

Assuming the material to be homogeneous and isotropic,

$$\mathbf{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$$

Since  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}$  and  $\chi_e = \epsilon_r - 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{P} = \left( \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r} \right) \mathbf{D} = 1.93 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a C/m}^2$$

- 7.2.** Determine the value of  $\mathbf{E}$  in a material for which the electric susceptibility is 3.5 and  $\mathbf{P} = 2.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a C/m}^2$ .

Assuming that  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are in the same direction,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\chi_e \epsilon_0} \mathbf{P} = 7.42 \times 10^3 \text{ a V/m}$$

- 7.3.** Two point charges in a dielectric medium where  $\epsilon_r = 5.2$  interact with a force of  $8.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$ . What force could be expected if the charges were in free space?

Coulomb's law,  $F = Q_1 Q_2 / (4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r d^2)$ , shows that the force is inversely proportional to  $\epsilon_r$ . In free space the force will have its maximum value.

$$F_{\max} = \frac{5.2}{1} (8.6 \times 10^{-3}) = 4.47 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}$$

- 7.4.** Region 1, defined by  $x < 0$ , is free space, while region 2,  $x > 0$ , is a dielectric material for which  $\epsilon_{r2} = 2.4$ . See Fig. 7-9. Given

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = 3\mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z \quad \text{C/m}^2$$

find  $\mathbf{E}_2$  and the angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ .

The  $x$  components are normal to the interface:  $D_x$  and  $E_x$  are continuous.

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = 3\mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z \quad \mathbf{E}_1 = \frac{3}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_x - \frac{4}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{6}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = 3\mathbf{a}_x + D_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y + D_{z2}\mathbf{a}_z \quad \mathbf{E}_2 = E_{x2}\mathbf{a}_x - \frac{4}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{6}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{a}_z$$



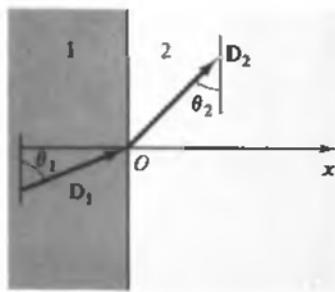


Fig. 7-9

Then  $\mathbf{D}_2 = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} \mathbf{E}_2$  gives

$$3\mathbf{a}_x + D_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y + D_{z2}\mathbf{a}_z = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} E_{x2}\mathbf{a}_x - 4\epsilon_{r2}\mathbf{a}_y + 6\epsilon_{r2}\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\text{whence } E_{x2} = \frac{3}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}} = \frac{1.25}{\epsilon_0} \quad D_{y2} = -4\epsilon_{r2} = -9.6 \quad D_{z2} = 6\epsilon_{r2} = 14.4$$

To find the angles:

$$\mathbf{D}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = |\mathbf{D}_1| \cos(90^\circ - \theta_1)$$

$$3 = \sqrt{61} \sin \theta_1$$

$$\theta_1 = 22.6^\circ$$

Similarly,  $\theta_2 = 9.83^\circ$ .

- 7.5.** In the free-space region  $x < 0$  the electric field intensity is  $\mathbf{E}_1 = 3\mathbf{a}_x + 5\mathbf{a}_y - 3\mathbf{a}_z$  V/m. The region  $x > 0$  is a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_{r2} = 3.6$ . Find the angle  $\theta_2$  that the field in the dielectric makes with the  $x = 0$  plane.

The angle made by  $\mathbf{E}_1$  is found from

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = |\mathbf{E}_1| \cos(90^\circ - \theta_1)$$

$$3 = \sqrt{43} \sin \theta_1$$

$$\theta_1 = 27.2^\circ$$

Then, by the formula developed in Example 6,

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r2}} \tan \theta_1 = 0.1428$$

and  $\theta_2 = 8.13^\circ$ .

- 7.6.** A dielectric free-space interface has the equation  $3x + 2y + z = 12$  m. The origin side of the interface has  $\epsilon_{r1} = 3.0$  and  $\mathbf{E}_1 = 2\mathbf{a}_x + 5\mathbf{a}_y$  V/m. Find  $\mathbf{E}_2$ .

The interface is indicated in Fig. 7-10 by its intersections with the axes. The unit normal vector on the free-space side is

$$\mathbf{a}_n = \frac{3\mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{14}}$$

The projection of  $\mathbf{E}_1$  on  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is the normal component of  $\mathbf{E}$  at the interface.

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_n = \frac{11}{\sqrt{14}}$$

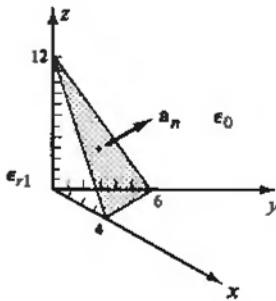


Fig. 7-10

Then

$$\mathbf{E}_{n1} = \frac{11}{\sqrt{14}} \mathbf{a}_n = 2.36 \mathbf{a}_x + 1.57 \mathbf{a}_y + 0.79 \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{t1} = \mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_{n1} = -0.36 \mathbf{a}_x - 1.57 \mathbf{a}_y + 4.21 \mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{E}_{t2}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{n1} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} \mathbf{E}_{n1} = \epsilon_0 (7.08 \mathbf{a}_x + 4.71 \mathbf{a}_y + 2.37 \mathbf{a}_z) = \mathbf{D}_{n2}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{n2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{D}_{n2} = 7.08 \mathbf{a}_x + 4.71 \mathbf{a}_y + 2.37 \mathbf{a}_z$$

and finally

$$\mathbf{E}_2 = \mathbf{E}_{n2} + \mathbf{E}_{t2} = 6.72 \mathbf{a}_x + 3.14 \mathbf{a}_y + 6.58 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

- 7.7.** Figure 7-11 shows a planar dielectric slab with free space on either side. Assuming a constant field  $\mathbf{E}_2$  within the slab, show that  $\mathbf{E}_3 = \mathbf{E}_1$ .

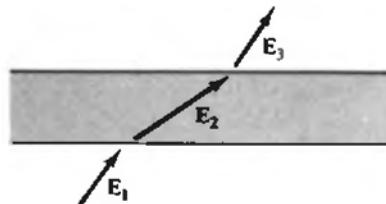


Fig. 7-11

By continuity of  $E_i$  across the two interfaces,

$$E_{i3} = E_{i1}$$

By continuity of  $D_n$  across the two interfaces (no surface charges),

$$D_{n3} = D_{n1} \quad \text{and so} \quad E_{n3} = E_{n1}$$

Consequently,  $\mathbf{E}_3 = \mathbf{E}_1$ .

- 7.8.** (a) Show that the capacitor of Fig. 7-4(a) has capacitance



$$C_{eq} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A_1}{d} + \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A_2}{d} = C_1 + C_2$$

- (b) Show that the capacitor of Fig. 7-5(a) has reciprocal capacitance

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A / d_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A / d_2} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$$

(a) Because the voltage difference  $V$  is common to the two dielectrics,

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = \mathbf{E}_2 = \frac{V}{d} \mathbf{a}_n \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathbf{D}_1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}} = \frac{\mathbf{D}_2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}} = \frac{V}{d} \mathbf{a}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is the downward normal to the upper plate. Since  $D_n = \rho_s$ , the charge densities on the two sections of the upper plate are

$$\rho_{s1} = \frac{V}{d} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} \quad \rho_{s2} = \frac{V}{d} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2}$$

and the total charge is

$$Q = \rho_{s1} A_1 + \rho_{s2} A_2 = V \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A_1}{d} + \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A_2}{d} \right)$$

Thus, the capacitance of the system,  $C_{eq} = Q/V$ , has the asserted form.

(b) Let  $+Q$  be the charge on the upper plate. Then

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{A} \mathbf{a}_n$$

everywhere between the plates, so that

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A} \mathbf{a}_n \quad \mathbf{E}_2 = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A} \mathbf{a}_n$$

The voltage differences across the two dielectrics are then

$$V_1 = E_1 d_1 = \frac{Q d_1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A} \quad V_2 = E_2 d_2 = \frac{Q d_2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A}$$

and

$$V = V_1 + V_2 = Q \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A / d_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} A / d_2} \right).$$

From this it is seen that  $1/C_{eq} = V/Q$  has the asserted form.

- 7.9.** Find the capacitance of a coaxial capacitor of length  $L$ , where the inner conductor has radius  $a$  and the outer has radius  $b$ . See Fig. 7-12.



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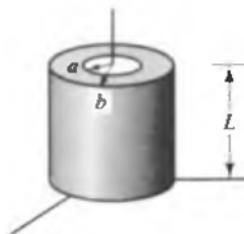


Fig. 7-12

With fringing neglected, Gauss' law requires that  $D \propto 1/r$  between the conductors (see Problem 6.22). At  $r = a$ ,  $D = \rho_s$ , where  $\rho_s$  is the (assumed positive) surface charge density on the inner conductor. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{D} = \rho_s \frac{a}{r} \mathbf{a}_r \quad \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_s a}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

and the voltage difference between the conductors is

$$V_{ab} = - \int_b^a \left( \frac{\rho_s a}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r r} \mathbf{a}_r \right) \cdot dr \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{\rho_s a}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

The total charge on the inner conductor is  $Q = \rho_s(2\pi aL)$ , and so

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r L}{\ln(b/a)}$$

- 7.10.** In the capacitor shown in Fig. 7-13, the region between the plates is filled with a dielectric having  $\epsilon_r = 4.5$ . Find the capacitance.

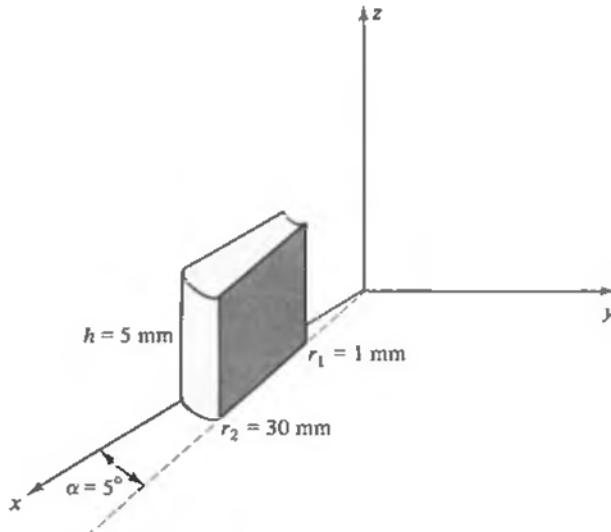


Fig. 7-13

With fringing neglected, the  $\mathbf{D}$  field between the plates should, in cylindrical coordinates, be of the form  $\mathbf{D} = D_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$ , where  $D_\phi$  depends only on  $r$ . Then, if the voltage of the plate  $\phi = \alpha$  with respect to the plate  $\phi = 0$  is  $V_0$ ,

$$V_0 = - \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_0^\alpha \left( \frac{D_\phi}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \right) \cdot (r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi) = - \frac{D_\phi r}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \int_0^\alpha d\phi = - \frac{D_\phi r \alpha}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$$

Thus,  $D_\phi = -\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r V_0 / r \alpha$ , and the charge density on the plate  $\phi = \alpha$  is

$$\rho_s = D_n = -D_\phi = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r V_0}{r \alpha}$$

The total charge on the plate is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int \rho_s dS = \int_0^h \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r V_0}{r \alpha} dr dz \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r V_0 h}{\alpha} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_0} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r h}{\alpha} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

When the numerical values are substituted (with  $\alpha$  converted to radians), one obtains  $C = 7.76 \text{ pF}$ .

- 7.11.** Referring to Problem 7.10, find the separation  $d$  which results in the same capacitance when the plates are brought into parallel arrangement, with the same dielectric in between.

With the plates parallel

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d}$$

so that

$$d = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{C} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r h(r_2 - r_1)}{(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r h/\alpha) [\ln(r_2/r_1)]} = \frac{\alpha(r_2 - r_1)}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

Notice that the numerator on the right is the difference of the arc lengths at the two ends of the capacitor, while the denominator is the logarithm of the ratio of these arc lengths. For the data of Problem 7.10,  $\alpha r_1 = 0.087$  mm,  $\alpha r_2 = 2.62$  mm, and  $d = 0.74$  mm.

**7.12. Find the capacitance of an isolated spherical shell of radius  $a$ .**

The potential of such a conductor with a zero reference at infinity is (see Problem 2.34)

$$V = \frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 a}$$

Then

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 a$$

**7.13. Find the capacitance between two spherical shells of radius  $a$  separated by a distance  $d \gg a$ .**

As an approximation, the result of Problem 7.12 for the capacitance of a single spherical shell,  $4\pi\epsilon_0 a$ , may be used. From Fig. 7-14 two such identical capacitors appear to be in series.

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$$

$$C = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = 2\pi\epsilon_0 a$$

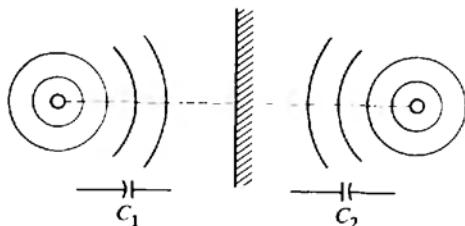


Fig. 7-14

**7.14. Find the capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor containing two dielectrics,  $\epsilon_{r1} = 1.5$  and  $\epsilon_{r2} = 3.5$ , each comprising one-half the volume, as shown in Fig. 7-15. Here,  $A = 2 \text{ m}^2$  and  $d = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .**

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$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} A_1}{d} = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(1.5)1}{10^{-3}} = 13.3 \text{ nF}$$

Similarly,  $C_2 = 31.0 \text{ nF}$ . Then

$$C = C_1 + C_2 = 44.3 \text{ nF}$$

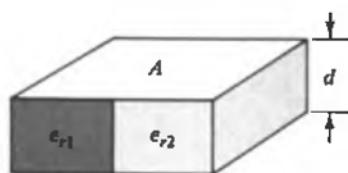


Fig. 7-15

- 7.15.** Repeat Problem 7.14 if the two dielectrics each occupy one-half of the space between the plates but the interface is parallel to the plates.



$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d_1} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{d/2} = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(1.5)}{10^{-3}/2} = 53.1 \text{ nF}$$

Similarly,  $C_2 = 124 \text{ nF}$ . Then

$$C = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = 37.2 \text{ nF}$$

- 7.16.** In the cylindrical capacitor shown in Fig. 7-16 each dielectric occupies one-half the volume. Find the capacitance.

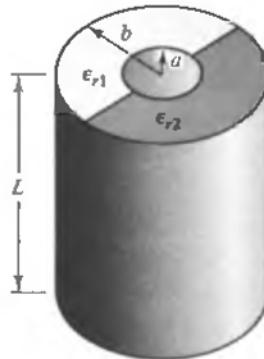


Fig. 7-16

The dielectric interface is parallel to **D** and **E**, so the configuration may be treated as two capacitors in parallel. Since each capacitor carries half as much charge as a full cylinder would carry, the result of Problem 7.9 gives

$$C = C_1 + C_2 = \frac{\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1} L}{\ln(b/a)} + \frac{\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r2} L}{\ln(b/a)} = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{avg} L}{\ln(b/a)}$$

where  $\epsilon_{avg} = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_{r1} + \epsilon_{r2})$ . The two dielectrics act like a single dielectric having the average relative permittivity.

- 7.17.** Find the voltage across each dielectric in the capacitor shown in Fig. 7-17 when the applied voltage is 200 V.



$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 5(1)}{10^{-3}} = 5000 \epsilon_0$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1000 \epsilon_0}{3}$$

and

$$C = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = 312.5 \epsilon_0 = 2.77 \times 10^{-9} \text{ F}$$

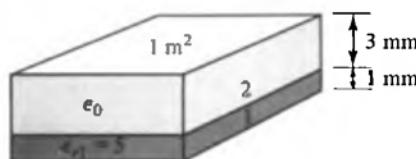


Fig. 7-17

The **D** field within the capacitor is now found from

$$D_n = \rho_s = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{CV}{A} = \frac{(2.77 \times 10^{-9})(200)}{1} = 5.54 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$$

Then,

$$E_1 = \frac{D}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}} = 1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m} \quad E_2 = \frac{D}{\epsilon_0} = 6.25 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$$

from which

$$V_1 = E_1 d_1 = 12.5 \text{ V} \quad V_2 = E_2 d_2 = 187.5 \text{ V}$$

- 7.18.** Find the voltage drop across each dielectric in Fig. 7-18, where  $\epsilon_{r1} = 2.0$  and  $\epsilon_{r2} = 5.0$ . The inner conductor is at  $r_1 = 2 \text{ cm}$  and the outer at  $r_2 = 2.5 \text{ cm}$ , with the dielectric interface halfway between.

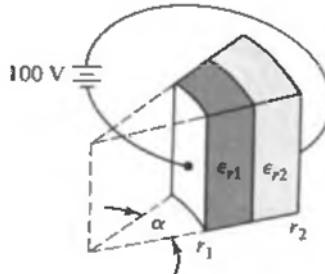


Fig. 7-18

The voltage division is the same as it would be for full right circular cylinders. The segment shown, with angle  $\alpha$ , will have a capacitance  $\alpha/2\pi$  times that of the complete coaxial capacitor. From Problem 7.9,

$$C_1 = \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right) \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_{r1}L}{\ln(2.25/2.0)} = \alpha L (1.5 \times 10^{-10}) \text{ (F)}$$

$$C_2 = \alpha L (4.2 \times 10^{-10}) \text{ (F)}$$

Since  $Q = C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$  and  $V_1 + V_2 = V$ , it follows that

$$V_1 = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} V = \frac{4.2}{1.5 + 4.2} (100) = 74 \text{ V}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} V = \frac{1.5}{1.5 + 4.2} (100) = 26 \text{ V}$$

- 7.19.** A free-space parallel-plate capacitor is charged by momentary connection to a voltage source  $V$ , which is then removed. Determine how  $W_E$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $C$ , and  $V$  change as the plates are moved apart to a separation distance  $d_2 = 2d_1$  without disturbing the charge.

Relationship	Explanation
$D_2 = D_1$	$D = Q/A$
$E_2 = E_1$	$E = D/\epsilon_0$
$W_{E2} = 2W_{E1}$	$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int \epsilon_0 E^2 dv$ , and the volume is doubled
$C_2 = \frac{1}{2}C_1$	$C = \epsilon_0 A/d$
$V_2 = 2V_1$	$V = Q/C$

- 7.20.** Explain physically the energy changes found in (a) Problem 7.19, (b) Example 5.

- (a) External work (in the amount  $W_{E1}$ ) is done *on* the system in forcing apart the oppositely charged plates. This work shows up as an increase in internal energy (stored in the  $\mathbf{E}$  field).
- (b) The charged plates *draw* the dielectric slab into the gap. Thus the system *performs* work (in the amount  $\frac{1}{2}W_{E0}$ ) on the surroundings—specifically, on whatever is guiding the slab into position. The internal energy suffers a corresponding *decrease*.

- 7.21.** A parallel-plate capacitor with a separation  $d = 1.0 \text{ cm}$  has  $29 \text{ kV}$  applied when free space is the only dielectric. Assume that air has a dielectric strength of  $30 \text{ kV/cm}$ . Show why the air breaks down when a thin piece of glass ( $\epsilon_r = 6.5$ ) with a dielectric strength of  $290 \text{ kV/cm}$  and thicknesses  $d_2 = 0.20 \text{ cm}$  is inserted as shown in Fig. 7-19.

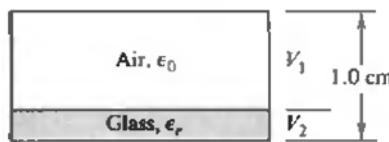


Fig. 7-19

The problem becomes one of two capacitors in series,

$$C_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{8 \times 10^{-3}} = 125 \epsilon_0 A$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 3250 \epsilon_0 A$$

Then, as in Problem 7.18,

$$V_1 = \frac{3250}{125 + 3250} (29) = 27.93 \text{ kV}$$

so that

$$E_1 = \frac{27.93 \text{ kV}}{0.80 \text{ cm}} = 34.9 \text{ kV/cm}$$

which exceeds the dielectric strength of air.

- 7.22.** Find the capacitance per unit length between a cylindrical conductor of radius  $a = 2.5 \text{ cm}$  and a ground plane parallel to the conductor axis and a distance  $h = 6.0 \text{ m}$  from it.



A useful technique in problems of this kind is the *method of images*. Take the mirror image of the conductor in the ground plane, and let this image conductor carry the negative of the charge distribution on the actual conductor. Now suppose the ground plane is removed. It is clear that the electric field of the two conductors obeys the right boundary condition at the actual conductor, and, by symmetry, has an equipotential surface (Section 5.6) where the ground plane was. Thus, this field is the field in the region between the actual conductor and the ground plane.

Approximating the actual and image charge distributions by line charges  $+\rho_\ell$  and  $-\rho_\ell$ , respectively, at the conductor centers, one has (see Fig. 7-20):

$$\text{Potential at radius } a \text{ due to } +\rho_\ell = -\left(\frac{+\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \ln a$$

$$\text{Potential at point } P \text{ due to } -\rho_\ell = -\left(\frac{-\rho_\ell}{2\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \ln (2h - a)$$

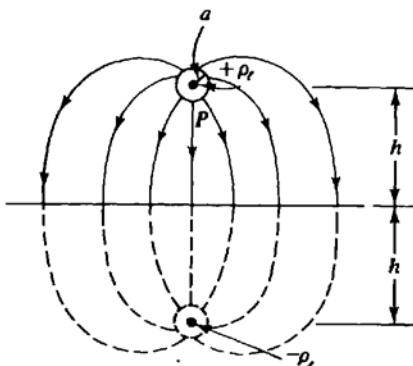


Fig. 7-20

The potential due to  $-\rho_r$  is *not* constant over  $r = a$ , the surface of the actual conductor. But it is very nearly so if  $a \ll h$ . To this approximation, then, the total potential of the actual conductor is

$$V_a = \frac{\rho_r}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln a + \frac{\rho_r}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln (2h - a) \approx -\frac{\rho_r}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln a + \frac{\rho_r}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln 2h = \frac{\rho_r}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln \frac{2h}{a}$$

Similarly, the potential of the image conductor is  $-V_a$ . Thus, the potential difference between the conductors is  $2V_a$ , so that the potential difference between the actual conductor and the ground plane is  $\frac{1}{2}(2V_a) = V_a$ . The desired capacitance per unit length is then

$$\frac{C}{L} = \frac{Q/L}{V_a} = \frac{\rho_r}{V_a} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln(2h/a)}$$

For the given values of  $a$  and  $h$ ,  $C/L = 9.0 \text{ pF/m}$ .

The above expression for  $C/L$  is not exact, but provides a good approximation when  $a \ll h$  (the practical case). An exact solution gives

$$\left(\frac{C}{L}\right)_{\text{exact}} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln\left(\frac{h + \sqrt{h^2 - a^2}}{a}\right)}$$

Observe that  $C/L$  for the source-image system (more generally, for any pair of parallel cylindrical conductors with center-to-center separation  $2h$ ) is one-half the value found above (same charge, twice the voltage). That is, with  $d = 2h$ ,

$$\frac{C}{L} = \frac{\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln\left(\frac{d + \sqrt{d^2 - 4a^2}}{2a}\right)} \approx \frac{\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln(d/a)}$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 7.23. Find the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$ , and  $\epsilon$ , for a dielectric material in which  $E = 0.15 \text{ MV/m}$  and  $\chi_e = 4.25$ . *Ans.*  $6.97 \mu\text{C/m}^2$ ,  $5.64 \mu\text{C/m}^2$ ,  $5.25$
- 7.24. In a dielectric material with  $\epsilon_r = 3.6$ ,  $D = 285 \text{ nC/m}^2$ . Find the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$ , and  $\chi_e$ . *Ans.*  $8.94 \text{ kV/m}$ ,  $206 \text{ nC/m}^2$ ,  $2.6$
- 7.25. Given  $\mathbf{E} = -3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y - 2\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$  in the region  $z < 0$ , where  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$ , find  $\mathbf{E}$  in the region  $z > 0$ , for which  $\epsilon_r = 6.5$ . *Ans.*  $-3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y - \frac{4}{6.5}\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$

- 7.26.** Given that  $\mathbf{D} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 4\mathbf{a}_y + 1.5\mathbf{a}_z$  C/m<sup>2</sup> in the region  $x > 0$ , which is free space, find  $\mathbf{P}$  in the region  $x < 0$ , which is a dielectric with  $\epsilon_r = 5.0$ . *Ans.*  $1.6\mathbf{a}_x - 16\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z$  C/m<sup>2</sup>
- 7.27.** Region 1,  $z < 0$  m, is free space where  $\mathbf{D} = 5\mathbf{a}_y + 7\mathbf{a}_z$  C/m<sup>2</sup>. Region 2,  $0 < z \leq 1$  m, has  $\epsilon_r = 2.5$ . And region 3,  $z > 1$  m, has  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , and  $\theta_3$ .  
*Ans.*  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \left( 5\mathbf{a}_y + \frac{7}{2.5}\mathbf{a}_z \right)$  (V/m),  $7.5\mathbf{a}_y + 4.2\mathbf{a}_z$  C/m<sup>2</sup>,  $25.02^\circ$
- 7.28.** The plane interface between two dielectrics is given by  $3x + z = 5$ . On the side including the origin,  $\mathbf{D}_1 = (4.5\mathbf{a}_x + 3.2\mathbf{a}_z)10^{-7}$  and  $\epsilon_{r1} = 4.3$ , while on the other side,  $\epsilon_{r2} = 1.80$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_2$ ,  $D_2$ , and  $\theta_2$ . *Ans.*  $1.45 \times 10^4$ ,  $3.37 \times 10^4$ ,  $5.37 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $83.06^\circ$
- 7.29.** A dielectric interface is described by  $4y + 3z = 12$  m. The side including the origin is free space where  $\mathbf{D}_1 = \mathbf{a}_x + 3\mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$   $\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ . On the other side,  $\epsilon_{r2} = 3.6$ . Find  $D_2$  and  $\theta_2$ .  
*Ans.*  $5.14 \mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$ ,  $44.4^\circ$
- 7.30.** Find the capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor with a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$ , area  $0.92 \text{ m}^2$ , and separation 4.5 mm. *Ans.*  $5.43 \text{ nF}$
- 7.31.** A parallel-plate capacitor of 8.0 nF has an area  $1.51 \text{ m}^2$  and separation 10 mm. What separation would be required to obtain the same capacitance with free space between the plates? *Ans.* 1.67 mm
- 7.32.** Find the capacitance between the inner and outer curved conductor surfaces shown in Fig. 7-21. Neglect fringing. *Ans.* 6.86 pF

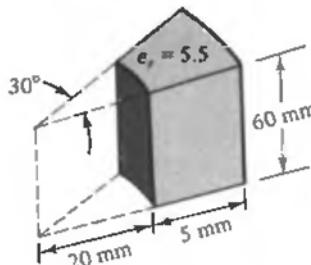


Fig. 7-21

- 7.33.** Find the capacitance per unit length between a cylindrical conductor 2.75 inches in diameter and a parallel plane 28 ft from the conductor axis. *Ans.*  $8.99 \text{ pF/m}$  (note units)
- 7.34.** Double the conductor diameter in Problem 7.33 and find the capacitance per unit length.  
 *Ans.*  $10.1 \text{ pF/m}$
- 7.35.** Find the capacitance per unit length between two parallel cylindrical conductors in air, of radius 1.5 cm and with a center-to-center separation of 85 cm. *Ans.*  $6.92 \text{ pF/m}$
- 7.36.** A parallel-plate capacitor with area  $0.30 \text{ m}^2$  and separation 5.5 mm contains three dielectrics with interfaces normal to  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ , as follows:  $\epsilon_{r1} = 3.0$ ,  $d_1 = 1.0 \text{ mm}$ ;  $\epsilon_{r2} = 4.0$ ,  $d_2 = 2.0 \text{ mm}$ ;  $\epsilon_{r3} = 6.0$ ,  $d_3 = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ . Find the capacitance. *Ans.*  $2.12 \text{ nF}$
- 7.37.** With a potential of 1000 V applied to the capacitor of Problem 7.36, find the potential difference and potential gradient (electric field intensity) in each dielectric.  
*Ans.* 267 V, 267 kV/m; 400 V, 200 kV/m; 333 V, 133 kV/m
- 7.38.** Find the capacitance per unit length of a coaxial conductor with outer radius 4 mm and inner radius 0.5 mm if the dielectric has  $\epsilon_r = 5.2$ . *Ans.*  $139 \text{ pF/m}$

- 7.39.** Find the capacitance per unit length of a cable with an inside conductor of radius 0.75 cm and a cylindrical shield of radius 2.25 cm if the dielectric has  $\epsilon_r = 2.70$ . *Ans.* 137 pF/m
- 7.40.** The coaxial cable in Fig. 7-22 has an inner conductor radius of 0.5 mm and an outer conductor radius of 5 mm. Find the capacitance per unit length with spacers as shown. *Ans.* 45.9 pF/m

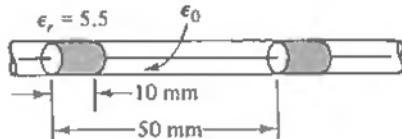


Fig. 7-22

- 7.41.** A parallel-plate capacitor with free space between the plates is charged by momentarily connecting it to a constant 200-V source. After removal from the source a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$  is inserted, completely filling the space. Compare the values of  $W_E$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $\rho_s$ ,  $V$ , and  $C$  after insertion of the dielectric to the values before. *Partial Ans.*  $V_2 = \frac{1}{2}V_1$
- 7.42.** A parallel-plate capacitor has its dielectric changed from  $\epsilon_{r1} = 2.0$  to  $\epsilon_{r2} = 6.0$ . It is noted that the stored energy remains fixed:  $W_2 = W_1$ . Examine the changes, if any, in  $V$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $Q$ , and  $\rho_s$ . *Partial Ans.*  $\rho_{s2} = \sqrt{3} \rho_{s1}$
- 7.43.** A parallel-plate capacitor with free space between the plates remains connected to a constant voltage source while the plates are moved closer together, from separation  $d$  to  $\frac{1}{2}d$ . Examine the changes in  $Q$ ,  $\rho_s$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $W_E$ . *Partial Ans.*  $D_2 = 2D_1$
- 7.44.** A parallel-plate capacitor with free space between the plates remains connected to a constant voltage source while the plates are moved farther apart, from separation  $d$  to  $2d$ . Express the changes in  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\rho_s$ ,  $C$ , and  $W_E$ . *Partial Ans.*  $D_2 = \frac{1}{2}D_1$
- 7.45.** A parallel-plate capacitor has free space as the dielectric and a separation  $d$ . Without disturbing the charge  $Q$ , the plates are moved closer together, to  $d/2$ , with a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 3$  completely filling the space between the plates. Express the changes in  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $V$ ,  $C$ , and  $W_E$ . *Partial Ans.*  $V_2 = \frac{1}{6}V_1$
- 7.46.** A parallel-plate capacitor has free space between the plates. Compare the voltage gradient in this free space to that in the free space when a sheet of mica,  $\epsilon_r = 5.4$ , fills 20% of the distance between the plates. Assume the same applied voltage in each case. *Ans.* 0.84
- 7.47.** A shielded power cable operates at a voltage of 12.5 kV on the inner conductor with respect to the cylindrical shield. There are two insulations; the first has  $\epsilon_{r1} = 6.0$  and is from the inner conductor at  $r = 0.8$  cm to  $r = 1.0$  cm, while the second has  $\epsilon_{r2} = 3.0$  and is from  $r = 1.0$  cm to  $r = 3.0$  cm, the inside surface of the shield. Find the maximum voltage gradient in each insulation. *Ans.* 0.645 MV/m, 1.03 MV/m

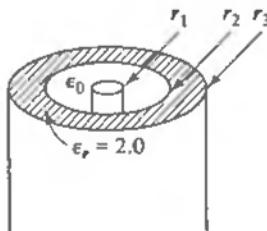


Fig. 7-23

-  7.48. A shielded power cable has a polyethylene insulation for which  $\epsilon_r = 2.26$  and the dielectric strength is 18.1 MV/m. What is the upper limit of voltage on the inner conductor with respect to the shield when the inner conductor has a radius 1 cm and the inner side of the concentric shield is at radius of 8 cm? *Ans.* 0.376 MV
- 7.49. For the coaxial capacitor of Fig. 7-16,  $a = 3 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 12 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\epsilon_{r1} = 2.50$ ,  $\epsilon_{r2} = 4.0$ . Find  $\mathbf{E}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{D}_2$  if the voltage difference is 50 V. *Partial Ans.*  $\mathbf{E}_2 = \pm(36.1/r)\mathbf{a}_r$  (V/m)
- 7.50. In Fig. 7-23, the center conductor,  $r_1 = 1 \text{ mm}$ , is at 100 V with respect to the outer conductor at  $r_3 = 100 \text{ mm}$ . The region  $1 < r < 50 \text{ mm}$  is free space, while  $50 < r < 100 \text{ mm}$  is a dielectric with  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$ . Find the voltage across each region. *Ans.* 91.8 V, 8.2 V
- 7.51. Find the stored energy per unit length in the two regions of Problem 7.50.  
*Ans.* 59.9 nJ/m, 5.30 nJ/m

# Chapter 8

## Laplace's Equation

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

Electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  was determined in Chapter 2 by summation or integration of point charges, line charges, and other charge configurations. In Chapter 3, Gauss' law was used to obtain  $\mathbf{D}$ , which then gave  $\mathbf{E}$ . While these two approaches are of value to an understanding of electromagnetic field theory, they both tend to be impractical because charge distributions are not usually known. The method of Chapter 5, where  $\mathbf{E}$  was found to be the negative of the gradient of  $V$ , requires that the potential function throughout the region be known. But it is generally not known. Instead, conducting materials in the form of planes, curved surfaces, or lines are usually specified and the voltage on one is known with respect to some reference, often one of the other conductors. Laplace's equation then provides a method whereby the potential function  $V$  can be obtained subject to the conditions on the bounding conductors.

### 8.2 POISSON'S EQUATION AND LAPLACE'S EQUATION

In Section 4.3 one of Maxwell's equations,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$ , was developed. substituting  $\epsilon \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}$  and  $-\nabla V = \mathbf{E}$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon(-\nabla V) = \rho$$

If throughout the region of interest the medium is homogeneous, then  $\epsilon$  may be removed from the partial derivatives involved in the divergence, giving

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

which is *Poisson's equation*.

When the region of interest contains charges in a known distribution  $\rho$ , Poisson's equation can be used to determine the potential function. Very often the region is charge-free (as well as being of uniform permittivity). Poisson's equation then becomes

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

which is *Laplace's equation*.

### 8.3 EXPLICIT FORMS OF LAPLACE'S EQUATION

Since the left side of Laplace's equation is the *divergence of the gradient* of  $V$ , these two operations can be used to arrive at the form of the equation in a particular coordinate system.

**Cartesian Coordinates.**

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

and, for a general vector field  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

Hence, Laplace's equation is

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

### Cylindrical Coordinates.

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

and

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

so that Laplace's equation is

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

### Spherical Coordinates.

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

and

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

so that Laplace's equation is

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$

## 8.4 UNIQUENESS THEOREM

Any solution to Laplace's equation or Poisson's equation which also satisfies the boundary conditions must be the only solution that exists; it is *unique*. At times there is some confusion on this point due to incomplete boundaries. As an example, consider the conducting plane at  $z = 0$ , as shown in Fig. 8-1, with a voltage of 100 V. It is clear that both

$$V_1 = 5z + 100$$

and

$$V_2 = 100$$

satisfy Laplace's equations and the requirement that  $V = 100$  when  $Z = 0$ . The answer is that a single conducting surface with a voltage specified and no reference given does not form the complete boundary of a properly defined region. Even two finite parallel conducting planes do not form a complete boundary, since the fringing of the field around the edges cannot be

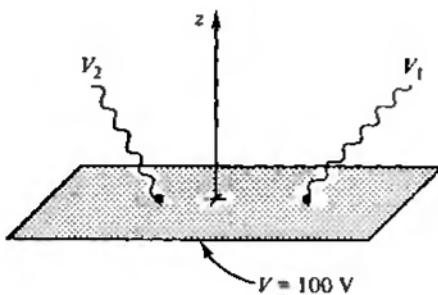


Fig. 8-1

determined. However, when parallel planes are specified and it is also stated to *neglect fringing*, then the region between the planes has proper boundaries.

### 8.5 MEAN VALUE AND MAXIMUM VALUE THEOREMS

Two important properties of the potential in a charge-free region can be obtained from Laplace's equation:

- (1) At the center of an included circle or sphere, the potential  $V$  is equal to the average of the values it assumes on the circle or sphere. (See Problems 8.1 and 8.2.)
- (2) The potential  $V$  cannot have a maximum (or a minimum) within the region. (See Problem 8.3.)

It follows from (2) that any maximum of  $V$  must occur on the boundary of the region. Now, since  $V$  obeys Laplace's equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

so do  $\partial V / \partial x$ ,  $\partial V / \partial y$ , and  $\partial V / \partial z$ . Thus, *the cartesian components of the electric field intensity take their maximum values on the boundary*.

### 8.6 CARTESIAN SOLUTION IN ONE VARIABLE

Consider the parallel conductors of Fig. 8-2, where  $V = 0$  at  $z = 0$  and  $V = 100$  V at  $z = d$ . Assuming the region between the plates is charge-free,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

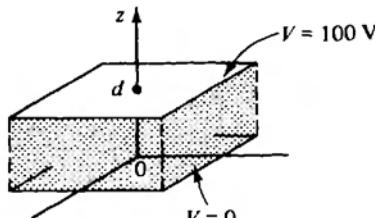


Fig. 8-2

With fringing neglected, the potential can vary only with  $z$ . Then

$$\frac{d^2 V}{dz^2} = 0$$

Integrating,

$$V = Az + B$$

The boundary condition  $V = 0$  at  $z = 0$  requires that  $B = 0$ . And  $V = 100$  at  $z = d$  gives  $A = 100/d$ . Thus

$$V = 100\left(\frac{z}{d}\right) \text{ (V)}$$

The electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  can now be obtained from

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}\mathbf{a}_z\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(100\frac{z}{d}\right)\mathbf{a}_z = -\frac{100}{d}\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{V/m})$$

Then

$$\mathbf{D} = -\frac{\epsilon 100}{d}\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

At the conductors,

$$\rho_s = D_n = \pm \frac{\epsilon 100}{d} \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

where the plus sign applies at  $z = d$  and the minus at  $z = 0$ .

### 8.7 CARTESIAN PRODUCT SOLUTION

When the potential in cartesian coordinates varies in more than one direction, Laplace's equation will contain more than one term. Suppose that  $V$  is a function of both  $x$  and  $y$ , and has the special form  $V = X(x)Y(y)$ . This will make possible the separation of the variables.

$$\frac{\partial^2(XY)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(XY)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

becomes

$$Y \frac{d^2X}{dx^2} + X \frac{d^2Y}{dy^2} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2Y}{dy^2} = 0$$

Since the first term is independent of  $y$ , and the second of  $x$ , each may be set equal to a constant. However the constant for one must be the negative of that for the other. Let the constant be  $a^2$ .

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2X}{dx^2} = a^2 \quad \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2Y}{dy^2} = -a^2$$

The general solution for  $X$  (for a given  $a$ ) is

$$X = A_1 e^{ax} + A_2 e^{-ax}$$

or, equivalently,

$$X = A_3 \cosh ax + A_4 \sinh ax$$

and the general solution for  $Y$  (for a given  $a$ ) is

$$Y = B_1 e^{iay} + B_2 e^{-iay}$$

or, equivalently,

$$Y = B_3 \cos ay + B_4 \sin ay$$

Therefore, the potential function in the variables  $x$  and  $y$  can be written

$$V = (A_1 e^{ax} + A_2 e^{-ax})(B_1 e^{iay} + B_2 e^{-iay})$$

or

$$V = (A_3 \cosh ax + A_4 \sinh ax)(B_3 \cos ay + B_4 \sin ay)$$

Because Laplace's equation is a linear, homogeneous equation, a sum of products of the above form—each product corresponding to a different value of  $a$ —is also a solution. The most general solution can be generated in this fashion.

Three-dimensional solutions,  $V = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$ , of similar form can be obtained, but now there are two separation constants.

### 8.8 CYLINDRICAL PRODUCT SOLUTION

If a solution of the form  $V = R(r)\Phi(\phi)Z(z)$  is assumed, Laplace's equation becomes

$$\frac{\Phi Z}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{RZ}{r^2} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} + R\Phi \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = 0$$

Dividing by  $R\Phi Z$  and expanding the  $r$ -derivative,

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{Rr} \frac{dR}{dr} + \frac{1}{r^2\Phi} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = -b^2$$

The  $r$  and  $\phi$  terms contain no  $z$  and the  $z$  term contains neither  $r$  nor  $\phi$ . They may be set equal to a constant,  $-b^2$ , as above. Then

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2Z}{dz^2} = b^2$$

This equation was encountered in the cartesian product solution. The solution is

$$Z = C_1 \cosh bz + C_2 \sinh bz$$

Now the equation in  $r$  and  $\phi$  may be further separated as follows:

$$\frac{r^2}{R} \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{r}{R} \frac{dR}{dr} + b^2 r^2 = -\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} = a^2$$

The resulting equation in  $\phi$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} = -a^2$$

has solution

$$\Phi = C_3 \cos a\phi + C_4 \sin a\phi$$

The equation in  $r$ ,

$$\frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \left( b^2 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0$$

is a form of *Bessel's differential equation*. Its solutions are in the form of power series called *Bessel functions*.

$$R = C_5 J_a(br) + C_6 N_a(br)$$

where

$$J_a(br) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (br/2)^{a+2m}}{m! \Gamma(a+m+1)}$$

and

$$N_a(br) = \frac{(\cos a\pi) J_a(br) - J_{-a}(br)}{\sin a\pi}$$

The series  $J_a(br)$  is known as a Bessel function of the *first kind, order a*; if  $a = n$ , an integer, the gamma function in the power series may be replaced by  $(n+m)!$ .  $N_a(br)$  is a Bessel function of the *second kind, order a*; if  $a = n$ , an integer,  $N_n(br)$  is defined as the limit of the above quotient as  $a \rightarrow n$ .

The function  $N_a(br)$  behaves like  $\ln r$  near  $r = 0$  (see Fig. 8-3). Therefore, it is not involved in the solution ( $C_6 = 0$ ) whenever the potential is known to be finite at  $r = 0$ .

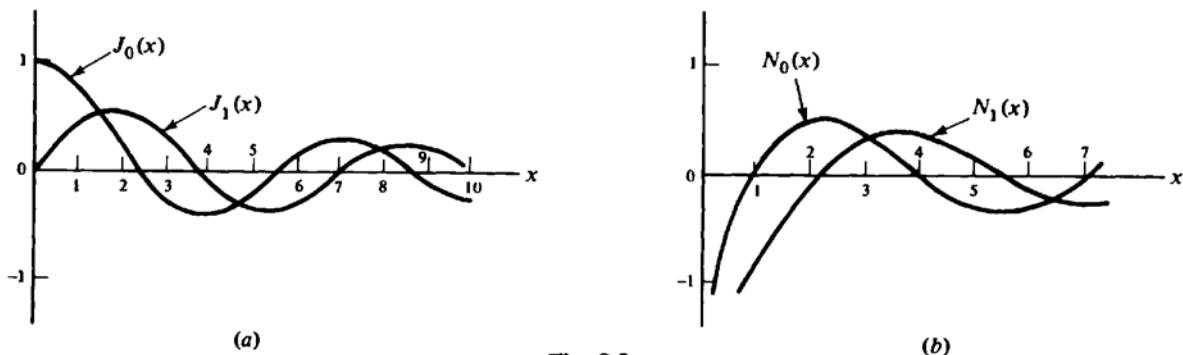


Fig. 8-3

For integral order  $n$  and large argument  $x$ , the Bessel functions behave like damped sine waves:

$$J_n(x) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos \left( x - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \quad N_n(x) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin \left( x - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$

See Fig. 8-3.

### 8.9 SPHERICAL PRODUCT SOLUTION

Of particular interest in spherical coordinates are those problems in which  $V$  may vary with  $r$  and  $\theta$  but not with  $\phi$ . For product solution  $V = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$ , Laplace's equation becomes

$$\left( \frac{r^2}{R} \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{2r}{R} \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Theta} \frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} + \frac{1}{\Theta \tan \theta} \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) = 0$$

The separation constant is chosen as  $n(n+1)$ , where  $n$  is an integer, for reasons which will become apparent. The two separated equations are

$$r^2 \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - n(n+1)R = 0$$

and

$$\frac{d^2\Theta}{d\theta^2} + \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} + n(n+1)\Theta = 0$$

This equation in  $r$  has the solution

$$R = C_1 r^n + C_2 r^{-(n+1)}$$

The equation in  $\theta$  possesses (unlike Bessel's equation) a polynomial solution of degree  $n$  in the variable  $\xi = \cos \theta$ , given by

$$P_n(\xi) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{d\xi^n} (\xi^2 - 1)^n \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The polynomial  $P_n(\xi)$  is the *Legendre polynomial of order  $n$* . There is a second, independent solution,  $Q_n(\xi)$ , which is logarithmically infinite at  $\xi = \pm 1$  (i.e.,  $\theta = 0, \pi$ ).

### Solved Problems

- 8.1.** As shown in Fig. 8-4(a), the potential has the value  $V_1$  on  $1/n$  of the circle, and the value 0 on the rest of the circle. Find the potential at the center of the circle. The entire region is charge-free.

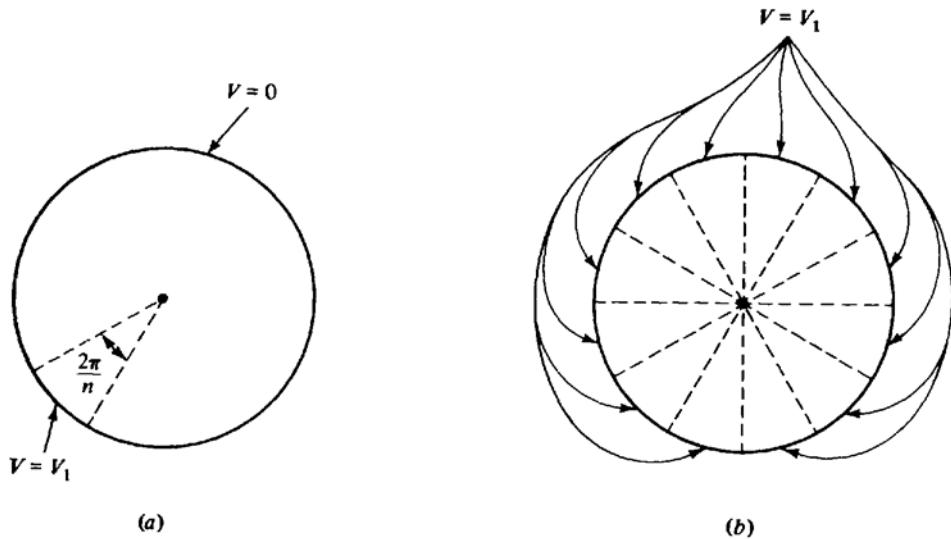


Fig. 8-4

Call the potential at the center  $V_c$ . Laplace's equation allows superposition of solutions. If  $n$  problems of the type of Fig. 8-4(a) are superposed, the result is the problem shown in Fig. 8-4(b). Because of the rotational symmetry, each subproblem in Fig. 8-4(b) gives the same potential,  $V_c$ , at the center of the circle. The total potential at the center is therefore  $nV_c$ . But, clearly, the unique solution for Fig. 8-4(b) is  $V = V_1$  everywhere inside the circle, in particular at the center. Hence,

$$nV_c = V_1 \quad \text{or} \quad V_c = \frac{V_1}{n}$$

- 8.2.** Show how the mean value theorem follows from the result of Problem 8.1.

Consider first the special case shown in Fig. 8-5, where the potential assumes  $n$  different values on  $n$  equal segments of a circle. A superposition of the solutions found in Problem 8.1 gives for the potential at the center

$$V_c = \frac{V_1}{n} + \frac{V_2}{n} + \dots + \frac{V_n}{n} = \frac{V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n}{n}$$

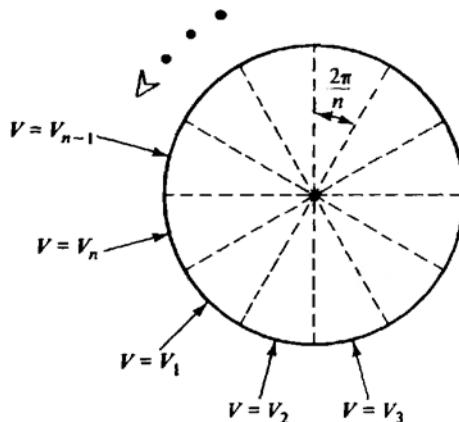


Fig. 8-5

which is the mean value theorem in this special case. With  $\Delta\phi = 2\pi/n$ ,

$$V_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} (V_1 \Delta\phi + V_2 \Delta\phi + \cdots + V_n \Delta\phi)$$

Now, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$V_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\phi) d\phi$$

which is the general mean value theorem for a circle.

Exactly the same reasoning, but with solid angles in place of plane angles, establishes the mean value theorem for a sphere.

**8.3. Prove that within a charge-free region the potential cannot attain a maximum value**

Suppose that a maximum were attained at an interior point  $P$ . Then a very small sphere could be centered on  $P$ , such that the potential  $V_c$  at  $P$  exceeded the potential at each point on the sphere. Then  $V_c$  would also exceed the average value of the potential over the sphere. But that would contradict the mean value theorem.

**8.4. Find the potential function for the region between the parallel circular disks of Fig. 8-6. Neglect fringing**

Since  $V$  is not a function of  $r$  or  $\phi$ , Laplace's equation reduces to

$$\frac{d^2V}{dz^2} = 0$$

and the solution is  $V = Az + B$ .

The parallel circular disks have a potential function identical to that for any pair of parallel planes. For another choice of axes, the linear potential function might be  $Ay + B$  or  $Ax + B$ .

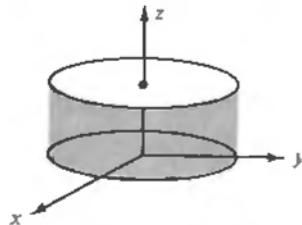


Fig. 8-6

- 8.5.** Two parallel conducting planes in free space are at  $y = 0$  and  $y = 0.02$  m, and the zero voltage reference is at  $y = 0.01$  m. If  $\mathbf{D} = 253\mathbf{a}_y$  nC/m<sup>2</sup> between the conductors, determine the conductor voltages.



From Problem 8.4,  $V = Ay + B$ . Then

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{D}}{\epsilon_0} = -\nabla V = -A\mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\frac{253 \times 10^{-9}}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} \mathbf{a}_y = -A\mathbf{a}_y$$

whence  $A = -2.86 \times 10^4$  V/m. Then,

$$0 = (-2.86 \times 10^4)(0.01) + B \quad \text{or} \quad B = 2.86 \times 10^2 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{and} \quad V = -2.86 \times 10^4 y + 2.86 \times 10^2 \text{ (V)}$$

Then, for  $y = 0$ ,  $V = 286$  V and for  $y = 0.02$ ,  $V = -286$  V.

- 8.6.** The parallel conducting disks in Fig. 8-7 are separated by 5 mm and contain a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ . Determine the charge densities on the disks.

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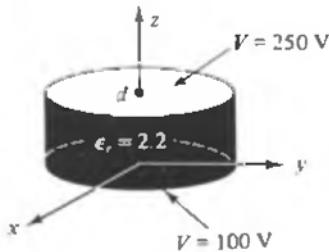


Fig. 8-7

Since  $V = Az + B$ ,

$$A = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta z} = \frac{250 - 100}{5 \times 10^{-3}} = 3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -3 \times 10^4 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} = -5.84 \times 10^{-7} \mathbf{a}_z \text{ C/m}^2$$

Since  $\mathbf{D}$  is constant between the disks, and  $D_n = \rho_s$  at a conductor surface,

$$\rho_s = \pm 5.84 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$$

+ on the upper plate, and - on the lower plate.

- 8.7.** Find the potential function and the electric field intensity for the region between two concentric right circular cylinders, where  $V = 0$  at  $r = 1 \text{ mm}$  and  $V = 150 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 20 \text{ mm}$ . Neglect fringing. See Fig. 8-8.

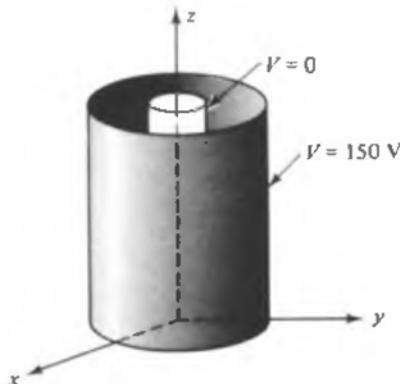


Fig. 8-8

The potential is constant with  $\phi$  and  $z$ . Then Laplace's equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dV}{dr} \right) = 0$$

Integrating once,

$$r \frac{dV}{dr} = A$$

and again,  $V = A \ln r + B$ . Applying the boundary conditions,

$$0 = A \ln 0.001 + B \quad 150 = A \ln 0.020 + B$$

which give  $A = 50.1$ ,  $B = 345.9$ . thus

$$V = 50.1 \ln r + 345.9 \quad (\text{V})$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{50.1}{r} (-\mathbf{a}_r) \quad (\text{V/m})$$

- 8.8.** In cylindrical coordinates two  $\phi = \text{const.}$  planes are insulated along the  $z$  axis, as shown in Fig. 8-9. Neglect fringing and find the expression for  $\mathbf{E}$  between the planes, assuming a potential of 100 V for  $\phi = \alpha$  and a zero reference at  $\phi = 0$ .

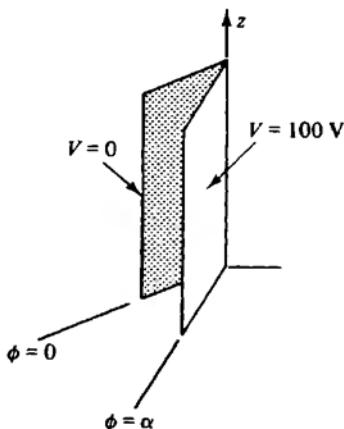


Fig. 8-9

This problem has already been solved in Problem 7.10; here Laplace's equation will be used to obtain the same result.

Since the potential is constant with  $r$  and  $z$ , Laplace's equation is

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2 V}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

Integrating,  $V = A\phi + B$ . Applying the boundary conditions,

$$0 = A(0) + B \quad 100 = A(\alpha) + B$$

whence

$$A = \frac{100}{\alpha} \quad B = 0$$

Thus

$$V = 100 \frac{\phi}{\alpha}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{d\phi} \left( 100 \frac{\phi}{\alpha} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi = -\frac{100}{r\alpha} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{V/m})$$

- 8.9.** In spherical coordinates,  $V = 0$  for  $r = 0.10 \text{ m}$  and  $V = 100 \text{ V}$  for  $r = 2.0 \text{ m}$ . Assuming free space between these concentric spherical shells, find  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ .

Since  $V$  is not a function of  $\theta$  or  $\phi$ , Laplace's equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dV}{dr} \right) = 0$$

Integrating gives

$$r^2 \frac{dV}{dr} = A$$

and a second integration gives

$$V = \frac{-A}{r} + B$$

The boundary conditions give

$$0 = \frac{-A}{0.10} + B \quad \text{and} \quad 100 = \frac{-A}{2.00} + B$$

whence  $A = 10.53 \text{ V} \cdot \text{m}$ ,  $B = 105.3 \text{ V}$ . Then

$$V = \frac{-10.53}{r} + 105.3 \quad (\text{V})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{dV}{dr} \mathbf{a}_r = -\frac{10.53}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{V/m})$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} = \frac{-9.32 \times 10^{-11}}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

- 8.10.** In spherical coordinates,  $V = -25 \text{ V}$  on a conductor at  $r = 2 \text{ cm}$  and  $V = 150 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 35 \text{ cm}$ . The space between the conductors is a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 3.12$ . Find the surface charge densities on the conductors.



From Problem 8.9,

$$V = \frac{-A}{r} + B$$

The constants are determined from the boundary conditions

$$-25 = \frac{-A}{0.02} + B \quad 150 = \frac{-A}{0.35} + B$$

giving

$$v = \frac{-3.71}{r} + 160.61 \quad (\text{V})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = -\frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{-3.71}{r} + 160.61 \right) \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{-3.71}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{V/m})$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} = \frac{-0.103}{r^2} \mathbf{a}_r \quad (\text{nC/m}^2)$$

On a conductor surface,  $D_n = \rho_s$ .

$$\text{at } r = 0.02 \text{ m:} \quad \rho_s = \frac{-0.103}{(0.02)^2} = -256 \text{ nC/m}^2$$

$$\text{at } r = 0.35 \text{ m:} \quad \rho_s = \frac{+0.103}{(0.35)^2} = +0.837 \text{ nC/m}^2$$

- 8.11.** Solve Laplace's equation for the region between coaxial cones, as shown in Fig. 8-10. A potential  $V_1$  is assumed at  $\theta_1$ , and  $V = 0$  at  $\theta_2$ . The cone vertices are insulated at  $r = 0$ .



The potential is constant with  $r$  and  $\phi$ . Laplace's equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{dV}{d\theta} \right) = 0$$

Integrating

$$\sin \theta \left( \frac{dV}{d\theta} \right) = A$$

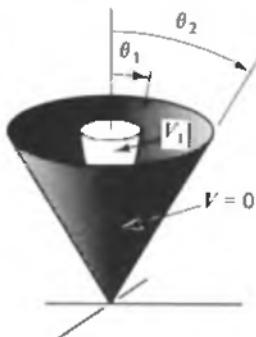


Fig. 8-10

and

$$V = A \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) + B$$

The constants are found from

$$V_1 = A \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta_1}{2} \right) + B \quad 0 = A \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right) + B$$

Hence

$$V = V_1 \frac{\ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right)}{\ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta_1}{2} \right) - \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right)}$$

- 8.12.** In Problem 8.11, let  $\theta_1 = 10^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 30^\circ$ , and  $V_1 = 100 \text{ V}$ . Find the voltage at  $\theta = 20^\circ$ . At what angle  $\theta$  is the voltage 50 V?



Substituting the values in the general potential expression gives

$$V = -89.34 \left[ \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - \ln 0.268 \right] = -89.34 \ln \left( \frac{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{0.268} \right)$$

Then, at  $\theta = 20^\circ$ ,

$$V = -89.34 \ln \left( \frac{\tan 10^\circ}{0.268} \right) = 37.40 \text{ V}$$

For  $V = 50 \text{ V}$ ,

$$50 = -89.34 \ln \left( \frac{\tan \theta/2}{0.268} \right)$$

Solving gives  $\theta = 17.41^\circ$ .

- 8.13.** With reference to Problems 8.11 and 8.12 and Fig. 8-11, find the charge distribution on the conducting plane at  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ .

The potential is obtained by substituting  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ ,  $\theta_1 = 10^\circ$ , and  $V_1 = 100 \text{ V}$  in the expression of Problem 8.11. Thus

$$V = 100 \frac{\ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{\ln (\tan 5^\circ)}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{d\theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta = \frac{-100}{(r \sin \theta) \ln (\tan 5^\circ)} \mathbf{a}_\theta = \frac{41.05}{r \sin \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} = \frac{3.63 \times 10^{-10}}{r \sin \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

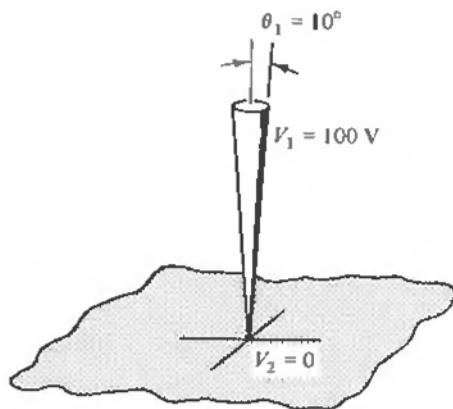


Fig. 8-11

On the plane  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\sin \theta = 1$  the direction of  $\mathbf{D}$  requires that the surface charge on the plane be negative in sign. Hence,

$$\rho_s = -\frac{3.63 \times 10^{-10}}{r} \text{ (C/m}^2\text{)}$$

**8.14.** Find the capacitance between the two cones of Fig. 8-12. Assume free space.

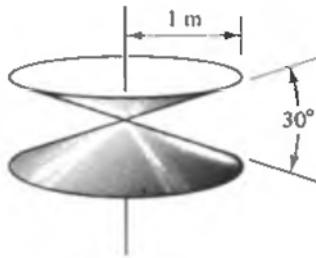


Fig. 8-12

If fringing is neglected, the potential function is given by the expression of Problem 8.11 with  $\theta_1 = 75^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 105^\circ$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_1 \frac{\ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - \ln (\tan 52.5^\circ)}{\ln (\tan 37.5^\circ) - \ln (\tan 52.5^\circ)} \\ &= (-1.89V_1) \ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

from which

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \left( -\frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{d\theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta \right) = \frac{1.89 \epsilon_0 V_1}{r \sin \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

The charge density on the upper plate is then

$$\rho_s = D_n = \frac{1.89 \epsilon_0 V_1}{r \sin 75^\circ}$$

so that the total charge on the upper plate is

$$Q = \int \rho_s dS = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\csc 75^\circ} \frac{1.89\epsilon_0 V_1}{r \sin 75^\circ} r \sin 75^\circ dr d\phi = 12.28\epsilon_0 V_1$$

and the capacitance is  $C = Q/V_1 = 12.28\epsilon_0$ .

- 8.15.** The region between two concentric right circular cylinders contains a uniform charge density  $\rho$ . Use Poisson's equation to find  $V$ .

Neglecting fringing, Poisson's equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dV}{dr} \right) = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dV}{dr} \right) = -\frac{\rho r}{\epsilon}$$

Integrating,

$$r \frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{\rho r^2}{2\epsilon} + A$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{\rho r}{2\epsilon} + \frac{A}{r}$$

$$V = -\frac{\rho r^2}{4\epsilon} + A \ln r + B$$

Note that static problems involving charge distributions in space are theoretical exercises, since no means exist to hold the charges in position against the coulomb forces.

- 8.16.** The region

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{z}{z_0} < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

has a charge density  $\rho = 10^{-8} \cos(z/z_0)$  (C/m<sup>3</sup>). Elsewhere the charge density is zero. Find  $V$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  from Poisson's equation, and compare with the results given by Gauss' law.

Since  $V$  is not a function of  $x$  or  $y$ , Poisson's equation is

$$\frac{d^2V}{dz^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} = -\frac{10^{-8} \cos(z/z_0)}{\epsilon}$$

Integrating twice,

$$V = \frac{10^{-8} z_0^2 \cos(z/z_0)}{\epsilon} + Az + B \quad (\text{V})$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V = \left( \frac{10^{-8} z_0 \sin(z/z_0)}{\epsilon} - A \right) \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{V/m})$$

But, by the symmetry of the charge distribution, the field must vanish on the plane  $z = 0$ . Therefore  $A = 0$  and

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{10^{-8} z_0 \sin(z/z_0)}{\epsilon} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{V/m})$$

A special gaussian surface centered about  $z = 0$  is shown in Fig. 8-13.  $\mathbf{D}$  cuts only the top and bottom surfaces, each of area  $A$ . Furthermore, since the charge distribution is symmetrical about  $z = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  must be antisymmetrical about  $z = 0$ , so that  $\mathbf{D}_{\text{top}} = D \mathbf{a}_z$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_{\text{bottom}} = D(-\mathbf{a}_z)$ .

$$D \int_{\text{top}} dS + D \int_{\text{bottom}} dS = \int_{-z}^z \int \int 10^{-8} \cos(z/z_0) dx dy dz$$

$$2DA = 2z_0 A 10^{-8} \sin(z/z_0)$$

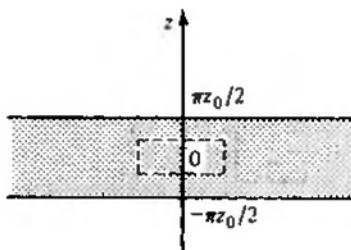


Fig. 8-13

or  $D = z_0 10^{-8} \sin(z/z_0)$  for  $0 < z < \pi z_0/2$

Then, for  $-\pi z_0/2 < z < \pi z_0/2$ ,

$$\mathbf{D} = z_0 10^{-8} \sin(z/z_0) \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{C/m}^2)$$

and  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$  agrees with the result from Poisson's equation.

- 8.17.** A potential in cylindrical coordinates is a function of  $r$  and  $\phi$  but not  $z$ . Obtain the separated differential equations for  $R$  and  $\Phi$ , where  $V = R(r)\Phi(\phi)$ , and solve them. The region is charge-free.

Laplace's equation becomes

$$\Phi \frac{d^2R}{dr^2} + \frac{\Phi}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} + \frac{R}{r^2} \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} = 0$$

or

$$\frac{r^2 d^2 R}{R dr^2} + \frac{r dR}{R dr} = -\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2}$$

The left side is a function of  $r$  only, while the right side is a function of  $\phi$  only; therefore, both sides are equal to a constant,  $a^2$ .

$$\frac{r^2 d^2 R}{R dr^2} + \frac{r dR}{R dr} = a^2$$

or

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dR}{dr} - \frac{a^2 R}{r^2} = 0$$

with solution  $R = C_1 r^a + C_2 r^{-a}$ . Also,

$$-\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\phi^2} = a^2$$

with solution  $\Phi = C_3 \cos a\phi + C_4 \sin a\phi$ .

- 8.18.** Given the potential function  $V = V_0(\sinh ax)(\sin az)$  (see Section 8.7), determine the shape and location of the surfaces on which  $V = 0$  and  $V = V_0$ . Assume that  $a > 0$ .

Since the potential is not a function of  $y$ , the equipotential surfaces extend to  $\pm\infty$  in the  $y$  direction. Because  $\sin az = 0$  for  $z = n\pi/a$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the planes  $z = 0$  and  $z = \pi/a$  are at zero potential. Because  $\sinh ax = 0$  for  $x = 0$ , the plane  $x = 0$  is also at zero potential. The  $V = V_0$  equipotential is shown as a heavy broken line in Fig. 8-14.

The  $V = V_0$  equipotential has the equation

$$V_0 = V_0(\sinh ax)(\sin az) \quad \text{or} \quad \sin az = \frac{1}{\sinh ax}$$

When values of  $z$  between zero and  $\pi/a$  are substituted, the corresponding  $x$  coordinates are readily



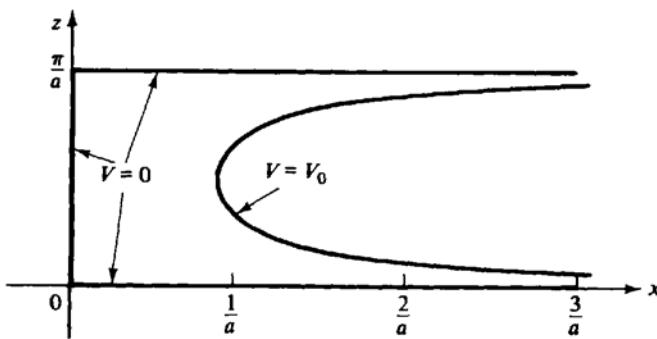


Fig. 8-14

obtained. For example:

$az$	1.57	1.02	0.67	0.49	0.28	0.10
1.57	2.12	2.47	2.65	2.86	3.04	
$ax$	0.88	1.0	1.25	1.50	2.00	3.00

The equipotential, which is symmetrical about  $z = \pi/2a$ , is shown as a heavy curve in Fig. 8-14. Because  $v$  is periodic in  $z$ , and because  $V(-x, -z) = V(x, z)$ , the whole  $xz$  plane can be filled with replicas of the strip shown in Fig. 8-14.

**8.19.** Find the potential function for the region inside the rectangular trough shown in Fig. 8-15.

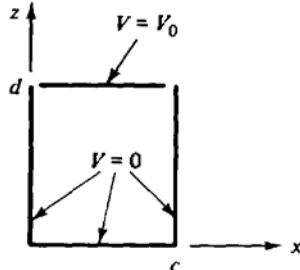


Fig. 8-15

The potential is a function of  $x$  and  $z$ , of the form (see Section 8.7)

$$V = (C_1 \cosh az + C_2 \sinh az)(C_3 \cos ax + C_4 \sin ax)$$

The conditions  $V = 0$  at  $x = 0$  and  $z = 0$  require the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  to be zero. Then since  $V = 0$  at  $x = c$ ,  $a = n\pi/c$ , where  $n$  is an integer. Replacing  $C_2 C_4$  by  $C$ , the expression becomes

$$V = C \sinh \frac{n\pi z}{c} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c}$$

or more generally, by superposition,

$$V = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sinh \frac{n\pi z}{c} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c}$$

The final boundary condition requires that

$$V_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( C_n \sinh \frac{n\pi d}{c} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} \quad (0 < x < c)$$

Thus the constants  $b_n = C_n \sinh(n\pi d/c)$  are determined as the coefficients in the *Fourier sine series* for  $f(x) = V_0$  in the range  $0 < x < c$ . The well-known formula for the Fourier coefficients,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} dx \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

gives  $b_n = \frac{2V_0}{c} \int_0^c \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 4V_0/n\pi & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

The potential function is then

$$V = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0 \sinh(n\pi z/c)}{n\pi \sinh(n\pi d/c)} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c}$$

for  $0 < x < c$ ,  $0 < z < d$ .

### 8.20. Identify the spherical product solution

$$V = \frac{C_2}{r^2} P_1(\cos \theta) = \frac{C_2 \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

(Section 8.9, with  $C_1 = 0$ ,  $n = 1$ ) with a point dipole at the origin.

Figure 8-16 shows a finite dipole along the  $z$  axis, consisting of a point charge  $+Q$  at  $z = +d/2$  and a point charge  $-Q$  at  $z = -d/2$ . The quantity  $p = Qd$  is the dipole moment (Section 7.1). The potential at point  $P$  is

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_1} - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_2} = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0 d} \left( \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_1 r_2} \right)$$

A point dipole at the origin is obtained in the limit as  $d \rightarrow 0$ . For small  $d$ ,

$$r_2 - r_1 \approx d \cos \theta_2 \approx d \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad r_1 r_2 \approx r^2$$

Therefore, in the limit,

$$V = \frac{p}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2}$$

which is the spherical product solution with  $C_2 = p/4\pi\epsilon_0$ .

Similarly, the higher-order Legendre polynomials correspond to point quadrupoles, octupoles, etc.

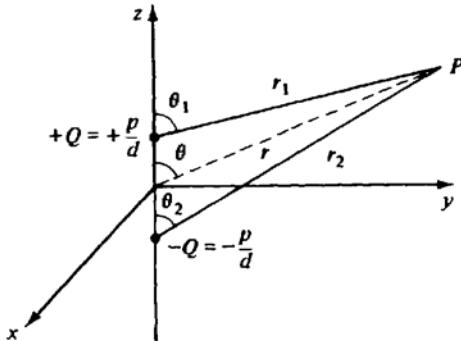


Fig. 8-16

### Supplementary Problems

- 8.21. In cartesian coordinates a potential is a function of  $x$  only. At  $x = -2.0 \text{ cm}$ ,  $V = 25.0 \text{ V}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = 1.5 \times 10^3 (-\mathbf{a}_x) \text{ V/m}$  throughout the region. Find  $V$  at  $x = 3.0 \text{ cm}$ . Ans.  $100 \text{ V}$

- 8.22.** In cartesian coordinates a plane at  $z = 3.0 \text{ cm}$  is the voltage reference. Find the voltage and the charge density on the conductor  $z = 0$  if  $\mathbf{E} = 6.67 \times 10^3 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$  for  $z > 0$  and the region contains a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 4.5$ . *Ans.*  $200 \text{ V}$ ,  $266 \text{ nC/m}^2$
- 8.23.** In cylindrical coordinates,  $V = 75.0 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 5 \text{ mm}$  and  $V = 0$  at  $r = 60 \text{ mm}$ . Find the voltage at  $r = 130 \text{ mm}$  if the potential depends only on  $r$ . *Ans.*  $-23.34 \text{ V}$
- 8.24.** Concentric, right circular, conducting cylinders in free space at  $r = 5 \text{ mm}$  and  $r = 25 \text{ mm}$  have voltages of zero and  $V_0$ , respectively. If  $\mathbf{E} = -8.28 \times 10^3 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$  at  $r = 15 \text{ mm}$ , find  $V_0$  and the charge density on the outer conductor. *Ans.*  $200 \text{ V}$ ,  $+44 \text{ nC/m}^2$
- 8.25.** For concentric conducting cylinders,  $V = 75 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 1 \text{ mm}$  and  $V = 0$  at  $r = 20 \text{ mm}$ . Find  $\mathbf{D}$  in the region between the cylinders, where  $\epsilon_r = 3.6$ . *Ans.*  $(798/r) \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (pC/m}^2)$
- 8.26.** Conducting planes at  $\phi = 10^\circ$  and  $\phi = 0^\circ$  in cylindrical coordinates have voltages of  $75 \text{ V}$  and zero, respectively. Obtain  $\mathbf{D}$  in the region between the planes, which contains a material for which  $\epsilon_r = 1.65$ . *Ans.*  $(-6.28/r) \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (nC/m}^2)$
- 8.27.** Two square conducting planes  $50 \text{ cm}$  on a side are separated by  $2.0 \text{ cm}$  along one side and  $2.5 \text{ cm}$  along the other (Fig. 8-17). Assume a voltage difference and compare the charge density at the center of one plane to that on an identical pair with a uniform separation of  $2.0 \text{ cm}$ . *Ans.*  $0.89$

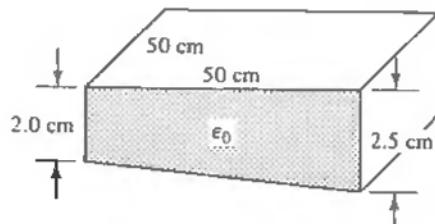


Fig. 8-17

- 8.28.** The voltage reference is at  $r = 15 \text{ mm}$  in spherical coordinates and the voltage is  $V_0$  at  $r = 200 \text{ mm}$ . Given  $\mathbf{E} = -334.7 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$  at  $r = 110 \text{ mm}$ , find  $V_0$ . The potential is a function of  $r$  only. *Ans.*  $250 \text{ V}$
- 8.29.** In spherical coordinates,  $V = 865 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 50 \text{ cm}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = 748.2 \mathbf{a}_r \text{ V/m}$  at  $r = 85 \text{ cm}$ . Determine the location of the voltage reference if the potential depends only on  $r$ . *Ans.*  $r = 250 \text{ cm}$
- 8.30.** With a zero reference at infinity and  $V = 45.0 \text{ V}$  at  $r = 0.22 \text{ m}$  in spherical coordinates, a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 1.72$  occupies the region  $0.22 < r < 1.00 \text{ m}$  and free space occupies  $r > 1.00 \text{ m}$ . Determine  $D$  at  $r = 1.00 \pm 0 \text{ m}$ . *Ans.*  $8.55 \text{ V/m}$ ,  $14.7 \text{ V/m}$
- 8.31.** In Fig. 8-18 the cone at  $\theta = 45^\circ$  has a voltage  $V$  with respect to the reference at  $\theta = 30^\circ$ . At  $r =$

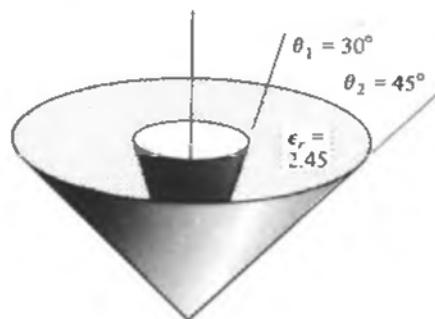


Fig. 8-18

0.25 m and  $\theta = 30^\circ$ ,  $\mathbf{E} = -2.30 \times 10^3 \mathbf{a}_\theta$  V/m. Determine the voltage difference  $V$ .  
*Ans.* 125.5 V

- 8.32. In Problem 8.31 determine the surface charge densities on the conducting cones at  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , if  $\epsilon_r = 2.45$  between the cones. *Ans.*  $\frac{-12.5}{r}$  (nC/m<sup>2</sup>),  $\frac{8.84}{r}$  (nC/m<sup>2</sup>)
- 8.33. Find  $E$  in the region between the two cones shown in Fig. 8-19. *Ans.*  $\frac{0.288V_1}{r \sin \theta}$  (V/m)

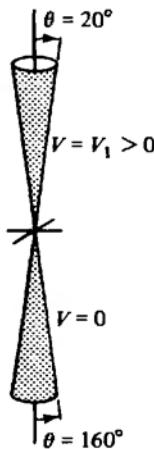


Fig. 8-19

- 8.34. In cylindrical coordinates,  $\rho = 111/r$  (pC/m<sup>3</sup>). Given that  $V = 0$  at  $r = 1.0$  m and  $V = 50$  V at  $r = 3.0$  m due to this charge configuration, find the expression for  $\mathbf{E}$ .  
*Ans.*  $\left(12.5 - \frac{68.3}{r}\right) \mathbf{a}_r$  (V/m)

- 8.35. Determine  $\mathbf{E}$  in spherical coordinates from Poisson's equation, assuming a uniform charge density  $\rho$ .  
*Ans.*  $\left(\frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon} - \frac{A}{r^2}\right) \mathbf{a}_r$

- 8.36. Specialize the solution found in Problem 8.35 to the case of a uniformly charged sphere.  
*Ans.* See Problem 2.54.

- 8.37. Assume that a potential in cylindrical coordinates is a function of  $r$  and  $z$  but not  $\phi$ ,  $V = R(r)Z(z)$ . Write Laplace's equation and obtain the separated differential equations in  $r$  and  $z$ . Show that the solutions to the equation in  $r$  are Bessel functions and that the solutions in  $z$  are exponentials or hyperbolic functions.

- 8.38. Verify that the first five Legendre polynomials are

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(\cos \theta) &= 1 \\ P_1(\cos \theta) &= \cos \theta \\ P_2(\cos \theta) &= \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \\ P_3(\cos \theta) &= \frac{1}{8}(5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta) \\ P_4(\cos \theta) &= \frac{1}{16}(35 \cos^4 \theta - 30 \cos^2 \theta + 3) \end{aligned}$$

and graph them against  $\zeta = \cos \theta$ . *Ans.* See Fig. 8-20.

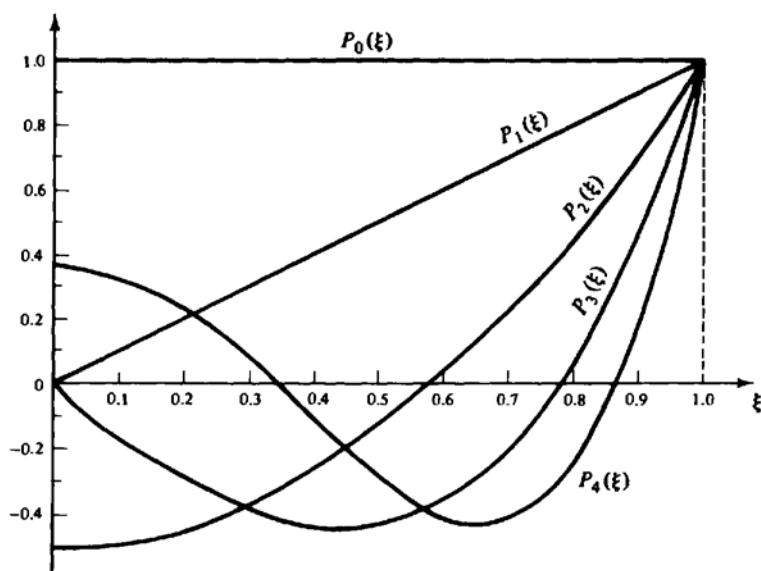


Fig. 8-20

- 8.39. Obtain  $\mathbf{E}$  for Problem 8.18 and plot several values on Fig. 8-14. Note the orthogonality of  $\mathbf{E}$  and the equipotential surfaces. *Ans.*  $\mathbf{E} = -V_0 a [(\cosh ax)(\sin ay)\mathbf{a}_x + (\sinh ax)(\cos ay)\mathbf{a}_y]$
- 8.40. Given  $V = V_0(\cosh ax)(\sin ay)$ , where  $a > 0$ , determine the shape and location of the surfaces on which  $V = 0$  and  $V = V_0$ . Make a sketch similar to Fig. 8-14. *Ans.* See Fig. 8-21.

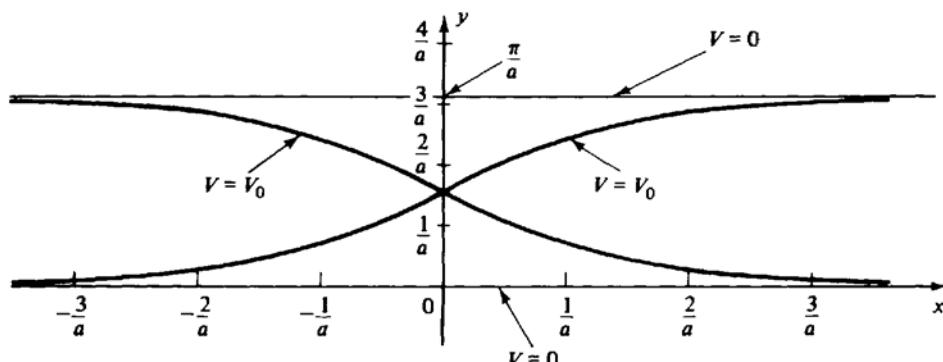


Fig. 8-21

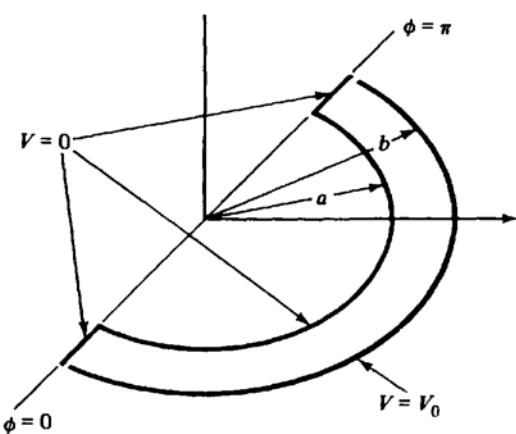


Fig. 8-22

- 8.41.** From the potential function of Problem 8.40, obtain  $\mathbf{E}$  and plot several values on the sketch of the equipotential surfaces, Fig. 8-21. *Ans.*  $\mathbf{E} = -V_0a[(\sinh ax)(\sin ay)\mathbf{a}_x + (\cosh ax)(\cos ay)\mathbf{a}_y]$
- 8.42.** Use a superposition of the product solutions found in Problem 8.17 to obtain the potential function for the semicircular strip shown in Fig. 8-22. *Ans.*  $V = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{4V_0}{n\pi} \frac{r^n - (a^2/r)^n}{b^n - (a^2/b)^n} \sin n\phi$

# Chapter 9

## Ampère's Law and the Magnetic Field

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

A static magnetic field can originate from either a constant current or a permanent magnet. This chapter will treat the magnetic fields of constant currents. Time-variable magnetic fields, which coexist with time-variable electric fields, will be examined in Chapters 12 and 13.

### 9.2 BIOT-SAVART LAW

A differential *magnetic field strength*,  $d\mathbf{H}$ , results from a differential current element  $I dl$ . The field varies inversely with the distance squared, is independent of the surrounding medium, and has a direction given by the cross product of  $I dl$  and  $\mathbf{a}_R$ . This relationship is known as the *Biot-Savart law*:

$$d\mathbf{H} = \frac{I dl \times \mathbf{a}_R}{4\pi R^2} \quad (\text{A/m})$$

The direction of  $\mathbf{R}$  must be from the current element to the point at which  $d\mathbf{H}$  is to be determined, as shown in Fig. 9-1.

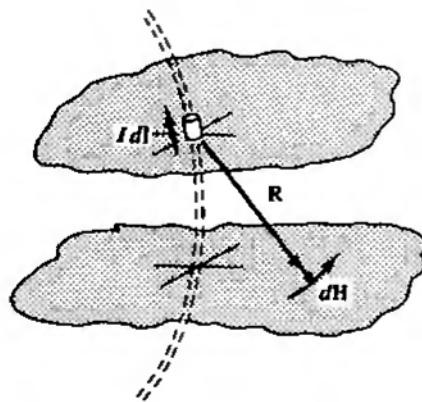


Fig. 9-1

Current elements have no separate existence. All elements making up the complete current filament contribute to  $\mathbf{H}$  and must be included. The summation leads to the integral form of the Biot-Savart law:

$$\mathbf{H} = \oint \frac{I dl \times \mathbf{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$

A *closed* line integral is required to ensure that *all* current elements are included (the contour may close at  $\infty$ ).

**EXAMPLE 1.** An infinitely long, straight, filamentary current  $I$  along the  $z$  axis in cylindrical coordinates is

shown in Fig. 9-2. A point in the  $z = 0$  plane is selected with no loss in generality. In differential form,

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{H} &= \frac{Idz \mathbf{a}_z \times (r\mathbf{a}_r - z\mathbf{a}_z)}{4\pi(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{Idz r\mathbf{a}_\phi}{4\pi(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

The variable of integration is  $z$ . Since  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  does not change with  $z$ , it may be removed from the integrand before integrating.

$$\mathbf{H} = \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{Ir dz}{4\pi(r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

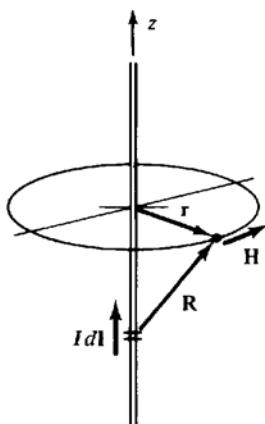


Fig. 9-2

This important result shows that  $\mathbf{H}$  is inversely proportional to the radial distance. The direction is seen to be in agreement with the "right-hand rule" whereby the fingers of the right hand point in the direction of the field when the conductor is grasped such that the right thumb points in the direction of the current.

**EXAMPLE 2.** An infinite current sheet lies in the  $z = 0$  plane with  $\mathbf{K} = K\mathbf{a}_y$ , as shown in Fig. 9-3. Find  $\mathbf{H}$ .

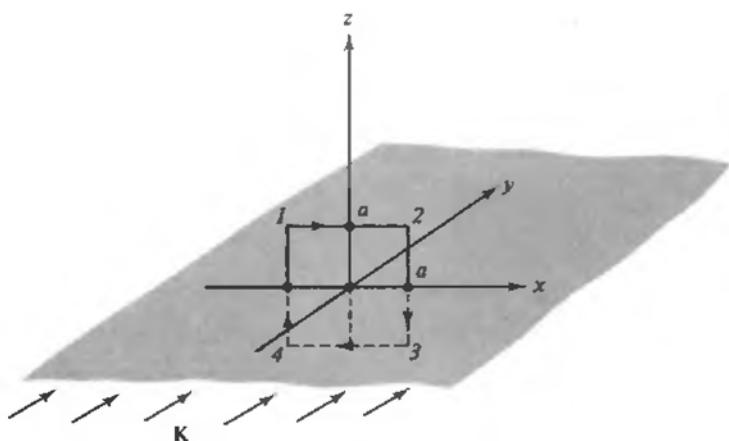


Fig. 9-3

The Biot-Savart law and considerations of symmetry show that  $\mathbf{H}$  has only an  $x$  component, and is not a function of  $x$  or  $y$ . Applying Ampère's law to the square contour 12341, and using the fact that  $\mathbf{H}$  must be

antisymmetric in  $z$ ,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (H)(2a) + 0 + (H)(2a) + 0 = (K)(2a) \quad \text{or} \quad H = \frac{K}{2}$$

Thus, for all  $z > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{H} = (K/2)\mathbf{a}_x$ . More generally, for an arbitrary orientation of the current sheet,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_n$$

Observe that  $\mathbf{H}$  is independent of the distance from the sheet. Further, the directions of  $\mathbf{H}$  above and below the sheet can be found by applying the *right-hand rule* to a few of the current elements in the sheet.

### 9.3 AMPÈRE'S LAW

*The line integral of the tangential component of the magnetic field strength around a closed path is equal to the current enclosed by the path:*

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{\text{enc}}$$

At first glance one would think that the law is used to determine the current  $I$  by an integration. Instead, the current is usually known and the law provides a method of finding  $\mathbf{H}$ . This is quite similar to the use of Gauss' law to find  $\mathbf{D}$  given the charge distribution.

In order to utilize Ampère's law to determine  $\mathbf{H}$  there must be a considerable degree of symmetry in the problem. Two conditions must be met:

1. At each point of the closed path  $\mathbf{H}$  is either tangential or normal to the path.
2.  $H$  has the same value at all points of the path where  $\mathbf{H}$  is tangential.

The Biot-Savart law can be used to aid in selecting a path which meets the above conditions. In most cases a proper path will be evident.

**EXAMPLE 3.** Use Ampère's law to obtain  $\mathbf{H}$  due to an infinitely long, straight filament of current  $I$ .

The Biot-Savart law shows that at each point of the circle in Fig. 9-2  $\mathbf{H}$  is tangential and of the same magnitude. Then

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = H(2\pi r) = I$$

so that

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

### 9.4 CURL

The *curl* of a vector field  $\mathbf{A}$  is another vector field. Point  $P$  in Fig. 9-4 lies in a plane area  $\Delta S$  bounded by a closed curve  $C$ . In the integration that defines the curl,  $C$  is traversed such that the

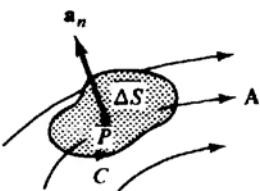


Fig. 9-4

enclosed area is on the left. The unit normal  $\mathbf{a}_n$ , determined by a right-hand rule, is as shown in the figure. Then the *component* of the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  in the direction  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is defined as

$$(\text{curl } \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_n = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\Delta S}$$

In the coordinate systems, curl  $\mathbf{A}$  is completely specified by its components along the three unit vectors. For example, the  $x$  component in cartesian coordinates is defined by taking as the contour  $C$  a square in the  $x = \text{const.}$  plane through  $P$ , as shown in Fig. 9-5.

$$(\text{curl } \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = \lim_{\Delta y \Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}}{\Delta y \Delta z}$$

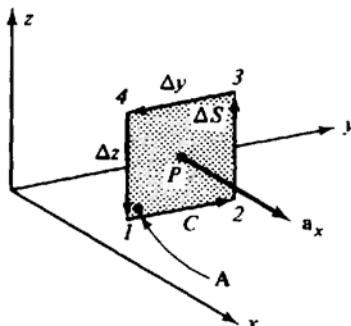


Fig. 9-5

If  $\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$  at the corner of  $\Delta S$  closest to the origin (point 1), then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint &= \int_1^2 + \int_2^3 + \int_3^4 + \int_4^1 \\ &= A_y \Delta y + \left( A_z + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta z + \left( A_y + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \Delta z \right) (-\Delta y) + A_z (-\Delta z) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \Delta y \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\text{curl } \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z}$$

The  $y$  and  $z$  components can be determined in a similar fashion. Combining the three components,

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{a}_y + \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cartesian})$$

A third-order determinant can be written, the expansion of which gives the cartesian curl of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

the elements of the second row are the components of the del operator. This suggests (see Section 1.3) that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  can be written for curl  $\mathbf{A}$ . As with other expressions from vector analysis, this

convenient notation is used for  $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{A}$  in other coordinate systems, even though  $\nabla$  is defined only in cartesian coordinates.

Expressions for  $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{A}$  in cylindrical and spherical coordinates can be derived in the same manner as above, though with more difficulty.

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_r + \left( \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial(rA_\phi)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} \right] \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cylindrical})$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial(A_\phi \sin \theta)}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial(rA_\phi)}{\partial r} \right] \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial(rA_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{spherical})$$

Frequently useful are two properties of the curl operator:

- (1) *The divergence of a curl is the zero scalar*; that is,

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

for any vector field  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- (2) *The curl of a gradient is the zero vector*; that is,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla f) = \mathbf{0}$$

for any scalar function of position  $f$  (see Problem 9.20).

Under static conditions,  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$ , and so, from (2),

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

## 9.5 RELATIONSHIP OF $\mathbf{J}$ AND $\mathbf{H}$

In view of Ampère's law, the defining equation for  $(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H})_x$  (see Section 9.4) may be rewritten as

$$(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H}) \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = \lim_{\Delta y \Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{I_x}{\Delta y \Delta z} \equiv J_x$$

where  $J_x = dI_x/dS$  is the area density of  $x$ -directed current. Thus the  $x$  components of  $\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H}$  and the *current density*  $\mathbf{J}$  are equal at any point. Similarly for the  $y$  and  $z$  components, so that

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

This is one of Maxwell's equations for static fields. If  $\mathbf{H}$  is known throughout a region, then  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}$  will produce  $\mathbf{J}$  for that region.

**EXAMPLE 4.** A long, straight conductor cross section with radius  $a$  has a magnetic field strength  $\mathbf{H} = (Ir/2\pi a^2)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  within the conductor ( $r < a$ ) and  $\mathbf{H} = (I/2\pi r)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  for  $r > a$ . Find  $\mathbf{J}$  in both regions.

Within the conductor,

$$\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{Ir^2}{2\pi a^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{I}{\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_z$$

which corresponds to a current of magnitude  $I$  in the  $+z$  direction which is distributed uniformly over the cross-sectional area  $\pi a^2$ .

Outside the conductor,

$$\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{I}{2\pi r} \right) \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{I}{2\pi} \right) \mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{0}$$

### 9.6 MAGNETIC FLUX DENSITY $\mathbf{B}$

Like  $\mathbf{D}$ , the magnetic field strength  $\mathbf{H}$  depends only on (moving) charges and is independent of the medium. The force field associated with  $\mathbf{H}$  is the *magnetic flux density*  $\mathbf{B}$ , which is given by

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

where  $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$  is the *permeability* of the medium. The unit of  $\mathbf{B}$  is the *tesla*,

$$1 \text{ T} = 1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{A} \cdot \text{m}}$$

The free-space permeability  $\mu_0$  has a numerical value of  $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  and has the units *henries per meter*,  $\text{H/m}$ ;  $\mu_r$ , the *relative permeability* of the medium, is a pure number very near to unity, except for a small group of *ferromagnetic* materials which will be treated in Chapter 11.

*Magnetic flux*,  $\Phi$ , through a surface is defined as

$$\Phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The sign on  $\Phi$  may be positive or negative depending upon the choice of the surface normal in  $d\mathbf{S}$ . The unit of magnetic flux is the *weber*,  $\text{Wb}$ . The various magnetic units are related by

$$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ Wb/m}^2 \quad 1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ Wb/A}$$

**EXAMPLE 5.** Find the flux crossing the portion of the plane  $\phi = \pi/4$  defined by  $0.01 < r < 0.05 \text{ m}$  and  $0 < z < 2 \text{ m}$  (see Fig. 9-6). A current filament of  $2.50 \text{ A}$  along the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{H} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ d\mathbf{S} &= dr dz \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ \Phi &= \int_0^2 \int_{0.01}^{0.05} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \cdot dr dz \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= \frac{2\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln \frac{0.05}{0.01} \\ &= 1.61 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Wb} \text{ or } 1.61 \mu\text{Wb} \end{aligned}$$

It should be observed that the lines of magnetic flux  $\Phi$  are closed curves, with no starting point or termination point. This is in contrast with electric flux  $\Psi$ , which originates on positive charge

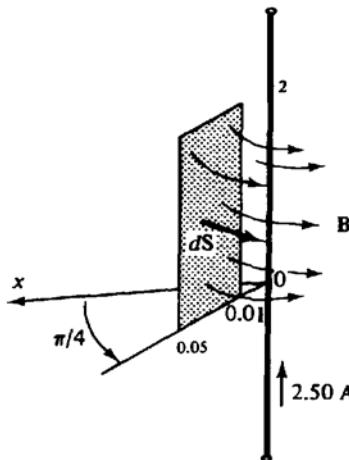


Fig. 9-6

and terminates on negative charge. In Fig. 9-7 all of the magnetic flux  $\Phi$  that enters the closed surface must leave the surface. Thus  $\mathbf{B}$  fields have no sources or sinks, which is mathematically expressed by

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

(see Section 4.1).

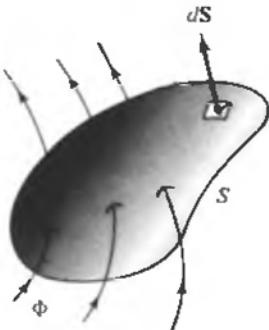


Fig. 9-7

## 9.7 VECTOR MAGNETIC POTENTIAL $\mathbf{A}$

Electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  was first obtained from known charge configurations. Later, electric potential  $V$  was developed and it was found that  $\mathbf{E}$  could be obtained as the negative gradient of  $V$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$ . Laplace's equation provided a method of obtaining  $V$  from known potentials on the boundary conductors. Similarly, a *vector magnetic potential*,  $\mathbf{A}$ , defined such that

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

serves as an intermediate quantity, from which  $\mathbf{B}$ , and hence  $\mathbf{H}$ , can be calculated. Note that the definition of  $\mathbf{A}$  is consistent with the requirement that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ . The units of  $\mathbf{A}$  are Wb/m or T · m.

If the additional condition

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

is imposed, then vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$  can be determined from the known currents in the region of interest. For the three standard current configurations the expressions are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{current filament: } \mathbf{A} &= \oint \frac{\mu I d\mathbf{l}}{4\pi R} \\ \text{sheet current: } \mathbf{A} &= \int_S \frac{\mu \mathbf{K} dS}{4\pi R} \\ \text{volume current: } \mathbf{A} &= \int_v \frac{\mu \mathbf{J} dv}{4\pi R} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $R$  is the distance from the current element to the point at which the vector magnetic potential is being calculated. Like the analogous integral for the electric potential (see Section 5.5), the above expressions for  $\mathbf{A}$  presuppose a zero level at infinity; they cannot be applied if the current distribution itself extends to infinity.

**EXAMPLE 6.** Investigate the vector magnetic potential for the infinite, straight, current filament  $I$  in free space.

In Fig. 9-8 the current filament is along the  $z$  axis and the observation point is  $(x, y, z)$ . The particular

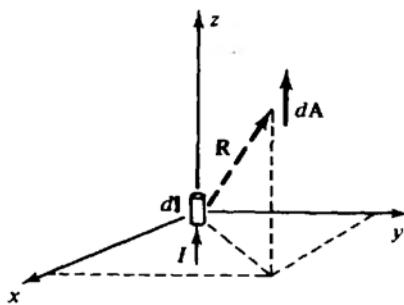


Fig. 9-8

current element

$$I d\mathbf{l} = I d\ell \mathbf{a}_z$$

at  $\ell = 0$  is shown, where  $\ell$  is the running variable along the  $z$  axis. It is clear that the integral

$$\mathbf{A} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_0 I d\ell}{4\pi R} \mathbf{a}_z$$

does not exist, since, when  $\ell$  is large,  $R \approx \ell$ . This is a case of a current distribution that extends to infinity.

It is possible, however, to consider the *differential* vector potential

$$d\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I d\ell}{4\pi R} \mathbf{a}_z$$

and to obtain from it the *differential*  $\mathbf{B}$ . Thus, for the particular current element at  $\ell = 0$ ,

$$d\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I d\ell}{4\pi(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} \mathbf{a}_z$$

and

$$d\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times d\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I d\ell}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{-y}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_y \right]$$

This result agrees with that for  $d\mathbf{H} = (1/\mu_0) d\mathbf{B}$  given by the Biot-Savart law.

For a way of defining  $\mathbf{A}$  for the infinite current filament, see Problem 9.17.

## 9.8 STOKES' THEOREM

Consider an open surface  $S$  whose boundary is a closed curve  $C$ . *Stokes' theorem* states that the integral of the tangential component of a vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  around  $C$  is equal to the integral of the normal component of  $\text{curl } \mathbf{F}$  over  $S$ :

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

If  $\mathbf{F}$  is chosen to be the vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$ , Stokes' theorem gives

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \Phi$$

## Solved Problems

### 9.1. Find $\mathbf{H}$ at the center of a square current loop of side $L$ .

Choose a cartesian coordinate system such that the loop is located as shown in Fig. 9-9. By

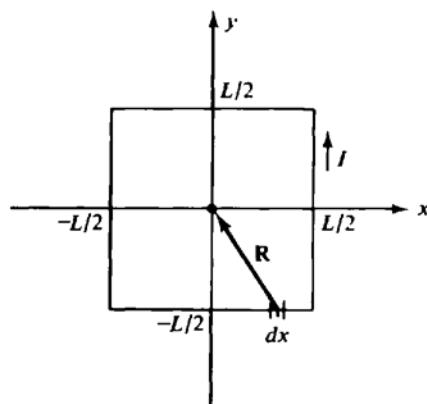


Fig. 9-9

symmetry, each half-side contributes the same amount to  $\mathbf{H}$  at the center. For the half-side  $0 \leq x \leq L/2$ ,  $y = -L/2$ , the Biot-Savart law gives for the field at the origin

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{H} &= \frac{(I dx \mathbf{a}_x) \times [-x \mathbf{a}_x + (L/2) \mathbf{a}_y]}{4\pi[x^2 + (L/2)^2]^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{I dx (L/2) \mathbf{a}_z}{4\pi[x^2 + (L/2)^2]^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the total field at the origin is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H} &= 8 \int_0^{L/2} \frac{I dx (L/2) \mathbf{a}_z}{4\pi[x^2 + (L/2)^2]^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2} I}{\pi L} \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{2\sqrt{2} I}{\pi L} \mathbf{a}_n \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is the unit normal to the plane of the loop as given by the usual right-hand rule.

- 9.2.** A current filament of 5.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction is parallel to the  $y$  axis at  $x = 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $z = -2 \text{ m}$  (Fig. 9-10). Find  $\mathbf{H}$  at the origin.

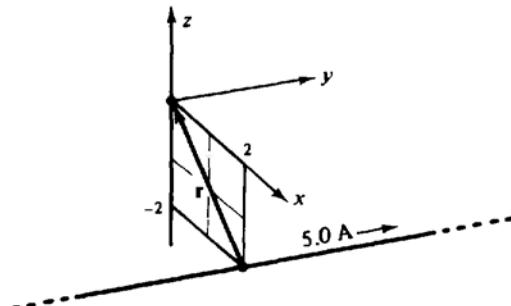


Fig. 9-10

The expression for  $\mathbf{H}$  due to a straight current filament applies,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

where  $r = 2\sqrt{2}$  and (use the right-hand rule)

$$\mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{5.0}{2\pi(2\sqrt{2})} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = (0.281) \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \text{ A/m}$$

- 9.3.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 10\mathbf{a}_z$  A/m, lies in the  $x = 5$  m plane and a second sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = -10\mathbf{a}_z$  A/m, is at  $x = -5$  m. Find  $\mathbf{H}$  at all points.

In Fig. 9-11 it is apparent that at any point between the sheets,  $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_n = -K\mathbf{a}_y$ , for each sheet. Then, for  $-5 < x < 5$ ,  $\mathbf{H} = 10(-\mathbf{a}_y)$  A/m. Elsewhere  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$ .

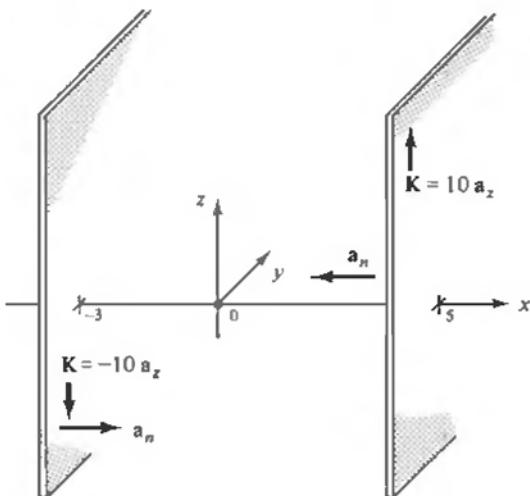


Fig. 9-11

- 9.4.** A thin cylindrical conductor of radius  $a$ , infinite in length, carries a current  $I$ . Find  $\mathbf{H}$  at all points using Ampère's law.

The Biot-Savart law shows that  $\mathbf{H}$  has only a  $\phi$  component. Furthermore,  $H_\phi$  is a function of  $r$  only. Proper paths for Ampère's law are concentric circles. For path 1 shown in Fig. 9-12,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2\pi r H_\phi = I_{\text{enc}} = 0$$

and for path 2,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2\pi r H_\phi = I$$

Thus, for points within the cylindrical conducting shell,  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$ , and for external points,  $\mathbf{H} = (I/2\pi r)\mathbf{a}_\phi$ , the same field as that of a current filament  $I$  along the axis.

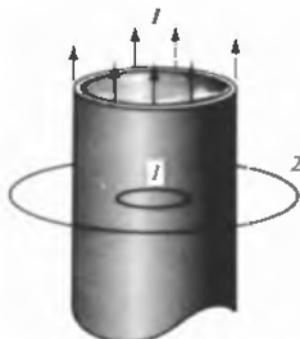


Fig. 9-12

- 9.5.** Determine  $\mathbf{H}$  for a solid cylindrical conductor of radius  $a$ , where the current  $I$  is uniformly distributed over the cross section.

Applying Ampère's law to contour 1 in Fig. 9-13,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{\text{enc}}$$

$$H(2\pi r) = I \left( \frac{\pi r^2}{\pi a^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

For external points,  $\mathbf{H} = (I/2\pi r)\mathbf{a}_\phi$ .

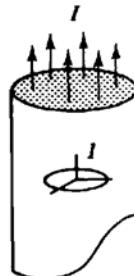


Fig. 9-13

- 9.6.** In the region  $0 < r < 0.5$  m, in cylindrical coordinates, the current density is

$$\mathbf{J} = 4.5e^{-2r} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{A/m}^2)$$

and  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0}$  elsewhere. Use Ampère's law to find  $\mathbf{H}$ .

Because the current density is symmetrical about the origin, a circular path may be used in Ampère's law, with the enclosed current given by  $\oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ . Thus, for  $r < 0.5$  m,

$$H_\phi(2\pi r) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r 4.5e^{-2r} r dr d\phi$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1.125}{r} (1 - e^{-2r} - 2re^{-2r}) \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{A/m})$$

For any  $r \geq 0.5$  m the enclosed current is the same,  $0.594\pi$  A. Then

$$H_\phi(2\pi r) = 0.594\pi \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{0.297}{r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{A/m})$$

- 9.7.** Find  $\mathbf{H}$  on the axis of a circular current loop of radius  $a$ . Specialize the result to the center of the loop.



For the point shown in Fig. 9-14,

$$\mathbf{R} = -a\mathbf{a}_r + h\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$d\mathbf{H} = \frac{(Ia d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi) \times (-a\mathbf{a}_r + h\mathbf{a}_z)}{4\pi(a^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{(Ia d\phi)(a\mathbf{a}_z + h\mathbf{a}_r)}{4\pi(a^2 + h^2)^{3/2}}$$

Inspection shows that diametrically opposite current elements produce  $r$  components which

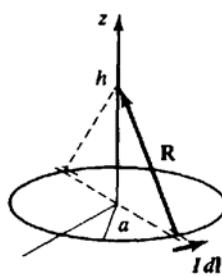


Fig. 9-14

cancel. Then,

$$\mathbf{H} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{Ia^2 d\phi}{4\pi(a^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{Ia^2}{2(a^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \mathbf{a}_z$$

At  $h = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{H} = (I/2a)\mathbf{a}_z$ .

- 9.8.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 6.0\mathbf{a}_x$  A/m, lies in the  $z = 0$  plane and a current filament is located at  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 4$  m, as shown in Fig. 9-15. Determine  $I$  and its direction if  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{0}$  at  $(0, 0, 1.5)$  m.

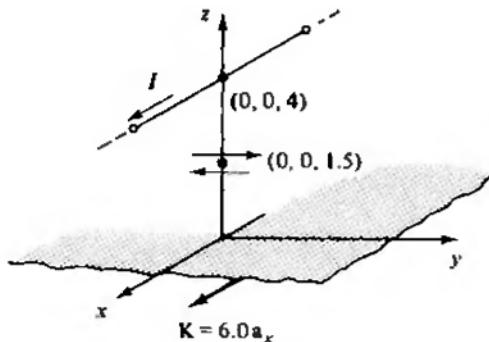


Fig. 9-15

Due to the current sheet,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_n = \frac{6.0}{2} (-\mathbf{a}_y) \text{ A/m}$$

For the field to vanish at  $(0, 0, 1.5)$  m,  $|\mathbf{H}|$  due to the filament must be 3.0 A/m.

$$|\mathbf{H}| = \frac{I}{2\pi r}$$

$$3.0 = \frac{I}{2\pi(2.5)}$$

$$I = 47.1 \text{ A}$$

To cancel the  $\mathbf{H}$  from the sheet, this current must be in the  $\mathbf{a}_x$  direction, as shown in Fig. 9-15.

- 9.9.** Given  $\mathbf{A} = (y \cos ax)\mathbf{a}_x + (y + e^x)\mathbf{a}_z$ , find  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  at the origin.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ y \cos ax & 0 & y + e^x \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{a}_x - e^x \mathbf{a}_y - \cos ax \mathbf{a}_z$$

At  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$ .

- 9.10.** Calculate the curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  in cartesian coordinates due to a current filament along the  $z$  axis with current  $I$  in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction.

From Example 1,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-y\mathbf{a}_x + x\mathbf{a}_y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} & \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \right] \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

except at  $x = y = 0$ . This is consistent with  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$ .

- 9.11.** Given the general vector field  $\mathbf{A} = 5r \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_z$  in cylindrical coordinates, find  $\text{curl } \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, \pi, 0)$ .

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has only a  $z$  component, only two partials in the curl expression are nonzero.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (5r \sin \phi) \mathbf{a}_r - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (5r \sin \phi) \mathbf{a}_\phi = 5 \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_r - 5 \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Then

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} \Big|_{(2, \pi, 0)} = -5 \mathbf{a}_r$$

- 9.12.** Given the general vector field  $\mathbf{A} = 5e^{-r} \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_r - 5 \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_z$  in cylindrical coordinates, find  $\text{curl } \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, 3\pi/2, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (-5 \cos \phi) \mathbf{a}_r + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (5e^{-r} \cos \phi) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-5 \cos \phi) \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (5e^{-r} \cos \phi) \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= \left( \frac{5}{r} \sin \phi \right) \mathbf{a}_r + \left( \frac{5}{r} e^{-r} \sin \phi \right) \mathbf{a}_z \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} \Big|_{(2, 3\pi/2, 0)} = -2.50 \mathbf{a}_r - 0.34 \mathbf{a}_z$$

- 9.13.** Given the general vector field  $\mathbf{A} = 10 \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$  in spherical coordinates, find  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, \pi/2, 0)$ .

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (10 \sin \theta) \right] \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (10r \sin \theta) \mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{10 \sin \theta}{r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Then

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} \Big|_{(2, \pi/2, 0)} = 5 \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

- 9.14.** A circular conductor of radius  $r_0 = 1 \text{ cm}$  has an internal field

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{10^4}{r} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \sin ar - \frac{r}{a} \cos ar \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{A/m})$$

where  $a = \pi/2r_0$ . Find the total current in the conductor.

There are two methods: (1) to calculate  $\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H}$  and then integrate; (2) to use Ampère's law. The second is simpler here.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{enc}} &= \oint_{r=r_0} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{10^4}{r_0} \left( \frac{4r_0^2}{\pi^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2r_0^2}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right) r_0 d\phi \\ &= \frac{8 \times 10^4 r_0^2}{\pi} = \frac{8}{\pi} \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

### 9.15. A radial field



$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{2.39 \times 10^6}{r} \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_r \text{ A/m}$$

exists in free space. Find the magnetic flux  $\Phi$  crossing the surface defined by  $-\pi/4 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 1 \text{ m}$ . See Fig. 9-16.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{H} = \frac{3.00}{r} \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (T)} \\ \Phi &= \int_0^1 \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \left( \frac{3.00}{r} \cos \phi \right) \mathbf{a}_r \cdot r d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_r \\ &= 4.24 \text{ Wb} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{B}$  is inversely proportional to  $r$  (as required by  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ ), it makes no difference what radial distance is chosen, the total flux will be the same.

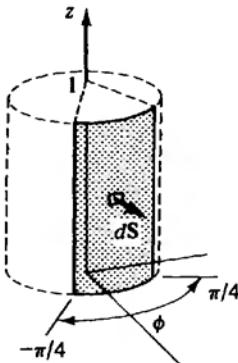


Fig. 9-16

- 9.16.** In cylindrical coordinates,  $\mathbf{B} = (2.0/r)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  (T). Determine the magnetic flux  $\Phi$  crossing the plane surface defined by  $0.5 \leq r \leq 2.5 \text{ m}$  and  $0 \leq z \leq 2.0 \text{ m}$ . See Fig. 9-17.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int_0^{2.0} \int_{0.5}^{2.5} \frac{2.0}{r} \mathbf{a}_\phi \cdot dr dz \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= 4.0 \left( \ln \frac{2.5}{0.5} \right) = 6.44 \text{ Wb} \end{aligned}$$

- 9.17.** Obtain the vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$  in the region surrounding an infinitely long, straight, filamentary current  $I$ .

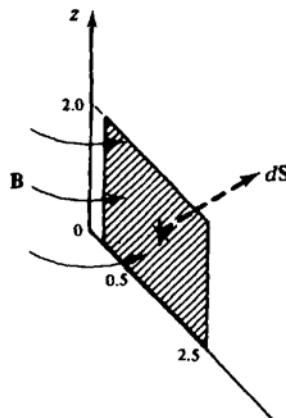


Fig. 9-17

As shown in Example 6, the direct expression for  $\mathbf{A}$  as an integral cannot be used. However, the relation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

may be treated as a vector differential equation for  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since  $\mathbf{B}$  possesses only a  $\phi$  component, only the  $\phi$  component of the cylindrical curl is needed.

$$\frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

It is evident that  $\mathbf{A}$  cannot be a function of  $z$ , since the filament is uniform with  $z$ . Then

$$-\frac{dA_z}{dr} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \quad \text{or} \quad A_z = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln r + C$$

The constant of integration permits the location of a zero reference. With  $A_z = 0$  at  $r = r_0$ , the expression becomes

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \left( \ln \frac{r_0}{r} \right) \mathbf{a}_z$$

### 9.18. Obtain the vector magnetic potential $\mathbf{A}$ for the current sheet of Example 2.

For  $z > 0$ ,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 K}{2} \mathbf{a}_x$$

whence

$$\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\mu_0 K}{2}$$

As  $\mathbf{A}$  must be independent of  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$-\frac{dA_y}{dz} = \frac{\mu_0 K}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad A_y = -\frac{\mu_0 K}{2} (z - z_0)$$

Thus, for  $z > 0$ ,

$$\mathbf{A} = -\frac{\mu_0 K}{2} (z - z_0) \mathbf{a}_y = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} (z - z_0) \mathbf{K}$$

For  $z < 0$ , change the sign of the above expression.

- 9.19.** Using the vector magnetic potential found in Problem 9.18, find the magnetic flux crossing the rectangular area shown in Fig. 9-18.

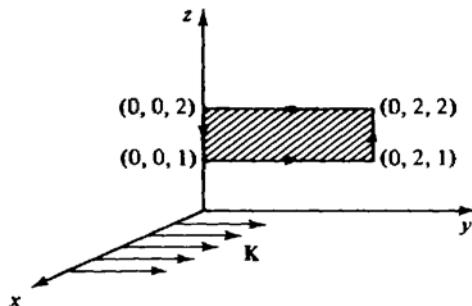


Fig. 9-18

Let the zero reference be at  $z_0 = 2$ , so that

$$\mathbf{A} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2}(z-2)\mathbf{K}$$

In the line integral

$$\Phi = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is perpendicular to the contour on two sides and vanishes on the third ( $z=2$ ). Thus,

$$\Phi = \int_{y=0}^{y=2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2}(1-2) \int_0^2 K dy = \mu_0 K$$

Note how the choice of zero reference simplified the computation. By Stokes' theorem it is  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ , and not  $\mathbf{A}$  itself, that determines  $\Phi$ ; hence the zero reference may be chosen at pleasure.

- 9.20.** Show that the curl of a gradient is zero.

From the definition of curl  $\mathbf{A}$  given in Section 9.4, it is seen that curl  $\mathbf{A}$  is zero in a region if

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

for every closed path in the region. But if  $\mathbf{A} = \nabla f$ , where  $f$  is a single-valued function,

$$\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint \nabla f \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint df = 0$$

(see Section 5.6).

## Supplementary Problems

- 9.21.** Show that the magnetic field due to the finite current element shown in Fig. 9-19 is given by

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi r} (\sin \alpha_1 - \sin \alpha_2) \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

- 9.22.** Obtain  $d\mathbf{H}$  at a general point  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  in spherical coordinates, due to a differential current element  $I d\ell$  at the origin in the positive  $z$  direction. *Ans.*  $\frac{I d\ell \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi$

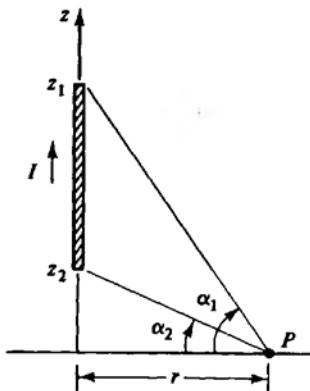


Fig. 9-19

- 9.23.** Currents in the inner and outer conductors of Fig. 9-20 are uniformly distributed. Use Ampère's law to show that for  $b \leq r \leq c$ ,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \left( \frac{c^2 - r^2}{c^2 - b^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

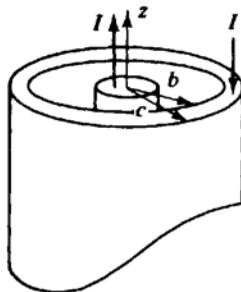


Fig. 9-20

- 9.24.** Two identical circular current loops of radius  $r = 3\text{ m}$  and  $I = 20\text{ A}$  are in parallel planes, separated on their common axis by  $10\text{ m}$ . Find  $\mathbf{H}$  at a point midway between the two loops. *Ans.*  $0.908\mathbf{a}_r\text{ A/m}$
- 9.25.** A current filament of  $10\text{ A}$  in the  $+y$  direction lies along the  $y$  axis, and a current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 2.0\mathbf{a}_x\text{ A/m}$ , is located at  $z = 4\text{ m}$ . Determine  $\mathbf{H}$  at the point  $(2, 2, 2)\text{ m}$ .  
*Ans.*  $0.398\mathbf{a}_x + 1.0\mathbf{a}_y - 0.398\mathbf{a}_z\text{ A/m}$
- 9.26.** Show that the curl of  $(x\mathbf{a}_x + y\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z)/(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}$  is zero. (*Hint:*  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$ .)
- 9.27.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = (-\cos x)(\cos y)\mathbf{a}_x$ , find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at the origin. *Ans.*  $\mathbf{0}$
- 9.28.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = (\cos x)(\sin y)\mathbf{a}_x + (\sin x)(\cos y)\mathbf{a}_y$ , find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  everywhere.  
*Ans.*  $\mathbf{0}$
- 9.29.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = (\sin 2\phi)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  in cylindrical coordinates, find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at  $(2, \pi/4, 0)$ .  
*Ans.*  $0.5\mathbf{a}_z$
- 9.30.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = e^{-2x}(\sin \frac{1}{2}\phi)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  in cylindrical coordinates, find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at  $(0.800, \pi/3, 0.500)$ . *Ans.*  $0.368\mathbf{a}_x + 0.230\mathbf{a}_z$

- 9.31.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = (\sin \phi)\mathbf{a}_r + (\sin \theta)\mathbf{a}_\phi$  in spherical coordinates, find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at the point  $(2, \pi/2, 0)$ . *Ans.*  $\mathbf{0}$
- 9.32.** Given the general vector  $\mathbf{A} = 2.50\mathbf{a}_\theta + 5.00\mathbf{a}_\phi$  in spherical coordinates, find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at  $(2.0, \pi/6, 0)$ . *Ans.*  $4.33\mathbf{a}_r - 2.50\mathbf{a}_\theta + 1.25\mathbf{a}_\phi$
- 9.33.** Given the general vector

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^3} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^3} \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

show that the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  is everywhere zero.

- 9.34.** A cylindrical conductor of radius  $10^{-2}$  m has an internal magnetic field

$$\mathbf{H} = (4.77 \times 10^4) \left( \frac{r}{2} - \frac{r^2}{3 \times 10^{-2}} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{A/m})$$

What is the total current in the conductor? *Ans.* 5.0 A

- 9.35.** In cylindrical coordinates,  $\mathbf{J} = 10^5(\cos^2 2r)\mathbf{a}_z$  in a certain region. Obtain  $\mathbf{H}$  from this current density and then take the curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  and compare with  $\mathbf{J}$ . *Ans.*  $\mathbf{H} = 10^5 \left( \frac{r}{4} + \frac{\sin 4r}{8} + \frac{\cos 4r}{32r} - \frac{1}{32r} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi$
- 9.36.** In cartesian coordinates a constant current density,  $\mathbf{J} = J_0\mathbf{a}_x$ , exists in the region  $-a \leq z \leq a$ . See Fig. 9-21. Use Ampère's law to find  $\mathbf{H}$  in all regions. Obtain the curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  and compare with  $\mathbf{J}$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \mathbf{H} = \begin{cases} J_0 a \mathbf{a}_x & z > a \\ J_0 z \mathbf{a}_x & -a \leq z \leq a \\ -J_0 a \mathbf{a}_x & z < -a \end{cases}$$

$\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$

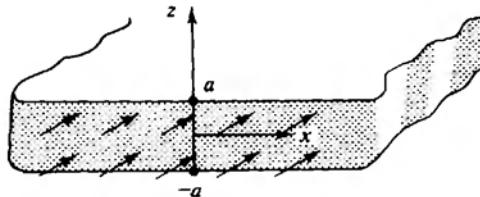


Fig. 9-21

- 9.37.** Compute the total magnetic flux  $\Phi$  crossing the  $z = 0$  plane in cylindrical coordinates for  $r \leq 5 \times 10^{-2}$  m if

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{0.2}{r} (\sin^2 \phi) \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{T})$$

*Ans.*  $3.14 \times 10^{-2}$  Wb

- 9.38.** Given that

$$\mathbf{B} = 2.50 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} \right) e^{-2y} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{T})$$

find the total magnetic flux crossing the strip  $z = 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  m. *Ans.* 1.59 Wb

- 9.39.** A coaxial conductor with an inner conductor of radius  $a$  and an outer conductor of inner and outer radii

$b$  and  $c$ , respectively, carries current  $I$  in the inner conductor. Find the magnetic flux per unit length crossing a plane  $\phi = \text{const.}$  between the conductors. *Ans.*  $\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{n}$

- 9.40. One uniform current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = K_0 \mathbf{a}_y$ , is at  $z = b > 2$  and another,  $\mathbf{K} = K_0(-\mathbf{a}_y)$ , is at  $z = -b$ . Find the magnetic flux crossing the area defined by  $x = \text{const.}$ ,  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq L$ . Assume free space. *Ans.*  $4\mu_0 K_0 L$

- 9.41. Use the vector magnetic potential from Problem 9.17 to obtain the flux crossing the rectangle  $\phi = \text{const.}$ ,  $r_1 \leq r \leq r_0$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq L$ , due to a current filament  $I$  on the  $z$  axis. *Ans.*  $\frac{\mu_0 I L}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_0}{r_1}$

- 9.42. Given that the vector magnetic potential within a cylindrical conductor of radius  $a$  is

$$\mathbf{A} = -\frac{\mu_0 I r^2}{4\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_z$$

find the corresponding  $\mathbf{H}$ . *Ans.*  $\mu_0 \mathbf{H} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A}$

- 9.43. One uniform current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = K_0(-\mathbf{a}_y)$ , is located at  $x = 0$  and another,  $\mathbf{K} = K_0 \mathbf{a}_y$ , is at  $x = a$ . Find the vector magnetic potential between the sheets. *Ans.*  $(\mu_0 K_0 x + C) \mathbf{a}_z$
- 9.44. Between the current sheets of Problem 9.43 a portion of a  $z = \text{const.}$  plane is defined by  $0 \leq x \leq b$  and  $0 \leq y \leq a$ . Find the flux  $\Phi$  crossing this portion, both from  $\int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$  and from  $\oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ . *Ans.*  $ab\mu_0 K_0$

# Chapter 10

## Forces and Torques in Magnetic Fields

### 10.1 MAGNETIC FORCE ON PARTICLES

A charged particle *in motion* in a magnetic field experiences a force at right angles to its velocity, with a magnitude proportional to the charge, the velocity, and the magnetic flux density. The complete expression is given by the cross product

$$\mathbf{F} = Q\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Therefore, the direction of a particle in motion can be changed by a magnetic field. The magnitude of the velocity,  $U$ , and consequently the kinetic energy, will remain the same. This is in contrast to an electric field, where the force  $\mathbf{F} = QE$  does work on the particle and therefore changes its kinetic energy.

If the field  $\mathbf{B}$  is uniform throughout a region and the particle has an initial velocity normal to the field, the path of the particle is a circle of a certain radius  $r$ . The force of the field is of magnitude  $F = |Q| UB$  and is directed toward the center of the circle. The centripetal acceleration is of magnitude  $\omega^2 r = U^2/r$ . Then, by Newton's second law,

$$|Q| UB = m \frac{U^2}{r} \quad \text{or} \quad r = \frac{mU}{|Q| B}$$

Observe that  $r$  is a measure of the particle's linear momentum,  $mU$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** Find the force on a particle of mass  $1.70 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$  and charge  $1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  if it enters a field  $B = 5 \text{ mT}$  with an initial speed of  $83.5 \text{ km/s}$ .

Unless directions are known for  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{U}_0$ , the particle's initial velocity, the force cannot be calculated. Assuming that  $\mathbf{U}_0$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are perpendicular, as shown in Fig. 10-1,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= |Q| UB \\ &= (1.60 \times 10^{-19})(83.5 \times 10^3)(5 \times 10^{-3}) \\ &= 6.68 \times 10^{-17} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

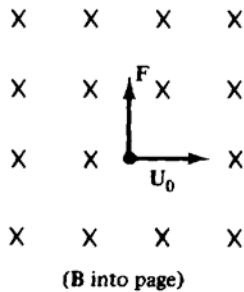


Fig. 10-1

**EXAMPLE 2.** For the particle of Example 1, find the radius of the circular path and the time required for one revolution.

$$r = \frac{mU}{|Q| B} = \frac{(1.70 \times 10^{-27})(83.5 \times 10^3)}{(1.60 \times 10^{-19})(5 \times 10^{-3})} = 0.177 \text{ m}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{U} = 13.3 \mu\text{s}$$

## 10.2 ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS COMBINED

When both fields are present in a region at the same time, the force on a particle is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = Q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B})$$

This *Lorentz force*, together with the initial conditions, determines the path of the particle.



**EXAMPLE 3.** In a certain region surrounding the origin of coordinates,  $\mathbf{B} = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = 5.0 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$ . A proton ( $Q_p = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ ) enters the fields at the origin with an initial velocity  $\mathbf{U}_0 = 2.5 \times 10^5 \mathbf{a}_x \text{ m/s}$ . Describe the proton's motion and give its position after three complete revolutions.

The initial force on the particle is

$$\mathbf{F}_0 = Q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{U}_0 \times \mathbf{B}) = Q_p(E\mathbf{a}_z - U_0 B \mathbf{a}_y)$$

The  $z$  component (electric component) of the force is constant, and produces a constant acceleration in the  $z$  direction. Thus the equation of motion in the  $z$  direction is

$$z = \frac{1}{2}at^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{Q_p E}{m_p} \right) t^2$$

The other (magnetic) component, which changes into  $-Q_p U B \mathbf{a}_z$ , produces circular motion perpendicular to the  $z$  axis, with period

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{U} = \frac{2\pi m_p}{Q_p B}$$

The resultant motion is helical, as shown in Fig. 10-2.

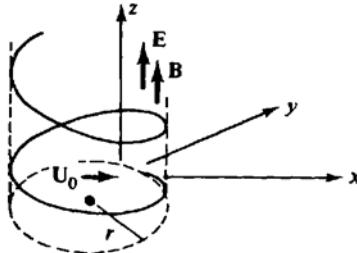


Fig. 10-2

After three revolutions,  $x = y = 0$  and

$$z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{Q_p E}{m_p} \right) (3T)^2 = \frac{18\pi^2 E m_p}{Q_p B^2} = 37.0 \text{ m}$$

## 10.3 MAGNETIC FORCE ON A CURRENT ELEMENT

A frequently encountered situation is that of a current-carrying conductor in an external magnetic field. Since  $I = dQ/dt$ , the differential force equation may be written

$$d\mathbf{F} = dQ(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) = (I dt)(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) = I(d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B})$$

where  $d\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{U} dt$  is the elementary length in the direction of the conventional current  $I$ . If the conductor is straight and the field is constant along it, the differential force may be integrated to give

$$\mathbf{F} = ILB \sin \theta$$

The magnetic force is actually exerted on the electrons that make up the current  $I$ . However, since the electrons are confined to the conductor, the force is effectively transferred to the heavy

lattice; this transferred force can do work on the conductor as a whole. While this fact provides a reasonable introduction to the behavior of current-carrying conductors in electric machines, certain essential considerations have been omitted. No mention was made, nor will be made in Section 10.4, of the current source and the energy that would be required to maintain a constant current  $I$ . Faraday's law of induction (Section 12.3) was not applied. In electric machine theory the result will be modified by these considerations. Conductors in motion in magnetic fields are treated again in Chapter 12; see particularly Problems 12.10 and 12.13.

**EXAMPLE 4.** Find the force on a straight conductor of length 0.30 m carrying a current of 5.0 A in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction, where the field is  $\mathbf{B} = 3.50 \times 10^{-3}(\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y)$  T.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= I(\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ &= (5.0)[(0.30)(-\mathbf{a}_z) \times 3.50 \times 10^{-3}(\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y)] \\ &= 7.42 \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{-\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

The force, of magnitude 7.42 mN, is at right angles to both the field  $\mathbf{B}$  and the current direction, as shown in Fig. 10-3.

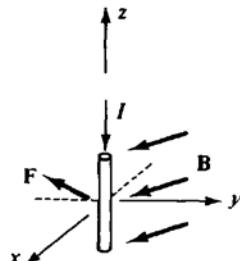


Fig. 10-3

#### 10.4 WORK AND POWER

The magnetic forces on the charged particles and current-carrying conductors examined above result from the field. To counter these forces and establish equilibrium, equal and opposite forces,  $\mathbf{F}_a$ , would have to be applied. If motion occurs, the work done on the system by the outside agent applying the force is given by the integral

$$W = \int_{\text{initial } \mathbf{l}}^{\text{final } \mathbf{l}} \mathbf{F}_a \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

A positive result from the integration indicates that work was done by the agent on the system to move the particles or conductor from the initial location to the final, against the field. Because the magnetic force, and hence  $\mathbf{F}_a$ , is generally nonconservative, the entire path of integration joining the initial and final locations of the conductor must be specified.

**EXAMPLE 5.** Find the work and power required to move the conductor shown in Fig. 10-4 one full revolution in the direction shown in 0.02 s, if  $\mathbf{B} = 2.50 \times 10^{-3} \mathbf{a}_r$  T and the current is 45.0 A.

$$\mathbf{F} = I(\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B}) = 1.13 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$$

and so  $\mathbf{F}_a = -1.13 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}W &= \int \mathbf{F}_a \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-1.13 \times 10^{-2}) \mathbf{a}_\phi \cdot r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= -2.13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

and  $P = W/t = -0.107 \text{ W}$ .

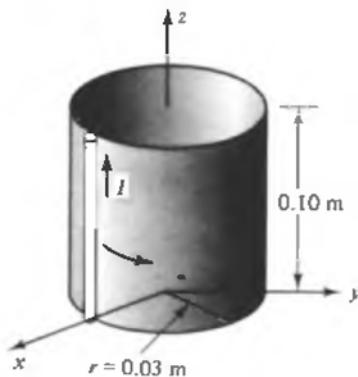


Fig. 10-4

The negative sign means that work is done by the magnetic field in moving the conductor in the direction shown. For motion in the opposite direction, the reversed limits will provide the change of sign, and no attempt to place a sign on  $r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$  should be made.

## 10.5 TORQUE

The *moment of a force* or *torque* about a specified point is the cross product of the *lever arm* about that point and the force. The lever arm,  $\mathbf{r}$ , is directed from the point about which the torque is to be obtained to the point of application of the force. In Fig. 10-5 the force at  $P$  has a torque about  $O$  given by

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

where  $\mathbf{T}$  has the units  $\text{N} \cdot \text{m}$ . (The units  $\text{N} \cdot \text{m}/\text{rad}$  have been suggested, in order to distinguish torque from energy.)

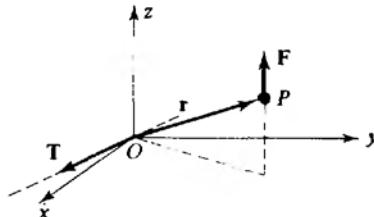


Fig. 10-5

In Fig. 10-5,  $\mathbf{T}$  lies along an axis (in the  $xy$  plane) through  $O$ . If  $P$  were joined to  $O$  by a rigid rod freely pivoted at  $O$ , then the applied force would tend to rotate  $P$  about that axis. The torque  $\mathbf{T}$  would then be said to be *about the axis*, rather than *about point O*.

**EXAMPLE 6.** A conductor located at  $x = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $0 < z < 2.0 \text{ m}$  carries a current of  $5.0 \text{ A}$  in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction. Along the length of the conductor  $\mathbf{B} = 2.5 \mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$ . Find the torque about the  $z$  axis.

$$\mathbf{F} = I(\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}) = 5.0(2.0\mathbf{a}_x \times 2.5\mathbf{a}_z) = 25.0\mathbf{a}_y \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} = 0.4\mathbf{a}_x \times 25.0\mathbf{a}_y = 10.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

## 10.6 MAGNETIC MOMENT OF A PLANAR COIL

Consider the single-turn coil in the  $z = 0$  plane shown in Fig. 10-6, of width  $w$  in the  $x$  direction and length  $\ell$  along  $y$ . The field  $\mathbf{B}$  is uniform and in the  $+x$  direction. Only the

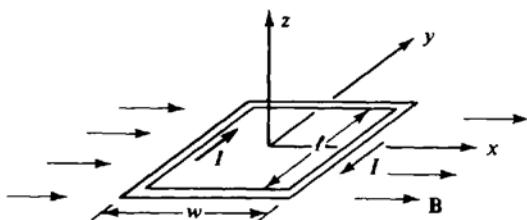


Fig. 10-6

$\pm y$ -directed currents give rise to forces. For the side on the left,

$$\mathbf{F} = I(\ell \mathbf{a}_y \times B \mathbf{a}_x) = -BI\ell \mathbf{a}_z$$

and for the side on the right,

$$\mathbf{F} = BI\ell \mathbf{a}_z$$

The torque about the  $y$  axis from the left current element requires a lever arm  $\mathbf{r} = -(w/2)\mathbf{a}_x$ ; the sign will change for the lever arm to the right current element. The torque from both elements is

$$\mathbf{T} = \left(-\frac{w}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_x \times (-BI\ell) \mathbf{a}_z + \left(\frac{w}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_x \times BI\ell \mathbf{a}_z = BI\ell w(-\mathbf{a}_y) = BIA(-\mathbf{a}_y)$$

where  $A$  is the area of the coil. It can be shown that this expression for the torque holds for a flat coil of arbitrary shape (and for any axis parallel to the  $y$  axis).

The *magnetic moment*  $\mathbf{m}$  of a planar current loop is defined as  $IA\mathbf{a}_n$ , where the unit normal  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is determined by the right-hand rule. (The right thumb gives the direction of  $\mathbf{a}_n$  when the fingers point in the direction of the current.) It is seen that the torque on a planar coil is related to the applied field by

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}$$

This concept of magnetic moment is essential to an understanding of the behavior of orbiting charged particles. For example, a positive charge  $Q$  moving in a circular orbit at a velocity  $U$ , or an angular velocity  $\omega$ , is equivalent to a current  $I = (\omega/2\pi)Q$ , and so gives rise to a magnetic moment

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} QA\mathbf{a}_n$$

as shown in Fig. 10-7. More important to the present discussion is the fact that in the presence of a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  there will be a torque  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}$  which tends to turn the current loop until  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are in the same direction, in which orientation the torque will be zero.

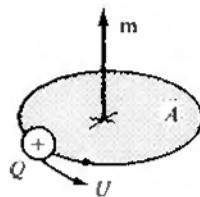


Fig. 10-7

### Solved Problems

- 10.1.** A conductor 4 m long lies along the  $y$  axis with a current of 10.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. Find the force on the conductor if the field in the regions is  $\mathbf{B} = 0.05\mathbf{a}_x$  T.

$$\mathbf{F} = I\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B} = 10.0(4\mathbf{a}_y) \times 0.05\mathbf{a}_x = -2.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$$

- 10.2.** A conductor of length 2.5 m located at  $z = 0$ ,  $x = 4$  m carries a current of 12.0 A in the  $-\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. Find the uniform  $\mathbf{B}$  in the region if the force on the conductor is  $1.20 \times 10^{-2}$  N in the direction  $(-\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)/\sqrt{2}$ .

From  $\mathbf{F} = I\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}$ ,

$$(1.20 \times 10^{-2}) \left( \frac{-\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 0 & -(12.0)(2.5) & 0 \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = -30B_z\mathbf{a}_x + 30B_x\mathbf{a}_z$$

whence

$$B_z = B_x = \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ T}$$

the  $y$  component of  $\mathbf{B}$  may have any value.

- 10.3.** A current strip 2 cm wide carries a current of 15.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_x$  direction, as shown in Fig. 10-8. Find the force on the strip per unit length if the uniform field is  $\mathbf{B} = 0.20\mathbf{a}_z$  T.

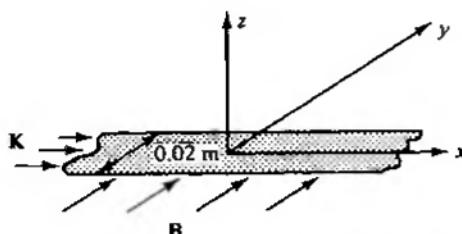


Fig. 10-8

In the expression for  $d\mathbf{F}$ ,  $I d\mathbf{l}$  may be replaced by  $\mathbf{K} dS$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{F} &= (\mathbf{K} dS) \times \mathbf{B} \\ &= \left( \frac{15.0}{0.02} \right) dx dy (0.20)\mathbf{a}_z \\ \mathbf{F} &= \int_{-0.01}^{0.01} \int_0^L 150.0 dx dy \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\mathbf{F}}{L} &= 3.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N/m} \end{aligned}$$

- 10.4.** Find the forces per unit length on two long, straight, parallel conductors if each carries a current of 10.0 A in the same direction and the separation distance is 0.20 m.



Consider the arrangement in cartesian coordinates shown in Fig. 10-9. The conductor on the left creates a field whose magnitude at the right-hand conductor is

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(10.0)}{2\pi(0.20)} = 10^{-5} \text{ T}$$

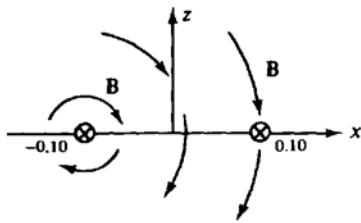


Fig. 10-9

and whose direction is  $-\mathbf{a}_z$ . Then the force on the right conductor is

$$\mathbf{F} = IL\mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{B}(-\mathbf{a}_z) = ILB(-\mathbf{a}_x)$$

and

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}}{L} = 10^{-4}(-\mathbf{a}_x) \text{ N/m}$$

An equal but opposite force acts on the left-hand conductor. The force is seen to be one of attraction. Two parallel conductors carrying current in the same direction will have forces tending to pull them together.

- 10.5.** A conductor carries current  $I$  parallel to a current strip of density  $K_0$  and width  $w$ , as shown in Fig. 10-10. Find an expression for the force per unit length on the conductor. What is the result when the width  $w$  approaches infinity?

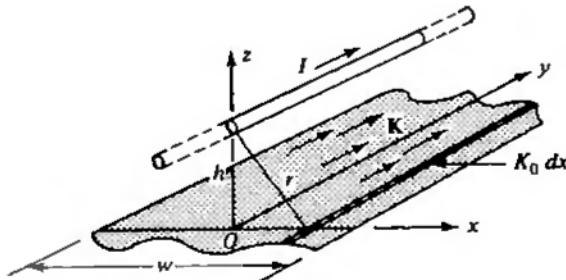


Fig. 10-10

From Problem 10.4, the filament  $K_0 dx$  shown in Fig. 10-10 exerts an attractive force

$$\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{L} = IB\mathbf{a}_r = I \frac{\mu_0(K_0 dx)}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_r$$

on the conductor. Adding to this the force due to the similar filament at  $-x$ , the components in the  $x$  direction cancel, giving a resultant

$$\frac{d\mathbf{F}}{L} = I \frac{\mu_0(K_0 dx)}{2\pi r} \left(2 \frac{h}{r}\right)(-\mathbf{a}_z) = \frac{\mu_0 I K_0 h}{\pi} \frac{dx}{h^2 + x^2} (-\mathbf{a}_z)$$

Integrating over the half-width of the strip,

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mu_0 I K_0 h}{\pi} (-\mathbf{a}_z) \int_0^{w/2} \frac{dx}{h^2 + x^2} = \left( \frac{\mu_0 I K_0}{\pi} \arctan \frac{w}{2h} \right) (-\mathbf{a}_z)$$

The force is one of attraction, as expected.

As the strip width approaches infinity,  $\mathbf{F}/L \rightarrow (\mu_0 I K_0/2)(-\mathbf{a}_z)$ .

- 10.6.** Find the torque about the  $y$  axis for the two conductors of length  $\ell$ , separated by a fixed distance  $w$ , in the uniform field  $\mathbf{B}$  shown in Fig. 10-11.

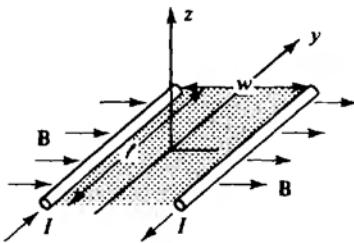


Fig. 10-11

The conductor on the left experiences the force

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = I\ell \mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{B} \mathbf{a}_x = BI\ell(-\mathbf{a}_z)$$

the torque of which is

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = \frac{w}{2}(-\mathbf{a}_z) \times BI\ell(-\mathbf{a}_z) = BI\ell \frac{w}{2}(-\mathbf{a}_y)$$

The force on the conductor on the right results in the same torque. The sum is therefore

$$\mathbf{T} = BI\ell w(-\mathbf{a}_y)$$

-  **10.7.** A D'Arsonval meter movement has a uniform radial field of  $B = 0.10 \text{ T}$  and a restoring spring with a torque  $T = 5.87 \times 10^{-5} \theta (\text{N} \cdot \text{m})$ , where the angle of rotation is in radians. The coil contains 35 turns and measures 23 mm by 17 mm. What angle of rotation results from a coil current of 15 mA?

The shaped pole pieces shown in Fig. 10-12 result in a uniform radial field over a limited range of deflection. Assuming that the entire coil length is in the field, the torque produced is

$$\begin{aligned} T &= nBI\ell w = 35(0.10)(15 \times 10^{-3})(23 \times 10^{-3})(17 \times 10^{-3}) \\ &= 2.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \end{aligned}$$

This coil turns until this torque equals the spring torque.

$$2.05 \times 10^{-5} = 5.87 \times 10^{-5} \theta$$

$$\theta = 0.349 \text{ rad or } 20^\circ$$

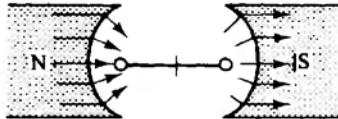


Fig. 10-12

- 10.8.** The rectangular coil in Fig. 10-13 is in a field

$$\mathbf{B} = 0.05 \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ T}$$

Find the torque about the  $z$  axis when the coil is in the position shown and carries a current of 5.0 A.

$$\mathbf{m} = IA \mathbf{a}_n = 1.60 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B} = 1.60 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_x \times 0.05 \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= 5.66 \times 10^{-4} \mathbf{a}_z \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \end{aligned}$$

If the coil turns through  $45^\circ$ , the direction of  $\mathbf{m}$  will be  $(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)/\sqrt{2}$  and the torque will be zero.

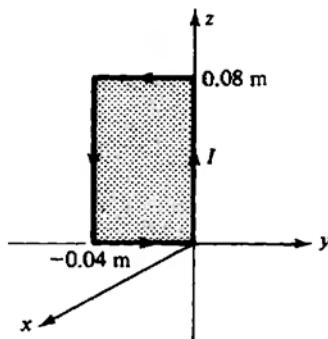


Fig. 10-13

- 10.9.** Find the maximum torque on an 85-turn, rectangular coil, 0.2 m by 0.3 m, carrying a current of 2.0 A in a field  $B = 6.5 \text{ T}$ .

$$T_{\max} = nBI\ell w = 85(6.5)(2.0)(0.2)(0.3) = 66.3 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

- 10.10.** Find the maximum torque on an orbiting charged particle if the charge is  $1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ , the circular path has a radius of  $0.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ , the angular velocity is  $4.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ rad/s}$ , and  $B = 0.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$ .

The orbiting charge has a magnetic moment

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} QA\mathbf{a}_n = \frac{4 \times 10^{16}}{2\pi} (1.602 \times 10^{-19})\pi(0.5 \times 10^{-10})^2 \mathbf{a}_n = 8.01 \times 10^{-24} \mathbf{a}_n \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Then the maximum torque results when  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is normal to  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$$T_{\max} = mB = 3.20 \times 10^{-27} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

- 10.11.** A conductor of length 4 m, with current held at 10 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction, lies along the  $y$  axis between  $y = \pm 2 \text{ m}$ . If the field is  $\mathbf{B} = 0.05 \mathbf{a}_x \text{ T}$ , find the work done in moving the conductor parallel to itself at constant speed to  $x = z = 2 \text{ m}$ .

For the entire motion,

$$\mathbf{F} = I\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B} = -2.0 \mathbf{a}_x$$

The applied force is equal and opposite,

$$\mathbf{F}_a = 2.0 \mathbf{a}_x$$

Because this force is constant, and therefore conservative, the conductor may be moved first along  $z$ , then in the  $x$  direction, as shown in Fig. 10-14. Since  $\mathbf{F}_a$  is completely in the  $z$  direction, no work is

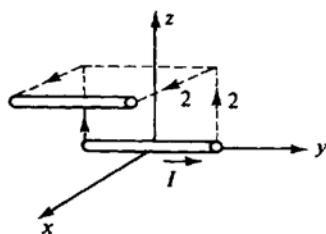


Fig. 10-14

done in moving along  $x$ . Then,

$$W = \int_0^2 (2.0\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot dz \mathbf{a}_z = 4.0 \text{ J}$$

- 10.12.** A conductor lies along the  $z$  axis at  $-1.5 \leq z \leq 1.5 \text{ m}$  and carries a fixed current of  $10.0 \text{ A}$  in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction. See Fig. 10-15. For a field

$$\mathbf{B} = 3.0 \times 10^{-4} e^{-0.2x} \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{T})$$

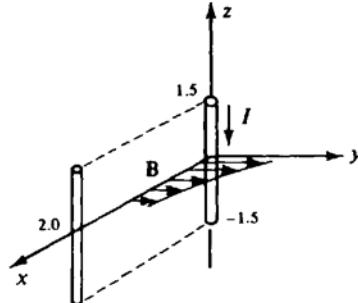


Fig. 10-15

find the work and power required to move the conductor at constant speed to  $x = 2.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 0$  in  $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$ . Assume parallel motion along the  $x$  axis.

$$\mathbf{F} = I\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B} = 9.0 \times 10^{-3} e^{-0.2x} \mathbf{a}_x$$

Then  $\mathbf{F}_a = -9.0 \times 10^{-3} e^{-0.2x} \mathbf{a}_x$  and

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^2 (-9.0 \times 10^{-3} e^{-0.2x} \mathbf{a}_x) \cdot dx \mathbf{a}_x \\ &= -1.48 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

The field moves the conductor, and therefore the work is negative. The power is given by

$$P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{-1.48 \times 10^{-2}}{5 \times 10^{-3}} = -2.97 \text{ W}$$

- 10.13.** Find the work and power required to move the conductor shown in Fig. 10-16 one full turn in the positive direction at a rotational frequency of  $N$  revolutions per minute, if  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \mathbf{a}_r$  ( $B_0$  a positive constant).

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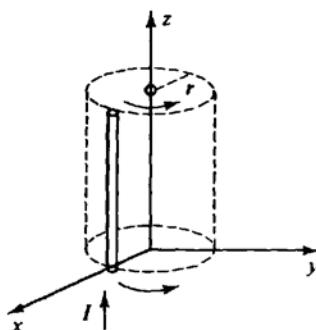


Fig. 10-16

The force on the conductor is

$$\mathbf{F} = IL \times \mathbf{B} = IL\mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{B}_0\mathbf{a}_r = B_0 IL\mathbf{a}_\phi$$

so that the applied force is

$$\mathbf{F}_a = B_0 IL(-\mathbf{a}_\phi)$$

The conductor is to be turned in the  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  direction. Therefore, the work required for one full revolution is

$$W = \int_0^{2\pi} B_0 IL(-\mathbf{a}_\phi) \cdot r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi = -2\pi r B_0 IL$$

Since  $N$  revolutions per minute is  $N/60$  per second, the power is

$$P = -\frac{2\pi r B_0 IL N}{60}$$

The negative signs on work and power indicate that the field does the work. The fact that work is done around a closed path shows that the force is nonconservative in this case.

- 10.14.** In the configuration shown in Fig. 10-16 the conductor is 100 mm long and carries a constant 5.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction. If the field is



$$\mathbf{B} = -3.5 \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_r \text{ mT}$$

and  $r = 25$  mm, find the work done in moving the conductor at constant speed from  $\phi = 0$  to  $\phi = \pi$ , in the direction shown. If the current direction is reversed for  $\pi < \phi < 2\pi$ , what is the total work required for one full revolution?

$$\mathbf{F} = IL \times \mathbf{B} = -1.75 \times 10^{-3} \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_a = 1.75 \times 10^{-3} \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$$

Then

$$W = \int_0^\pi 1.75 \times 10^{-3} \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi \cdot r d\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi = 87.5 \mu\text{J}$$

If the current direction changes when the conductor is between  $\pi$  and  $2\pi$ , the work will be the same. The total work is 175  $\mu\text{J}$ .

- 10.15.** Compute the centripetal force necessary to hold an electron ( $m_e = 9.107 \times 10^{-31}$  kg) in a circular orbit of radius  $0.35 \times 10^{-10}$  m with an angular velocity of  $2 \times 10^{16}$  rad/s.



$$F = m_e \omega^2 r = (9.107 \times 10^{-31})(2 \times 10^{16})^2(0.35 \times 10^{-10}) = 1.27 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$

- 10.16.** A uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = 85.3 \mathbf{a}_z \mu\text{T}$  exists in the region  $x \geq 0$ . If an electron enters this field at the origin with a velocity  $\mathbf{U}_0 = 450 \mathbf{a}_x \text{ km/s}$ , find the position where it exits. Where would a proton with the same initial velocity exit?

$$r_e = \frac{m_e U_0}{|Q| B} = 3.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

The electron experiences an initial force in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction and it exits the field at  $x = z = 0$ ,  $y = 6 \text{ cm}$ .

A proton would turn the other way, and part of the circular path is shown at  $P$  in Fig. 10-17. With  $m_p = 1840 m_e$ ,

$$r_p = \frac{m_p}{m_e} r_e = 55 \text{ m}$$

and the proton exits at  $x = z = 0$ ,  $y = -110 \text{ m}$ .

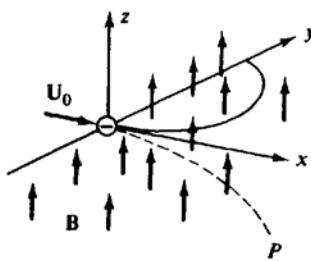


Fig. 10-17

- 10.17.** If a proton is fixed in position and an electron revolves about it in a circular path of radius  $0.35 \times 10^{-10}$  m, what is the magnetic field at the proton?



The proton and electron are attracted by the coulomb force,

$$F = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

which furnishes the centripetal force for the circular motion. Thus

$$\frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} = m_e \omega^2 r \quad \text{or} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e r^3}$$

Now, the electron is equivalent to a current loop  $I = (\omega/2\pi)Q$ . The field at the center of such a loop is, from Problem 9.7,

$$B = \mu_0 H = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r} = \frac{\mu_0 \omega Q}{4\pi r}$$

Substituting the value of  $\omega$  found above,

$$B = \frac{(\mu_0/4\pi)Q^2}{r^2 \sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e r}} = \frac{(10^{-7})(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{(0.35 \times 10^{-10})^2 \sqrt{(\frac{1}{9} \times 10^{-9})(9.1 \times 10^{-31})(0.35 \times 10^{-10})}} = 35 \text{ T}$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 10.18.** A current element 2 m in length lies along the  $y$  axis centered at the origin. The current is 5.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. If it experiences a force  $1.50(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)/\sqrt{2}$  N due to a uniform field  $\mathbf{B}$ , determine  $\mathbf{B}$ .  
*Ans.*  $0.106(-\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)$  T
- 10.19.** A magnetic field,  $\mathbf{B} = 3.5 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_z$  T, exerts a force on a 0.30-m conductor along the  $x$  axis. If the conductor current is 5.0 A in the  $-\mathbf{a}_x$  direction, what force must be applied to hold the conductor in position? *Ans.*  $-5.25 \times 10^{-2} \mathbf{a}_y$  N
- 10.20.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 30.0 \mathbf{a}_y$  A/m, lies in the plane  $z = -5$  m and a filamentary conductor is on the  $y$  axis with a current of 5.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. Find the force per unit length. *Ans.*  $94.2 \mu\text{N}/\text{m}$  (attraction)
- 10.21.** A conductor with current  $I$  pierces a plane current sheet  $\mathbf{K}$  orthogonally, as shown in Fig. 10-18. Find the force per unit length on the conductor above and below the sheet. *Ans.*  $\pm \mu_0 K I / 2$
- 10.22.** Find the force on a 2-m conductor on the  $z$  axis with a current of 5.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction, if  

$$\mathbf{B} = 2.0 \mathbf{a}_x + 6.0 \mathbf{a}_y \text{ T}$$
  
*Ans.*  $-60\mathbf{a}_x + 20\mathbf{a}_y$  N

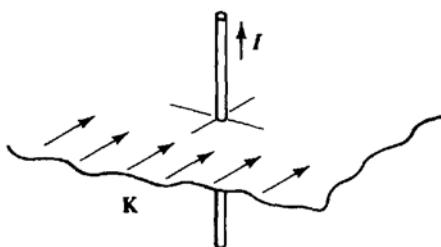


Fig. 10-18

- 10.23.** Two infinite current sheets, each of constant density  $K_0$ , are parallel and have their currents oppositely directed. Find the force per unit area on the sheets. Is the force one of repulsion or attraction?  
*Ans.*  $\mu_0 K_0^2/2$  (repulsion)
- 10.24.** The circular current loop shown in Fig. 10-19 is in the plane  $z = h$ , parallel to a uniform current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = K_0 \mathbf{a}_x$ , at  $z = 0$ . Express the force on a differential length of the loop. Integrate and show that the total force is zero.  
*Ans.*  $d\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{2} I a \mu_0 K_0 \cos \phi d\phi (-\mathbf{a}_z)$

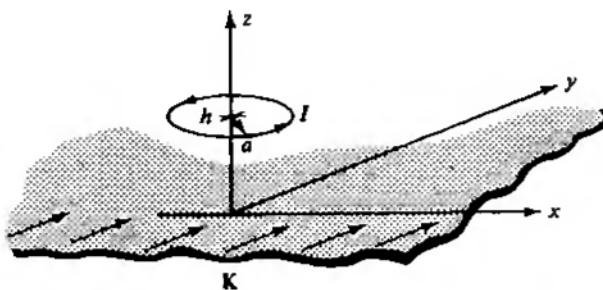


Fig. 10-19

- 10.25.** Two conductors of length  $\ell$  normal to  $\mathbf{B}$  are shown in Fig. 10-20; they have a fixed separation  $w$ . Show that the torque about any axis parallel to the conductors is given by  $B I \ell w \cos \theta$ .

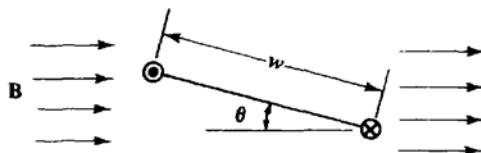


Fig. 10-20

- 10.26.** A circular current loop of radius  $r$  and current  $I$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane. Find the torque which results if the current is in the  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  direction and there is a uniform field  $\mathbf{B} = B_0(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)/\sqrt{2}$ .  
*Ans.*  $(\pi r^2 B_0 I/\sqrt{2})\mathbf{a}_y$
- 10.27.** A current loop of radius  $r = 0.35$  m is centered about the  $x$  axis in the plane  $x = 0$  and at  $(0, 0, 0.35)$  m the current is in the  $-\mathbf{a}_y$  direction at a magnitude of 5.0 A. Find the torque if the uniform field is  $\mathbf{B} = 88.4(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)$   $\mu$ T.  
*Ans.*  $1.70 \times 10^{-4}(-\mathbf{a}_y)$  N · m
- 10.28.** A current of 2.5 A is directed generally in the  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  direction about a square conducting loop centered at the origin in the  $z = 0$  plane with 0.60 m sides parallel to the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. Find the forces and the torque on the loop if  $\mathbf{B} = 15\mathbf{a}_y$  mT. Would the torque be different if the loop were rotated through  $45^\circ$  in the  $z = 0$  plane?  
*Ans.*  $1.35 \times 10^{-2}(-\mathbf{a}_x)$  N · m;  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}$
- 10.29.** A 200-turn, rectangular coil, 0.30 m by 0.15 m with a current of 5.0 A, is in a uniform field  $B = 0.2$  T. Find the magnetic moment  $\mathbf{m}$  and the maximum torque.  
*Ans.*  $45.0 \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{m}^2$ , 9.0 N · m

- 10.30.** Two conductors of length 4.0 m are on a cylindrical shell of radius 2.0 m centered on the  $z$  axis, as shown in Fig. 10-21. Currents of 10.0 A are directed as shown and there is an external field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.5\mathbf{a}_x$  T at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\mathbf{B} = -0.5\mathbf{a}_x$  T at  $\phi = \pi$ . Find the sum of the forces and the torque about the axis. *Ans.*  $-40\mathbf{a}_y$  N, 0

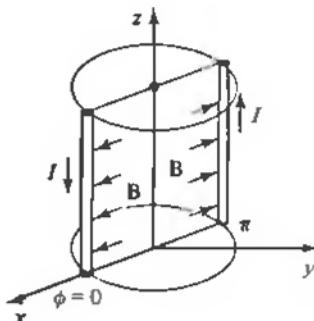


Fig. 10-21

- 10.31.** A right circular cylinder contains 550 conductors on the curved surface and each has a current of constant magnitude 7.5 A. The magnetic field is  $\mathbf{B} = 38 \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_z$  mT. The current direction is  $\mathbf{a}_r$  for  $0 < \phi < \pi$  and  $-\mathbf{a}_r$  for  $\pi < \phi < 2\pi$  (Fig. 10-22). Find the mechanical power required if the cylinder turns at 1600 revolutions per minute in the  $-\mathbf{a}_\phi$  direction. *Ans.* 60.2 W

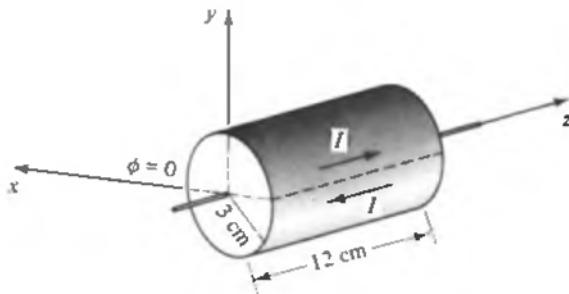


Fig. 10-22

- 10.32.** Obtain an expression for the power required to turn a cylindrical set of  $n$  conductors (see Fig. 10-22) against the field at  $N$  revolutions per minute, if  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \sin 2\phi \mathbf{a}_r$  and the currents change direction in each quadrant where the sign of  $\mathbf{B}$  changes. *Ans.*  $\frac{B_0 n I \ell r N}{60}$  (W)

- 10.33.** A conductor of length  $\ell$  lies along the  $x$  axis with current  $I$  in the  $\mathbf{a}_x$  direction. Find the work done in turning it at constant speed, as shown in Fig. 10-23, if the uniform field is  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \mathbf{a}_z$ . *Ans.*  $\pi B_0 I^2 \ell / 4$

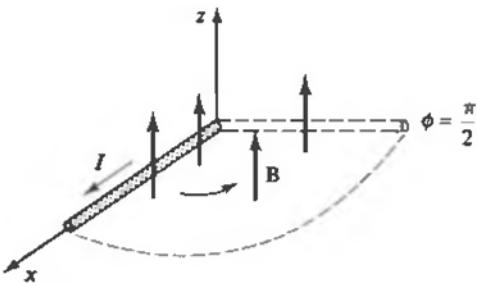


Fig. 10-23

- 10.34.** A rectangular current loop, of length  $\ell$  along the  $y$  axis, is in a uniform field  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \mathbf{a}_z$ , as shown in Fig. 10-24. Show that the work done in moving the loop along the  $x$  axis at constant speed is zero.

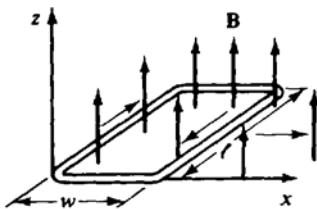


Fig. 10-24

- 10.35.** For the configuration shown in Fig. 10-24, the magnetic field is

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{w} \right) \mathbf{a}_z$$

Find the work done in moving the coil a distance  $w$  along the  $x$  axis at constant speed, starting from the location shown. *Ans.*  $-4B_0 I \ell w / \pi$

- 10.36.** A conductor of length 0.25 m lies along the  $y$  axis and carries a current of 25.0 A in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. Find the power needed for parallel translation of the conductor to  $x = 5.0$  m at constant speed in 3.0 s if the uniform field is  $\mathbf{B} = 0.06 \mathbf{a}_z$  T. *Ans.*  $-0.625$  W

- 10.37.** Find the tangential velocity of a proton in a field  $B = 30 \mu\text{T}$  if the circular path has a diameter of 1 cm. *Ans.* 14.4 m/s

- 10.38.** An alpha particle and a proton ( $Q_\alpha = 2Q_p$ ) enter a magnetic field  $B = 1 \mu\text{T}$  with an initial speed  $U_0 = 8.5$  m/s. Given the masses  $6.68 \times 10^{-27}$  kg and  $1.673 \times 10^{-27}$  kg for the alpha particle and the proton, respectively, find the radii of the circular paths. *Ans.* 177 mm, 88.8 mm

- 10.39.** If a proton in a magnetic field completes one circular orbit in  $2.35 \mu\text{s}$ , what is the magnitude of  $\mathbf{B}$ ?  
*Ans.*  $2.79 \times 10^{-2}$  T

- 10.40.** An electron in a field  $B = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  T has a circular path  $0.35 \times 10^{-10}$  m in radius and a maximum torque of  $7.85 \times 10^{-26}$  N · m. Determine the angular velocity *Ans.*  $2.0 \times 10^{16}$  rad/s

- 10.41.** A region contains uniform  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  fields in the same direction, with  $B = 650 \mu\text{T}$ . An electron follows a helical path, where the circle has a radius of 35 mm. If the electron had zero initial velocity in the axial direction and advanced 431 mm along the axis in the time required for one full circle, find the magnitude of  $\mathbf{E}$ . *Ans.* 1.62 kV/m

# Chapter 11

## Inductance and Magnetic Circuits

### 11.1 INDUCTANCE

The *inductance*  $L$  of a conductor system may be defined as *the ratio of the linking magnetic flux to the current producing the flux*. For static (or, at most, low-frequency) current  $I$  and a coil containing  $N$  turns, as shown in Fig. 11-1,

$$L = \frac{N\Phi}{I}$$

The units on  $L$  are *henries*, where  $1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ Wb/A}$ . Inductance is also given by  $L = \lambda/I$ , where  $\lambda$ , the *flux linkage*, is  $N\Phi$  for coils with  $N$  turns or simply  $\Phi$  for other conductor arrangements.

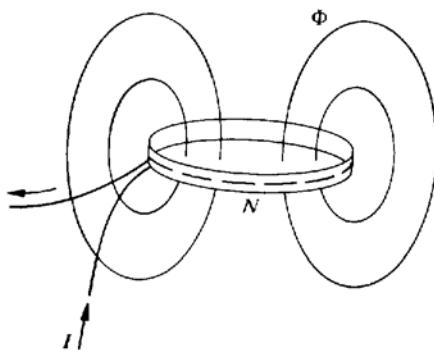


Fig. 11-1

It should be noted that  $L$  will always be the product of the permeability  $\mu$  of the medium (units on  $\mu$  are  $\text{H/m}$ ) and a geometrical factor having the units of length. Compare the expressions for resistance  $R$  (Chapter 6) and capacitance  $C$  (Chapter 7).



**EXAMPLE 1.** Find the inductance per unit length of a coaxial conductor such as that shown in Fig.

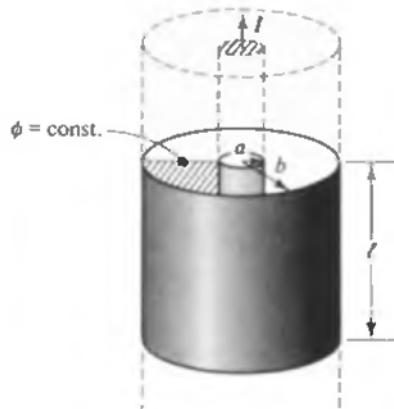


Fig. 11-2

11-2. Between the conductors,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

The currents in the two conductors are linked by the flux across the surface  $\phi = \text{const.}$  For a length  $\ell$ ,

$$\lambda = \int_0^\ell \int_a^b \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} dr dz = \frac{\mu_0 \ell \ell}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

and

$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} \quad (\text{H/m})$$

**EXAMPLE 2.** Find the inductance of an ideal solenoid with 300 turns,  $\ell = 0.50 \text{ m}$ , and a circular cross section of radius 0.02 m.

The turns per unit length is  $n = 300/0.50 = 600$ , so that the axial field is

$$B = \mu_0 H = \mu_0 600 I \quad (\text{Wb/m}^2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L}{\ell} &= \frac{N\Phi}{I} = N \left( \frac{B}{I} \right) A = 300 \left( 600 \mu_0 \right) \pi (4 \times 10^{-4}) \\ &= 568 \mu\text{H/m} \end{aligned}$$

or  $L = 284 \mu\text{H}$ .

In Section 5.8 an imagined bringing-in of point charges from infinity was used to derive the energy content of an electric field:

$$W_E = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{vol}} \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} dv$$

There is no equivalent in a magnetic field to the point charge, and consequently no parallel development for its stored energy. However, a more sophisticated approach yields the completely analogous expression

$$W_H = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{vol}} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} dv$$

Comparing this with the formula  $W_H = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$  from circuit analysis yields

$$L = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H}}{I^2} dv$$



**EXAMPLE 3.** Checking Example 1,

$$L = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H}}{I^2} dv = \frac{\mu_0}{I^2} \int_0^\ell \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b \left( \frac{I^2}{4\pi^2 r^2} \right) r dr d\phi dz = \frac{\mu_0 \ell}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$



## 11.2 STANDARD CONDUCTOR CONFIGURATIONS

Figures 11-3 through 11-7 give exact or approximate inductances of some common noncoaxial arrangements.

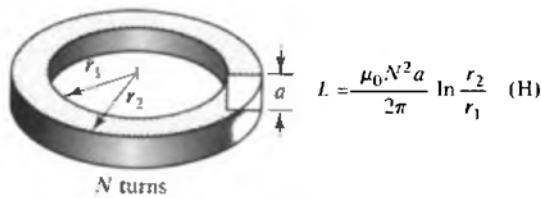


Fig. 11-3. Toroid, square cross section

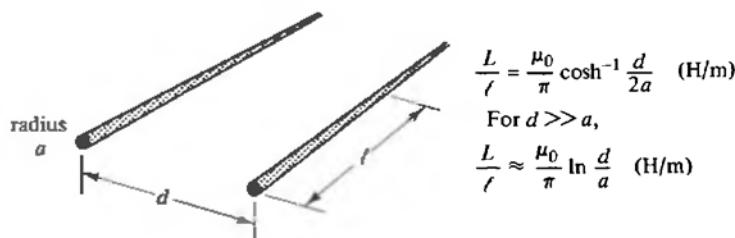
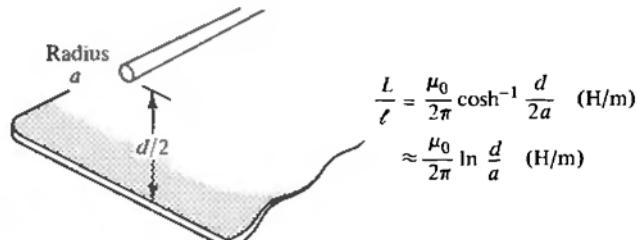
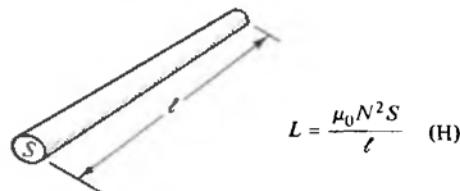
Fig. 11-4. Toroid, general cross section  $S$ Fig. 11-5. Parallel conductors of radius  $a$ 

Fig. 11-6. Cylindrical conductor parallel to a ground plane

Fig. 11-7. Long solenoid of small cross-sectional area  $S$ 

### 11.3 FARADAY'S LAW AND SELF-INDUCTANCE

Consider an open surface  $S$  bounded by a closed contour  $C$ . If the magnetic flux  $\phi$  linking  $S$  varies with time, then a *voltage*  $v$  *around*  $C$  exists; by *Faraday's law*,

$$v = -\frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

As was shown in Chapter 5, the electrostatic potential or voltage,  $V$ , is well-defined in space and is

associated with a conservative electric field. By contrast, the *induced* voltage  $v$  given by Faraday's law is a multivalued function of position and is associated with a nonconservative field (*electromotive force*). More about this in Chapter 12.

Faraday's law holds in particular when the flux through a circuit element is changing *because the current in that same element is changing*:

$$v = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{di}{dt} = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

In circuit theory,  $L$  is called the *self-inductance* of the element and  $v$  is called the *voltage of self-inductance* or the *back-voltage in the inductor*.

#### 11.4 INTERNAL INDUCTANCE

Magnetic flux occurs within a conductor cross section as well as external to the conductor. This internal flux gives rise to an *internal inductance*, which is often small compared to the external inductance and frequently ignored. In Fig. 11-8(a) a conductor of circular cross section is shown, with a current  $I$  assumed to be uniformly distributed over the area. (This assumption is valid only at low frequencies, since *skin effect* at higher frequencies forces the current to be concentrated at the outer surface.) Within the conductor of radius  $a$ , Ampère's law gives

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Ir}{2\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

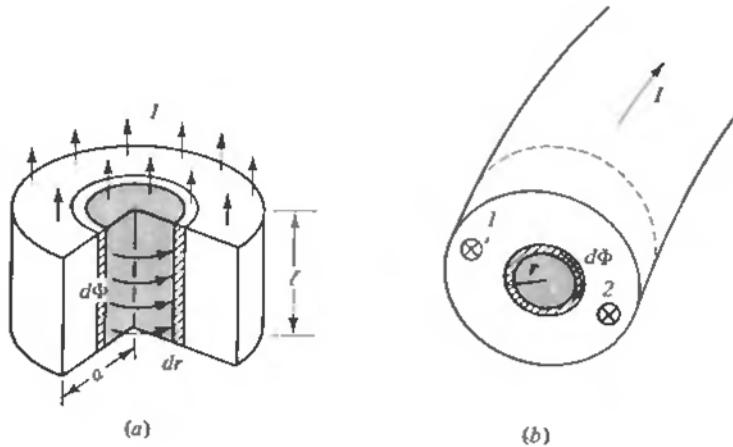


Fig. 11-8

The straight piece of conductor shown in Fig. 11-8(a) must be imagined as a short section of an infinite torus, as suggested in Fig. 11-8(b). The current filaments become circles of infinite radius. The lines of flux  $d\Phi$  through the strip  $\ell dr$  encircle only those filaments whose distance from the conductor axis is smaller than  $r$ . Thus, an open surface bounded by one of those filaments is cut once (or an odd number of times) by the lines of  $d\Phi$ ; whereas, for a filament such as 1 or 2, the surface is cut zero times (or an even number of times). It follows that  $d\Phi$  links only with the fraction  $\pi r^2/\pi a^2$  of the total current, so that the total flux linkage is given by the weighted "sum"

$$\lambda = \int \left( \frac{\pi r^2}{\pi a^2} \right) d\Phi = \int_0^a \left( \frac{\pi r^2}{\pi a^2} \right) \frac{\mu_0 Ir}{2\pi a^2} \ell dr = \frac{\mu_0 I \ell}{8\pi}$$

and 
$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\lambda/I}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

This result is independent of the conductor radius. The total inductance is the sum of the external and internal inductances. If the external inductance is of the order of  $\frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-7}$  H/m, the internal inductance should not be ignored.

### 11.5 MUTUAL INDUCTANCE

In Fig. 11-9 a part  $\phi_{12}$  of the magnetic flux produced by the current  $i_1$  through coil 1 links the  $N_2$  turns of coil 2. The voltage of *mutual induction* in coil 2 is given by

$$v_2 = N_2 \frac{d\phi_{12}}{dt} \quad (\text{negative sign omitted})$$

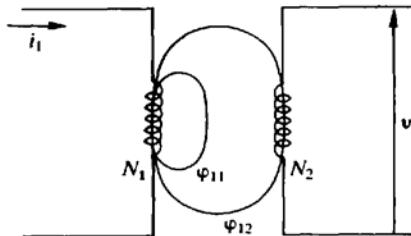


Fig. 11-9

In terms of the *mutual inductance*  $M_{12} = N_2 \phi_{12} / I_1$ ,

$$v_2 = N_2 \frac{d\phi_{12}}{di_1} \frac{di_1}{dt} = M_{12} \frac{di_1}{dt}$$

This mutual inductance will be a product of the permeability  $\mu$  of the region between the coils and a geometrical length, just like inductance  $L$ . If the roles of coils 1 and 2 are reversed,

$$v_1 = M_{21} \frac{di_2}{dt}$$

The following reciprocity relation can be established:  $M_{12} = M_{21}$ .

**EXAMPLE 4.** A solenoid with  $N_1 = 1000$ ,  $r_1 = 1.0$  cm, and  $\ell_1 = 50$  cm is concentric within a second coil of  $N_2 = 2000$ ,  $r_2 = 2.0$  cm, and  $\ell_2 = 50$  cm. Find the mutual inductance assuming free-space conditions.

For long coils of small cross section,  $H$  may be assumed constant inside the coil and zero for points just outside the coil. With the first coil carrying a current  $I_1$ ,

$$H = \left( \frac{1000}{0.50} \right) I_1 \quad (\text{A/m}) \quad (\text{in the axial direction})$$

$$B = \mu_0 2000 I_1 \quad (\text{Wb/m}^2)$$

$$\Phi = BA = (\mu_0 2000 I_1)(\pi \times 10^{-4}) \quad (\text{Wb})$$

Since  $H$  and  $B$  are zero outside the coils, this is the only flux linking the second coil.

$$M_{12} = N_2 \left( \frac{\Phi}{I_1} \right) = (2000)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(2000)(\pi \times 10^{-4}) = 1.58 \text{ mH}$$

### 11.6 MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

In Chapter 9, magnetic field intensity  $\mathbf{H}$ , flux  $\Phi$ , and magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  were examined and various problems were solved where the medium was free space. For example, when Ampère's law

is applied to the closed path  $C$  through the long, air-core coil shown in Fig. 11-10, the result is

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = NI$$

But since the flux lines are widely spread outside of the coil,  $B$  is small there. The flux is effectively restricted to the inside of the coil, where

$$H \approx \frac{NI}{\ell}$$

Ferromagnetic materials have relative permeabilities  $\mu_r$  in the order of thousands. Consequently, the flux density  $B = \mu_0 \mu_r H$  is, for a given  $H$ , much greater than would result in free space. In Fig. 11-11, the coil is not distributed over the iron core. Even so, the  $NI$  of the coil causes a flux  $\Phi$  which follows the core. It might be said that the flux prefers the core to the surrounding space by a ratio of several thousand to one. This is so different from the free-space magnetics of Chapter 9 that an entire subject area, known as *iron-core magnetics* or *magnetic circuits*, has developed. This brief introduction to the subject assumes that *all* of the flux is within the core. It is further assumed that the flux is uniformly distributed over the cross section of the core. Core lengths required for calculation of  $NI$  drops are mean lengths.

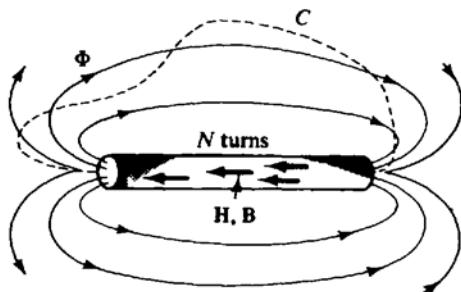


Fig. 11-10

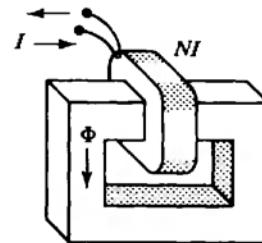


Fig. 11-11

### 11.7 THE $B$ - $H$ CURVE

A sample of ferromagnetic material could be tested by applying increasing values of  $H$  and measuring the corresponding values of flux density  $B$ . *Magnetization curves*, or simply *B-H curves*, for some common ferromagnetic materials are given in Figs. 11-12 and 11-13. The relative permeability can be computed from the *B-H curve* by use of  $\mu_r = B/\mu_0 H$ . Figure 11-14 shows the extreme nonlinearity of  $\mu_r$  versus  $H$  for silicon steel. This nonlinearity requires that problems be solved graphically.

### 11.8 AMPÈRE'S LAW FOR MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

A coil of  $N$  turns and current  $I$  around a ferromagnetic core produces a *magnetomotive force* (mmf) given by  $NI$ . The symbol  $F$  is sometimes used for this mmf; the units are amperes or *ampere turns*. Ampère's law, applied around the path in the center of the core shown in Fig. 11-15(a), gives

$$\begin{aligned} F &= NI = \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= \int_1 \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_2 \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \int_3 \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\ &= H_1 \ell_1 + H_2 \ell_2 + H_3 \ell_3 \end{aligned}$$

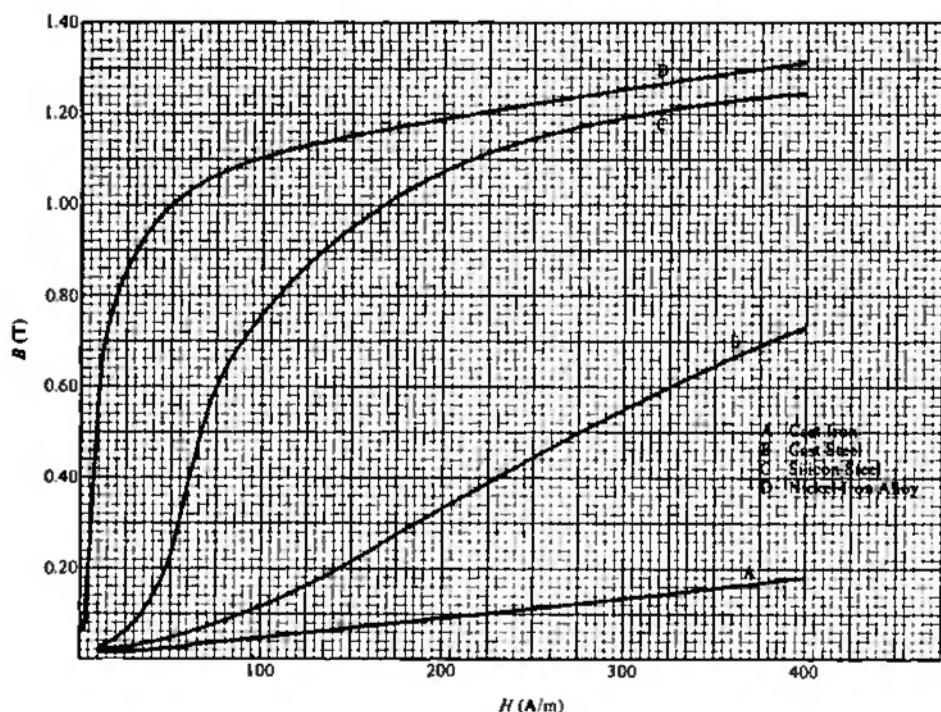


Fig. 11-12.  $B$ - $H$  curves,  $H < 400$  A/m

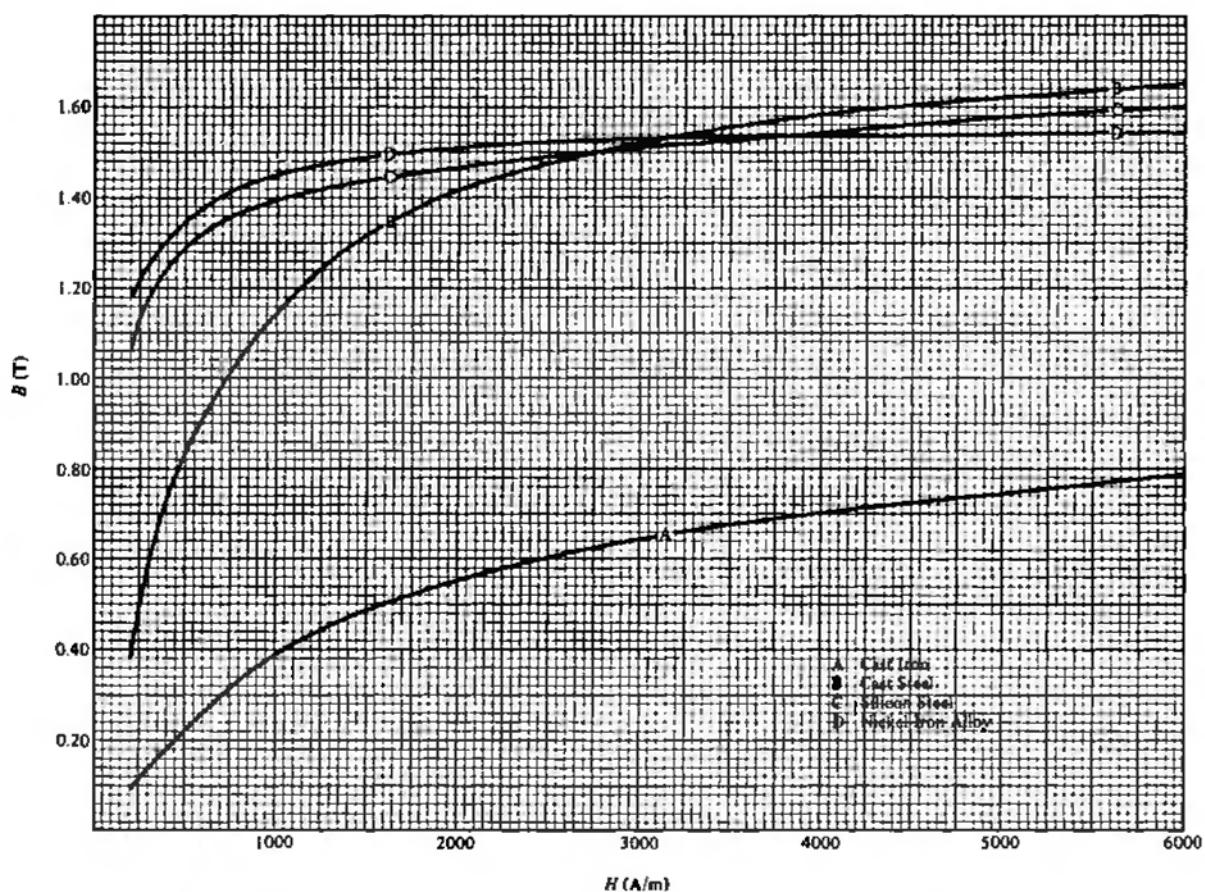


Fig. 11-13.  $B$ - $H$  curves,  $H > 400$  A/m

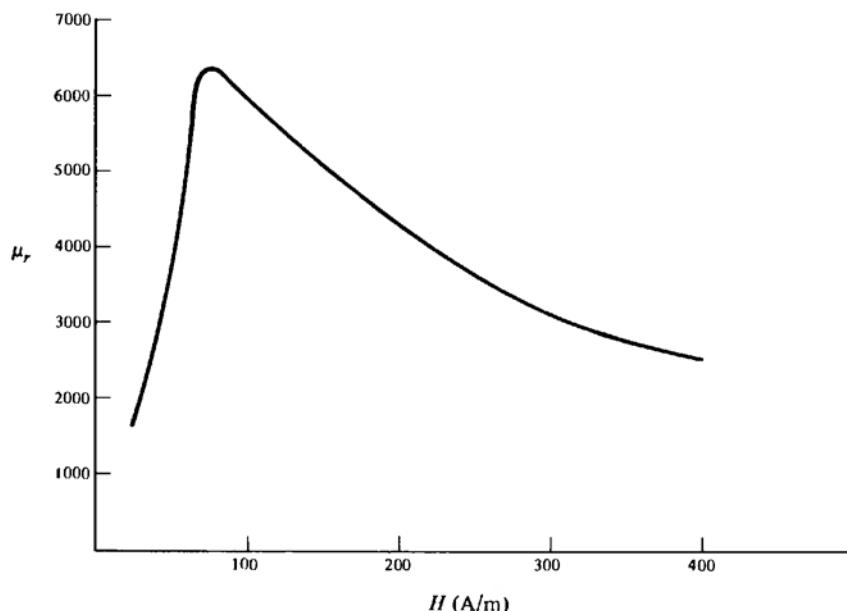


Fig. 11-14

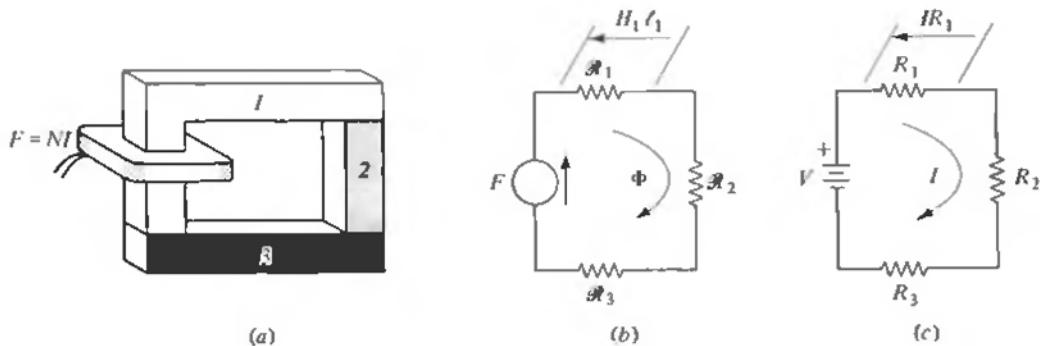


Fig. 11-15

Comparison with Kirchhoff's law around a single closed loop with three resistors and an emf  $V$ ,

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

suggests that  $F$  can be viewed as an  $NI$  rise and the  $H\ell$  terms considered  $NI$  drops, in analogy to the voltage rise  $V$  and voltage drops  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ . The analogy is developed in Fig. 11-15(b) and (c). Flux  $\Phi$  in Fig. 11-15(b) is analogous to current  $I$ , and reluctance  $\mathcal{R}$  is analogous to resistance  $R$ . An expression for reluctance can be developed as follows.

$$NI \text{ drop} = H\ell = BA \left( \frac{\ell}{\mu A} \right) = \Phi \mathcal{R}$$

hence

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\ell}{\mu A} \quad (\text{H}^{-1})$$

If the reluctances are known, then the equation

$$F = NI = \Phi(\mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2 + \mathcal{R}_3)$$

can be written for the magnetic circuit of Fig. 11-15(b). However,  $\mu_r$  must be known for each

material before its reluctance can be calculated. And only after  $B$  or  $H$  is known will the value of  $\mu$ , be known. This is in contrast to the relation

$$R = \frac{\ell}{\sigma A}$$

(Section 6.7), in which the conductivity  $\sigma$  is independent of the current.

### 11.9 CORES WITH AIR GAPS

Magnetic circuits with small air gaps are very common. The gaps are generally kept as small as possible, since the  $NI$  drop of the air gap is often much greater than the drop in the core. The flux fringes outward at the gap, so that the area at the gap exceeds the area of the adjacent core. Provided that the gap length  $\ell_a$  is less than  $\frac{1}{10}$  the smaller dimension of the core, an *apparent area*,  $S_a$ , of the air gap can be calculated. For a rectangular core of dimensions  $a$  and  $b$ ,

$$S_a = (a + \ell_a)(b + \ell_a)$$

If the total flux in the air gap is known,  $H_a$  and  $H_a \ell_a$  can be computed directly.

$$H_a = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{\Phi}{S_a} \right) \quad H_a \ell_a = \frac{\ell_a \Phi}{\mu_0 S_a}$$

For a uniform iron core of length  $\ell_i$  with a single air gap, Ampère's law reads

$$NI = H_i \ell_i + H_a \ell_a = H_i \ell_i + \frac{\ell_a \Phi}{\mu_0 S_a}$$

If the flux  $\Phi$  is known, it is not difficult to compute the  $NI$  drop across the air gap, obtain  $B_i$ , take  $H_i$  from the appropriate  $B$ - $H$  curve and compute the  $NI$  drop in the core,  $H_i \ell_i$ . The sum is the  $NI$  required to establish the flux  $\Phi$ . However, with  $NI$  given, it is a matter of trial and error to obtain  $B_i$  and  $\Phi$ , as will be seen in the problems. Graphical methods of solution are also available.

### 11.10 MULTIPLE COILS

Two or more coils on a core could be wound such that their mmfs either aid one another or oppose. Consequently, a method of indicating polarity is given in Fig. 11-16. An assumed direction for the resulting flux  $\Phi$  could be incorrect, just as an assumed current in a dc circuit with two or more voltage sources may be incorrect. A negative result simply means that the flux is in the opposite direction.

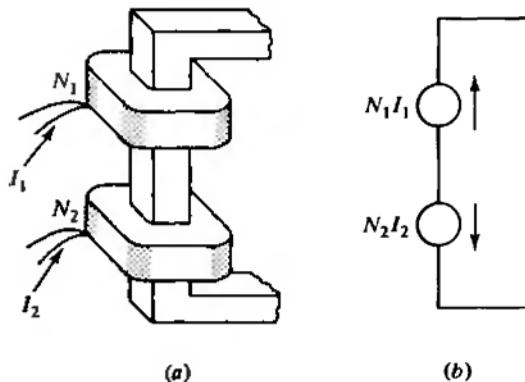


Fig. 11-16

### 11.11 PARALLEL MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

The method of solving a parallel magnetic circuit is suggested by the two-loop equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 11-17(b). The leg on the left contains an  $NI$  rise and an  $NI$  drop. The  $NI$  drop between the junctions  $a$  and  $b$  can be written for each leg as follows:

$$F - H_1 \ell_1 = H_2 \ell_2 = H_3 \ell_3$$

and the fluxes satisfy

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi_2 + \Phi_3$$

Different materials for the core parts will necessitate working with several  $B$ - $H$  curves. An air gap in one of the legs would lead to  $H_i \ell_i + H_a \ell_a$  for the mmf between the junctions for that leg.

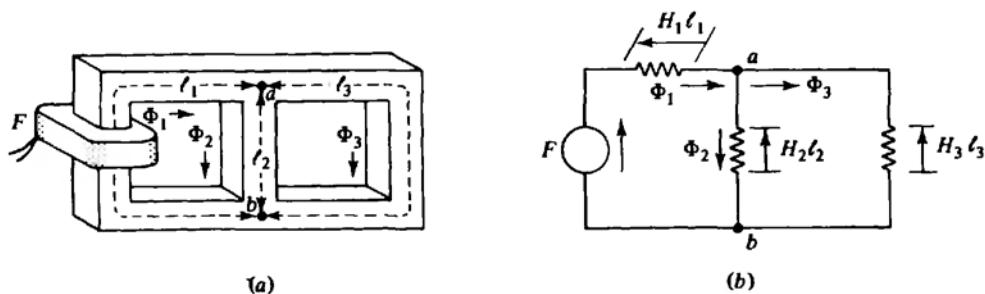


Fig. 11-17

The equivalent magnetic circuit should be drawn for parallel magnetic circuit problems. It is good practice to mark the material types, cross-sectional areas, and mean lengths directly on the diagram. In more complex problems a scheme like Table 11-1 can be helpful. The data are inserted directly into the table, and the remaining quantities are then calculated or taken from the appropriate  $B$ - $H$  curve.

Table 11-1

Part	Material	Area	$\ell$	$\Phi$	$B$	$H$	$H\ell$
1							
2							
3							

### Solved Problems

- 11.1. Find the inductance per unit length of the coaxial cable in Fig. 11-2 if  $a = 1\text{ mm}$  and  $b = 3\text{ mm}$ . Assume  $\mu_r = 1$  and omit internal inductance.



$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi} \ln 3 = 0.22 \mu\text{H/m}$$

- 11.2.** Find the inductance per unit length of the parallel cylindrical conductors shown in Fig. 11-5, where  $d = 25 \text{ ft}$ ,  $a = 0.803 \text{ in.}$



$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a} = (4 \times 10^{-7}) \cosh^{-1} \frac{25(12)}{2(0.803)} = 2.37 \mu\text{H/m}$$

The approximate formula gives

$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \ln \frac{d}{a} = 2.37 \mu\text{H/m}$$

When  $d/a \geq 10$ , the approximate formula may be used with an error of less than 0.5%.

- 11.3.** A circular conductor with the same radius as in Problem 11.2 is 12.5 ft from an infinite conducting plane. Find the inductance.



$$\frac{L}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{d}{a} = (2 \times 10^{-7}) \ln \frac{25(12)}{0.803} = 1.18 \mu\text{H/m}$$

This result is  $\frac{1}{2}$  that of Problem 11.2. A conducting plane may be inserted midway between the two conductors of Fig. 11-5. The inductance between each conductor and the plane is  $1.18 \mu\text{H/m}$ . Since they are in series, the total inductance is the sum,  $2.37 \mu\text{H/m}$ .

- 11.4.** Assume that the air-core toroid shown in Fig. 11-4 has a circular cross section of radius 4 mm. Find the inductance if there are 2500 turns and the mean radius is  $r = 20 \text{ mm}$ .



$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 S}{2\pi r} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(2500)^2 \pi (0.004)^2}{2\pi(0.020)} = 3.14 \text{ mH}$$

- 11.5.** Assume that the air-core toroid in Fig. 11-3 has 700 turns, an inner radius of 1 cm, an outer radius of 2 cm, and height  $a = 1.5 \text{ cm}$ . Find  $L$  using (a) the formula for square cross-section toroids; (b) the approximate formula for a general toroid, which assumes a uniform  $H$  at a mean radius.

$$(a) \quad L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 a}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(700)^2 (0.015)}{2\pi} \ln 2 = 1.02 \text{ mH}$$

$$(b) \quad L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 S}{2\pi r} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(700)^2 (0.01)(0.015)}{2\pi(0.015)} = 0.98 \text{ mH}$$

With a radius that is larger compared to the cross section, the two formulas yield the same result. See Problem 11.26.

- 11.6.** Use the energy integral to find the internal inductance per unit length of a cylindrical conductor of radius  $a$ .

At a distance  $r \leq a$  from the conductor axis,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{Ir}{2\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Ir}{2\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

whence

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H} = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi^2 a^4} r^2$$

The inductance corresponding to energy storage within a length  $\ell$  of the conductor is then

$$L = \int \frac{(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{H}) dv}{I^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi^2 a^4} \int_0^a r^2 2\pi r \ell dr = \frac{\mu_0 \ell}{8\pi}$$

or  $L/\ell = \mu_0/8\pi$ . This agrees with the result of Section 11.4.

- 11.7.** The cast iron core shown in Fig. 11-18 has an inner radius of 7 cm and an outer radius of 9 cm. Find the flux  $\Phi$  if the coil mmf is 500 A.

$$\ell = 2\pi(0.08) = 0.503 \text{ m}$$

$$H = \frac{F}{\ell} = \frac{500}{0.503} = 995 \text{ A/m}$$

From the  $B$ - $H$  curve for cast iron in Fig. 11-13,  $B = 0.40 \text{ T}$ .

$$\Phi = BS = (0.40)(0.02)^2 = 0.16 \text{ mWb}$$



Fig. 11-18

- 11.8.** The magnetic circuit shown in Fig. 11-19 has a C-shaped cast steel part, 1, and a cast iron part, 2. Find the current required in the 150-turn coil if the flux density in the cast iron is  $B_2 = 0.45 \text{ T}$ .

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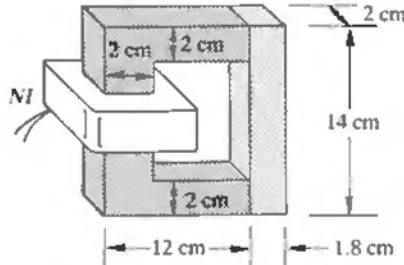


Fig. 11-19

The calculated areas are  $S_1 = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$  and  $S_2 = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ . The mean lengths are

$$\ell_1 = 0.11 + 0.11 + 0.12 = 0.34 \text{ m}$$

$$\ell_2 = 0.12 + 0.009 + 0.009 = 0.138 \text{ m}$$

From the  $B$ - $H$  curve for cast iron in Fig. 11-13,  $H_2 = 1270 \text{ A/m}$ .

$$\Phi = B_2 S_2 = (0.45)(3.6 \times 10^{-4}) = 1.62 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

$$B_1 = \frac{\Phi}{S_1} = 0.41 \text{ T}$$

Then, from the cast steel curve in Fig. 11-12,  $H_1 = 233 \text{ A/m}$ .

The equivalent circuit, Fig. 11-20, suggests the equation

$$F = NI = H_1 \ell_1 + H_2 \ell_2$$

$$150I = 233(0.34) + 1270(0.138)$$

$$I = 1.70 \text{ A}$$

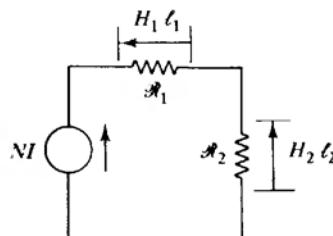
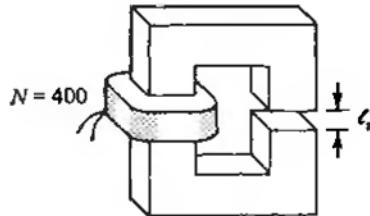


Fig. 11-20

-  **11.9.** The magnetic circuit shown in Fig. 11-21 is cast iron with a mean length  $\ell_i = 0.44 \text{ m}$  and square cross section  $0.02 \times 0.02 \text{ m}$ . The air-gap length is  $\ell_a = 2 \text{ mm}$  and the coil contains 400 turns. Find the current  $I$  required to establish an air-gap flux of  $0.141 \text{ mWb}$ .

**Fig. 11-21**

The flux  $\Phi$  in the air gap is also the flux in the core.

$$B_i = \frac{\Phi}{S_i} = \frac{0.141 \times 10^{-3}}{4 \times 10^{-4}} = 0.35 \text{ T}$$

From Fig. 11-13,  $H_i = 850 \text{ A/m}$ . Then

$$H_i \ell_i = 850(0.44) = 374 \text{ A}$$

For the air gap,  $S_a = (0.02 + 0.002)^2 = 4.84 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ , and so

$$H_a \ell_a = \frac{\Phi}{\mu_0 S_a} \ell_a = \frac{0.141 \times 10^{-3}}{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(4.84 \times 10^{-4})} (2 \times 10^{-3}) = 464 \text{ A}$$

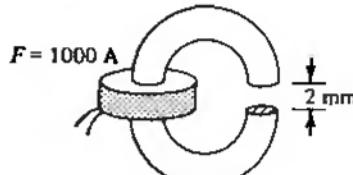
Therefore,  $F = H_i \ell_i + H_a \ell_a = 838 \text{ A}$  and

$$I = \frac{F}{N} = \frac{838}{400} = 2.09 \text{ A}$$

- 11.10.** Determine the reluctance of an air gap in a dc machine where the apparent area is  $S_a = 4.26 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$  and the gap length  $\ell_a = 5.6 \text{ mm}$ .

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\ell_a}{\mu_0 S_a} = \frac{5.6 \times 10^{-3}}{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(4.26 \times 10^{-2})} = 1.05 \times 10^5 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

- 11.11.** The cast iron magnetic core shown in Fig. 11-22 has an area  $S_i = 4 \text{ cm}^2$  and a mean length  $0.438 \text{ m}$ . The 2-mm air gap has an apparent area  $S_a = 4.84 \text{ cm}^2$ . Determine the air-gap flux  $\Phi$ .

**Fig. 11-22**

The core is quite long compared to the length of the air gap, and cast iron is not a particularly good magnetic material. As a first estimate, therefore, assume that 600 of the total ampere turns are dropped at the air gap, i.e.,  $H_a \ell_a = 600 \text{ A}$ .

$$H_a \ell_a = \frac{\Phi}{\mu_0 S_a} \ell_a$$

$$\Phi = \frac{600(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(4.84 \times 10^{-4})}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.82 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

Then  $B_i = \Phi/S_i = 0.46 \text{ T}$ , and from Fig. 11-13,  $H_i = 1340 \text{ A/m}$ . The core drop is then

$$H_i\ell_i = 1340(0.438) = 587 \text{ A}$$

so that

$$H_i\ell_i + H_a\ell_a = 1187 \text{ A}$$

This sum exceeds the 1000 A mmf of the coil. Consequently, values of  $B_i$  lower than 0.46 T should be tried until the sum of  $H_i\ell_i$  and  $H_a\ell_a$  is 1000 A. The values  $B_i = 0.41 \text{ T}$  and  $\Phi = 1.64 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$  will result in a sum very close to 1000 A.

- 11.12.** Solve Problem 11.11 using reluctances and the equivalent magnetic circuit, Fig. 11-23.

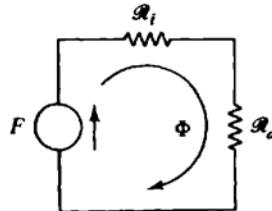


Fig. 11-23

From the values of  $B_i$  and  $H_i$  obtained in Problem 11.11,

$$\mu_0\mu_r = \frac{B_i}{H_i} = 3.83 \times 10^{-4} \text{ H/m}$$

Then, for the core,

$$R_i = \frac{\ell_i}{\mu_0\mu_r S_i} = \frac{0.438}{(3.83 \times 10^{-4})(4 \times 10^{-4})} = 2.86 \times 10^6 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

and for the air gap,

$$R_a = \frac{\ell_a}{\mu_0 S_a} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3}}{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(4.84 \times 10^{-4})} = 3.29 \times 10^6 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

The circuit equation,

$$F = \Phi(R_i + R_a)$$

gives  $\Phi = \frac{1000}{2.86 \times 10^6 + 3.29 \times 10^6} = 1.63 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$

The corresponding flux density in the iron is 0.41 T, in agreement with the results of Problem 11.11. While the air-gap reluctance can be calculated from the dimensions and  $\mu_0$ , the same is not true for the reluctance of the iron. The reason is that  $\mu$ , for the iron depends on the values of  $B_i$  and  $H_i$ .

- 11.13.** Solve Problem 11.11 graphically with a plot of  $\Phi$  versus  $F$ .

Values of  $H_i$  from 700 through 1100 A/m are listed in the first column of Table 11-2; the corresponding values of  $B_i$  are found from the cast iron curve, Fig. 11-13. The values of  $\Phi$  and  $H_i\ell_i$  are computed, and  $H_a\ell_a$  is obtained from  $\Phi\ell_a/\mu_0 S_a$ . Then  $F$  is given as the sum of  $H_i\ell_i$  and  $H_a\ell_a$ . Since the air gap is linear, only two points are required. The flux  $\Phi$  for  $F = 1000 \text{ A}$  is seen from Fig. 11-24 to be approximately  $1.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$ .

This method is simply a plot of the trial and error data used in Problem 11.11. However, it is helpful if several different coils or coil currents are to be examined.

Table 11-2

$H_i$ (A/m)	$B_i$ (T)	$\Phi$ (Wb)	$H_i \ell_i$ (A)	$H_a \ell_a$ (A)	$F$ (A)
700	0.295	$1.18 \times 10^{-4}$	307	388	695
800	0.335	$1.34 \times 10^{-4}$	350	441	791
900	0.365	$1.46 \times 10^{-4}$	395	480	874
1000	0.400	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$	438	526	964
1100	0.420	$1.68 \times 10^{-4}$	482	552	1034

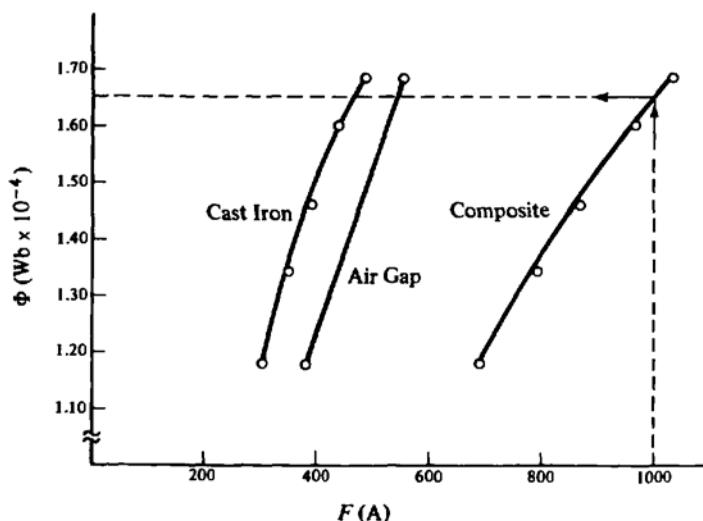


Fig. 11-24

- 11.14.** Determine the fluxes  $\Phi$  in the core of Problem 11.11 for coil mmfs of 800 and 1200 A. Use a graphical approach and the *negative air-gap line*.

The  $\Phi$  versus  $H_i \ell_i$  data for the cast iron core, developed in Problem 11.13, are plotted in Fig. 11-25. The air-gap  $\Phi$  versus  $F$  is linear. One end of the negative air-gap line for the coil mmf of 800 A is at  $\Phi = 0$ ,  $F = 800$  A. The other end assumes  $H_a \ell_a = 800$  A, from which

$$\Phi = \frac{\mu_0 S_a (H_a \ell_a)}{\ell_a} = 2.43 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

which locates this end at  $\Phi = 2.43 \times 10^{-4}$  Wb,  $F = 0$ .

The intersection of the  $F = 800$  A negative air-gap line with the nonlinear  $\Phi$  versus  $F$  curve for the cast iron core gives  $\Phi = 1.34 \times 10^{-4}$  Wb. Other negative air-gap lines have the same negative slope. For a coil mmf of 1000 A,  $\Phi = 1.63 \times 10^{-4}$  Wb and for 1200 A,  $\Phi = 1.85 \times 10^{-4}$  Wb.

- 11.15.** Solve Problem 11.11 for a coil mmf of 1000 A using the *B-H* curve for cast iron.

This method avoids the construction of an additional curve such as the  $\Phi$  versus  $F$  curves of Problems 11.13 and 11.14. Now, in order to plot the air-gap line on the *B-H* curve of iron, adjustments must be made for the different areas and the different lengths. Table 11-3 suggests the necessary calculations.

$$\frac{F}{\ell_i} = \frac{1000}{0.438} = 2283 \text{ A/m}$$

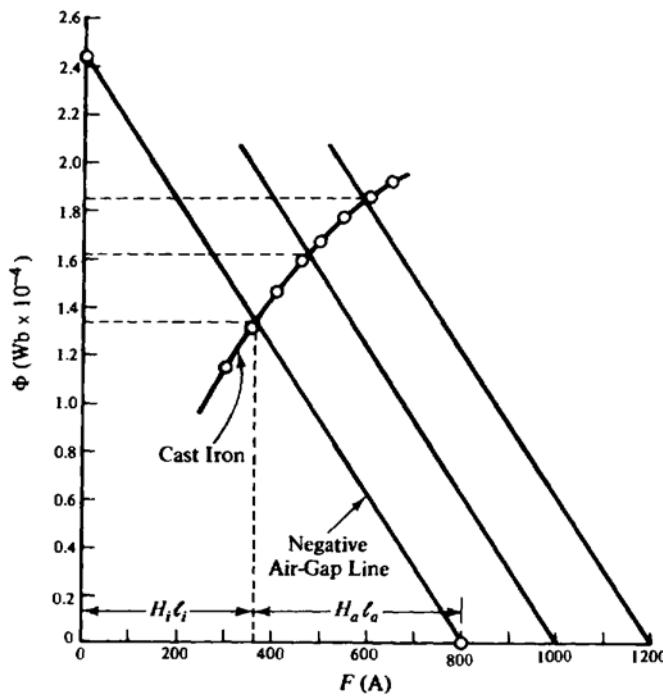


Fig. 11-25

Table 11-3

$B_a$ (T)	$H_a$ (A/m)	$B_a \left( \frac{S_a}{S_i} \right)$ (T)	$H_a \left( \frac{\ell_a}{\ell_i} \right)$ (A/m)	$\frac{F}{\ell_i} - H_a \left( \frac{\ell_a}{\ell_i} \right)$ (A/m)
0.10	$0.80 \times 10^5$	0.12	363	1920
0.30	$2.39 \times 10^5$	0.36	1091	1192
0.50	$3.98 \times 10^5$	0.61	1817	466

The data from the third and fifth columns may be plotted directly on the cast iron  $B$ - $H$  curve, as shown in Fig. 11-26. The air gap is linear and only two points are needed. The answer is seen to be  $B_i = 0.41$  T. The method can be used with two nonlinear core parts, as well (see Problem 11.16).

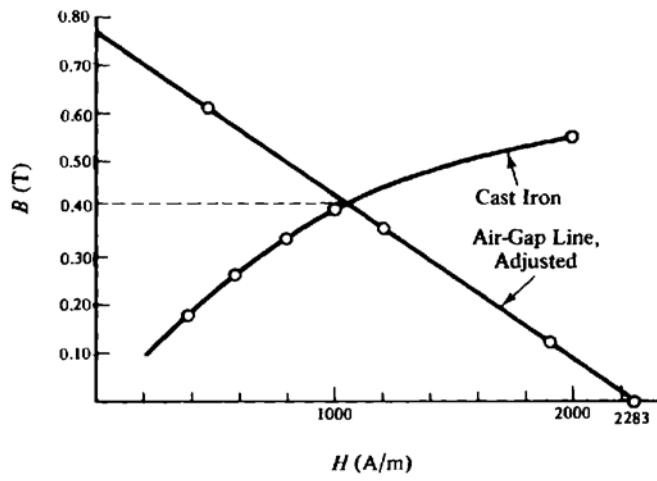
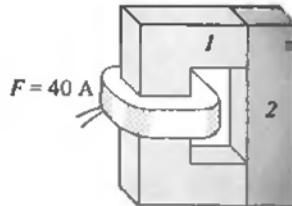


Fig. 11-26

-  **11.16.** The magnetic circuit shown in Fig. 11-27 consists of nickel-iron alloy in part 1, where  $\ell_1 = 10 \text{ cm}$  and  $S_1 = 2.25 \text{ cm}^2$ , and cast steel for part 2, where  $\ell_2 = 8 \text{ cm}$  and  $S_2 = 3 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the flux densities  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

**Fig. 11-27**

The data for part 2 of cast steel will be converted and plotted on the  $B$ - $H$  curve for part 1 of nickel-iron alloy ( $F/\ell_1 = 400 \text{ A/m}$ ). Table 11-4 suggests the necessary calculations.

**Table 11-4**

$B_2 (\text{T})$	$H_2 (\text{A/m})$	$B_2 \left( \frac{S_2}{S_1} \right) (\text{T})$	$H_2 \left( \frac{\ell_2}{\ell_1} \right) (\text{A/m})$	$\frac{F}{\ell_1} - H_2 \left( \frac{\ell_2}{\ell_1} \right) (\text{A/m})$
0.33	200	0.44	160	240
0.44	250	0.59	200	200
0.55	300	0.73	240	160
0.65	350	0.87	280	120
0.73	400	0.97	320	80
0.78	450	1.04	360	40
0.83	500	1.11	400	0

From the graph, Fig. 11-28,  $B_1 = 1.01 \text{ T}$ . Then, since  $B_1 S_1 = B_2 S_2$ ,

$$B_2 = 1.01 \left( \frac{2.25 \times 10^{-4}}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right) = 0.76 \text{ T}$$

These values can be checked by obtaining the corresponding  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  from the appropriate  $B$ - $H$  curves and substituting in

$$F = H_1 \ell_1 + H_2 \ell_2$$

-  **11.17.** The cast steel parallel magnetic circuit in Fig. 11-29(a) has a coil with 500 turns. The mean lengths are  $\ell_2 = \ell_3 = 10 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\ell_1 = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Find the coil current if  $\Phi_3 = 0.173 \text{ mWb}$ .

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi_2 + \Phi_3$$

Since the cross-sectional area of the center leg is twice that of the two side legs, the flux density is the same throughout the core, i.e.,

$$B_1 = B_2 = B_3 = \frac{0.173 \times 10^{-3}}{1.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 1.15 \text{ T}$$

Corresponding to  $B = 1.15 \text{ T}$ , Fig. 11-13 gives  $H = 1030 \text{ A/m}$ . The  $NI$  drop between points  $a$

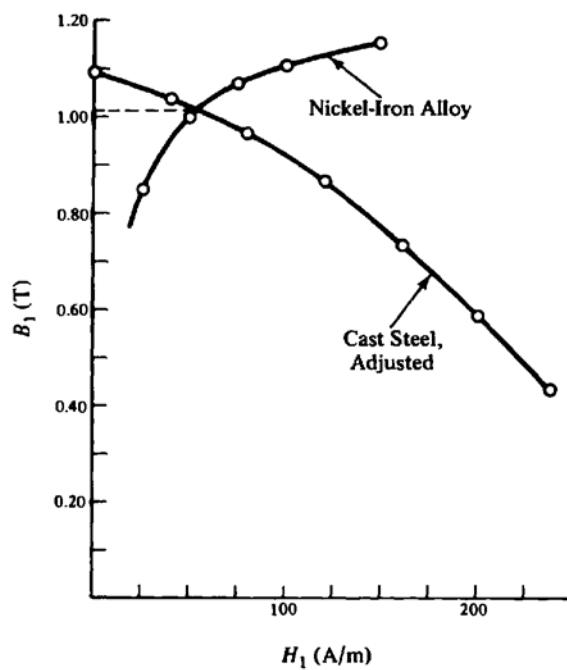


Fig. 11-28

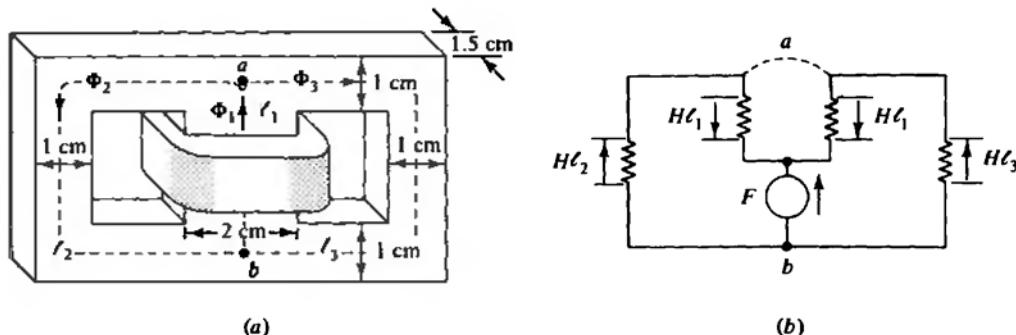


Fig. 11-29

and  $b$  is now used to write the following equation [see Fig. 11-29(b)]:

$$F - H\ell_1 = H\ell_2 = H\ell_3 \quad \text{or} \quad F = H(\ell_1 + \ell_2) = 1030(0.14) = 144.2 \text{ A}$$

Then

$$I = \frac{F}{N} = \frac{144.2}{500} = 0.29 \text{ A}$$

- 11.18.** The same cast steel core as in Problem 11.17 has identical 500-turn coils on the outer legs, with the winding sense as shown in Fig. 11-30(a). If again  $\Phi_3 = 0.173 \text{ mWb}$ , find the coil currents.

The flux densities are the same throughout the core and consequently  $H$  is the same. The equivalent circuit in Fig. 11-30(b) suggests that the problem can be solved on a *per pole* basis.

$$B = \frac{\Phi_3}{S_3} = 1.15 \text{ T} \quad \text{and} \quad H = 1030 \text{ A/m} \quad (\text{from Fig. 11-13})$$

$$F_3 = H(\ell_1 + \ell_3) = 1030(0.14) = 144.2 \text{ A} \quad I = 0.29 \text{ A}$$

Each coil must have a current of 0.29 A.

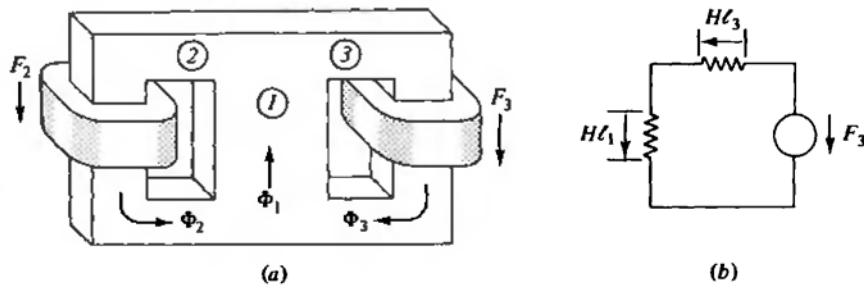


Fig. 11-30

- 11.19.** The parallel magnetic circuit shown in Fig. 11-31(a) is silicon steel with the same cross-sectional area throughout,  $S = 1.30 \text{ cm}^2$ . The mean lengths are  $\ell_1 = \ell_3 = 25 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\ell_2 = 5 \text{ cm}$ . The coils have 50 turns each. Given that  $\Phi_1 = 90 \mu\text{Wb}$  and  $\Phi_3 = 120 \mu\text{Wb}$ , find the coil currents.

$$\Phi_2 = \Phi_3 - \Phi_1 = 0.30 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

$$B_1 = \frac{90 \times 10^{-6}}{1.30 \times 10^{-4}} = 0.69 \text{ T}$$

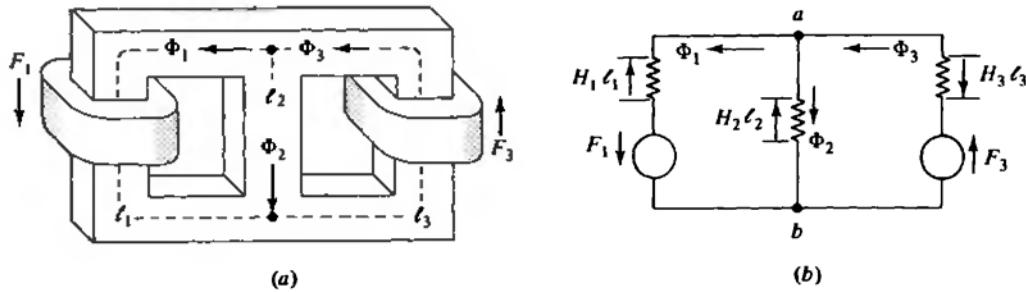


Fig. 11-31

From Fig. 11-12,  $H_t = 87 \text{ A/m}$ . Then,  $H_1 l_1 = 21.8 \text{ A}$ . Similarly,  $B_2 = 0.23 \text{ T}$ ,  $H_2 = 49 \text{ A/m}$ ,  $H_2 l_2 = 2.5 \text{ A}$ ; and  $B_3 = 0.92 \text{ T}$ ,  $H_3 = 140 \text{ A/m}$ ,  $H_3 l_3 = 35.0 \text{ A}$ . The equivalent circuit in Fig. 11-31(b) suggests the following equations for the  $NI$  drop between points *a* and *b*:

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 l_1 - F_1 &= H_2 l_2 = F_3 - H_3 l_3 \\ 21.8 - F_1 &= 2.5 = F_3 - 35.0 \end{aligned}$$

from which  $F_1 = 19.3 \text{ A}$  and  $F_3 = 37.5 \text{ A}$ . The currents are  $I_1 = 0.39 \text{ A}$  and  $I_3 = 0.75 \text{ A}$ .

- 11.20.** Obtain the equivalent magnetic circuit for Problem 11.19 using reluctances for three legs, and calculate the flux in the core using  $F_1 = 19.3 \text{ A}$  and  $F_3 = 37.5 \text{ A}$ .

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\ell}{\mu_0 \mu_r S}$$

From the values of  $B$  and  $H$  found in Problem 11.19,

$$\mu_0 \mu_{r1} = 7.93 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H/m} \quad \mu_0 \mu_{r2} = 4.69 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H/m} \quad \mu_0 \mu_{r3} = 6.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H/m}$$

Now the reluctances are calculated:

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{\ell_1}{\mu_0 \mu_{r1} S_1} = 2.43 \times 10^5 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

$\mathcal{R}_2 = 8.20 \times 10^4 \text{ H}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_3 = 2.93 \times 10^5 \text{ H}^{-1}$ . From Fig. 11-32,

$$F_3 = \Phi_3 \mathcal{R}_3 + \Phi_2 \mathcal{R}_2 \quad (1)$$

$$F_1 = \Phi_1 \mathcal{R}_1 - \Phi_2 \mathcal{R}_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\Phi_1 + \Phi_2 = \Phi_3 \quad (3)$$

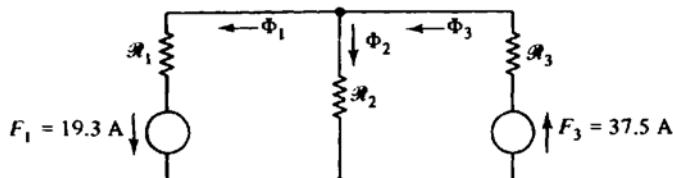


Fig. 11-32

Substituting  $\Phi_2$  from (3) into (1) and (2) results in the following set of simultaneous equations in  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \Phi_1(\mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2) - \Phi_3 \mathcal{R}_2 & 19.3 &= \Phi_1(3.25 \times 10^5) - \Phi_3(0.82 \times 10^5) \\ F_3 &= -\Phi_1 \mathcal{R}_2 + \Phi_3(\mathcal{R}_2 + \mathcal{R}_3) & 37.5 &= -\Phi_1(0.82 \times 10^5) + \Phi_3(3.75 \times 10^5) \end{aligned}$$

Solving,  $\Phi_1 = 89.7 \mu\text{Wb}$ ,  $\Phi_2 = 30.3 \mu\text{Wb}$ ,  $\Phi_3 = 120 \mu\text{Wb}$ .

Although the simultaneous equations above and the similarity to a two-mesh circuit problem may be interesting, it should be noted that the flux densities  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ , and  $B_3$  had to be known before the relative permeabilities and reluctances could be computed. But if  $B$  is known, why not find the flux directly from  $\Phi = BS$ ? Reluctance is simply not of much help in solving problems of this type.

## Supplementary Problems

- 11.21.** Find the inductance per unit length of a coaxial conductor with an inner radius  $a = 2 \text{ mm}$  and an outer conductor at  $b = 9 \text{ mm}$ . Assume  $\mu_r = 1$ . *Ans.*  $0.301 \mu\text{H/m}$
- 11.22.** Find the inductance per unit length of two parallel cylindrical conductors, where the conductor radius is  $1 \text{ mm}$  and the center-to-center separation is  $12 \text{ mm}$ . *Ans.*  $0.992 \mu\text{H/m}$
- 11.23.** Two parallel cylindrical conductors separated by  $1 \text{ m}$  have an inductance per unit length of  $2.12 \mu\text{H/m}$ . What is the conductor radius? *Ans.*  $5 \text{ mm}$
- 11.24.** An air-core solenoid with 2500 evenly spaced turns has a length of  $1.5 \text{ m}$  and radius  $2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ . Find the inductance  $L$ . *Ans.*  $6.58 \text{ mH}$
- 11.25.** A square-cross-section, air-core toroid such as that in Fig. 11-3 has inner radius  $5 \text{ cm}$ , outer radius  $7 \text{ cm}$  and height  $1.5 \text{ cm}$ . If the inductance is  $495 \mu\text{H}$ , how many turns are there in the toroid? Examine the approximate formula and compare the result. *Ans.* 700, 704
- 11.26.** A square-cross-section toroid such as that in Fig. 11-3 has  $r_1 = 80 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_2 = 82 \text{ cm}$ ,  $a = 1.5 \text{ cm}$ , and 700 turns. Find  $L$  using both formulas and compare the results. (See Problem 11.5.) *Ans.*  $36.3 \mu\text{H}$  (both formulas)
- 11.27.** A coil with 5000 turns,  $r_1 = 1.25 \text{ cm}$ , and  $\ell_1 = 1.0 \text{ m}$  has a core with  $\mu_r = 50$ . A second coil of 500 turns,  $r_2 = 2.0 \text{ cm}$ , and  $\ell_2 = 10.0 \text{ cm}$  is concentric with the first coil, and in the space between the coils  $\mu \approx \mu_0$ . Find the mutual inductance. *Ans.*  $7.71 \text{ mH}$
- 11.28.** Determine the relative permeabilities of cast iron, cast steel, silicon steel, and nickel-iron alloy at a flux density of  $0.4 \text{ T}$ . Use Figs. 11-12 and 11-13. *Ans.* 318, 1384, 5305, 42,440

- 11.29.** An air gap of length  $\ell_a = 2 \text{ mm}$  has a flux density of  $0.4 \text{ T}$ . Determine the length of a magnetic core with the same  $NI$  drop if the core is of (a) cast iron, (b) cast steel, (c) silicon steel.

*Ans.* (a)  $0.64 \text{ cm}$ ; (b)  $2.77 \text{ m}$ ; (c)  $10.6 \text{ m}$

- 11.30.** A magnetic circuit consists of two parts of the same ferromagnetic material ( $\mu_r = 4000$ ). Part 1 has  $\ell_1 = 50 \text{ mm}$ ,  $S_1 = 104 \text{ mm}^2$ ; part 2 has  $\ell_2 = 30 \text{ mm}$ ,  $S_2 = 120 \text{ mm}^2$ . The material is at a part of the curve where the relative permeability is proportional to the flux density. Find the flux  $\Phi$  if the mmf is  $4.0 \text{ A}$ . *Ans.*  $26.3 \mu\text{Wb}$

- 11.31.** A toroid with a circular cross section of radius  $20 \text{ mm}$  has a mean length  $280 \text{ mm}$  and a flux  $\Phi = 1.50 \text{ mWb}$ . Find the required mmf if the core is silicon steel. *Ans.*  $83.2 \text{ A}$

- 11.32.** Both parts of the magnetic circuit in Fig. 11-33 are cast steel. Part 1 has  $\ell_1 = 34 \text{ cm}$  and  $S_1 = 6 \text{ cm}^2$ ; part 2 has  $\ell_2 = 16 \text{ cm}$  and  $S_2 = 4 \text{ cm}^2$ . Determine the coil current  $I_1$ , if  $I_2 = 0.5 \text{ A}$ ,  $N_1 = 200$  turns,  $N_2 = 100$  turns, and  $\Phi = 120 \mu\text{Wb}$ . *Ans.*  $0.65 \text{ A}$

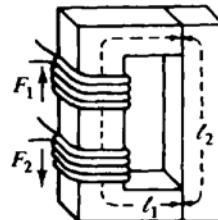


Fig. 11-33

- 11.33.** The silicon steel core shown in Fig. 11-34 has a rectangular cross section  $10 \text{ mm}$  by  $8 \text{ mm}$  and a mean length  $150 \text{ mm}$ . The air-gap length is  $0.8 \text{ mm}$  and the air-gap flux is  $80 \mu\text{Wb}$ . Find the mmf. *Ans.*  $561.2 \text{ A}$

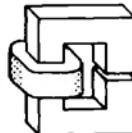


Fig. 11-34

- 11.34.** Solve Problem 11.33 in reverse: the coil mmf is known to be  $561.2 \text{ A}$  and the air-gap flux is to be determined. Use the trial and error method, starting with the assumption that  $90\%$  of the  $NI$  drop is across the air gap.

- 11.35.** The silicon steel magnetic circuit of Problem 11.33 has an mmf of  $600 \text{ A}$ . Determine the air-gap flux. *Ans.*  $85.2 \mu\text{Wb}$

- 11.36.** For the silicon steel magnetic circuit of Problem 11.33, calculate the reluctance of the iron,  $\mathcal{R}_i$ , and the reluctance of the air gap,  $\mathcal{R}_a$ . Assume the flux  $\Phi = 80 \mu\text{Wb}$  and solve for  $F$ . See Fig. 11-35. *Ans.*  $\mathcal{R}_i = 0.313 \mu\text{H}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_a = 6.70 \mu\text{H}^{-1}$ ,  $F = 561 \text{ A}$

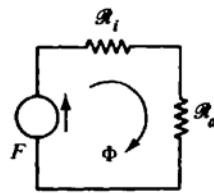


Fig. 11-35

- 11.37.** A silicon steel core such as shown in Fig. 11-34 has a rectangular cross section of area  $S_i = 80 \text{ mm}^2$  and an air gap of length  $\ell_a = 0.8 \text{ mm}$  with area  $S_a = 95 \text{ mm}^2$ . The mean length of the core is 150 mm and the mmf is 600 A. Solve graphically for the flux by plotting  $\Phi$  versus  $F$  in the manner of Problem 11.13. *Ans.* 85  $\mu\text{Wb}$

- 11.38.** Solve Problem 11.37 graphically using the negative air-gap line for an mmf of 600 A. *Ans.* 85  $\mu\text{Wb}$

- 11.39.** Solve Problem 11.37 graphically in the manner of Problem 11.15, obtaining the flux density in the core. *Ans.* 1.06 T

- 11.40.** A rectangular ferromagnetic core  $40 \times 60 \text{ mm}$  has a flux  $\Phi = 1.44 \text{ mWb}$ . An air gap in the core is of length  $\ell_a = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ . Find the  $NI$  drop across the air gap. *Ans.* 1079 A

- 11.41.** A toroid with cross section of radius 2 cm has a silicon steel core of mean length 28 cm and an air gap of length 1 mm. Assume the air-gap area,  $S_a$ , is 10% greater than the adjacent core and find the mmf required to establish an air-gap flux of 1.5 mWb. *Ans.* 952 A

- 11.42.** The magnetic circuit shown in Fig. 11-36 has an mmf of 500 A. Part 1 is cast steel with  $\ell_1 = 340 \text{ mm}$  and  $S_1 = 400 \text{ mm}^2$ ; part 2 is cast iron with  $\ell_2 = 138 \text{ mm}$  and  $S_2 = 360 \text{ mm}^2$ . Determine the flux  $\Phi$ . *Ans.* 229  $\mu\text{Wb}$

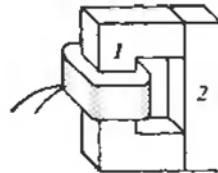


Fig. 11-36

- 11.43.** Solve Problem 11.42 graphically in the manner of Problem 11.16. *Ans.* 229  $\mu\text{Wb}$

- 11.44.** A toroid of square cross section, with  $r_1 = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_2 = 3 \text{ cm}$ , and height  $a = 1 \text{ cm}$ , has a two-part core. Part 1 is silicon steel of mean length 7.9 cm; part 2 is nickel-iron alloy of mean length 7.9 cm. Find the flux that results from an mmf of 17.38 A. *Ans.*  $10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$

- 11.45.** Solve Problem 11.44 by the graphical method of Problem 11.15. Why is it that the plotting of the second reverse  $B$ - $H$  curve on the first is not as difficult as might be expected?  
*Ans.*  $10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$ . The mean lengths and cross-sectional areas are the same

- 11.46.** The cast steel parallel magnetic circuit in Fig. 11-37 has a 500-turn coil in the center leg, where the cross-sectional area is twice that of the remainder of the core. The dimensions are  $\ell_a = 1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $S_2 = S_3 = 150 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $S_1 = 300 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $\ell_1 = 40 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\ell_2 = 110 \text{ mm}$ , and  $\ell_3 = 109 \text{ mm}$ . Find the coil current required to produce an air-gap flux of 125  $\mu\text{Wb}$ . Assume that  $S_a$  exceeds  $S_3$  by 17%. *Ans.* 1.34 A

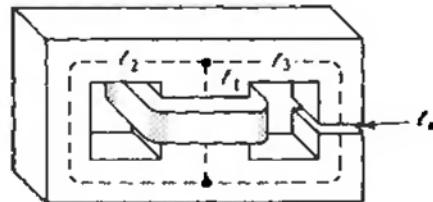


Fig. 11-37

- 11.47.** The cast iron parallel circuit core in Fig. 11-38 has a 500-turn coil and a uniform cross section of  $1.5 \text{ cm}^2$  throughout. The mean lengths are  $\ell_1 = \ell_3 = 10 \text{ cm}$  and  $\ell_2 = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Determine the coil current necessary to result in a flux density of  $0.25 \text{ T}$  in leg 3. *Ans.*  $1.05 \text{ A}$

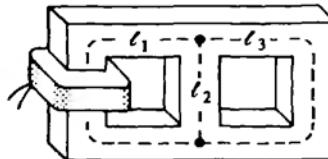


Fig. 11-38

- 11.48.** Two identical 500-turn coils have equal currents and are wound as indicated in Fig. 11-39. The cast steel core has a flux in leg 3 of  $120 \mu\text{Wb}$ . Determine the coil currents and the flux in leg 1. *Ans.*  $0.41 \text{ A}$ ,  $0 \text{ Wb}$

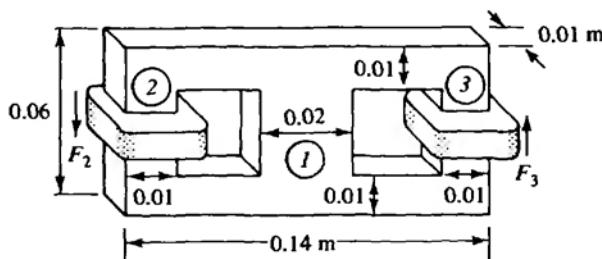


Fig. 11-39

- 11.49.** Two identical coils are wound as indicated in Fig. 11-40. The silicon steel core has a cross section of  $6 \text{ cm}^2$  throughout. The mean lengths are  $\ell_1 = \ell_3 = 14 \text{ cm}$  and  $\ell_2 = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Find the coil mmfs if the flux in leg 1 is  $0.7 \text{ mWb}$ . *Ans.*  $38.5 \text{ A}$

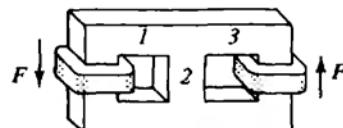


Fig. 11-40

# Chapter 12

## Displacement Current and Induced EMF

### 12.1 DISPLACEMENT CURRENT

In static fields the curl of  $\mathbf{H}$  was found to be pointwise equal to the current density  $\mathbf{J}_c$ . This is *conduction* current density; the subscript *c* has been added to emphasize that moving charges—electrons, photons, or ions—compose the current. If  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_c$  were valid where the fields and charges are variable with time, then the continuity equation would be  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_c = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = 0$ , instead of the correct

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

Hence, James Clerk Maxwell postulated that

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_c + \mathbf{J}_D \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{J}_D \equiv \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

With the inclusion of the *displacement* current density  $\mathbf{J}_D$ , the continuity equation is satisfied:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_c = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_D = -\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}) = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

The displacement current  $i_D$  through a specified surface is obtained by integration of the normal component of  $\mathbf{J}_D$  over the surface (just as  $i_c$  is obtained from  $\mathbf{J}_c$ ).

$$i_D = \int_S \mathbf{J}_D \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Here, the last expression assumes that the surface  $S$  is fixed in space.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Use Stokes' theorem (Section 9.8) to show that  $i_c = i_D$  in the circuit of Fig. 12-1.

Since the two surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  have the common contour  $C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \int_{S_1} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{S_2} (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int_{S_1} \left( \mathbf{J}_c + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{S_2} \left( \mathbf{J}_c + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \end{aligned}$$

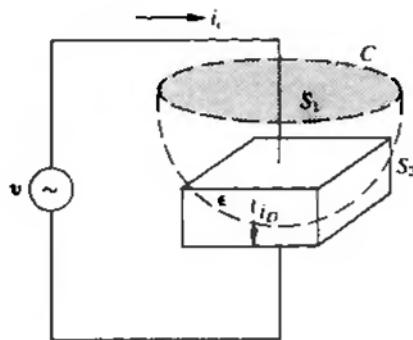


Fig. 12-1

Assuming the flux is confined to the dielectric between the conducting plates,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{0}$  over  $S_1$ . And since no free charges are in motion within the dielectric,  $\mathbf{J}_c = \mathbf{0}$  over  $S_2$ . Therefore,

$$\int_{S_1} \mathbf{J}_c \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{S_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad \text{or} \quad i_c = i_D$$

It should be noted that  $\partial \mathbf{D} / \partial t$  is nonzero only over that part of  $S_2$  that lies within the dielectric.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Repeat Example 1, this time using circuit analysis.

Refer to Fig. 12-1. The capacitance of the capacitor is

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

where  $A$  is the plate area and  $d$  is the separation. The conduction current is then

$$i_c = C \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

On the other hand, the electric field in the dielectric is, neglecting fringing,  $E = v/d$ . Hence

$$D = \epsilon E = \frac{\epsilon}{d} v \quad \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = \frac{\epsilon}{d} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

and the displacement current is ( $\mathbf{D}$  is normal to the plates)

$$i_D = \int_A \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_A \frac{\epsilon}{d} \frac{dv}{dt} dS = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \frac{dv}{dt} = i_c$$

## 12.2 RATIO OF $J_c$ TO $J_D$

Some materials are neither good conductors nor perfect dielectrics, so that both conduction current and displacement current exist. A model for the poor conductor or lossy dielectric is shown in Fig. 12-2. Assuming the time dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$  for  $\mathbf{E}$ , the total current density is

$$\mathbf{J}_t = \mathbf{J}_c + \mathbf{J}_D = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon \mathbf{E}) = \sigma \mathbf{E} + j\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

from which

$$\frac{J_c}{J_D} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}$$

As expected, the displacement current becomes increasingly important as the frequency increases.

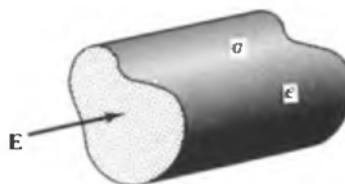


Fig. 12-2

**EXAMPLE 3.** A circular-cross-section conductor of radius 1.5 mm carries a current  $i_c = 5.5 \sin(4 \times 10^{10} t)$  ( $\mu\text{A}$ ). What is the amplitude of the displacement current density, if  $\sigma = 35 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\epsilon_r = 12$ ?

$$\frac{J_c}{J_D} = \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} = \frac{3.50 \times 10^7}{(4 \times 10^{10})(10^{-9}/36\pi)} = 9.90 \times 10^7$$

Then

$$J_D = \frac{(5.5 \times 10^{-6})/[\pi(1.5 \times 10^{-3})^2]}{9.90 \times 10^7} = 7.86 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{A}/\text{m}^2$$

### 12.3 FARADAY'S LAW AND LENZ'S LAW

The minus sign in Faraday's law (Section 11.3) implicitly gives the polarity of the induced voltage  $v$ . To make this explicit, consider the case of a plane area  $S$ , bounded by a closed curve  $C$ , where  $S$  is cut perpendicularly by a time-variable flux density  $B$  (Fig. 12-3). Faraday's law here takes the integral form

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

in which the positive sense around  $C$  and the direction of the normal,  $d\mathbf{S}$ , are corrected by the usual right-hand rule [Fig. 12-3(a)]. Now if  $\mathbf{B}$  is increasing with time, the time derivative will be positive and, thus, the right side of the above equation will be negative. In order for the left integral to be negative, the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$  must be opposite to that of the contour, Fig. 12-3(b). A conducting filament in place of the contour would carry a current  $i_c$ , also in the direction of  $\mathbf{E}$ . As shown in Fig. 12-3(c), such a current loop generates a flux  $\phi'$  which opposes the increase in  $\mathbf{B}$ . *Lenz's law* summarizes this discussion: *the voltage induced by a changing flux has a polarity such that the current established in a closed path gives rise to a flux which opposes the change in flux.*

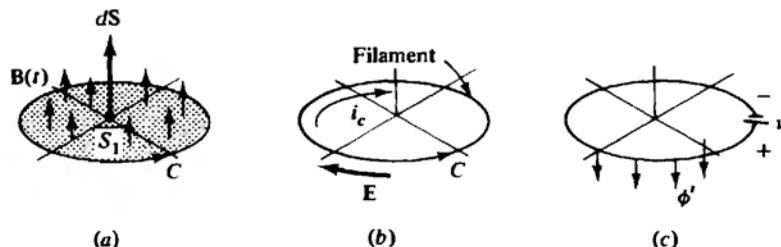


Fig. 12-3

In the special case of a conductor moving through a time-independent magnetic field, the polarity predicted by Lenz's law is yielded by two other methods. (1) The polarity is such that the conductor experiences magnetic forces which *oppose* its motion. (2) As indicated in Fig. 12-4, a moving conductor appears to distort the flux, pushing the flux lines in front of it as it moves. This same distortion is suggested by the counterclockwise flux lines shown around the conductor. By the right-hand rule the current which would result if a closed path were provided would have the direction shown, and the polarity of the induced voltage is + at the end of the conductor where the current would *leave*. Figure 12-5 confirms this by comparing the moving conductor and its resulting current to a voltage source connected to a similar external circuit.

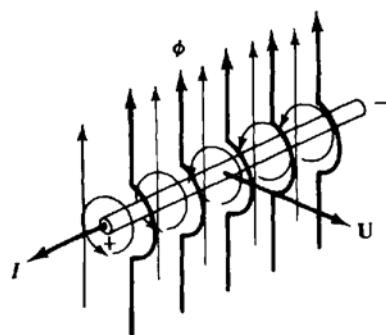


Fig. 12-4



Fig. 12-5

#### 12.4 CONDUCTORS IN MOTION THROUGH TIME-INDEPENDENT FIELDS

The force  $\mathbf{F}$  on a charge  $Q$  in a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ , where the charge is moving with velocity  $\mathbf{U}$ , was examined in Chapter 10.

$$\mathbf{F} = Q(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B})$$

A *motional electric field intensity*,  $\mathbf{E}_m$ , can be defined as the force per unit charge:

$$\mathbf{E}_m = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{Q} = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}$$

When a conductor with a great number of free charges moves through a field  $\mathbf{B}$ , the impressed  $\mathbf{E}_m$  creates a voltage difference between the two ends of the conductor, the magnitude of which depends on how  $\mathbf{E}_m$  is oriented with respect to the conductor. With conductor ends  $a$  and  $b$ , the voltage of  $a$  with respect to  $b$  is

$$v_{ab} = \int_b^a \mathbf{E}_m \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_b^a (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

If the velocity  $\mathbf{U}$  and the field  $\mathbf{B}$  are at right angles, and the conductor is normal to both, then a conductor of length  $\ell$  will have a voltage

$$v = B\ell U$$

For a closed loop the line integral must be taken around the entire loop:

$$v = \oint (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

Of course, if only part of the complete loop is in motion, it is necessary only that the integral cover this part, since  $\mathbf{E}_m$  will be zero elsewhere.

**EXAMPLE 4.** In Fig. 12-6, two conducting bars move outward with velocities  $\mathbf{U}_1 = 12.5(-\mathbf{a}_y)$  m/s and  $\mathbf{U}_2 = 8.0\mathbf{a}_x$  m/s in the field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.35\mathbf{a}_z$  T. Find the voltage of  $b$  with respect to  $c$ .

At the two conductors,

$$\mathbf{E}_{m1} = \mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{B} = 4.38(-\mathbf{a}_x) \text{ V/m}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{m2} = \mathbf{U}_2 \times \mathbf{B} = 2.80\mathbf{a}_x \text{ V/m}$$

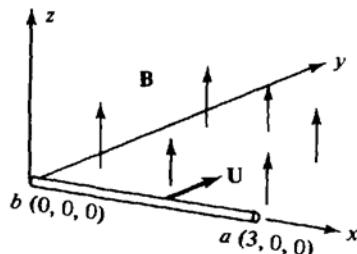


Fig. 12-6

and so

$$v_{ab} = \int_0^{0.50} 4.38(-\mathbf{a}_x) \cdot d\mathbf{x} \mathbf{a}_x = -2.19 \text{ V} \quad v_{dc} = \int_0^{0.50} 2.80 \mathbf{a}_x \cdot d\mathbf{x} \mathbf{a}_x = 1.40 \text{ V}$$

$$v_{bc} = v_{ba} + v_{ad} + v_{dc} = 2.19 + 0 + 1.40 = 3.59 \text{ V}$$

Since  $b$  is positive with respect to  $c$ , current through the meter will be in the  $\mathbf{a}_y$  direction. This clockwise current in the circuit gives rise to flux in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction, which, in accordance with Lenz's law, counters the increase in the flux in the  $+\mathbf{a}_z$  direction due to the expansion of the circuit. Moreover, the forces that  $\mathbf{B}$  exerts on the moving conductors are directed opposite to their velocities.

## 12.5 CONDUCTORS IN MOTION THROUGH TIME-DEPENDENT FIELDS

When a closed conducting loop is in motion (this includes changes in shape) and also the field  $\mathbf{B}$  is a function of time (as well as of position), then the total induced voltage is made up of a contribution from each of the two sources of flux change. Faraday's law becomes

$$v = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \oint (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

The first term on the right is the voltage due to the change in  $\mathbf{B}$ , with the loop held fixed; the second term is the voltage arising from the motion of the loop, with  $\mathbf{B}$  held fixed. The polarity of each term is found from the appropriate form of Lenz's law, and the two terms are then added with regard to those polarities.

**EXAMPLE 5.** As shown in Fig. 12-7(a), a planar conducting loop rotates with angular velocity  $\omega$  about the  $x$  axis; at  $t=0$  it is in the  $xy$  plane. A time-varying magnetic field,  $\mathbf{B} = B(t)\mathbf{a}_z$ , is present. Find the voltage induced in the loop by using the two-term form of Faraday's law.

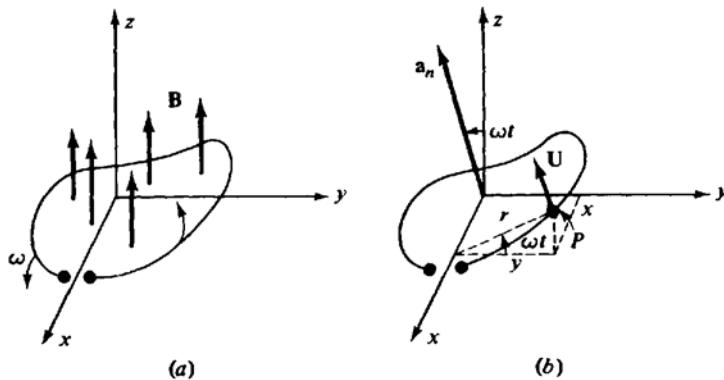


Fig. 12-7

Let the area of the loop be  $A$ . The contribution to  $v$  due to the variation of  $\mathbf{B}$  is

$$v_1 = -\int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\int_S \frac{dB}{dt} \mathbf{a}_z \cdot dS \mathbf{a}_n = -\frac{dB}{dt} A \cos \omega t$$

since  $\mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_n = \cos \omega t$ .

To calculate the second, motional contribution to  $v$ , the velocity  $\mathbf{U}$  of a point on the loop is needed. From Fig. 12-7(b) it is seen that

$$\mathbf{U} = r\omega \mathbf{a}_n = \frac{y}{\cos \omega t} \omega \mathbf{a}_n$$

so that

$$\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{y}{\cos \omega t} \omega \mathbf{a}_n \times B \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{y}{\cos \omega t} \omega B \sin \omega t (-\mathbf{a}_x)$$

since  $\mathbf{a}_n \times \mathbf{a}_x = \sin \omega t (-\mathbf{a}_z)$ . Consequently,

$$v_2 = \oint (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\omega B \sin \omega t}{\cos \omega t} \oint y \mathbf{a}_x \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

Stokes' theorem (Section 9.8) can be used to evaluate the last integral. Since  $\nabla \times y \mathbf{a}_x = -\mathbf{a}_z$ ,

$$\oint y \mathbf{a}_x \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S (\nabla \times y \mathbf{a}_x) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_S (-\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot dS \mathbf{a}_n = -A \cos \omega t$$

Therefore

$$v_2 = -\frac{\omega B \sin \omega t}{\cos \omega t} (-A \cos \omega t) = BA \omega \sin \omega t$$

## Solved Problems

- 12.1.** In a material for which  $\sigma = 5.0 \text{ S/m}$  and  $\epsilon_r = 1$  the electric field intensity is  $E = 250 \sin 10^6 t \text{ (V/m)}$ . Find the conduction and displacement current densities, and the frequency at which they have equal magnitudes.

$$J_c = \sigma E = 1250 \sin 10^6 t \text{ (A/m}^2\text{)}$$

On the assumption that the field direction does not vary with time,

$$J_D = \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r 250 \sin 10^6 t) = 22.1 \cos 10^6 t \text{ (A/m}^2\text{)}$$

For  $J_c = J_D$ ,

$$\sigma = \omega \epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad \omega = \frac{5.0}{8.854 \times 10^{-12}} = 5.65 \times 10^{11} \text{ rad/s}$$

which is equivalent to a frequency  $f = 8.99 \times 10^{10} \text{ Hz} = 89.9 \text{ GHz}$ .

- 12.2.** A coaxial capacitor with inner radius 5 mm, outer radius 6 mm and length 500 mm has a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 6.7$  and an applied voltage  $250 \sin 377t \text{ (V)}$ . Determine the displacement current  $i_D$  and compare with the conduction current  $i_c$ .

Assume the inner conductor to be at  $v = 0$ . Then, from Problem 8.7, the potential at  $0.005 \leq r \leq 0.006 \text{ m}$  is

$$v = \left[ \frac{250}{\ln(\frac{6}{5})} \sin 377t \right] \left( \ln \frac{r}{0.005} \right) \text{ (V)}$$

From this,

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla v = -\frac{1.37 \times 10^3}{r} \sin 377t \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (V/m)}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} = -\frac{8.13 \times 10^{-8}}{r} \sin 377t \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (C/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_D = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = -\frac{3.07 \times 10^{-5}}{r} \cos 377t \mathbf{a}_r \text{ (A/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$i_D = J_D (2\pi r L) = 9.63 \times 10^{-5} \cos 377t \text{ (A)}$$

The circuit analysis method for  $i_c$  requires the capacitance,

$$C = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r L}{\ln(\frac{6}{5})} = 1.02 \text{ nF}$$

Then  $i_c = C \frac{dv}{dt} = (1.02 \times 10^{-9})(250)(377)(\cos 377t) = 9.63 \times 10^{-5} \cos 377t$  (A)

It is seen that  $i_c = i_D$ .

- 12.3.** Moist soil has a conductivity of  $10^{-3}$  S/m and  $\epsilon_r = 2.5$ . Find  $J_c$  and  $J_D$  where

$$E = 6.0 \times 10^{-6} \sin 9.0 \times 10^9 t$$
 (V/m)

First,  $J_c = \sigma E = 6.0 \times 10^{-9} \sin 9.0 \times 10^9 t$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>). Then, since  $D = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E$ ,

$$J_D = \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = 1.20 \times 10^{-6} \cos 9.0 \times 10^9 t$$
 (A/m<sup>2</sup>)

- 12.4.** Find the induced voltage in the conductor of Fig. 12-8 where  $\mathbf{B} = 0.04\mathbf{a}_y$  T and

$$\mathbf{U} = 2.5 \sin 10^3 t \mathbf{a}_z$$
 (m/s)

$$\mathbf{E}_m = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} = 0.10 \sin 10^3 t (-\mathbf{a}_x)$$
 (V/m)

$$v = \int_0^{0.20} 0.10 \sin 10^3 t (-\mathbf{a}_x) \cdot d\mathbf{x} \mathbf{a}_x \\ = -0.02 \sin 10^3 t$$
 (V)

The conductor first moves in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction. The  $x = 0.20$  end is negative with respect to the end at the  $z$  axis for this half cycle.

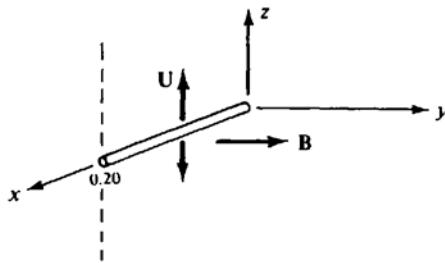


Fig. 12-8

- 12.5.** Rework Problem 12.4 if the magnetic field is changed to  $\mathbf{B} = 0.04\mathbf{a}_x$  (T).

Because the conductor cuts no field lines, the induced voltage must be zero. This may be verified analytically by use of Problem 1.8.

$$v = \int (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int \mathbf{U} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times d\mathbf{l}) = 0$$

since  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $d\mathbf{l}$  are always parallel.

- 12.6.** An area of  $0.65 \text{ m}^2$  in the  $z = 0$  plane is enclosed by a filamentary conductor. Find the induced voltage, given that

$$\mathbf{B} = 0.05 \cos 10^3 t \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$
 (T)

See Fig. 12-9.

$$v = - \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot dS \mathbf{a}_z \\ = \int_S 50 \sin 10^3 t \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \cdot dS \mathbf{a}_z \\ = 23.0 \sin 10^3 t$$
 (V)

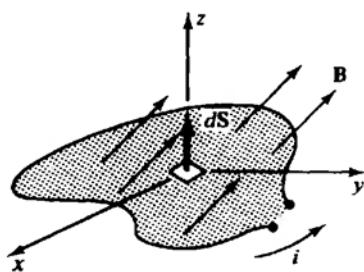


Fig. 12-9

The field is decreasing in the first half cycle of the cosine function. The direction of  $i$  in a closed circuit must be such as to oppose this decrease. Thus the conventional current must have the direction shown in Fig. 12-9.

- 12.7.** The circular loop conductor shown in Fig. 12-10 lies in the  $z = 0$  plane, has a radius of 0.10 m and a resistance of  $5.0 \Omega$ . Given  $\mathbf{B} = 0.20 \sin 10^3 t \mathbf{a}_z$  (T), determine the current.



$$\phi = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \pi \sin 10^3 t \text{ (Wb)}$$

$$v = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -2\pi \cos 10^3 t \text{ (V)}$$

$$i = \frac{v}{R} = -0.4\pi \cos 10^3 t \text{ (A)}$$

At  $t = 0+$  the flux is increasing. In order to oppose this increase, current in the loop must have an instantaneous direction  $-\mathbf{a}_y$ , where the loop crosses the positive  $x$  axis.

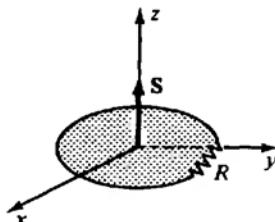


Fig. 12-10

- 12.8.** The rectangular loop shown in Fig. 12-11 moves toward the origin at a velocity  $\mathbf{U} = -250 \mathbf{a}_y$  m/s in a field



$$\mathbf{B} = 0.80 e^{-0.50y} \mathbf{a}_z \text{ (T)}$$

Find the current at the instant the coil sides are at  $y = 0.50$  m and 0.60 m, if  $R = 2.5 \Omega$ .

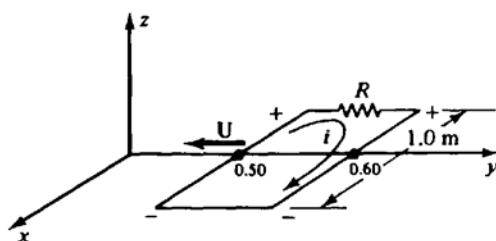


Fig. 12-11

Only the 1.0-m sides have induced voltages. Let the side at  $y = 0.50\text{ m}$  be 1.

$$v_1 = B_1 \ell U = 0.80e^{-0.25}(1)(250) = 155.8\text{ V} \quad v_2 = B_2 \ell U = 148.2\text{ V}$$

The voltages are of the polarity shown. The instantaneous current is

$$i = \frac{155.8 - 148.2}{2.5} = 3.04\text{ A}$$

- 12.9.** A conductor 1 cm in length is parallel to the  $z$  axis and rotates at a radius of 25 cm at 1200 rev/min (See Fig. 12-12). Find the induced voltage if the radial field is given by  $\mathbf{B} = 0.5\mathbf{a}_r\text{ T}$ .

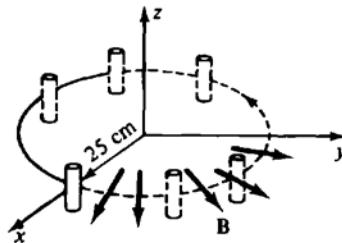


Fig. 12-12

The angular velocity is

$$\left(1200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{60} \frac{\text{min}}{\text{s}}\right)\left(2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}}\right) = 40\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

Hence

$$U = r\omega = (0.25)(40\pi) \text{ m/s}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_m = 10\pi\mathbf{a}_\phi \times 0.5\mathbf{a}_r = 5.0\pi(-\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ V/m}$$

$$v = \int_0^{0.01} 5.0\pi(-\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot dz \mathbf{a}_z = -5.0 \times 10^{-2}\pi \text{ V}$$

The negative sign indicates that the lower end of the conductor is positive with respect to the upper end.

- 12.10.** A conducting cylinder of radius 7 cm and height 15 cm rotates at 600 rev/min in a radial field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.20\mathbf{a}_r\text{ T}$ . Sliding contacts at the top and bottom connect to a voltmeter as shown in Fig. 12-13. Find the induced voltage.



$$\omega = (600)(\frac{1}{60})(2\pi) = 20\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = (20\pi)(0.07)\mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ m/s}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_m = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} = 0.88(-\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ V/m}$$

Each vertical element of the curved surface cuts the same flux and has the same induced voltage. These elements are effectively in a parallel connection and the induced voltage of any

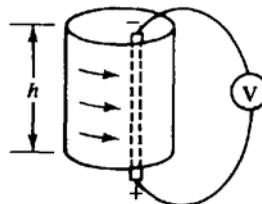


Fig. 12-13

element is the same as the total.

$$v = \int_0^{0.15} 0.88(-\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot d\mathbf{z} \mathbf{a}_z = -0.13 \text{ V} \quad (+ \text{ at the bottom})$$

-  **12.11.** In Fig. 12-14 a rectangular conducting loop with resistance  $R = 0.20 \Omega$  turns at 500 rev/min. The vertical conductor at  $r_1 = 0.03 \text{ m}$  is in a field  $\mathbf{B}_1 = 0.25\mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$ , and the conductor at  $r_2 = 0.05 \text{ m}$  is in a field  $\mathbf{B}_2 = 0.80\mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$ . Find the current in the loop.

$$\mathbf{U}_1 = (500)(\frac{1}{60})(2\pi)(0.03)\mathbf{a}_\phi = 0.50\pi\mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_1 = \int_0^{0.50} (0.50\pi\mathbf{a}_\phi \times 0.25\mathbf{a}_z) \cdot d\mathbf{z} \mathbf{a}_z = -0.20 \text{ V}$$

Similarly,  $\mathbf{U}_2 = 0.83\pi\mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ m/s}$  and  $v_2 = -1.04 \text{ V}$ . Then

$$i = \frac{1.04 - 0.20}{0.20} = 4.20 \text{ A}$$

in the direction shown on the diagram.

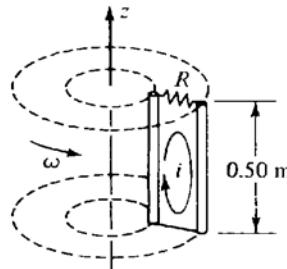


Fig. 12-14

- 12.12.** The circular disk shown in Fig. 12-15 rotates at  $\omega$  (rad/s) in a uniform flux density  $\mathbf{B} = B\mathbf{a}_z$ . Sliding contacts connect a voltmeter to the disk. What voltage is indicated on the meter from this *Faraday homopolar generator*?

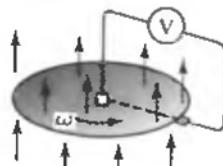


Fig. 12-15

One radial element is examined. A general point on this radial element has velocity  $\mathbf{U} = \omega r\mathbf{a}_\phi$ , so that

$$\mathbf{E}_m = \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} = \omega r B \mathbf{a}_r$$

and

$$v = \int_0^a \omega r B \mathbf{a}_r \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{\omega a^2 B}{2}$$

where  $a$  is the radius of the disk. The positive result indicates that the outer point is positive with respect to the center for the directions of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\omega$  shown.

-  **12.13.** A square coil, 0.60 m on a side, rotates about the  $x$  axis at  $\omega = 60\pi \text{ rad/s}$  in a field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.80\mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$ , as shown in Fig. 12-16(a). Find the induced voltage.

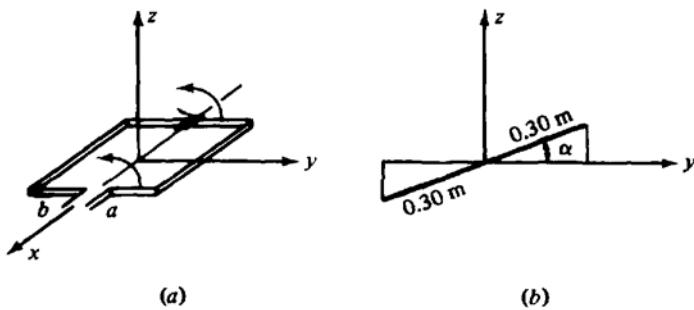


Fig. 12-16

Assuming that the coil is initially in the  $xy$  plane,

$$\alpha = \omega t = 60\pi t \text{ (rad)}$$

The projected area on the  $xy$  plane becomes [see Fig. 12-16(b)]:

$$A = (0.6)(0.6 \cos 60\pi t) \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$$

Then  $\phi = BA = 0.288 \cos 60\pi t$  (Wb) and

$$v = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} = 54.3 \sin 60\pi t \text{ (V)}$$

Lenz's law shows that this is the voltage of  $a$  with respect to  $b$ .

#### Alternate Method

Each side parallel to the  $x$  axis has a  $y$  component of velocity whose magnitude is

$$|U_y| = |r\omega \sin \alpha| = |18.0\pi \sin 60\pi t| \text{ (m/s)}$$

The voltages  $B\ell|U_y|$  for the two sides add, giving

$$|v| = 2(B\ell|U_y|) = |54.3 \sin 60\pi t| \text{ (V)}$$

Lenz's law again determines the proper sign.

#### 12.14. Check Example 5 by means of the original, differential form of Faraday's law.

From Fig. 12-7(b) the projected loop area normal to the field is  $A \cos \omega t$ , whence

$$\phi = B(t)(A \cos \omega t)$$

$$\text{and } v = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\frac{dB}{dt} A \cos \omega t + BA\omega \sin \omega t = v_1 + v_2$$

(It is almost always simpler to use the differential form.)

#### 12.15. Find the electric power generated in the loop of Problem 12.11. Check the result by calculating the rate at which mechanical work is done on the loop.



The electric power is the power loss in the resistor:

$$P_e = i^2 R = (4.20)^2(0.20) = 3.53 \text{ W}$$

The forces exerted by the field on the two vertical conductors are

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = i(\mathbf{l}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_1) = (4.20)(0.50)(0.25)(\mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_r) = 0.525 \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = i(\mathbf{l}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_2) = (4.20)(0.50)(0.80)(-\mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_r) = -1.68 \mathbf{a}_\phi \text{ N}$$

To turn the loop, forces  $-\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $-\mathbf{F}_2$  must be applied; these do work at the rate

$$P = (-\mathbf{F}_1) \cdot \mathbf{U}_1 + (-\mathbf{F}_2) \cdot \mathbf{U}_2 = (-0.525)(0.50\pi) + (1.68)(0.83\pi) = 3.55 \text{ W}$$

To within rounding errors,  $P = P_e$ .

## Supplementary Problems

- 12.16.** Given the conduction current density in a lossy dielectric as  $J_c = 0.02 \sin 10^9 t$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>), find the displacement current density if  $\sigma = 10^3$  S/m and  $\epsilon_r = 6.5$ . *Ans.*  $1.15 \times 10^{-6} \cos 10^9 t$  (A/m<sup>2</sup>)
- 12.17.** A circular-cross-section conductor of radius 1.5 mm carries a current  $i_c = 5.5 \sin 4 \times 10^{10} t$  ( $\mu$ A). What is the amplitude of the displacement current density, if  $\sigma = 35$  MS/m and  $\epsilon_r = 1$ ?  
*Ans.*  $7.87 \times 10^{-3}$   $\mu$ A/m<sup>2</sup>
- 12.18.** Find the frequency at which conduction current density and displacement current density are equal in (a) distilled water, where  $\sigma = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  S/m and  $\epsilon_r = 81$ ; (b) seawater, where  $\sigma = 4.0$  S/m and  $\epsilon_r = 1$ . *Ans.* (a)  $4.44 \times 10^4$  Hz; (b)  $7.19 \times 10^{10}$  Hz
- 12.19.** Concentric spherical conducting shells at  $r_1 = 0.5$  mm and  $r_2 = 1$  mm are separated by a dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 8.5$ . Find the capacitance and calculate  $i_c$ , given an applied voltage  $v = 150 \sin 5000t$  (V). Obtain the displacement current  $i_D$  and compare it with  $i_c$ .  
*Ans.*  $i_c = i_D = 7.09 \times 10^{-7} \cos 5000t$  (A)
- 12.20.** Two parallel conducting plates of area  $0.05 \text{ m}^2$  are separated by 2 mm of a lossy dielectric for which  $\epsilon_r = 8.3$  and  $\sigma = 8.0 \times 10^{-4}$  S/m. Given an applied voltage  $v = 10 \sin 10^7 t$  (V), find the total rms current. *Ans.* 0.192 A
- 12.21.** A parallel-plate capacitor of separation 0.6 mm and with a dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 15.3$  has an applied rms voltage of 25 V at a frequency of 15 GHz. Find the rms displacement current density. Neglect fringing. *Ans.*  $5.32 \times 10^5$  A/m<sup>2</sup>
- 12.22.** A conductor on the  $x$  axis between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 0.2$  m has a velocity  $\mathbf{U} = 6.0\mathbf{a}_x$  m/s in a field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.04\mathbf{a}_z$  T. Find the induced voltage by using (a) the motional electric field intensity, (b)  $d\phi/dt$ , and (c)  $B\ell U$ . Determine the polarity and discuss Lenz's law if the conductor was connected to a closed loop. *Ans.* 0.048 V ( $x = 0$  end is positive)
- 12.23.** Repeat Problem 12.22 for  $\mathbf{B} = 0.04 \sin k z \mathbf{a}_z$  (T). Discuss Lenz's law as the conductor moves from flux in one direction to the reverse direction. *Ans.*  $0.048 \sin kz$  (V)
- 12.24.** The bar conductor parallel to the  $y$  axis shown in Fig. 12-17 completes a loop by sliding contact with the conductors at  $y = 0$  and  $y = 0.05$  m. (a) Find the induced voltage when the bar is stationary at  $x = 0.05$  m and  $\mathbf{B} = 0.30 \sin 10^4 t \mathbf{a}_z$  (T). (b) Repeat for a velocity of the bar  $\mathbf{U} = 150\mathbf{a}_x$  m/s. Discuss the polarity.  
*Ans.* (a)  $-7.5 \cos 10^4 t$  (V); (b)  $-7.5 \cos 10^4 t - 2.25 \sin 10^4 t$  (V)

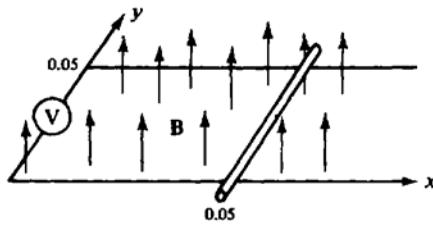


Fig. 12-17

- 12.25.** The rectangular coil in Fig. 12-18 moves to the right at speed  $U = 2.5 \text{ m/s}$ . The left side cuts flux at right angles, where  $B_1 = 0.30 \text{ T}$ , while the right side cuts equal flux in the opposite direction. Find the instantaneous current in the coil and discuss its direction by use of Lenz's law.

*Ans.* 15 mA (counterclockwise)

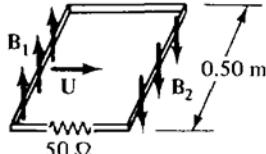


Fig. 12-18

- 12.26.** A rectangular conducting loop in the  $z = 0$  plane with sides parallel to the axes has  $y$  dimension 1 cm and  $x$  dimension 2 cm. Its resistance is  $5.0 \Omega$ . At a time when the coil sides are at  $x = 20 \text{ cm}$  and  $x = 22 \text{ cm}$  it is moving toward the origin at a velocity of  $2.5 \text{ m/s}$  along the  $x$  axis. Find the current if  $\mathbf{B} = 5.0e^{-10x}\mathbf{a}_z$  (T). Repeat for the coil sides at  $x = 5 \text{ cm}$  and  $x = 7 \text{ cm}$ . *Ans.* 0.613 mA, 2.75 mA

- 12.27.** The 2.0-m conductor shown in Fig. 12-19 rotates at 1200 rev/min in the radial field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.10 \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_r$  (T). Find the current in the closed loop with a resistance of  $100 \Omega$ . Discuss the polarity and the current direction. *Ans.*  $5.03 \times 10^{-2} \sin 40\pi t$  (A)

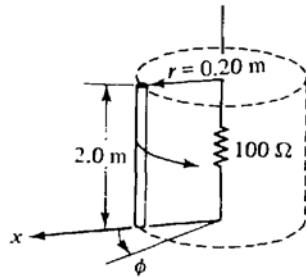


Fig. 12-19

- 12.28.** In a radial field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.50\mathbf{a}_r$  (T), two conductors at  $r = 0.23 \text{ m}$  and  $r = 0.25 \text{ m}$  are parallel to the  $z$  axis and are  $0.01 \text{ m}$  in length. If both conductors are in the plane  $\phi = 40\pi t$ , what voltage is available to circulate a current when the two conductors are connected by radial conductors? *Ans.* 12.6 mV

- 12.29.** In Fig. 12-20 a radial conductor,  $3 \leq r \leq 6 \text{ cm}$ , is shown embedded in a rotating glass disk. Two  $11.2 \text{ m}\Omega$  resistors complete two circuits. The disk turns at 12 rev/min. If the field at the disk is  $\mathbf{B} = 0.30\mathbf{a}_n$  (T), calculate the electric power generated. What is the effect of this on the rotation? Discuss Lenz's law as it applies to this problem. *Ans.*  $46.3 \mu\text{W}$

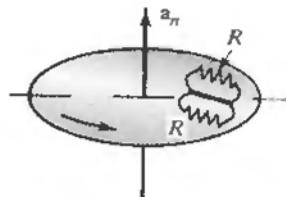


Fig. 12-20

- 12.30.** What voltage is developed by a Faraday disk generator (Problem 12.12) with the meter connections at  $r_1 = 1 \text{ mm}$  and  $r_2 = 100 \text{ mm}$  when the disk turns at 500 rev/min in a flux density of  $0.80 \text{ T}$ ? *Ans.* 0.209 V

- 12.31.** A coil such as that shown in Fig. 12-16(a) is 75 mm wide ( $y$  dimension) and 100 mm long ( $x$  dimension). What is the speed of rotation if an rms voltage of 0.25 V is developed in the uniform field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.45\mathbf{a}_y$  (T)? *Ans.* 1000 rev/min

# Chapter 13

## Maxwell's Equations and Boundary Conditions

### 13.1 INTRODUCTION

The behavior of the electric field intensity  $\mathbf{E}$  and the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$  across the interface of two different materials was examined in Chapter 7, where the fields were static. A similar treatment will now be given for the magnetic field strength  $\mathbf{H}$  and the magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$ , again with static fields. This will complete the study of the boundary conditions on the four principal vector fields.

In Chapter 12, where time-variable fields were treated, displacement current density  $\mathbf{J}_D$  was introduced and Faraday's law was examined. In this chapter these same equations and others developed earlier are grouped together to form the set known as *Maxwell's equations*. These equations underlie all of electromagnetic field theory; they should be memorized.

### 13.2 BOUNDARY RELATIONS FOR MAGNETIC FIELDS

When  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are examined at the interface between two different materials, abrupt changes can be expected, similar to those noted in  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  at the interface between two different dielectrics (see Section 7.7).

In Fig. 13-1 an interface is shown separating material 1, with properties  $\sigma_1$  and  $\mu_{r1}$ , from 2, with  $\sigma_2$  and  $\mu_{r2}$ . The behavior of  $\mathbf{B}$  can be determined by use of a small right circular cylinder positioned across the interface as shown. Since magnetic flux lines are continuous,

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\text{end } 1} \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{S}_1 + \int_{\text{cyl}} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \int_{\text{end } 2} \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{S}_2 = 0$$

Now if the two planes are allowed to approach one another, keeping the interface between them, the area of the curved surface will approach zero, giving

$$\int_{\text{end } 1} \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{S}_1 + \int_{\text{end } 2} \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot d\mathbf{S}_2 = 0$$

or

$$-B_{n1} \int_{\text{end } 1} dS_1 + B_{n2} \int_{\text{end } 2} dS_2 = 0$$

from which

$$B_{n1} = B_{n2}$$

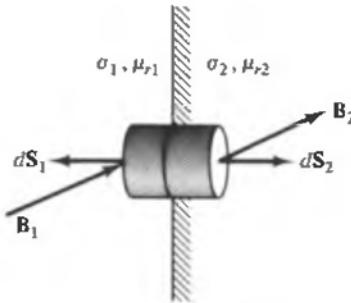


Fig. 13-1

In words, *the normal component of  $\mathbf{B}$  is continuous across an interface.* Note that either normal to the interface may be used in calculating  $B_{n1}$  and  $B_{n2}$ .

The variation in  $\mathbf{H}$  across an interface is obtained by the application of Ampère's law around a closed rectangular path, as shown in Fig. 13-2. Assuming no current at the interface, and letting the rectangle shrink to zero in the usual way,

$$0 = \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \rightarrow H_{c1}\Delta l_1 - H_{c2}\Delta l_2$$

whence

$$H_{c1} = H_{c2}$$

Thus tangential  $\mathbf{H}$  has the same projection along the two sides of the rectangle. Since the rectangle can be rotated 90° and the argument repeated, it follows that

$$H_{t1} = H_{t2}$$

In words, *the tangential component of  $\mathbf{H}$  is continuous across a current-free interface.*

The relation

$$\frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\mu_{r2}}{\mu_{r1}}$$

between the angles made by  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  with a current-free interface (see Fig. 13-2) is obtained by analogy with Example 6, Section 7.7.

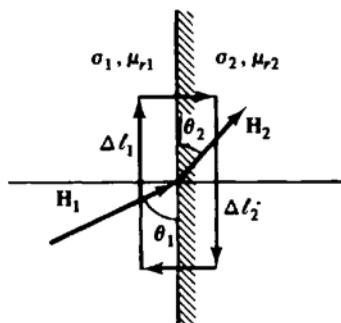


Fig. 13-2

### 13.3 CURRENT SHEET AT THE BOUNDARY

If one material at the interface has a nonzero conductivity, a current may be present. This could be a current throughout the material; however, of more interest is the case of a current sheet at the interface.

Figure 13-3 shows a uniform current sheet. In the indicated coordinate system the current sheet has density  $\mathbf{K} = K_0 \mathbf{a}_y$ , and it is located at the interface  $x = 0$  between regions 1 and 2. The magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}'$  produced by this current sheet is given by Example 2, Section 9.2,

$$\mathbf{H}'_1 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_{n1} = \frac{1}{2} K_0 \mathbf{a}_z \quad \mathbf{H}'_2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_{n2} = \frac{1}{2} K_0 (-\mathbf{a}_z)$$

Thus  $\mathbf{H}'$  has a tangential discontinuity of magnitude  $|K_0|$  at the interface. If a second magnetic field,  $\mathbf{H}''$ , arising from some other source, is present, its tangential component will be continuous at the interface. The resultant magnetic field,

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}' + \mathbf{H}''$$

will then have a discontinuity of magnitude  $|K_0|$  in its tangential component. This is expressed by the vector formula

$$(\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) \times \mathbf{a}_{n12} = \mathbf{K}$$

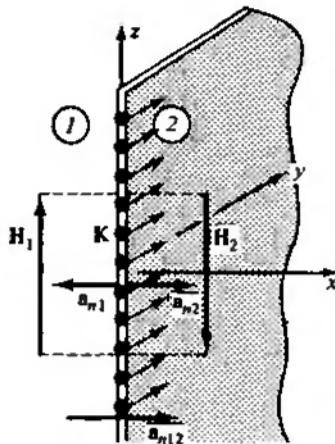


Fig. 13-3

where  $\mathbf{a}_{n12}$  is the unit normal from region 1 to region 2. The vector relation, which is independent of the choice of coordinate system, also holds for a nonuniform current sheet, where  $\mathbf{K}$  is the value of the current density at the considered point of the interface.

#### 13.4 SUMMARY OF BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

For reference purposes, the relationships for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  across the interface of two dielectrics are shown below along with the relationships for  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .

##### Magnetic Fields

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_{n1} = \mathbf{B}_{n2} & (\text{current-free}) \\ (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) \times \mathbf{a}_{n12} = \mathbf{K} & (\text{with current sheet}) \\ \frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\mu_{r2}}{\mu_{r1}} & (\text{current-free}) \end{cases}$$

##### Electric Fields

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{D}_{n1} = \mathbf{D}_{n2} & (\text{charge-free}) \\ (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) \cdot \mathbf{a}_{n12} = -\rho_s & (\text{with surface charge}) \\ \mathbf{E}_{t1} = \mathbf{E}_{t2} & \\ \frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{\epsilon_{r2}}{\epsilon_{r1}} & (\text{charge-free}) \end{cases}$$

These relationships were obtained assuming static conditions. However, in Chapter 14 they will be found to apply equally well to time-variable fields.

#### 13.5 MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

A static  $\mathbf{E}$  field can exist in the absence of a magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$ ; a capacitor with a static charge  $Q$  furnishes an example. Likewise, a conductor with a constant current  $I$  has a magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  without an  $\mathbf{E}$  field. When fields are time-variable, however,  $\mathbf{H}$  cannot exist without an  $\mathbf{E}$  field nor can  $\mathbf{E}$  exist without a corresponding  $\mathbf{H}$  field. While much valuable information can be derived from static field theory, only with time-variable fields can the full value of electromagnetic field theory be demonstrated. The experiments of Faraday and Hertz and the theoretical analyses of Maxwell all involved time-variable fields.

The equations grouped below, called *Maxwell's equations*, were separately developed and examined in earlier chapters. In Table 13-1, the most general form is presented, where charges and conduction current may be present in the region. Note that the point and integral forms of the first two equations are equivalent under Stokes' theorem, while the point and integral forms of the last two equations are equivalent under the divergence theorem.

**Table 13-1. Maxwell's Equations, General Set**

Point Form	Integral Form
$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_c + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$	$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \left( \mathbf{J}_c + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (\text{Ampère's law})$
$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$	$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \left( -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (\text{Faraday's law; } S \text{ fixed})$
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$	$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_v \rho \, dv \quad (\text{Gauss' law})$
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$	$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \quad (\text{nonexistence of monopole})$

For free space, where there are no charges ( $\rho = 0$ ) and no conduction currents ( $\mathbf{J}_c = 0$ ), Maxwell's equations take the form shown in Table 13-2.

**Table 13-2. Maxwell's Equations, Free-Space Set**

Point Form	Integral Form
$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$	$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$	$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \left( -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0$	$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$	$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$

The first and second point-form equations in the free-space set can be used to show that time-variable  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields cannot exist independently. For example, if  $\mathbf{E}$  is a function of time, then  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$  will also be a function of time, so that  $\partial \mathbf{D}/\partial t$  will be nonzero. Consequently,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}$  is nonzero, and so a nonzero  $\mathbf{H}$  must exist. In a similar way, the second equation can be used to show that if  $\mathbf{H}$  is a function of time, then there must be an  $\mathbf{E}$  field present.

The point form of Maxwell's equations is used most frequently in the problems. However, the integral form is important in that it better displays the underlying physical laws.

## Solved Problems

- 13.1.** In region 1 of Fig. 13-4,  $\mathbf{B}_1 = 1.2\mathbf{a}_x + 0.8\mathbf{a}_y + 0.4\mathbf{a}_z$  (T). Find  $\mathbf{H}_2$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{H}$  at  $z = +0$ ) and the angles between the field vectors and a tangent to the interface



Write  $\mathbf{H}_1$  directly below  $\mathbf{B}_1$ . Then write those components of  $\mathbf{H}_2$  and  $\mathbf{B}_2$  which follow directly from the two rules **B normal is continuous** and **H tangential is continuous** across a current-free interface.

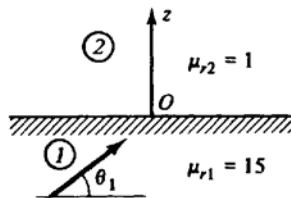


Fig. 13-4

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = 1.2\mathbf{a}_x + 0.8\mathbf{a}_y + 0.4\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (T)}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (8.0\mathbf{a}_x + 5.33\mathbf{a}_y + 2.67\mathbf{a}_z) 10^{-2} \text{ (A/m)}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (8.0\mathbf{a}_x + 5.33\mathbf{a}_y + 10^2 \mu_0 H_{x2}\mathbf{a}_z) 10^{-2} \text{ (A/m)}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = -B_{x2}\mathbf{a}_x + B_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y + 0.4\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (T)}$$

Now the remaining terms follow directly:

$$B_{x2} = \mu_0 \mu_2 H_{x2} = 8.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (T)} \quad B_{y2} = 5.33 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (T)} \quad H_{x2} = \frac{B_{x2}}{\mu_0 \mu_2} = \frac{0.4}{\mu_0} \text{ (A/m)}$$

Angle  $\theta_1$  is  $90^\circ - \alpha_1$ , where  $\alpha_1$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and the normal,  $\mathbf{a}_z$ .

$$\cos \alpha_1 = \frac{\mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_z}{|\mathbf{B}_1|} = 0.27$$

whence  $\alpha_1 = 74.5^\circ$  and  $\theta_1 = 15.5^\circ$ . Similarly,  $\theta_2 = 76.5^\circ$ .

Check:  $(\tan \theta_1)/(\tan \theta_2) = \mu_2/\mu_1$ .

- 13.2.** Region 1, for which  $\mu_{r1} = 3$ , is defined by  $x < 0$  and region 2,  $x > 0$ , has  $\mu_{r2} = 5$ . Given

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = 4.0\mathbf{a}_x + 3.0\mathbf{a}_y - 6.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (A/m)}$$

show that  $\theta_2 = 19.7^\circ$  and that  $H_2 = 7.12 \text{ A/m}$ .

Proceed as in Problem 13.1.

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = 4.0\mathbf{a}_x + 3.0\mathbf{a}_y - 6.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (A/m)}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \mu_0 (12.0\mathbf{a}_x + 9.0\mathbf{a}_y - 18.0\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (T)}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = \mu_0 (12.0\mathbf{a}_x + 15.0\mathbf{a}_y - 30.0\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (T)}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = 2.40\mathbf{a}_x + 3.0\mathbf{a}_y - 6.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (A/m)}$$

Now

$$H_2 = \sqrt{(2.40)^2 + (3.0)^2 + (-6.0)^2} = 7.12 \text{ A/m}$$

The angle  $\alpha_2$  between  $\mathbf{H}_2$  and the normal is given by

$$\cos \alpha_2 = \frac{H_{x2}}{H_2} = 0.34 \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_2 = 70.3^\circ$$

Then  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ - \alpha_2 = 19.7^\circ$ .

- 13.3.** Region 1, where  $\mu_{r1} = 4$ , is the side of the plane  $y + z = 1$  containing the origin (see Fig. 13-5). In region 2,  $\mu_{r2} = 6$ .  $\mathbf{B}_1 = 2.0\mathbf{a}_x + 1.0\mathbf{a}_y$  (T), find  $\mathbf{B}_2$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$ .

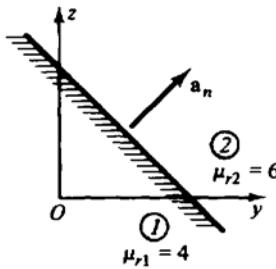


Fig. 13-5

Choosing the unit normal  $\mathbf{a}_n = (\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)/\sqrt{2}$ ,

$$\mathbf{B}_{n1} = \frac{(2.0\mathbf{a}_x + 1.0\mathbf{a}_y) \cdot (\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_z)}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{n1} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\mathbf{a}_n = 0.5\mathbf{a}_y + 0.5\mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{B}_{n2}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{n1} = \mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{B}_{n1} = 2.0\mathbf{a}_x + 0.5\mathbf{a}_y - 0.5\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{n1} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (0.5\mathbf{a}_x + 0.125\mathbf{a}_y - 0.125\mathbf{a}_z) = \mathbf{H}_{n2}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{n2} = \mu_0 \mu_{r2} \mathbf{H}_{n2} = 3.0\mathbf{a}_x + 0.75\mathbf{a}_y - 0.75\mathbf{a}_z$$

Now the normal and tangential parts of  $\mathbf{B}_2$  are combined.

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = 3.0\mathbf{a}_x + 1.25\mathbf{a}_y - 0.25\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{T})$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (0.50\mathbf{a}_x + 0.21\mathbf{a}_y - 0.04\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

**13.4.** In region 1, defined by  $z < 0$ ,  $\mu_{r1} = 3$  and

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (0.2\mathbf{a}_x + 0.5\mathbf{a}_y + 1.0\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

Find  $\mathbf{H}_2$  if it is known that  $\theta_2 = 45^\circ$ .

$$\cos \alpha_1 = \frac{\mathbf{H}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_z}{|\mathbf{H}_1|} = 0.88 \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_1 = 28.3^\circ$$

Then,  $\theta_1 = 61.7^\circ$  and

$$\frac{\tan 61.7^\circ}{\tan 45^\circ} = \frac{\mu_{r2}}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \mu_{r2} = 5.57$$

From the continuity of normal  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mu_{r1} H_{z1} = \mu_{r2} H_{z2}$ , and so

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( 0.2\mathbf{a}_x + 0.5\mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\mu_{r1}}{\mu_{r2}} 1.0\mathbf{a}_z \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (0.2\mathbf{a}_x + 0.5\mathbf{a}_y + 0.54\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

**13.5.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 6.5\mathbf{a}_z \text{ A/m}$ , at  $x = 0$  separates region 1,  $x < 0$ , where  $\mathbf{H}_1 = 10\mathbf{a}_y \text{ A/m}$  and region 2,  $x > 0$ . Find  $\mathbf{H}_2$  at  $x = +0$ .

Nothing is said about the permeabilities of the two regions; however, since  $\mathbf{H}_1$  is entirely tangential, a change in permeability would have no effect. Since  $B_{n1} = 0$ ,  $B_{n2} = 0$  and therefore  $H_{n2} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) \times \mathbf{a}_{n12} &= \mathbf{K} \\
 (10\mathbf{a}_y - H_{y2}\mathbf{a}_y) \times \mathbf{a}_x &= 6.5\mathbf{a}_z \\
 (10 - H_{y2})(-\mathbf{a}_z) &= 6.5\mathbf{a}_z \\
 H_{y2} &= 16.5 \text{ (A/m)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{H}_2 = 16.5\mathbf{a}_y$  (A/m).

- 13.6.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = 9.0\mathbf{a}_y$  A/m, is located at  $z = 0$ , the interface between region 1,  $z < 0$ , with  $\mu_{r1} = 4$ , and region 2,  $z > 0$ ,  $\mu_{r2} = 3$ . Given that  $\mathbf{H}_2 = 14.5\mathbf{a}_x + 8.0\mathbf{a}_z$  (A/m), find  $\mathbf{H}_1$ .



The current sheet shown in Fig. 13-6 is first examined alone.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}'_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(9.0)\mathbf{a}_y \times (-\mathbf{a}_z) = 4.5(-\mathbf{a}_x) \\
 \mathbf{H}'_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(9.0)\mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{a}_z = 4.5\mathbf{a}_x
 \end{aligned}$$

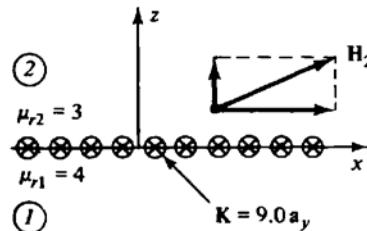


Fig. 13-6

From region 1 to region 2,  $H_x$  will increase by 9.0 A/m due to the current sheet.

Now the complete  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  fields are examined.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}_2 &= 14.5\mathbf{a}_x + 8.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (A/m)} \\
 \mathbf{B}_2 &= \mu_0(43.5\mathbf{a}_x + 24.0\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (T)} \\
 \mathbf{B}_1 &= \mu_0(22.0\mathbf{a}_x + 24.0\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (T)} \\
 \mathbf{H}_1 &= 5.5\mathbf{a}_x + 6.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (A/m)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $H_{x1}$  must be 9.0 A/m less than  $H_{x2}$  because of the current sheet.  $B_{x1}$  is obtained as  $\mu_0\mu_{r1}H_{x1}$ . An alternate method is to apply  $(\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) \times \mathbf{a}_{n12} = \mathbf{K}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (H_{x1}\mathbf{a}_x + H_{y1}\mathbf{a}_y + H_{z1}\mathbf{a}_z) \times \mathbf{a}_z &= \mathbf{K} + (14.5\mathbf{a}_x + 8.0\mathbf{a}_z) \times \mathbf{a}_z \\
 -H_{x1}\mathbf{a}_y + H_{y1}\mathbf{a}_x &= -5.5\mathbf{a}_y
 \end{aligned}$$

from which  $H_{x1} = 5.5$  A/m and  $H_{y1} = 0$ . This method deals exclusively with tangential  $\mathbf{H}$ ; any normal component must be determined by the previous methods.

- 13.7.** Region 1,  $z < 0$ , has  $\mu_{r1} = 1.5$ , while region 2,  $z > 0$ , has  $\mu_{r2} = 5$ . Near  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = 2.40\mathbf{a}_x + 10.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (T)} \quad \mathbf{B}_2 = 25.75\mathbf{a}_x - 17.7\mathbf{a}_y + 10.0\mathbf{a}_z \text{ (T)}$$

If the interface carries a sheet current, what is its density at the origin?

Near the origin,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}_1 &= \frac{1}{\mu_0\mu_{r1}} \mathbf{B}_1 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (1.60\mathbf{a}_x + 6.67\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (A/m)} \\
 \mathbf{H}_2 &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} (5.15\mathbf{a}_x - 3.54\mathbf{a}_y + 2.0\mathbf{a}_z) \text{ (A/m)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the local value of  $\mathbf{K}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) \times \mathbf{a}_{n12} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (-3.55\mathbf{a}_x + 3.54\mathbf{a}_y + 4.67\mathbf{a}_z) \times \mathbf{a}_x = \frac{5.0}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

- 13.8.** Given  $\mathbf{E} = E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_y$  in free space, find  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ . Sketch  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  at  $t = 0$ .



$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_y$$

The Maxwell equation  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t$  gives

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

or

$$-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \beta E_m \cos(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x$$

Integrating,

$$\mathbf{B} = -\frac{\beta E_m}{\omega} \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x$$

where the "constant" of integration, which is a static field, has been neglected. Then,

$$\mathbf{H} = -\frac{\beta E_m}{\omega \mu_0} \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x$$

Note that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are mutually perpendicular. At  $t = 0$ ,  $\sin(\omega t - \beta z) = -\sin \beta z$ . Figure 13-7 shows the two fields along the  $z$  axis, on the assumption that  $E_m$  and  $\beta$  are positive.

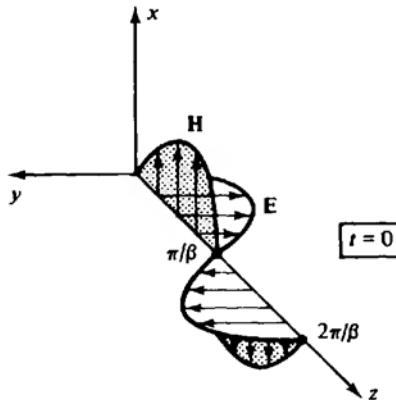


Fig. 13-7

- 13.9.** Show that the  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields of Problem 13.8 constitute a wave traveling in the  $z$  direction. Verify that the wave speed and  $E/H$  depend only on the properties of free space.



$\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  together vary as  $\sin(\omega t - \beta z)$ . A given state of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  is then characterized by

$$\omega t - \beta z = \text{const.} = \omega t_0 \quad \text{or} \quad z = \frac{\omega}{\beta} (t - t_0)$$

But this is the equation of a plane moving with speed

$$c = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

in the direction of its normal,  $\mathbf{a}_z$ . (It is assumed that  $\beta$ , as well as  $\omega$ , is positive; for  $\beta$  negative, the direction of motion would be  $-\mathbf{a}_z$ .) Thus, the entire pattern of Fig. 13-7 moves down the  $z$  axis with speed  $c$ .

The Maxwell equation  $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \partial \mathbf{D} / \partial t$  gives

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{-\beta E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z)}{\omega \mu_0} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \epsilon_0 E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\frac{\beta^2 E_m}{\omega \mu_0} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y = \epsilon_0 E_m \omega \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = \frac{\omega^2}{\beta^2}$$

Consequently,

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{(10^{-9}/36\pi)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ (m/s)}$$

Moreover,

$$\frac{E}{H} = \frac{\omega \mu_0}{\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 120\pi \text{ (V/A)} = 120\pi \Omega$$

**13.10.** Given  $\mathbf{H} = H_m e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x$  in free space, find  $\mathbf{E}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} H_m e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ j\beta H_m e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ \mathbf{D} &= \frac{\beta H_m}{\omega} e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D} / \epsilon_0$ .

**13.11.** Given

$$\mathbf{E} = 30\pi e^{j(10^8 t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m}) \quad \mathbf{H} = H_m e^{j(10^8 t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{A/m})$$

in free space, find  $H_m$  and  $B$  ( $\beta > 0$ ).

This is a plane wave, essentially the same as that in Problems 13.8 and 13.9 (except that, there,  $\mathbf{E}$  was in the  $y$  direction and  $\mathbf{H}$  in the  $x$  direction). The results of Problem 13.9 hold for any such wave in free space:

$$\frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ (m/s)} \quad \frac{E}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 120\pi \Omega$$

Thus, for the given wave,

$$\beta = \frac{10^8}{3 \times 10^8} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (rad/m)} \quad H_m = \pm \frac{30\pi}{120\pi} = \pm \frac{1}{4} \text{ (A/m)}$$

To fix the sign of  $H_m$ , apply  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t$ :

$$j\beta 30\pi e^{j(10^8 t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y = -j10^8 \mu_0 H_m e^{j(10^8 t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y$$

which shows that  $H_m$  must be negative.

- 13.12.** In a homogeneous nonconducting region where  $\mu_r = 1$ , find  $\epsilon_r$  and  $\omega$  if



$$\mathbf{E} = 30\pi e^{j(\omega t - (4/3)y)} \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{V/m}) \quad \mathbf{H} = 1.0e^{j(\omega t - (4/3)y)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m})$$

Here, by analogy to Problem 13.9,

$$\frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r\mu_r}} \quad (\text{m/s}) \quad \frac{E}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = 120\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} \quad (\Omega)$$

Thus, since  $\mu_r = 1$ ,

$$\frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \quad 30\pi = 120\pi \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

which yield  $\epsilon_r = 16$ ,  $\omega = 10^8 \text{ rad/s}$ . In this medium the speed of light is  $c/4$ .

## Supplementary Problems

- 13.13.** Region 1, where  $\mu_{r1} = 5$ , is on the side of the plane  $6x + 4y + 3z = 12$  that includes the origin. In region 2,  $\mu_{r2} = 3$ . Given

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (3.0\mathbf{a}_x - 0.5\mathbf{a}_y) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

find  $\mathbf{B}_2$  and  $\theta_2$ . *Ans.*  $12.15\mathbf{a}_x + 0.60\mathbf{a}_y + 1.58\mathbf{a}_z$  (T),  $56.6^\circ$

- 13.14.** The interface between two different regions is normal to one of the three cartesian axes. If

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \mu_0(43.5\mathbf{a}_x + 24.0\mathbf{a}_z) \quad \mathbf{B}_2 = \mu_0(22.0\mathbf{a}_x + 24.0\mathbf{a}_z)$$

what is the ratio  $(\tan \theta_1)/(\tan \theta_2)$ ? *Ans.* 0.506

- 13.15.** Inside a right circular cylinder,  $\mu_{r1} = 1000$ . The exterior is free space. If  $\mathbf{B}_1 = 2.5\mathbf{a}_\phi$  (T) inside the cylinder, determine  $\mathbf{B}_2$  just outside. *Ans.*  $2.5\mathbf{a}_\phi$  (mT)

- 13.16.** In spherical coordinates, region 1 is  $r < a$ , region 2 is  $a < r < b$  and region 3 is  $r > b$ . Regions 1 and 3 are free space, while  $\mu_{r2} = 500$ . Given  $\mathbf{B}_1 = 0.20\mathbf{a}_\theta$  (T), find  $\mathbf{H}$  in each region.

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{0.20}{\mu_0} \text{ (A/m)}, \quad \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{\mu_0} \text{ (A/m)}, \quad \frac{0.20}{\mu_0} \text{ (A/m)}$$

- 13.17.** A current sheet,  $\mathbf{K} = (8.0/\mu_0)\mathbf{a}_y$  (A/m), at  $x = 0$  separates region 1,  $x < 0$  and  $\mu_{r1} = 3$ , from region 2,  $x > 0$  and  $\mu_{r2} = 1$ . Given  $\mathbf{H}_1 = (10.0/\mu_0)(\mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z)$  (A/m), find  $\mathbf{H}_2$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{1}{\mu_0} (10.0\mathbf{a}_y + 2.0\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

- 13.18.** The  $x = 0$  plane contains a current sheet of density  $\mathbf{K}$  which separates region 1,  $x < 0$  and  $\mu_{r1} = 2$ , from region 2,  $x > 0$  and  $\mu_{r2} = 7$ . Given

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = 6.0\mathbf{a}_x + 4.0\mathbf{a}_y + 10.0\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{T}) \quad \mathbf{B}_2 = 6.0\mathbf{a}_x - 50.96\mathbf{a}_y + 8.96\mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{T})$$

$$\text{find } \mathbf{K}. \quad \text{Ans. } \frac{1}{\mu_0} (3.72\mathbf{a}_y - 9.28\mathbf{a}_z) \quad (\text{A/m})$$

- 13.19.** In free space,  $\mathbf{D} = D_m \sin(\omega t + \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x$ . Using Maxwell's equations, show that

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{-\omega\mu_0 D_m}{\beta} \sin(\omega t + \beta z)\mathbf{a}_y$$

Sketch the fields at  $t = 0$  along the  $z$  axis, assuming that  $D_m > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ . Ans. See Fig. 13-8

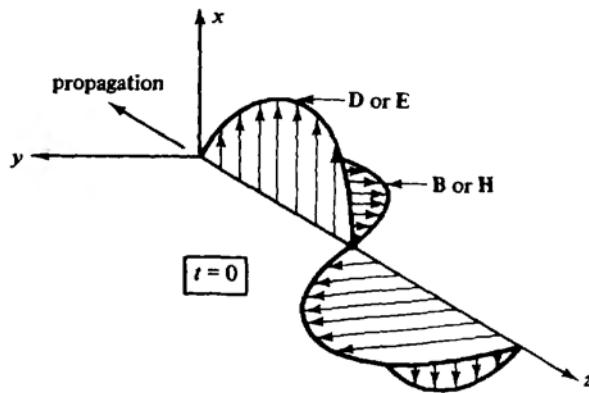


Fig. 13-8

**13.20.** In free space,

$$\mathbf{B} = B_m e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y$$

Show that

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\omega B_m}{\beta} e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x$$

**13.21.** In a homogeneous region where  $\mu_r = 1$  and  $\epsilon_r = 50$ ,

$$\mathbf{E} = 20\pi e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m}) \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 H_m e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{T})$$

Find  $\omega$  and  $H_m$  if the wavelength is 1.78 m. Ans.  $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ rad/s}$ ,  $1.18 \text{ A/m}$

# Chapter 14

## Electromagnetic Waves

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

Some wave solutions to Maxwell's equations have already been encountered in the Solved Problems of Chapter 13. The present chapter will extend the treatment of electromagnetic waves. Since most regions of interest are free of charge, it will be assumed that charge density  $\rho = 0$ . Moreover, linear isotropic materials will be assumed, with  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$ , and  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ .

### 14.2 WAVE EQUATIONS

With the above assumptions and with time dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$  for both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ , Maxwell's equations (Table 13-1) become

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = (\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Taking the curl of (1) and (2),

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) &= (\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)(\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \\ \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) &= -j\omega\mu(\nabla \times \mathbf{H})\end{aligned}$$

Now, *in cartesian coordinates only*, the Laplacian of a vector

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} \equiv (\nabla^2 A_x) \mathbf{a}_x + (\nabla^2 A_y) \mathbf{a}_y + (\nabla^2 A_z) \mathbf{a}_z$$

satisfies the identity

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

Substitution for the "curl curls" and use of (3) and (4) yields the *vector wave equations*

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} = j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\mathbf{H} \equiv \gamma^2 \mathbf{H}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)\mathbf{E} \equiv \gamma^2 \mathbf{E}$$

The *propagation constant*  $\gamma$  is that square root of  $\gamma^2$  whose real and imaginary parts are positive:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \alpha + j\beta \\ \text{with } \alpha &= \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2} - 1 \right)}\end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2} + 1 \right)} \quad (6)$$

### 14.3 SOLUTIONS IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES

The familiar scalar wave equation in one dimension,

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{u^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial t^2}$$

has solutions of the form  $F = f(z - ut)$  and  $F = g(z + ut)$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are arbitrary functions. These represent waves traveling with speed  $u$  in the  $+z$  and  $-z$  directions, respectively. In Fig. 14-1 the first solution is shown at  $t = 0$  and  $t = t_1$ ; the wave has advanced in the  $+z$  direction a distance of  $ut_1$  in the time interval  $t_1$ . For the particular choices

$$f(x) = Ce^{-j\omega x/u} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = De^{+j\omega x/u}$$

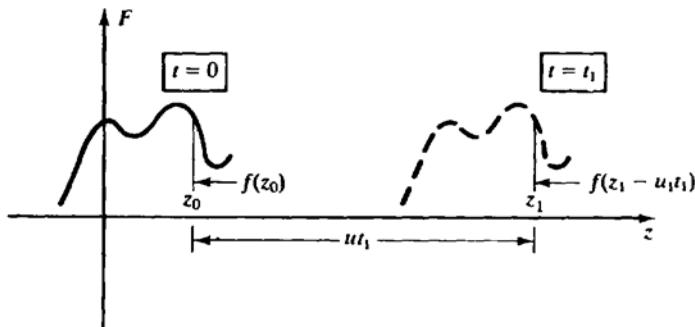


Fig. 14-1

harmonic waves of angular frequency  $\omega$  are obtained:

$$F = Ce^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \quad \text{and} \quad F = De^{j(\omega t + \beta z)}$$

in which  $\beta = \omega/u$ . Of course, the real and imaginary parts are also solutions to the wave equation. One of these solutions,  $F = C \sin(\omega t - \beta z)$ , is shown in Fig. 14-2 at  $t = 0$  and  $t = \pi/2\omega$ . In this interval the wave has advanced in the *positive*  $z$  direction a distance  $d = u(\pi/2\omega) = \pi/2\beta$ . At any fixed  $t$ , the waveform repeats itself when  $x$  changes by  $2\pi/\beta$ ; the distance

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$$

is called the *wavelength*. The wavelength and the *frequency*  $f \equiv \omega/2\pi$  enjoy the relation

$$\lambda f = u \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = Tu$$

where  $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$  is the *period* of the harmonic wave.

The vector wave equations of Section 14.2 have solutions similar to those just discussed. Because the unit vectors  $\mathbf{a}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_y$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_z$  in cartesian coordinates have fixed directions, the

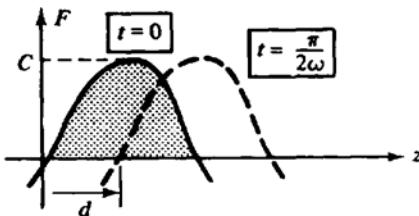


Fig. 14-2

wave equation for  $\mathbf{H}$  can be rewritten in the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{H}}{\partial z^2} = \gamma^2 \mathbf{H}$$

Of particular interest are solutions (*plane waves*) that depend on only one spatial coordinate, say  $z$ . Then the equation becomes

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{H}}{dz^2} = \gamma^2 \mathbf{H}$$

which, for an assumed time dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$ , is the vector analog of the one-dimensional scalar wave equation. Solutions are as above, in terms of the propagation constant  $\gamma$ .

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = H_0 e^{\pm j\gamma z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_H$$

The corresponding solutions for the electric field are

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{\pm j\gamma z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_E$$

The fixed unit vectors  $\mathbf{a}_H$  and  $\mathbf{a}_E$  are orthogonal and neither field has a component in the direction of propagation. This being the case, one can rotate the axes to put one of the fields, say  $\mathbf{E}$ , along the  $x$  axis. Then from Maxwell's equation (2) it follows that  $\mathbf{H}$  will lie along the  $\pm y$  axis for propagation in the  $\pm z$  direction.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Given the field  $\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{-\gamma z} \mathbf{a}_E$  (time dependence suppressed), show that  $\mathbf{E}$  can have no component in the propagation direction,  $+\mathbf{a}_z$ .

The cartesian components of  $\mathbf{a}_E$  are found by projection:

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{-\gamma z} [(\mathbf{a}_E \cdot \mathbf{a}_x) \mathbf{a}_x + (\mathbf{a}_E \cdot \mathbf{a}_y) \mathbf{a}_y + (\mathbf{a}_E \cdot \mathbf{a}_z) \mathbf{a}_z]$$

From  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_0 e^{-\gamma z} (\mathbf{a}_E \cdot \mathbf{a}_z) = 0$$

which can hold only if  $\mathbf{a}_E \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0$ . Consequently,  $\mathbf{E}$  has no component in  $\mathbf{a}_z$ .

The plane wave solutions obtained above depend on the properties  $\mu$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $\sigma$  of the medium, because these properties are involved in the propagation constant  $\gamma$ .

#### 14.4 SOLUTIONS FOR PARTIALLY CONDUCTING MEDIA

For a region in which there is some conductivity but not much (e.g., moist earth, seawater), the solution to the wave equation in  $\mathbf{E}$  is taken to be

$$\mathbf{E} = E_0 e^{-\gamma z} \mathbf{a}_x$$

Then, from (2) of Section 14.2,

$$\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}{j\omega\mu}} E_0 e^{-\gamma z} \mathbf{a}_y$$

The ratio  $E/H$  is characteristic of the medium (it is also frequency-dependent). More specifically for waves  $\mathbf{E} = E_x \mathbf{a}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{H} = H_y \mathbf{a}_y$  which propagate in the  $+z$  direction, the *intrinsic impedance*,  $\eta$ , of the medium is defined by

$$\eta = \frac{E_x}{H_y}$$

Thus

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}}$$

where the correct square root may be written in polar form,  $|\eta| \angle \theta$ , with

$$|\eta| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu/\epsilon}{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2}} \quad \tan 2\theta = \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad 0^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$$

(If the wave propagates in the  $-z$  direction,  $E_x/H_y = -\eta$ . In effect,  $\gamma$  is replaced by  $-\gamma$  and the other square root used.)

Inserting the time factor  $e^{j\omega t}$  and writing  $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$  results in the following equations for the fields in a partially conducting region:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(z, t) &= E_0 e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \\ \mathbf{H}(z, t) &= \frac{E_0}{|\eta|} e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z - \theta)} \mathbf{a}_y \end{aligned}$$

The factor  $e^{-\alpha z}$  attenuates the magnitudes of both  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  as they propagate in the  $+z$  direction. The expression for  $\alpha$ , (5) of Section 14.2, shows that there will be some attenuation unless the conductivity  $\sigma$  is zero, which would be the case only for perfect dielectrics or free space. Likewise, the phase difference  $\theta$  between  $\mathbf{E}(z, t)$  and  $\mathbf{H}(z, t)$  vanishes only when  $\sigma$  is zero.

The velocity of propagation and the wavelength are given by

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2} + 1 \right)}} \\ \lambda &= \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2} + 1 \right)}} \end{aligned}$$

If the propagation velocity is known,  $\lambda f = u$  may be used to determine the wavelength  $\lambda$ . The term  $(\sigma/\omega\epsilon)^2$  has the effect of reducing both the velocity and the wavelength from what they would be in either free space or perfect dielectrics, where  $\sigma = 0$ . Observe that the medium is *dispersive*: waves with different frequencies  $\omega$  have different velocities  $u$ .

#### 14.5 SOLUTIONS FOR PERFECT DIELECTRICS

For a perfect dielectric,  $\sigma = 0$ , and so

$$\alpha = 0 \quad \beta = \omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \quad \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} / 0^\circ$$

Since  $\alpha = 0$ , there is no attenuation of the  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  waves. The zero angle on  $\eta$  results in  $\mathbf{H}$  being in time phase with  $\mathbf{E}$  at each fixed location. Assuming  $\mathbf{E}$  in  $\mathbf{a}_x$  and propagation in  $\mathbf{a}_z$ , the field equations may be obtained as limits of those in Section 14.4:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(z, t) &= E_0 e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \\ \mathbf{H}(z, t) &= \frac{E_0}{\eta} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \end{aligned}$$

The velocity and the wavelength are

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \quad \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$

### Solutions in Free Space.

Free space is nothing more than the perfect dielectric for which

$$\mu = \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m} \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \approx \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} \text{ F/m}$$

For free space,  $\eta = \eta_0 \approx 120\pi\Omega$  and  $u = c \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

### 14.6 SOLUTIONS FOR GOOD CONDUCTORS; SKIN DEPTH

Materials are ordinarily classified as good conductors if  $\sigma \gg \omega\epsilon$  in the range of practical frequencies. Therefore, the propagation constant and the intrinsic impedance are

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad \alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu\sigma}{2}} = \sqrt{\pi f\mu\sigma} \quad \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{\sigma}} / 45^\circ$$

It is seen that for all conductors the **E** and **H** waves are attenuated. Numerical examples will show that this is a very rapid attenuation.  $\alpha$  will always be equal to  $\beta$ . At each fixed location **H** is out of time phase with **E** by  $45^\circ$  or  $\pi/4$  rad. Once again assuming **E** in  $\mathbf{a}_x$  and propagation in  $\mathbf{a}_z$ , the field equations are, from Section 14.4,

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = E_0 e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad \mathbf{H}(z, t) = \frac{E_0}{|\eta|} e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z - \pi/4)} \mathbf{a}_y$$

$$\text{Moreover, } u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\mu\sigma}} = \omega\delta \quad \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\pi f\mu\sigma}} = 2\pi\delta$$

The velocity and wavelength in a conducting medium are written here in terms of the *skin depth* or *depth of penetration*,

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f\mu\sigma}}$$

**EXAMPLE 2.** Assume a field  $\mathbf{E} = 1.0e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x$  (V/m), with  $f = \omega/2\pi = 100 \text{ MHz}$ , at the surface of a copper conductor,  $\sigma = 58 \text{ MS/m}$ , located at  $z > 0$ , as shown in Fig. 14-3. Examine the attenuation as the wave propagates into the conductor.

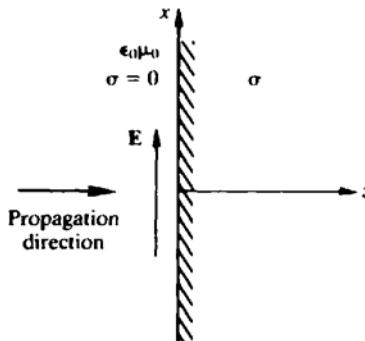


Fig. 14-3

At depth  $z$  the magnitude of the field is

$$|\mathbf{E}| = 1.0e^{-\alpha z} = 1.0e^{-z/\delta}$$

where

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f\mu\sigma}} = 6.61 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

Thus, after just 6.61 micrometers the field is attenuated to  $e^{-1} = 36.8\%$  of its initial value. At  $5\delta$  or 33 micrometers, the magnitude is 0.67% of its initial value—practically zero.

#### 14.7 INTERFACE CONDITIONS AT NORMAL INCIDENCE

When a traveling wave reaches an interface between two different regions, it is partly reflected and partly transmitted, with the magnitudes of the two parts determined by the constants of the two regions. In Fig. 14-4, a traveling  $\mathbf{E}$  wave approaches the interface  $z = 0$  from region 1,  $z < 0$ .  $\mathbf{E}^i$  and  $\mathbf{E}'$  are at  $z = -0$ , while  $\mathbf{E}'$  is at  $z = +0$  (in region 2). Here,  $i$  signifies “incident,”  $r$  “reflected” and  $t$  “transmitted.” Normal incidence is assumed. The equations for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  can be written

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}^i(z, t) &= E_0^i e^{-\gamma_1 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_x \\ \mathbf{E}'(z, t) &= E_0' e^{\gamma_1 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_x \\ \mathbf{E}^r(z, t) &= E_0^r e^{-\gamma_2 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_x \\ \mathbf{H}^i(z, t) &= H_0^i e^{-\gamma_1 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{H}'(z, t) &= H_0' e^{\gamma_1 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{H}^r(z, t) &= H_0^r e^{-\gamma_2 z} e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_y\end{aligned}$$

One of the six constants—it is almost always  $E_0^i$ —may be taken as real. Under the interface conditions about to be derived, one or more of the remaining five may turn out to be complex.

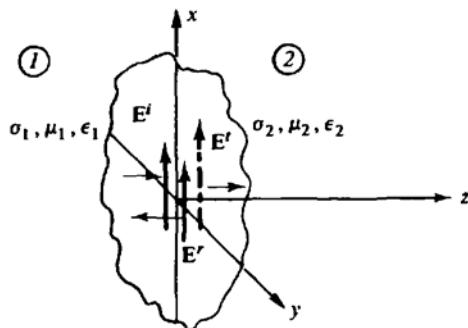


Fig. 14-4

With nominal incidence,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are entirely tangential to the interface, and thus are continuous across it. At  $z = 0$  this implies

$$E_0^i + E_0' = E_0' \quad H_0^i + H_0' = H_0'$$

Furthermore, the intrinsic impedance in either region is equal to  $\pm E_x / H_y$  (see Section 14.4).

$$\frac{E_0'}{H_0'} = \eta_1 \quad \frac{E_0'}{H_0'} = -\eta_1 \quad \frac{E_0'}{H_0'} = \eta_2$$

The five equations above can be combined to produce the following ratios in terms of the intrinsic impedances:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{E_0'}{E_0^i} &= \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} & \frac{H_0'}{H_0^i} &= \frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} \\ \frac{E_0'}{E_0^i} &= \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} & \frac{H_0'}{H_0^i} &= \frac{2\eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2}\end{aligned}$$

The intrinsic impedances for various materials have been examined earlier. They are repeated here for reference.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{partially conducting medium: } \eta &= \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}} \\ \text{conducting medium: } \eta &= \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{\sigma}} / 45^\circ \\ \text{perfect dielectric: } \eta &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \\ \text{free space: } \eta_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 120\pi\Omega \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 3.** Traveling **E** and **H** waves in free space (region 1) are normally incident on the interface with a perfect dielectric (region 2) for which  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$ . Compare the magnitudes of the incident, reflected, and transmitted **E** and **H** waves at the interface.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1 = \eta_0 &= 120\pi\Omega & \eta_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \frac{120\pi}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = 217.7\Omega \\ \frac{E'_0}{E'_0} &= \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} = -0.268 & \frac{H'_0}{H'_0} &= \frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} = 0.268 \\ \frac{E'_0}{E'_0} &= \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} = 0.732 & \frac{H'_0}{H'_0} &= \frac{2\eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} = 1.268 \end{aligned}$$

#### 14.8 OBLIQUE INCIDENCE AND SNELL'S LAWS

An incident wave that approaches a plane interface between two different media generally will result in a transmitted wave in the second medium and a reflected wave in the first. The *plane of incidence* is the plane containing the incident wave normal and the local normal to the interface; in Fig. 14-5 this is the *xz* plane. The normals to the reflected and transmitted waves also lie in the plane of incidence. The *angle of incidence*  $\theta_i$ , the *angle of reflection*  $\theta_r$ , and the *angle of transmission*  $\theta_t$ —all defined as in Fig. 14-5—obey *Snell's law of reflection*,

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$

and *Snell's law of refraction*,

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2 \epsilon_2}{\mu_1 \epsilon_1}}$$

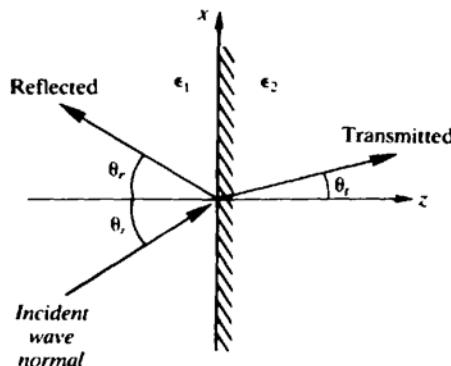


Fig. 14-5



**EXAMPLE 4.** A wave is incident at an angle of  $30^\circ$  from air to teflon,  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ . Calculate the angle of transmission, and repeat with an interchange of the regions.

Since  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ ,

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{\sin \theta_t} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{r2}}{\epsilon_{r1}}} = \sqrt{2.1} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_t = 20.18^\circ$$

From teflon to air,

$$\frac{\sin 30^\circ}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.1}} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_t = 46.43^\circ$$

Supposing both media of the same permeability, propagation from the optically denser medium ( $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_2$ ) results in  $\theta_t > \theta_i$ . As  $\theta_i$  increases, an angle of incidence will be reached that results in  $\theta_i = 90^\circ$ . At this *critical angle* of incidence, instead of a wave being transmitted into the second medium there will be a wave that propagates along the surface. The critical angle is given by

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{r2}}{\epsilon_{r1}}}$$



**EXAMPLE 5.** The critical angle for a wave propagating from teflon into free space is

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.1}} = 43.64^\circ$$

## 14.9 PERPENDICULAR POLARIZATION

The orientation of the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  with respect to the plane of incidence determines the *polarization* of a wave at the interface between two different regions. In *perpendicular polarization*  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular to the plane of incidence (the  $xz$  plane in Fig. 14-6) and is thus parallel to the (planar) interface. At the interface,

$$\frac{E'_0}{E^i_0} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_t}{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i + \eta_1 \cos \theta_t}$$

and

$$\frac{E^t_0}{E^i_0} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i + \eta_1 \cos \theta_t}$$

Note that for normal incidence  $\theta_i = \theta_t = 0^\circ$  and the expressions reduce to those found in Section 14.8.

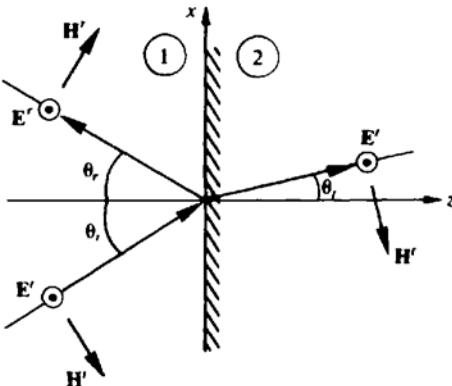


Fig. 14-6

It is not difficult to show that, if  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ ,

$$\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_r \neq 0 \quad \text{for any } \theta_i$$

Hence, a perpendicularly polarized incident wave suffers either partial or total reflection.

#### 14.10 PARALLEL POLARIZATION

For *parallel* polarization the electric field vector  $\mathbf{E}$  lies entirely within the plane of incidence, the  $xz$  plane as shown in Fig. 14-7. (Thus  $\mathbf{E}$  assumes the role played by  $\mathbf{H}$  in perpendicular polarization.) At the interface,

$$\frac{E'_0}{E^i_0} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_r}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i + \eta_2 \cos \theta_r}$$

and

$$\frac{E'_0}{E^i_0} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_1 \cos \theta_i - \eta_2 \cos \theta_r}$$

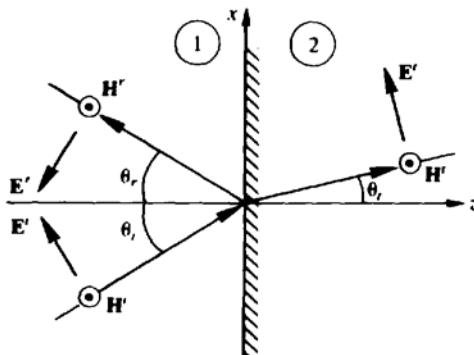


Fig. 14-7

In contrast to perpendicular polarizations, if  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  there will be a particular angle of incidence for which there is no reflected wave. This *Brewster angle* is given by

$$\theta_B = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}}$$



**EXAMPLE 6.** The Brewster angle for a parallel-polarized wave traveling from air into glass for which  $\epsilon = 5.0$  is

$$\theta_B = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{5.0} = 65.91^\circ$$



#### 14.11 STANDING WAVES

When waves traveling in a perfect dielectric ( $\sigma_1 = \alpha_1 = 0$ ) are normally incident on the interface with a perfect conductor ( $\sigma_2 = \infty$ ,  $\eta_2 = 0$ ), the reflected wave in combination with the incident wave produces a *standing wave*. In such a wave, which is readily demonstrated on a clamped taut string, the oscillations at all points of a half-wavelength interval are in time phase. The combination of incident and reflected waves may be written

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = [E^i_0 e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} + E'_0 e^{j(\omega t + \beta z)}] \mathbf{a}_x = e^{j\omega t} (E^i_0 e^{-j\beta z} + E'_0 e^{j\beta z}) \mathbf{a}_x$$

Since  $\eta_2 = 0$ ,  $E'_0/E^i_0 = -1$  and

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = e^{j\omega t} (E^i_0 e^{-j\beta z} - E^i_0 e^{j\beta z}) \mathbf{a}_x = -2jE^i_0 \sin \beta z e^{j\omega t} \mathbf{a}_x$$

or, taking the real part,

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 2E_0^i \sin \beta z \sin \omega t \mathbf{a}_x$$

The standing wave is shown in Fig. 14-8 at time intervals of  $T/8$ , where  $T = 2\pi/\omega$  is the period. At  $t=0$ ,  $\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{0}$  everywhere; at  $t=1(T/8)$ , the endpoints of the  $\mathbf{E}$  vectors lie on sine curve 1; at  $t=2(T/8)$ , they lie on sine curve 2; and so forth. Sine curves 2 and 6 form an envelope for the oscillations; the amplitude of this envelope is twice the amplitude of the incident wave. Note that adjacent half-wavelength segments are  $180^\circ$  out of phase with each other.

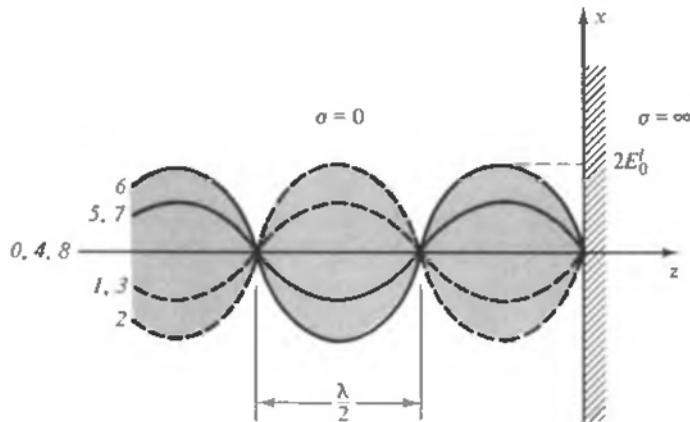


Fig. 14-8

#### 14.12 POWER AND THE POYNTING VECTOR

Maxwell's first equation for a region with conductivity  $\sigma$  is written and then  $\mathbf{E}$  is dotted with each term.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \sigma E^2 + \mathbf{E} \cdot \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

where, as usual,  $E^2 = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ . The vector identity  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$  is employed to change the left side of the equation.

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = \sigma E^2 + \mathbf{E} \cdot \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

By Maxwell's second equation,

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{H} \cdot \left( -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \mathbf{E} \cdot \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t}$$

Substituting, and rearranging terms,

$$\sigma E^2 = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} - \frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H})$$

Integration of this equation throughout an arbitrary volume  $v$  gives

$$\int_v \sigma E^2 dv = - \int_v \left( \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} + \frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t} \right) dv - \oint_s (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

where the last term has been converted to an integral over the surface of  $v$  by use of the divergence theorem.

The integral on the left has the units of watts and is the usual ohmic term representing energy dissipated per unit time in heat. This dissipated energy has its source in the integrals on the right. Because  $\epsilon E^2/2$  and  $\mu H^2/2$  are the densities of energy stored in the electric and magnetic fields, respectively, the volume integral (including the minus sign) gives the decrease in this stored energy. Consequently, the surface integral (including the minus sign) must be the rate of energy entering the volume from outside. A change of sign then produces the *instantaneous rate of energy leaving the volume*:

$$P(t) = \oint_s (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \oint_s \mathcal{P} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

where  $\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  is the *Poynting vector*, the instantaneous rate of energy flow per unit area at a point.

In the cross product that defines the Poynting vector, the fields are supposed to be in real form. If, instead,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are expressed in complex form and have the common time-dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$ , then the time-average of  $\mathcal{P}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*)$$

where  $\mathbf{H}^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $\mathbf{H}$ . This follows the *complex power* of circuit analysis,  $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{VI}^*$ , of which the power is the real part,  $P = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{VI}^*$ .

For plane waves, the direction of energy flow is the direction of propagation. Thus the Poynting vector offers a useful, coordinate-free way of specifying the direction of propagation, or of determining the directions of the fields if the direction of propagation is known. This can be particularly valuable where incident, transmitted, and reflected waves are being examined.

## Solved Problems

- 14.1.** A traveling wave is described by  $y = 10 \sin(\beta z - \omega t)$ . Sketch the wave at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = t_1$ , when it has advanced  $\lambda/8$ , if the velocity is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s and the angular frequency  $\omega = 10^6$  rad/s. Repeat for  $\omega = 2 \times 10^6$  rad/s and the same  $t_1$ .



The wave advances  $\lambda$  in one period,  $T = 2\pi/\omega$ . Hence

$$t_1 = \frac{T}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4\omega}$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{8} = ct_1 = (3 \times 10^8) \frac{\pi}{4(10^6)} = 236 \text{ m}$$

The wave is shown at  $t = 0$  and  $t = t_1$  in Fig. 14-9(a). At twice the frequency, the wavelength  $\lambda$  is one-half, and the phase shift constant  $\beta$  is twice, the former value. See Fig. 14-9(b). At  $t_1$  the wave has also advanced 236 m, but this distance is now  $\lambda/4$ .

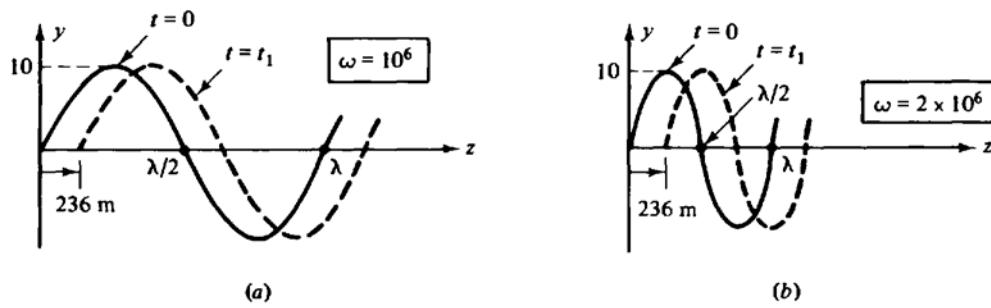


Fig. 14-9

**14.2.** In free space,  $\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 10^3 \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_y$  (V/m). Obtain  $\mathbf{H}(z, t)$ .

Examination of the phase,  $\omega t - \beta z$ , shows that the direction of propagation is +z. Since  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$  must also be in the +z direction,  $\mathbf{H}$  must have the direction  $-\mathbf{a}_x$ . Consequently,

$$\frac{E_y}{-H_x} = \eta_0 = 120\pi\Omega \quad \text{or} \quad H_x = -\frac{10^3}{120\pi} \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \text{ (A/m)}$$

and

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = -\frac{10^3}{120\pi} \sin(\omega t - \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x \text{ (A/m)}$$

**14.3.** For the wave of Problem 14.2 determine the propagation constant  $\gamma$ , given that the frequency is  $f = 95.5$  MHz.

In general,  $\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)}$ . In free space,  $\sigma = 0$ , so that

$$\gamma = j\omega\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0} = j\left(\frac{2\pi f}{c}\right) = j\frac{2\pi(95.5 \times 10^6)}{3 \times 10^8} = j(2.0) \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Note that this result shows that the attenuation factor is  $\alpha = 0$  and the phase-shift constant is  $\beta = 2.0 \text{ rad/m}$ .

#### 14.4. Examine the field



$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 10 \sin(\omega t + \beta z)\mathbf{a}_x + 10 \cos(\omega t + \beta z)\mathbf{a}_y$  in the  $z = 0$  plane, for  $\omega t = 0, \pi/4, \pi/2, 3\pi/4$  and  $\pi$ .

The computations are presented in Table 14-1.

Table 14-1

$\omega t$	$E_x = 10 \sin \omega t$	$E_y = \cos \omega t$	$\mathbf{E} = E_x \mathbf{a}_x + E_y \mathbf{a}_y$
0	0	10	$10\mathbf{a}_y$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$	$10\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	10	0	$10\mathbf{a}_x$
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{-10}{\sqrt{2}}$	$10\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
$\pi$	0	-10	$10(-\mathbf{a}_y)$

As shown in Fig. 14-10,  $\mathbf{E}(x, t)$  is circularly polarized. In addition, the wave travels in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction.

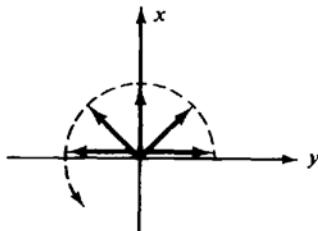


Fig. 14-10

- 14.5.** An  $\mathbf{H}$  field travels in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction in free space with a phaseshift constant of  $30.0 \text{ rad/m}$  and an amplitude of  $(1/3\pi) \text{ A/m}$ . If the field has the direction  $-\mathbf{a}_y$  when  $t=0$  and  $z=0$ , write suitable expressions for  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ . Determine the frequency and wavelength.

In a medium of conductivity  $\sigma$ , the intrinsic impedance  $\eta$ , which relates  $E$  and  $H$ , would be complex, and so the phase of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  would have to be written in complex form. In free space this restriction is unnecessary. Using cosines, then

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = -\frac{1}{3\pi} \cos(\omega t + \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y$$

For propagation in  $-z$ ,

$$\frac{E_x}{H_y} = -\eta_0 = -120\pi \Omega \quad \text{or} \quad E_x = +40 \cos(\omega t + \beta z) \text{ (V/m)}$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 40 \cos(\omega t + \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \text{ (V/m)}$$

Since  $\beta = 30 \text{ rad/m}$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{\pi}{15} \text{ m} \quad f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\pi/15} = \frac{45}{\pi} \times 10^8 \text{ Hz}$$

- 14.6.** Determine the propagation constant  $\gamma$  for a material having  $\mu_r = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 8$ , and  $\sigma = 0.25 \text{ pS/m}$ , if the wave frequency is 1.6 MHz.

In this case,

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{0.25 \times 10^{-12}}{2\pi(1.6 \times 10^6)(8)(10^{-9}/36\pi)} \approx 10^{-9} \approx 0$$

so that

$$\alpha \approx 0 \quad \beta \approx \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = 2\pi f \frac{\sqrt{\mu_r\epsilon_r}}{c} = 9.48 \times 10^{-2} \text{ rad/m}$$

and  $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \approx j9.48 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ . The material behaves like a perfect dielectric at the given frequency. Conductivity of the order of 1 pS/m indicates that the material is more like an insulator than a conductor.

- 14.7.** Determine the conversion factor between the neper and the decibel.

Consider a plane wave traveling in the  $+z$  direction whose amplitude decays according to

$$E = E_0 e^{-\alpha z}$$

From Section 14.12, the power carried by the wave is proportional to  $E^2$ , so that

$$P = P_0 e^{-2\alpha z}$$

Then, by definition of the decibel, the power drop over the distance  $z$  is  $10 \log_{10} (P_0/P) \text{ dB}$ . But

$$10 \log_{10} \frac{P_0}{P} = \frac{10}{2.3026} \ln \frac{P_0}{P} = \frac{20}{2.3026} (\alpha z) = 8.686(\alpha z)$$

Thus,  $\alpha z$  nepers is equivalent to 8.686( $\alpha z$ ) decibels; i.e.,

$$1 \text{ Np} = 8.686 \text{ dB}$$

- 14.8.** At what frequencies may earth be considered a perfect dielectric, if  $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S/m}$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ , and  $\epsilon_r = 8$ ? Can  $\alpha$  be assumed zero at these frequencies?



Assume arbitrarily that

$$\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \leq \frac{1}{100}$$

marks the cutoff. Then

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \geq \frac{100\sigma}{2\pi\epsilon} = 1.13 \text{ GHz}$$

For small  $\sigma/\omega\epsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2} - 1 \right)} \\ &\approx \omega \sqrt{\frac{\mu\epsilon}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon} \right)^2 \right]} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} (120\pi) = 0.333 \text{ Np/m} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, no matter how high the frequency,  $\alpha$  will be about 0.333 Np/m, or almost 3 db/m (see Problem 14.7);  $\alpha$  cannot be assumed zero.

- 14.9.** Find the skin depth  $\delta$  at a frequency of 1.6 MHz in aluminum, where  $\sigma = 38.2 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu_r = 1$ . Also find  $\gamma$  and the wave velocity  $u$ .



$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}} = 6.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} = 64.4 \mu\text{m}$$

Because  $\alpha = \beta = \delta^{-1}$ ,

$$\gamma = 1.55 \times 10^4 + j1.55 \times 10^4 = 2.20 \times 10^4 / 45^\circ (\text{m}^{-1})$$

and

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \omega\delta = 647 \text{ (m/s)}$$

- 14.10.** A perpendicularly polarized wave propagates from region 1 ( $\epsilon_{r1} = 8.5$ ,  $\mu_{r1} = 1$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0$ ) to region 2, free space, with an angle of incidence of  $15^\circ$ . Given  $E_0^i = 1.0 \mu\text{V/m}$ , find:  $E_0'$ ,  $H_0'$ ,  $H_0^i$ , and  $H_0^t$ .

The intrinsic impedances are

$$\eta_1 = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{r1}}} = \frac{120}{\sqrt{8.5}} = 129 \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_2 = \eta_0 = 120\pi \Omega$$

and the angle of transmission is given by

$$\frac{\sin 15^\circ}{\sin \theta_t} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{8.5\epsilon_0}} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_t = 48.99^\circ$$

Then

$$\frac{E'_0}{E_0} = \frac{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i - \eta_1 \cos \theta_r}{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i + \eta_1 \cos \theta_r} = 0.623 \quad \text{or} \quad E'_0 = 0.623 \mu\text{V/m}$$

$$\frac{E'_0}{E_0} = \frac{2\eta_2 \cos \theta_i}{\eta_2 \cos \theta_i + \eta_1 \cos \theta_r} = 1.623 \quad \text{or} \quad E'_0 = 1.623 \mu\text{V/m}$$

Finally,  $H'_0 = E'_0 / \eta_1 = 7.75 \text{ nA/m}$ ,  $H'_0 = 4.83 \text{ nA/m}$ , and  $H'_0 = 4.31 \text{ nA/m}$ .

- 14.11.** Calculate the intrinsic impedance  $\eta$ , the propagation constant  $\gamma$ , and the wave velocity  $u$  for a conducting medium in which  $\sigma = 58 \text{ MS/m}$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ , at a frequency  $f = 100 \text{ MHz}$ .

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\omega \mu \sigma / 45^\circ} = 2.14 \times 10^5 / 45^\circ \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{\sigma}} / 45^\circ = 3.69 \times 10^{-3} / 45^\circ \Omega$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 1.51 \times 10^5 \quad \delta = \frac{1}{\alpha} = 6.61 \mu\text{m} \quad u = \omega \delta = 4.15 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

- 14.12.** A plane wave traveling in the  $+z$  direction in free space ( $z < 0$ ) is normally incident at  $z = 0$  on a conductor ( $z > 0$ ) for which  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ . The free-space  $\mathbf{E}$  wave has a frequency  $f = 1.5 \text{ MHz}$  and an amplitude of  $1.0 \text{ V/m}$ ; at the interface it is given by

$$\mathbf{E}(0, t) = 1.0 \sin 2\pi f t \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

Find  $\mathbf{H}(z, t)$  for  $z > 0$ .

For  $z > 0$ , and in complex form,

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 1.0 e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(2\pi f t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

where the imaginary part will ultimately be taken. In the conductor,

$$\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} = \sqrt{\pi (1.5 \times 10^6) (4\pi \times 10^{-7}) (61.7 \times 10^6)} = 1.91 \times 10^4$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{\sigma}} / 45^\circ = 4.38 \times 10^{-4} e^{j\pi/4}$$

Then, since  $E_y / (-H_z) = \eta$ ,

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = -2.28 \times 10^3 e^{-\alpha z} e^{j(2\pi f t - \beta z - \pi/4)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m})$$

or, taking the imaginary part,

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = -2.28 \times 10^3 e^{-\alpha z} \sin(2\pi f t - \beta z - \pi/4) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m})$$

where  $f$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are as given above.

- 14.13.** In free space  $\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 50 \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$ . Find the average power crossing a circular area of radius  $2.5 \text{ m}$  in the plane  $z = \text{const}$ .

In complex form,

$$\mathbf{E} = 50 e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$$

and since  $\eta = 120\pi \Omega$  and propagation is in  $+z$ ,

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{5}{12\pi} e^{j(\omega t - \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{A/m})$$

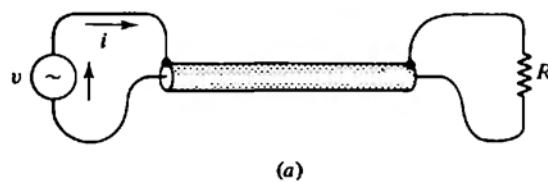
Then

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) = \frac{1}{2} (50) \left( \frac{5}{12\pi} \right) \mathbf{a}_z \text{ W/m}^2$$

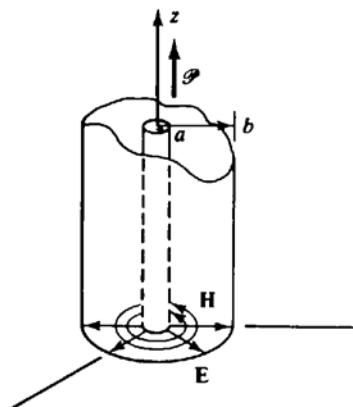
The flow is normal to the area, and so

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2}(50)\left(\frac{5}{12\pi}\right)(2.5)^2 = 65.1 \text{ W}$$

- 14.14** A voltage source,  $v$ , is connected to a pure resistor  $R$  by a length of coaxial cable, as shown in Fig. 14-11(a). Show that use of the Poynting vector  $\mathcal{P}$  in the dielectric leads to the same instantaneous power in the resistor as methods of circuit analysis.



(a)



(b)

**Fig. 14-11**

From Problem 7.9 and Ampère's law,

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{v}{r \ln(b/a)} \mathbf{a}_r \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{i}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the radii of the inner and outer conductors, as shown in Fig. 14-11(b). Then

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{vi}{2\pi r^2 \ln(b/a)} \mathbf{a}_z$$

This is the instantaneous power density. The total instantaneous power over the cross section of the dielectric is

$$P(t) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b \frac{vi}{2\pi r^2 \ln(b/a)} \mathbf{a}_z \cdot r dr d\phi \mathbf{a}_z = vi$$

which is also the circuit-theory result for the instantaneous power loss in the resistor.

- 14.15.** Determine the amplitudes of the reflected and transmitted  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  at the interface shown in

Fig. 14-12, if  $E_0^i = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  V/m in region 1, in which  $\epsilon_{r1} = 8.5$ ,  $\mu_{r1} = 1$ , and  $\sigma_1 = 0$ . Region 2 is free space. Assume normal incidence.

$$\eta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_{r1}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{r1}}} = 129 \Omega \quad \eta_2 = 120\pi \Omega = 377 \Omega$$

$$E'_0 = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} E_0^i = 7.35 \times 10^{-4}$$
 V/m

$$E'_0 = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} E_0^i = 2.24 \times 10^{-3}$$
 V/m

$$H'_0 = \frac{E'_0}{\eta_1} = 1.16 \times 10^{-5}$$
 A/m

$$H'_0 = \frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} H_0^i = -5.69 \times 10^{-6}$$
 A/m

$$H'_0 = \frac{2\eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} H_0^i = 5.91 \times 10^{-6}$$
 A/m

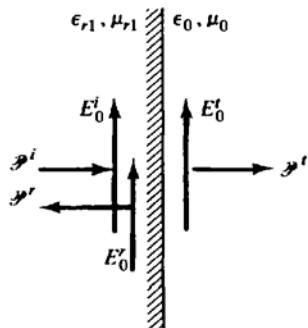


Fig. 14-12

- 14.16.** The amplitude of  $\mathbf{E}^i$  in free space (region 1) at the interface with region 2 is 1.0 V/m. If  $H'_0 = -1.41 \times 10^{-3}$  A/m,  $\epsilon_{r2} = 18.5$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ , find  $\mu_{r2}$ .

From

$$\frac{E'_0}{H'_0} = -120\pi \Omega = -377 \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{E'_0}{E_0^i} = \frac{\eta_2 - 377}{377 + \eta_2}$$

$$\frac{E'_0}{H'_0} = \frac{1.0}{-1.41 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{-377(377 + \eta_2)}{\eta_2 - 377} \quad \text{or} \quad \eta_2 = 1234 \Omega$$

Then

$$1234 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_{r2}}{\epsilon_0 (18.5)}} \quad \text{or} \quad \mu_{r2} = 198.4$$

- 14.17.** A normally incident  $\mathbf{E}$  field has amplitude  $E_0^i = 1.0$  V/m in free space just outside of seawater in which  $\epsilon_r = 80$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ , and  $\sigma = 2.5$  S/m. For a frequency of 30 MHz, at what depth will the amplitude of  $\mathbf{E}$  be 1.0 mV/m?



Let the free space be region 1 and the seawater be region 2.

$$\eta_1 = 377 \Omega \quad \eta_2 = 9.73 / 43.5^\circ \Omega$$

Then the amplitude of  $\mathbf{E}$  just inside the seawater is  $E'_0$ .

$$\frac{E'_0}{E_0^i} = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} \quad \text{or} \quad E'_0 = 5.07 \times 10^{-2}$$
 V/m

From  $\gamma = \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)} = 24.36 / 46.53^\circ \text{ m}^{-1}$ .

$$\alpha = 24.36 \cos 46.53^\circ = 16.76 \text{ Np/m}$$

Then, from

$$1.0 = 10^{-3} = (5.07 \times 10^{-2})e^{-16.76z}$$

$$z = 0.234 \text{ m.}$$

- 14.18.** A traveling **E** field in free space, of amplitude 100 V/m, strikes a sheet of silver of thickness 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , as shown in Fig. 14-13. Assuming  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$  and a frequency  $f = 200 \text{ MHz}$ , find the amplitudes  $|E_2|$ ,  $|E_3|$ , and  $|E_4|$ .

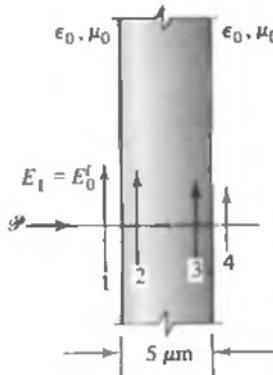


Fig. 14-13

For the silver at 200 MHz,  $\eta = 5.06 \times 10^{-3} / 45^\circ \Omega$ .

$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = \frac{2(5.06 \times 10^{-3} / 45^\circ)}{377 + 5.06 \times 10^{-3} / 45^\circ} \quad \text{whence} \quad |E_2| \approx 2.68 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V/m}$$

Within the conductor,

$$\alpha = \beta = \sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma} = 2.21 \times 10^5$$

Thus, in addition to attenuation there is phase shift as the wave travels through the conductor. Since  $|E_3|$  and  $|E_4|$  represent maximum values of the sinusoidally varying wave, this phase shift is not involved.

$$|E_3| = |E_2| e^{-\alpha z} = (2.68 \times 10^{-3}) e^{-(2.21 \times 10^5)(5 \times 10^{-6})} = 8.88 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V/m}$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{E_4}{E_3} = \frac{2(377)}{377 + 5.06 \times 10^{-3} / 45^\circ} \quad \text{whence} \quad |E_4| \approx 1.78 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V/m}$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 14.19.** Given

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 10^3 \sin(6 \times 10^8 t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$$

in free space, sketch the wave at  $t = 0$  and at time  $t_1$  when it has traveled  $\lambda/4$  along the  $z$  axis. Find  $t_1$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\lambda$ . Ans.  $t_1 = 2.62 \text{ ns}$ ,  $\beta = 2 \text{ rad/m}$ ,  $\lambda = \pi \text{ m}$ . See Fig. 14-14.

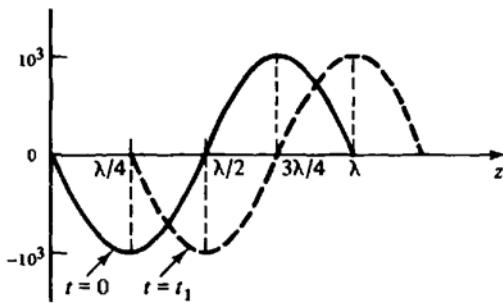


Fig. 14-14

**14.20.** In free space,

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = 1.0e^{j(1.5 \times 10^8 t + \beta z)} \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m})$$

Obtain an expression for  $\mathbf{E}(z, t)$  and determine the propagation direction.

*Ans.*  $E_0 = 377 \text{ V/m}$ ,  $-\mathbf{a}_z$

**14.21.** In free space,

$$\mathbf{H}(z, t) = 1.33 \times 10^{-1} \cos(4 \times 10^7 t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{A/m})$$

Obtain an expression for  $\mathbf{E}(z, t)$ . Find  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$ . *Ans.*  $E_0 = 50 \text{ V/m}$ ,  $(\frac{4}{30}) \text{ rad/m}$ ,  $15\pi \text{ m}$

**14.22.** A traveling wave has a velocity of  $10^6 \text{ m/s}$  and is described by

$$y = 10 \cos(2.5z + \omega t)$$

Sketch the wave as a function of  $z$  at  $t = 0$  and  $t = t_1 = 0.838 \mu\text{s}$ . What fraction of a wavelength is traveled between these two times? *Ans.*  $\frac{1}{3}$ . See Fig. 14.15.

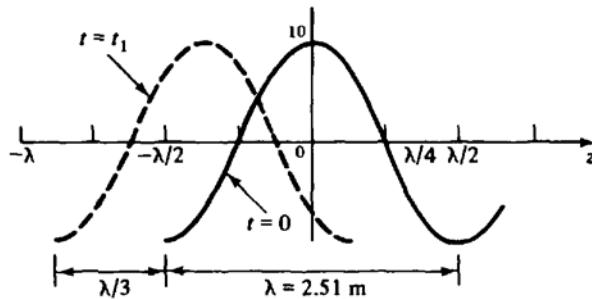


Fig. 14-15

**14.23.** Find the magnitude and direction of

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 10 \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x - 15 \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

at  $t = 0$ ,  $z = 3\lambda/4$ . *Ans.*  $18.03 \text{ V/m}$ ,  $0.555\mathbf{a}_x - 0.832\mathbf{a}_y$

**14.24.** Determine  $\gamma$  at 500 kHz for a medium in which  $\mu_r = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 15$ ,  $\sigma = 0$ . At what velocity will an electromagnetic wave travel in this medium? *Ans.*  $j4.06 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,  $7.74 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$

**14.25.** An electromagnetic wave in free space has a wavelength of 0.20 m. When this same wave enters a perfect dielectric, the wavelength changes to 0.09 m. Assuming that  $\mu_r = 1$ , determine  $\epsilon_r$  and the wave velocity in the dielectric. *Ans.*  $4.94$ ,  $1.35 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

**14.26.** An electromagnetic wave in free space has a phase shift constant of  $0.524 \text{ rad/m}$ . The same wave has a

phase shift constant of  $1.81 \text{ rad/m}$  upon entering a perfect dielectric. Assuming that  $\mu_r = 1$ , find  $\epsilon_r$  and the velocity of propagation. *Ans.*  $11.9, 8.69 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$

- 14.27.** Find the propagation constant at  $400 \text{ MHz}$  for a medium in which  $\epsilon_r = 16$ ,  $\mu_r = 4.5$ , and  $\sigma = 0.6 \text{ S/m}$ . Find the ratio of the velocity  $v$  to the free-space velocity  $c$ .

*Ans.*  $99.58 / 60.34 \text{ m}^{-1}, 0.097$

- 14.28.** In a partially conducting medium,  $\epsilon_r = 18.5$ ,  $\mu_r = 800$ , and  $\sigma = 1 \text{ S/m}$ . Find  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\eta$ , and the velocity  $v$ , for a frequency of  $10^9 \text{ Hz}$ . Determine  $\mathbf{H}(z, t)$ , given

$$\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 50.0 e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_y \quad (\text{V/m})$$

*Ans.*  $1130 \text{ Np/m}, 2790 \text{ rad/m}, 2100 / 22.1^\circ \Omega, 2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}, 2.38 \times 10^{-2} e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - 0.386 - \beta z) (-\mathbf{a}_x) \quad (\text{A/m})$

- 14.29.** For silver,  $\sigma = 3.0 \text{ MS/m}$ . At what frequency will the depth of penetration  $\delta$  be  $1 \text{ mm}$ ?

*Ans.*  $84.4 \text{ kHz}$

- 14.30.** At a certain frequency in copper ( $\sigma = 58.0 \text{ MS/m}$ ) the phase shift constant is  $3.71 \times 10^5 \text{ rad/m}$ . Determine the frequency. *Ans.*  $601 \text{ MHz}$

- 14.31.** The amplitude of  $\mathbf{E}$  just inside a liquid is  $10.0 \text{ V/m}$  and the constants are  $\mu_r = 1$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 20$ , and  $\sigma = 0.50 \text{ S/m}$ . Determine the amplitude of  $\mathbf{E}$  at a distance of  $10 \text{ cm}$  inside the medium for frequencies of (a)  $5 \text{ MHz}$ , (b)  $50 \text{ MHz}$ , and (c)  $500 \text{ MHz}$ . *Ans.* (a)  $7.32 \text{ V/m}$ ; (b)  $3.91 \text{ V/m}$ ; (c)  $1.42 \text{ V/m}$

- 14.32.** In free space,  $\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 1.0 \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$ . Show that the average power crossing a circular disk of radius  $15.5 \text{ m}$  in a  $z = \text{const.}$  plane is  $1 \text{ W}$ .

- 14.33.** In spherical coordinates, the *spherical wave*

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{100}{r} \sin \theta \cos(\omega t - \beta r) \mathbf{a}_\theta \quad (\text{V/m}) \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{0.265}{r} \sin \theta \cos(\omega t - \beta r) \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (\text{A/m})$$

represents the electromagnetic field at large distances  $r$  from a certain dipole antenna in free space. Find the average power crossing the hemispherical shell  $r = 1 \text{ km}$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ . *Ans.*  $55.5 \text{ W}$

- 14.34.** In free space,  $\mathbf{E}(z, t) = 150 \sin(\omega t - \beta z) \mathbf{a}_x \quad (\text{V/m})$ . Find the total power passing through a rectangular area, of sides  $30 \text{ mm}$  and  $15 \text{ mm}$ , in the  $z = 0$  plane. *Ans.*  $13.4 \text{ mW}$

- 14.35.** A free space–silver interface has  $E'_0 = 100 \text{ V/m}$  on the free-space side. The frequency is  $15 \text{ MHz}$  and the silver constants are  $\epsilon_r = \mu_r = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$ . Determine  $E'_0$  and  $H'_0$  at the interface. *Ans.*  $-100 \text{ V/m}, 7.35 \times 10^{-4} / 45^\circ \text{ V/m}$

- 14.36.** A free space–conductor interface has  $H'_0 = 1.0 \text{ A/m}$  on the free-space side. The frequency is  $31.8 \text{ MHz}$  and the conductor constants are  $\epsilon_r = \mu_r = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 1.26 \text{ MS/m}$ . Determine  $H'_0$  and  $H'_0$  and the depth of penetration of  $\mathbf{H}'$ . *Ans.*  $1.0 \text{ A/m}, 2.0 \text{ A/m}, 80 \mu\text{m}$

- 14.37.** A traveling  $\mathbf{H}$  field in free space, of amplitude  $1.0 \text{ A/m}$  and frequency  $200 \text{ MHz}$ , strikes a sheet of silver of thickness  $5 \mu\text{m}$  with  $\sigma = 61.7 \text{ MS/m}$ , as shown in Fig. 14-16. Find  $H'_0$  just beyond the sheet. *Ans.*  $1.78 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A/m}$

- 14.38.** A traveling  $\mathbf{E}$  field in free space, of amplitude  $100 \text{ V/m}$ , strikes a perfect dielectric, as shown in Fig. 14-17. Determine  $E'_0$ . *Ans.*  $59.7 \text{ V/m}$

- 14.39.** A traveling  $\mathbf{E}$  field in free space strikes a partially conducting medium, as shown in Fig. 14-18. Given a frequency of  $500 \text{ MHz}$  and  $E'_0 = 100 \text{ V/m}$ , determine  $E'_0$  and  $H'_0$ . *Ans.*  $19.0 \text{ V/m}, 0.0504 \text{ A/m}$

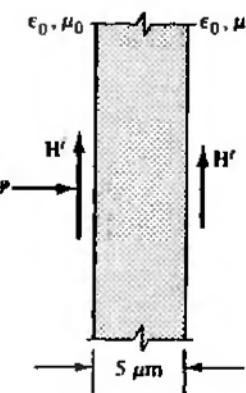


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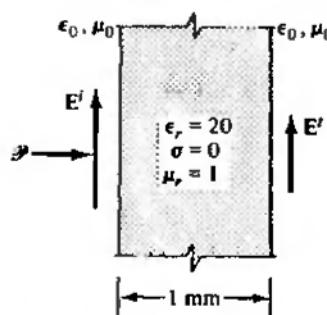


Fig. 14-17

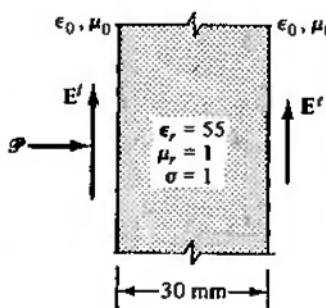


Fig. 14-18

- 14.40. A wave propagates from a dielectric medium to the interface with free space. If the angle of incidence is the critical angle of  $20^\circ$ , find the relative permittivity. *Ans.* 8.55

- 14.41. Compute the ratios  $E'_0/E_0^i$  and  $E'_0/E_0^t$  for normal incidence and for oblique incidence at  $\theta_i = 10^\circ$ . For region 1,  $\epsilon_{r1} = 8.5$ ,  $\mu_{r1} = 1$ , and  $\sigma_1 = 0$ , region 2 is free space.

*Ans.* For normal incidence,  $E'_0/E_0^i = 0.490$  and  $E'_0/E_0^t = 1.490$ . At  $10^\circ$ ,  $E'_0/E_0^i = 0.539$  and  $E'_0/E_0^t = 1.539$ .

- 14.42. A parallel-polarized wave propagates from air into a dielectric at Brewster angle of  $75^\circ$ . Find  $\epsilon_r$ . *Ans.* 13.93

# Chapter 15

## Transmission Lines

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### 15.1 INTRODUCTION

Unguided propagation of electromagnetic energy was investigated in Chapter 14. In this chapter the transmission of energy will be studied when the waves are guided by two conductors in a dielectric medium. Exact analysis of this two-conductor *transmission line* requires field theory. However, the performance of the system can be predicted by modeling the transmission line with distributed parameters and using voltages and currents associated with the electric and magnetic fields.

Only *uniform* transmission lines will be considered; that is, the incremental distributed parameters shall be assumed constant along the line.

### 15.2 DISTRIBUTED PARAMETERS

The incremental distributed parameters per unit length of line are inductance and capacitance as determined in Chapters 7 and 11, the resistance of the conductors, and the conductance of the dielectric medium. It was seen that the parameters depend on the geometry of the configuration, the characteristics of the materials, and in some cases the frequency. In the following summary list the dependence on geometry is represented by a *geometrical factor* GF.

#### Capacitance.

$$C = \pi \epsilon_d (GFC) \quad (\text{F/m}) \quad [\epsilon_d = \text{permittivity of dielectric}]$$

#### Conductance.

$$G = \frac{C}{\epsilon_d} \sigma_d \quad (\text{S/m}) \quad [\sigma_d = \text{conductivity of dielectric}]$$

#### Inductance (external).

$$L_e = \frac{\mu_d}{\pi} (GFL) \quad (\text{H/m}) \quad [\mu_d = \text{permeability of dielectric} \approx \mu_0]$$

#### DC Resistance (useful for operation up to 10 kHz).

$$R_d = \frac{1}{\sigma_c \pi} (GFR_d) \quad (\Omega/m) \quad [\sigma_c = \text{conductivity of conductors}]$$

#### Ac Resistance (for frequencies above 10 kHz).

$$R_a = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_c\delta} (GFR_a) \quad (\Omega/m) \quad \left[ \delta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_c \sigma_c}} = \text{skin depth} \right]$$

#### Inductance (internal).

$$L_i = \begin{cases} R_a/2\pi f & (\text{H/m}) \quad \text{for } f > 10 \text{ kHz} \\ \mu_0/4\pi & (\text{H/m}) \quad \text{for } f < 10 \text{ kHz} \end{cases}$$

**Inductance (total).**

$$L_t = L_e + L_i \approx L_e$$

For three common line configurations the geometrical factors are as follows:

**Coaxial Line (inner radius  $a$ , outer radius  $b$ , outer thickness  $t$ ).**

$$GFC = \frac{2}{\ln(b/a)}$$

$$GFL = \frac{1}{GFC}$$

$$GFR_d = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{t(b+t)}$$

$$GFR_a = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{for } t \gg \delta$$

**Parallel Wires (radius  $a$ , separation  $d$ ).**

$$GFC = \frac{1}{GFL}$$

$$GFL = \cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a} \approx \ln \frac{d}{a} \quad \text{for } d \gg a$$

$$GFR_d = \frac{2}{a^2}$$

$$GFR_a = \frac{2}{a}$$

**Parallel Plates (width  $w$ , thickness  $t$ , separation  $d$ ).**

$$GFC = \frac{w}{\pi d}$$

$$GFL = \frac{1}{GFC}$$

$$GFR_d = \frac{2\pi}{wt}$$

$$GFR_a = \frac{4\pi}{w} \quad \text{for } t \gg \delta$$

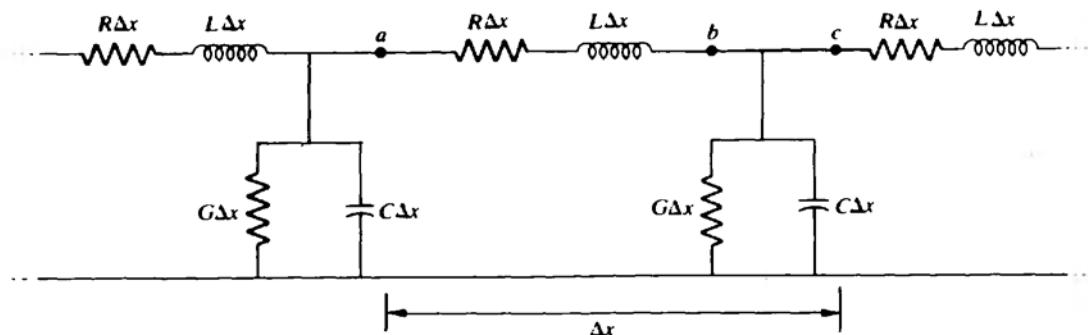
**15.3 INCREMENTAL MODEL; VOLTAGES AND CURRENTS**

The model in Fig. 15-1, where  $R$ ,  $L$ ,  $G$ , and  $C$  are as given in Section 15.2, permits analysis of the line using voltages and currents. For within a cell of length  $\Delta x$  the voltages across the line at points  $a$  and  $b$  differ by

$$\Delta v(x, t) = (R \Delta x)i(x, t) + (L \Delta x) \frac{\partial i(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

In the limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , this becomes

$$\frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial x} = Ri(x, t) + L \frac{\partial i(x, t)}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$



**Fig. 15-1**

Likewise, the current at point  $c$  differs from that at  $b$  by

$$\Delta i(x, t) = (G \Delta x)v(x, t) + (C \Delta x) \frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

from which

$$\frac{di(x, t)}{dx} = Gv(x, t) + C \frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

The first-order PDEs (1) and (2) imply a single second-order PDE,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = RGf(x, t) + (RC + LG) \frac{\partial f(x, t)}{\partial t} + LC \frac{\partial^2 f(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \quad (3)$$

for either  $v(x, t)$  or  $i(x, t)$ . Now, (3) is an equation of hyperbolic type, very similar to the wave equation. Indeed, for a lossless line ( $R = G = 0$ ), (3) is precisely the one-dimensional scalar wave equation studied in Chapter 14. Thus it is known in advance that transmission lines support voltage- and current-waves which can be reflected and/or transmitted at discontinuities (sites of abrupt parameter changes) in the line.

#### 15.4 SINUSOIDAL STEADY-STATE EXCITATION

When the transmission line of Fig. 15-1 is driven for a long time by a sinusoidal source (angular frequency  $\omega$ ), the voltage and current also become sinusoidal, with the same frequency:

$$v(x, t) = \text{Re} [\hat{V}(x)e^{j\omega t}] \quad i(x, t) = \text{Re} [\hat{I}(x)e^{j\omega t}]$$

Here, the *phasors*  $\hat{V}(x)$  and  $\hat{I}(x)$  are generally complex-valued; often they are indicated in *polar form* (with the  $x$ -dependence suppressed) as

$$\hat{V} = |\hat{V}| / \phi_V \quad \hat{I} = |\hat{I}| / \phi_I$$

where  $\phi$  denotes the angle between the complex vector and the real axis. Steady-state analysis of the transmission line is much simplified when all voltages and currents are replaced by their phasor representations.

Figure 15-2 models in the phasor domain a uniform line of length  $\ell$  that is terminated in a (complex) load  $Z_R$  at the receiving end and is driven at the sending end by a generator with internal impedance  $Z_g$  and voltage  $\hat{V}_g = V_{gm}/\theta$ . The per-unit-length series impedance and shunt admittance of the line are given by

$$Z = R + j\omega L \quad Y = G + j\omega C$$

Distance from the receiving end is measured by the variable  $x$ ; from the sending end, by  $d$ .

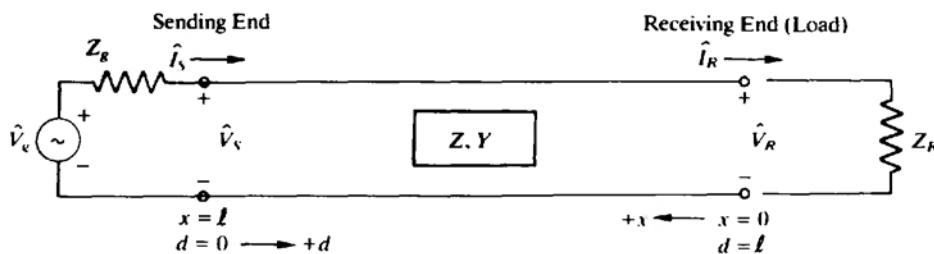


Fig. 15-2

Equations (1), (2), and (3) of Section 15.3 become ODEs for the phasors  $\hat{V}(x)$  and  $\hat{I}(x)$ .

$$\frac{d\hat{V}(x)}{dx} = Z\hat{I}(x) \quad (1 \text{ bis})$$

$$\frac{d\hat{I}(x)}{dx} = Y\hat{V}(x) \quad (2 \text{ bis})$$

$$\frac{d^2\hat{F}(x)}{dx^2} = \gamma^2\hat{F}(x) \quad (3 \text{ bis})$$

with  $\gamma = \sqrt{ZY} = \alpha + j\beta$ , the square root being chosen to make  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  nonnegative. Equation (3 bis) is identical in form to the equation of plane waves (Section 14.3); it has the traveling-wave solutions

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= V^+e^{\gamma x} + \hat{V}^-e^{-\gamma x} \equiv \hat{V}_{\text{inc}}(x) + \hat{V}_{\text{refl}}(x) \\ \hat{I}(x) &= \hat{I}^+e^{\gamma x} + \hat{I}^-e^{-\gamma x} \equiv \hat{I}_{\text{inc}}(x) + \hat{I}_{\text{refl}}(x) \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients  $\hat{V}^+$ , etc., are phasors independent of  $x$  that are interrelated by the *characteristic impedance*  $Z_0$  and the *boundary reflection coefficient*  $\Gamma_R$ , defined as

$$Z_0 = \frac{\hat{V}^+}{\hat{I}^+} = -\frac{\hat{V}^-}{\hat{I}^-} = \sqrt{\frac{Z}{Y}}$$

$$\Gamma_R = \frac{\hat{V}^-}{\hat{V}^+} = -\frac{\hat{I}^-}{\hat{I}^+} = \frac{\hat{V}_{\text{refl}}(0)}{\hat{V}_{\text{inc}}(0)}$$

It is easy to express  $\Gamma_R$  in terms of the characteristic and load impedance:

$$\Gamma_R = \frac{Z_R - Z_0}{Z_R + Z_0}$$

Then, if a pointwise reflection coefficient is defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \frac{\hat{V}_{\text{refl}}(x)}{\hat{V}_{\text{inc}}(x)}$$

it follows that

$$\Gamma(x) = \Gamma_R e^{-2\gamma x} = \frac{Z_R - Z_0}{Z_R + Z_0} e^{-2\gamma x}$$

Similarly, if  $Z(x) = \hat{V}(x)/\hat{I}(x)$  is the pointwise impedance looking back to the receiving end ( $x = 0$ ), then

$$Z(x) = Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma(x)}{1 - \Gamma(x)}$$

The conditions at the sending end [rerotate  $\Gamma(\ell)$ , etc., as  $\Gamma_s$ , etc.] are

$$Z_s = Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma_s}{1 - \Gamma_s}$$

$$\hat{V}_s = \hat{V}_g \frac{Z_s}{Z_s + Z_g}$$

$$\hat{I}_s = \frac{\hat{V}_s}{Z_s}$$

Average power received at the load and average power supplied to the sending end are

calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} P_R &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\hat{V}_R \hat{I}_R^*) = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{I}_R|^2 \operatorname{Re}(Z_R) \\ &= P_{\text{inc}}(x=0) - P_{\text{refl}}(x=0) \\ P_S &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\hat{V}_S \hat{I}_S^*) = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{I}_S|^2 \operatorname{Re}(Z_S) \end{aligned}$$

### Simplifications for High-Frequency or Lossless Lines.

For frequencies such that  $R \ll \omega L$  and  $G \ll \omega C$  (e.g., above 1 MHz),

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{R+j\omega L}{G+j\omega C}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = R_0 \\ \gamma &= \sqrt{(R+j\omega L)(G+j\omega C)} \approx \left( \frac{R}{2R_0} + \frac{GR_0}{2} \right) + j\omega\sqrt{LC} = \alpha + j\beta \\ U_p &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \approx \frac{1}{f\sqrt{LC}} \end{aligned}$$

where, as always,  $u_p$  and  $\lambda$  denote phase velocity and wavelength.

For the ideal lossless line with  $R = 0$  and  $G = 0$ , the reflection coefficient is of constant magnitude.

$$\Gamma(x) = \Gamma_R e^{-j2\beta x} = \left| \frac{Z_R - R_0}{Z_R + R_0} \right| / \phi_R - 2\beta x$$

where  $\phi_R$  is the polar angle of  $\Gamma_R$ . The voltage is given by

$$\hat{V}(x) = \hat{V}^+ (1 + \Gamma_R / -2\beta x)$$

which implies

$$|\hat{V}|_{\max} = |\hat{V}^+|(1 + |\Gamma_R|) \quad |\hat{V}|_{\min} = |\hat{V}^+|(1 - |\Gamma_R|)$$

Adjacent maxima and minima are separated by  $\beta x = 90^\circ$ , or one-quarter wavelength. For the resulting wave the *voltage standing-wave ratio*, VSWR, is defined as

$$\text{VSWR} = \frac{|\hat{V}|_{\max}}{|\hat{V}|_{\min}} = \frac{1 + |\Gamma_R|}{1 - |\Gamma_R|}$$

For the small-dissipation line the VSWR can still be used if a correction is made for the attenuation (see Problems 15.2, 15.9, 15.41).

### 15.5 THE SMITH CHART

The Smith Chart (Fig. 15-3) is a graphical aid in solving high-frequency transmission line problems. The chart is essentially a polar plot of the reflection coefficient in terms of the normalized impedance  $r + j\chi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Z(x)}{R_0} &= z(x) = r(x) + j\chi(x) = \frac{1 + \Gamma(x)}{1 - \Gamma(x)} \\ \Gamma(x) &= \Gamma_R / -2\beta x = \left| \frac{r_0 + j\chi_0 - 1}{r_0 + j\chi_0 + 1} \right| / \phi_R - 2\beta x = \Gamma_r + j\Gamma_i \quad (\text{for } \alpha = 0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_0 = r(0)$  and  $\chi_0 = \chi(0)$ . In the complex  $\Gamma$  plane the curves of constant  $r$  are circles, Fig. 15-4(b), as are of course the curves of constant  $|\Gamma|$ , Fig. 15-4(a). The curves of constant  $\chi$  are arcs of circles, Fig. 15-4(c). Some important correspondences are listed in Table 15-1.

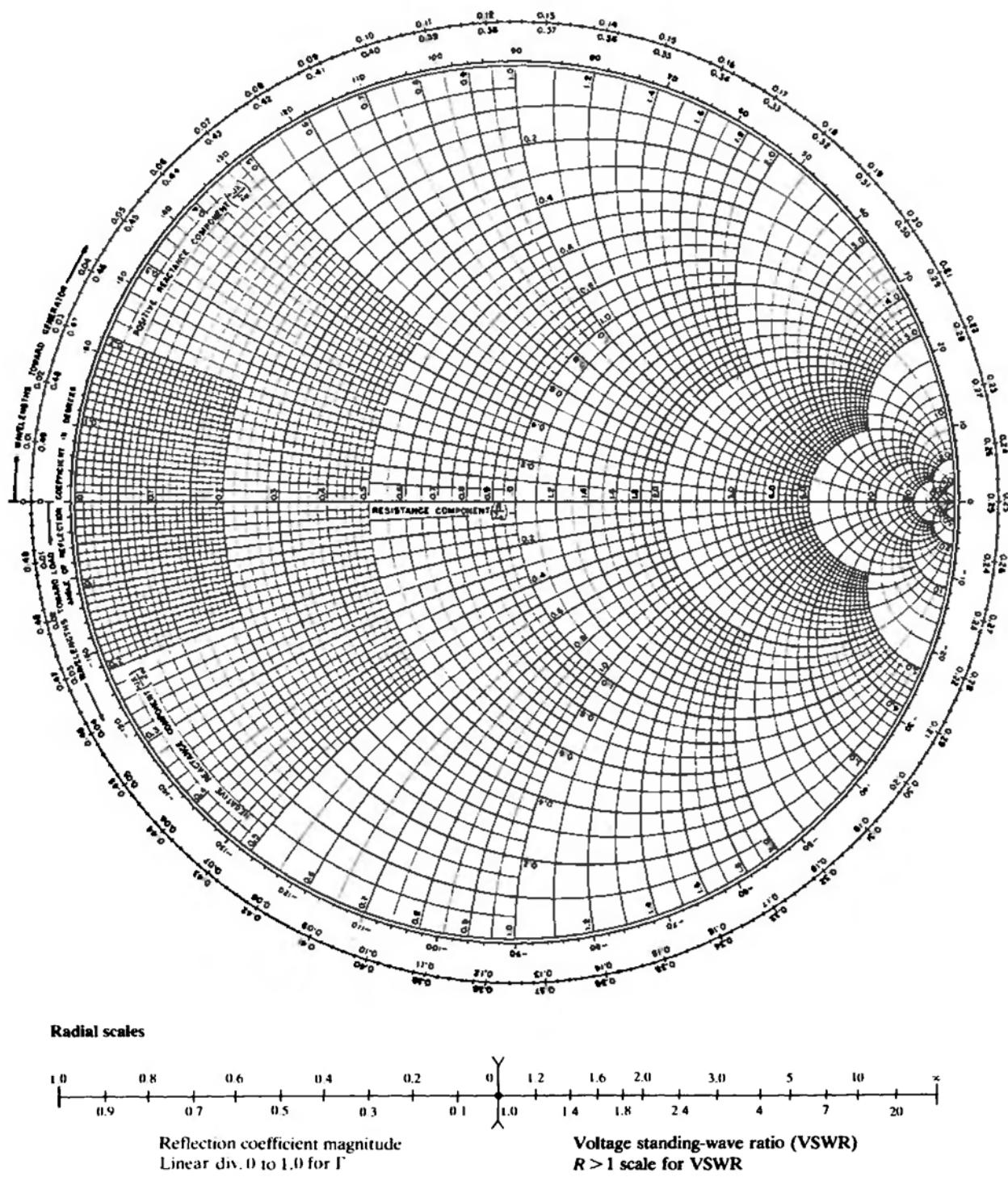


Fig. 15-3 Smith Chart: Normalized Resistance and Reactance Coordinates

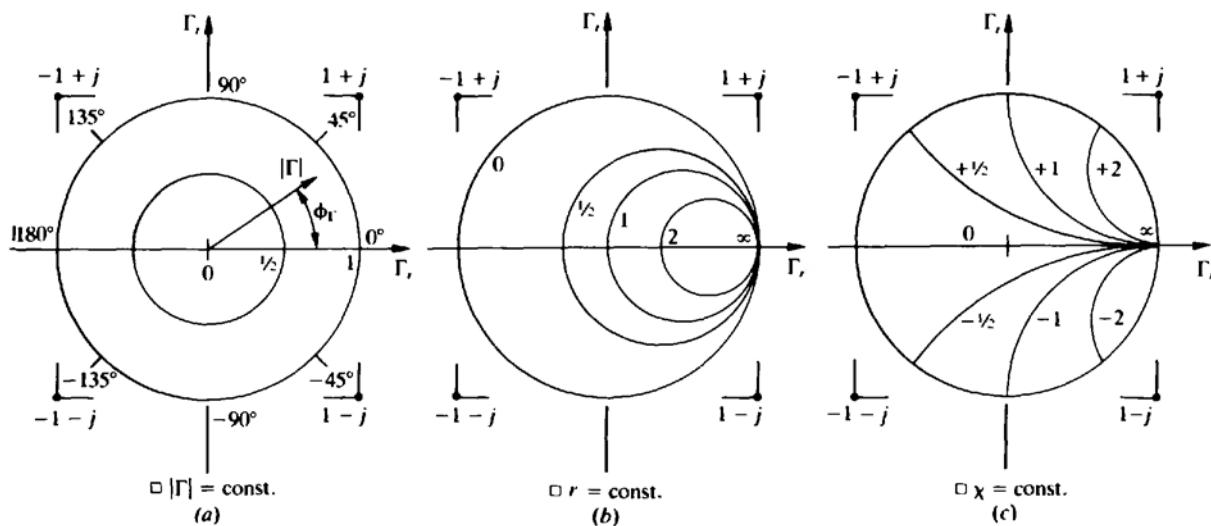


Fig. 15-4

Table 15-1

Condition	$\Gamma$	$r$	$\chi$
Open-circuit	$1/0^\circ$	$\infty$ (arbitrary)	arbitrary ( $\infty$ )
Short-circuit	$1/180^\circ$	0	0
Pure reactance	$1/\pm 90^\circ$	0	$\pm 1$
Matched line	0	1	0

The complete Smith Chart of Fig. 15-3 is obtained by superposing Figs. 15-4(b) and (c). The circles of constant  $|\Gamma|$  are not included; instead the value of  $|\Gamma|$  corresponding to a point  $(r, \chi)$  is read off the left-hand external scale. The value of the VSWR is read from the right-hand scale. The two circumferential distance scales are in fractions of a wavelength. From  $r = 0, \chi = 0$ , the outer scale goes clockwise *toward the generator* (i.e., measures  $x/\lambda$ ), and the inner one counterclockwise *toward the load* (i.e., measures  $d/\lambda$ ). Once around the chart is one-half wavelength. The third circumferential scale gives  $\phi_\Gamma = \phi_R - 2\beta x$ .

The chart can be used for normalized admittances,

$$\frac{Y(x)}{G_0} = y(x) = g(x) + jb(x)$$

where  $r$ -circles are used for  $g$ ,  $\chi$ -arcs are used for  $b$ , the angle of  $\Gamma$  for a given  $y$  is  $180^\circ + \phi_\Gamma$ , and the point  $y = 0 + j0$  is an open-circuit.

## 15.6 IMPEDANCE MATCHING

At high frequencies it is essential to operate at minimum VSWR (ideally, at  $\text{VSWR} = 1$ ). Several methods are used to match a load  $Z_R$  to the line, or to match cascaded lines with different characteristic impedances. Matching networks can be placed at the load ( $x = 0$ ) or at some position  $x = x_1$  along the line, as in Fig. 15-5. The two sets of normalized conditions are as follows:

- (a) Before match:  $z(0) = z_R = r_0 + jx_0$ ;  $y(0) = g_0 + jb_0$ ;  $\text{VSWR} > 1$   
 After match:  $z(0) = 1 + j0$ ;  $y(0) = 1 + j0$ ;  $\text{VSWR} = 1$

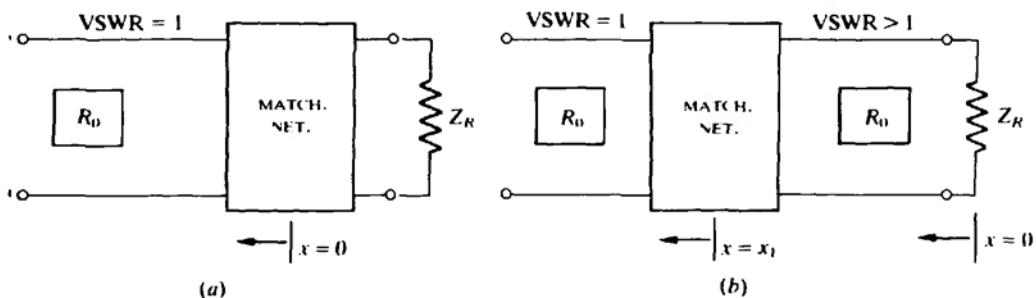


Fig. 15-5

- (b) At load:  $z(0) = r_0 + jx_0$ ;  $y(0) = g_0 + jb_0$ ;  $\text{VSWR}(0) > 1$   
 Before match:  $z(x_1) = r_1 + jx_1$ ;  $y(x_1) = g_1 + jb_1$ ;  $\text{VSWR} = \text{VSWR}(0)$   
 After match:  $z(x_1) = 1 + j0$ ;  $y(x_1) = 1 + j0$ ;  $\text{VSWR} = 1$

The matching networks at lower (radio) frequencies can be made with lumped low-loss reactive components; one lumped  $L-C$  network is shown in Fig. 15-6. If  $Z_R$  has a reactive component, a reactance of opposite sign is added in series so that  $Z'_R = R + j0$ . Then, for a match,

$$Y_{in} = j\omega C_2 + \frac{1}{R + j\omega L_1} = \frac{1}{R_0}$$

or  $L_1 = \frac{1}{\omega} \sqrt{R(R_0 - R)}$  and  $C_2 = \frac{L_1}{RR_0}$

If  $R > R_0$ , the capacitor should be connected to the other end of the inductor.

To minimize dissipation losses at higher frequencies a length of open- or short-circuited line is used for matching, in either a *single-stub* or *double-stub* configuration.

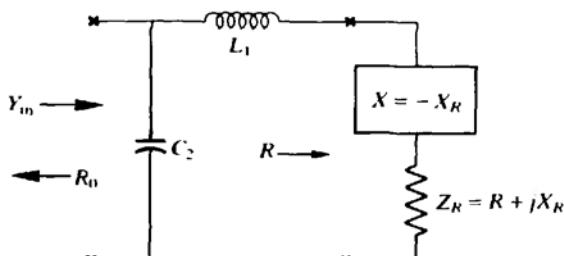


Fig. 15-6

### 15.7 SINGLE-STUB MATCHING

The configuration shown in Fig. 15-7 uses one shorted stub, of length  $\ell_s$ , placed at a distance  $x_1$  from the load. To accomplish matching:

- (1) Determine  $x_1$  such that  $y(x_1) = 1 + jb_1$ .
- (2) Determine  $\ell_s$  such that  $y(\ell_s) = 0 - jb_1$ .

After matching,  $y(x_1) = 1 + j0$  and  $\text{VSWR} = 1$  from  $x_1$  to  $\ell$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** The above two steps may be accomplished on the Smith Chart (Fig. 15-8).

- (i) Plot  $y_R$  and trace the  $|\Gamma_R|$  [or  $\text{VSWR}(0)$ ] circle.
- (ii) Mark the intersections of the  $|\Gamma_R|$  circle and the circle  $g = 1$ .
- (iii) From  $y_R$  move toward the generator to the first intersection, read  $y_1 = 1 + jb_1$ , and note the distance  $x_1$  as a fraction of  $\lambda$  (or read off angle  $2\beta x_1$ ).

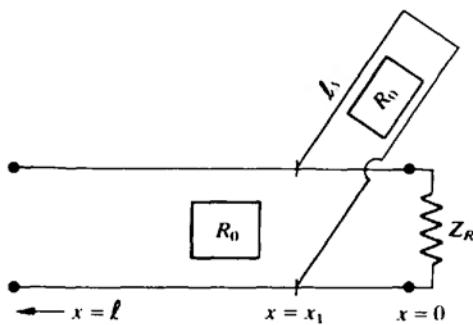


Fig. 15-7

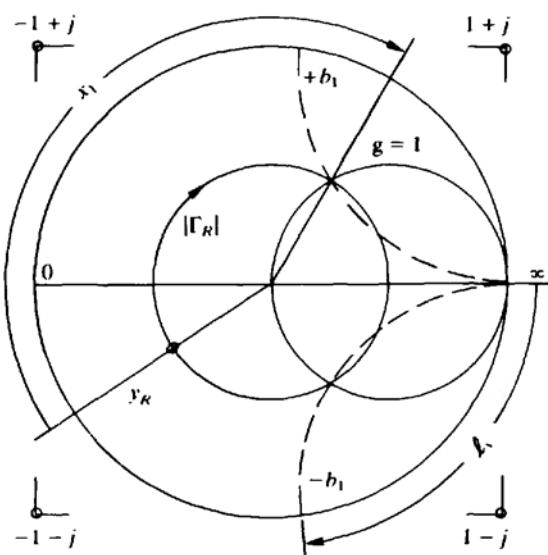


Fig. 15-8

- (iv) Mark the point  $y = 0 - jb_1$  on the  $|\Gamma| = 1$  circle. From the short-circuit position  $y = \infty$ , move toward the generator to the point  $y = -jb_1$ . Note the distance  $\ell$ , as a fraction of  $\lambda$ . If the first intersection is not accessible, the second one can be used by readjusting the stub length for the susceptance at the new position.

For matching two cascaded lines with different characteristic impedances the above procedure is used at the connection point where the equivalent load is the input impedance to the second line.

### 15.8 DOUBLE-STUB MATCHING

A double stub "tuner" has two shorted stub lines separated by a distance  $d_s$  on the main line, as shown in Fig. 15-9. Stub 1 is nearest the load and frequently is connected at the load ( $x = 0$ ). Common separations for the two stubs are  $\lambda/4$  and  $3\lambda/8$ , hence the names "quarter-wavelength tuner," etc. The Smith Chart solution for the two-stub matching problem involves the construction of the *tuner circle* for the given  $d_s$ . This is the circle  $g_T \equiv g(d_s) = 1$ , which plays the same role for stub 2 as the  $g = 1$  circle plays for the main line. The tuner circle is obtained by clockwise rotation of  $g = 1$ , about the center of the chart,  $1 + j0$ : a rotation of  $180^\circ$  gives the  $\lambda/4$  tuner circle, rotation of  $90^\circ$  gives the  $3\lambda/8$  tuner circle, etc. See Fig. 15-10.

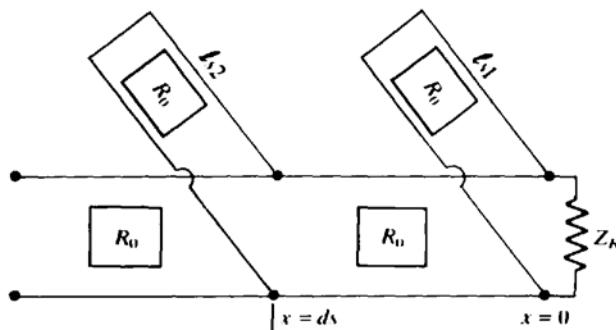


Fig. 15-9

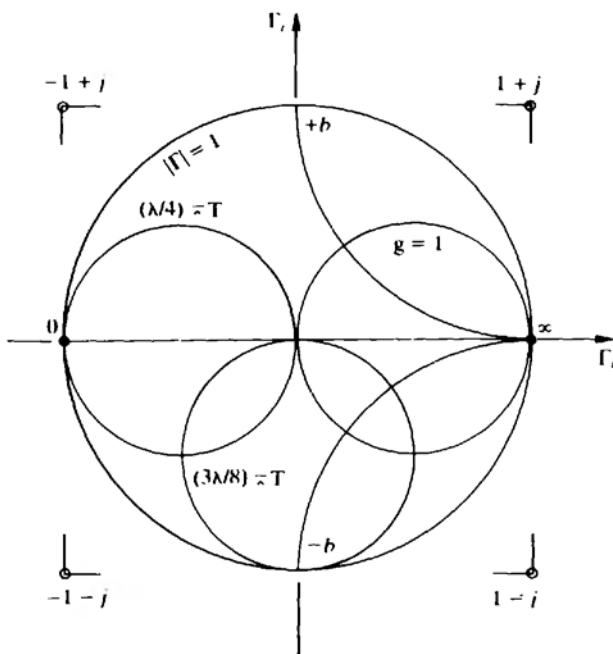


Fig. 15-10

**EXAMPLE 2.** Assuming that  $d_s = \lambda/4$ , a five-step sequence is used for two-stub matching, as shown in Fig. 15-11.

1. Plot the  $\lambda/4$  tuner circle.
2. Mark the intersection(s) of the tuner circle and the  $g_R$  circle through the entry point  $y_R = g_R + jb_R$ . Read  $b_T$  at this point, which may be either intersection.
3. Stub 1 at  $x = 0$  is used to change the susceptance  $b_R$  to  $b_T$ .
4. From  $y_T = g_R + jb_T$  move on the  $|\Gamma_R|$  circle a distance  $d_s = \lambda/4$  toward the generator onto the  $g = 1$  circle and read  $y = 1 + jb_2$ .
5. Cancel the susceptance  $b_2$  by adjusting stub 2 to produce  $y = 1 + j0$ , the matched condition.

A problem arises when using the  $\lambda/4$  tuner to match a load with  $g_R > 1$ , since the conductance circle does not intersect the tuner circle. The  $3\lambda/8$  tuner works for some values of  $g_R > 1$ . In any case, a tuner can be displaced from the load by a distance  $x_1$  to put  $g$  in the range for matching. Should  $g = 1$  at the displaced position, the single-stub condition holds and stub 2 must be set for  $b = 0$ .

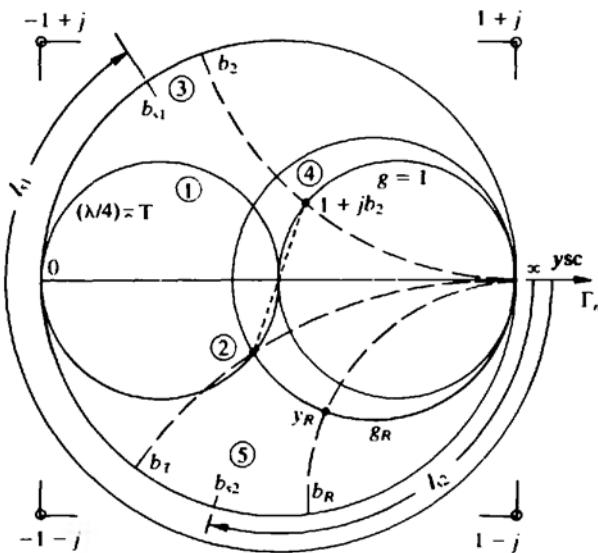


Fig. 15-11

Note the standing waves on the various sections of line. The shorted stubs each have  $VSWR = \infty$ . For  $d_s < x < \ell$ ,  $VSWR = 1$ ; for  $0 < x < d_s$ ,  $VSWR$  is determined by  $y = g_R + jb_T$ ; and if line is added between the load and stub 1, the  $VSWR$  is determined by  $y_R$ .

### 15.9 IMPEDANCE MEASUREMENT

A *slotted line* is used with high-frequency coaxial lines to measure VSWR and to locate voltage minima on the line. With the aid of the Smith Chart, the impedance of an unknown termination can be easily found from the VSWR and the shift of a voltage minimum from a short-circuit reference position.

In Fig. 15-12 the slotted line is inserted at a convenient terminal. With the  $Z_R$  in place, a probe is moved along the line to locate and measure maximum and minimum voltages. A suitable amplifier/indicator converts the probe output to a VSWR reading.  $Z_R$  is replaced by a short circuit, and the reference minima are located for the high-VSWR condition. As would be expected, maxima and minima alternate at intervals of  $\lambda/4$ .

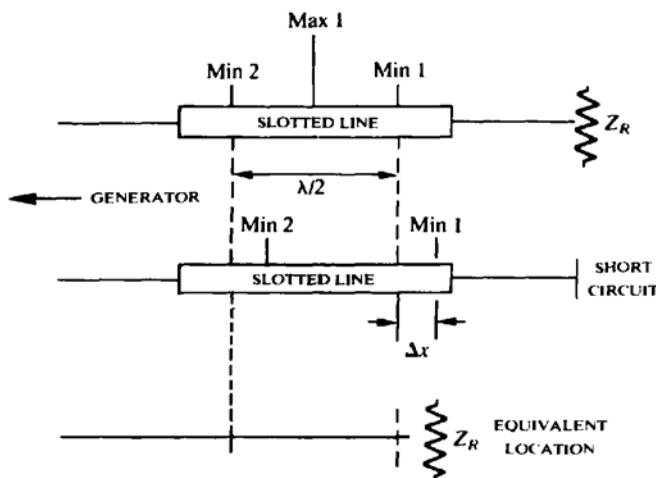


Fig. 15-12

To find  $z_R$  with the Smith Chart draw the measured VSWR circle as in Fig. 15-13 and locate the voltage-minimum line (from 0 to 1 on the  $\chi = 0$  line). Convert the measured  $\Delta x$  to wavelengths and mark the points on the VSWR circle that are  $\Delta x$  from the  $V_{\min}$  line. The correct  $z_R$  is capacitive; a rotation through  $\Delta x$  toward the generator takes it into a  $V_{\min}$  point. (If  $z_R$  were inductive,  $\Delta x$  would be greater than a quarter wavelength and a  $V_{\max}$  point would occur before the  $V_{\min}$  point.)

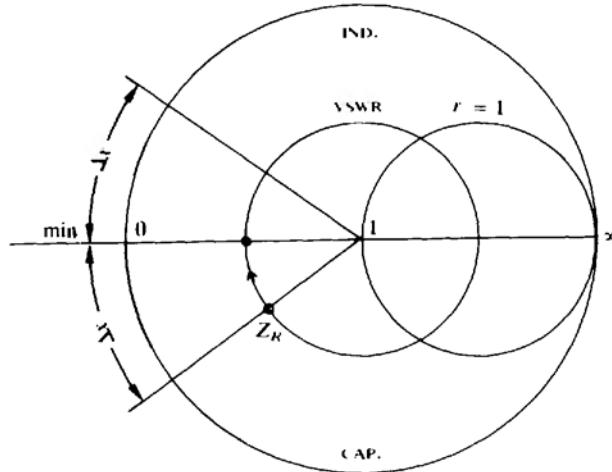


Fig. 15-13

### 15.10 TRANSIENTS IN LOSSLESS LINES

In switching applications and pulse operation a change in voltage is suddenly applied to the line. An analysis of this transient condition generally requires recourse to the time PDEs of Section 15.3 or to their Laplace transforms. However, in the special case of a lossless line ( $R = G = 0$ ,  $R_0 = \sqrt{L/C}$ ,  $u_p = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ ), a simple graphical method is available, based on superposition of multiply reflected waves.

Figure 15-14 shows a model for the lossless system, in which the exciting voltage  $v_g(t)$  is switched on at  $t = 0$  and where  $R_g$  is the source resistance. Now, an abrupt change at one end of the line has an effect at the other end only after one *delay time*,  $t_D = \ell/u_p$ , has elapsed. Reflection will occur at the receiving end if the load is not matched to the line ( $R_R \neq R_0$ ); at the sending end if the source is not matched ( $R_g \neq R_0$ ).

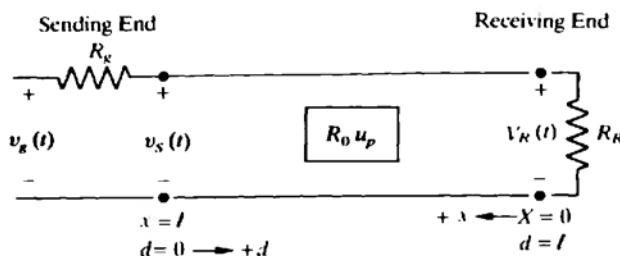


Fig. 15-14

**EXAMPLE 3.** For the case where  $v_g(t)$  is a 10-V step at  $t = 0$  (i.e., a dc voltage), and where the line is matched at both ends ( $R_R = R_g = R_0$ ), the transient voltage conditions are displayed in the *time-distance plots* of Fig. 15-15. Because the source voltage is constant and there is no reflection at the receiving end, the system reaches a steady state,  $v(d, t) = 5 \text{ V}$ , after only one delay time. In Fig. 15-15(a) and (b) different boldface numerals indicate different space-time combinations corresponding to the steady-state condition. For instance, **5** signals  $v(0.5\ell, 0.5t_D) = 5 \text{ V}$ .

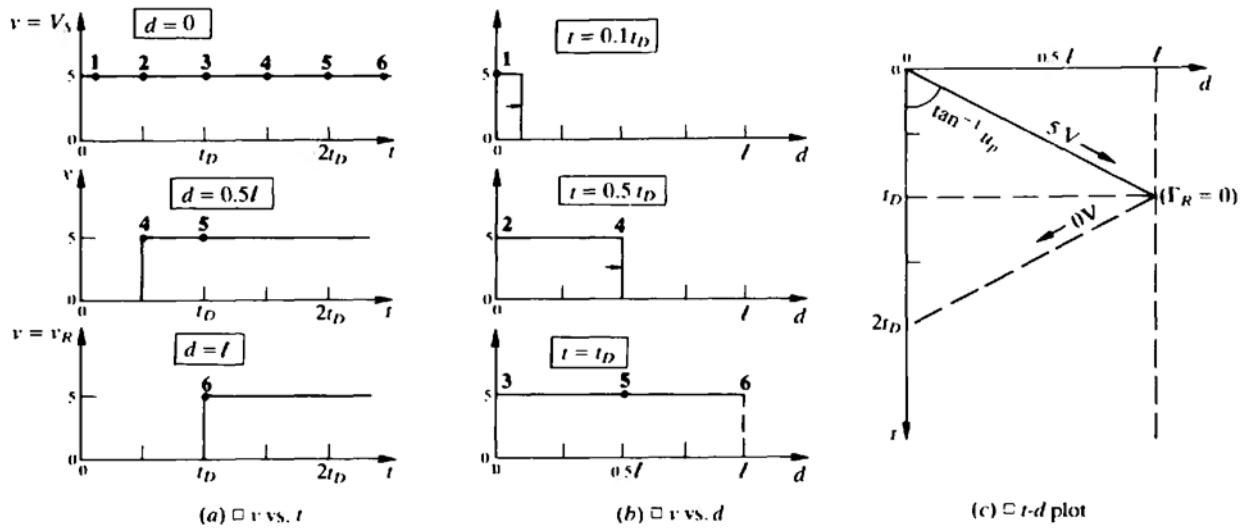


Fig. 15-15

**EXAMPLE 4.** Assume that everything is as in Example 3, with the exception of the load, which is now an open-circuit ( $R_L = \infty$ ). Figure 15-16 gives the time-distance plots. Because of the single reflection at the load, a uniform steady state of 10 V is attained after  $2t_D$ .

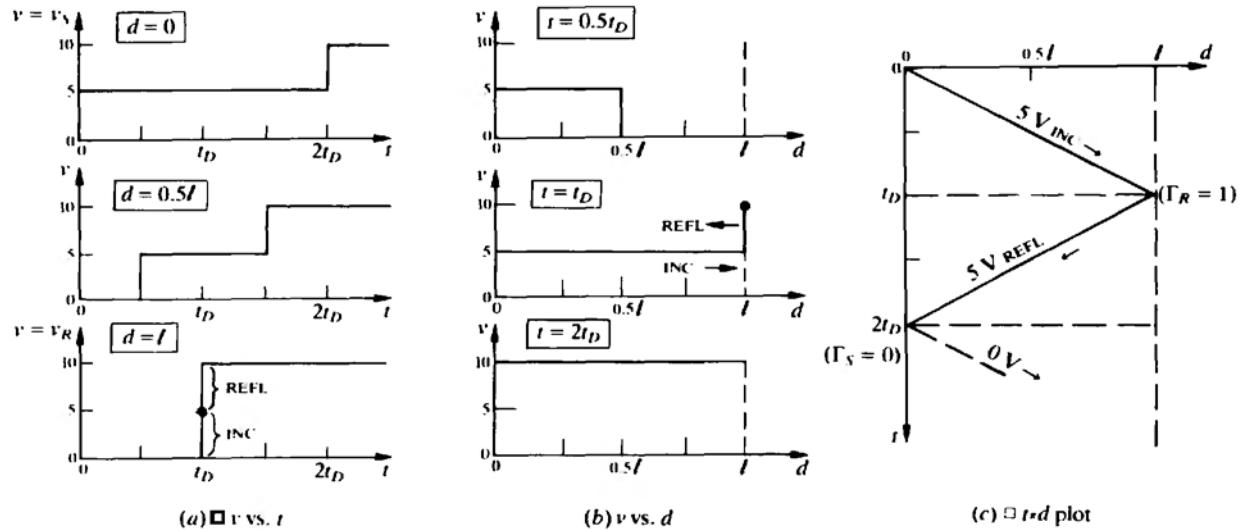


Fig. 15-16

**EXAMPLE 5.** A line is excited as in Examples 3 and 4; parameter values are

$$V_S = 20 \text{ V dc} \quad R_g = 3R_0 \quad \Gamma_g = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Gamma_R = 1 \quad (\text{open-circuit})$$

The voltage transient is described in Fig. 15-17. With reflections occurring at both ends of the line, an infinite time is needed for the attainment of a uniform steady state of 20 V.

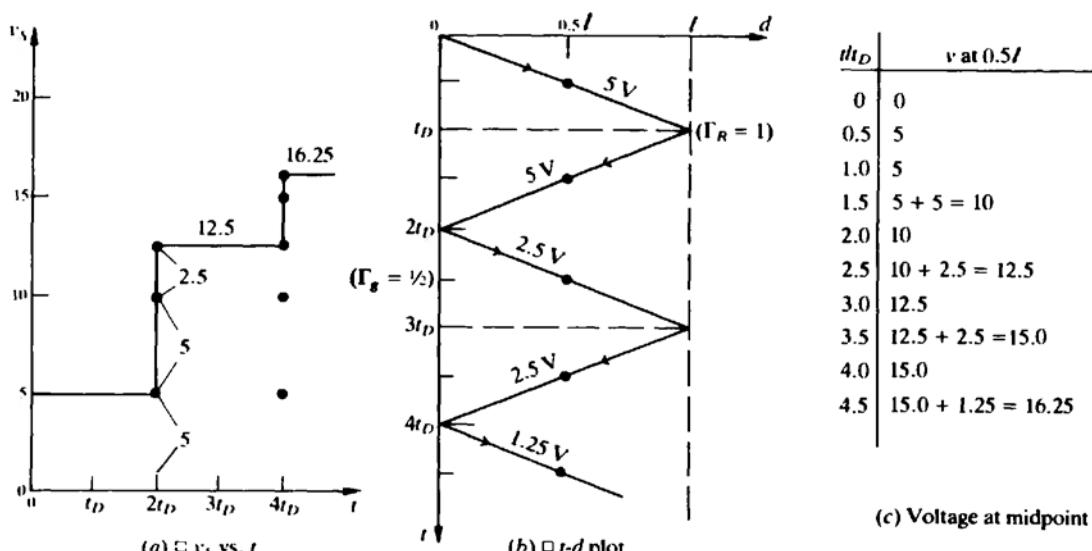


Fig. 15-17

## Solved Problems

- 15.1.** A parallel-wire transmission line is constructed of #6 AWG copper wire (dia. = 0.162 in.,  $\sigma_c = 58 \text{ MS/m}$ ) with a 12-inch separation in air. Neglecting internal inductance, find the per-meter values of  $L$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$ , the dc resistance, and the ac resistance at 1 MHz.

The four geometrical factors for the parallel-wire line involve the conductor radius,  $a = 2.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ , and the separation  $d = 0.305 \text{ m}$ . Since  $d \gg a$

$$GFL = \ln\left(\frac{d}{a}\right) = 5.0$$

$$GFC = \frac{1}{GFL} = 0.20$$

$$GFR_d = \frac{2}{a^2} = 4.72 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^{-2}$$

$$GFR_a = \frac{2}{d} = 971 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

For air dielectric,  $\mu_d = \mu_0$  and  $\epsilon_d = \epsilon_0$ ; for copper,  $\mu_c \approx \mu_0$ . Hence:

$$L = \frac{\mu_d}{\pi} (GFL) = 2.0 \mu\text{H/m} \quad R_d = \frac{1}{\pi \sigma_c} (GFR_d) = 2.59 \times 10^{-3} \Omega/\text{m}$$

$$C = \pi \epsilon_d (GFC) = 5.56 \text{ pF/m} \quad \delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_c \sigma_c}} = 66 \mu\text{m}$$

$$G = 0 \text{ S/m}$$

$$R_a = \frac{1}{2\pi \delta_c \sigma_c} (GFR_a) = 4.04 \times 10^{-2} \Omega/\text{m}$$

- 15.2.** The specifications for rigid air-dielectric coaxial line used in a radar set operating at 3 GHz are: copper material, stub-supported at intervals to maintain the air dielectric; outside diameter,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch; wall thickness, 0.032 inch; inner-conductor diameter, 0.375 inch; characteristic impedance,  $46.4 \Omega$ ; attenuation,  $0.066 \text{ dB/m}$ ; maximum peak power, 1.31 kW; operating peak power, 200 kW; lowest safe wavelength, 5.28 cm. Determine the per-meter values of  $L$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$ , and  $R_a$  for the line, neglecting internal inductance.



The inner radius  $a$  is 4.76 mm and the outer radius  $b$  is 10.3 mm. Then  $\ln(b/a) = 0.771$ ,  $GFL = 0.386$ ,  $GFC = 2.59$ .

$$L = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} (GFL) = 0.154 \mu\text{H/m} \quad C = \pi \epsilon_0 (GFC) = 71.9 \text{ pF/m}$$

For copper and a frequency of 3 GHz,  $\delta = 1.2 \mu\text{m}$ . Then,

$$GFR_a = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = 307 \text{ m}^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad R_a = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_c\delta} (GFR_a) = 0.702 \Omega/\text{m}$$

For air dielectric,  $G = 0 \text{ S/m}$ .

- 15.3.** Show that the voltage  $v(x, t) = A \cos(\omega t + \theta) e^{j\beta x}$  satisfies the transmission line equation (3), for a uniform lossless line, if  $\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}$ .

For the lossless line,  $R = G = 0$ , so that the equation reduces to

$$\frac{\partial^2 v(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 v(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

For the given voltage, this requires

$$-\beta^2 v = LC(-\omega^2 v) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}$$

- 15.4.** For the parallel-wire line of Problem 15.1, find the characteristic impedance, propagation constant (attenuation and phase shift), velocity of propagation, and wavelength, for operation at 5 kHz.

At 5 kHz the dc resistance may be used.

$$Z = R_d + j\omega L = 2.59 \times 10^{-3} + j2\pi(5 \times 10^3)(2 \times 10^{-6}) = 6.289 \times 10^{-2} / 87.6^\circ \Omega/\text{m}$$

$$Y = G + j\omega C = j2\pi(5 \times 10^3)(5.56 \times 10^{-12}) = 1.747 \times 10^{-7} / 90^\circ \text{S/m}$$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{Z}{Y}} = 600 / -1.2^\circ \Omega$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{ZY} = 1.048 \times 10^{-4} / 88.8^\circ = (2.19 \times 10^{-6}) + j(1.048 \times 10^{-4}) \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Then  $\alpha = 2.19 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N/m}$ ,  $\beta = 1.048 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad/m}$ ,  $u_p = \omega/\beta = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\lambda = 2\pi/\beta = 59.96 \text{ km}$ .

-  **15.5.** A 10-km parallel-wire line operating at 100 kHz has  $Z_0 = 557 \Omega$ ,  $\alpha = 2.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Np/m}$ , and  $\beta = 2.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad/m}$ . For a matched termination at  $x = 0$  and  $\hat{V}_R = 10 / 0^\circ \text{ V}$ , evaluate  $\hat{V}(x)$  at  $x$ -increments of  $\lambda/4$  and plot the phasors.

The line is matched at the receiving end, so that  $\Gamma_R = 0$  and  $\hat{V}(x) = \hat{V}^+ e^{\alpha x} / \beta x$ . But

$$\hat{V}(0) = \hat{V}^+ = \hat{V}_R = 10 / 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

whence

$$\hat{V}(x) = 10 e^{\alpha x} / \beta x \quad (\text{V})$$

For  $x = n(\lambda/4)$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 13, 13.48$ ), where  $n = 13.48$  corresponds to the 10-km length,

$$\beta x = n \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad} \right) = n(90^\circ)$$

$$\alpha x = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} (\beta x) = n0.0178 \text{ Np}$$

By use of these increments, Table 15-2 is generated. A polar plot of the tabulated results is given in Fig. 15-18.

Table 15-2

Quarter Wavelengths from Load	$\beta x = \phi_v$ , deg.	$\alpha x, N_p$	$ \hat{V}(x) , V$
0	0	0.0	10.00
1	90	0.0178	10.18
2	180	0.0356	10.36
3	270	0.0534	10.55
4	360	0.0711	10.74
5	450	0.0889	10.93
6	540	0.1067	11.13
7	630	0.1245	11.33
8	720	0.1423	11.53
9	810	0.1601	11.74
10	900	0.1779	11.95
11	990	0.1956	12.16
12	1080	0.2134	12.38
13	1170	0.2312	12.60
13.48	1215	0.24	12.71

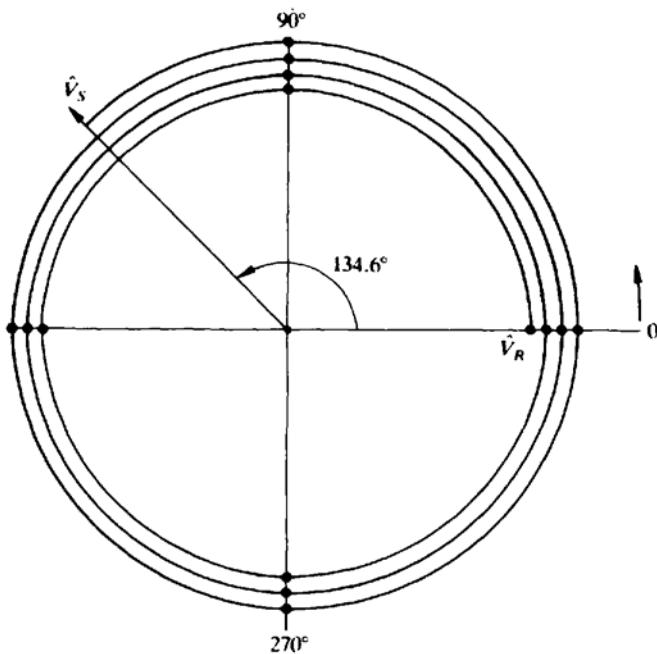


Fig. 15-18

- 15.6.** Repeat Problem 15.5 if a mismatched load results in  $\Gamma_R = 0.4 / 0^\circ$ ; all other data remain the same.



In contrast to Problem 15.5, the voltage is now given by the superposition of an incident and a reflected wave:

$$\hat{V}(x) = \hat{V}_{\text{inc}}(x) + \hat{V}_{\text{ref}}(x) = \hat{V}^+ e^{\alpha x} / \underline{\beta x} + \Gamma_R \hat{V}^+ e^{-\alpha x} / \underline{-\beta x}$$

The boundary condition at  $x = 0$  gives (omitting physical units)

$$10 / 0^\circ = 1.4 \hat{V}^+ / 0^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{V}^+ = 7.14 / 0^\circ$$

Thus

$$\hat{V}(x) = 7.14 e^{\alpha x} / \underline{\beta x} + 2.86 e^{-\alpha x} / \underline{-\beta x}$$

Table 15-3

$\lambda/4$ from Load	$\alpha x$ , Np	$e^{\alpha x}$	$\beta x$	$V_{inc}(x)$	$V_{ref}(x)$	$ V(x) $
0	0.0	1.0	0°	7.14 / 0°	2.86 / 0°	10.00 / 0°
1	0.0178	1.018	90°	7.27 / 90°	2.81 / -90°	4.46 / 90°
2	0.0356	1.036	180°	7.40 / 180°	2.76 / -180°	10.16 / 180°
3	0.0534	1.055	270°	7.53 / 270°	2.71 / -270°	4.82 / -90°
4	0.0711	1.074	360°	7.67 / 360°	2.66 / -360°	10.33 / 0°
5	0.0889	1.093	450°	7.80 / 450°	2.62 / -450°	5.18 / 90°
6	0.1067	1.113	540°	7.94 / 540°	2.57 / -540°	10.51 / 180°
7	0.1245	1.133	630°	8.09 / 630°	2.52 / -630°	5.57 / -90°
8	0.1423	1.153	720°	8.23 / 720°	2.48 / -720°	10.71 / 0°
9	0.1601	1.174	810°	8.38 / 810°	2.44 / -810°	5.94 / 90°
10	0.1779	1.195	900°	8.53 / 900°	2.39 / -900°	10.92 / 180°
11	0.1956	1.216	990°	8.68 / 990°	2.35 / -990°	6.33 / -90°
12	0.2134	1.238	1080°	8.84 / 1080°	2.31 / -1080°	11.15 / 0°
13	0.2312	1.260	1170°	9.00 / 1170°	2.27 / -1170°	6.73 / 90°
13.48	0.24	1.271	1215°	9.08 / 1215°	2.25 / -1215°	9.34 / 148.5°

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are as specified in Problem 15.5. The required calculations are presented in Table 15-3 and Fig. 15-19.

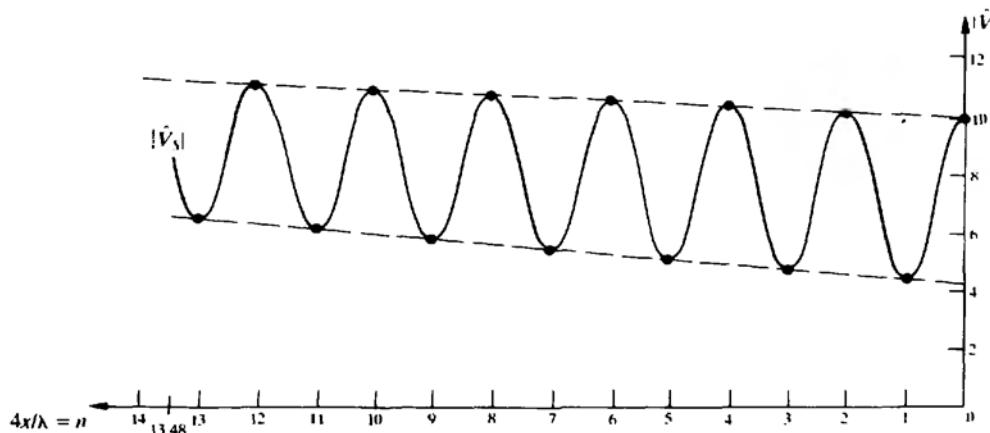


Fig. 15-19

- 15.7** Measurements are made at 5 kHz on a 0.5-mile-long transmission line. The results show that the characteristic impedance is  $94 / -23.2^\circ \Omega$ , the total attenuation is 0.06 Np, and the phase shift between input and output is  $8^\circ$ . Find the  $R$ ,  $L$ ,  $G$ , and  $C$  per mile for the line; the phase velocity on the line; and the power lost on the line when the sending-end power is 3 W and the load is matched.

The measured attenuation is  $\alpha\ell = 0.06$  Np, whence  $\alpha = 0.12$  Np/mi, the phase shift is  $\beta\ell = 8^\circ = 0.14$  rad, so that  $\beta = 0.28$  rad/mi. Hence,

$$\sqrt{ZY} = \gamma = 0.12 + j0.28 = 0.305 / 66.8^\circ \text{ mi}^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad ZY = 0.093 / 133.6^\circ \text{ mi}^{-2}$$

From this and the measured value  $\sqrt{Z/Y} = 94 / -23.2^\circ \Omega$ :

$$Z = 28.67 / 43.6^\circ = 20.8 + j19.8 \Omega/\text{mi} = R + j2\pi fL$$

$$Y = 3.24 \times 10^{-3} / 90^\circ = j3.24 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S}/\text{mi} = G + j2\pi fC$$

which imply:  $R = 20.8 \Omega/\text{mi}$ ;  $L = 630 \mu\text{H}/\text{mi}$ ;  $G = 0$ ;  $C = 0.103 \mu\text{F}/\text{mi}$ .

The phase velocity is  $u_p = 2\pi f / \beta = 2\pi(5 \times 10^3) / 0.28 = 1.12 \times 10^5 \text{ mi/s}$ .  
For a matched load (no reflections), the received power is given by

$$P_R = P_S e^{-2\alpha\ell} = 3e^{-0.12} = 2.66 \text{ W}$$

and the power lost as the result of attenuation is 0.34 W.

- 15.8.** A  $600\Omega$  transmission line is 150 m long, operates at 400 kHz with  $\alpha = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Np/m}$  and  $\beta = 0.0212 \text{ rad/m}$ , and supplies a load impedance  $Z_L = 424.3 \angle 45^\circ \Omega$ . Find the length of line in wavelengths,  $\Gamma_R$ ,  $\Gamma_S$ , and  $Z_s$ . For a received voltage  $\hat{V}_R = 50 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$ , find  $\hat{V}_S$ , the position on the line where the voltage is a maximum, and the value of  $|\hat{V}|_{\max}$ .

Because  $\lambda = 2\pi/\beta = 296.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $\ell = 150 \text{ m} = 0.51 \lambda$ . At  $x = 0$ ,

$$\Gamma_R = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} = \frac{300 + j300 - 600}{300 + j300 + 600} = 0.45 \angle 116.6^\circ = -0.2 + j0.4$$

Therefore, at  $x = \ell$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_S &= |\Gamma_R| e^{-2\alpha\ell} / \phi_R - 2\beta\ell = 0.45 e^{-0.72} / 116.6^\circ - 363^\circ \\ &= 0.22 \angle 113.6^\circ = -0.09 + j0.20\end{aligned}$$

and  $Z_s = Z_0 \left( \frac{1 + \Gamma_S}{1 - \Gamma_S} \right) = 600 \left( \frac{0.91 + j0.2}{1.09 - j0.2} \right) = 502.7 \angle 22.8^\circ \Omega$

From  $\hat{V}_R = 50 \angle 0^\circ = \hat{V}^+ (1 + \Gamma_R)$ ,  $\hat{V}^+ = 56.2 \angle -26.6^\circ \text{ V}$ . Then,

$$\hat{V}_S = (\hat{V}^+ e^{\alpha\ell} / \beta\ell)[1 + \Gamma_S] = (56.2 e^{0.36} / -26.6^\circ + 181.5^\circ)[0.91 + j0.2] = 75.0 \angle 167.3^\circ \text{ V}$$

To find  $x$  where the voltage is a maximum, construct the phasor diagram Fig. 15-20. At  $x = 0$  the incident and reflected voltages are separated by an angle of  $116.6^\circ$ . When  $\hat{V}_{\text{inc}}$  rotates  $58.3^\circ$  counterclockwise and  $\hat{V}_{\text{ref}}$  rotates the same angle clockwise the two phasors add together. The distance  $x$  for which  $\beta x = 58.3^\circ$  is 48.2 m, the position of the maximum. The magnitude is

$$|\hat{V}|_{\max} = 56.2 e^{0.116} + (0.45)(56.2) e^{-0.116} = 85.5 \text{ V}$$

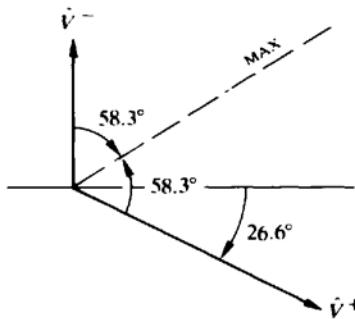


Fig. 15-20

- 15.9.** For the coaxial line specified in Problem 15.2, determine the actual characteristic impedance and attenuation, and compare the values with the specifications. Determine the length of the shorted stub required to support the center conductor at the operating frequency of 3 GHz and calculate the highest “safe” frequency of operation for this line from the specifications.

The characteristic impedance for the high-frequency low-loss line is

$$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.54 \times 10^{-7}}{7.19 \times 10^{-11}}} = 46.33 \Omega \quad (\text{specification is } 46.4 \Omega)$$

The per-meter attenuation is

$$\alpha = \frac{R_a}{2R_0} = \frac{0.702}{2(46.33)} = 7.58 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Np/m} = 0.0658 \text{ dB/m} \quad (\text{specification is } 0.066 \text{ dB/m})$$

where the conversion  $1 \text{ Np} = 8.686 \text{ dB}$  has been used.

A stub to support the center conductor must be  $\lambda/4$  long so that the short circuit reflects to an open circuit at the point of connection to the main line. At 3 GHz the length should be

$$L_s = \frac{1}{4} \frac{u_p}{f} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{3 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^9} \right) = 0.025 \text{ m or } 2.5 \text{ cm}$$

The "safe" highest frequency of operation is determined by the specification for lowest "safe" wavelength.

$$f_{hi} = \frac{u_p}{\lambda_{low}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{5.28 \times 10^{-2}} = 5.68 \text{ GHz}$$

At frequencies above this value, propagation modes other than the TEM could exist.

-  **15.10.** A  $70\Omega$  high-frequency lossless line is used at a frequency where  $\lambda = 80 \text{ cm}$  with a load at  $x = 0$  of  $(140 + j91)\Omega$ . Use the Smith Chart to find:  $\Gamma_R$ , VSWR, distance to the first voltage maximum from the load, distance to the first voltage minimum from the load, the impedance at  $V_{max}$ , the impedance at  $V_{min}$ , the input impedance for a section of line that is 54 cm long, and the input admittance.

On the Smith Chart plot the normalized load  $Z_R/R_0 = 2 + j1.3$ , as shown in Fig. 15-21. Draw a radial line from the center through this point to the outer  $\lambda$ -circle. Read the angle of  $\Gamma_R$  on the angle scale:  $\phi_R = 29^\circ$ . Measure the distance from the center to the  $z$ -point and determine the magnitudes of  $|\Gamma_R|$  and VSWR from the scales at the bottom of the chart.

$$|\Gamma_R| = 0.50 \quad \text{VSWR} = 3.0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_R = 0.5 / 29^\circ$$

Draw a circle at the center passing through the plotted normalized impedance. Note that this circle intersects the horizontal line at  $3 + j0$ . This point of intersection could be used to determine the VSWR instead of the bottom scale, because the circle represents a constant VSWR. Locate the intersection of the VSWR circle and the radial line from the center to the open-circuit point at the right of the  $z$ -chart. This intersection is the point where the voltage is a maximum (the current is a

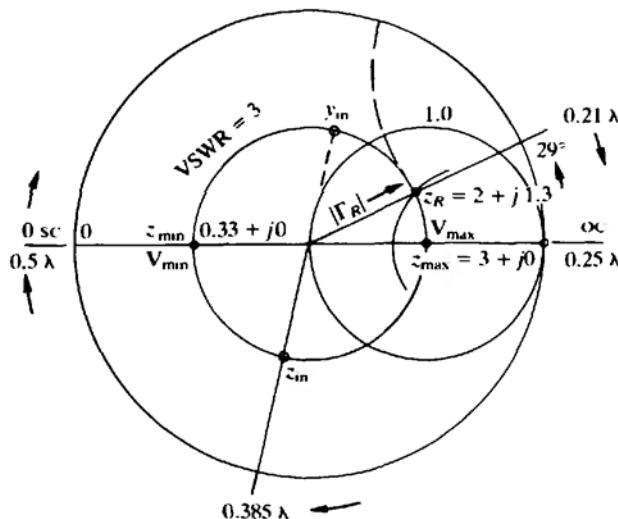


Fig. 15-21

minimum) and the impedance is a maximum. The normalized impedance at this point is  $3 + j0$ , whence  $Z_{\max} = 210 + j0 \Omega$ . To find the distance from the load to the first  $V_{\max}$  use the outer scale (*wavelengths toward the generator*). The reference position is at  $0.21\lambda$  and the max. line is at  $0.25\lambda$ ; so the distance is  $0.04\lambda$  toward the generator, or 3.2 cm from the load.

From the  $V_{\max}$  point move  $0.25\lambda$  toward the generator and locate the  $V_{\min}$  point. The normalized impedance is  $0.33 + j0$ , and  $Z_{\min} = 23.1 + j0 \Omega$ . The distance from the load to the first minimum is

$$0.25\lambda + 0.04\lambda = 0.29\lambda = 23.2 \text{ cm}$$

To find the input impedance, move  $\frac{54}{80} = 0.675$  wavelengths from the load toward the generator, and read the normalized impedance. Once around the circle is  $0.5\lambda$ , so locate the point that is  $0.175\lambda$  from the load on the outer scale. The point is at  $0.21\lambda + 0.175\lambda = 0.385\lambda$ . Through this point draw a radial line and locate the intersection with the VSWR circle. The normal impedance is  $0.56 - j0.71$  and  $Z_{in} = 39.2 - j49.7 \Omega$ .

The normalized input admittance is located a diameter across on the chart, which corresponds to the inversion of a complex number. For  $z = 0.56 - j0.71$ ,  $y = 0.68 + j0.87$ ; therefore,

$$Y_{in} = \frac{y}{R_0} = (9.71 + j12.4) \text{ mS}$$

- 15.11.** The high-frequency lossless transmission system shown in Fig. 15-22 operates at 700 MHz with a phase velocity for each line section of  $2.1 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ . Use the Smith Chart to find the VSWR on each section of line and the input impedance to line #1 at the drive point. (There are three distinct transmission line problems to be solved.)

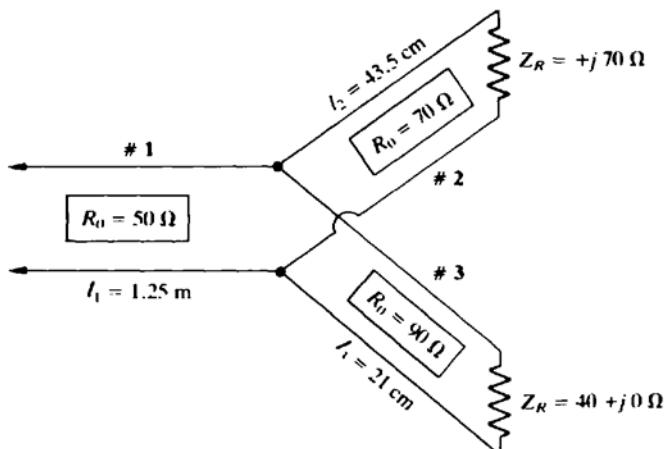


Fig. 15-22

For the three lines the wavelength is  $\lambda = (2.1 \times 10^8)/(7 \times 10^8) = 30 \text{ cm}$ . For line #2 the length is  $(43.5/30)\lambda = 1.45\lambda$  and the normalized load is  $(0 + j70)/70 = j1$ . Plot this value as point 1 in Fig. 15-23. Note the reference position,  $0.125\lambda$  and  $\text{VSWR} = \infty$ . Move on the VSWR circle  $1.45\lambda$  toward the generator to point 2 and read the value  $z_{in} = 0 + j0.51$ . The input impedance to line #2,

$$Z_{in2} = z_{in}R_{l2} = 0 + j35.7 \Omega$$

is one part of the load on line #1.

For line #3 the length is  $\frac{21}{30} = 0.7\lambda$  and the normalized load is  $(40 + j0)/90 = 0.44 + j0$ . Plot this value as point 3 and note the reference position of  $0\lambda$  and the  $\text{VSWR} = 2.25$ . Move on the VSWR circle  $0.7\lambda$  toward the generator to point 4, and read off

$$z_{in} = 1.62 + j0.86 \quad \text{or} \quad Z_{in3} = z_{in}R_{l3} = 145.8 + j77.4 \Omega$$

This is the second part of the load on line #1.

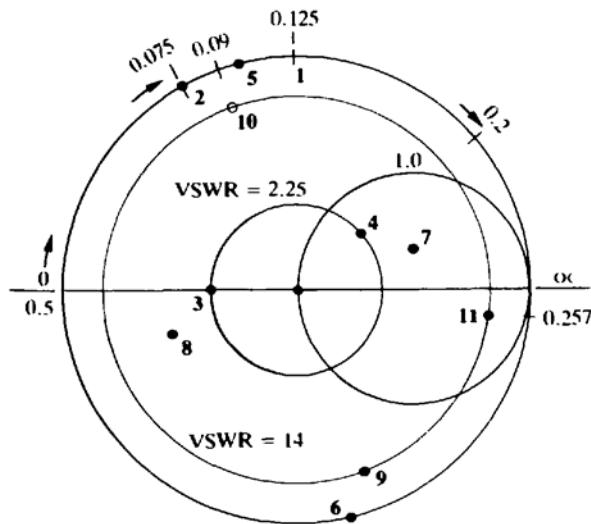


Fig. 15-23

For line #1: the length is  $1.25/0.30 = 4.167\lambda$  and the load is the parallel combination of  $Z_{in2}$  and  $Z_{in3}$ . Normalize each impedance to the  $50-\Omega$  line, find each admittance, add the admittances for  $y_R$ , and then find  $z_R$ .

$$z_2 = j\left(\frac{35.7}{50}\right) = 0 + j0.714 \quad (\text{point 5}) \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = 0 - j1.41 \quad (\text{point 6})$$

$$z_3 = \frac{145.8 + j77.4}{50} = 2.92 + j1.55 \quad (\text{point 7}) \quad \text{and} \quad y_3 = 0.27 - j0.14 \quad (\text{point 8})$$

$$y_R = 0.27 - j1.55 \quad (\text{point 9}) \quad \text{with} \quad \text{VSWR} = 14$$

Invert by moving a diameter across to point 10 for  $z_R = 0.1 + j0.63$  at the reference position  $0.09\lambda$ . Now move  $4.167\lambda$  toward the generator from  $z_R$  on the  $\text{VSWR} = 14$  circle to point 11, and read  $z_{in} = 9.5 - j6.3$ . The input impedance to line #1 is

$$50(9.5 - j6.3) = 475 - j315 \quad \Omega$$

-  15.12. (a) A high-frequency  $50-\Omega$  lossless line is 141.6 cm long, with a relative dielectric constant  $\epsilon_r = 2.49$ . At 500 MHz the input impedance of the terminated line is measured as  $Z_{in} = (20 + j25) \Omega$ . Use the Smith Chart to find the value of the terminating load. (b) After the impedance measurement an 8-pF lossless capacitor is connected in parallel with the line at a distance of 8.5 cm from the load. Find the VSWR on the main line.

(a) For  $\epsilon_r = 2.49$ ,

$$u_p = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{2.49}} = 1.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \quad \lambda = \frac{u_p}{f} = \frac{1.9 \times 10^8}{5 \times 10^8} = 38 \text{ cm}$$

and the length of line is  $(141.6/38)\lambda = 3.726\lambda$ . The normalized input impedance is  $z_{in} = (20 + j25)/50 = 0.4 + j0.5$ . Plot this value on Fig. 15-24 as point 1, measure the VSWR, draw the  $\text{VSWR} = 3.2$  circle, and note the reference position at  $0.418\lambda$  toward the load. From  $z_{in}$  move  $3.726\lambda$  toward the load on the VSWR circle (a net change of  $0.226\lambda$ ) and read the normalized load impedance  $z_R = 0.72 - j0.98$  at point 2. The load impedance is  $Z_R = (36 - j49) \Omega$  at 500 MHz.

- (b) Since the capacitor is connected in parallel it is convenient to work on the  $y$ -chart, Fig. 15-25. In Fig. 15-24 read the value diametrically opposite  $z_R$ :  $y_R = 0.48 + j0.67$ . Plot  $y_R$  as point 3 in Fig. 15-25 and draw the  $\text{VSWR} = 3.2$  circle. The reference position is  $0.105\lambda$  toward the generator, corresponding to  $x = 0$ . Move 8.5 cm, or  $(8.5/38)\lambda = 0.224\lambda$  toward the

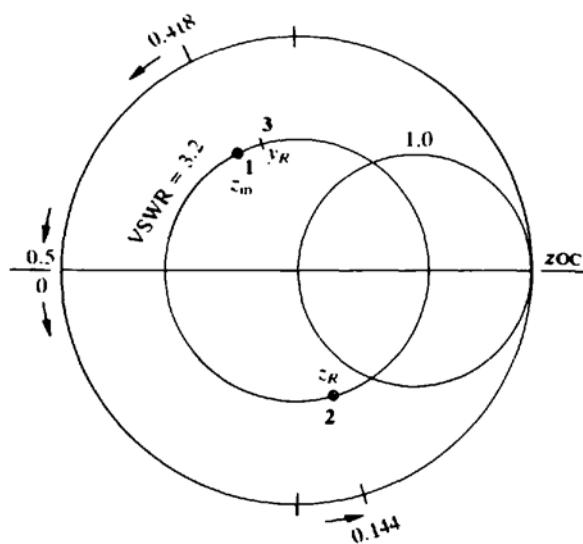


Fig. 15-24

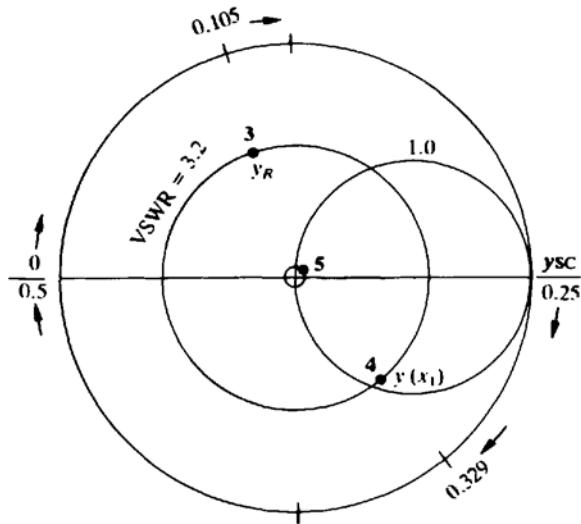


Fig. 15-25

generator on the VSWR circle and read  $y(x_1)$  at point 4. Before the capacitor is added,  $y(x_1) = 1.04 - j1.22$ . The normalized admittance of the capacitor is

$$y_c = (j2\pi f C)R_0 = j2\pi(5 \times 10^8)(8 \times 10^{-12})(50) = 0 + j1.26$$

and the new admittance at  $x_1$  is  $y_c + y(x_1) = 1.04 + j0.04$ . Plot this new admittance as point 5 and measure  $\text{VSWR} = 1.04$  (a significant reduction from 3.2).

- 15.13.** A 4-m-long, stub-supported, lossless,  $300\Omega$ , air-dielectric line (Fig. 15-26) was designed for operation at 300 MHz with a  $300\Omega$  resistive load, using shorted ( $\lambda/4$ )-supports. With no changes in dimensions or load, the line is operated at 400 MHz. Use the Smith Chart to find the VSWR on each section of line, including the supports, and the input impedance at the new frequency.

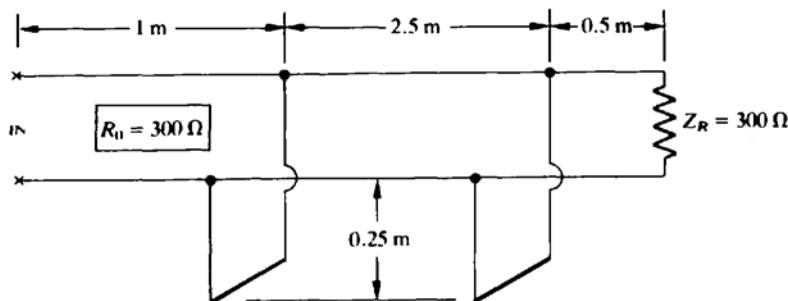


Fig. 15-26

The wavelength is  $\lambda = c/f = (3 \times 10^8)/(4 \times 10^8) = 75 \text{ cm}$  and distances in terms of  $\lambda$  are  
Total length = 4 m =  $5.333\lambda$

Load to stub 1 = 50 cm =  $0.667\lambda$

Stub length = 25 cm =  $0.333\lambda$

Stub separation = 2.5 m =  $3.333\lambda$

Stub 2 to input = 1 m =  $1.33\lambda$

Since the stubs are in parallel, use a  $y$ -chart, Fig. 15-27, for the solution. At  $x = 0$ ,  $y_R = R_0/Z_R = 1 + j0$  (point 1) and  $\text{VSWR} = 1$ . The line is flat to the point of connection of the first stub,  $0.667\lambda$  from the load, with  $y(x_1) = 1 + j0$  in the absence of stubs.

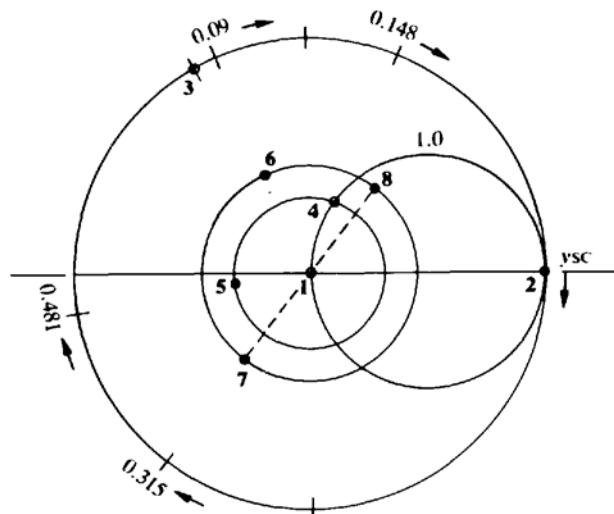


Fig. 15-27

To find the admittance of the shorted stubs, plot  $y_{SC}$  at point 2, move  $0.333\lambda$  toward the generator on the  $VSWR = \infty$  circle to point 3, and read  $y = 0 + j0.58$ . This value must be added to  $y = 1 + j0$  to get the admittance at  $x_1$ , with stub 1 connected; thus,  $y(x_1) = 1 + j0.58$  (point 4),  $VSWR = 1.75$ , and the reference position is  $0.148\lambda$  toward the generator. Draw the VSWR circle through point 4; move  $3.333\lambda$  toward the generator from 4 to 5; and read the admittance at  $x_2$  without stub 2 in place:  $y(x_2) = 0.57 - j0.08$ . At this point add the second stub to get  $y(x_2) = 0.57 + j0.50$  (point 6) draw the  $VSWR = 2.3$  circle. The reference position is  $0.092\lambda$  toward the generator. From point 6 move  $1.333\lambda$  toward the generator on the  $VSWR = 2.3$  circle to point 7 and read the normalized input admittance  $y_{in} = 0.52 - j0.38$ . Invert this value by moving across a diameter and read  $z_{in} = 1.23 + j0.92$  (point 8). The input impedance to the line at 400 MHz is  $z_{in}R_0 = (369 + j276) \Omega$ .

- 15.14.** The lossless lumped-parameter network shown in Fig. 15-28 is used to match a  $50\Omega$  line to the input of an RF transistor operating at 1 GHz. The input reflection coefficient for the transistor is  $\Gamma = 0.6/-150^\circ$ , measured for a  $50\Omega$  system. Find the values of  $L$  and  $C$  for the conjugate matched condition.

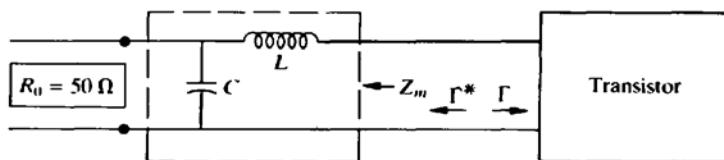


Fig. 15-28

Normalizing the reactances of the matching network to the  $50\Omega$  line gives  $x = \omega L/50$  and  $b = 50\omega C$ . The normalized impedance looking back to the network from the transistor is

$$z_m = jx + \frac{1}{1+jb} \quad (1)$$

Now, the matching criterion is  $\Gamma_R = \Gamma^*$ , or

$$z_m = \frac{1 + \Gamma^*}{1 - \Gamma^*} = 0.27 + j0.25 \quad (2)$$

together (1) and (2) yield  $b = \pm 1.64$ . For  $b = +1.64$ ,  $x = +0.70$  where the positive sign on  $b$  corresponds to a capacitance. Then

$$C = \frac{b}{\omega R_0} = 5.2 \text{ pF} \quad \text{and} \quad L = \frac{\chi R_0}{\omega} = 5.6 \text{ nH}$$

- 15.15.** A 15 m length of  $300\Omega$  line must be connected to a 3 m length of  $150\Omega$  line that is terminated in a  $150\Omega$  resistor. Assuming the lossless condition for the air-dielectric lines and operation at a fixed frequency of 50 MHz, find the  $R_0$  and the length for a quarter-wave section of line (*quarter-wave transformer*) to match the two lines for a  $\text{VSWR} = 1$  on the main line. If no transformer is used, what is the VSWR on the main line?

A model for the system is shown in Fig. 15-29. For  $f = 50 \text{ MHz}$  and  $u_p = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ , the wavelength is  $\lambda = 6 \text{ m}$ ; a  $\lambda/4$  section of line must be 1.5 m long.

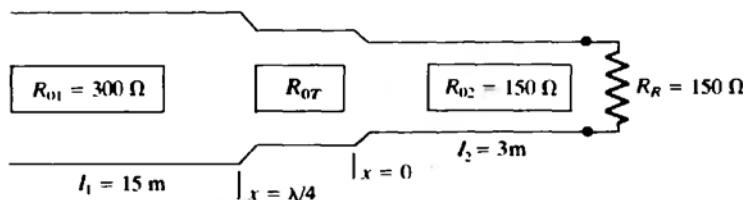


Fig. 15-29

With no transformer in place the termination of the  $300\Omega$  line is  $150\Omega$ , since line 2 is  $R_0$ -terminated. The reflection coefficient on line 1 is

$$\Gamma = \frac{150 - 300}{150 + 300} = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{VSWR} = \frac{1 + (\frac{1}{3})}{1 - (\frac{1}{3})} = 2$$

With the transformer inserted as shown, the reflection coefficient at the load  $R_R$  is

$$\Gamma_R = \frac{R_R - R_{0T}}{R_R + R_{0T}} \quad (1)$$

and the input impedance at  $\beta x = 90^\circ$ , which, as the load on line 1, must be  $300\Omega$ , is

$$Z_{in} = 300 \Omega = R_{0T} \frac{1 + \Gamma_R / -180^\circ}{1 - \Gamma_R / -180^\circ} = R_{0T} \frac{1 - \Gamma_R}{1 + \Gamma_R} \quad (2)$$

Substitution of (1), with  $R_R = 150\Omega$ , in (2) gives

$$300(150 + R_{0T} + 150 - R_{0T}) = R_{0T}(150 + R_{0T} - 150 + R_{0T})$$

$$\text{or } R_{0T} = \sqrt{300 \times 150} = \sqrt{R_{01}R_{02}} = 212.1 \Omega.$$

- 15.16.** A generator at 150 MHz drives a 10-m-long,  $75\Omega$  coaxial line terminated in a composite load consisting of the parallel connection of two  $50\Omega$  lines of lengths 0.5 m and 1 m, each terminated in a  $50\Omega$  resistance. All lines are lossless with  $\epsilon_R = 2.2$ . With reference to Fig. 15-30, determine the length  $\ell_s$  and connection point  $x_1$  of a parallel-connected  $75\Omega$  stub that will produce minimum VSWR on the feed line. The stub should be as close as possible to the load.

Phase velocity,  $u_p = 3 \times 10^8 / \sqrt{2.2} = 2.02 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ; wavelength,  $\lambda = u_p/f = 1.35 \text{ m}$ . The input impedance to each of the  $50\Omega$  lines is  $50\Omega$  for  $R_0$ -termination, the composite load on the  $75\Omega$  line is  $25\Omega$  or, when normalized,  $z_R = 0.333 + j0$ . Plot  $z_R$  on the Smith Chart and through this point draw the  $|\Gamma_R|$  circle and the radial line to the angle scale, as shown in Fig. 15-31. Read  $\phi_R = 180^\circ$  and measure

$$|\Gamma| = 0.5 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{VSWR} = 3$$

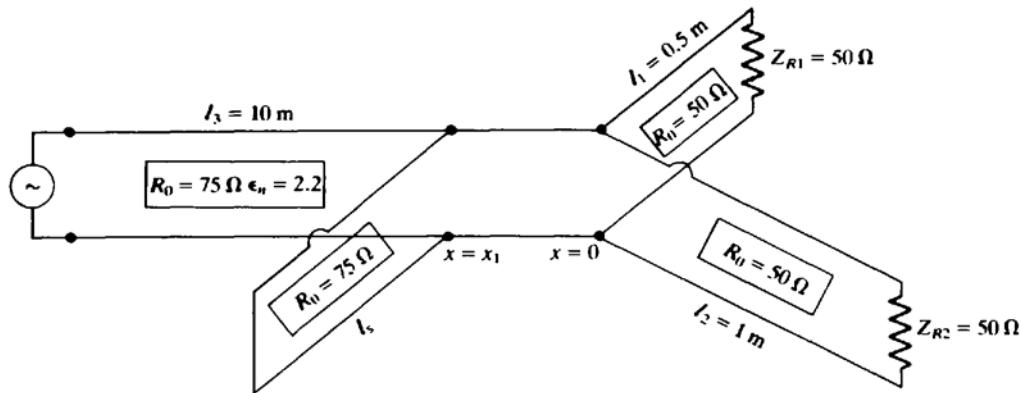


Fig. 15-30

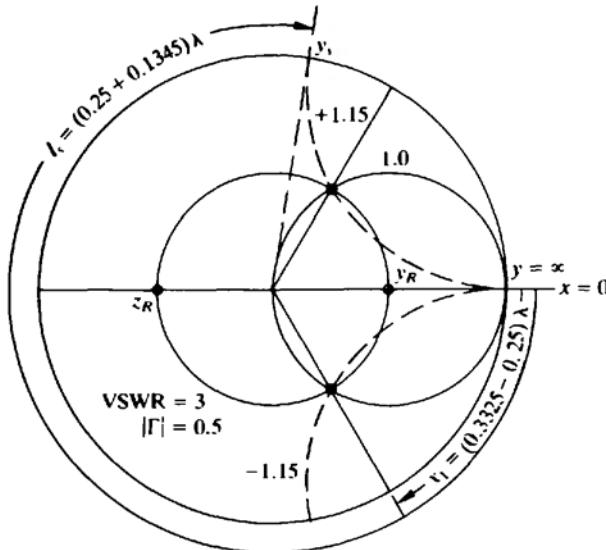


Fig. 15-31

Since the matching stub is in parallel, locate  $y_R = 3 + j0$  by projecting a diameter across from  $z_R$ . Locate the intersections of the  $g = 1$  and  $VSWR = 3$  circles and note the distances from the load at  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 1 + j1.15 \text{ at a distance } 0.25 + 0.166 = 0.416\lambda \text{ toward the generator} \\ y &= 1 - j1.15 \text{ at a distance } 0.3335 - 0.25 = 0.0835\lambda \text{ toward the generator} \end{aligned}$$

Locate the  $75\text{-}\Omega$  stub at  $x_1 = 0.0835\lambda = 11.3 \text{ cm}$ . The stub length  $\ell_s$  is that which makes  $y_s = 0 + j1.15$ , for a net  $y = 1 + j0$ , (matched condition). Thus, plot  $y_s$  and determine the distance from the short-circuit condition  $y = \infty$  to this point. The length of stub is  $(0.25 + 0.1345)\lambda = 51.9 \text{ cm}$ .

The VSWR on lines  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  is 1.0 for the matched loads. On the shorted stub the VSWR is infinite. From  $x = 0$  on the main line to  $x = x_1$  the VSWR is 3.0 and from  $x = x_1$  to  $x = \ell_s$  the VSWR is 1.0.

- 15.17.** Find the shortest distance from the load and the length (both in centimeter) of a shorted stub connected in parallel to a  $300\text{-}\Omega$  lossless air-dielectric line in order to match a load  $Z_R = (600 + j300)\Omega$  at 600 MHz. The matching stub is the same type of line as the main line.

For both the line and the stub,  $u_p = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  and  $\lambda = 0.5 \text{ m}$ . Plot  $z_R = (600 + j300)/300 = 2 + j1$  on the  $y$ -chart, Fig. 15-32. Draw the  $\text{VSWR} = 2.6$  circle, move diametrically across to  $y_R = 0.4 - j0.2$ , and read the reference position  $0.464\lambda$  toward the generator. Move from  $y_R$  on the VSWR circle to the first intersection with the  $g = 1$  circle and read  $y(x_1) = 1 + j1$  at the reference position  $0.162\lambda$ . The stub location is

$$x_1 = [(0.5 - 0.464) + 0.162]\lambda = 0.198\lambda = 9.9 \text{ cm}$$

from the load. To match the line for  $\text{VSWR} = 1$ , the admittance of the shorted stub must be  $y_s = 0 - j1$  to cancel the susceptance at point  $x_1$ . The required length of stub is  $0.125\lambda = 6.25 \text{ cm}$ .

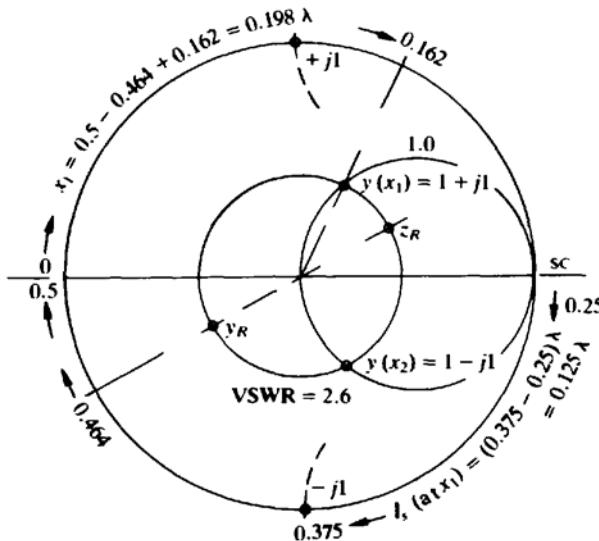


Fig. 15-32

If this position is not accessible, the second intersection with the  $g = 1$  circle may be used, where  $y(x_2) = 1 - j1$  and

$$x_2 = [(0.05 - 0.464) + 0.338]\lambda = 0.374\lambda = 18.7 \text{ cm}$$

The stub would have to be adjusted to give  $y_s = +j1$ , for a length of  $0.375\lambda = 18.75 \text{ cm}$ .

- 15.18.** A high-frequency lossless  $70\Omega$  line, with  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ , is terminated in  $Z_R = 50/\underline{30^\circ}\Omega$  at 320 MHz. The load is to be matched with a shorted section of  $50\Omega$  line, with  $\epsilon_r = 2.3$ , connected in parallel; the stub must be at least 5 cm from the load. If such matching is possible, find the distance from the load and the length of the stub.

For the main line,  $u_p = 3 \times 10^8 / \sqrt{2.1} = 2.07 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\lambda = u_p/f = 64.7 \text{ cm}$ ; for the stub line,  $u_{ps} = 3 \times 10^8 / \sqrt{2.3} = 1.98 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\lambda_s = 61.9 \text{ cm}$ . The normalized load is  $z_R = (50/\underline{30^\circ})/70 = 0.62 + j0.36$ , with  $\text{VSWR} = 1.92$ , and the admittance is  $y_R = 1.20 - j0.70$  at reference position  $0.327\lambda_m$  toward the generator; see Fig. 15-33. Move on the VSWR circle from  $y_R$  toward the generator to the first intersection,  $y(x_1) = 1 - j0.66$ , at  $0.350\lambda$ , or a distance of  $0.023\lambda = 1.49 \text{ cm}$ . This point can not be used due to the 5-cm limitation. Continue on the VSWR circle to  $y(x_2) = 1 + j0.66$  at position  $0.151\lambda_m$ ; the distance

$$x_2 = (0.5 - 0.327) + 0.151 = 0.324\lambda_m = 21.0 \text{ cm}$$

gives the point of connection for the stub.

As the stub has a different  $R_0$ , it is necessary first to "denormalize"  $y(x_2)$ :

$$Y(x_2) = \frac{1 + j0.66}{70} = (1.4 + j0.94) \times 10^{-2} \text{ S}$$

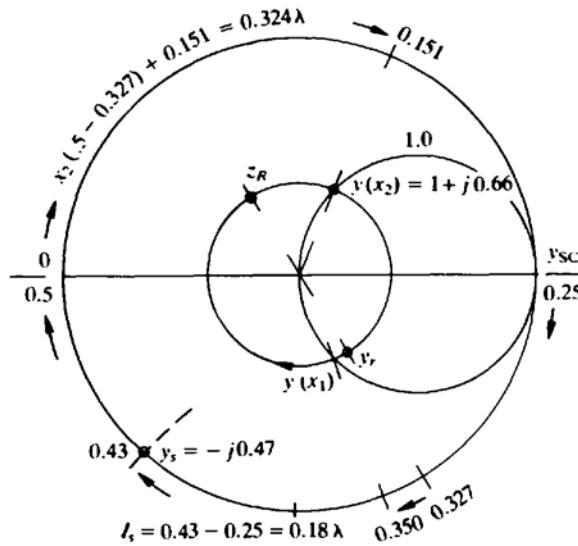


Fig. 15-33

which shows that for cancellation of susceptance we must have

$$y_s = (-j0.94 \times 10^{-2})(50) = -j0.47$$

The length of shorted stub is then  $(0.43 - 0.25)\lambda_s = 0.18\lambda_s = 11.1$  cm.

- 15.19.** A complex load is measured with a VHF bridge at 500 MHz; the impedance is  $29/30^\circ \Omega$ . This load is connected to a  $50-\Omega$  air-dielectric line, with a  $50-\Omega$   $3\lambda/8$  tuner between the load and line. Find the lengths of each shorted stub to produce a VSWR of 1.0 on the main line. Show both solutions if they exist.

The model for the system is shown in Fig. 15-9. For the air line,  $u_p = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s and  $\lambda = u_p/f = 60$  cm. The normalized load impedance is

$$z_R = \frac{Z_R}{R_0} = 0.58/30^\circ = 0.5 + j0.29$$

On the Smith Chart draw the  $3\lambda/8$  tuner circle, plot  $z_R$ , draw the  $VSWR = 2.25$  circle, locate  $y_R = 1.52 - j0.88$ , and find the intersections of the tuner circle and the  $g_R =$

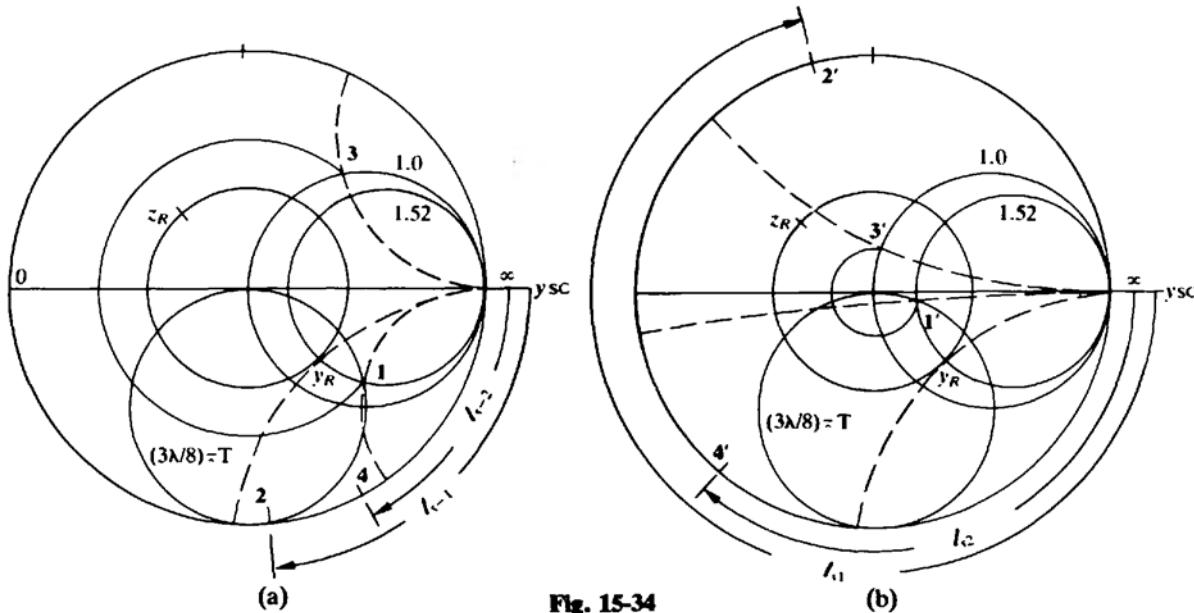


Fig. 15-34

1.52 circle. There is a solution for each intersection; first consider  $y = 1.52 - j1.82$  (Fig. 15-34a). Here, the first stub must be adjusted to change the susceptance from  $-0.88$  to  $-1.82$  (point 1); thus  $y_{s1} = 0 - j0.94$  at point 2. The stub length for this  $b$  is read on  $\lambda$  scale from  $y = \infty$  toward the generator:

$$\ell_{s1} = (0.380 - 0.25)\lambda = 7.8 \text{ cm}$$

From point 1 move  $3\lambda/8$  toward the generator to point 3, where  $y = 1 + j1.53$ . Stub 2 must add  $y = 0 - j1.53$  (point 4); and the stub length is

$$\ell_{s2} = (0.342 - 0.25)\lambda = 5.52 \text{ cm}$$

Figure 15-34b presents the second solution, which follows the same pattern.

**At 1':**  $y = 1.52 - j0.16$

**At 2':**  $y_{s1} = 0 + j0.72$  and  
 $\ell_{s1} = (0.25 + 0.099)\lambda = 21.6 \text{ cm}$

**At 3':**  $y = 1 + j0.45$

**At 4':**  $y_{s2} = 0 - j0.45$  and  
 $\ell_{s2} = (0.433 - 0.25)\lambda = 11.4 \text{ cm}$

The first solution is preferred because the total length of the stubs with infinite VSWR is 12.63 cm, which will introduce lower losses in a practical system.

- 15.20.** Use a two-stub quarter-wave tuner ( $50\Omega$ , shorted stubs) located 7.2 cm from the load of Problem 15.19 in order to match the load to the line.

The normalized load admittance in Problem 15.19 is  $y_R = 1/z_R = 1.52 - j0.88$ , and the wavelength is  $\lambda = 60 \text{ cm}$ . At 7.2 cm or  $0.12\lambda$  from the load,  $y_1 = 0.54 - j0.36$ ; this value is to be matched to the line with the tuner. Two solutions exist.

**Solution 1 (Fig. 15-35)**

- $y_1 = 0.54 - j0.36$   
**1:**  $y_T = 0.54 - j0.50$   
**2:**  $y_{s1} = -j0.14$   
 $\ell_{s1} = (0.478 - 0.25)\lambda = 13.68 \text{ cm}$   
**3:** Move  $\lambda/4$  to  $y = 1 + j0.95$   
**4:**  $y_{s2} = -j0.95$   
 $\ell_{s2} = (0.3795 - 0.25)\lambda = 7.77 \text{ cm}$

Total stub length = 21.45 cm (preferred)

**Solution 2 (Fig. 15-36)**

- $y_2 = 0.54 - j0.36$   
**1':**  $y_T = 0.54 + j0.50$   
**2':**  $y_{s1} + j0.86$   
 $\ell_{s1} = (0.25 + 0.113)\lambda = 21.78 \text{ cm}$   
**3':** Move  $\lambda/4$  to  $y = 1 - j0.95$   
**4':**  $y_{s2} = +j0.95$   
 $\ell_{s2} = (0.25 + 0.1205)\lambda = 22.23 \text{ cm}$

Total stub length = 44.01 cm

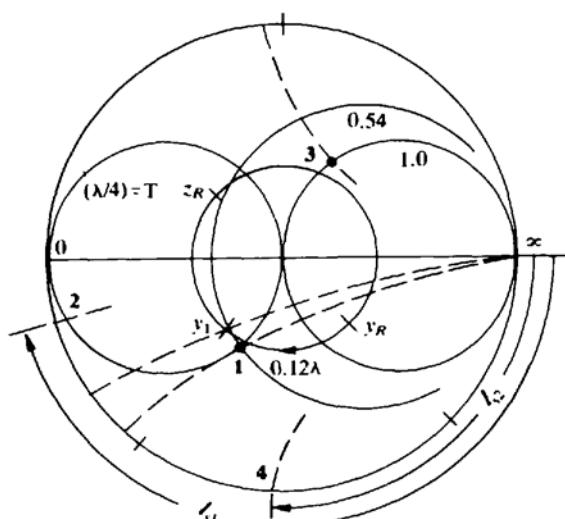


Fig. 15-35

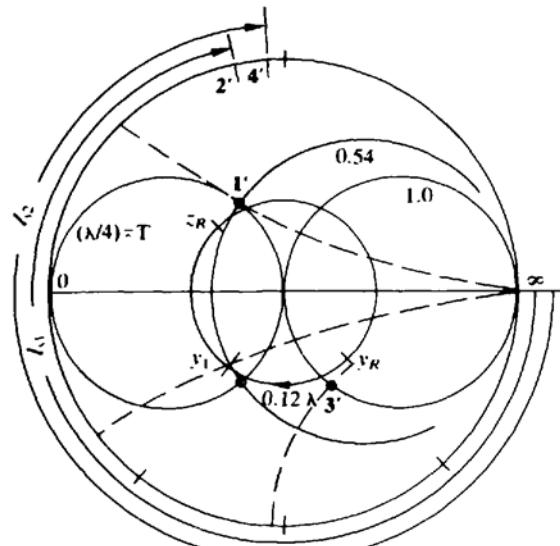


Fig. 15-36

- 15.21** A  $70\Omega$  double-stub tuner is used to match a load  $Y_R = (4.76 + j1.43) \text{ mS}$  at 600 MHz to a  $70\Omega$  lossless air-dielectric line. The first stub is located at the load and the separation between the stubs is 10 cm. Find the shorted-stub lengths for the matched condition.

For the air line,  $\lambda = (3 \times 10^8)/(6 \times 10^8) = 0.50 \text{ m}$  and the stub separation is  $10 \text{ cm} = \lambda/5$ . Draw the  $\lambda/5$  tuner circle as shown in Fig. 15-37. Plot the normalized load  $y_R = Y_R R_0 = 0.33 + j0.10$ , which determines the  $\text{VSWR} = 3.0$  circle. Two solutions exist, one for the intersection with the tuner circle at  $y_1 = 0.333 - j0.18$  ( $\text{VSWR} = 3.2$ ) and the other at  $y_2 = 0.333 + j0.84$  ( $\text{VSWR} = 4.9$ ).

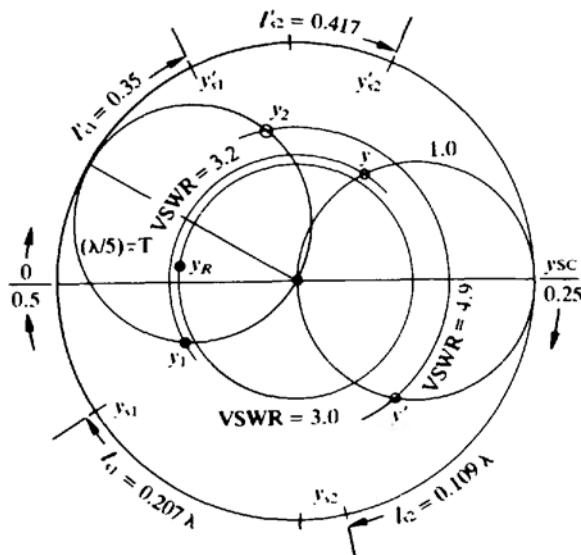


Fig. 15-37

**First solution.**  $y_{s1} = -j0.28$  to change  $y_R$  to  $y_1$ , for a length of  $0.207\lambda = 10.35 \text{ cm}$ . Move on the  $\text{VSWR} = 3.2$  circle  $0.2\lambda$  toward the generator from  $y_R$ , to  $y = 1.0 + j1.23$ . The second stub must be adjusted to give  $y_{s2} = -j1.23$  for a net  $y = 1 + j0$ , the matched condition. The length is  $0.109\lambda = 5.45 \text{ cm}$ .

**Second solution.**  $y'_{s1} = +j0.74$ , for  $y_2 = 0.33 + j0.84$  and a length  $0.351\lambda = 17.55 \text{ cm}$ . Move on the  $\text{VSWR} = 4.9$  circle  $0.2\lambda$  toward the generator from  $y_R$ , to  $y' = 1.0 - j1.75$ . The second stub must be adjusted for  $y'_{s2} = -j1.75$  to produce  $1 + j0$ , the matched condition. The length is  $0.417\lambda = 20.85 \text{ cm}$ .

- 15.22.** A  $50\Omega$  slotted line that is 40 cm long is inserted in a  $50\Omega$  lossless line feeding an antenna at 600 MHz. Standing-wave measurements with a short-circuit termination and with the antenna in place yield the data of Fig. 15-38; the scale on the slotted line has the lowest

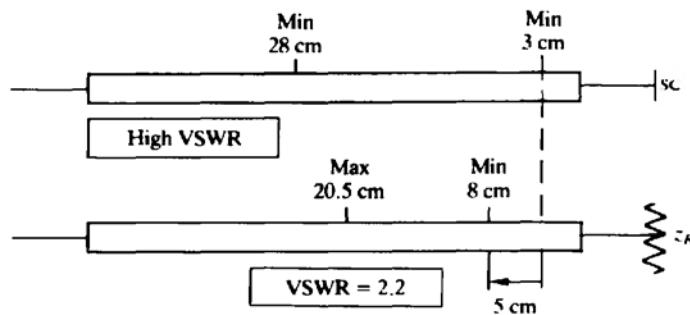


Fig. 15-38

number on the load side. Find the impedance of the antenna, the reflection coefficient due to the load, and the velocity of propagation on the line.

For the short circuit, minima are separated by a half-wavelength, so  $\lambda = 50$  cm. For a frequency of 600 MHz the phase velocity is  $u_p = f\lambda = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s (air dielectric). With the antenna in place the minimum shifts 5 cm =  $0.1\lambda$  toward the generator. On the Smith Chart draw the VSWR = 2.2 circle and identify the voltage minimum line as in Fig. 15-39. Locate  $z_R$  on the VSWR circle  $0.1\lambda$  toward the load from the  $V_{min}$  position:

$$z_R = 0.64 - j0.52 \quad \text{and} \quad Z_R = R_0 z_R = (32 - j26) \Omega$$

The load  $\Gamma_R$  is read from the chart:  $\phi_R = -108^\circ$  and  $|\Gamma_R| = 0.375$  is the distance from the center to  $z_R$ , as read off the external scale.

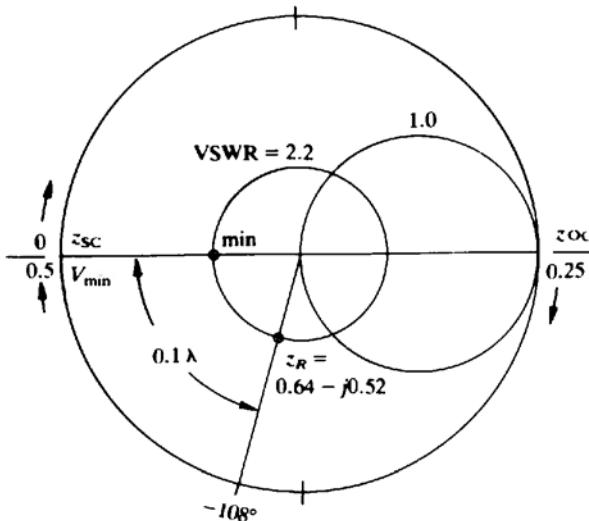


Fig. 15-39

- 15.23. A 40-m length of lossless 50- $\Omega$  coaxial cable with a phase velocity of  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s is connected at  $t = 0$  to a source with  $v_g(t) = 18$  V dc and  $R_g = 100 \Omega$ . If the receiving end is short-circuit terminated, sketch the sending-end voltage  $v_s(t)$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2.5 \mu s$ .

The delay time of the line is

$$t_D = \frac{\ell}{u_p} = \frac{40}{2 \times 10^8} = 0.2 \mu s$$

The incident voltage at the sending end at  $t = 0$  is

$$v_s(0) = \frac{v_g R_0}{R_g + R_0} = \frac{18 \times 50}{100 + 50} = 6 \text{ V}$$

The reflection coefficients at the two ends are

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{R_s - R_0}{R_s + R_0} = \frac{100 - 50}{100 + 50} = +\frac{1}{3} \quad \Gamma_R = \frac{R_R - R_0}{R_R + R_0} = \frac{0 - 50}{0 + 50} = -1$$

Figure 15-40 shows the  $t = d$  plot over a total time of  $2.5 \mu s = 12.5 t_D$ . From this, the desired  $v_s = t$  plot, Fig. 15-41, is easily derived. At any time  $v_s$  is the sum of all incident and reflected waves present at  $d = a$ , up to and including the last-created incident wave. For example,

$$v_s(4.01 t_D) = 6 - 6 - 2 + 2 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

On account of  $\Gamma_R = -1$  the waves preceding the last incident wave cancel in pairs.

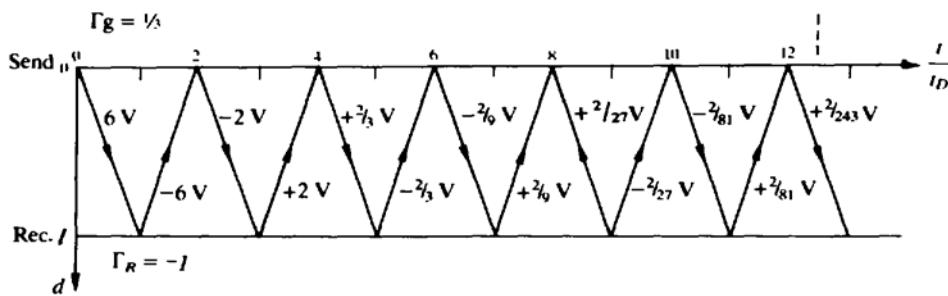


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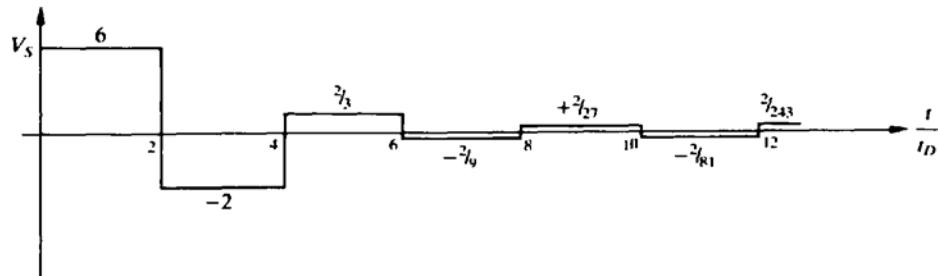


Fig. 15-41

- 15.24.** A well-designed, lossless,  $100\Omega$ ,  $100\mu s$  delay line produces a good  $10\mu s$  pulse at the output  $100\mu s$  after it is driven at the input, at  $t=0$ , by a  $10\mu s$  rectangular pulse recurring with a period of  $2\text{ ms}$ . The generator has a  $9\text{ V}$  peak open-circuit output and an internal resistance of  $50\Omega$ . Sketch  $v_s(t)$  and  $v_r(t)$  from  $t=0$  to  $t=650\mu s$  if the termination is a  $50\Omega$  resistor.

At  $t=0$  the sending-end incident voltage is pulse of  $10\mu s$  duration with a peak value of

$$V_{inc} = \frac{(9)(100)}{50 + 100} = 6\text{ V}$$

The sending-end and receiving-end reflection coefficients are

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{R_s - R_0}{R_s + R_0} = \frac{50 - 100}{50 + 100} = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \Gamma_R = \frac{R_R - R_0}{R_R + R_0} = \frac{50 - 100}{50 + 100} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Since the pulse period is  $2000\mu s$ , only the pulse sent out at  $t=0$  need be considered in the  $t=d$  plot of Fig. 15-42, which covers only the first  $650\mu s$ . Applying to Fig. 15-42 the summation technique described in Problem 15.23, one obtains the required voltage plots, Fig. 15-43.

For proper operation the delay line must be terminated in  $R_0 = 100\Omega$ .

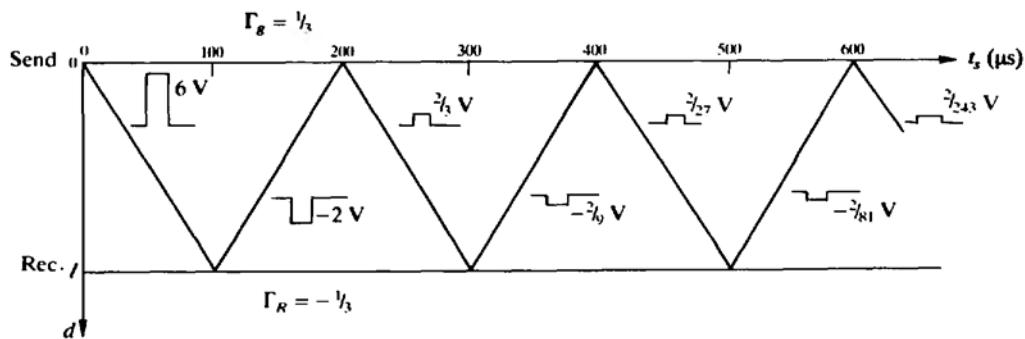


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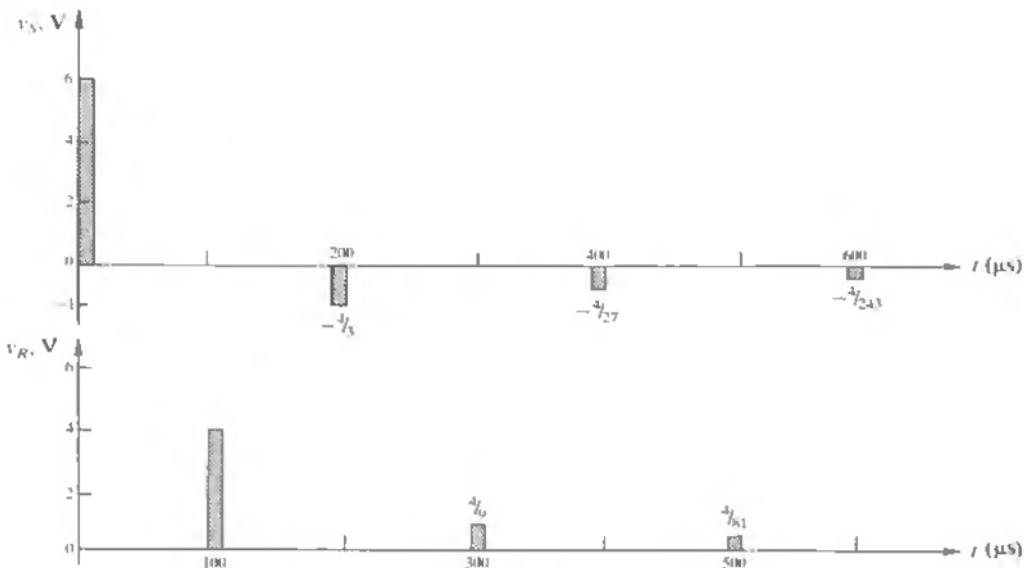


Fig. 15-43

### Supplementary Problems

- 15.25.** A coaxial cable with the dimensions  $a = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $b = 3 \text{ mm}$ , and  $t = 0.4 \text{ mm}$  is filled with a dielectric material having  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$ ,  $\sigma_d = 10 \mu\text{S/m}$ . The conductors have  $\sigma_c = 50 \text{ MS/m}$ . Calculate the per-meter values of  $L$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$ ,  $R_d$ , and  $R_a$  at 50 MHz. Neglect internal inductance. *Ans.*  $0.358 \mu\text{H/m}$ ,  $62.0 \text{ pF/m}$ ,  $35.1 \mu\text{S/m}$ ,  $0.030 \Omega/\text{m}$ ,  $0.743 \Omega/\text{m}$
- 15.26.** Find the per-meter values of  $L$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$ , and  $R$  for a parallel-wire line constructed in air of #12 AWG copper wire (dia. = 0.081 in.,  $\sigma_c = 52.8 \text{ MS/m}$ ) with a 4-inch separation. Operation is at 100 kHz. *Ans.*  $1.84 \mu\text{H/m}$ ,  $6.05 \text{ pF/m}$ ,  $0$ ,  $R_a = 0.0268 \Omega/\text{m}$
- 15.27.** In a "twin-lead" transmission line, two parallel copper wires ( $\sigma_c = 50 \text{ MS/m}$ ) are embedded 0.625 in. apart in a low-loss dielectric with  $\epsilon_r = 2.4$ . Neglecting losses, determine the diameter of the conductors for a characteristic impedance of  $300 \Omega$ . For this size of conductor, find the dc resistance and the ac resistance at 100 MHz. *Ans.*  $0.026 \text{ in.} = 0.66 \text{ mm}$ ,  $0.117 \Omega/\text{m}$ ,  $2.72 \Omega/\text{m}$
- 15.28.** A high-frequency application uses a coaxial cable with copper conductors, where the diameter of the inner conductor is 0.8 mm and the inside diameter of the outer conductor is 8.0 mm. The dielectric material has  $\epsilon_r = 2.35$ , and the thickness of the outer conductor is much greater than the depth of penetration at the operating frequency. The engineer wants to use a new cable having the same  $R_0$ , but with a larger outer conductor such that  $b_2 - a = 1.5(b_1 - a)$ . Find  $\epsilon_r$  for the new cable and calculate  $R_0$  and the capacitance per meter for each cable.  
*Ans.*  $3.18$ ,  $90 \Omega$ ,  $56.8 \text{ pF/m}$  (old),  $66.1 \text{ pF/m}$  (new)
- 15.29.** For the coaxial cable of Problem 15.28, calculate the line characteristics  $Z_0$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $u_p$ ,  $\lambda$  for operation at 10 kHz. *Ans.*  $32.7 / 15.2^\circ \Omega$ ,  $1.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Np/m}$ ;  $4.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad/m}$ ,  $1.49 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $14.9 \text{ km}$
- 15.30.** Find the characteristic impedance, propagation constant, velocity of propagation, and wavelength for the parallel-wire line of Problem 15.26.  
*Ans.*  $552.5 / -0.65^\circ \Omega$ ,  $(2.4 + j210)10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,  $2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $2.99 \text{ km}$
- 15.31.** A transmission line is 2 miles long, operates at 10 kHz, and has parameters  $R = 30 \Omega/\text{mi}$ ,  $C = 80 \text{ nF/mi}$ ,  $L = 2.2 \text{ mH/mi}$ , and  $G = 20 \text{ nS/mi}$ . Find the characteristic impedance, attenuation per

mile, phase shift per mile, phase velocity, and wavelength. What is the received power to a matched load when the sending-end power is 1.2 W?

*Ans.*  $167.7 / -6.1^\circ \Omega$ ,  $0.0896 \text{ Np/mi}$ ,  $0.838 \text{ rad/mi}$ ,  $7.5 \times 10^4 \text{ mi/s}$ ,  $7.5 \text{ mi}$ ;  $838.6 \text{ mW}$

- 15.32.** A transmission line 250 m long operates at 2 MHz with a load impedance of  $200 \Omega$ . The line characteristics are  $Z_0 = 300 / 0^\circ \Omega$ ,  $\alpha = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Np/m}$ ,  $\beta = 0.06 \text{ rad/m}$ . If the sending-end voltage is  $30 / 0^\circ \text{ V}$ , find the receiving-end voltage, power to the load, sending-end current and power, and the reflected power from the load. *Ans.*  $22 / -130^\circ \text{ V}$ ;  $1.21 \text{ W}$ ;  $105.4 / 18.3^\circ \text{ mA}$ ,  $1.5 \text{ W}$ ;  $50 \text{ mW}$

- 15.33.** One method of determining the characteristics of a line is to measure the input impedance at  $x = \ell$  (line disconnected from source) when the receiving end is opened for  $Z_{OC}$ , and when it is shorted for  $Z_{SC}$ . From the product  $Z_{OC}Z_{SC}$  and the ratio  $Z_{OC}/Z_{SC}$  the characteristic impedance and the propagation constant per unit length can be calculated. If measured values at 5 kHz are  $Z_{OC} = 141.9 / -84.1^\circ \Omega$  and  $Z_{SC} = 62.0 / 37.7^\circ \Omega$  for a 2-mile length of line, use the equation for  $Z_s$  to find  $Z_0$ ,  $\alpha$  (per mile), and  $\beta$  (per mile). *Ans.*  $93.8 / -23.2^\circ \Omega$ ,  $0.12 \text{ Np/mi}$ ,  $0.28 \text{ rad/mi}$

- 15.34.** A 200-m length of  $300-\Omega$  transmission line has  $\alpha = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Np/m}$  and  $\beta = 0.02 \text{ rad/m}$  when operating at 200 kHz. If  $\hat{V}_R = 20 / 0^\circ \text{ V}$  and  $Z_R = 350 / 20^\circ \Omega$ , find the distance from the receiving end to the first impedance minimum. What is the value of this  $Z_{min}$ ? *Ans.*  $107.2 \text{ m}$ ,  $239.4 \Omega$

- 15.35.** A  $500-\Omega$  line is connected to a 10-kHz generator rated at  $80 / 0^\circ \text{ V}$  open-circuit with an internal resistance of  $600 \Omega$ . The line is 3 miles long, with  $\alpha = 0.05 \text{ Np/mi}$  and  $\beta = 0.9 \text{ rad/mi}$  at 10 kHz. For a matched load at  $x = 0$ , find the sending-end power, the receiving-end power, and  $\hat{V}_R$ . If the line is opened at the receiving end, what is the sending-end power?

*Ans.*  $1.32 \text{ W}$ ,  $0.98 \text{ W}$ ,  $31.3 / -154.7^\circ \text{ V}$ ;  $0.65 \text{ W}$

- 15.36.** For the line of Problem 15.35, find the receiving-end current and the sending-end power if the line is shorted at  $x = 0$ . *Ans.*  $0.12 / -157.6^\circ \text{ A}$ ,  $0.55 \text{ W}$

- 15.37.** The rigid coaxial line of Problems 15.2 and 15.9 would be classified as a low-loss line. (a) What are the reflection coefficient at the load and VSWR if the load is a  $40-\Omega$  resistor? (b) Determine the maximum and minimum load resistance for  $\text{VSWR} = 1.5$ . (c) Calculate the reflection coefficient 3 cm from the load, if  $Z_R = (55 + j0) \Omega$  (consider attenuation).

*Ans.* (a)  $-0.073$ ,  $1.16$ ; (b)  $69.45 \Omega$ ,  $30.89 \Omega$ ; (c)  $0.0856 / -216^\circ$

- 15.38.** A  $90-\Omega$ , lossless, high-frequency, coaxial line, with  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ , operates at 150 MHz. Of interest is the sensitivity of the VSWR to small changes in terminating resistance. (a) Tabulate  $\Gamma_R$  and VSWR against  $R_R = (90 \pm 2n) \Omega$ , for integral values of  $n$  from 0 to 5. (b) If the specifications for an application limit the maximum VSWR to 1.025, find the maximum and minimum values of terminating resistance.

*Ans.* (a) See Table 15-4. (b)  $92.24 \Omega$ ,  $87.81 \Omega$

- 15.39.** For the transmission line of Problem 15.38, (a) find the phase velocity, wavelength, and the phase shift per meter. (b) If the terminating resistance is  $100 \Omega$ , find the input impedances for line lengths  $\lambda/2$ ,  $\lambda/4$ , and  $\lambda/8$ . *Ans.* (a)  $2.07 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $1.38 \text{ m}$ ,  $4.55 \text{ rad/m}$ ; (b)  $100 / -0^\circ \Omega$ ,  $81 / -0^\circ \Omega$ ,  $90 / -6^\circ \Omega$

- 15.40.** Use the Smith Chart to find (a)  $\Gamma_R$ , (b) VSWR, and (c)  $y$ , for the following  $(Z_R, R_0)$ -pairs, in ohms:  $(100 + j150, 50)$ ;  $(28 - j35, 70)$ ;  $90 / -30^\circ, 90$ ;  $(120 / 90^\circ, 50)$ ;  $(0, 70)$ ;  $(50 + j5, 50)$ .

*Ans.* (a)  $0.75 / 26.5^\circ$ ,  $0.53 / -121^\circ$ ,  $0.27 / -90^\circ$ ,  $1.0 / 45^\circ$ ,  $-1.0$ ,  $0.05 / 90^\circ$

(b)  $7$ ,  $3.3$ ,  $1.75$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $1.1$

(c)  $0.16 - j0.225$ ,  $0.97 + j1.23$ ,  $0.87 + j0.52$ ,  $-j0.415$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $1 - j0.1$

- 15.41.** Find (a)  $y_R$ , (b) VSWR, and (c)  $Y_R$  (in mS) for the following  $(\Gamma_R, R_0)$ -pairs:  $(0.5 / 60^\circ, 50 \Omega)$ ;  $(1 / -80^\circ, 90 \Omega)$ ;  $(0.1 / 0^\circ, 70 \Omega)$ ;  $(-0.6 / -30^\circ, 50 \Omega)$ ;  $(0.8 + j0.4, 70 \Omega)$ .

*Ans.* (a)  $0.44 - j0.495$ ,  $0 + j0.84$ ,  $0.83 + j0$ ,  $2.0 - j1.85$ ,  $0.06 - j0.238$

(b)  $3.0$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $1.2$ ,  $4.0$ ,  $17$

(c)  $8.8 - j9.9$ ,  $0 + j9.3$ ,  $11.9 + j0$ ,  $40 - j37$ ,  $0.86 - j3.4$

Table 15-4

<i>n</i>	<i>R<sub>R</sub></i>	$\Gamma_R$	VSWR
0	90	0.0	1.0
1	92	0.0110	1.022
	88	-0.0112	1.023
2	94	0.0217	1.044
	86	-0.0227	1.046
3	96	0.0323	1.067
	84	-0.0345	1.071
4	98	0.0426	1.089
	82	-0.0465	1.098
5	100	0.0526	1.111
	80	-0.0588	1.125

- 15.42. A lossless high-frequency line 3 m long, with  $R_0 = 50 \Omega$  and  $\epsilon_r = 1.9$ , is operated at 350 MHz. The VSWR on the line is 2.4 and the first voltage maximum is located 7 cm from the load. Use the Smith Chart to find the load impedance, the reflection coefficient at the receiving end, the location of the first voltage minimum, and the input impedance.

Ans.  $(40 + j39) \Omega$ ,  $0.42 / 81^\circ$ , 22.6 cm,  $(22.3 - j11) \Omega$

- 15.43. A  $70\Omega$  lossless line, with  $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ , is 2.5 m long and operates at 625 MHz. The VSWR on the line is 1.7 and the first voltage minimum is located 5 cm from the load. Use the Smith Chart to find the load admittance, the reflection coefficient at  $x = 0$ , and the input admittance to the line. Ans.  $(10.4 + j5.4) \text{ mS}$ ,  $0.27 / -68^\circ$ ,  $(16 - j7.9) \text{ mS}$

- 15.44. An air-dielectric line with  $R_0 = 150 \Omega$  is terminated in a load of  $(150 - j150) \Omega$  at the operating frequency, 75 MHz. (a) Use the Smith Chart to find the shortest length of line for which the input impedance is  $(150 + j150) \Omega$ . (b) What are the VSWR on the line and the reflection coefficient at the load? What is the shortest length of line for which  $Z_{in} = R + j0$ , and what is the value of  $R$ ? Ans. (a) 1.3 m; (b) 2.6,  $0.47 / -64^\circ$ ; (c) 64.8 cm,  $57 \Omega$

- 15.45. Two lines are connected in parallel at the input to a 250-MHz source. Each line is 2 m long and is terminated in a  $70\Omega$  resistance. Line #1 has  $R_0 = 50 \Omega$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 1.9$ , line #2 has  $R_0 = 90 \Omega$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 2.3$ . Use the Smith Chart to find the input impedance to the parallel combination. (Be careful in combining the two input impedances/admittances.) Ans.  $(24.6 + j3.5) \Omega$

- 15.46. A lossless  $50\Omega$  line, with a phase velocity  $2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ , is 105 cm long and is terminated in a load  $Y_R = (20 - j16) \text{ mS}$  at 500 MHz. A short-circuited line, 17.85 cm long and also having  $R_0 = 50 \Omega$ , is connected across  $Y_R$  as shown in Fig. 15.44. Use the Smith Chart to find the VSWR on the main line and the input impedance. What is the equivalent capacitance (or inductance) of the short-circuited line? Ans. 1.0,  $50 \Omega$ ; 5.1 pF

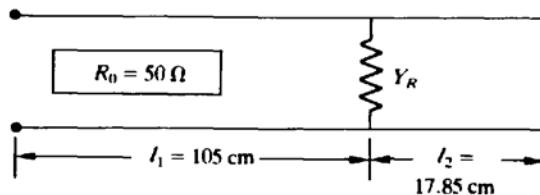


Fig. 15-44

- 15.47.** In the line of Problem 15.46 the short-circuit on line two is inadvertently changed to an open circuit. Use the Smith chart to find the VSWR on the main line and the input impedance.

*Ans.*  $6.2, (26.5 + j72.5) \Omega$

- 15.48.** A parallel-wire line of the type in Problem 15.1 is operated at 20 MHz to supply a resistive load of  $500 \Omega$  through a quarter-wave matching transformer connected at the load. Neglect losses on the main line and the transformer section. (a) For the transformer calculate the length of line and characteristic impedance required for matching. (b) If the same sized wire is used for the main line and the transformer, find the separation  $d$  (in inches) required for matching.

*Ans.* (a)  $\ell_T = 3.75$  m,  $R_{0T} = 547.7 \Omega$ ; (b)  $d_T = 7.77$  in.

- 15.49.** A lossless  $70\Omega$  line is terminated in  $Z_R = 60.3 / 30.7^\circ \Omega$  at 280 MHz. Use the Smith Chart to find the value of the inductance or capacitance to connect in parallel with the load for minimum VSWR on the line. What length (in centimeter) of shorted line would give the desired value, if  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ ?

*Ans.*  $C = 4.8 \text{ pF}$  ( $\text{VSWR}_{\min} = 1.0$ ); 24.8 cm

- 15.50.** A  $200\Omega$  air-dielectric line is terminated in  $Y_R = (3.3 - j1.0) \text{ mS}$  at 200 MHz. (a) Find the VSWR and the position nearest the load where the real part of the normalized admittance is unity, using the Smith Chart. (b) What value of susceptance (in millisiemens) should be connected at this point to make  $\text{VSWR} = 1$  on the line? *Ans.* (a) 1.65, 29.3 cm; (b) -2.55 (inductive)

- 15.51.** Two  $72\Omega$  resistive loads are connected in parallel as the termination for a  $120\Omega$  air-dielectric lossless line at 150 MHz. Find the location nearest the load and the length (both in centimeters) of a single shorted parallel-connected stub to match the line for a  $\text{VSWR} = 1.0$ . *Ans.* 16 cm, 78.6 cm

- 15.52.** (a) In Problem 15.51, if the maximum length of the adjustable shorted stub is 50 cm, can the load be matched to the line? (b) If the answer to (a) is Yes, find the position and length of stub for the matched condition. (c) If the stub were left at its original position and set to the 50-cm maximum, what would be the VSWR on the line? *Ans.* (a) Yes; (b) 83.8 cm, 21.4 cm; (c) 3.3.

- 15.53** A  $90\Omega$  lossless line with  $\epsilon_r = 1.8$  operates at 280 MHz and is matched to the termination with a single shorted stub that produces  $\text{VSWR} = 1.0$ . The stub is located 15.8 cm from the load and is of length 10 cm. Find the ohmic value of the terminating impedance. (*Hint:* Remove  $y_s$ , find the VSWR, and move back toward the load.) *Ans.*  $201.2 / 26.6^\circ \Omega$

- 15.54.** A  $50\Omega$  air-dielectric lossless line has  $Z_R = (25 - j30) \Omega$  at 120 MHz. An adjustable shorted stub is located 45 cm from the load (fixed in position). Find the length of stub for the best match on the line. What is the minimum VSWR on the line? *Ans.* 96 cm, 1.08

- 15.55.** (a) An air-dielectric lossless  $70\Omega$  line is matched at 200 MHz to a  $140\Omega$  load by means of a shorted parallel stub. Find the position nearest the load and the length of the stub (both in centimeter) for the matched condition. (b) The line is now used at 220 MHz without changing the position or length of the stub. Find the VSWR on the main line at the new frequency.

*Ans.* (a) 22.65 cm, 22.80 cm; (b) 1.22

- 15.56.** The termination on a  $90\Omega$  lossless air-dielectric line is  $Z_R = (270 + j0) \Omega$  at 600 MHz. A double-stub  $0.25\lambda$  tuner is connected with the first stub at the load for matching. Find the lengths for the shorted stubs (both solutions). Which solution is preferred?

*Ans.* 9 cm and 4.95 cm (preferred); otherwise, 16 cm and 20.05 cm.

- 15.57.** A  $3\lambda/8$  tuner is connected at the load to match  $Z_R = (50 - j50) \Omega$  at 400 MHz to a  $50\Omega$  lossless air-dielectric line. Find the lengths of the shorted stubs for both solutions and indicate the preferred solution. *Ans.* 4.5 cm and 4.3 cm (preferred); otherwise, 12.1 cm and 26.1 cm.

- 15.58.** A  $50\Omega$  air-dielectric line, with a load  $Y_R = (0.024 - j0.02) \text{ S}$  at 470 MHz, has a  $\lambda/4$  tuner with the first stub located 7 cm from the load. Find both solutions for the lengths of the shorted stubs to match the load to the line. Indicate the preferred solution.

*Ans.* 14.5 cm and 7.6 cm (preferred); otherwise, 23.1 cm and 24.3 cm.

- 15.59.** A two-stub  $3\lambda/8$  tuner is constructed of  $70\Omega$  line with  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$  for use at 272 MHz on the same type of line and a certain load. For the matched condition the shorted stub at the load is 4.76 cm long and the other shorted stub is 4.60 cm long. Find the ohmic impedance of the load at the operating frequency. *Ans.*  $(58.1 - j58.1)\Omega$
- 15.60.** A  $225\Omega$  resistive load is matched to a  $90\Omega$  air-dielectric line at 300 MHz. The matching is via two shorted stubs separated by 30 cm, with the first stub connected at the load. Find the lengths of the stubs (both solutions) and indicate the preferred solution.  
*Ans.* 13.6 cm and 8.5 cm (preferred); otherwise, 28.1 cm and 37.5 cm.
- 15.61.** A  $50\Omega$  slotted line is used to determine the load impedance at 750 MHz on a lossless  $50\Omega$  line. When the line is terminated in a short circuit, the high VSWR has adjacent minima at 30 cm and 10 cm (the scale has the low numbers on the load side). With  $Z_L$  connected the VSWR is 3.2, a minimum is located at 13.2 cm and the adjacent maximum is at 23.2 cm. Find the ohmic value of  $Z_L$  at the operating frequency. *Ans.*  $31.24 \angle -50.2^\circ \Omega$
- 15.62.** Find the load impedance and the operating frequency for a  $90\Omega$  air-dielectric system that has the following slotted-line measurements:  
With load: VSWR = 1.6 and a voltage minimum at 10 cm (high numbers on load side).  
With short circuit: VSWR > 100, minimum at 40 cm, maximum at 10 cm.  
*Ans.*  $144\Omega$ ; 250 MHz
- 15.63.** A  $50\Omega$  slotted line is used to measure the load impedance at 625 MHz on a  $50\Omega$  lossless coaxial line. Adjacent voltage minima are found at 10 mm and 250 mm (high numbers at the load side) when the termination is a short circuit. With the load connected, VSWR > 100 and a minimum occurs at 172.7 mm. Find the ohmic value of the load impedance. *Ans.*  $80\Omega$  (capacitative)
- 15.64.** A tuner is connected at the load to match the load to a  $50\Omega$  lossless air-dielectric line at 517 MHz. To check the quality of the matching a slotted line is inserted in the system. With the tuner and load connected, VSWR = 1.15, with a  $V_{min}$  at 253.4 mm. When the tuner and load are both removed and replaced by a short circuit, adjacent minima are found at 40 mm and 330 mm (low numbers on the scale are at load side). Find the residual normalized admittance on the line that results from the "best match." *Ans.*  $0.98 - j0.14$
- 15.65.** A 60 m-long, lossless,  $50\Omega$  coaxial cable, with a phase velocity of  $2 \times 10^8$  m/s, is terminated with a short circuit. The line is connected at  $t = 0$  to a 30-V dc source having internal resistance  $25\Omega$ . Plot the sending-end voltage from  $t = 0$  up to the time when the voltage drops below 0.1 V. *Ans.* See Fig. 15-45.
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- Fig. 15-45
- 15.66.** A  $90\Omega$  lossless line, with  $\epsilon_r = 2.78$ , is connected at  $t = 0$  to a 70-V dc source with an internal resistance of  $120\Omega$ . If the line is 135 m long, find the time when the open-circuit voltage at the receiving end is 97% of the steady-state value. When is the voltage 99.95% of the steady-state value? *Ans.*  $2.25\mu s, 5.25\mu s$
- 15.67.** A pulse generator with internal resistance  $150\Omega$  produces a  $20\mu s$  pulse with an open-circuit amplitude

of +8 V. The generator is connected to a  $50\Omega$ , lossless,  $200\mu s$  delay line that is terminated in a  $100\Omega$  resistance. If the period of the recurring pulses is 4 ms, sketch the voltage at the input to the delay line from pulse onset at  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1.4\text{ ms}$ . *Ans.* See Fig. 15-46.

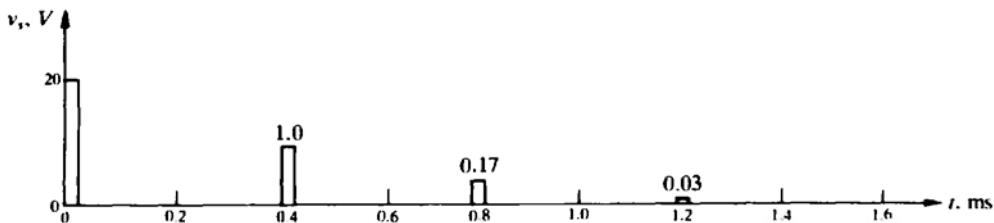


Fig. 15-46

- 15.68. Sketch  $v_s$  and  $v_R$  versus time, from  $t = 0^+$  to  $t = 300\mu s$ , when a  $70\Omega$ , lossless,  $50\mu s$  delay line is terminated with a  $30\Omega$  resistor and driven by a pulse generator. The generator has an internal resistance of  $70\Omega$  and produces a  $2\mu s$  pulse with a peak open-circuit voltage of +10 V at a repetition rate of 1000 pulses per second. *Ans.* See Fig. 15-47.

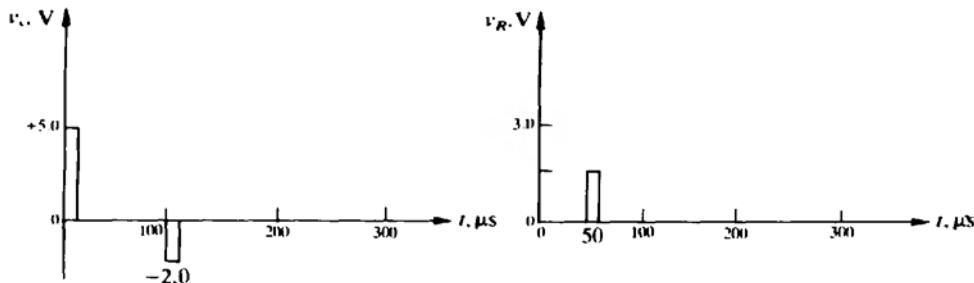


Fig. 15-47

- 15.69. In Fig. 15-48 a line is used to produce a short rectangular pulse of width  $12\text{ ns}$  and peak value  $800\text{ V}$ . With S-2 open, S-1 is closed to charge the line to  $V_{dc}$ ; after charging, S-1 is opened. Then, at  $t = 0$ , S-2 is closed to discharge the line through  $R_R$  and form the pulse. Find the length of line and  $V_{dc}$ . *Ans.*  $1.2\text{ m}$ ,  $1600\text{ V}$

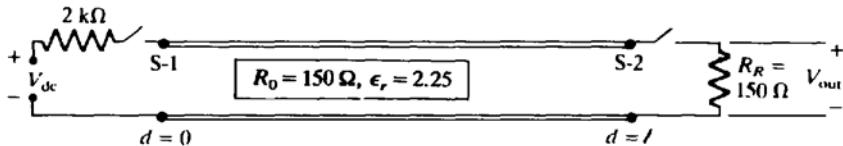


Fig. 15-48

- 15.70. Sketch  $v_s$  and  $v_R$  versus time, from  $t = 0^+$  to  $t = 30\mu s$ , when a  $220\text{-m-long}$ ,  $90\Omega$ , lossless line, with  $\epsilon_r = 3.65$ , is terminated in a  $50\Omega$  resistance and driven by a pulse generator. The generator has an internal resistance of  $90\Omega$  and produces a  $5\mu s$  pulse with open-circuit peak value  $+140\text{ V}$ , at a repetition rate of 100 pulses per second. *Ans.* See Fig. 15-49.

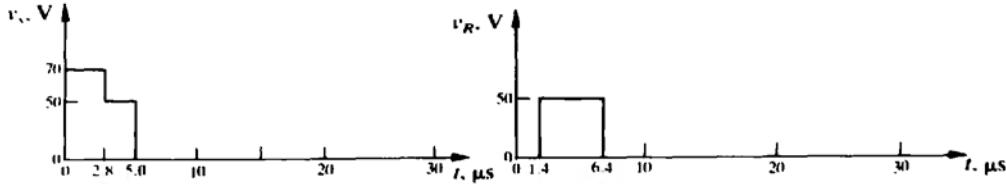


Fig. 15-49

# Chapter 16

## Waveguides

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### 16.1 INTRODUCTION

The electromagnetic waves of Chapter 14 can be guided in a given direction of propagation using several different methods. For instance, the two-conductor transmission line, supporting what are essentially plane waves at megahertz frequencies, was considered in Chapter 15. The present chapter is restricted to single-conductor (hollow-pipe) *waveguides*, of rectangular or circular cross section, which operate in the gigahertz (microwave) range. These devices too support “plane waves”—in the sense that the wavefronts are planes perpendicular to the direction of propagation. However, the boundary conditions at the inner surface of the pipe force the fields to vary over a wavefront.

### 16.2 TRANSVERSE AND AXIAL FIELDS

The waveguide is positioned with the longitudinal direction along the  $z$  axis. In general the guide walls have  $\sigma_c = \infty$  (perfect conductor) and the dielectric-filled hollow has  $\sigma = 0$  (perfect dielectric),  $\mu = \mu_0\mu_r$ , and  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0\epsilon_r$ . It is further supposed that  $\rho = 0$  (no free charge) in the dielectric. The dimensions for the cross section are inside dimensions. In Fig. 16-1(a) the  $a \times b$  rectangular waveguide is shown in a cartesian coordinate system, Fig. 16-1(b) shows the circular or cylindrical waveguide of radius  $a$  in a cylindrical coordinate system.

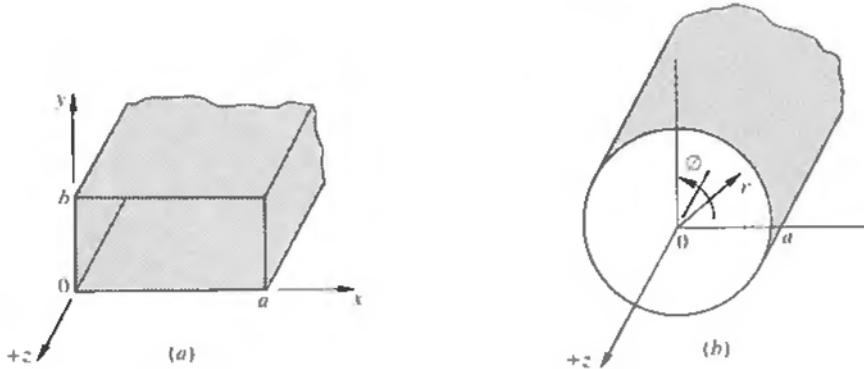


Fig. 16-1

As in Chapter 14 the time dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$  will be assumed for the electromagnetic field in the dielectric core; this time-factor will be suppressed everywhere in the analysis (as in phasor notation). Thus we have the following expressions for the field vector  $\mathbf{F}$  (which stands for either  $\mathbf{E}$  or  $\mathbf{H}$ ), assuming wave propagation in the  $+z$  direction.

rectangular coordinates     $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}(x, y)e^{-jkz}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}(x, y) &= F_x(x, y)\mathbf{a}_x + F_y(x, y)\mathbf{a}_y + F_z(x, y)\mathbf{a}_z \\ &\equiv \mathbf{F}_T(x, y) + F_z(x, y)\mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

cylindrical coordinates     $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}(r, \phi)e^{-jkz}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}(r, \phi) &= F_r(r, \phi)\mathbf{a}_r + F_\phi(r, \phi)\mathbf{a}_\phi + F_z(r, \phi)\mathbf{a}_z \\ &\equiv \mathbf{F}_T(r, \phi) + F_z(r, \phi)\mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

Because the dielectric is lossless ( $\sigma = 0$ ), the wave propagates without attenuation; hence the *wave number*  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$  (in rad/m) is constrained to be real and positive.

**Note:** In the other chapters of this book, unbounded dielectric media are considered, for which the wave number, denoted  $\beta$ , depends on frequency and dielectric properties only. However, as will soon appear, the wave number in a bounded dielectric depends additionally on the geometry of the boundary. This important distinction is emphasized by the employment of a new symbol,  $k$ , in the present chapter.

The reason for decomposing the field vector into a transverse vector component  $\mathbf{F}_T$  and an axial vector component  $F_z \mathbf{a}_z$  is two-fold. On the one hand, the boundary conditions apply to  $\mathbf{E}_T$  and  $\mathbf{H}_T$  alone (see Problems 16.1 and 16.2). On the other hand, as will now be shown, the complete  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields in the waveguide are known once either cartesian component  $D_z$  or  $H_z$  is known.

### Transverse Components from Axial Components.

Assume a rectangular coordinate system. Maxwell's equation (2) of Section 14.2 yields the three scalar equations

$$-j\omega\mu H_x = jkE_y + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad (1a)$$

$$-j\omega\mu H_y = -jkE_x - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad (1b)$$

$$-j\omega\mu H_z = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \quad (1c)$$

Maxwell's equation (1) of Section 14.2, with  $\sigma = 0$ , gives three additional scalar equations:

$$j\omega\epsilon E_x = jkH_y + \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \quad (2a)$$

$$j\omega\epsilon E_y = -jkH_x - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \quad (2b)$$

$$j\omega\epsilon E_z = \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \quad (2c)$$

Now eliminate  $H_x$  between (1a) and (2b), and  $H_y$  between (1b) and (2a), to obtain

$$E_y = -\frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} + \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \quad (3a)$$

$$E_x = -\frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} - \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} \quad (3b)$$

in which  $k_c^2 \equiv \omega^2\mu\epsilon - k^2$ . The parameter  $k_c$  (also in rad/m) functions as a *critical wave number*; see Problem 16.3. Finally, slide (3b) and (3a) back into (2a) and (2b), to find

$$H_y = -\frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \quad (3c)$$

$$H_x = -\frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} + \frac{j\omega\epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} \quad (3d)$$

By exciting the waveguide in suitable fashion it is possible to force either  $E_z$  or  $H_z$  (but not both) to vanish identically. The nonvanishing axial component will then determine all other components via Equations (3).

See Problems 16.4 and 16.5 for the analogous results in cylindrical coordinates.

### 16.3 TE AND TM MODES; WAVE IMPEDANCES

The two types of waves found in Section 16.2 are referred to as *transverse electric* (TE) or *transverse magnetic* (TM) waves, according as  $E_z \equiv 0$  or  $H_z \equiv 0$ . When carrying such waves, the guide is said to operate in a TE or TM mode.

For any transverse electromagnetic wave, the *wave impedance* (in ohms) is defined as

$$\eta = \frac{|\mathbf{E}_T|}{|\mathbf{H}_T|} \quad (4)$$

(compare Chapter 14). For a waveguide in a TE mode, (1a) and (1b) imply

$$|\mathbf{E}_T|^2 = |E_x|^2 + |E_y|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega\mu}{k_{TE}}\right)^2 (|H_y|^2 + |H_x|^2) = \left(\frac{\omega\mu}{k_{TE}}\right)^2 |\mathbf{H}_T|^2$$

or

$$\eta_{TE} = \frac{\omega\mu}{k_{TE}} \quad (5)$$

Because (4) only involves lengths of two-dimensional vectors,  $\eta$  must be independent of the coordinate system. Problem 16.6 confirms the value of  $\eta_{TE}$  by recalculating it in cylindrical coordinates. In Problem 16.7 it is shown (using rectangular coordinates) that

$$\eta_{TM} = \frac{k_{TM}}{\omega\epsilon} \quad (6)$$

### 16.4 DETERMINATION OF THE AXIAL FIELDS

All that remains for a complete description of the TE and TM modes is the determination of the respective axial fields:  $F_z = H_z$  for TE;  $F_z = E_z$  for TM. The good word is that  $F_z e^{-jkz}$ , being a *cartesian* component of  $\mathbf{F}$  (in either rectangular or cylindrical coordinates), must satisfy the scalar wave equation found in Section 14.2,

$$\nabla^2(F_z e^{-jkz}) = -\omega^2\mu\epsilon(F_z e^{-jkz}) \quad (7)$$

together with appropriate boundary conditions which are inferred from the boundary conditions on the components of  $\mathbf{F}_T$ . [Warning: Transverse components such as  $H_\phi e^{-jkz}$  are not cartesian components and do not obey a scalar wave equation.]

#### Explicit Solutions for TE Modes of a Rectangular Guide.

The wave equation (7) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial y^2} + k_{cTE}^2 H_z = 0$$

where, as previously defined,  $k_{cTE}^2 = \omega^2\mu\epsilon - k_{TE}^2$ . Solving by separation of variables (Section 8.7),

$$H_z(x, y) = (A_x \cos k_x x + B_x \sin k_x x)(A_y \cos k_y y + B_y \sin k_y y) \quad (8)$$

where  $k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k_{cTE}^2$ . The separation constants  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  are determined by the boundary conditions (review Problem 8.19). Consider first the  $x$ -conditions  $E_y(0, y) = E_y(a, y) = 0$ ; in view of (3a) and  $E_z \equiv 0$  these translate into

$$\left. \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = \left. \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = 0$$

Applying these conditions to (8) gives  $B_x = 0$  and

$$\sin k_x a = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad k_x = \frac{m\pi}{a} \quad (m = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

By symmetry, the boundary conditions in  $y$  force  $B_y = 0$  and

$$k_y = \frac{n\pi}{b} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

Each pair of nonnegative integers  $(m, n)$ —with the exception of  $(0, 0)$  which gives a trivial solution—identifies a distinct TE mode, indicated as  $\text{TE}_{mn}$ . This mode has the axial field

$$H_{zmn}(x, y) = H_{mn} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi y}{b} \quad (9)$$

from which the transverse field is obtained through (3). The critical wave number for  $\text{TE}_{mn}$  is

$$k_{c\text{TE}mn} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}$$

in terms of which the wave number and wave impedance for  $\text{TE}_{mn}$  are

$$k_{\text{TE}mn} = \sqrt{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon - k_{c\text{TE}mn}^2} \quad (11)$$

$$\eta_{\text{TE}mn} = \frac{\omega \mu}{\sqrt{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon - k_{c\text{TE}mn}^2}} \quad (12)$$

See Problem 16.9 for the  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  modes of a rectangular waveguide; it is shown there that  $k_{c\text{TM}mn} = k_{c\text{TE}mn}$ . Consequently, the subscripts  $\text{TE}$  and  $\text{TM}$  can be dropped from all modal parameters of *rectangular* guides save the wave impedance. This is not the case with cylindrical guides; see Problem 16.12.

## 16.5 MODE CUTOFF FREQUENCIES

In practice one deals with frequencies, not wave numbers; it is then desirable to replace the concept of critical wave number ( $k_c$ ) by one of *cutoff frequency* ( $f_c$ ). This is accomplished in the definition (see Problem 16.3)

$$f_c = \frac{u_0}{2\pi} k_c = \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} k_c \quad (13)$$

In terms of the cutoff frequency  $f_c$  and the operating frequency  $f = \omega/2\pi > f_c$  (10), (11), and (12) become

$$f_{cmn} = \frac{u_0}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2} \quad (\text{rectangular waveguide}) \quad (10\text{bis})$$

$$k_{mn} = \frac{2\pi}{u_0} \sqrt{f^2 - f_{cmn}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_{mn} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{1 - (f_{cmn}/f)^2}} \quad (11\text{bis})$$

$$\eta_{\text{TE}mn} = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{1 - (f_{cmn}/f)^2}} \quad (12\text{bis})$$

where  $\lambda_0 = u_0/f$  is the wavelength of an imaginary uniform plane wave at the operating frequency and where  $\eta_0 = \sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$  is the plane-wave impedance of the lossless dielectric. The second form of (11 bis) exhibits the relation between the *operating wavelength*  $\lambda_0$  and the actual *guide wavelength*  $\lambda_{mn}$ . For  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  waves, (12 bis) is replaced by [see (6)]

$$\eta_{\text{TM}mn} = \eta_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_{cmn}}{f}\right)^2} \quad (14)$$

The phase velocity of a  $\text{TE}_{mn}$  or  $\text{TM}_{mn}$  wave is given by

$$u_{mn} = \lambda_{mn} f = \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_{cmn}}{f}\right)^2}} \quad (15)$$

If (10bis) is replaced by a similar expression involving a Bessel function (see Problems 16.10 and 16.11), all formulas remain valid for cylindrical guides.

The meaning of cutoff is made particularly clear in (15). As the operating frequency drops down to the cutoff frequency, the velocity becomes infinite—which is characteristic, not of wave propagation, but of *diffusion* (instantaneous spread of exponentially small disturbances).



## 16.6 DOMINANT MODE

The *dominant mode* of any waveguide is that of lowest cutoff frequency. Now, for a rectangular guide, the coordinate system may always be oriented to make  $a \geq b$ . Since (Problem 16.9)

$$f_{cmn} = \frac{u_0}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

for either TE or TM, but neither  $m$  nor  $n$  can vanish in TM, the dominant mode of a rectangular guide is invariably  $\text{TE}_{10}$ , with

$$f_{c10} = \frac{u_0}{2a} \quad \lambda_{10} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda_0/2a)^2}} = \frac{2\pi}{k_{10}} \quad u_{10} = \lambda_{10} f \quad \eta_{10} = \frac{\lambda_{10}}{\lambda_0} \eta_0$$

From (9),  $E_{z10} = 0$ , and the equations of Section 16.2:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{z10} &= H_{10} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} & E_{x10} &= 0 \\ H_{x10} &= j \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_{10}} \right) H_{10} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} & E_{y10} &= -\eta_{10} H_{x10} = -j \eta_0 \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_0} \right) H_{10} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \\ H_{y10} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

For  $H_{10}$  real, the three nonzero field components have the time-domain expressions

$$\begin{aligned} H_{z10} &= H_{10} \cos \left( \frac{\pi x}{a} \right) \cos (\omega t - k_{10} z) \\ H_{x10} &= - \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_{10}} \right) H_{10} \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{a} \right) \sin (\omega t - k_{10} z) \\ E_{y10} &= \eta_0 \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_0} \right) H_{10} \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{a} \right) \sin (\omega t - k_{10} z) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Plots of the dominant-mode fields (17) at  $t = 0$  are given in Figs. 16-2 and 16-3. Both  $|E_y|$  and  $|H_x|$  vary as  $\sin(\pi x/a)$ . This is indicated in Fig. 16-2 by drawing the lines of  $\mathbf{E}$  close together near  $x = a/2$  and far apart near  $x = 0$  and  $x = a$ . The lines of  $\mathbf{H}$  are shown evenly spaced because there is no variation with  $y$ . This same line-density convention is used to indicate the local value of  $|\mathbf{E}| = |E_y|$  in Fig. 16-3(a) and of

$$|\mathbf{H}| = \sqrt{H_x^2 + H_z^2}$$

in Fig. 16-3(b). Observe that the lines of  $\mathbf{H}$  are closed curves ( $\text{div } \mathbf{H} = 0$ ); the  $\mathbf{H}$  field may be considered as circulating about the perpendicular displacement current density  $\mathbf{J}_D$  (Section 12.1).

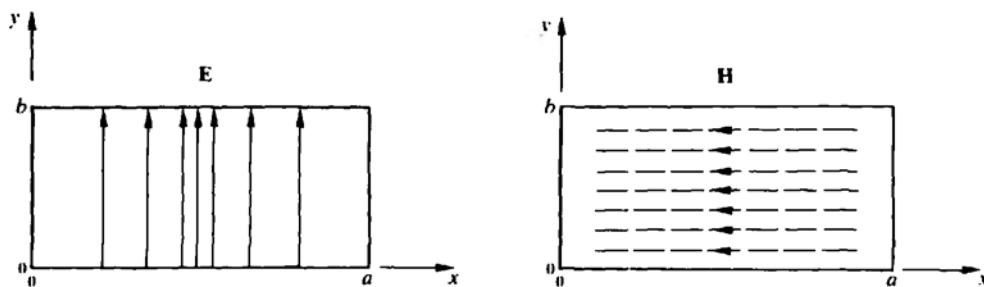
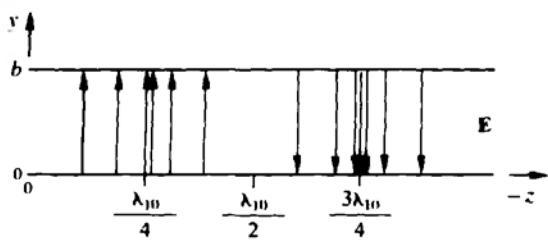
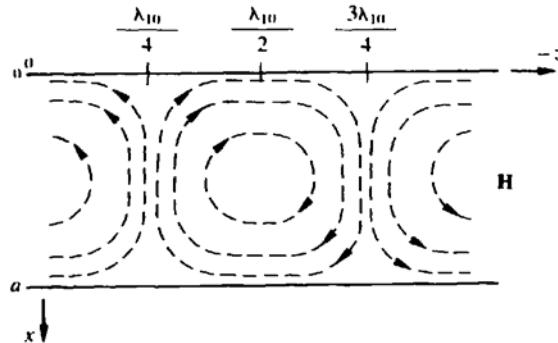
Fig. 16-2. Transverse cross section  $z = -\lambda_{10}/4$  ( $-k_{10}z = \pi/2$ )(a)  $\square x = a/2$ (b)  $\square y = \text{const.}$ 

Fig. 16-3. Longitudinal cross sections

Figure 16-4 illustrates how the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode can be initiated in a rectangular waveguide by inserting a probe halfway across the top wall ( $y = b$ ,  $x = a/2$ ), at a distance  $z = \lambda_{10}/4$  from the end of the guide. Higher-order modes are present in the vicinity of the probe, but they will not propagate if the frequency-size condition is selected correctly.

See Problem 16.13 for the dominant mode of a cylindrical waveguide.

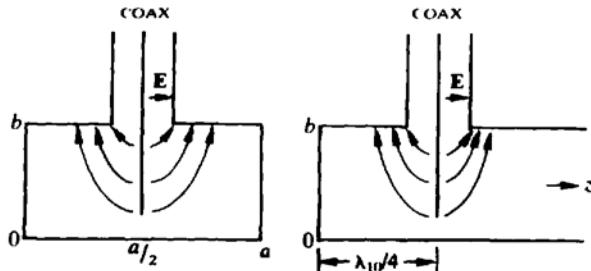


Fig. 16-4

## 16.7 POWER TRANSMITTED IN A LOSSLESS WAVEGUIDE

The time-average power transmitted in the  $+z$  direction is calculated by integration of the  $z$  component of the complex Poynting vector over a transverse cross section of the guide (cf. Section 14.12):

$$\bar{P}_z = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \iint_{\text{cross section}} \mathbf{E}_T \times \mathbf{H}_T^* \cdot \mathbf{a}_z dS \quad (18)$$

Substituting the field components from (16) and writing  $A_g = ab$ , we obtain for the dominant mode of a lossless rectangular waveguide:

$$\bar{P}_{z10} = \frac{\eta_0}{4} |H_{10}|^2 \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_0} \right) \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_{10}} \right) A_g = \frac{\eta_0}{4} |H_{10}|^2 A_g \left( \frac{f}{f_{c10}} \right)^2 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{f_{c10}}{f} \right)^2} \quad (19)$$

As expected for a lossless system,  $\bar{P}_{z10}$  is independent of  $z$ ; moreover, the power is proportional to the square of the field amplitude and to the cross-sectional area of the guide. Since the excitation of a guide is commonly specified through the electric field amplitude,

$$|E_{10}| = \eta_0 \left( \frac{2a}{\lambda_0} \right) |H_{10}|$$

it is useful to rewrite (19) as

$$\bar{P}_{z10} = \frac{|E_{10}|^2 A_g}{4\eta_0} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{f_{c10}}{f} \right)^2} = \frac{|E_{10}|^2 A_g}{4\eta_{TE10}} \quad (\text{W}) \quad (19\text{bis})$$

Relations similar to (19) and (19bis) exist for the higher-order modes.

For the lossless cylindrical guide, see Problem 16.15.

## 16.8 POWER DISSIPATION IN A LOSSY WAVEGUIDE

When the conductivity of the guide dielectric is nonzero (but small) and/or the conductivity of the guide walls is noninfinite, the wave in any propagating mode will be attenuated, and transmitted power will decrease exponentially with  $z$ . An approximate treatment of these *dielectric* and *wall losses* is possible on the assumptions that the two types may be analyzed separately and that the fields which interact with the walls are those which would be present if the dielectric were lossless. To keep the mathematics as simple as possible, only the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode of a rectangular waveguide will be treated.

### Dielectric Loss.

Maxwell's equations (1)–(4) of Section 14.2 are unchanged if  $\sigma = \sigma_d$ , the dielectric conductivity, is replaced by zero and  $\epsilon = \epsilon_d$ , the dielectric permittivity, is replaced by its *complex permittivity*

$$\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon_d - \frac{j\sigma_d}{\omega}$$

Therefore, the field equations for the lossy dielectric may be obtained from those for the lossless dielectric by formal substitution of  $\hat{\epsilon}$  for  $\epsilon_d$ . In particular, the  $z$  dependence of the field vectors in the lossy  $\text{TE}_{10}$  mode is  $\exp(-\gamma_{10}z)$ , where, by (11),

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{10} &= jk_{10}(\hat{\epsilon}) = j\sqrt{\omega^2\mu_d\hat{\epsilon} - k_{c10}^2} = j\sqrt{(\omega^2\mu_d\epsilon_d - k_{c10}^2) - j\omega\mu_d\sigma_d} \\ &= j\beta_{10} \left( 1 - \frac{j\omega\mu_d\sigma_d}{\beta_{10}^2} \right)^{1/2} \approx \left( \frac{\omega\mu_d\sigma_d}{2\beta_{10}} \right) + j\beta_{10} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

In (20),

$$\beta_{10} = \sqrt{\omega^2\mu_d\epsilon_d - k_{c10}^2} = k_{10}(\epsilon_d) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \sqrt{1 - (f_{c10}/f)^2} \quad (21)$$

and the binomial approximation presumes that  $\sigma_d$  and  $\omega$  are small enough to make  $\omega\mu_d\sigma_d \ll \beta_{10}^2$ . To this order of approximation, then, the wave number—the imaginary part of  $\gamma_{10}$ —in the lossy dielectric equals the wave number in the perfect dielectric; while the *attenuation factor*,  $\alpha_d =$

$\operatorname{Re} \gamma_{10}$ , which governs the power loss in the dielectric, is given by

$$\alpha_d \approx \frac{\omega \mu_d \sigma_d}{2\beta_{10}} = \frac{(\sqrt{\mu_d/\epsilon_d}) \sigma_d}{2\sqrt{1 - (f_{c10}/f)^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{TE10} \sigma_d \quad (\text{Np/m}) \quad (22)$$

### Wall Loss.

The attenuation factor  $\alpha_w$  governing the wall loss may be determined indirectly, as follows. Because power varies as the square of the field strength, the time-average transmitted power in the  $TE_{10}$  mode must obey

$$P_{av}(z) = \bar{P}_{z10} e^{-2\alpha_w z}$$

where the entrance power  $\bar{P}_{z10}$  is as given in (19). The power dissipated in the walls per unit  $z$ -length is thus

$$P_{loss}(z) = -P'_{av}(z) = 2\alpha_w P_{av}(z)$$

whence

$$\alpha_w = \frac{P_{loss}(z)}{2P_{av}(z)} = \frac{P_{loss}(0)}{2\bar{P}_{z10}} \quad (23)$$

All that remains is to calculate  $P_{loss}(0)$ , the power flowing into the first 1 m of wall inner surface. Now, it is not hard to show that, at a wall surface, tangential  $\mathbf{H}$ —which by hypothesis can be obtained from (16)—sets up a Poynting vector, of time-average magnitude

$$\bar{S}_{loss} = \frac{1}{2} R_s |\mathbf{H}_{tang}|^2 \quad (24)$$

and directed into the wall. Here,  $R_s = \operatorname{Re} \eta_w = \sqrt{\pi f \mu_w / \sigma_w}$  (Section 14.6) is the *surface resistance* ( $\Omega$ ) of the wall material at the given frequency  $f$ . Integrating the appropriate expression (24) over the first 1 m of each wall surface and adding the results yields finally

$$P_{loss}(0) = R_s |H_{10}|^2 \left[ b + \frac{a}{2} (f/f_{c10})^2 \right] \quad (\text{W/m}) \quad (25)$$

From (23), (19), and (25),

$$\alpha_w = \frac{R_{sc10}}{\eta_0} \left( \sqrt{\frac{f}{f_{c10}}} \right) \frac{a + 2b(f_{c10}/f)^2}{ab\sqrt{1 - (f_{c10}/f)^2}} \quad (\text{Np/m}) \quad (26)$$

in which  $R_{sc10}$  is the surface resistance at the cutoff frequency of  $TE_{10}$  and  $\eta_0 = \sqrt{\mu_d/\epsilon_d}$  is the plane-wave impedance of the (lossless) dielectric.

### Combined Losses.

The total attenuation factor is  $\alpha_{tot} = \alpha_w + \alpha_d$ . To convert from Np/m to the more usual dB/m, see Problem 14.7.

## Solved Problems

- 16.1.** Give the boundary conditions on  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  at each perfectly conducting wall of the waveguide of Fig. 16-1(a).

At a perfect conductor tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  and normal  $\mathbf{H}$  must vanish. Therefore:

top wall	$E_z(x, b) = E_x(x, b) = 0$ and $H_y(x, b) = 0$
left wall	$E_z(0, y) = E_y(0, y) = 0$ and $H_x(0, y) = 0$
right wall	$E_z(a, y) = E_y(a, y) = 0$ and $H_x(a, y) = 0$
bottom wall	$E_z(x, 0) = E_x(x, 0) = 0$ and $H_y(x, 0) = 0$

- 16.2.** Repeat Problem 16.1 for the guide of Fig. 16-1(b).

At the single cylindrical wall,

$$E_z(a, \phi) = E_\phi(a, \phi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H_r(a, \phi) = 0$$

- 16.3.** What is “critical” about the number  $k_c$ ?

For propagation through a lossless dielectric, the wave number  $k$  must be real. But

$$k = \sqrt{\omega^2 \mu \epsilon - k_c^2} = \sqrt{k_0^2 - k_c^2}$$

where  $k_0$  is the wave number of a *uniform* plane wave in the *unbounded* dielectric at the given  $\omega$ . Thus  $k_c$  is a critical wave number in the sense that a guided wave’s same-frequency “twin” must have a wave number exceeding  $k_c$ . Stated otherwise, the frequency  $f$  of the guided wave must exceed the quantity  $(u_0/2\pi)k_c$ , where  $u_0 = 1/\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$  is the wave velocity in the unbounded dielectric.

- 16.4.** Express Maxwell’s equations (1) and (2) of Section 14.2 in scalar form in a cylindrical coordinate system.

For the curl in cylindrical coordinates, see the Appendix. Equation (1) yields ( $\sigma = 0$ ):

$$j\omega \epsilon E_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} + jkH_\phi \quad (i)$$

$$j\omega \epsilon E_\phi = -jkH_r - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \quad (ii)$$

$$j\omega \epsilon E_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rH_\phi) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial \phi} \quad (iii)$$

Equation (2) yields:

$$-j\omega \mu H_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} + jkE_\phi \quad (iv)$$

$$-j\omega \mu H_\phi = -jkE_r - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \quad (v)$$

$$-j\omega \mu H_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rE_\phi) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_r}{\partial \phi} \quad (vi)$$

- 16.5.** Using the equations of Problem 16.4, find all cylindrical field components in terms of  $E_z$  and  $H_z$ .

From (i) and (v), with  $k_c$  as previously defined,

$$E_r = -\frac{j\omega \mu}{k_c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \quad (1)$$

From (ii) and (iv),

$$H_r = \frac{j\omega \epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (i),

$$H_\phi = -\frac{j\omega \epsilon}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} - \frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} \quad (3)$$

From (2) and (ii),

$$E_\phi = -\frac{jk}{k_c^2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} + \frac{j\omega \mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \quad (4)$$

**16.6.** Calculate  $\eta_{TE}$  from the field components in cylindrical coordinates.

With  $E_z = 0$ , (iv) and (v) of Problem 16.4 yield

$$|\mathbf{H}_T| = \sqrt{|H_r|^2 + |H_\phi|^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{k_{TE}}{\omega\mu}\right)^2 |E_\phi|^2 + \left(\frac{k_{TE}}{\omega\mu}\right)^2 |E_r|^2} = \frac{k_{TE}}{\omega\mu} |\mathbf{E}_T|$$

whence

$$\eta_{TE} = \frac{|\mathbf{E}_T|}{|\mathbf{H}_T|} = \frac{\omega\mu}{k_{TE}}$$

**16.7.** Calculate  $\eta_{TM}$  from the field components in rectangular coordinates.

With  $H_z = 0$ , (2a) and (2b) give

$$|E_x|^2 + |E_y|^2 = \left(\frac{k_{TM}}{\omega\epsilon}\right)^2 (|H_y|^2 + |H_x|^2) \quad \text{or} \quad |\mathbf{E}_T| = \frac{k_{TM}}{\omega\epsilon} |\mathbf{H}_T|$$

whence

$$\eta_{TM} = \frac{|\mathbf{E}_T|}{|\mathbf{H}_T|} = \frac{k_{TM}}{\omega\epsilon}$$

**16.8.** Show that  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are mutually perpendicular in any TE or TM wave (as with ordinary plane waves).

For either type of wave  $E_x = \eta H_y$  and  $E_y = -\eta H_x$ ; therefore, since  $\eta$  is real,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_T \cdot \mathbf{H}_T &= \operatorname{Re}(E_x H_x^* + E_y H_y^*) = \operatorname{Re}(\eta H_y H_x^* - \eta H_x H_y^*) \\ &= \eta \operatorname{Re}(H_y H_x^* - H_x H_y^*) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $E_z H_z^*$  also vanishes,  $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$ .

**16.9.** Obtain the analogues of (9)–(12) for  $TM_{mn}$ .

Analogous to (8),

$$E_z(x, y) = (C_x \cos k_x x + D_x \sin k_x x)(C_y \cos k_y y + D_y \sin k_y y)$$

where

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k_{cTM}^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon - k_{TM}^2$$

But now the boundary conditions,

$$E_z(0, y) = E_z(a, y) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad E_z(x, 0) = E_z(x, b) = 0$$

require that

$$C_x = 0 \quad k_x = \frac{m\pi}{a} \quad C_y = 0 \quad k_y = \frac{n\pi}{b}$$

where  $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Note that neither  $m$  nor  $n$  is zero in a TM mode.

The required formulas are

$$E_{zmn}(x, y) = E_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} \quad (1)$$

$$k_{cTMmn} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2} = k_{cTEmn} \quad (2)$$

$$k_{TMmn} = k_{TEmn} \quad (3)$$

$$\eta_{TMmn} = \frac{k_{TM}}{\omega\epsilon} \quad (4)$$

**16.10.** Determine the TM modes of a lossless cylindrical waveguide.

The Laplacian in cylindrical coordinates is given in the Appendix; the wave equation (7) for  $E_z(r, \phi)$  becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial \phi^2} + k_{cTM}^2 E_z = 0 \quad (k_{cTM}^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon - k_{TM}^2)$$

subject to the boundary conditions (i)  $E_z(r, \phi + 2\pi) = E_z(r, \phi)$ ; (ii)  $E_z(0, \phi)$  bounded; (iii)  $E_z(a, \phi) = 0$ .

Following Section 8.8, one solves by separation of variables to find

$$E_{znp}(r, \phi) = E_{np} J_n(k_{cTMnp} r) \cos n\phi \quad (1)$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and where  $x_{np} = k_{cTMnp} a$  is the  $p$ th positive root ( $p = 1, 2, \dots$ ) of  $J_n(x) = 0$ . (The first few such roots are listed in Table 16-1.)

**Table 16-1.** Roots  $x_{np}$  of  $J_n(x) = 0$

	$n = 0$	$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$
$p = 1$	2.405	3.832	5.136	6.380
$p = 2$	5.520	7.016	8.417	9.761
$p = 3$	8.645	10.173	11.620	12.015

The expression (1), together with  $H_z = 0$ , determines all transverse field components in TM via Problem 16.5. The cutoff frequency of  $\text{TM}_{np}$  is given by

$$f_{cTMnp} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi a} x_{np} \quad (2)$$

When (2) is used, all rectangular-guide formulas also apply to cylindrical guides; for example,

$$\eta_{TMnp} = \eta_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda_0 x_{np}}{2\pi a}\right)^2} \quad (3)$$

### 16.11. Determine the TE modes of a lossless cylindrical waveguide.



In a TE mode the axial field  $H_z(r, \phi)$  obeys the wave equation and the conditions (i) and (ii) of Problem 16.10. As a consequence of (2) of Problem 16.5, condition (iii) must be replaced by

$$(iii)' \quad \left. \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \right|_{r=a} = 0$$

The solution by separation is therefore:

$$H_{znp}(r, \phi) = H_{np} J_n(k_{cTEnp} r) \cos n\phi \quad (1)$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and where  $x'_{np} = k_{cTEnp}$  is the  $p$ th positive root ( $p = 1, 2, \dots$ ) of  $J'_n(x) = 0$ . See Table 16-2.

**Table 16-2.** Roots  $x'_{np}$  of  $J'_n(x) = 0$

	$n = 0$	$n = 1$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$
$p = 1$	3.832	1.841	3.054	4.201
$p = 2$	7.016	5.331	6.706	8.015
$p = 3$	10.173	8.536	9.969	11.346

The analogues of (2) and (3) of Problem 16.10 are:

$$f_{cTE_{np}} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi a} x'_{np} \quad (2)$$

$$\eta_{TE_{np}} = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda_0 x'_{np}}{2\pi a}\right)^2}}$$

- 16.12.** Discuss the relative magnitudes of  $f_{cTE_{np}}$  and  $f_{cTM_{np}}$ .

For each fixed  $n$ , the zeros  $x_{np}$  of  $J_n(x)$  and the stationary points  $x'_{np}$ —where  $J_n'(x)$  is a maximum or a minimum—alternate along the  $x$  axis; this sine-wave-like behavior is clear in Fig. 8-3(a). For  $n > 0$ , the function starts at 0, and the first stationary point precedes the first positive zero; thus,  $x'_{np} < x_{np}$ , whence

$$k_{cTE_{np}} < k_{cTM_{np}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{cTE_{np}} < f_{cTM_{np}}$$

For  $n = 0$ , the function starts at a maximum, and the ordering is reversed:

$$k_{cTE_{0p}} > k_{cTM_{0p}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{cTE_{0p}} > f_{cTM_{0p}}$$

- 16.13.** (a) What is the dominant mode of a lossless cylindrical waveguide? (b) List the first five modes in order of increasing cutoff frequency.

- (a) By Problem 16.12, the dominant mode is either  $TM_{01}$  or the  $TE_{n1}$  with the lowest cutoff. Tables 16-1 and 16-2 indicate (and analysis establishes) that the winner is  $TE_{11}$ .  
 (b)  $TE_{11}$ ,  $TM_{01}$ ,  $TE_{21}$ ,  $TE_{01}$ , and  $TM_{11}$  (a tie). [The first column of Table 16-2 is identical to the second column of Table 16-1 because  $J'_0(x) = -J_1(x)$ .]

- 16.14.** Obtain the transverse fields for the  $TE_{11}$  (dominant) mode of a cylindrical waveguide.



For  $m = p = 1$ , Equation (1) of Problem 16.11,  $E_z = 0$ , and (1)–(4) of Problem 16.5 yield

$$E_{r11} = \frac{j\omega\mu H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}^2 r} J_1(k_{cTE_{11}} r) \sin \phi \quad (1)$$

$$H_{r11} = \frac{-jk_{cTE_{11}} H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}} J_1'(k_{cTE_{11}} r) \cos \phi \quad (2)$$

$$H_{\phi 11} = \frac{jk_{cTE_{11}} H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}^2 r} J_1(k_{cTE_{11}} r) \sin \phi \quad (3)$$

$$E_{\phi 11} = \frac{j\omega\mu H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}} J_1'(k_{cTE_{11}} r) \cos \phi \quad (4)$$

in which  $k_{cTE_{11}} = x'_{11}/a$  and  $k_{cTE_{11}} = \sqrt{\omega^2\mu\epsilon - (x'_{11}/a)^2}$ .

- 16.15.** Calculate the time-average power transmission in the  $TE_{11}$  mode of a lossless cylindrical guide.

Follow Section 16.7, with the transverse fields as given by Problem 16.14.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_T \times \mathbf{H}_T^* \cdot \mathbf{a}_z &= \frac{1}{2} (E_{r11} H_{\phi 11}^* - E_{\phi 11} H_{r11}^*) \\ &= \frac{\omega\mu k_{cTE_{11}} |H_{11}|^2}{2k_{cTE_{11}}^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{J_1(v)}{v} \right]^2 \sin^2 \phi + [J_1'(v)]^2 \cos^2 \phi \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

which the integration variable  $v = k_{cTE_{11}} r$  has been introduced. In the integration of (1) over the

cross section  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq v \leq x'_{11}$ , the  $\sin^2$  and  $\cos^2$  both integrate to  $\pi$ ; therefore,

$$\bar{P}_{z11} = \frac{\pi \omega \mu k_{TE11} |H_{11}|^2}{2k_{cTE11}^4} \int_0^{x'_{11}} \left\{ [J'_1(v)]^2 + \left[ \frac{J_1(v)}{v} \right]^2 \right\} v \, dv \quad (2)$$

There is a general rule for evaluating an integral like the one in (2): Go back to the ordinary differential equation arising from the separation of variables. In this case that equation is (see Section 8.8)

$$J''_1 + \frac{1}{v} J'_1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{v^2}\right) J_1 = 0 \quad (3)$$

Thus, using integration by parts, (3), and the end conditions  $J_1(0) = J'_1(x'_{11}) = 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{x'_{11}} [(J'_1)^2 + (J_1/v)^2] v \, dv &= \int_0^{x'_{11}} \left[ J'_1 + \left( \frac{J_1}{v} \right) \right]^2 v \, dv - \int_0^{x'_{11}} d(J_1^2) \\ &= \int_0^{x'_{11}} \left[ J'_1 + \left( \frac{J_1}{v} \right) \right]^2 d\left(\frac{v^2}{2}\right) - J_1^2(x'_{11}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(vJ'_1 + J_1)^2|_0^{x'_{11}} - \int_0^{x'_{11}} v^2 \left[ J'_1 + \frac{J_1}{v} \right] \\ &\quad \times \left( J''_1 + \frac{1}{v} J'_1 - \frac{1}{v^2} J_1 \right) dv - J_1^2(x'_{11}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}J_1^2(x'_{11}) - \int_0^{x'_{11}} v^2 \left( J'_1 + \frac{J_1}{v} \right) (-J_1) \, dv \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}J_1^2(x'_{11}) + \int_0^{x'_{11}} v^2 d\left(\frac{J_1^2}{2}\right) + \int_0^{x'_{11}} v J_1^2 \, dv \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}J_1^2(x'_{11}) + \frac{1}{2}v^2 J_1^2|_0^{x'_{11}} = \frac{(x'_{11})^2 - 1}{2} J_1^2(x'_{11}) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this result in (2), and replacing  $k_{TE11}$  and  $k_{cTE11}$  by their respective expressions in  $x'_{11} = (2\pi a/u_0)f_{cTE11}$ , one finds after some algebra:

$$\bar{P}_{z11} = \frac{\eta_0}{4} |H_{11}|^2 A_s \left( \frac{f}{f_{cTE11}} \right)^2 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{f_{cTE11}}{f} \right)^2} \left[ \frac{(x'_{11})^2 - 1}{(x'_{11})^2} J_1^2(x'_{11}) \right] \quad (4)$$

in which  $A_s = \pi a^2$  is the cross-sectional area.

- 16.16.** Compare the rectangular and cylindrical waveguides as power transmitters when each operates in its dominant mode.

The two power formulas, (19) of Section 16.7 and (4) of Problem 16.15, show identical dependence on  $H$ -amplitude, cross-sectional area, and normalized frequency. The only difference lies in a geometrical factor, which has the value 1.0 for the rectangular guide and the value

$$\frac{(1.841)^2 - 1}{(1.841)^2} (0.5814)^2 = 0.239$$

for the cylindrical guide.

- 16.17.** (a) Define the notion of *cutoff wavelength*. (b) Is the cutoff wavelength an upper limit on the guide wavelength, just as the cutoff frequency is a lower limit on the guide frequency?

(a) The cutoff wavelength  $\lambda_c$  is the wavelength of an unguided plane wave whose frequency is the cutoff frequency; i.e.,  $\lambda_c f_c = u_0$ .

(b) No; in fact, the formula

$$\lambda_{mn} = \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{f^2 - f_{cmn}^2}}$$

shows that an  $(m, n)$  mode can propagate with *any* guide wavelength greater than  $\lambda$ .

-  **16.18.** A lossless air-dielectric waveguide for an S-band radar has inside dimensions  $a = 7.214 \text{ cm}$  and  $b = 3.404 \text{ cm}$ . For the  $\text{TM}_{11}$  mode propagating at an operating frequency that is 1.1 times the cutoff frequency of the mode, calculate (a) critical wave number, (b) cutoff frequency, (c) operating frequency, (d) propagation constant, (e) cutoff wavelength, (f) operating wavelength, (g) guide wavelength, (h) phase velocity, (i) wave impedance.

(a) By (10),  $k_{c11} = \sqrt{(\pi/0.07214)^2 + (\pi/0.03404)^2} = 102.05 \text{ rad/m}$ .

(b) By (13),  $f_{c11} = [(3 \times 10^8)/2\pi](102.05) = 4.87 \text{ GHz}$ .

(c)  $f = 1.1f_{c11} = 5.36 \text{ GHz}$ .

(d) By (11 bis),

$$\gamma_{11} = jk_{11} = j \frac{2\pi}{3 \times 10^8} \sqrt{(5.36)^2 - (4.87)^2 (10^9)} = j46.8 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

(e)  $\lambda_{c11} = u_0/f_{c11} = (3 \times 10^8)/(4.87 \times 10^9) = 6.16 \text{ cm}$ .

(f)  $\lambda_0 = u_0/f = (3 \times 10^8)/(5.36 \times 10^9) = 5.60 \text{ cm}$ .

(g)  $\lambda_{11} = 2\pi/k_{11} = 2\pi/46.8 = 13.4 \text{ cm}$ .

(h) By (15),  $u_{11} = (0.134)(5.36 \times 10^9) = 7.18 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

(i) For air,  $\eta_0 = 120\pi \Omega$  and (14) gives

$$\eta_{\text{TM}11} = 120\pi \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{1.1}\right)^2} = 157.5 \Omega$$

-  **16.19.** A lossless, air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide, of inside diameter 3 cm, is operated at 14 GHz. For the  $\text{TM}_{11}$  mode propagating in the  $+z$  direction, find the cutoff frequency, guide wavelength, and wave impedance.

By (2) of Problem 16.10, along with Table 16-1,

$$f_{c\text{TM}11} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi a} x_{11} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\pi(3 \times 10^{-2})} (3.832) = 12.2 \text{ GHz}$$

Then, by (11 bis) and (14),

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{11} &= \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{f^2 - f_{c\text{TM}11}^2}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{(14)^2 - (12.2)^2 (10^9)}} = 4.36 \text{ cm} \\ \eta_{\text{TM}11} &= \eta_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_{c\text{TM}11}}{f}\right)^2} = 120\pi \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{12.2}{14}\right)^2} = 185 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

- 16.20.** Find the inside diameter of a lossless air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide so that a  $\text{TE}_{11}$  mode propagates at a frequency of 10 GHz, with the cutoff wavelength of the mode being 1.3 times the operating wavelength.

The condition is  $\lambda_{c11} = 1.3\lambda_0$ , or

$$\frac{u_0}{f_{c\text{TE}11}} = 1.3 \frac{u_0}{f} \quad \text{or} \quad f_{c\text{TE}11} = \frac{f}{1.3} = 7.692 \text{ GHz}$$

But, by Problem 16.11,

$$f_{c\text{TE}11} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi d} x'_{11} = \frac{0.3}{\pi d} (1.841) \text{ (GHz)}$$

Equating the two expressions yields  $d = 2.28 \text{ cm}$ .

-  **16.21.** Represent the  $\mathbf{E}$  field of Problem 16.14 in the time domain, using as space variables  $\rho \equiv r/a$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $\zeta \equiv k_{\text{TE}11} z$ .

In terms of the lumped constants

$$K_\rho = \frac{\omega\mu H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}^2 a} \quad K_\phi = \frac{\omega\mu H_{11}}{k_{cTE_{11}}}$$

which are presumed real, we have ( $x'_{11} = 1.841$ ):

$$E_\rho(\rho, \phi, \zeta, t) = \operatorname{Re}[E_{r11} e^{j(\omega t - \zeta)}] = -\frac{K_\rho}{\rho} J_1(1.841\rho) \sin \phi \sin(\omega t - \zeta)$$

$$E_\phi(\rho, \phi, \zeta, t) = \operatorname{Re}[E_{\phi11} e^{j(\omega t - \zeta)}] = -K_\phi J'_1(1.841\rho) \cos \phi \sin(\omega t - \zeta)$$

- 16.22.** For the **E** field obtained in Problem 16.21, calculate and plot the *field lines*. Also plot (without calculation) the lines of the transverse **H** field.



The lines of any vector field are a family of space curves such that, at each point of space, the vector is tangent to the curve through that point. Thus the differential equation of the lines of **E** in a cross-sectional plane is  $dy/dx = E_y/E_x$ , in cartesian coordinates ( $x, y$ ), or

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\phi} = \frac{E_\rho}{E_\phi} \quad (1)$$

in polar coordinates ( $\rho, \phi$ ). Substitution in (1) of the components of **E** from Problem 16.21 gives

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\phi} = K_1 \frac{J_1(1.841\rho)}{J'_1(1.841\rho)} \tan \phi \quad (2)$$

It is seen that the  $TE_{11}$  mode of a cylindrical waveguide has the special property that the field pattern does not change with time or with distance  $\zeta$  along the guide.

Normally, the field lines are found by a numerical integration of the differential equation; but in this case an analytic solution is simply obtained:

$$\ln \frac{J_1(1.841\rho)}{J_1(1.841\rho_0)} = K_2 \ln |\sec \phi| \quad (K_2 > 0) \quad (3)$$

This is a one-parameter family of curves, where the parameter  $\rho_0$  gives the radius at which a curve cuts the horizontal axis  $\sin \phi = 0$ . Note that the right side of (3) does not change when  $\phi$  is replaced by  $-\phi$  or by  $\phi + \pi$ ; hence the field pattern is symmetric about both the horizontal and vertical axes, and only the quadrant  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2$  need be considered. As one moves along a field line through increasingly positive  $\phi$ -values, the right side of (3) increases through positive values. Consequently [see Fig. 8-3(a)],  $\rho/\rho_0$  increases through values greater than 1. This, together with the constraint that the field line hit the boundary  $\rho = 1$  orthogonally, shows that the field line must bend away from the origin, as shown in Fig. 16-5. The line  $\rho_0 = 1$  degenerates into a single point.

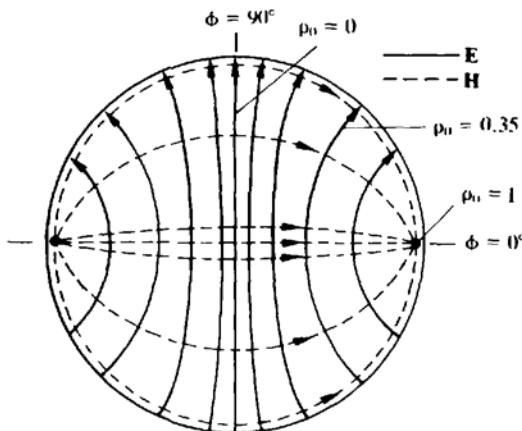


Fig. 16-5

The lines of  $\mathbf{H}$  are plotted as the orthogonal trajectories of the  $\mathbf{E}$  lines; see Problem 16.8. By Problem 16.14 both  $H_\rho$  and  $H_\phi$  vanish at the points  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\phi = 0, \pi$ ; hence the direction of  $\mathbf{H}$  is indeterminate there.

- 16.23.** A lossless air-dielectric waveguide for an S-band radar system has the dimensions  $a = 7.214$  cm and  $b = 3.404$  cm. The dominant mode propagates in the  $+z$  direction at 3 GHz. Find the average power transmitted if the excitation level of the  $\mathbf{E}$  field is 10 kV/m.

The cutoff frequency for  $\text{TE}_{10}$  is

$$f_{c10} = \frac{u_0}{2a} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2(0.07214)} = 2.08 \text{ GHz}$$

and (19 bis) yields

$$\bar{P}_{z10} = \frac{(10)^2(7.214)(3.404)10^{-4}}{4(377)} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2.08}{3}\right)^2} = 117.4 \text{ W}$$

- 16.24.** In a lossless air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide with a 1 cm radius the transmitted power in the dominant mode at 15 GHz is 2 W. Find the level of excitation for the magnetic field.

The cutoff frequency for  $\text{TE}_{11}$  is (see Table 16-2):

$$f_{c\text{TE}11} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi a} x'_{11} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2\pi(1 \times 10^{-2})} (1.841) = 8.79 \text{ GHz}$$

so that (4) of Problem 16.15 becomes (see also Problem 16.16):

$$2 = \frac{377}{4} |H_{11}|^2 (\pi 10^{-4}) (15/8.79)^2 \sqrt{1 - (8.79/15)^2} [0.239]$$

Solving,  $|H_{11}| = 0.11 \text{ A/cm}$ .

- 16.25.** A section of X-band waveguide with dimensions  $a = 2.286$  cm and  $b = 1.016$  cm has perfectly conducting walls and is filled with a lossy dielectric ( $\sigma_d = 367.5 \mu\text{S/m}$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ ). Find the attenuation factor, in dB/m, for the dominant mode of propagation at a frequency of 9 GHz.

The cutoff frequency of  $\text{TE}_{10}$  is

$$f_{c10} = \frac{u_0}{2a} = \frac{(3 \times 10^8)/\sqrt{2.1}}{2(0.02286)} = 4.53 \text{ GHz}$$

and (22) gives (second form):

$$\alpha_d(\text{dB/m}) \approx \frac{(377/\sqrt{2.1})(367.5 \times 10^{-6})}{2\sqrt{1 - (4.53/9)^2}} \times 8.69 = 0.48$$

The reader should verify that the underlying approximation,  $\omega\mu_d\sigma_d \ll \beta_{10}^2$ , holds for the data.

-  **16.26.** An X-band air-dielectric rectangular waveguide has brass walls ( $\mu_w = \mu_0$ ,  $\sigma_w = 16 \text{ MS/m}$ ) with  $a = 2.286$  cm and  $b = 1.016$  cm. Find the dB/m of attenuation due to wall loss when the dominant mode is propagating at 9.6 GHz.

At the cutoff frequency of the dominant mode,

$$f_{c10} = \frac{u_0}{2a} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{4.572 \times 10^{-2}} = 6.56 \text{ GHz}$$

the surface resistance of the brass is

$$R_{sc10} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi(6.56 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}{16 \times 10^6}} = 40.24 \text{ m}\Omega$$

and, by (26),

$$\alpha_w(\text{dB/m}) = \frac{0.04024}{377} \left( \sqrt{\frac{9.6}{6.56}} \right) \frac{0.02286 + 2(0.01016)(6.56/9.6)^2}{(0.02286)(0.01016)\sqrt{1 - (6.56/9.6)^2}} \times 8.69 = 0.214$$

- 16.27** An air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide ( $a = 5 \text{ mm}$ ) operates in the  $\text{TM}_{01}$  mode at frequency  $f = 1.3 f_{c\text{TM}01}$ . Find the dB/m of attenuation due to wall loss in a short section of copper ( $\sigma_w = 58 \text{ MS/m}$ ).

First derive an expression for  $P_{\text{loss}}(0)$ , following Section 16.8. By (1) of Problem 16.10,  $E_{r01}(r, \phi) = E_{01}J_0(x_{01}r/a)$ . Then (3) of Problem 16.5 gives the tangential magnetic field at the wall as [ $J'_0(v) = -J_1(v)$ ]:

$$H_{\phi01}(a, \phi) = \frac{j\omega\epsilon_0x_{01}E_{01}J_1(x_{01})}{k_{c\text{TM}01}^2 a} = \frac{jE_{01}J_1(x_{01})}{\eta_0} \left( \frac{f}{f_{c\text{TM}01}} \right)$$

and, since  $H_{\phi01}$  is constant, (24) gives

$$P_{\text{loss}}(0) = \frac{1}{2}R_s \left[ \frac{|E_{01}|^2 J_1^2(x_{01})}{\eta_0^2} \left( \frac{f}{f_{c\text{TM}01}} \right)^2 \right] (2\pi a) \quad (1)$$

Next find  $P_{z\text{TM}01}$  by the method of Problem 16.15. By Problem 16.15,

$$E_{r01} = \frac{jk_{c\text{TM}01}E_{01}}{k_{c\text{TM}01}} J_1\left(\frac{x_{01}r}{a}\right) = jE_{01} \left( \frac{f}{f_{c\text{TM}01}} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{f_{c\text{TM}01}}{f} \right)^2} \right) J_1\left(\frac{x_{01}r}{a}\right)$$

$$H_{\phi01} = \frac{jE_{01}(f/f_{c\text{TM}01})}{\eta_0} J_1\left(\frac{x_{01}r}{a}\right)$$

while  $H_{r01} = E_{\phi01} = 0$ . Thus the time-average Poynting vector is

$$\bar{S} = \frac{1}{2}E_{r01}H_{\phi01}^* = \frac{|E_{01}|^2 (f/f_{c\text{TM}01})^2 \sqrt{1 - (f_{c\text{TM}01}/f)^2}}{2\eta_0} J_1^2\left(\frac{x_{01}r}{a}\right)$$

Integrating over a cross section,

$$\int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} J_1^2\left(\frac{x_{01}r}{a}\right) r dr d\phi = \frac{2A_s}{x_{01}^2} \int_0^{x_{01}} J_1^2(v) v dv = A_s J_1^2(x_{01})$$

Combining these results,

$$\alpha_w = \frac{P_{\text{loss}}(0)}{2\bar{P}_{z\text{TM}01}} = \frac{R_s}{\eta_0 a \sqrt{1 - (f_{c\text{TM}01}/f)^2}} \quad (2)$$

For the data,

$$f_{c\text{TM}01} = \frac{u_0}{2\pi a} x_{01} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2\pi(5 \times 10^{-3})} (2.405) = 22.99 \text{ GHz}$$

$$f = (1.3)(22.99) = 29.89 \text{ GHz}$$

$$R_s = \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu_w}{\sigma_w}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi(29.89 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}{58 \times 10^6}} = 0.0451 \Omega$$

$$\alpha_w = \frac{0.0451}{(377)(5 \times 10^{-3})\sqrt{1 - (1/1.3)^2}} = 0.0374 \text{ Np/m} = 0.325 \text{ dB/m}$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 16.28.** Determine the condition(s) under which a magnetic field with

$$H_z(x, y, z, t) = K \cos 87.3x \cos 92.4y \cos(2\pi ft - 109.1z)$$

can exist in free space. *Ans.*  $f = 8.0 \text{ GHz}$

- 16.29.** Obtain the critical wave number for a 4-GHz wave propagating in a medium with  $\mu_r = 1$  and  $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ , if the phase shift constant (wave number) is  $54^\circ$  per cm. *Ans.*  $81.1 \text{ rad/m}$
- 16.30.** If  $H_z(x, y, z, t)$  in Problem 16.28 represents the axial field of a  $\text{TE}_{21}$  wave in a rectangular waveguide, find (a) the guide size, (b) the critical wave number, (c) the guide wavelength.  
*Ans.* (a) 7.2 cm by 3.4 cm; (b)  $127.1 \text{ rad/m}$ ; (c) 5.76 cm
- 16.31.** The S-band waveguide of Problem 16.18 is used in the X-band at 9 GHz. Identify the modes that could propagate in the guide.  
*Ans.*  $\text{TE}_{01}, \text{TE}_{02}, \text{TE}_{10}, \text{TE}_{11}, \text{TE}_{20}, \text{TE}_{21}, \text{TE}_{30}, \text{TE}_{31}, \text{TE}_{40}, \text{TM}_{11}, \text{TM}_{21}, \text{TM}_{31}$
- 16.32.** In Problem 16.19, what other modes could propagate at the given frequency?  
*Ans.*  $\text{TE}_{01}, \text{TE}_{11}, \text{TE}_{21}, \text{TE}_{31}; \text{TM}_{01}$
- 16.33.** A C-band waveguide for use between 3.95 and 5.85 GHz measures 4.755 cm by 2.215 cm. For air dielectric, calculate the dominant mode cutoff frequency and the guide wavelength when the operating frequency is 4.2 GHz. *Ans.* 3.155 GHz, 10.82 cm
- 16.34.** The WC-50 cylindrical waveguide with air dielectric is used in the frequency range 15.9–21.8 GHz for dominant-mode propagation. Calculate the cutoff frequency for an inside diameter of 1.270 cm. Also obtain the cutoff frequency for the  $\text{TM}_{01}$  mode. *Ans.* 13.84 GHz, 18.08 GHz
- 16.35.** An air-dielectric L-band rectangular waveguide has  $a/b = 2$  and a dominant-mode cutoff frequency of 0.908 GHz. If the measured guide wavelength is 40 cm, find the operating frequency, the guide dimensions, and the wave number. *Ans.* 1.18 GHz, 16.52 cm by 8.26 cm,  $15.7 \text{ rad/m}$
- 16.36.** For the waveguide in Problem 16.35 find the lowest frequency at which a  $\text{TE}_{21}$  mode would propagate. *Ans.*  $f > 2.569 \text{ GHz}$
- 16.37.** A V-band waveguide for use between 26.5 and 40 GHz has inside dimensions 0.711 cm by 0.356 cm. (a) Calculate the dominant-mode critical wave number for air dielectric. (b) If the measured guide wavelength is 1.41 cm, what is the operating frequency?  
*Ans.* (a)  $441.86 \text{ rad/m}$ ; (b) 29.98 GHz
- 16.38.** The WC-19 air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide is used for dominant-mode operation in the 42.4–58.10 GHz range. Find the inside diameter for the specified cutoff frequency of 36.776 GHz. *Ans.* 0.478 cm
- 16.39.** A Ku-band air-dielectric guide with  $a/b = 2$  is used in the 12.4–18.8 GHz range for dominant-mode operation with a cutoff frequency of 9.49 GHz. What are the inside dimensions?  
*Ans.* 1.58 cm by 0.79 cm
- 16.40.** Find the radius and guide wavelength in an air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide for the dominant mode at  $f = 30 \text{ GHz} = 1.5f_{c,\text{TE}_{11}}$ . Will the  $\text{TM}_{11}$  mode propagate under these conditions?  
*Ans.* 0.44 cm, 1.34 cm; No
- 16.41.** Solve Problem 16.40 for the guide with a lossless dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ .  
*Ans.* 0.296 cm, 0.903 cm; No
- 16.42.** A K-band rectangular waveguide with dimensions 1.067 cm and 0.432 cm operates in the dominant mode at 18 GHz. Find the cutoff frequency, guide wavelength, phase velocity, and wave impedance, if the dielectric is air. *Ans.* 14.06 GHz, 2.67 cm,  $4.81 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $604.2 \Omega$
- 16.43.** Solve Problem 16.42 if the guide is filled with a lossless dielectric of  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$ .  
*Ans.* 9.93 GHz, 1.44 cm,  $2.54 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $319.6 \Omega$

- 16.44.** Calculate the radius and guide wavelength for a  $\text{TM}_{11}$  mode at  $f = 30 \text{ GHz} = 1.5f_{c,\text{TM}_{11}}$  in an air-dielectric cylindrical waveguide. [Compare Problem 16.40.] *Ans.* 0.915 cm, 1.342 cm

- 16.45.** For an  $(m, n)$  mode operated below its cutoff frequency, the *cutoff attenuation factor* is defined as  $\alpha_{cmn} = -jk_{mn}$ . Calculate  $\alpha_{c,\text{TE}_{11}}$ , in dB/cm when a lossless air-dielectric guide, 2.286 cm by 1.016 cm is operated at 9.4 GHz. *Ans.* 23.9

- 16.46.** In a certain cross section of a rectangular waveguide the instantaneous components of  $\mathbf{E}$  are

$$E_y = -A \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{b}\right) \quad E_x = B \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{b}\right) \quad E_z = 0$$

Sketch this  $\mathbf{E}$  field and identify the mode of operation. *Ans.* See Fig. 16-6;  $\text{TE}_{11}$

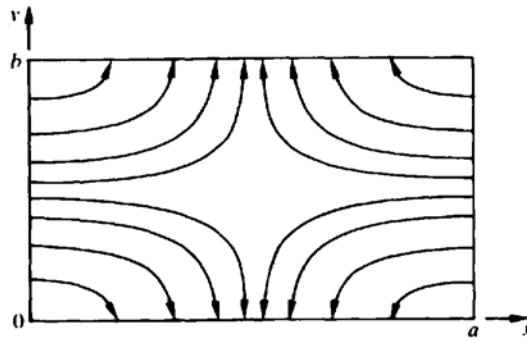


Fig. 16-6

- 16.47.** The air-dielectric waveguide of Problem 16.23 transports 200 W of average power at 2.6 GHz. Find the excitation level of the field. *Ans.* 143 V/cm

- 16.48.** If a lossless dielectric having  $\epsilon_r = 1.8$  is inserted in the waveguide of Problem 16.47, calculate the excitation level for the transport of 200 W. *Ans.* 106.8 V/cm

- 16.49.** The air-dielectric waveguide of Problem 16.24 is filled with a lossless dielectric having  $\epsilon_r = 2.1$ . Find the power transported in the dominant mode, if the excitation level and frequency are unchanged. *Ans.* 0.09 A/cm

- 16.50.** Show that result (2) of Problem 16.27 can be rewritten as  $\alpha_w = \frac{1}{\sigma_w a \delta_w \eta_{\text{TMOI}}}$ , where  $\delta_w$  is the (frequency dependent) skin depth.

# Chapter 17

## Antennas

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### 17.1 INTRODUCTION

Maxwell's equations as examined in Chapter 14 predict propagating plane waves in an unbounded source-free region. In this chapter the propagating waves produced by current sources or antennas are examined; in general these waves have spherical wavefronts and direction-dependent amplitudes. Because free-space conditions are exclusively assumed throughout the chapter, the notation for the permittivity, permeability, propagation speed, and characteristic impedance of the medium can omit the subscript 0; likewise the wave number (phase shift constant) of the radiation will be written  $\beta = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \omega/u$ .

### 17.2 CURRENT SOURCE AND THE E AND H FIELDS

The vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$  defined in Section 9.7 gives the phasor fields in the region outside of the current source as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H} &= \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{u}{\eta} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{u}{j\beta} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

in which  $u = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  and  $\eta = 120\pi \Omega$ .

The phasor  $\mathbf{A}$  is itself given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\mu(\mathbf{J}_s e^{-j\beta r})}{4\pi r} dv \quad (2)$$

In (2),  $r$  is the distance between the observation point and the source current element  $\mathbf{J}_s dv$ . The significance of the factor  $e^{-j\beta r}$  becomes clear when  $\mathbf{A}$  is transformed to the time domain:

$$\mathbf{A} = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\mu \mathbf{J}_s \cos \omega(t - r/u)}{4\pi r} dv$$

Thus  $\mathbf{A}$  at the observation point properly reflects conditions at the source at earlier times—the lag for any given source element being precisely the time  $r/u$  needed for the condition to propagate to the observation point.

### 17.3 ELECTRIC (HERTZIAN) DIPOLE ANTENNA

The vector potential set up by the infinitesimal current element of Fig. 17-1 is, by (2),

$$\mathbf{A}(P) = \frac{\mu e^{-j\beta r}}{4\pi r} (Id\ell) \mathbf{a}_z$$

In spherical coordinates,  $\mathbf{a}_z = \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_r - \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ ; relations (1) yield

$$H_\phi = \frac{Id\ell}{4\pi} \beta^2 \sin \theta e^{-j\beta r} \left[ \frac{j}{\beta r} + \frac{1}{\beta^2 r^2} \right]$$

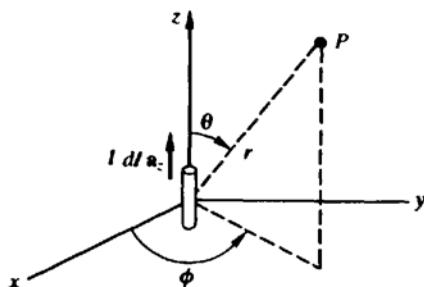


Fig. 17-1

$$E_r = \eta \frac{2Id\ell}{4\pi} \beta^2 \cos \theta e^{-j\beta r} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta^2 r^2} - j \frac{1}{\beta^3 r^3} \right]$$

$$E_\theta = \eta \frac{Id\ell}{4\pi} \beta^2 \sin \theta e^{-j\beta r} \left[ j \frac{1}{\beta r} + \frac{1}{\beta^2 r^2} - j \frac{1}{\beta^3 r^3} \right]$$

All other components are zero. Attention will be restricted to the *far field*, in which terms in  $1/r^2$  or  $1/r^3$  are neglected.

$$\text{far field} \quad H_\phi = \frac{jId\ell\beta}{4\pi r} \sin \theta e^{-j\beta r}$$

$$E_\theta = \eta \frac{jId\ell\beta}{4\pi r} \sin \theta e^{-j\beta r} = \eta H_\phi \quad (3)$$

It is clear that (3) represents a diverging spherical wave which at any point is traveling in the  $+a_r$  direction with an amplitude that falls off as  $1/r$ .

The power radiated by of the Hertzian dipole is obtained by integrating the time-averaged Poynting vector,

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*)$$

(Section 14.12), of the far field over the surface of a (large) sphere.

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \mathcal{P}_{\text{avg}} \cdot r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi a_r$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} (E_\theta H_\phi^*)] r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \frac{\eta(\beta I d\ell)^2}{12\pi} = \frac{\eta\pi I^2}{3} \left( \frac{d\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

#### 17.4 ANTENNA PARAMETERS

The *radiation resistance*  $R_{\text{rad}}$  is defined as the value of a hypothetical resistor that would dissipate a power equal to the power radiated by the antenna when fed by the same current, thus,  $P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{2}I_0^2 R_{\text{rad}}$  or  $R_{\text{rad}} = 2P_{\text{rad}}/I_0^2$  where  $I_0$  is the peak value of the feed point current. For the Hertzian dipole, from (4),

$$R_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2\pi\eta}{3} \left( \frac{d\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 \approx 790 \left( \frac{d\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 \quad (\Omega)$$

The *pattern function*  $F(\theta, \phi)$  gives the variation of the far-zone electric or magnetic field magnitude with direction. For the Hertzian dipole this reduces to  $F(\theta) = \sin \theta$ , since  $|\mathbf{E}|$  and  $|\mathbf{H}|$  are independent of  $\phi$ .

The *radiation intensity*  $U(\theta, \phi)$  is another measure of antenna performance; it is defined as the time-averaged radiated power per unit solid angle. From Fig. 17-2,

$$U(\theta, \phi) = \frac{dP_{\text{rad}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{|\Phi_{\text{avg}}| dS'}{dS'/r^2} = r^2 |\Phi_{\text{avg}}|$$

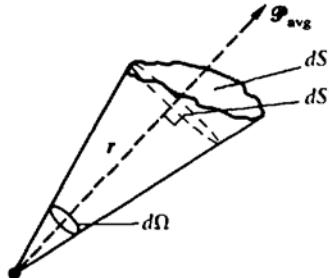


Fig. 17-2

Because  $U$  is independent of  $r$  (by energy conservation), the far field may be used in its evaluation. For the Hertzian dipole,

$$U(\theta) = \frac{\eta}{8} \left( \frac{Id\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad (5)$$

Polar plots of the pattern function and radiation intensity distribution for the Hertzian dipole are given in Fig. 17-3.

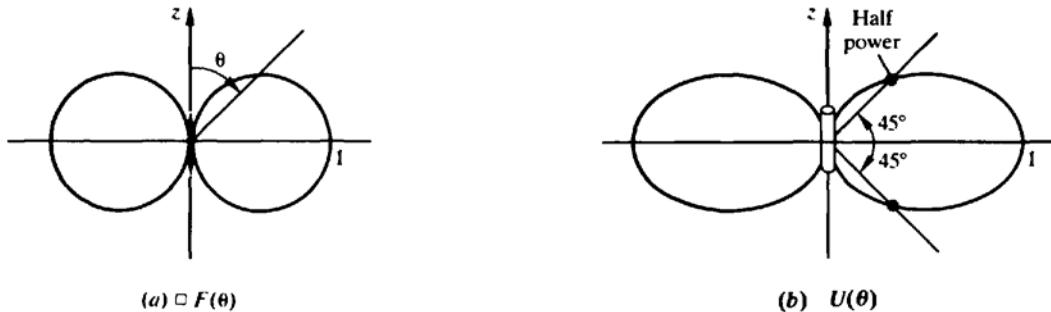


Fig. 17-3

In Fig. 17-3(b), the *half-power points* are at  $\theta = 45^\circ$  and  $\theta = 135^\circ$  and the *half-power beam width* is therefore  $90^\circ$ . In general, the smaller the beam width (about the direction of  $U_{\text{max}}$ ), the more directive the antenna.

Directive gain  $D(\theta, \phi)$  of an antenna is defined as the ratio of the radiation intensity  $U(\theta, \phi)$  to that of a hypothetical *isotropic* radiator that radiates the same total power  $U_0$ . For the isotropic radiator,

$$U_0 = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{4\pi}$$

Then

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{U(\theta, \phi)}{U_0} = \frac{4\pi U(\theta, \phi)}{P_{\text{rad}}}$$

The *directivity* of an antenna is the maximum value of its directive gain:

$$D_{\text{max}} = \frac{4\pi U_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{rad}}}$$

For the Hertzian dipole, (4) and (5) give

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{(4\pi) \frac{\eta}{8} \left( \frac{Id\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\left( \frac{\eta\pi}{3} \right) \left( \frac{Id\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2} = 1.5 \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{and} \quad D_{\max} = 1.5 \quad (6)$$

The *radiation efficiency* of an antenna is  $\epsilon_{\text{rad}} = P_{\text{rad}}/P_{\text{in}}$ , where  $P_{\text{in}}$  is the time-averaged power that the antenna accepts from the feed. The (*power*) *gain*  $G(\theta, \phi)$  is defined as the efficiency times the directive gain:

$$G(\theta, \phi) = \epsilon_{\text{rad}} D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi U(\theta, \phi)}{P_{\text{in}}} = \frac{4\pi U(\theta, \phi)}{P_{\text{rad}} + P_L}$$

where  $P_L$  is the ohmic loss of the antenna. A lossless isotropic radiator has a power gain  $G_0 = 1$ . At times the power gain of an antenna is expressed in decibels, where

$$G_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{G}{G_0} = 10 \log_{10} G$$

## 17.5 SMALL CIRCULAR-LOOP ANTENNA

Also known as the *magnetic dipole*, a small loop in the  $z = 0$  plane, carrying a phasor current  $Ia_\phi$ , produces radiating  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields with characteristics similar to those of the Hertzian dipole, but with the directions of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  interchanged. In the far zone,

$$H_\theta = -\frac{(\beta^2 \pi a^2) I e^{-j\beta r}}{4\pi r} \sin \theta$$

$$E_\phi = -\eta H_\theta$$

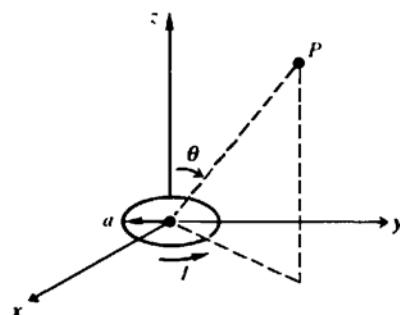


Fig. 17-4

The radiation resistance of the small loop antenna is found as part of Problem 17.6:  $R_{\text{rad}} = (20 \Omega)(\beta^2 \pi a^2)^2$ .



## 17.6 FINITE-LENGTH DIPOLE

The expression (4) for the radiated power of the Hertzian dipole contains the term  $(d\ell/\lambda)^2$  which suggests that the length should be comparable to the wavelength. The open-circuited two-wire transmission line shown in Fig. 17-5(a) has currents in the conductors that are out of phase, so that the far field nearly cancels out. An efficient antenna results when the line is opened out as

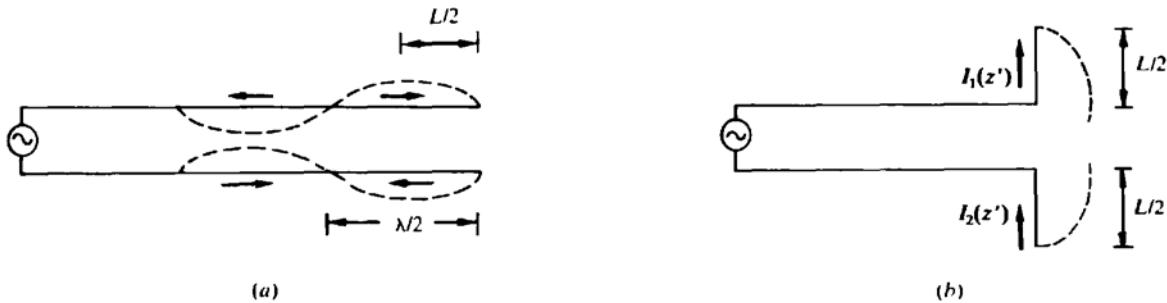


Fig. 17-5

shown in Fig. 17-5(b), producing current phasors

$$I_1(z') = I_m \sin \beta \left( \frac{L}{2} - z' \right) \quad (0 < z' < L/2)$$

and

$$I_2(z') = I_m \sin \beta \left( \frac{L}{2} + z' \right) \quad (-L/2 < z' < 0)$$

The two currents are exactly in phase at mirror-image points in the  $y$  axis, and they vanish at the endpoints  $z' = \pm L/2$ . The two legs form a single dipole antenna of finite length  $L$ . Note that the current at the feed point ( $z' = 0$ ) is related to the maximum current by  $I_0 = I_m \sin \frac{\beta L}{2}$ .

The far field is calculated by means of (2) and (1), under the assumption  $r \gg L$  and  $r \gg \lambda$ .

$$H_\phi = \frac{jI_m e^{-j\beta r}}{2\pi r} F(\theta) \quad E_\theta = \eta H_\phi$$

where the pattern function is given by

$$F(\theta) = \frac{\cos \left( \beta \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta \right) - \cos \left( \beta \frac{L}{2} \right)}{\sin \theta}$$

The antenna can also be assigned an *effective length* [write  $I(z') = I_m \sin \beta(L/2 - |z'|)$ ]:

$$h_e(\theta) = \frac{\sin \theta}{I_0} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} I(z') e^{j\beta z' \cos \theta} dz' = \frac{2I_m}{\beta I_0} F(\theta)$$

which has the units of length and contains all the pattern information.

For  $L$  up to about  $1.2\lambda$  the antenna patterns resemble the figure eight, becoming sharper as  $L$  approaches  $1.2\lambda$ . In the other limit, as  $L \ll \lambda$ , the pattern is that of the Hertzian dipole shown in Fig. 17-3(a). As  $L$  becomes greater than  $1.2\lambda$ , the patterns become multilobed. See Fig. 17-6.

The radiation resistance of a finite dipole of length  $(2n-1)\lambda/2$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) can be shown to be  $R_{rad} = (30 \Omega) \text{Cin}[(4n-2)\pi]$ , where

$$\text{Cin}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1 - \cos y}{y} dy$$

is a tabulated function. For  $n = 1$  (*half-wave dipole*),  $R_{rad} = 30(2.438) = 73 \Omega$  and  $D_{max} = 1.64$  (see Problem 17.8).

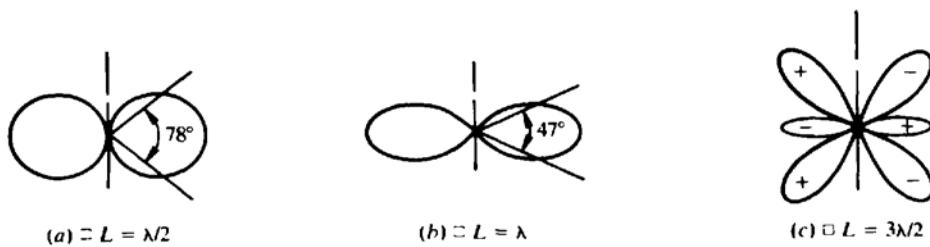


Fig. 17-6

### 17.7 MONPOLE ANTENNA

A conductor of length  $L/2$  normal to an infinite conducting plane [Fig. 17-7(a)] forms a monopole antenna. When fed at the base the resulting  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields are identical to the dipole's. This is evident when the *image* of the monopole is positioned below the conducting plane as shown in Fig. 17-7(b).

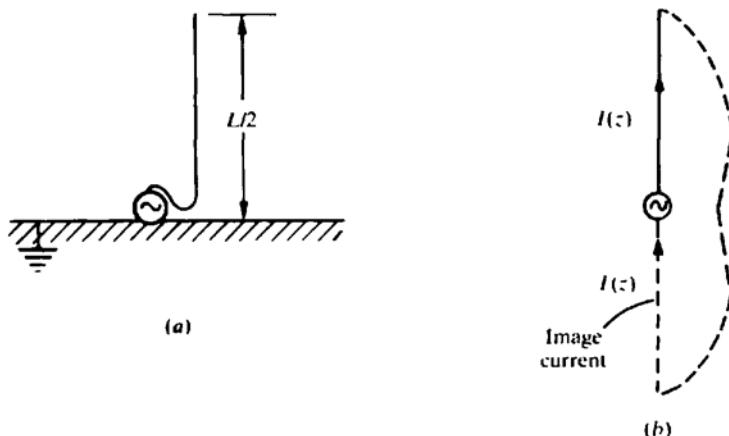


Fig. 17-7

As the monopole radiates power only in the region above the conducting plane, the total radiated power is one-half that of the corresponding dipole. From  $R_{\text{rad}} = 2P_{\text{rad}}/I_0^2$  it follows that the radiation resistance is one-half the value for the dipole. Thus, for  $L/2 = \lambda/4$  (*quarter-wave monopole*),  $R_{\text{rad}} = 36.5 \Omega$ .

### 17.8 SELF- AND MUTUAL IMPEDANCES

With respect to its feed, an antenna is equivalent to a load impedance  $Z_a = R_a + jX_a$ , where  $R_a = R_{\text{rad}} + R_L$ , and  $R_L$  is ohmic resistance. The reactance  $X_a$  is not easily calculated; it is a function of the radius  $\rho$  of the conductors for dipoles and monopoles. Figure 17-8 illustrates the variation of both  $R_a$  and  $X_a$  for monopoles of length  $L/2$ ; the figure also applies to dipoles of length  $L$  if vertical scale values are doubled. Thus the half-wave dipole has  $R_a = 73 \Omega$  and, roughly independent of  $\rho$ ,  $X_a \approx 40 \Omega$ . (It can be shown that as  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ ,  $X_a \rightarrow 42.5 \Omega$ .)

When a second antenna is placed adjacent to a first antenna, a current in one will induce a voltage in the other. Consequently, a mutual impedance  $Z_{21} = V_{21}/I_1 = R_{21} + jX_{21}$  exists in the system. For two side-by-side half-wave dipoles with very small conductor size,  $R_{21}$  and  $X_{21}$  vary with the separation  $d$  as shown in Fig. 17-9.

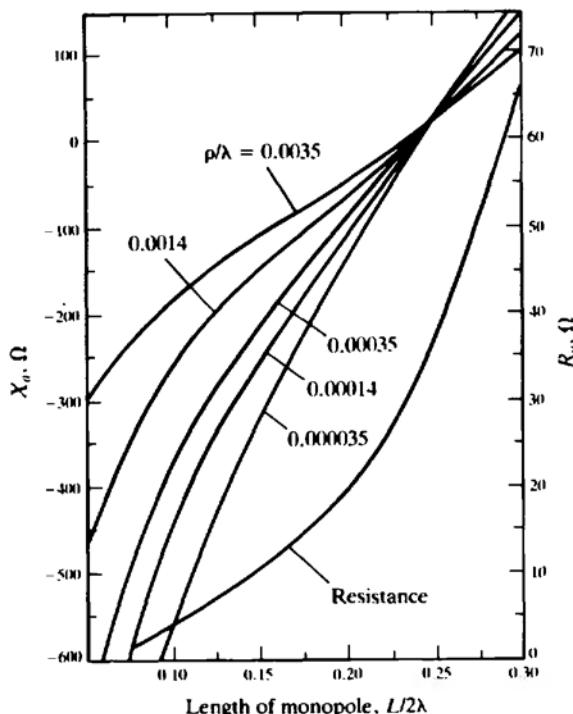


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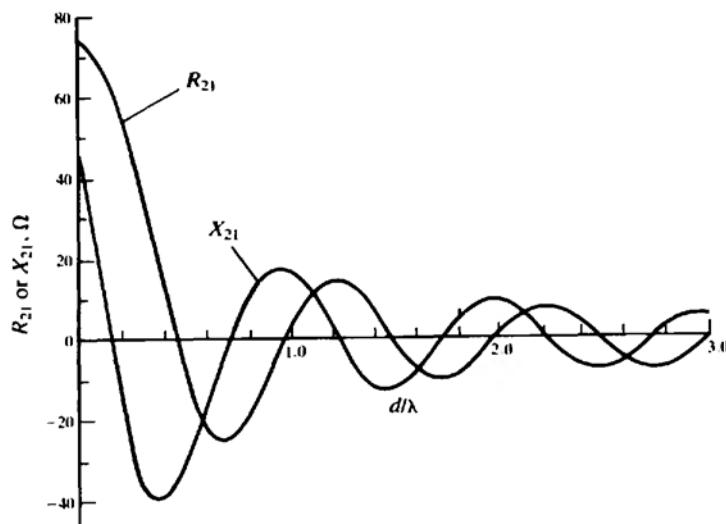


Fig. 17-9. (Source: Weeks (1968), *Antenna Engineering*. Reproduced by permission of McGraw-Hill, Inc.)

### 17-9 THE RECEIVING ANTENNA

An antenna in the far field of a transmitter extracts energy from what is essentially a plane wave and delivers it to a load impedance  $Z_l$ . In Fig. 17-10(a) the dipole antenna lies along the  $z$  axis and the incident wave has a Poynting vector  $\mathbf{P}$ . The open-circuit voltage is equal to the product of the effective length  $h_e(\theta)$  and the magnitude  $E$  of the projection of  $\mathbf{E}$  onto the plane of incidence. [For the coordinate system of Fig. 17-10(a),  $E = \sqrt{E_y^2 + E_z^2}$ .]

$$V_{OC} = h_e(\theta)E$$

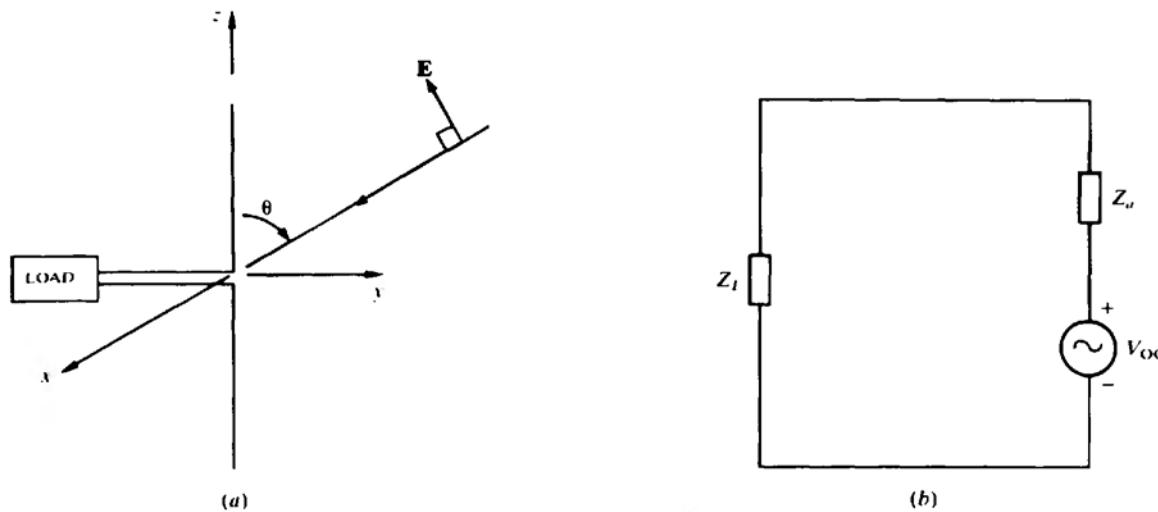


Fig. 17-10

The pattern for the receiving antenna is identical to that of a similar transmitting antenna. The *available power*  $P_a$  is the maximum power which the receiving antenna can deliver to a load, which occurs when  $Z_L = Z_a^*$ . From the equivalent circuit of Fig. 17-10(b),

$$P_a = \frac{h_e(\theta)^2 E^2}{8R_a}$$

The *effective area*  $A_e(\theta)$  for an antenna is a hypothetical area such that when multiplied by the power density of the incident wave,  $E^2/2\eta$ , it results in the available power.

$$A_e(\theta) \left( \frac{E^2}{2\eta} \right) = P_a = \frac{h_e(\theta)^2 E^2}{8R_a} \quad \text{or} \quad A_e(\theta) = h_e(\theta)^2 \left( \frac{\eta}{4R_a} \right)$$

It can be shown that the effective area is related to the directive gain by

$$\frac{A_e(\theta, \phi)}{D(\theta, \phi)} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi}$$

When both a transmitting and a receiving antenna are considered, the power  $P_{rad1}$  radiated by antenna 1 and the available power  $P_{a2}$  at the receiving antenna 2, are related by the *Friss transmission formula*,

$$\frac{P_{a2}}{P_{rad1}} = \frac{D_1(\theta_1, \phi_1) A_{e2}(\theta_2, \phi_2)}{4\pi r^2}$$

Here,  $r$  is the separation of the two antennas. Angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\phi_1$  specify the direction of the receiving antenna as seen from the coordinate system of antenna 1. Similarly  $\theta_2$  and  $\phi_2$  specify the direction of the transmitting antenna as viewed from the coordinate system of antenna 2.



## 17.10 LINEAR ARRAYS

A far-field pattern with a narrow beam width and high gain can be achieved by forming an array of identical antenna elements, each with the same orientation as shown in Fig. 17-11. The pattern function of the array is equal to the pattern function of an individual element multiplied by an *array factor*  $f(\chi)$ . In Problem 17.15 it is shown that, for a uniformly spaced array of  $N$  elements where  $d$  is

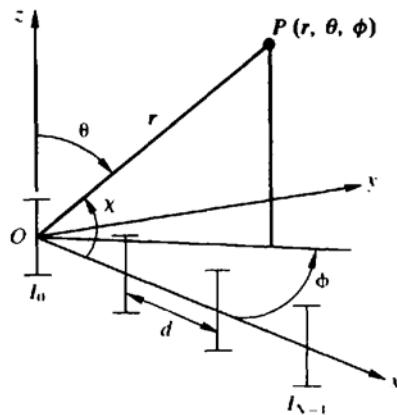


Fig. 17-11

the spacing

$$f(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} I_n e^{j\beta nd \cos \chi}$$

The angle  $\chi$  is the angle between the array axis and the line  $OP$ ; by geometry,  $\cos \chi = \sin \theta \cos \phi$ . If the elements are progressively phased so that  $I_n = a_n e^{jn\alpha}$  ( $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ ),

$$f(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n e^{jn(\alpha + \beta d \cos \chi)}$$

or, defining  $u = \alpha + \beta d \cos \chi$ ,

$$f_1(u) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n e^{jnu} \quad (7)$$

The overall pattern function will be a maximum when  $|f_1(u)|$  is a maximum, which occurs for  $u = 0$ . If  $\alpha = 0$  (the individual antennas are all in phase), then  $u = 0$  implies  $\chi = \pm 90^\circ$ ; i.e., peak radiation occurs at right angles to the line of antennas. This is called a *broadside* array. On the other hand, if the phasing  $\alpha = -\beta d$  is imposed,  $u = 0$  implies  $\chi = 0^\circ$ ; this is an *endfire* array.

A *uniform* array has all antenna currents equal in magnitude. For  $a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_{N-1} = 1$ , (7) becomes

$$f_1(u) = \frac{\sin(Nu/2)}{\sin(u/2)} e^{j(N-1)u/2} \quad (8)$$

Thus, the main peak or *lobe* of the radiation pattern, centered on  $u = 0$ , has "height"  $|f_1(0)| = N$ . The two *first nulls* of the pattern [zeros of  $|f_1(u)|$ ], occur at  $u = \pm 2\pi/N$ . The separation of the two first nulls can be used to define the beamwidth. Concentrating on the plane  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , one finds:

<b>broadside uniform</b>	$\Delta\phi = 2 \sin^{-1} \frac{2\pi}{\beta Nd} \approx \frac{2\lambda}{Nd}$
<b>endfire uniform</b>	$\Delta\phi = 4 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\beta Nd}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{8\lambda}{Nd}}$

where the approximations are for the case  $Nd \gg \lambda$ .

The sidelobes occur approximately midway between the nulls. The ratio of the main lobe to the first sidelobe is  $N \sin(3\pi/2N)$  which approaches the value  $3\pi/2$  for large  $N$ .

### 17.11 REFLECTORS

The gain of an antenna element can be enhanced by means of a reflector. Gains of from 6 to 12 dB can be obtained by using a half-wave dipole and a corner reflector such as that shown in Fig. 17-12(a). (A flat sheet reflector results when  $\psi = 180^\circ$ .)

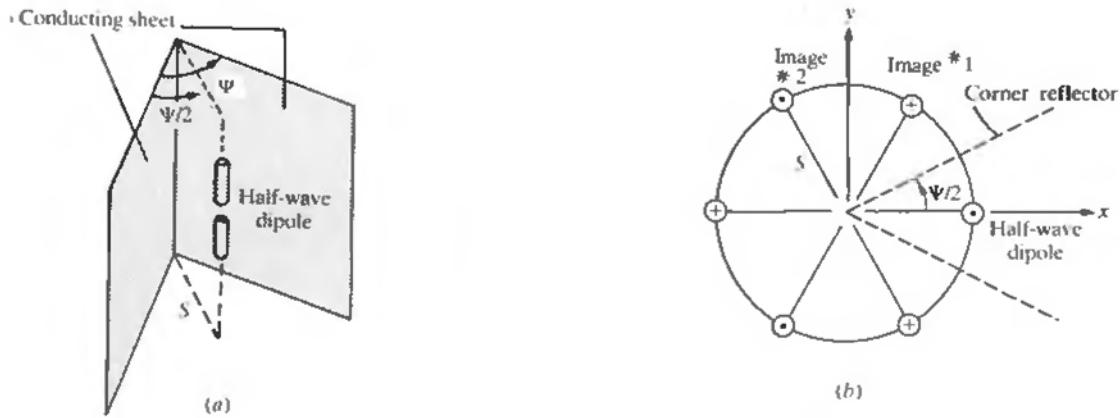


Fig. 17-12

The effect of a reflector with  $\psi = 180^\circ/N$  ( $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) can be calculated by the method of images. The actual reflector is replaced by  $2N - 1$  image dipoles, which together with the actual driven dipole, constitute an evenly spaced circular array, alternating in polarity [Fig. 17-12(b)]. Superposition of the far fields yields

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{j\eta I_0 e^{-j\beta r}}{2\pi r} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\sin \theta} \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} (-1)^n e^{j\beta s \sin \theta \cos(n\psi - \phi)} \mathbf{a}_\theta \quad (9)$$

For high gain applications, the parabolic reflector driven by a source located at its focus, as shown in Fig. 17-13, is widely used. The directivity of the parabolic reflector is proportional to the aperture radius  $a$  and the aperture efficiency  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$D_{\max} = \left(\frac{2\pi a}{\lambda}\right)^2 \mathcal{E}$$

The aperture efficiency depends on a variety of design factors; a reasonable value is 55%. The half-power beam width can be estimated from the formula  $\text{HPBW} \approx 117^\circ(\lambda/2a)$ .

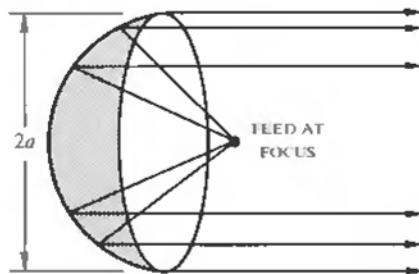


Fig. 17-13

## Solved Problems

- 17.1.** A center-fed dipole antenna with a  $z$ -directed current has electrical length  $L/\lambda \ll \frac{1}{30}$ . (a) Show that the current distribution may be assumed to be triangular in form. (b) Find the components of the vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(a) Since

$$\beta\left(\frac{L}{2} - |z|\right) < \beta \frac{L}{2} = \pi \frac{L}{\lambda} \ll \frac{1}{10}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(z') &= I_m \sin \beta\left(\frac{L}{2} - |z'|\right) \\ &\approx I_m \beta\left(\frac{L}{2} - |z'|\right) \approx \frac{2I'_m}{L} \left(\frac{L}{2} - |z'|\right) \text{ where } I'_m = I_m \frac{\beta L}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} I(z') \mathbf{a}_z \left( \frac{e^{-j\beta r}}{r} \right) dz' = \frac{2\mu I'_m e^{-j\beta r}}{4\pi L r} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \left( \frac{L}{2} - |z'| \right) dz' \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{\mu I'_m}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) e^{-j\beta r} \mathbf{a}_z$$

from which

$$A_r = A_z \cos \theta = \frac{\mu I'_m}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) e^{-j\beta r} \cos \theta \quad A_\theta = -A_z \sin \theta = -\frac{\mu I'_m}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) e^{-j\beta r} \sin \theta$$

and  $A_\phi = 0$ .

- 17.2.** (a) Find the current required to radiate a power of 100 W at 100 MHz from a 0.01-m Hertzian dipole. (b) Find the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  at (100 m, 90°, 0°).



$$(a) \quad \lambda = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^8} = 3 \text{ m} \quad R_{\text{rad}} = 790 \left( \frac{d\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2 = 8.78 \times 10^{-3} \Omega$$

$$R_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2P_{\text{rad}}}{I^2} \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{200}{8.78 \times 10^{-3}}} = 151 \text{ A}$$

(This extremely high current illustrates that an antenna with a length much less than a wavelength is not an efficient radiator.)

$$(b) \quad |\mathbf{E}| = \frac{\eta \beta I d\ell}{4\pi r} \sin 90^\circ = 0.95 \text{ V/m} \quad |\mathbf{H}| = 2.52 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A/m}$$

- 17.3.** Two  $z$ -directed Hertzian dipoles are in phase and a distance  $d$  apart, as shown in Fig. 17-14. Obtain the radiation intensity in the direction  $(\theta, \phi)$ .

Since  $\cos \alpha = \sin \theta \sin \phi$ ,

$$r_1 \approx r - \frac{d}{2} \cos \alpha = r - \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = r + \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

The far electric field is then  $\mathbf{E} = E_\theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} E_\theta &= \frac{I d\ell}{4\pi r_2} e^{-j\beta r_2} (j\beta \eta \sin \theta) + \frac{I d\ell}{4\pi r_1} e^{-j\beta r_1} (j\beta \eta \sin \theta) \\ &\approx \frac{j\beta \eta (I d\ell)}{4\pi r} e^{-j\beta r} \sin(e^{-j\beta(d/2) \sin \theta \sin \phi} + e^{j\beta(d/2) \sin \theta \sin \phi}) \\ &= \frac{j\beta \eta (I d\ell)}{2\pi r} e^{-j\beta r} \sin \theta \cos\left(\beta \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi\right) \end{aligned}$$

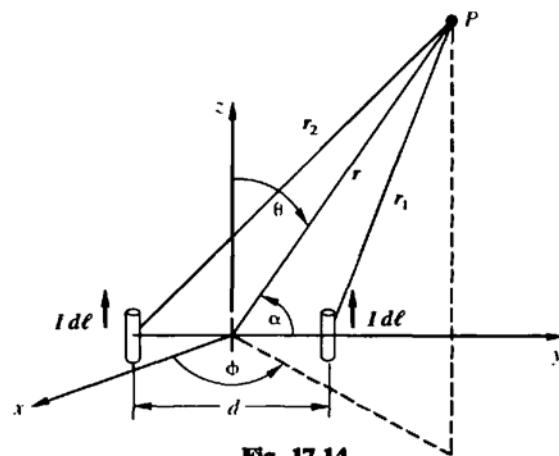


Fig. 17-14

Consequently,

$$U = r^2 \left( \frac{E_\theta^2}{2\eta} \right) = \frac{\eta(\beta I d\ell)^2}{8\pi^2} \sin^2 \theta \cos \left( \beta \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right)$$

For  $d \ll \lambda$  the cosine term is nearly 1 and

$$U \approx \frac{\eta(\beta I d\ell)^2}{8\pi^2} \sin^2 \theta$$

- 17.4.** The far electric field of two Hertzian dipoles at right angles to each other (Fig. 17-15), fed by equal-amplitude currents with a  $90^\circ$  phase difference, is

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{j\beta\eta(I d\ell)}{4\pi r} e^{-j\beta r} [(\sin \theta - j \cos \theta \cos \phi) \mathbf{a}_\theta + (j \sin \phi) \mathbf{a}_\phi]$$

Find the far-zone magnetic field, the radiation intensity, the power radiated, the directive gain, and the directivity.

$$H_\phi = \frac{E_\theta}{\eta} = \frac{j\beta(I d\ell)}{4\pi r} e^{-j\beta r} (\sin \theta - j \cos \theta \cos \phi)$$

$$H_\theta = -\frac{E_\phi}{\eta} = \frac{j\beta(I d\ell)}{4\pi r} e^{-j\beta r} \sin \phi$$

$$U = \frac{r^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^*}{2\eta} = \frac{\eta(\beta I d\ell)^2}{32\pi^2} (1 + \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi U \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \frac{\eta(\beta I d\ell)^2}{6\pi}$$

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi U}{P_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{3}{4}(1 + \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$D_{\max} = D(90^\circ, 90^\circ) = \frac{3}{2}$$

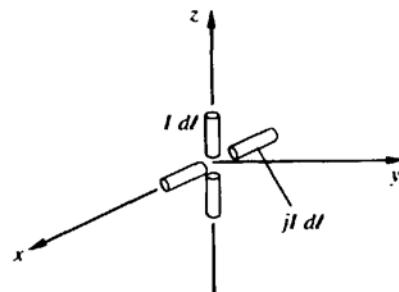


Fig. 17-15

- 17.5.** A Hertzian dipole of length  $L = 2 \text{ m}$  operates at 1 MHz. Find the radiation efficiency if the copper conductor has  $\sigma_c = 57 \text{ MS/m}$ ,  $\mu_r = 1$ , and radius  $a = 1 \text{ mm}$ .

As defined in Section 17.4,

$$\epsilon_{\text{rad}} = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P_{\text{in}}} = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P_{\text{rad}} + P_{\text{loss}}} = \frac{R_{\text{rad}}}{R_{\text{rad}} + R_L}$$

where  $R_{\text{rad}}$  is the radiation resistance and  $R_L$  is the ohmic resistance. The radius  $a$  is much greater than the skin depth

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma_c}} \approx \frac{1}{15} \text{ mm}$$

so that the current may be assumed to be confined to a cylindrical shell of thickness  $\delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R_L &= \frac{1}{\sigma_c} \frac{L}{(2\pi a)\delta} = 0.084 \Omega \\ R_{\text{rad}} &= (790 \Omega) \left( \frac{L}{\lambda} \right)^2 = (790 \Omega) \left( \frac{Lf}{u} \right)^2 = 0.035 \Omega \\ \epsilon_{\text{rad}} &= \frac{0.035}{0.119} = 29.4\% \end{aligned}$$

-  **17.6.** Find the radiation efficiency of a circular-loop antenna, of radius  $a = \pi^{-1} \text{ m}$ , operating at 1 MHz. The loop is made of AWG 20 wire, with parameters  $a_w = 0.406 \text{ mm}$ ,  $\sigma = 57 \text{ MS/m}$ , and  $\mu_r = 1$ .

At 1 MHz the skin depth is  $\delta = 0.667 \mu\text{m}$ . Assuming the current is in a surface layer of thickness  $\delta$ , the ohmic resistance is

$$R_L = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left( \frac{2\pi a}{2\pi a_w \delta} \right) = 0.206 \Omega$$

Taking the far-zone magnetic field from Section 17.5,

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \eta |H_\theta|^2 r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \frac{\eta (\beta^2 \pi a^2)^2 I^2}{12\pi} = (10 \Omega)(\beta^2 \pi a^2)^2 I^2$$

from which

$$R_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2P_{\text{rad}}}{I^2} = (20 \Omega)(\beta^2 \pi a^2)^2 = 0.39 \mu\Omega$$

and

$$\epsilon_{\text{rad}} = \frac{R_{\text{rad}}}{R_{\text{rad}} + R_L} = 1.89 \times 10^{-4}\%$$

- 17.7.** Find the radiation resistance of dipole antennas of lengths (a)  $L = \lambda/2$  and (b)  $L = (2n - 1) \frac{\lambda}{2}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad P_{\text{rad}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{|E_\theta|^2}{2\eta_0} r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = 30I_m^2 \int_0^\pi \frac{\left\{ \cos \left( \beta \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta \right) - \cos \left( \beta \frac{L}{2} \right) \right\}^2}{\sin \theta} d\theta \\ R_{\text{rad}} &= \frac{2P_{\text{rad}}}{I_0^2} = \frac{60I_m^2}{I_0^2} \int_0^\pi \frac{\left\{ \cos \left( \beta \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta \right) - \cos \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) \right\}^2}{\sin \theta} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

For the half-wavelength dipole  $L = \lambda/2$  and  $I_m = \frac{I_0}{\sin(\beta \frac{L}{2})} = I_0$

$$R_{rad} = 60 \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\sin \theta} d\theta$$

Let  $x = \cos \theta$

$$R_{rad} = 60 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)}{(1-x^2)} dx = \frac{30}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \left\{ \frac{1+\cos \pi x}{1-x} + \frac{1+\cos \pi x}{1+x} \right\} dx$$

Since the two terms within the brackets are equal

$$R_{rad} = 30 \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{1+\cos \pi x}{1+x} \right) dx$$

letting  $y = \pi(1+x)$

$$R_{rad} = 30 \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{1-\cos y}{y} \right) dy = 30 \operatorname{Cin}(2\pi)$$

$$R_{rad} = 30(2.48) = 73 \Omega$$

(b) For  $L = (2n-1)\frac{\lambda}{2}$ , a similar approach yields

$$R_{rad} = 30 \operatorname{Cin}[(4n-2)\pi] \Omega$$

### 17.8. Find the directivity $D_{max}$ of a half-wave dipole.

From Section 17.6, for  $\beta L/2 = \pi/2$ ,

$$|H_\phi| = \frac{I_0}{2\pi r} \left| \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\sin \theta} \right| \quad \text{whence} \quad |H_\phi|_{max} = \frac{I_0}{2\pi r}$$

the maximum being attained at  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . It follows that

$$U_{max} = r^2 \frac{\eta}{2} |H_\phi|_{max}^2 = \frac{\eta I_0^2}{8\pi^2}$$

From Problem 17.7,

$$P_{rad} = \frac{\eta I_0^2}{8\pi} \operatorname{Cin}(2\pi)$$

Thus

$$D_{max} = \frac{4\pi U_{max}}{P_{rad}} = \frac{4}{\operatorname{Cin}(2\pi)} = 1.64$$

### 17.9. A $1.5\lambda$ dipole radiates a time-averaged power of 200 W in free space at a frequency of 500 MHz. Find the electric and magnetic field magnitudes at $r = 100$ m, $\theta = 90^\circ$ .

From Problem 17.7,  $R_{rad} = (30 \Omega) \operatorname{Cin}(6\pi) = 105.3 \Omega$ , and so

$$I_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2P_{rad}}{R_{rad}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(200)}{105.3}} = 1.95 \text{ A}$$

For a  $1.5\lambda$  dipole,  $|I_0| = |I_m|$ .

From Section 17.6,

$$|H_\phi(100 \text{ m}, 90^\circ)| = \frac{|I_m|}{2\pi r} \Big|_{r=100 \text{ m}} |F(90^\circ)| = \frac{1.95}{2\pi(100)} (1) = 3.1 \text{ mA/m}$$

$$|E_\theta(100 \text{ m}, 90^\circ)| = (120\pi)(3.1 \times 10^{-3}) = 1.17 \text{ V/m}$$

- 17.10.** Obtain the image currents for a dipole above a perfectly conducting plane, for normal and parallel orientations.

The basic principle of imaging in a perfect conductor is that a positive charge is mirrored by a negative charge, and vice versa. By convention, electric currents are attributed to the motion of *positive* charges. Hence, for the two orientations, the image dipoles are constructed as in Fig. 17-16.

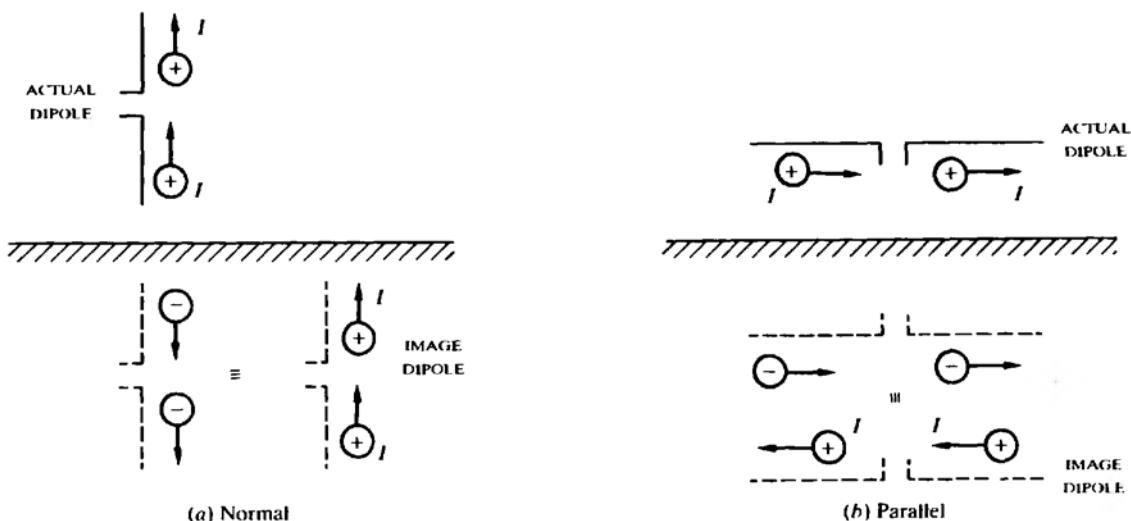


Fig. 17-16

- 17.11.** Calculate the input impedances for two side-by-side, half-wave dipoles with a separation  $d = \lambda/2$ . Assume equal-magnitude, opposite-phase feed-point currents.

The two feed-point voltages are given by

$$V_1 = I_1 Z_{11} + I_2 Z_{12} \quad V_2 = I_1 Z_{21} + I_2 Z_{22}$$

where  $Z_{12} = Z_{21}$ ; consequently,

$$Z_1 = \frac{V_1}{I_1} = Z_{11} + \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right) Z_{12}$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{V_2}{I_2} = Z_{22} + \left(\frac{I_1}{I_2}\right) Z_{12}$$

For half-wave dipoles Fig. 17-8 gives  $Z_{11} = Z_{22} = 73 + j42.5 \Omega$  and Fig. 17-9 gives  $Z_{12} = -12.5 - j28 \Omega$ . Then, with  $I_1 = -I_2$ ,

$$Z_1 = Z_2 = 73 + j42.5 - (-12.5 - j28) = 85.5 + j70.5 \Omega$$

- 17.12.** Three identical dipole antennas with their axes perpendicular to the horizontal plane, spaced  $\lambda/4$  apart, form a linear array. The feed currents are each 5 A in magnitude with a phase lag of  $\pi/2$  radians between adjacent elements. Given  $Z_{11} = 70 \Omega$ ,  $Z_{12} = -(10 + j20) \Omega$ , and  $Z_{13} = (5 + j10) \Omega$ , calculate the power radiated by each antenna and the total radiated power.

From  $V_1 = I_1 Z_{11} + I_2 Z_{12} + I_3 Z_{13}$ ,

$$Z_1 = \frac{V_1}{I_1} = Z_{11} + \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right) Z_{12} + \left(\frac{I_3}{I_1}\right) Z_{13} = 70 + e^{-j\pi/2}(-10 - j20) + e^{-j\pi}(5 + j10) = 45 \Omega$$

Similarly,  $Z_2 = 70 \Omega$  and  $Z_3 = (85 - j20) \Omega$ . It follows that

$$P_{\text{rad1}} = \frac{1}{2} |I_1|^2 \operatorname{Re}(Z_1) = \frac{1}{2}(25)(45) = 562.5 \text{ W} \quad P_{\text{rad2}} = 875 \text{ W} \quad P_{\text{rad3}} = 1065.2 \text{ W}$$

for a total of 2500 W.

- 17.13.** Two half-wave dipoles are arranged as shown in Fig. 17-17, with #1 transmitting 300 W at 300 MHz. Find the open-circuit voltage induced at the terminals of the receiving #2 antenna and its effective area.

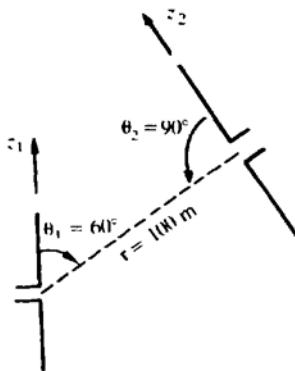


Fig. 17-17

For a half-wave dipole ( $I_0 = I_{\max}$ ), Section 17.6 gives

$$h_e(\theta) = \frac{2}{\beta} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\sin \theta}$$

and, at 300 MHz,  $\beta = 2\pi$ . For #1,

$$I_{01} = \sqrt{\frac{2P_{\text{rad1}}}{R_{\text{rad1}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(300)}{73}} = 2.87 \text{ A}$$

and the far field at angle  $\theta_1$  is of magnitude

$$|\mathbf{E}(\theta_1)| = \frac{\eta \beta I_{01}}{4\pi r} h_e(\theta_1) = \frac{\eta I_{01}}{2\pi r} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta_1\right)}{\sin \theta_1}$$

Consequently,

$$|V_{\text{OC2}}| = h_e(\theta_2) |\mathbf{E}(\theta_1)| = \frac{\eta I_{01}}{\beta \pi r} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta_1\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta_2\right)}{\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2}$$

Substituting the numerical values gives  $|V_{\text{OC2}}| = 0.449 \text{ V}$ .

The effective area of antenna #2  $A_e(90^\circ) = \frac{u}{4R_{\text{rad}}} |h_e(90^\circ)|^2 = 0.131 \text{ m}^2$ .

- 17.14.** For the antenna arrangement of Problem 17.13 find the available power at antenna #2.



From Section 17.9,

$$P_a = \frac{h_e(\theta_2)^2 |\mathbf{E}(\theta_1)|^2}{8R_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{|V_{\text{oc2}}|^2}{8R_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{(0.449)^2}{8(73)} = 344 \mu\text{W}$$

- 17.15.** Derive the array factor for the linear array of Fig. 17-11 (redrawn as Fig. 17-18).

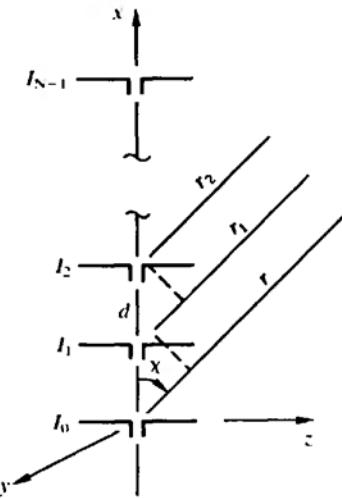


Fig. 17-18

The far electric field of the  $n$ th dipole ( $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$ ) is, by Section 17.6,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_n &= \frac{j\eta I_n e^{-j\beta r_n}}{2\pi r_n} F(\theta) \mathbf{a}_\theta \approx \frac{j\eta I_n e^{-j\beta(r - nd \cos \chi)}}{2\pi(r - nd \cos \chi)} F(\theta) \mathbf{a}_\theta \\ &\approx \left[ \frac{j\eta e^{-j\beta r}}{2\pi r} F(\theta) \mathbf{a}_\theta \right] I_n e^{j\beta nd \cos \chi} \end{aligned}$$

By superposition, the field at  $P$  is

$$\mathbf{E}(P) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{E}_n = \frac{j\eta e^{-j\beta r}}{2\pi r} [F(\theta)f(\chi)] \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

where the array factor

$$f(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} I_n e^{j\beta nd \cos \chi}$$

acts as the modulation envelope of the individual pattern functions  $F(\theta)$ .

- 17.16.** Suppose that Fig. 17-11 depicts a uniform array of  $N = 10$  half-wave dipoles with  $d = \lambda/2$  and  $\alpha = -\pi/4$ . In the  $xy$  plane let  $\phi_1$  be the angle measured from the  $x$  axis to the primary maximum of the pattern and  $\phi_2$  the angle to the first secondary maximum. Find  $\phi_1 - \phi_2$ .

For  $\theta = \pi/2$ ,  $\chi = \phi$  and the condition  $u = 0$  for the primary maximum yields

$$0 = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \cos \phi_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_1 = 75.52^\circ$$

The first two nulls occur at  $u = 2\pi/N$  and  $u = 4\pi/N$ . The first secondary maximum is approxi-

mately midway between, at  $u = 3\pi/N$ ; hence,

$$\frac{3\pi}{10} = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \cos \phi_2 \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_2 = 56.63^\circ$$

Then  $\phi_1 - \phi_2 = 18.89^\circ$ .

- 17.17.** A z-directed half-wave dipole with feed-point current  $I_0$  is placed at a distance  $s$  from a perfectly conducting  $yz$  plane, as shown in Fig. 17-19. Obtain the far-zone electric field for points in the  $xy$  plane.

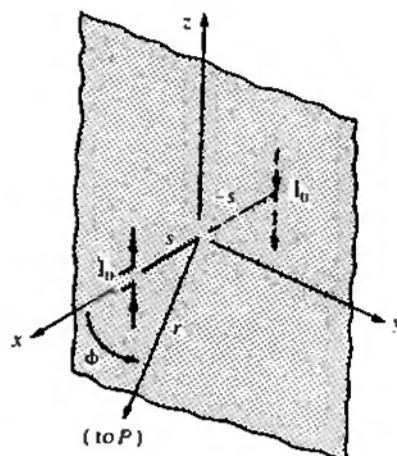


Fig. 17-19

The effect of the reflector can be simulated by an image dipole with feed-point current  $-I_0$ . We then have a linear array of  $N=2$  dipoles, to which Problem 17.15 applies. Making the substitutions

$$\begin{array}{ll} N \rightarrow 2 & d \rightarrow 2s \\ \chi \rightarrow \phi & I_0 \rightarrow -I_0 \\ r \rightarrow r + s \cos \phi & I_1 \rightarrow I_0 \end{array}$$

we obtain (to the same order of approximation)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(P) &= \mathbf{a}_\theta \frac{j\eta e^{-j\beta(r+s \cos \phi)}}{2\pi r} \cdot \underbrace{|}_{F(90^\circ)} \underbrace{+ 2jI_0 e^{j\beta s \cos \phi} \sin(\beta s \cos \phi)}_{f(\chi)} \\ &= -\frac{\eta I_0 e^{-j\beta r}}{\pi r} \sin(\beta s \cos \phi) \mathbf{a}_\theta \end{aligned}$$

- 17.18.** For the antenna and reflector of Problem 17.17 the radiated power is 1 W and  $s = 0.1\lambda$ . (a) Neglecting ohmic losses, compare the feed-point currents with and without the reflector. (b) Compare the electric field strengths in the direction ( $\theta = 90^\circ, \phi = 0^\circ$ ) with and without the reflector.

(a) With the reflector in place, the input impedance at the feed point is

$$Z_1 = Z_{11} - Z_{12} = (73 + j42.5) - Z_{12}$$

But Fig. 17-9 gives, for  $d = 2s = 0.2\lambda$ ,  $Z_{12} = (51 - j21)\Omega$ . Thus  $Z_t = (22 + j63.5)\Omega$  and so

$$I_{0\text{with}} = \sqrt{\frac{2P_{\text{rad}}}{R_{\text{rad}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(1)}{22}} = 0.302 \text{ A}$$

With the reflector removed,  $Z_t = (73 + j42.5)\Omega$  and

$$I_{0\text{without}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(1)}{73}} = 0.166 \text{ A}$$

(b) At  $P(r, 90^\circ, 0^\circ)$ , one has, from Problem 17.17,

$$|\mathbf{E}_{\text{with}}| = \frac{\eta I_{0\text{with}}}{\pi r} \sin \frac{\pi}{5}$$

and, from Section 17.6

$$|\mathbf{E}_{\text{without}}| = \frac{\eta I_{0\text{without}}}{2\pi r}$$

Hence  $|\mathbf{E}_{\text{with}}|/|\mathbf{E}_{\text{without}}| = 2(0.302/0.166) \sin 36^\circ = 2.14$ .

- 17.19.** A half-wave dipole is placed at a distance  $S = \lambda/2$  from the apex of a  $90^\circ$  corner reflector. Find the radiation intensity in the direction  $(\theta = 90^\circ, \phi = 0^\circ)$ , given a feed-point current of 1.0 A.

For  $\psi = 90^\circ$  and  $\beta S = \pi$ , (9) of Section 17.11 yields

$$E_\theta(90^\circ, 0^\circ) = \frac{j\eta I_0 e^{-j\beta r}}{2\pi r} (1)[-1 - 1 + (-1) - 1] = \frac{-j2\eta(1.0)e^{-j\beta r}}{\pi r} \quad (\text{V/m})$$

Then  $U(90^\circ, 0^\circ) = \frac{r^2 |E_\theta(90^\circ, 0^\circ)|^2}{2\eta} = \frac{2\eta}{\pi^2} = 76.4 \text{ W/sr}$

- 17.20.** A parabolic reflector antenna is designed to have a directivity of 30 dB at 300 MHz. (a) Assuming an aperture efficiency of 55%, find the diameter and estimate the half-power beam width. (b) Find the directivity and HPBW if the reflector is used at 150 MHz.

(a) A directivity of 30 dB corresponds to  $D_{\max} = 1000$ , and  $\lambda = 1 \text{ m}$  at 300 MHz.

$$D_{\max} = \left(\frac{2\pi a}{\lambda}\right)^2 \mathcal{G} \quad \text{or} \quad 2a = \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D_{\max}}{\mathcal{G}}} = 13.58 \text{ m}$$

and  $\text{HPBW} \approx (117^\circ)(\lambda/2a) = 8.62^\circ$ .

(b) Halving the frequency doubles the wavelength; hence, from (a),

$$D_{\max} = \frac{1000}{4} = 250 \approx 24 \text{ dB} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{HPBW} \approx 2(8.62^\circ) = 17.24^\circ$$

## Supplementary Problems

- 17.21.** The vector magnetic potential  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  due to an arbitrary time-varying current density distribution  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}', t)$  throughout a volume  $V'$  may be written as

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint_{V'} \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}', t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dV'$$

where  $\mu = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ . Obtain  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  for a Hertzian dipole at the origin carrying current  $\mathbf{I}(t) = I_0 e^{-i\omega t} \mathbf{a}_z$  ( $t > 0$ ). *Ans.*  $\frac{\mu(I_0 d\ell)}{4\pi |\mathbf{r}|} e^{-(\epsilon - |\mathbf{r}|/\mu)\tau} \mathbf{a}_z$

- 17.22.** For the Hertzian dipole of Problem 17.21, determine  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \theta, \phi)$  under the assumption  $|\mathbf{r}| \gg \mu\tau$ .

$$\text{Ans. } -\frac{\mu(I_0 d\ell)}{4\pi\mu\tau |\mathbf{r}|} \sin\theta e^{-(\epsilon - |\mathbf{r}|/\mu)\tau} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

- 17.23.** Consider a Hertzian dipole at the origin with angular frequency  $\omega$ . Find the phases of  $E_r$  and  $E_\theta$  relative to the phase of  $H_\phi$  at points corresponding to (a)  $\beta r = 1$ , (b)  $\beta r = 10$ . Assume  $0 < \theta < 90^\circ$ . *Ans.* (a)  $E_r$  lags  $H_\phi$  by  $90^\circ$ ,  $E_\theta$  lags  $H_\phi$  by  $45^\circ$ ; (b)  $E_r$  lags  $H_\phi$  by  $90^\circ$ ,  $E_\theta$  and  $H_\phi$  are almost in phase

- 17.24.** A  $z$ -directed Hertzian dipole  $I_z d\ell$  and a second that is  $x$ -directed have the same angular frequency  $\omega$ . If  $I_x$  leads  $I_z$  by  $90^\circ$ , show that on the  $y$  axis in the far zone the field is right-hand, circularly polarized.

- 17.25.** Find the radiated power of the two Hertzian dipoles of Problem 17.3, if  $d \ll \lambda$ .

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{4\pi\eta}{3} \left( \frac{Id\ell}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

- 17.26.** A short dipole antenna of length 10 cm and radius  $400 \mu\text{m}$  operates at 30 MHz. Assume a uniform current distribution. Find (a) the radiation efficiency, using  $\sigma = 57 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ ; (b) the maximum power gain; (c) the angle  $\theta$  at which the directive gain is 1.0. *Ans.* (a) 42%; (b) 0.63; (c)  $54.71^\circ$

- 17.27.** Consider the combination of a  $z$ -directed Hertzian dipole of length  $\Delta\ell$  and a circular loop in the  $xy$  plane of radius  $a$ , shown in Fig. 17-20. (a) If  $I_z$  and  $I_\phi$  are in phase obtain a relationship among  $I_z$ ,  $I_\phi$ , and  $a$  such that the polarization is circular in all directions. (b) Is linear polarization possible? If so, what is the phase relationship?

$$\text{Ans. (a) } \frac{I_\phi}{I_z} = \frac{\lambda \Delta\ell}{2\pi a^2}$$

(b) Yes. The currents must be out of phase by  $90^\circ$

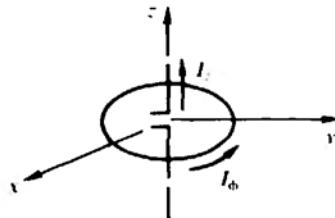


Fig. 17-20

- 17.28.** A 1-cm-radius circular-loop antenna has  $N$  turns and operates at 100 MHz. Find  $N$  for a radiation resistance of  $10.0 \Omega$ . *Ans.* 515

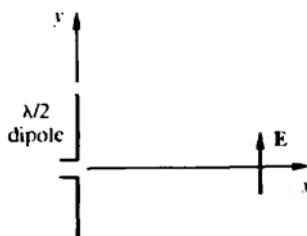
- 17.29.** A half-wave dipole operates at 200 MHz. The copper conductor is  $406 \mu\text{m}$  in radius. Find the radiation efficiency and maximum power gain, if  $\sigma = 57 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ . *Ans.* 99.26%, 1.63

- 17.30.** Obtain the ratio of the maximum current to the feed-point current for dipoles of length (a)  $3\lambda/4$ , (b)  $3\lambda/2$ . *Ans.* (a) 1.414; (b) -1

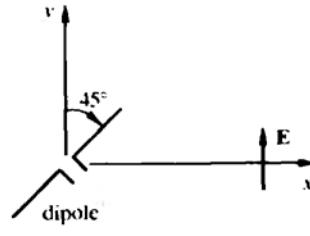
- 17.31.** A short monopole antenna of length 10 cm and conductor radius  $400 \mu\text{m}$  is placed above a perfectly

conducting plane and operates at 30 MHz. Assuming a uniform current distribution, find the radiation efficiency. Use  $\sigma = 57 \text{ MS/m}$  and  $\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ . *Ans.* 73.36%

- 17.32.** Two half-wave dipoles are placed side-by-side with separation  $0.4\lambda$ . If  $I_1 = 2I_2$  and #1 is connected to a  $75\Omega$  transmission line, find the standing-wave ratio on the line. [Recall that the reflection coefficient  $\Gamma$  is  $(Z_1 - Z_0)/(Z_1 + Z_0)$  and the standing-wave ratio is  $(1 + |\Gamma|)/(1 - |\Gamma|)$ .] *Ans.* 1.63
- 17.33.** A driven dipole antenna has two identical dipoles as parasitic elements; both spacings are  $0.15\lambda$ . Given that  $Z_{12} = (64 + j0) \Omega$  and  $Z_{13} = (33 - j33) \Omega$ , find the driving-point impedance at the active dipole. *Ans.*  $(29.36 + j65.93) \Omega$
- 17.34.** In Fig. 17-21(a) a half-wave dipole operates as a receiving antenna and the incoming field is  $E = 4.0e^{+j2\pi x} \mathbf{a}_y$  (mV/m). Let the available power be  $P_{a1}$ . In Fig. 17-21(b) a  $3\lambda/2$  dipole lies in the  $xy$  plane at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the  $y$  axis. The same incoming field is assumed, and the available power is  $P_{a2}$ . Find the ratio  $P_{a1}/P_{a2}$ . *Ans.* 0.748



(a)



(b)

Fig. 17-21

- 17.35.** Find the effective area and the directive gain of a  $3\lambda/2$  dipole that is used to receive an incoming wave of 300 MHz arriving at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with respect to the antenna axis. *Ans.*  $0.173 \text{ m}^2$ , 2.18
- 17.36.** Consider a uniform array of ten  $z$ -directed half-wave dipoles with spacing  $d = \lambda/2$  and with  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ . With the array axis along  $x$ , find the ratio of the magnitudes of the  $\mathbf{E}$  fields at  $P_1(100 \text{ m}, 90^\circ, 0^\circ)$  and  $P_2(100 \text{ m}, 90^\circ, 30^\circ)$ . *Ans.* 11.36
- 17.37.** Eleven  $z$ -directed half-wave dipoles lie along the  $x$  axis, at  $x = 0, \pm\lambda/2, \pm\lambda, \pm 3\lambda/2, \pm 2\lambda, \pm 5\lambda/2$ . Let the feed-point current of the  $n$ th element be  $I_n = I_0 e^{jn\alpha}$ . A half-wave dipole receiving antenna is placed with its center at  $(100 \text{ m}, 90^\circ, 30^\circ)$ . (a) Determine  $\alpha$  and the orientation of the receiving dipole such that the received signal is a maximum. (b) Find the open-circuit voltage at the terminals of the receiving antenna when  $I_0 = 1.0 \text{ A}$ . *Ans.* (a)  $\alpha = -0.866\pi$ ; (b) 2.1 V
- 17.38.** A half-wave dipole is placed at a distance  $S = \lambda/2$  from the apex of a  $60^\circ$  corner reflector; the feed current is 1.0 A. Find the radiation intensity in the direction  $(\theta = 90^\circ, \phi = 0^\circ)$ . *Ans.* 76.4 W/sr
- 17.39.** Two parabolic reflector antennas, operating at 100 MHz and 200 MHz, have the same directivity, 30 dB. Assuming that the aperture efficiency is 55% for both reflectors, find the ratios of the diameters and the half-power beamwidths. *Ans.* 1.414, 0.707

# Appendix A

## SI Unit Prefixes

Factor	Prefix	Symbol	Factor	Prefix	Symbol
$10^{18}$	exa	E	$10^{-1}$	deci	d
$10^{15}$	peta	P	$10^{-2}$	centi	c
$10^{12}$	tera	T	$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^9$	giga	G	$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
$10^6$	mega	M	$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^3$	kilo	k	$10^{-12}$	pico	p
$10^2$	hecto	h	$10^{-15}$	femto	f
10	deka	da	$10^{-18}$	atto	a

## Divergence, Curl, Gradient, and Laplacian

### Cartesian Coordinates.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{a}_y + \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

### Cylindrical Coordinates

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_r + \left( \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} \right] \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

### Spherical Coordinates

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) \right] \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$

# Appendix B

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## SAMPLE Screens From The Companion *Interactive Outline*

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**Electric Field Due to a Charge Distribution Over an Infinite Plane**

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problems 2.12 and 2.24, pp. 23 and 29)

**Statement**

A charge of uniform density  $\rho$  covers a plane in Cartesian space.  
Find  $\mathbf{E}$  on the side of the plane containing the origin.

**System  
Parameters**

$$A := 2 \quad B := -3 \quad C := 1 \quad R := 6$$

The equation of the plane is  $A \cdot x + B \cdot y + C \cdot z = R$

$$\rho C = 10^{-9} \text{ coul} \quad \rho_s := 0.3 \frac{\rho C}{m^2} \quad \mathbf{a}_z := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Permittivity of free space: } \epsilon_0 := 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{farad}}{\text{m}}$$

**Solution**

The electric field for a uniform, infinite sheet of charge is given by the expression

$$E(r, z) := \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\rho_s \cdot r \cdot z}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot (r^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dr d\phi \cdot \mathbf{a}_z$$

which you can derive using a cylindrical coordinate system, finding the distance vector from any point in the plane (use  $z = 0$  plane for convenience) to any point above or below the plane.

**Load the Symbolic Processor** from the **Symbolic** menu, select the expression above, and choose **Simplify**. The symbolic processor reduces this expression to

$$E(r, z) := \frac{1}{2} \rho_s \cdot \frac{|z|}{(z \cdot \epsilon_0)} \cdot \mathbf{a}_z \quad \text{or} \quad E_{\text{mag}} := \frac{\rho_s}{2 \cdot \epsilon_0}$$

The z-dependence cancels, but the sign of  $\mathbf{z}$  determines the direction. If the field is taken above the plane, the sign is positive; below, it is negative. (Notice that this isn't true if the charge distribution has an  $r$  or  $\phi$  dependence.) For the given parameters,

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{mag}} = 16.94 \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{m}}$$

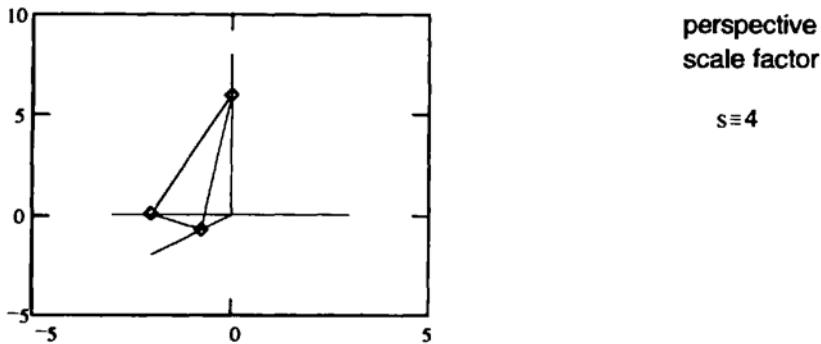
All that remains to solve this problem is to find the unit normal vector to our given plane. The unit normal vectors for a plane are plus or minus the following expression:

$$\text{vector} := \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_n := \frac{\text{vector}}{|\text{vector}|} \quad \mathbf{a}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ -0.8 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To determine which side of the plane contains the origin, draw the plane.

The intercepts on the three axes are given by:

$$\mathbf{P1} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{R}{C} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P2} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{R}{B} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P3} := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R}{A} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



If you change the equation of the plane, you may need to adjust the scale factor to get a better view of the plane. The equations which generate this picture may be found to the right of this screen.

It is evident from this sketch that the unit vector on the side of the plane containing the origin is produced by a negative sign. The electric field anywhere on this side of the plane is

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{mag}} \cdot (-\mathbf{a}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} -9.1 \\ 13.6 \\ -4.5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{mag}} \cdot (-\mathbf{a}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{m}} \cdot \frac{17}{\sqrt{14}}$$

**Editor's Note:** The equations which generate the live picture of the plane are not shown here, for simplicity. They would, of course, be accessible in the Electronic Book companion.

**Flux Density**

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problem 3.11, p. 40)

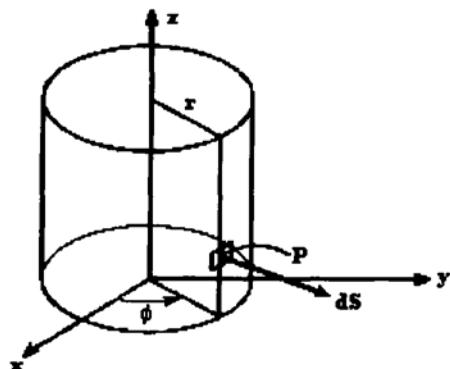
**Statement**

Determine the flux crossing a 1 mm by 1 mm area on the surface of a cylindrical shell at a point  $\mathbf{P}$  given a flux density  $\mathbf{D}$ .

**System Parameters**

$$\mathbf{D}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2(1-y) \\ 4z \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{\text{coul}}{\text{m}^2}$$

This is the given flux density in cartesian coordinates.



At point  $\mathbf{P}$ , which is given in cylindrical coordinates:

$$53.2\text{-deg} = 0.929\text{-rad}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0.929 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{area} = (1\text{-mm})^2$$

$$\mu\text{C} = 10^{-6}\text{-coul}$$

**Solution**

First convert the point  $\mathbf{P}$  on the shell to Cartesian coordinates.

$$\mathbf{P}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 \cdot \cos(\mathbf{P}_1) \\ \mathbf{P}_0 \cdot \sin(\mathbf{P}_1) \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P}' = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, at  $\mathbf{P}$ ,

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{P}'_0, \mathbf{P}'_1, \mathbf{P}'_2) \quad \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -14 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{\text{coul}}{\text{m}^2}$$

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If the radius  $r$  of the cylinder is large, the  $1 \text{ mm}^2$  area is essentially planar, with a directed area vector normal to its surface (no z component) beginning at  $P$ .

$$\mathbf{S} := \begin{bmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_S := \frac{\mathbf{S}}{|\mathbf{S}|} \quad d\mathbf{S} := \text{area} \cdot \mathbf{a}_S \quad d\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{mm}^2$$

The flux is given by the dot product of the flux density and the area vector:

$$d\Psi = D_p \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad d\Psi = -4.1 \cdot \mu\text{C}$$

The negative sign indicates that flux crosses this differential surface in a direction toward the z axis, rather than outward in the direction of  $d\mathbf{S}$ .

This is a good example of the type of simplifying assumptions used by engineers. Given the capabilities of Mathcad, the problem could have been solved exactly, rather than assuming the small surface to be planar. If you'd like to see this sort of problem solved exactly, examine [Chapter 3](#).

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**Editor's Note:** The boldface, underlined text in the paragraph above indicates a hyperlinked piece of text. If you were working on a computer, double-clicking on the bold text with the mouse would take you to the file indicated by the text. Also, the slight difference between the answer here and on page 40 is due to the difference in numerical accuracy used in the two calculations.

### Method of Images

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problem 7.22 and Supplementary Problem 7.34, pp. 109 and 111)

**Statement**

- (a) Find the capacitance per unit length between a cylindrical conductor of radius  $a$  and a ground plane parallel to the conductor axis, at a distance  $h$  from it. The conductor carries a charge distribution  $\rho$ .  
 (b) Double the conductor diameter to see the effect on the capacitance.

**System Parameters**

$$a := 2.5 \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$h := 6.0 \cdot \text{m}$$

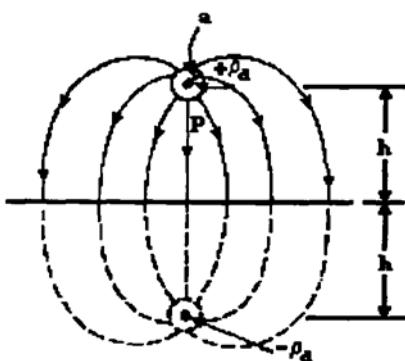
$$\rho := 10^{-6} \frac{\text{coul}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\mu\text{F} := 10^{-12} \cdot \text{farad}$$

$$\text{Permittivity of free space: } \epsilon_0 = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{farad}}{\text{m}}$$

**Solution**
**(a)**

A useful technique in problems of this kind is the method of images. Take the mirror image of the conductor in the ground plane, and let this image conductor carry the negative of the charge distribution on the actual conductor. Now suppose the ground plane is removed. It is clear that the electric field of the two conductors obeys the correct boundary condition at the actual conductor, and by symmetry, has an equipotential surface where the ground plane was. Thus, the field found in this way is the field in the region between the actual conductor and the ground plane. See the figure below for clarification.



Approximating the actual and image charge distributions by line charges at their centers,

Potential at radius  $a$  due to the actual conductor:

$$V_{\text{real}} = \frac{\rho}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{a}{\text{cm}}\right)$$

(See **Chapter 5** for the potential from a line charge.)

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To find the potential due to the image conductor, find the distance from the imaginary line charge to any point on the circumference of the real conductor.

$$r := h + \sqrt{h^2 - a^2}$$

Potential at point P due to the image conductor:

$$V_{\text{image}} := \frac{-\rho}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \epsilon_0} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{r}{cm}\right)$$

$$V_a = V_{\text{real}} + V_{\text{image}} \quad V_a = 1.11 \cdot 10^5 \text{ volt}$$

Similarly, the potential of the image conductor is  $-V_a$ . Thus, the potential difference between the two conductors is  $2V_a$ , and the potential difference at the ground plane is  $2V_a/2 = V_a$ .

The capacitance per unit length is then given by  $C = Q/(LV)$ :

$$C = \frac{\rho}{V_a} \quad C = 9.01 \cdot \frac{pF}{m}$$

Observe that the capacitance per unit length for the whole source-image system (and more generally, for any pair of parallel cylindrical conductors with center-to-center separation  $2h$ ) is one-half the value found above, since it contains the same charge, but twice the voltage drop.

(b) If the radius is doubled in the original problem,

$$a := 2 \cdot a$$

the resulting capacitance,  $C_{2x}$ , is

$$C_{2x} = \left( \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \epsilon_0} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{h + \sqrt{h^2 - a^2}}{a}\right) \right)^{-1} \quad C_{2x} = 10.15 \cdot \frac{pF}{m}$$

Recall that  $C = 9.01 \cdot \frac{pF}{m}$  for comparison.

**Editor's Note:** As in the previous example, differences in numerical accuracy will affect how closely these answers match those on pages 110 and 111.

**Magnetic Potential**

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problem 9.12, p. 147)

**Statement**

Given the general vector field  $\mathbf{A}$ , in cylindrical coordinates, find the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  at point  $P$ .

**System Parameters**

$$\mathbf{A}(r, \phi) := \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot e^{-r} \cdot \cos(\phi) \\ 0 \\ -5 \cdot \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Coordinates for P:**

$$r := 2 \quad \phi := \frac{3}{2} \cdot \pi \cdot \text{rad} \quad z := 0$$

$$\mathbf{a}_r := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_\phi := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a}_z := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution**

The curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$\text{curl } r := \left[ \frac{1}{r} \cdot \left( \frac{d}{d\phi} \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_2 \right) - \frac{d}{dz} \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_1 \right] \cdot \mathbf{a}_r$$

$$\text{curl } \phi := \left( \frac{d}{dz} \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_0 - \frac{d}{dr} \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\text{curl } z := \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_1 \right) - \frac{d}{d\phi} \mathbf{A}(r, \phi)_0 \right] \cdot \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\text{curl} = \text{curl}_r + \text{curl}_\phi + \text{curl}_z \quad \text{curl} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.5 \\ 0 \\ -0.34 \end{pmatrix}$$

Try creating different functional dependencies for  $\mathbf{A}$  to see the effect on the curl of the vector field. Remember when changing the variables in the vector to also change the variables in the left-hand side of the definition. If  $\mathbf{A}$  were a magnetic field, does the resulting current density agree with what you'd expect to find?

**Magnetic Work and Power**

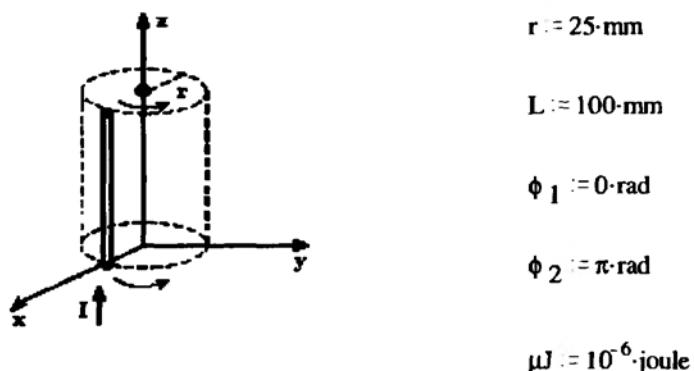
(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problems 10.13 and 10.14, pp. 163 and 164)

**Statement**

Find the work and power required to move the conductor shown in the figure one full turn in the positive direction at a rotational frequency of  $N$  revolutions per minute, if  $B$  is a radial field. Find the work to move the conductor over some portion of the cylinder at a constant speed. If the current direction is reversed over half the cylinder, what is the total work required for one revolution?

**System Parameters**

$$B_0 := 3.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ tesla} \quad rpm := \frac{1}{\text{min}} \quad N := 35 \cdot rpm$$



$$I := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ amp} \quad B_r := B_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_1(\phi) := B_0 \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\phi) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution**

The force on the conductor is

$$F := I \cdot L \times B_r \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -0.002 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ newton} \quad a_\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The applied force to move the conductor is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction, and so it is in the positive  $\phi$  direction. The work required to move the conductor through one full revolution is given by the line integral over the force.

$$W := \int_0^{2\pi} F \cdot a_\phi \cdot r d\phi \quad W = -2.749 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ joule}$$

Multiply by N revolutions per minute to arrive at the total power.

$$P := N \cdot W \quad P = -1.604 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ watt}$$

$$P = -2 \cdot |\pi \cdot r \cdot B_0 \cdot I \cdot L \cdot N|$$

To find the work done for only part of a revolution, and for a magnetic field that varies with angle, find the applied force over part of a rotation.

$$W := - \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} (L \cdot I \times B_1(\phi)) \cdot a_\phi \cdot r d\phi \quad W = 87.5 \mu J$$

If the current direction changes on the side of the conductor between  $\pi$  and  $2\pi$ , the work will be the same, because the sign of the integral changes.

$$W := - \int_{\phi_2}^{2\phi_2} [L \cdot (-I) \times B_1(\phi)] \cdot a_\phi \cdot r d\phi \quad W = 87.5 \mu J$$

The total work for a single revolution is  $2 \cdot W = 175 \mu J$

and the power is  $N \cdot 2 \cdot W = 1.021 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ watt}$

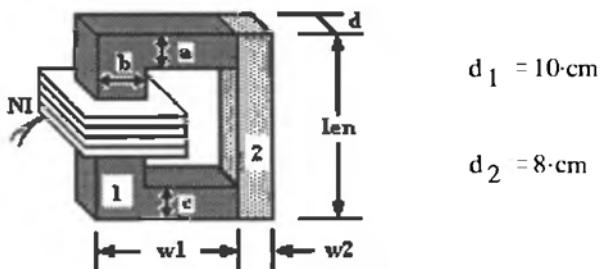
## Underconstrained Magnetic Circuits

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problem 11.16, p. 185)

### Statement

The magnetic circuit shown below consists of nickel-iron alloy in part 1 and cast steel for part 2. In part 1, the mean length is  $d_1$  and the area  $S_1$ . In part 2, the mean length is  $d_2$  and area is  $S_2$ . Find the flux densities  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

### System Parameters



$$d_1 = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$d_2 = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$F = 40 \text{ amp} \quad S_1 = 2.25 \text{ cm}^2 \quad S_2 = 3 \text{ cm}^2$$

### Solution

Given the information, it is possible to tell what the sum of the magnetomotive forces (mmfs) are in the structure, but not the individual magnetic fields. Since there isn't an explicit function to solve simultaneously for the nonlinear flux density, this problem will require an iterative solution. The following expressions must hold true:

$$NI = F = H_1 \cdot d_1 + H_2 \cdot d_2$$

$$\Phi_1 = \mu_1 \cdot H_1 \cdot S_1 \quad B_2 = \frac{H_1 \cdot \mu_1 \cdot S_1}{S_2} \quad H_2 = \frac{H_1 \cdot \mu_1 \cdot S_1}{\mu_2 \cdot S_2}$$

Making a guess that the greater percentage of the mmf drops in the material of lower permeability (not a bad guess given the results of the analysis in [Chapter 11](#)) let's suppose:

$$H_1 = \text{percent} \cdot \left( \frac{F}{d_1} \right) \quad \text{percent} = 0.2$$

The variable **percent** is defined globally below with the final result.

Read in the data points:       $\text{data} := \text{READPRN}(\text{bhlow})$

$$\text{v1} := \text{lspline}(\text{data}^{<0>} , \text{data}^{<4>})$$

$$\text{NiFe}(\text{H}) := \text{interp}(\text{v1}, \text{data}^{<0>} , \text{data}^{<4>} , \text{H}) \cdot \text{tesla}$$

Now use the function **NiFe** to find the flux density.

$$\text{B}_1 := \text{NiFe}(\text{H}_1) \quad \text{B}_1 = 1.079 \cdot \text{tesla}$$

From the flux density, find the magnetic field in part 2:

$$\text{B}_2 := \frac{\text{B}_1 \cdot \text{S}_1}{\text{S}_2} \quad \text{data2} := \text{READPRN}(\text{bhhhigh})$$

$$\text{v2} := \text{lspline}(\text{data2}^{<2>} , \text{data2}^{<0>})$$

$$\text{steel}(\text{B}) := \text{interp}(\text{v2}, \text{data2}^{<2>} , \text{data2}^{<0>} , \text{B}) \cdot \frac{\text{amp}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\text{H}_2 := \text{steel}(\text{B}_2) \quad \text{H}_2 = 464.958 \cdot \frac{\text{amp}}{\text{m}}$$

**High field data used - always check what range is in effect!**

Percentage drop in part 1:       $\text{percent} = 20\%$

$$\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{d}_2 + \text{H}_1 \cdot \text{d}_1 = 45.197 \cdot \text{amp} \quad \text{F} = 40 \cdot \text{amp}$$

$$\text{B}_1 = 1.079 \cdot \text{tesla} \quad \text{B}_2 = 0.809 \cdot \text{tesla}$$

Adjust the value of **percent** until the mmfs around the circuit and from the coil match (they aren't matched now!)

It is also possible to let Mathcad do the iterating for you automatically. The until instruction causes values of the percentage to be calculated in a vector until the mmf matching condition is met.

First element in the vector:  $\text{perc}_0 := 100\%$   $n := 0..1000$

$$\text{perc}_{n+1} := \text{until} \left[ \left[ \text{steel} \left[ \frac{S_1}{S_2} \cdot \left( \text{NiFe} \left( \frac{\text{perc}_n \cdot F}{d_1} \right) \right) \right] \cdot d_2 + (\text{perc}_n \cdot F) \right] - F, \text{perc}_n - .1\% \right]$$

Number of iterations required:  $m := \text{last}(\text{perc})$   $m = 853$

Correct percentage:  $\text{percent} := \text{perc}_{m-1}$   $\text{percent} = 14.8\%$

Flux densities at this percentage:

$$B_1 := \text{NiFe} \left( \frac{\text{percent} \cdot F}{d_1} \right) \quad B_1 = 1.028 \text{ tesla}$$

$$B_2 := \frac{S_1 \cdot B_1}{S_2} \quad B_2 = 0.771 \text{ tesla}$$

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**Editor's Note:** The two data files used in this example, bhigh and bhigh, are supplied with the Electronic Book companion. The data are taken from the graphs shown on page 175 of this *Schaum's Outline*. Differences in interpolation and numerical accuracy will affect how closely this answer matches that in the original solved problem on page 185.

**Traveling Waves**

(Schaum's Electromagnetics Solved Problem 14.1, p. 226)

**Statement** A traveling wave is described by the function  $y(z, t, \omega, \beta)$ . Sketch the wave at  $t = 0$ , and at  $t = t_1$ , when it has advanced one eighth of a wavelength in free space. Repeat for a wave with twice the frequency and the same  $t_1$ .

**System Parameters**  $\text{Hz} := \frac{1}{\text{sec}}$        $\omega := 10^6 \cdot \text{Hz}$        $y_0 := 10$

$$y(z, t, \omega, \beta) := y_0 \cdot \sin(\beta \cdot z - \omega \cdot t)$$

Permittivity of free space:  $\epsilon_0 := 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{farad}}{\text{m}}$

Permeability of free space:  $\mu_0 := 4 \cdot \pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{henry}}{\text{m}}$

**Solution** First calculate the necessary wave parameters for both plotted frequencies.

$$\beta_1 := \omega \cdot \sqrt{\mu_0 \cdot \epsilon_0} \quad \beta_1 = 3.336 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{m}}$$

The wave number is twice as large for twice the frequency.

$$\beta_2 := 2 \cdot \omega \cdot \sqrt{\mu_0 \cdot \epsilon_0} \quad \beta_2 = 6.671 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{m}}$$

$$\lambda_1 := \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\beta_1} \quad \lambda_1 = 1.88 \cdot 10^3 \cdot \text{m}$$

The wavelength is half its former value.

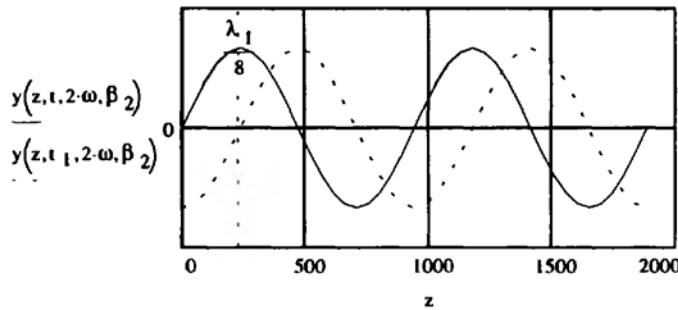
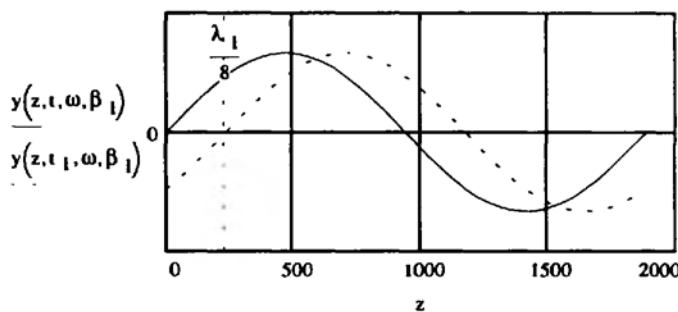
$$\lambda_2 := \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\beta_2} \quad \lambda_2 = 9.42 \cdot 10^2 \cdot \text{m}$$

The waves will be plotted at times

$$t := 0 \text{-sec} \quad t_1 := \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda_1}{8}$$

Plot the wave over a single cycle of  $\beta_1$ .

$$z := 0 \text{-m}, 0.05 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\beta_1} .. \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\beta_1}$$



At time  $t_1$ , the first wave has advanced

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{8} = 235.46 \text{-m} \quad \frac{\lambda_2}{4} = 235.46 \text{-m}$$

The second wave has advanced by the same distance, but this distance is now a quarter of a wavelength.

**Editor's Note:** The ellipsis used to define the variable  $z$  indicates that it is a Mathcad range variable. The variable  $z$  assumes all the values in the given range, in steps of  $0.5\pi/\beta_1$ , so that the traveling wave can be plotted over this range. As in previous examples, differences in numerical accuracy used will affect how closely this answer matches that in the original solved problem on page 226.

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