

Chapter 29 Maxwell's Equations



§ 1 Displacement Current and the Extended Ampère's Law

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} = \iint_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Electric current



Magnetic field

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -\iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

**Changing
magnetic field**



Electric field

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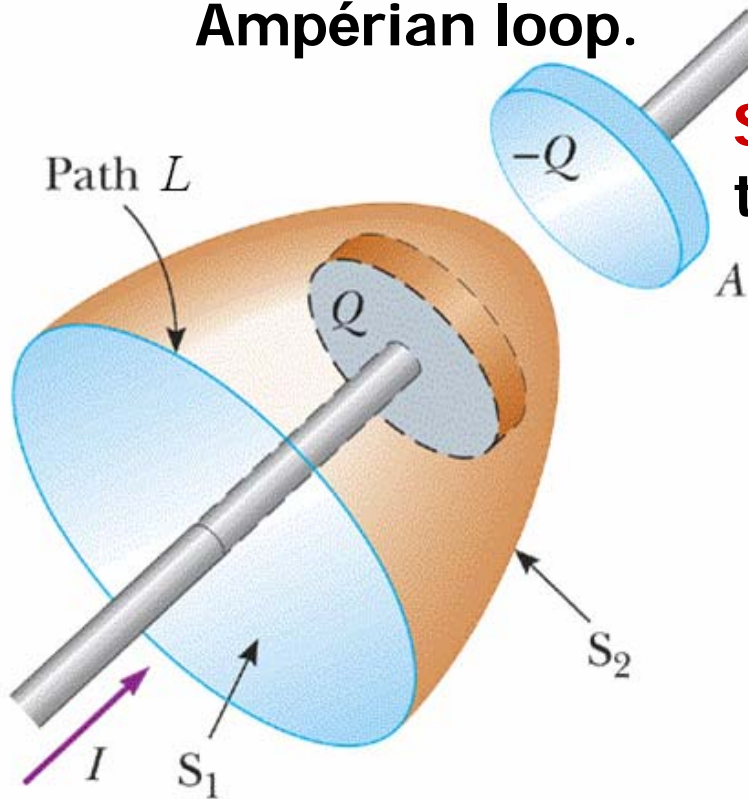
Magnetic field

The Contradiction of Ampère's Law



- The contradiction in applying Ampère's law to a **charging capacitor**

- Apply Ampère's law to a circular loop that surrounding the wire. Consider two surfaces bounded by the same Ampèrian loop.



Surface S_1 : the circular area in which the conduction current I penetrates.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} = \mu_0 \iint_{S_1} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = \mu_0 I$$

Surface S_2 : the paraboloid passing between the capacitor's plates.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} = \mu_0 \iint_{S_2} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

The Contradiction of Ampère's Law



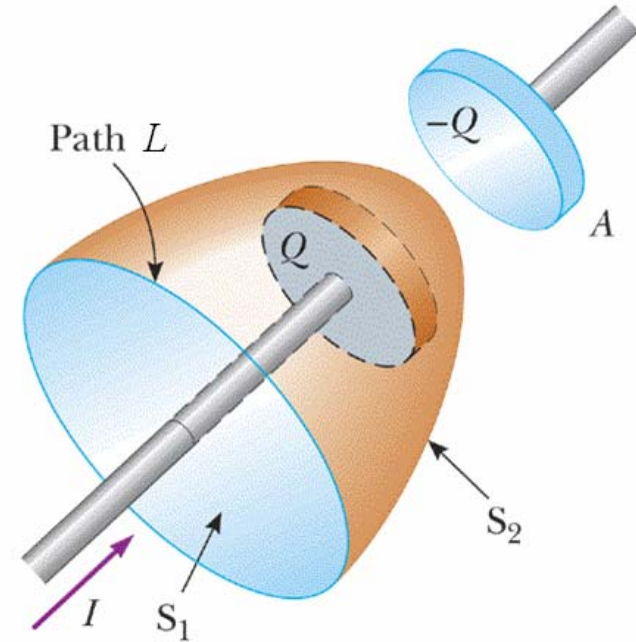
Surface S_1 :

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{S_1} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = \mu_0 I$$

Surface S_2 :

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{S_2} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

■ Question: Does Ampère's law need to be modified?



- What is wrong with the Ampère's law?
- How to treat the **discontinuity** of the current?

Ampère's law is valid only if the conduction current is **continuous** in space.

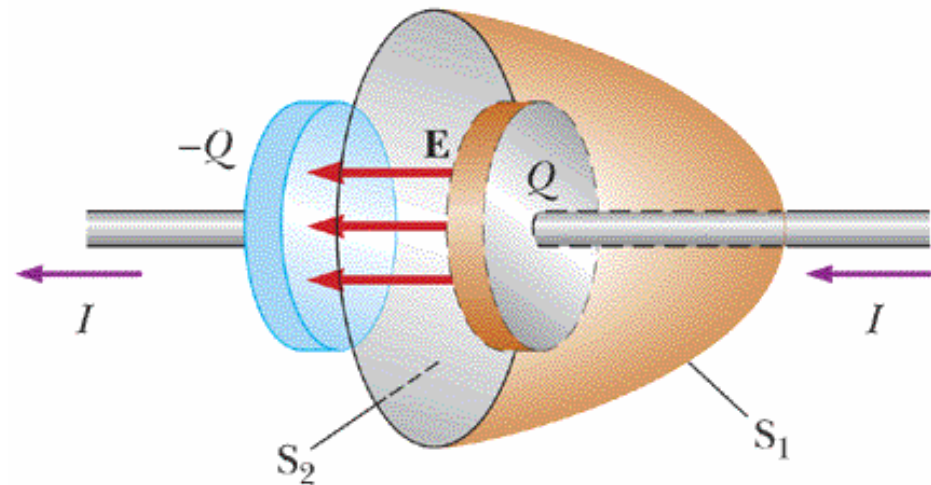
The Displacement Current



- How to save Ampère's law from the contradiction?
 - ➡ The contradiction comes from the discontinuity of the conduction current.

The **conduction** current I is **interrupted** in the region between capacitor's two plates, there is also a changing electric field \vec{E} or a changing electric flux Φ_E in this region.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{d(\sigma A)}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma}{dt} A \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} (\epsilon_0 E) A = \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} (EA) \\ &= \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

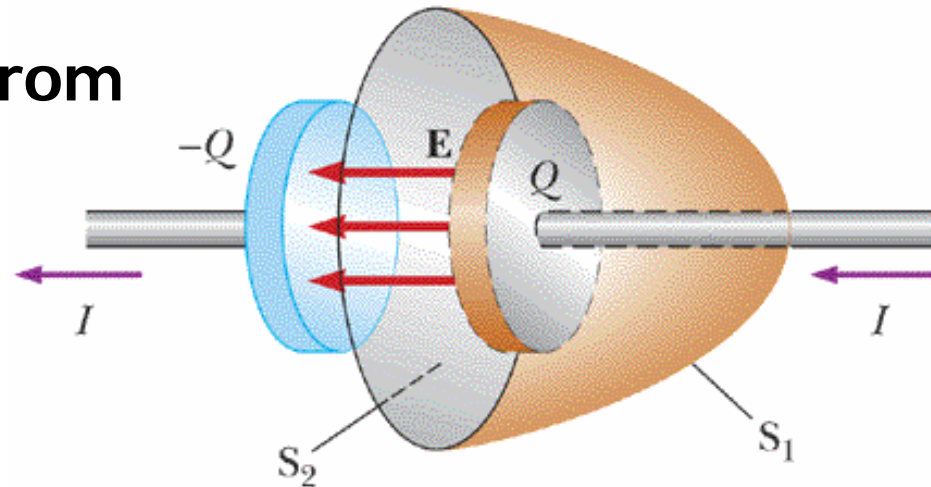


The Displacement Current



- How to save Ampère's law from the contradiction?

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \varepsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$



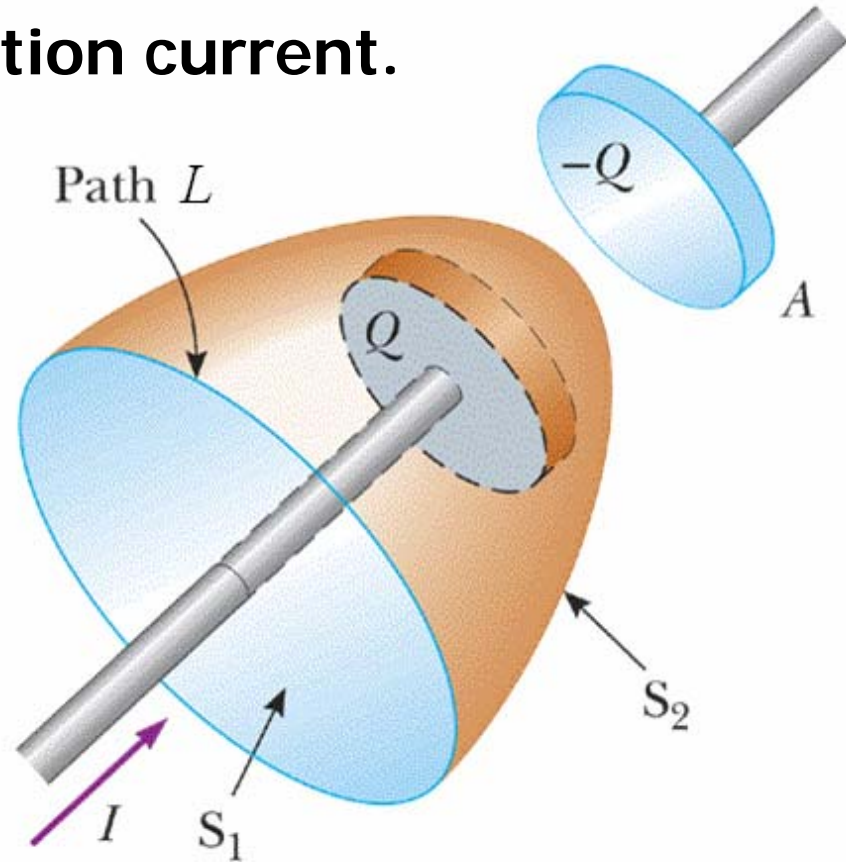
- To keep the continuity of the current, **Maxwell** made a postulation that there exists a **fictitious** current in the region between the plates, called the **displacement current** I_d .

$$I_d = \varepsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = \varepsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iint_S \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

- Displacement current density: $\vec{j}_d = \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}, \quad I_d = \iint_S \vec{j}_d \cdot d\vec{A}$

- Extended Ampère's law or Ampère-Maxwell law:
 - ➡ The postulation of displacement current solved the discontinuity of the conduction current.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 (I_c + I_d)_{\text{encl}}$$
$$= \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$



Extended Ampère's law



Electric current

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}}$$

Magnetic field

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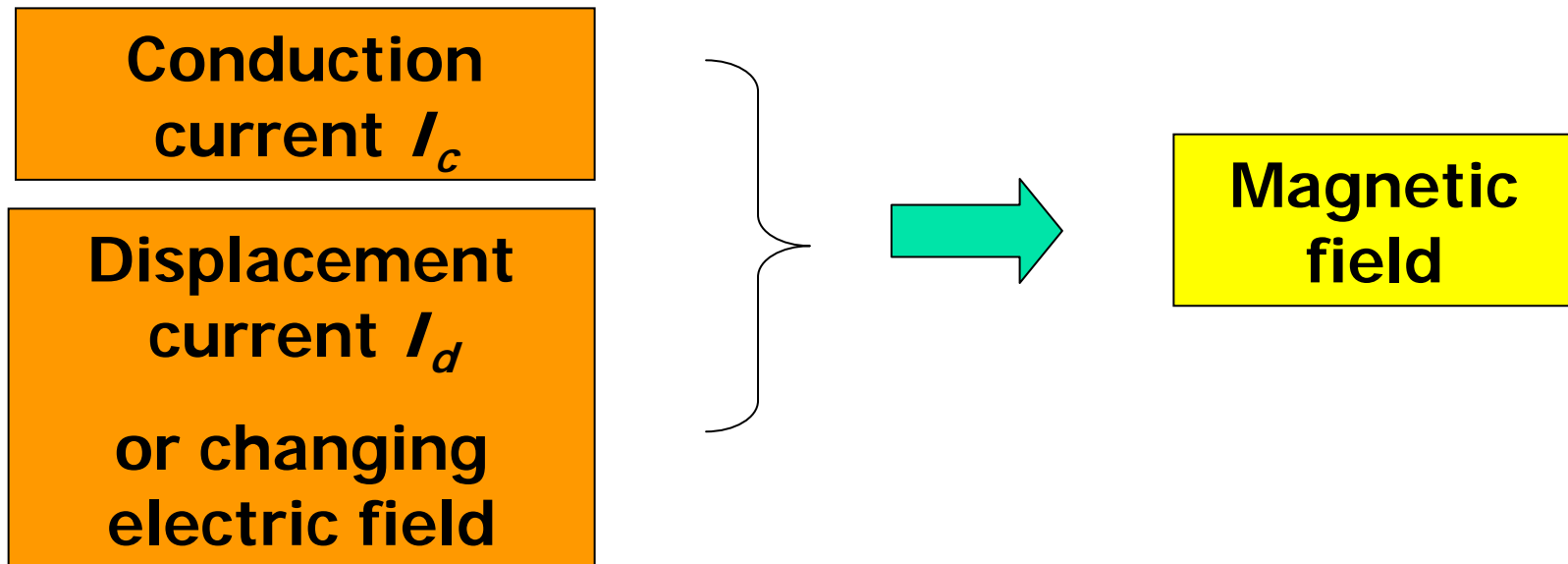
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Extended Ampère's law



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- The displacement current is also a source of magnetic field

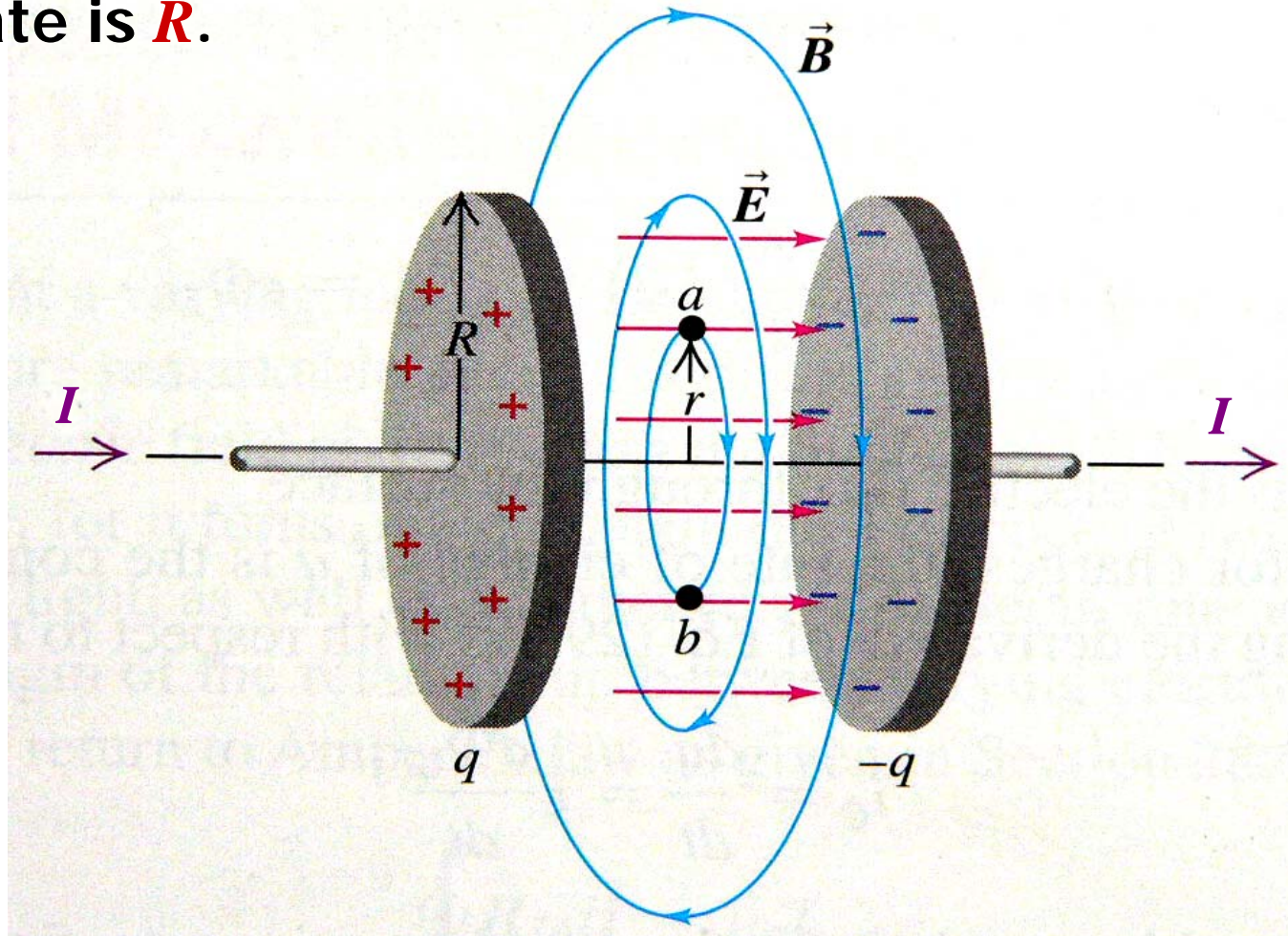


- ➡ Magnetic field are produced both by conduction current and by changing electric field.

Example



Calculate the magnetic field in the region between the two capacitor's plates while the capacitor is charging with a increasing current I . The radius of plate is R .



Example



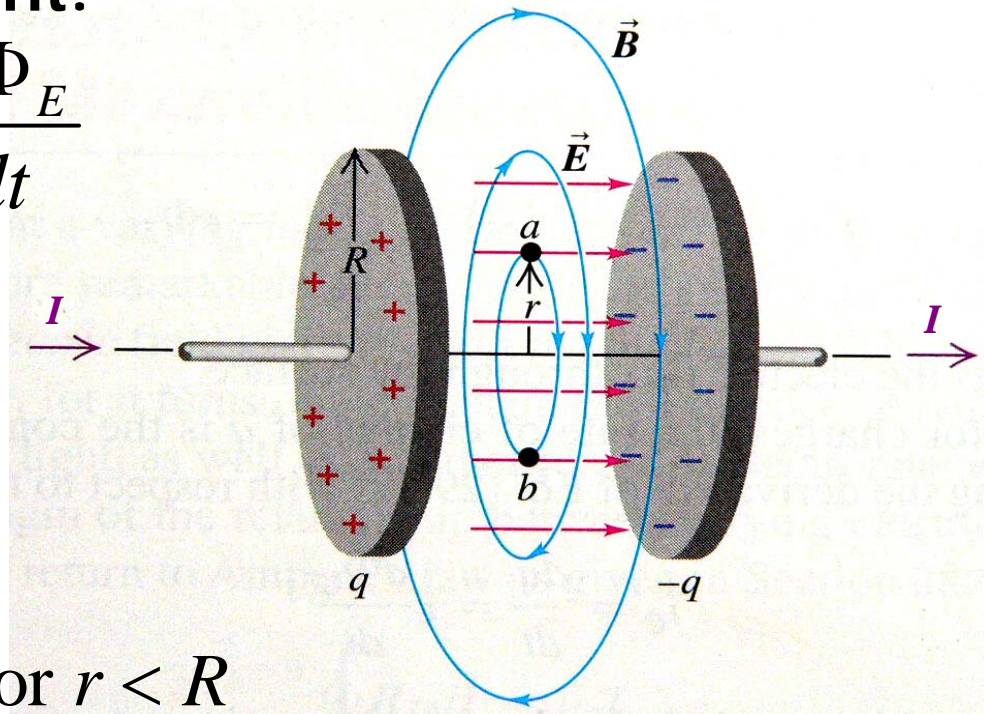
Solution: For a point a distance r from the center, we apply Ampère's law to a circular path of radius r passing through the point.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

The electric field between the plates:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 A}$$

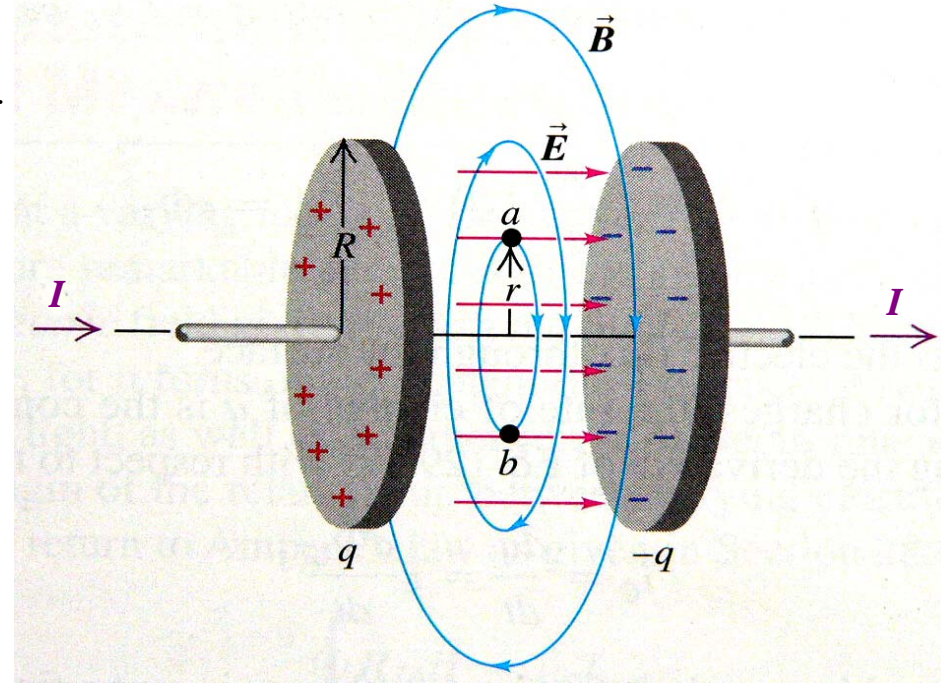
$$\Phi_E = \begin{cases} E\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{r^2}{R^2} Q, & \text{for } r < R \\ EA = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}, & \text{for } r > R \end{cases}$$



Example



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For $r < R$:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 \frac{r^2}{R^2} \frac{dQ}{dt} = \mu_0 \frac{r^2}{R^2} I, \quad B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \frac{r}{R^2}$$

For $r > R$:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 \frac{dQ}{dt} = \mu_0 I, \quad B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$



Example



Calculate the displacement current I_D between the square plates, 3.8 cm on a side, of a capacitor if the electric field is changing at a rate of $2.0 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$.

(The permittivity of free space is $8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$.)

Solution:

The displacement current is

$$\begin{aligned} I_D &= \epsilon_0 A (dE/dt) = (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)(0.038 \text{ m})^2(2.0 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}) \\ &= \boxed{2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A}} \end{aligned}$$

§ 2 Maxwell's Equations



$$\oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss's law for electricity

$$\oiint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Gauss's law for magnetism

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -\iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Faraday's law of induction

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Ampère-Maxwell law

Maxwell's equations and Lorentz force give the **fundamental** relations of electromagnetism! They are fundamental in the sense that Newton's three laws are for mechanics.

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

Lorentz force



$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{encl}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Charged particles create an electric field (electrostatic).

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -\iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

An electric field (non-electrostatic) can also be created by a changing magnetic field.

$$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

There are no magnetic monopoles.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

A magnetic field can be created either by currents or by a changing electric field.

§ 3 Electromagnetic Waves



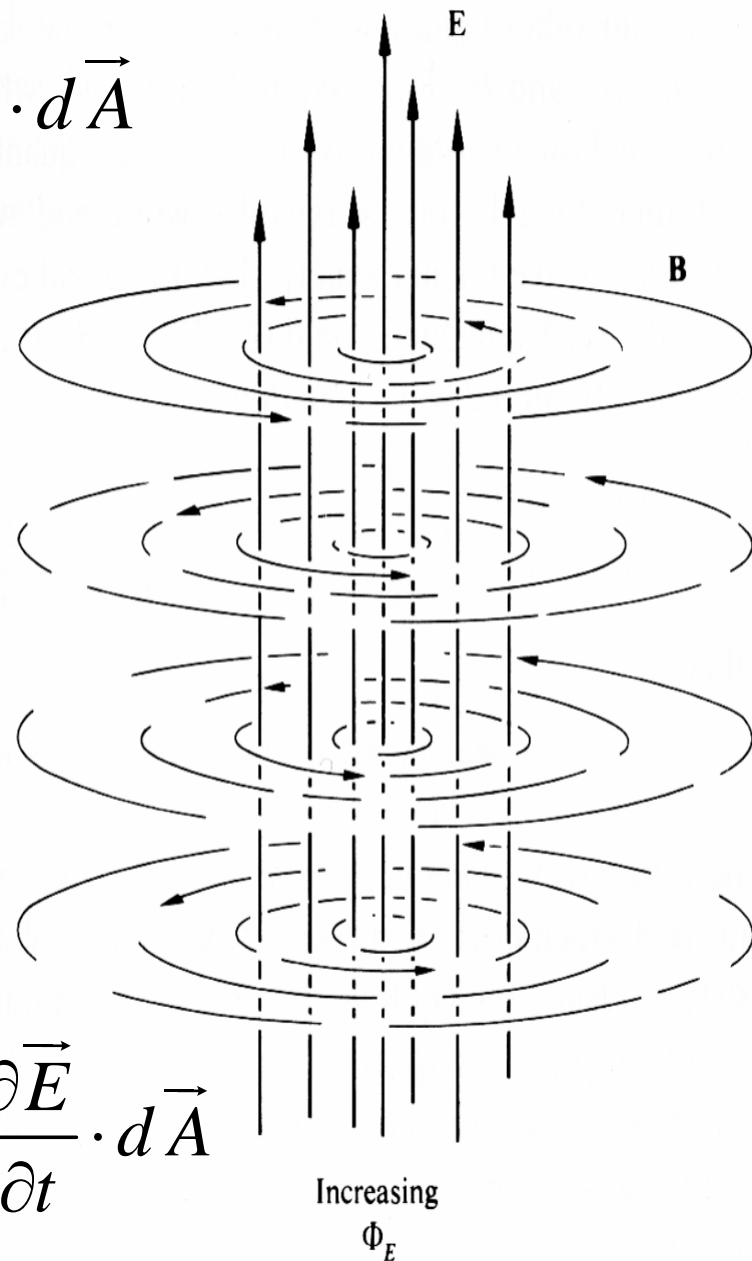
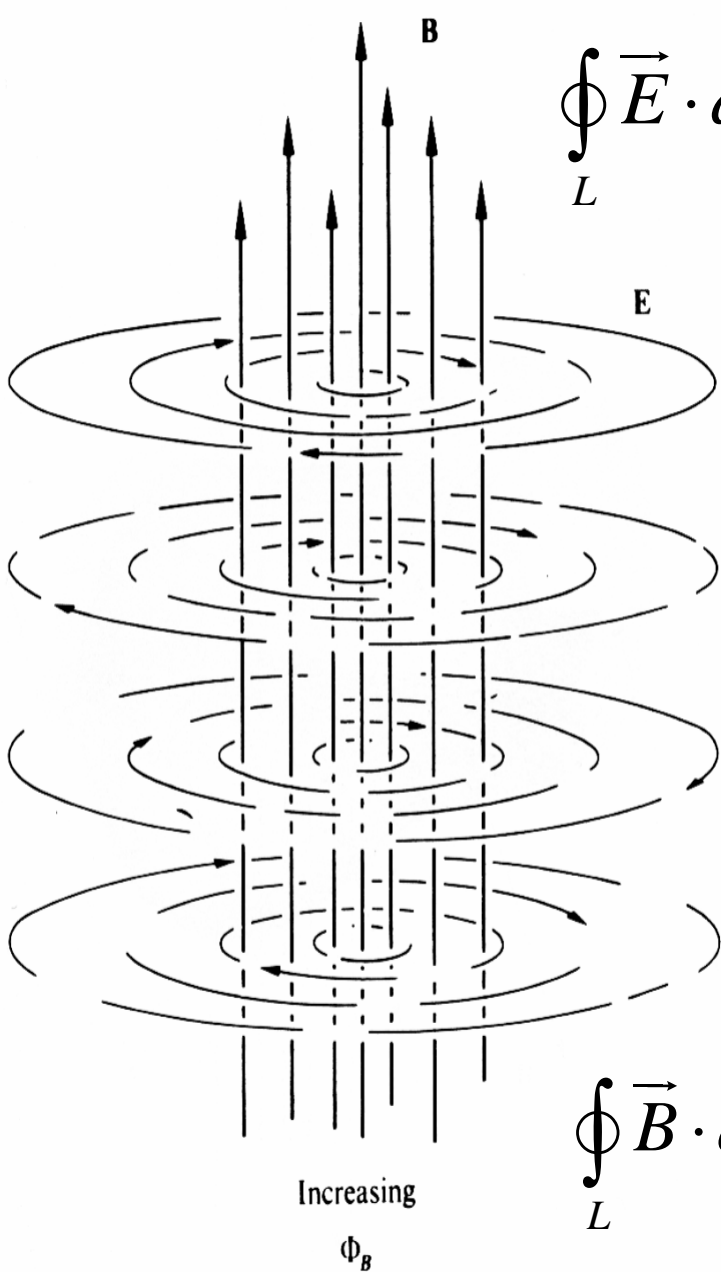
- The relationship between electric and magnetic field in **empty space**.

$$\oint_L \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}, \quad \oint_L \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \varepsilon_0 \mu_0 \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

- ➡ A time varying magnetic field induces a electric field in neighboring regions;
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These relationships predicts the existence of **electromagnetic waves** consisting of time-varying electric and magnetic fields that travel from one region of space to another, even if no charge or current are present in space.

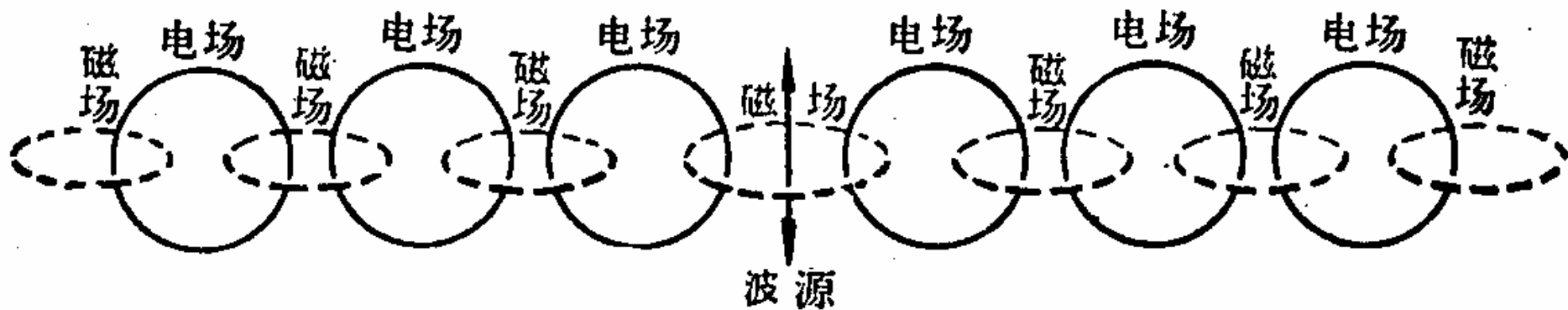
relationship between electric and magnetic field



The Propagation of the Electromagnetic Wave



- The mechanism for maintaining the propagation of the electromagnetic wave.
 - ➡ Unlike mechanical waves, which need a medium such as water or air to transit a wave, electromagnetic waves require **no medium**. The changing electric and magnetic fields create each other to maintain the propagation of the waves.
 - ➡ A exhibition map (not real) for propagation of electromagnetic waves

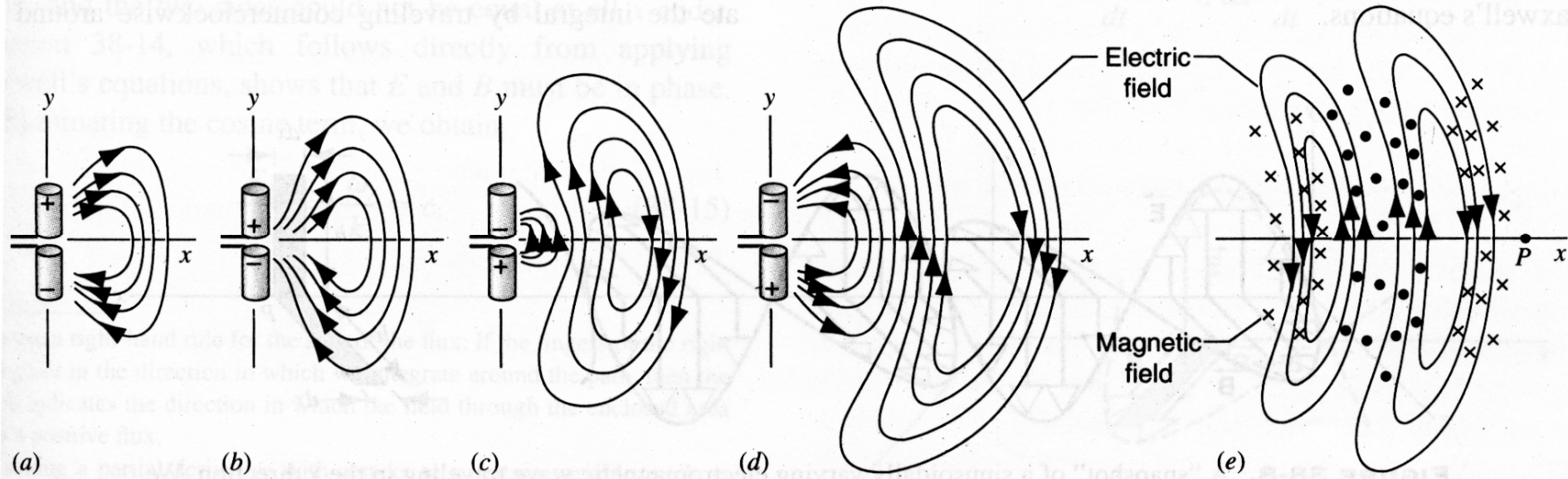


The Propagation of the Electromagnetic Wave



- The mechanism for maintaining the propagation of the electromagnetic wave.

- ➔ The real stages in the emission of an electromagnetic wave from a **dipole antenna**



The important features of electromagnetic waves



➡ The wave equation:

From Maxwell's equations, we can obtain the wave equation for a wave which propagates in x-direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x^2} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t^2}$$

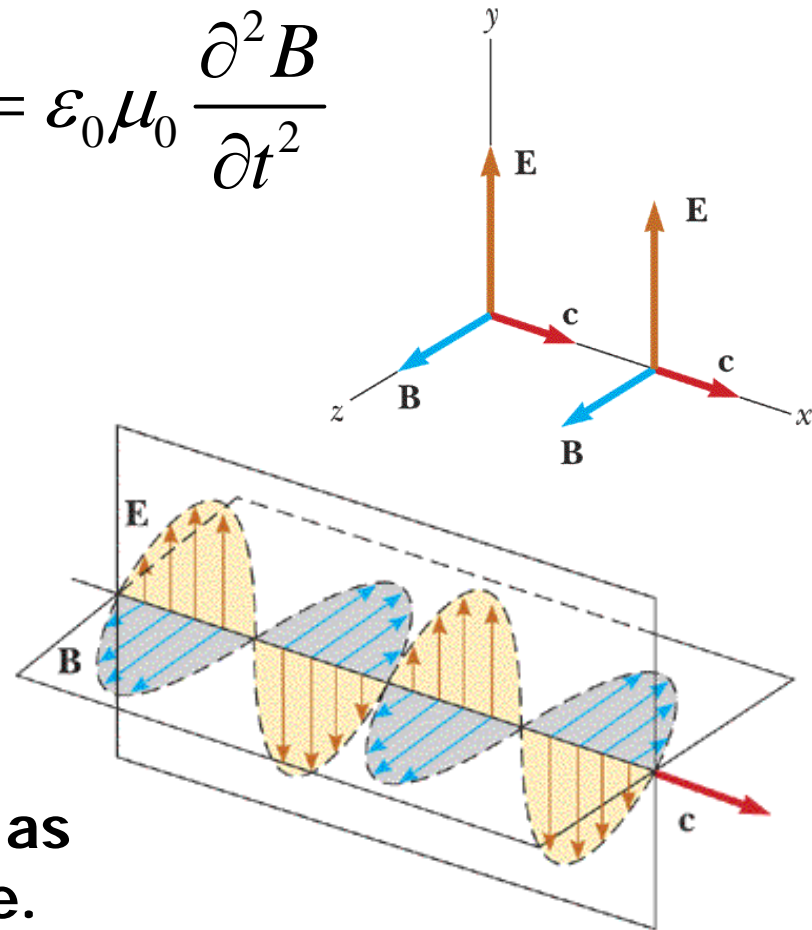
➡ The wave speed:

Generally, the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 2.997 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = c$$

This speed is precisely the same as the speed of light in empty space.



The important features of electromagnetic waves



- ➔ The sinusoidal plane wave is the simplest solution of the wave equations

$$E = E_{\max} \cos(\omega t - kx), \quad B = B_{\max} \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

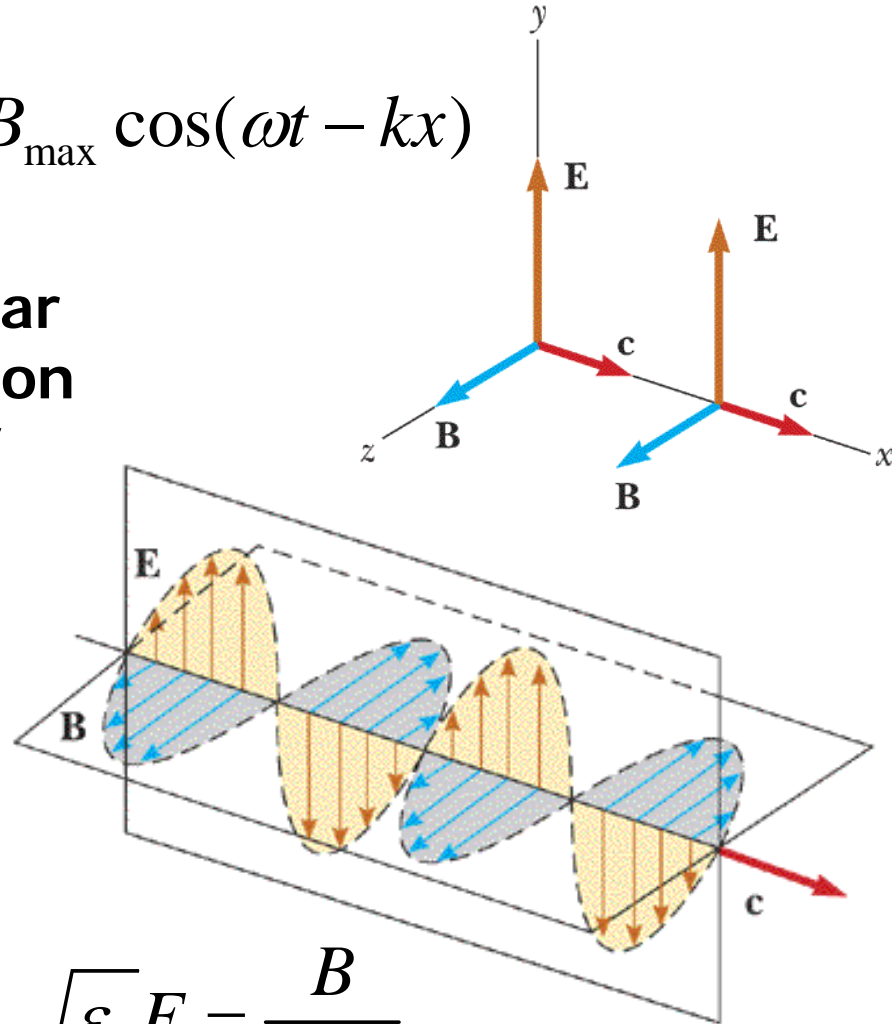
- ➔ The wave is transverse.

Both \vec{E} and \vec{B} are perpendicular to each other, and to the direction of propagation. The direction of propagation is $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$

- ➔ \vec{E} and \vec{B} are in phase, and has a definite ratio

$$\frac{E}{B} = \frac{E_{\max}}{B_{\max}} = c$$

$$E = cB$$



$$\sqrt{\epsilon_0} E = \frac{B}{\sqrt{\mu_0}}$$

The important features of electromagnetic waves



➡ **Poynting vector**: energy flow vector.

The total energy density:

$$u = u_E + u_B = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} = \frac{EB}{\mu_0 c}$$

The energy current density:

$$S = uc = \frac{EB}{\mu_0}$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

