

# Electromagnetism

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**Abstract**

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# 1 Coulumb's Law

## 1.1 Charge

**Definition 1.1.1.** The charge of an electron is negative, denoted  $-e$ . The charge of a proton is positive, denoted  $e$ . Like charges repel each other and opposite charges attract.

**Axiom 1.1.2** (Conservation of Charge). The total charge in an isolated system never changes.

**Axiom 1.1.3** (Quantization of Charge).

**Definition 1.1.4** (Coulomb's Law). The interaction between electric charges at rest is described by Coulomb's Law.

$$\mathbf{F}_{21} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|^2} \mathbf{r}_{21}$$

where  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are the value of the electric charges.

**Definition 1.1.5.** The force on charge  $q_0$  exerted by  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q_0 q_k}{|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_0|} \mathbf{r}_{k0}$$

**Theorem 1.1.6.** The work required to bring two particles to have the distance of  $r$  is

$$W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$$

**Theorem 1.1.7.** The potential energy of a system of charge is

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_j q_k}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_k|^2}$$

**Definition 1.1.8.** The electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  of a charge distribution is

$$\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q_k}{|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_0|} \mathbf{r}_{k0}$$

such that  $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$

By developing the concept of an electric field, we can predict what force the charge receives at  $(x, y, z)$  and where it moves.

**Definition 1.1.9.** For a continuous charge distribution, the electric field it generates is given by

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^{3/2}} d^3\mathbf{r}'$$

Let there be an arbitrarily volume in 3 dimensions. Let there be a sphere enclosed by the volume. Let the normal of the sphere be  $\mathbf{a}$ . Then project the patch onto the volume with a cone starting from the origin. The patch projected scales with a factor of  $\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2$ . And owing to its inclination  $\frac{1}{\cos(\theta)}$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle made between the normal of the old patch and the normal of the new patch.  $E_R$  is also scaled by a factor of  $E_r$  due to being further away from the origin. We have that the flux through the outer patch is given by  $\mathbf{E}_R \cdot \mathbf{A} = E_R A \cos(\theta)$  and  $vbE_r \cdot \mathbf{a} = E_r a$ .

The flux of the electric field through any surface enclosing a point charge  $q$  is  $\frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$

**Theorem 1.1.10** (Gauss's Law). The flux of the electric field is equal to  $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0}$  times the total charge enclosed by the surface.

$$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{k=1}^n q_k$$

**Theorem 1.1.11** (Field of a Sphere).

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

where  $Q$  is the total charge on the sphere. if it is uniformly distributed, is equal to  $4\pi r_0^2 \sigma$ .

**Theorem 1.1.12** (Field of a Line Charge).

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

**Theorem 1.1.13** (Field of an Infinite Flat Sheet of Charge).

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{2\pi\epsilon_0}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the surface charge distribution

**Theorem 1.1.14.** The force per unit area on a layer of charge equals the density times the average of the fields on either side

$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{1}{2}(E_1 + E_2)\sigma$$

**Definition 1.1.15** (Energy Density). The energy density of an electric field is  $\frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2}$

**Theorem 1.1.16.** The total energy in a system equals

$$U = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int E^2 dV$$

## 2 Electric Potential

**Proposition 2.0.1.** The line integral

$$\int_{p_1}^{p_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

is path independent.

**Proposition 2.0.2.** The line integral

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

around any closed path in an electric field is 0.

**Definition 2.0.3** (Electric Potential Difference). Define

$$\phi_{21} = - \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

the work per unit charge done by external agency in moving a positive charge from  $p_1$  to  $p_2$  in the field  $\mathbf{E}$ . We call work per unit charge done the electric potential difference.

Note the differences. The potential energy of a system of charges is the total work required to assemble it. The Electric potential is the work per unit charge required to move a unit positive test charge from some reference point to the point  $(x, y, z)$  in the field.

**Theorem 2.0.4.** The electric field can be derived from the electric potential function

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

**Theorem 2.0.5** (Superposition). The potential function given from multiple sources is given by

$$\phi = \int_{\text{all sources}} \frac{\rho(x', y', z')}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} dx' dy' dz' = \sum_{\text{all sources}} \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

where  $r$  is the distance from the volume element or charge to the point.

Note that the above sources must be confined to some finite region of space.

**Theorem 2.0.6.**

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho\phi dV$$

**Theorem 2.0.7.**

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

**Theorem 2.0.8** (Poisson's Equation).

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\nabla^2\phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

## 2.1 Laplace's Equation

**Definition 2.1.1** (Laplace's Equation).

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

**Theorem 2.1.2.** If  $\phi$  satisfies Laplace's Equation, then the average value of  $\phi$  over the surface of any sphere is equal to the value of  $\phi$  at the center of the sphere

**Theorem 2.1.3** (Earnshaw's Theorem). It is impossible to construct an electrostatic field that will hold a charged particle in stable equilibrium in empty space.

**Theorem 2.1.4.** Electrostatic fields must have  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

### 3 Electric Fields around Conductors

**Definition 3.0.1.** Given a system of conductors, the following holds.

- $\mathbf{E} = 0$  inside the material of a conductor
- $\rho = 0$  inside the material of a conductor
- $\phi = \phi_k$  for all points inside the material and on the surface of the  $k$ th conductor
- At any point just outside the conductor,  $\mathbf{E}$  is perpendicular to the surface and  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$  where  $\sigma$  is the local density of surface charge
- $Q_k = \int_{S_k} \sigma da = \epsilon_0 \int_{S_k} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$  where  $Q_k$  is the charge on conductor  $S_k$

**Definition 3.0.2.** An isolated conductor carrying a charge  $Q$  has a certain potential  $\phi_0$ .  $Q$  would be proportional to  $\phi_0$ , depending linearly on the size and shape of the conductor.

$$Q = C\phi_0$$

where  $C$  is the capacitance of the conductor.

**Definition 3.0.3.**

$$Q = C(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

where  $C$  is called the capacitance of the capacitor.

**Theorem 3.0.4.**

$$W = \frac{Q_f^2}{2C}$$

**Theorem 3.0.5.**

$$U = \frac{1}{2}C\phi^2$$

**Theorem 3.0.6.**

$$F = \frac{Q^2}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{C}$$

## 4 Electric Currents

**Definition 4.0.1.**

$$A = \frac{C}{t}$$

**Definition 4.0.2.** Current through a frame of  $n$  particles of equal charge and direction is

$$I = nqa \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

where  $a$  is the normal of the frame,  $u$  is the velocity vector of the charge. The sum of different classes of particles is

$$I = \mathbf{a} \cdot \sum_k n_k q_k \mathbf{u}_k$$

**Definition 4.0.3** (Current Density).

$$\mathbf{J} = \sum_k n_k q_k \mathbf{u}_k$$

**Proposition 4.0.4.**

$$\mathbf{J} = -eN_e \overline{\mathbf{u}_e}$$

where  $N_e$  is the total electron in a volume,  $\mathbf{u}_e$  the average velocity vector.

**Theorem 4.0.5.**

$$I = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

where  $S$  is a surface.

**Theorem 4.0.6.**

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

if  $\mathbf{J}$  is time independent

**Theorem 4.0.7.**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$  if  $\mathbf{J}$  is time dependent.

**Theorem 4.0.8.**

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

where  $\sigma$  is called the conductivity of the material.

**Theorem 4.0.9.** Denote  $V$  the electric potential difference  $\phi_1 - \phi_2$ .

$$V = IR$$

where  $R$  is the constant called the resistance of the conductor.  $R$  depends on the shape, size and conductivity of the material.

**Definition 4.0.10.**

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

resistivity is the inverse of conductivity

**Theorem 4.0.11.** Resistance of a wire

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

where  $L$  is the length and  $A$  is the cross-sectional area.



**Theorem 4.0.12.** Average momentum of  $N$  positive ions

$$M\overline{\mathbf{u}_+} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j (M\mathbf{u}_j^c + e\mathbf{E}t_j)$$

$\mathbf{u}_j^c$  is the velocity of the  $j$ th ion after its last collision.

**Proposition 4.0.13.** Average velocity of a positive ion in  $\mathbf{E}$  is

$$\overline{\mathbf{u}_+} = \frac{\mathbf{E}e\overline{t_+}}{M_+}$$

**Proposition 4.0.14.**

$$\sigma \approx e^2 \left( \frac{N_+\tau_+}{M_+} + \frac{N_-\tau_-}{M_-} \right)$$

where  $\tau$  is the mean time between collisions.

**Theorem 4.0.15.** Resistance in series

$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

Resistance in parallel  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$

**Theorem 4.0.16.** Current is found via Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's rules.

- $V = IR$
- At a node of the network, a point where three or more connecting wires meet, the algebraic sum of currents into the node must be 0.
- The sum of potential differences taken in order around a loop of the network is 0.

**Theorem 4.0.17.** Work done

$$P = I^2 R$$

**Theorem 4.0.18.** A battery utilizes chemical reactions to supply an electromotive force. Since the line integral of the electric field around a complete circuit is 0, there must be locations where ions move against the electric field. This force is provided by the chemical reaction.

**Theorem 4.0.19** (Thevenin's Theorem). Any circuit is equivalent to a single voltage source and a single resistor.

## 5 Magnetic Force

**Theorem 5.0.1** (Lorentz Force). Total force experienced by a particle with charge  $q$  is

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

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic field.

**Theorem 5.0.2** (Moving charges).

$$Q = \epsilon_0 \int_{S(t)} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

Gauss's law holds for moving charges.

**Theorem 5.0.3.** Total charge in a system is not changed by the motion of the charge carriers.

**Theorem 5.0.4.**

$$\mathbf{E}'_{||} = \mathbf{E}_{||}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}'_{\perp} = \gamma \mathbf{E}_{\perp}$$

**Theorem 5.0.5.** The field of a point charge moving with constant velocity  $v = \beta c$  is radial and has magnitude

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \frac{1 - \beta^2}{(1 - \beta^2 \sin^2(\theta))^{3/2}}$$

**Theorem 5.0.6.**

$$\mathbf{F}'_{||} = \mathbf{F}_{||}$$

and

$$\mathbf{F}'_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbf{F}_{\perp}$$

**Theorem 5.0.7.** If a charge is moving with respect to other charges that are also moving in the lab frame, then the charge experiences a magnetic force. This force can also be viewed as an electric force in the particle's frame.

## 6 Magnetic Field

**Theorem 6.0.1.**

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{k} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

where

$$\mu_0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c^2}$$

**Theorem 6.0.2.** Force between two parallel wires

$$F = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 \mathbf{l}}{2\pi r}$$

and

$$d\mathbf{F} = I d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B}$$

**Theorem 6.0.3** (Ampere's Law).

$$\int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$

where  $I$  is the current enclosed by the path.

**Theorem 6.0.4.**

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

**Theorem 6.0.5.**

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

**Definition 6.0.6.** Define  $\mathbf{A}$  to be

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

the vector potential.

**Theorem 6.0.7.**

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{r} dv$$

**Theorem 6.0.8.**

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 \mathbf{I}}{4\pi} \frac{d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^2}$$