

# Electrodynamics

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- Current

- Ohm's "Law"<sup>1</sup>

- \* Holds when there is some current density such that  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ , with  $\sigma$  as conductivity

- \* The unit of conductivity is  $[\frac{\text{A}}{\text{V m}}]$

- \* The resistivity is the inverse of the conductivity,  $\rho = \sigma^{-1}$ , with units  $[\Omega \text{ m}]$ <sup>2</sup>

- The average velocity of a particle accelerated over an interval due to an electric field is:

$$v_{avg} = \sqrt{\frac{q\vec{E}d}{2m}}$$

- The current density can be defined as

$$\vec{J} = nq\vec{v}$$

- An electron's drift velocity may be defined as:

$$v_d = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q\vec{E}d}{mv}$$

- \* As long as  $v_d \ll v$

- Given a wire of length  $L$  and potential  $V_o$ , we can calculate:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{V_o}{L}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\vec{E}L}{\vec{J}A} = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Note: this is not a fundamental law

<sup>2</sup>Note: Ohms are equal to  $\frac{\text{V}}{\text{A}}$

- Circuits and Power

- We know:

$$V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

- By conservation of charge, we can write:

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{2C} \frac{d}{dt}(Q^2) = -IV$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

- We can also derive:

$$\frac{dQ}{Q} = -\frac{dt}{RC}$$

$$Q = Q_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

- Electromotive Force (EMF)

- The EMF can be defined as:

$$\varepsilon = \int \vec{f} d\vec{l}$$

- Where:

$$\vec{f} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q}$$

- Magnetic flux can be defined as:

$$\Phi = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

- The EMF can also be defined as:

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

- Lenz's Law: Induced effect opposes the change

- There are several ways flux may be changed:

- \* Loop is stationary, move  $B$ -field
- \* Loop stationary, change strength of  $B$ -field

\* Change relative direction of loop and  $\vec{B}$

- Faraday's Law:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

– According to Stokes' Theorem, we may write:

$$\int_S (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{a} = - \int_S \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a})$$

– Which gives us one of Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$$

- We can define flux as:

$$\Phi_B(t) = BA \cos(\omega t)$$

– Which then gives us:

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d}{dt}(\Phi_B(t)) = AB\omega \sin(\omega t)$$

– When the magnetic field is constant, but the area is changing, we can write:

$$\varepsilon = -B \frac{dA}{dt}$$

– Thus, for a moving loop, we can write:

$$\varepsilon = -Bwv$$

- Mutual Inductance

– Since  $\vec{B}$  is proportional to  $I$  (via Biot-Savart), we can also say that  $\Phi$  will be proportional to the current  $I$ . Thus, we may write:

$$\Phi = MI$$

– Where  $M$  is known as the mutual inductance

– Likewise, we can define:

$$\varepsilon = -M \frac{dI}{dt}$$

– We can observe:

1.  $\Phi$  is proportional to  $I$
2.  $M$  depends only on the geometry
3.  $M_{1,2} = M_{2,1} = M$

- Self Inductance

$$\Phi = LI$$

–  $L$  describes the self inductance

- Work

$$P = \varepsilon I$$

– From the above, we may write for an inductor:

$$\int \frac{dW}{dt} = -L \int \frac{dI}{dt} I$$
$$W = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$$

– The energy may be written as:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_o n^2 I^2)(Al)$$
$$U = \frac{1}{2\mu_o} B^2 (Al)$$

– For energy density we may simply write:

$$\mathcal{U}_M = \frac{1}{2\mu_o} B^2$$

– Given that  $\tau = \frac{L}{R}$ , we may write:

$$I = I_o e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$