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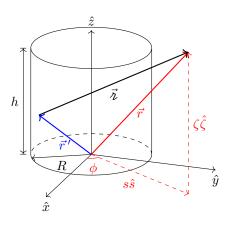
1 Coordinates and Symmetry

A clever choice of coordinates systems typically makes solving a problem considerably easier. Mathematically, this is due to *Noether's Theorem*. A typical three dimensional Lagrangian will have three dependent generalized coordinates $L = L(x, y, z) = L(s, \theta, \zeta) = \cdots$. However, if one can identify generalized coordinates q that make the Lagrangian invariant $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = 0$, then the *Euler-Lagrange* equations are considerably similar,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = \mathrm{const.} \implies L \propto \dot{q}$$

As such, the number of equations that remain to solved has been reduced.

2 First Assignment?



A1.1: Use cylindrical coordinates with ζ along the axis of the cable,

$$V(\zeta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\rho}{2}$$

Where $\vec{v} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$, \vec{r}' is the source point and \vec{r} is the field point. The entire cylinder is the set of all source points \vec{r}' that are contained inside $|\vec{r}'| \leq R$.

$$\vec{r} = \zeta \hat{\zeta}$$

$$\vec{r}' = s'\hat{s}' + \zeta' \hat{\zeta}$$

$$V(\zeta) = \frac{\rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

Where $dV = s ds d\theta d\zeta$. One can then find the electric *field* by doing $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V = E_{\zeta}\hat{\zeta} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \zeta}\hat{\zeta}$

Between the two conductors, there will be a radial electric field $\vec{E} = E(s)\hat{s}$ and parallel magnetic field $\vec{B} = B(s)\hat{\zeta}$. Outside the two conductors, there will be no electric or magnetic field.

$$E_{\text{vac}}^{\parallel} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{vac}}^{\perp} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

For part g), use Laplace's equation $\nabla^2 V = 0$. In cylindrical coordinates, Laplace's equation is,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \bigg(s \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \bigg) = 0$$

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Cylindrical coordinates gives us the following symmetries $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \zeta} = 0$. Solving this system gives the potential in terms of s: $V(s) = \cdots$. Then the electric field can then be obtained via $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$.

A1.3: Using cylindrical coordinates once again, the electric field is going to be radial outwards to the uniform charge density. For the uniform density cylinder, construct a Gaussian surface cylindrically around the cylinder. For the current density cylinder, the current density is the current per cross sectional area. Construct an Amperian loop,

$$\oint_{A} d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu I_{\text{enc}}$$

Part e), finding the vector potential,

$$A(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\tau' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r})}{\imath}$$

Evidently, \hat{s} and \hat{s}' are in different directions. Solving such an equation yields,

$$A(s) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \int_0^a s' ds' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\zeta' \frac{J(s)}{\left| s\hat{s} - s'\hat{s}' - \zeta'\hat{\zeta} \right|}$$

Recognize the structure of the potential integral,

$$V(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\tau' \frac{\rho(r')}{\nu} = \frac{\rho_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{d\tau'}{\nu}$$

Comparing to the vector potential, we have an equivalent integral (up to a constant).

$$A(s) = \frac{\mu_0 J_0}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\tau'}{2}$$

For question f), use the definition of \vec{B} in terms of \vec{A} ,

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

Further, recall that if $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$, then by Stoke's theorem for some loop \mathcal{L} ,

$$V = -\int_{\mathcal{L}} d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{E}$$

3 Conservation Laws

Beginning with one of Maxwell's equations,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Taking the divergence of the above equation,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})^{0} = \mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})$$

Luckily, the divergence of a curl is always 0. Dividing by relevant constants we obtain the following conservation law,

$$0 = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \tag{3.1}$$

This is a conservation of charge. It is a **local** conservation law because it holds for all points in space \vec{r} . Intuitively, is claims that the rate of charge of charge at a point is equal to the amount of current following in or out of the take point.

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A2.1: Again using cylindrical coordinates $\vec{r} = s\hat{s} + \zeta\hat{\zeta}$. Let the current flow in such a way that the magnetic field points along the ζ -axis. Let \mathcal{L} be an Amperian loop with one side at distance $|\vec{r}| \to \infty$,

$$\int_{\mathcal{L}} d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}}$$

The same equation can be reused to calculate the vector potential for a Gaussian surface \mathcal{S} ,

$$\int_{\mathcal{L}} d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{A} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{B} = \Phi$$

Where Φ is the magnetic flux through \mathcal{S} . Furthermore, the energy required to set up a magnetic field is,

$$W = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\tau B^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\tau \vec{J} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

Where L is the self-inductance of the solenoid.

4 Poynting's Theorem

First we begin with two of Maxwell's equations,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \tag{4.1}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \tag{4.2}$$

Computing the inner product between eq. (4.1) and \vec{B} , and the inner product between eq. (4.2) and \vec{E} and taking a difference,

$$\vec{B} \cdot \left(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \right) - \vec{E} \cdot \left(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 \right) = \mu_0 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

Letting $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0}B^2$ be the **electromagnetic energy density** u, we have the following identity,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right) = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \mu_0 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \tag{4.3}$$

Physically eq. (4.3) corresponds to a conservation of energy. We refer to the term $\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)$ as the Poynting vector \vec{S} as it determines the direction of electromagnetic radiation. The Poynting vector \vec{S} represents the power density.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \tag{4.4}$$

Much like eq. (3.1), eq. (4.4) is a local conservation of *energy*. The only algebraic difference is the term $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$. If there is a flowing charge \vec{J} through an electric field \vec{E} , then there is work done on the charge. By Gauss's theorem, the energy leaving through a surface \mathcal{S} per unit time is,

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} d\tau = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S}$$

and the E-M energy in the volume \mathcal{V} is given by,

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d}\tau u$$

Where again, u is the electromagnetic energy density. If we integrate over eq. (4.4),

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} d\tau \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \right) = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\tau \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\tau \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

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Each term in eq. (4.4) has it's purpose illuminated. The final term $\int_{\mathcal{V}} d\tau \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$ corresponds to the work done on moving charges \vec{J} in the volume \mathcal{V} . In it important to note that there are no terms that corresponding to "magnetic work".

Consider the work done to move a charge q a displacement $d\vec{\ell}$ by E-M forces,

$$dW = d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{F}$$

$$= d\vec{\ell} \cdot q (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= \vec{v}dt \cdot q (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= qdt (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}) + qdt (\vec{v} \cdot \{\vec{v} \times \vec{B}\})$$

$$= qdt (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{E})$$

So for a continuous charge distribution we have that $dq = \rho d\tau$ and $\rho \vec{v} = \vec{J}$. Which means that the rate of work done on the charge ρ in the volume \mathcal{V} (i.e. creating the current density \vec{J}) is,

$$\dot{W} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d}\tau \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

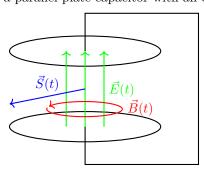
We can interpret this as the work done per unit time rearranging the charge in V. One again eq. (4.4) is given by

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

With the following interpretations,

- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S}$: amount of radiation energy leaving the point \vec{r}
- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$: increase in E-M energy at the point \vec{r}
- $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$: the amount of work done on charges at the point \vec{r}

As an illustrative example, consider a parallel plate capacitor with an electric field \vec{E} between them.



We ave that the magnetic field points in the $\hat{\phi}$ direction, $\vec{B} = V\hat{\phi}$. The electric field $\vec{E} = E\hat{\zeta}$, and Poynting vector are $\vec{S} = S\hat{s}$. We have that the radiation through the surface S,

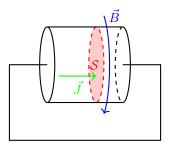
$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S} = -(2\pi ah)S$$

Therefore $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -(2\pi ah)S$ corresponding to the amount of energy flowing out of the capacitor and therefore,

$$U = \int_{0}^{\infty} dt (-2\pi a h S) = \frac{1}{2}CV^{2}$$

Ex 8.1:

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Inside the conductor the electric field moves parallel to its axis $\vec{E} = \frac{V_0}{\ell} \hat{\zeta}$. The magnetic field is then given by,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Integration over the surface S,

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \mu_0 \int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{J} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}}$$

Therefore computing this integral $\int d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{B}$ yields,

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} \hat{\phi}$$

Moreover, the Poynting vector is given by,

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

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{V_0}{\ell} \hat{\zeta} \times \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} \hat{\phi}$$

$$= -\frac{V_0 I}{2\pi a \ell} \hat{s}$$

Therefore the radiation flux,

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{V_0 I}{2\pi a \ell} \int_{\mathcal{S}} da = -V_0 I$$

Which is exactly the amount of Joule heating for a current I though a wire with voltage V_0 across it. Using V = IR,

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S} = -I^2 R$$

Ex 8.2 (Griffiths Problem 8.13): A long thin solenoid of radius a has a time dependent current $I_s(t)$ flowing around it. Encircling the solenoid is a ring of radius b with current $I_r(t)$ ($b \gg a$) passing through it. The ring has resistance R. There is an induced electro-motive-force in the ring due to the solenoid,

$$\mathcal{E} = -\dot{\Phi}_S = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\pi a^2 B_S \right)$$

Where $B_s = \mu_0 n I_s$. The EMF \mathcal{E} must also equal $\mathcal{E} = I_r R$. Therefore,

$$I_r = -\frac{1}{R} \left(\mu_0 \pi a^2 n \right) \dot{I}_S$$

In order to calculate the electric and magnetic fields just outside solenoid, recognize that $\vec{B}_s = B_s(t)\hat{z}$ point along the axis of the solenoid. Similarly recognize that $\vec{E} = E\hat{\phi}$. Therefore the Poynting vector is given by,

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}_s = \frac{1}{\mu_0} E B_s \hat{s} = ?$$

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We first need to calculate \vec{E} and \vec{B}_s . The magnetic field is known to be $\vec{B} = \mu_0 n I_s \hat{z}$ on axis and $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$,

$$\int \mathrm{d}\vec{a}\cdot\vec{\nabla}\times\vec{E} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\int \mathrm{d}\vec{a}\cdot\vec{B}$$

$$\int d\vec{\ell} \cdot \vec{E} = -\dot{\Phi} = 2\pi a E$$

Which gives,

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\dot{\Phi}}{2\pi a} \hat{\phi}$$

The magnetic field off axis and outside the solenoid due to the ring is given by,

$$d\vec{B}_r(s) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{\imath}}{\imath^2}$$

Where $\vec{\imath} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$ and we take $\vec{r}' = b\hat{s}'$ and $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$.

$$\vec{\imath} = z\hat{z} - b\hat{s}'$$

We will take the infinitesimal loop to be $d\vec{\ell} = bd\phi'\hat{\phi}'$.

$$d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{\imath} = (b\hat{\phi}'d\hat{\phi}') \times (z\hat{z} - b\hat{s}')$$
$$= azd\phi'\hat{s}' + b^2d\phi'\hat{z}$$

We integrating around the loop \mathcal{L} , all of the contributions in the \hat{s}' directions will cancel out.

$$\int_{\mathcal{L}} d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{\imath} = \cdots$$

Thus,

$$\vec{B}_r = \frac{\mu_0 I_r}{4\pi} \int \frac{b^2 d\phi' \hat{z}}{(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I_r b^2 2\pi \hat{z}}{4\pi (z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 b^2}{2(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} I_r \hat{z}$$

Therefore the Poynting vector points radial outward,

$$\begin{split} \vec{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E}_r \times \vec{B}_r \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \bigg(\frac{\pi a^2 \mu_0 n \dot{I}_s}{2\pi a} \hat{\phi} \bigg) \times \bigg(\frac{\mu_0 b^2}{2(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} I_r \hat{z} \bigg) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4} a n \dot{I}_s \frac{b^2}{(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} I_r \hat{s} \end{split}$$

Now that the Poynting vector is known, one can calculate the power radiated from the system.

$$\begin{split} P &= \int \mathrm{d}\vec{a} \cdot \vec{S} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4} a n \dot{I}_s I_r b^2 \int \mathrm{d}z a \mathrm{d}\phi \hat{s} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(z^2 + b^2\right)^{3/2}} \hat{s} \end{split}$$

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$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4} a n \dot{I}_s I_r b^2 (2\pi a) \int dz \frac{1}{(z^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4} a n \dot{I}_s I_r b^2 (2\pi a) \frac{2}{b^2} \quad \text{Integral Table}$$

$$= \mu_0 \pi a^2 n \dot{I}_s I_r$$

But we know that $\mu_0 \pi a^2 n \dot{I}_s = -I_r R$. Therefore $P = -I_r^2 R$ as expected.

A2.2:

- a,b) Answers in Griffiths.
- c) Consider parallel metal strips with height h and width w where $h \ll w$. A current flows down one plate and up the other. The system will act as a capacitor. The magnetic field outside will be zero and nonnegative inside.
- d) Griffiths 8.1

A2.3:

Positive and negative charge build up on the surfaces between the capacitor. Of course, there will be a time varying current I(t), electric field $\vec{E}(t)$ and magnetic field $\vec{B}(t)$.

5 Stress Energy Tensor

Last week we looked at conservation laws and we found,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{(charge)}$$

and,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{J} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$
 (energy)

This week we will continue with momentum and angular momentum and then we will examine the Maxwell stress tensor; the field equivalent for force in Newton's second law. But first we will look at momentum.

5.1 Momentum

Consider two charges $+q_1$ and $-q_2$ with velocities \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 . The electric field at point 2 due to charge 1 will be denoted \vec{E}_1 . Analogously for \vec{B}_1 . The net force acting on charge q_2 is then,

$$\vec{F}_{2;E} = q_2 \vec{E}_1 \qquad \vec{F}_{2;B} = q_2 \vec{v}_2 \times \vec{B}_1$$

$$\vec{F}_{1;E} = q_1 \vec{E}_2 \qquad \vec{F}_{1;B} = q_1 \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{B}_2$$

One will notice that $\vec{F}_{1;B}$ and $\vec{F}_{2;B}$ are not equal and opposite forces like $\vec{F}_{1;E}$ and $\vec{F}_{2;E}$ are. What does this say about Newton's third law?

$$\sum \dot{\vec{p_i}} = \sum \vec{F}_{\rm net}$$

We forgot about the fact that the electric and magnetic fields carry not only energy (via \vec{S}) but momentum as well. Recall that for photons,

$$E = hf = \hbar\omega$$

$$p = \frac{h}{\lambda} = \hbar k$$

Therefore we have that,

$$E = pc$$

Therefore knowing the energy density of the field gives you then momentum density of the field. The momentum density will be denoted \vec{q} .

$$\vec{g} = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S} = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

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The force per unit volume $\vec{f} = \Delta \vec{F}/\Delta \tau$ acting on a particle is given by the Lorrentz force.

$$\vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

Which when expanded out is,

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

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$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left(\left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \right) \vec{E} + \left(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \vec{E} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} \right) \vec{B} + \left(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \vec{B} \right) - \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 \right) - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$
 (5.1)

We now introduce **Maxwell's stress energy tensor** T with components,

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

Where $\vec{E} = \sum_{i} E_{i} \hat{e}_{i}$ and $\vec{B} = \sum_{i} B_{i} \hat{e}_{i}$. We now have that eq. (5.1) gives,

$$\vec{f} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot T - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

As defined $\vec{F} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\tau \vec{f}$ is the net mechanical force acting on the matter in a volume \mathcal{V} . Therefore,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\vec{p}_{\mathrm{mech}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d}\tau \vec{f}$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d}\tau \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot T - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= \oint_{\mathcal{S}} \mathrm{d}a \cdot T - \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d}\tau \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{S}$$

We usually define the second term here to be the momentum contained in the electromagnetic field,

$$\vec{p}_{\mathrm{em}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathrm{d} au \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{S}$$

Therefore the conservation of momentum is,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(\vec{p}_{\mathrm{mech}} + \vec{p}_{\mathrm{em}}) = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} \mathrm{d}a \cdot T$$

5.2 Cauchy Stress Tensor

The Cauchy stress tensor is a representation of the total forces acting on a chunk $\mathcal V$ of a material due to the neighboring pieces $\mathcal N(\mathcal V)$. Each neighboring chunk $n(\mathcal V)$ can exert parallel or shear forces on $\mathcal V$. This defines a matrix on force components on each face of $\mathcal V$. Let $\vec f = \sigma \cdot \mathrm{d}\vec a$ where $\vec \sigma$ is a rank 2 (3d) tensor. We call σ the Cauchy stress tensor such that,

 $\vec{f} = \sigma \cdot d\vec{a}$

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