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ABSTRACT. Electricity and Magnetism notes ”dump” - Everything about or involving electricity and magnetism, electrodynamics.

For $n = d = 3$,

$$\delta : \Omega^2(M) \rightarrow \Omega^1(M)$$
$$\delta = *\mathbf{d}*$$

Part 1. Math

1. CODIFFERENTIAL, THE ”VECTOR POTENTIAL” AND LAPLACIAN

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1.1. **Codifferential** δ . For smooth manifold M , $\dim M = n$,

(1)
$$\delta : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$$
$$\delta = (-1)^{n(k+1)+1} * d*$$

For $k = 1, 2$ cases,

$$\delta = (-1)^{n(1+1)+1} * d* = (-1) * d*$$
$$\delta = (-1)^{n(2+1)+1} * d* = (-1)^{3n+1} * d*$$

1.2. **the ”Vector Potential”**. If $B = \mathbf{d}A$, $B \in \Omega^2(M)$,

$$B = B_{jk} dx^j \wedge dx^k = \mathbf{d}A = \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^k$$
$$B_{jk} = \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^j}$$

So these statements are equivalent:

(2)
$$B = \mathbf{d}A \iff \mathbf{B} = \text{curl} \mathbf{A}$$

Indeed, recall the *deRham cohomology*:

$$H_{\text{deRham}}^k(M) = Z^k(M)/\text{imd} = \frac{Z^k(M)}{d\Omega^{k-1}(M)}$$

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And so this form for $B = \mathbf{d}A$ presupposes that

$$B \in [1] = [\mathbf{d}A] \in H_{\text{deRham}}^2(M')$$

But it should be noted on another manifold, this form may not hold; indeed, consider a submanifold or domain $M' \subseteq M$. In this case

$$H_{\text{deRham}}^2(M') \ni B$$

1.3. Laplacian.

Definition 1 (Laplacian).

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta : \Omega^k(M) &\rightarrow \Omega^k(M) \\ \Delta &= d\delta + \delta d \end{aligned}$$

Both recognizing the equivalence between these 2 formulations:

$$*\mathbf{d}*B = \delta B \iff \text{curl}\mathbf{B}$$

and acknowledging that it *has* to be the case that $*\mathbf{d}*B$ is the correct expression, coming from $d*F$ for the electromagnetic 2-form F ,

$$\delta B = \delta \mathbf{d}A = \Delta A - \mathbf{d}\delta A$$

Then

$$*\mathbf{d}A = \frac{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}}{(d-2)!} \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-2} j k} g^{jj'} g^{kk'} \frac{\partial A_{k'}}{\partial x^{j'}} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_{d-2}} = \sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} \epsilon_{i j k} g^{jj'} g^{kk'} \frac{\partial A_{k'}}{\partial x^{j'}} dx^i$$

Consider the expression

$$\text{curl}\mathbf{B} = \text{curl}(\text{curl}\mathbf{A})$$

I will generalize it and point out its misgivings.

Calculating from definitions for $*$ and d ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}* \mathbf{d}A &= \frac{\epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-2} j k}}{(d-2)!} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \left(\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} g^{jj'} g^{kk'} \frac{\partial A_{k'}}{\partial x^{j'}} \right) dx^l \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_{d-2}} \\ * \mathbf{d}* \mathbf{d}A &= \frac{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}}{(d-d(-1))!} \frac{\epsilon_{id'i'_1 i'_2 \dots i'_{d-2}}}{(d-2)!} g^{l'l} g^{i'_1 i_1} g^{i'_2 i_2} \dots g^{i'_{d-2} i_{d-2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \left(\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} g^{jj'} g^{kk'} \frac{\partial A_{k'}}{\partial x^{j'}} \right) \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-2} j k} dx^i \\ &\xrightarrow{d=3} \sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} \epsilon_{il'm'} g^{l'l} g^{m'm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \left(\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} g^{jj'} g^{kk'} \frac{\partial A_{k'}}{\partial x^{j'}} \right) \epsilon_{mj k} dx^i \end{aligned}$$

In \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$*\mathbf{d}* \mathbf{d}A \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^j} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \left(\frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^j} \right)$$

At this point, in the "vector calculus" formulation, the partial derivatives in the $-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \left(\frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x^j} \right)$ would be exchanged in order, and then a so-called "choice of gauge" for $\nabla \cdot A \equiv \text{div} A$ would be "made," making this term equal 0. As we clearly see above, this should not be the case. Rather, this choice should be made:

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{d}\delta A = 0$$

This is because we should directly use the "manifestly covariant" definition of the Laplacian:

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} *\mathbf{d}* \mathbf{d}A &= (-1)^{d(1-1)+1} \delta \mathbf{d}A = (-1)^{0+1} \delta \mathbf{d}A = (-1)^1 (\Delta - \mathbf{d}\delta) A \\ &\xrightarrow{d=3} (-1)(\Delta - \mathbf{d}\delta) A \end{aligned}$$

Note that $k = 1$, i.e. we're dealing with 1-form A here, in the $(-1)^{d(k-1)+1}$ factor.

So the true expression is this (to reiterate and emphasize the point):

$$(6) \quad \delta B = (-1)(\Delta - \mathbf{d}\delta)A$$

Are there any necessary constraints on A to make it, such that $\mathbf{d}\delta A = 0$? Perhaps we can take a look at how the definition of the codifferential δ necessitates that this diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega^1(M) & \xrightarrow{\quad * \quad} & \Omega^{d-1}(M) \\ \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \mathbf{d} \\ \Omega^0(M) & \xrightarrow{\quad *(-1) \quad} & \Omega^d(M) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad * \quad} & *A \\ \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \mathbf{d} \\ \delta A & \xrightarrow{\quad *(-1) \quad} & \mathbf{d}*A \end{array}$$

Part 2. Maxwell's Equations; My version of Maxwell's Equations

2. MY VERSION OF MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

2.1. **Maxwell's Equations, my version, in "vector calculus" form.** If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$, then

$$(7) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{-1}{c} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi\rho_{\text{total}}$, then

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + 4\pi \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4\pi \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} + 4\pi c \nabla \times \mathbf{M} \right) \end{aligned}$$

2.2. **Maxwell's Equations, my version, over spacetime manifold M .** For spacetime manifold M , of dimensions $\dim M = d + 1$, and for

$$E \in \Omega^1(M)$$

$$B \in \Omega^2(M)$$

If $\mathbf{d}B = 0$, then

$$(9) \quad \boxed{\mathbf{d}E + \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = 0}$$

If $\delta E = *\mathbf{d}*E = 4\pi\rho_{\text{total}}$,

$$(10) \quad \boxed{\delta B = *\mathbf{d}*B = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + 4\pi \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + 4\pi J_{\text{free}} + 4\pi c \delta \mathbf{M}}$$

with $\mathbf{M} \in \Omega^2(M)$, magnetization in matter (i.e. matter magnetization) is *necessarily* a 2-form.

2.2.1. *Some of the algebra (scratch) work/explicit calculations, for Maxwell’s Equations, my version, over spacetime manifold M .*

$$\mathbf{d}B \Longleftrightarrow \nabla \cdot B$$

since component-wise,

$$\mathbf{d}B = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} B_{ij} dx^k \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j \Longleftrightarrow \nabla \cdot B$$

$$\mathbf{d}E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \Longleftrightarrow \nabla \times E \equiv \text{curl} E = \frac{-1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

since, component-wise,

$$\mathbf{d}E = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} E_i dx^k \wedge dx^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} E_k dx^j \wedge dx^k = \frac{-\partial}{\partial t} B_{jk} dx^j \wedge dx^k$$

For $\delta E = *\mathbf{d}*E = 4\pi\rho_{\text{total}}$, consider

$$*E = \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \sqrt{\mathbf{g}} \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-1} j_1} E_j g^{jj_1} e^{i_1} \wedge e^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{i_{d-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\mathbf{g}} \epsilon_{ijk} E_{k'} g^{k'k} dx^i \wedge dx^j$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}*E &= \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{\mathbf{g}} E_j g^{jj_1}) \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-1} j_1} dx^k \wedge dx^{i_1} \wedge dx^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_{d-1}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{\mathbf{g}} E^{j_1}) \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-1} j_1} \epsilon^{ki_1 i_2 \dots i_{d-1}} \frac{\text{vol}^d}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} E^{j_1}) \delta_{j_1}^k (d-1)! \frac{\text{vol}^d}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} E^k) \text{vol}^d \end{aligned}$$

where this (generalized) Kronecker delta relation was used:

$$\frac{1}{p!} \delta_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_p}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p} \delta^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_p}_{\rho_1 \dots \rho_p} \rho_1 \dots \rho_p = \delta_{\rho_1 \dots \rho_p}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p}$$

where

$$\delta_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_n}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \epsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} \epsilon_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_n}$$

Note that

$$*1 = \text{vol}$$

$$**1 = (-1)^{0(n-0)} 1 = 1 = *\text{vol}$$

and so

$$*\mathbf{d}*E = \delta E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} E^k)$$

Indeed, we had generalized the divergence, but on a 1-form:

$$\begin{aligned} (11) \quad \delta : \Omega^1(M) &\rightarrow C^\infty(M) \\ -\delta E &= -\delta(E_k dx^k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} E^k) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} (\sqrt{|\mathbf{g}|} g^{kk_1} E_{k_1}) \end{aligned}$$

3. MAGNETOSTATICS, MACROSCOPIC MAGNETISM, MAGNETIC PERMEABILITY, MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY, FIELD \mathbf{H} , FREE CURRENTS AND FIELD \mathbf{H}

Keywords: magnetic permeability, magnetic susceptibility

Suppose we have matter (i.e. the ”macroscopic problem”, referred to from Jackson (1998), Sec. 5.8 ”Macroscopic Equations, Boundary Conditions on B and H ”, [1]), *not* a vacuum.

Atoms in matter have electrons, e^- in orbit, contributing to (rapidly) fluctuating magnetic moments \mathbf{m} , along with e^- ’s intrinsic \mathbf{m} .

Consider an average macroscopic magnetization or magnetic moment density $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x})$ defined in a ”vector calculus” manner by Jackson (1998) [1],

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_I N_I \langle \mathbf{m}_I \rangle, \quad I \equiv \text{index of a particle}$$

Recalling Maxwell’s Equations, Eq. 10,

$$\delta B = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + 4\pi \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + 4\pi J_{\text{free}} + 4\pi c \delta \mathbf{M}$$

Consider a time-independent E and negligible P . Then

$$\Longrightarrow \delta B = 4\pi J_{\text{free}} + 4\pi c \delta \mathbf{M}$$

Jackson (1998) [1] considers this magnetization \mathbf{M} as contributing to an *effective current density* by vector calculus arguments of it having a vector potential form, and so he proceeds to write it as (Jackson (1998), Eqn. (5.80) [1])

$$\text{curl} \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{J} + \text{curl} \mathbf{M}) \quad (SI)$$

Then Jackson *defines* the macroscopic field \mathbf{H} , in Jackson (1998), Eqn. (5.81) [1],

$$\mathbf{H} := \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}$$

However, Purcell’s treatment is both more lucid, and more grounded in what B field really is physically, less relying upon artificial artifices.

3.1. **Free currents \mathbf{J}_{free} and the field \mathbf{H} , magnetic susceptibility.** cf. Purcell (1984) [2], Sec. 11.10 Free Currents, and the Field \mathbf{H}

Keywords: \mathbf{H} , volume magnetic susceptibility

Bound current $\mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}$ are current associated with molecular or atomic magnetic moments, including the intrinsic magnetic moment of particles with spin.

Free currents \mathbf{J}_{free} are ordinary conduction currents.

$$(12) \quad \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}} = c \nabla \times \mathbf{M}$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (44) of Ch. 11 [2]

At a surface, where \mathbf{M} is discontinuous, we have a surface current density \mathcal{J} .

By superposition,

$$(13) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} (\mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}} + \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}}) = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}_{\text{total}}$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (50) of Ch. 11 [2]

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} (c \nabla \times \mathbf{M}) + \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} = \\ &= \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} - 4\pi \mathbf{M}) = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \end{aligned}$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (51) of Ch. 11 [2]

Purcell also defines

$$(14) \quad \mathbf{H} := \mathbf{B} - 4\pi\mathbf{M}$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (52) of Ch. 11 [2]; and so

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \quad (cgs) \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \quad (SI)$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (53), (53'), respectively, of Ch. 11 [2].

In magnetic systems, it is precisely the free currents that we can control. So \mathbf{H} is useful:

$$(15) \quad \int_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \int_S \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{4\pi}{c} I_{\text{free}} \quad (cgs) \quad \int_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = I_{\text{free}} \quad (SI)$$

where in SI, $H \sim \frac{\text{amps}}{\text{meter}}$. cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (54), (54'), respectively, of Ch. 11 [2].

\mathbf{B} is the *fundamental magnetic field vector*; it is **only** \mathbf{B} s.t. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ or $d\mathbf{B} = 0$

The basic magnetic field inside matter is \mathbf{B} , *not* \mathbf{H} . That's not a matter of mere definition, but a *consequence of the absence of magnetic charges*. cf. Purcell (1984)[2].

Now

$$(16) \quad \mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}$$

cf. Purcell (1984), Eq. (56) Ch. 11 [2].

The lines of \mathbf{H} inside the magnet look just like the lines of \mathbf{E} inside the polarized cylinder.

- \mathbf{H} is the fiction of magnetic poles; if there wre magnetic poles then \mathbf{H} is the macroscopic \mathbf{B} filed inside the material.

For any material in which \mathbf{M} is porportional to \mathbf{H} ,

$$(17) \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H} + 4\pi\mathbf{M} = (1 + 4\pi\chi_m)\mathbf{H} \\ \mu = 1 + 4\pi\chi_m \end{array}}$$

So *if* there was a linear response between magnetization \mathbf{M} and the measured macroscopic field \mathbf{H} , related through the volume magnetic susceptibility, χ_m , ($\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}$), then for $\delta B = 4\pi J_{\text{free}} + 4\pi c \delta \mathbf{M}$,

$$\delta(B - 4\pi c M) = \delta H = \delta \frac{B}{\mu} = 4\pi J_{\text{free}} \implies \mathbf{B} = \mu 4\pi J_{\text{free}}$$

and so we have the usual expression (make the comparison)

$$\text{curl} \mathbf{B} = \mu 4\pi \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}}$$

Obtaining an integral form,

$$*\delta B = **\mathbf{d}*B = (-1)^{2(d-2)} \mathbf{d}*B = \mu 4\pi *J_{\text{free}} \xrightarrow{\int_S} \int_S \mathbf{d}*B = \int_{\partial S} *B = \mu 4\pi \int_S *J_{\text{free}}$$

Jackson seems to imply to treat macroscopic field \mathbf{H} as what you measure, since \mathbf{J}_{free} is what one can measure and control, pointed out sagely by Purcell. So consider this, as I write down an integral form,

$$*\delta H = \mathbf{d}*H = 4\pi *J_{\text{free}} \xrightarrow{\int_S} \int_S \mathbf{d}*H = \int_{\partial S} *H = 4\pi \int_S *J_{\text{free}}$$

If, over S , \mathbf{J}_{free} is uniform, $\frac{4\pi}{c} \int_S * \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}} = \frac{4\pi}{c} I_{\text{free}}$. If we can measure the current, we can obtain the line integral of \mathbf{H} . But we should really be aware that what we're *really* measuring is $B - 4\pi c \mathbf{M}$ - would it be possible to measure the macroscopic \mathbf{M} itself?

4. EDDY CURRENTS

I build upon the physical setup proposed by Jackson (1998) [1] in Section 5.18 "Quasi-Static Magnetic Fields in Conductors; Eddy Currents; Magnetic Diffusion."

For a system (with characteristic) length L , L being small,

compared to electromagnetic wavelength associated with dominant time scale of problem T ,

$$f := \frac{1}{T}; \quad \omega = 2\pi f; \quad \omega\lambda = c \implies \lambda = \frac{c}{\omega} = \frac{c}{2\pi f} = \frac{Tc}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{L}{\lambda} = \frac{LTc}{2\pi} \gg 1$$

From Maxwell's equations, in particular, Faraday's Law, and in its integral form (over 2-dim. *closed* surface S),

$$(18) \quad \mathbf{d}E + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} B = 0 \text{ or } -\mathbf{d}E = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \xrightarrow{\int_S} \int_S \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = - \int_S \mathbf{d}E = - \int_{\partial S} E$$

So on S , changing magnetic flux $\int \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$ results in E field, circulating around boundary of S , ∂S .

We know that in a conductor, free conducting electrons get pushed around by E fields, result in a current density J .

J is related to E , *empirically* (by Ohm's Law)

$$J = \sigma E$$

where σ is the resistivity.

Then use the force law on this induced current J from the B field set up:

$$F_{\text{net}} = \frac{1}{c} \int_S J \times B dA$$

By working through the right-hand rule, F_{net} the force on those currents induced in the conductor due to the B that's there, is in the direction to help oppose changing (increasing or decreasing $\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$).

To find B , suppose $B = dA$, i.e. $B \in H_{\text{deRham}}^2(M)$, i.e. $B = \text{curl} A$.

For sure,

$$\delta(B - 4\pi c \mathbf{M}) = 4\pi J \iff \text{curl}(B - 4\pi c \mathbf{M}) = \text{curl} H = 4\pi J$$

Be warned now that the relation $B = \mu H$ may not be valid on all domains of interest; μ could even be a tensor! (e.g. $B_{ij} = \mu_{ij}^{kl} H_{kl}$). However, both Jackson (1998) [1] in Sec. 5.18 Quasi-Static Magnetic Fields in Conductors; Eddy Currents; Magnetic Diffusion, pp. 219, and Smythe (1968), Ch. X (his Ch. 10), pp. 368 [5], continues on *as if* this relation is linear: $B = \mu H$.

Nevertheless, as we want to find B by finding its "vector potential" A , we obtain a diffusion equation:

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} -\delta B &= *\mathbf{d}*dA = (-1)\delta \mathbf{d}A = (-1)(\Delta - \mathbf{d}\delta)A \xrightarrow{\mathbf{d}\delta A=0} -\Delta A = \\ &= 4\pi\mu J = 4\pi\mu\sigma E = 4\pi\mu\sigma \left(-\frac{\partial A}{\partial t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \boxed{\Delta A = 4\pi\mu\sigma \frac{\partial A}{\partial t}}$$

where in the first 2 steps (equalities), $-\delta B = *\mathbf{d}*dA = (-1)\delta \mathbf{d}A$ it's interesting to note that the codifferential δ for the 2 form B had to be written out explicitly, and then the codifferential for the 1-form A is *different* from the δ for B by a(n important) factor of (-1) ; where $\mathbf{d}\delta A = 0$ must be satisfied by the form A takes; and where, since $B = \mathbf{d}A$,

$$(20) \quad \mathbf{d}E + \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \mathbf{d}E + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{d}A = \mathbf{d} \left(E + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \implies E = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \text{grad} \Phi \xrightarrow{\Phi = \text{constant}} E = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial t}$$

whereas a choice of gauge for E was chosen so that $\Phi = \text{constant}$ (and so a particular form for E was chosen, amongst those in the *same* equivalence class of $H_{\text{deRham}}^1(M)$).

To ensure that the differential geometry formulation is in agreement with the practical vector calculus formulation, compare Eq. 19 with Eq. (5.160) of Jackson (1998) [1] and Eq. (10) in Sec. 10.00 of Smythe (1968) [5].

To summarize what’s going on, I think one should at least understand in one’s head how Maxwell’s Equations apply, (and I will try to write in SI here)

(21)

$$\int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} dA = - \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \implies \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \implies \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} = \int_S \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} dA$$

to find \mathbf{B} =? using form $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$,

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad (SI)$$

where, a change in magnetic flux over a surface S over the conductor, $\int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} dA$ induces a circulation of E field around S , $-\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$, and this E field is pushing around *free conducting charges* according to Ohm’s law, $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$, with σ being the conductivity of the conducting material, and this current density \mathbf{J} is then acted upon by the prevailing B field, according to the usual force law. To find \mathbf{B} , one can find \mathbf{A} and *try* to find \mathbf{A} analytically.

Keep in mind that for $\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$, we had used, critically, the Maxwell equation $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$, with \mathbf{J} being the *induced current of free conducting charges on the conductor*. This \mathbf{H} will contribute (through linear superposition) to the \mathbf{B} that could already be there due to the permanent magnet.

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