

**PH108 (Division 3) Lectures on TUESDAY & FRIDAY 1400-1525**  
**SLOT NO 10A + 10B LA 101**

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**Reference texts:**

**D J Griffiths : Introduction to electromagnetism  
Feynman Lectures: vol 2**

**Vector Analysis (Schaum series) M Spiegel  
Mathematical methods : Pipes & Harvil**

**Several other classic texts:  
Panofsky and Philips  
J D Jackson**

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**ATTENDANCE : 80% REQUIRED  
EVALUATION Quiz1=15 : Midsem=35 : Quiz2=10 : Endsem=40**

# Electromagnetism

Basic principles known for about 150 years.

Mature subject with a well defined structure.

Regime of validity well understood.

Great success: explaining propagation & generation of electromagnetic radiation,  
Forces of adhesion and cohesion.

First example of a classical field theory....particles and fields both carry energy and  
Momentum

Fails when we go to atomic scale

Gravity and electromagnetism are markedly different too, though both  
have " inverse square force" laws.

Two key questions:

Why do we use vectors?

Why do we use many co-ordinate systems?

Symmetry of the problem and the shape of the objects involved must be taken into account.

# What is a field ? What are the typical questions one asks?

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A quantity defined or measured over a certain area/volume of space.

Scalar field Temperature defined over a region  $T(x,y,z)$

Vector field Electric, Magnetic field :  $\mathbf{E}(x,y,z)$   $\mathbf{B}(x,y,z)$   
velocity of water  $\mathbf{v}(x,y,z)$  in a pipe, river, ocean

Matrix/Tensor field Stress, Strain inside a material like a concrete beam.  
With every point a matrix like object is associated.

A field is also like an object with a large number of degrees of freedom.

*How is the field created? What is the "source" ?*

*How does the field affect particles in it (Interaction of field with matter)?*

# A systematic way of handling co-ordinate systems : Part 1

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Many types of co-ordinates are needed, so that we can use the natural symmetry of a problem.

Equations would have the simplest form and minimum number of free variables if the co-ordinate system is chosen intelligently.

How to define a co-ordinate system?

Few typical systems:

Plane Polar

Spherical Polar

Cylindrical

Then how to define your own if you need?

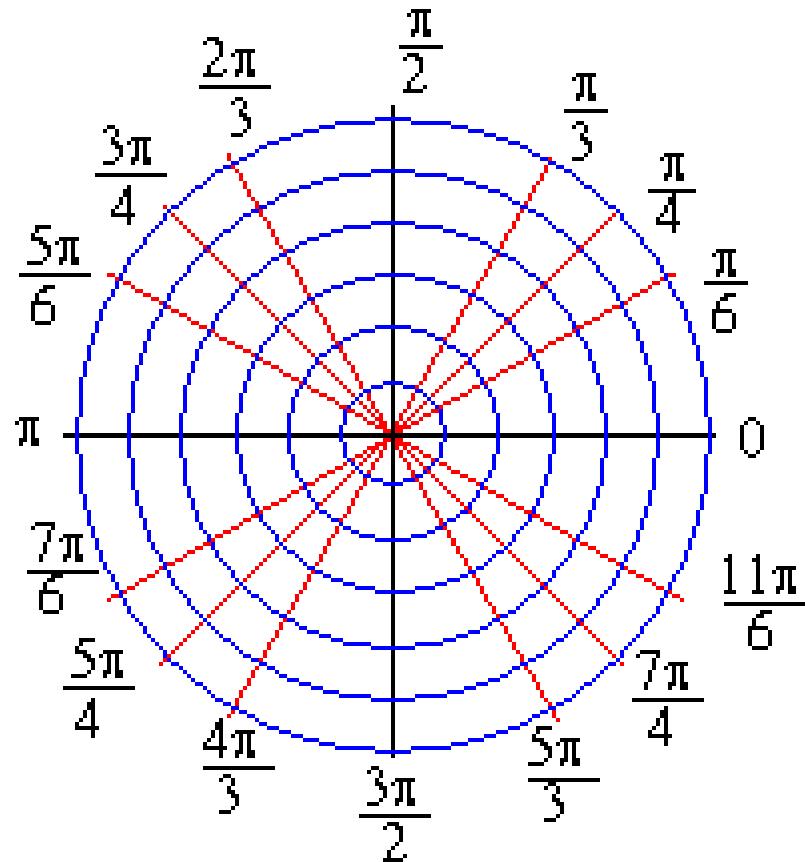
# Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

STEP 1: Write down the relation with (x,y) co-ordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

STEP 2: Draw the co-ordinate grid



How do  $r=\text{constant}$  lines look?

How do  $\theta=\text{constant}$  lines look?

## Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

STEP 3: What happens when the independent variables are changed infinitesimally

$$\begin{aligned}\delta x &= \cos \theta \delta r - r \sin \theta \delta \theta \\ \delta y &= \sin \theta \delta r + r \cos \theta \delta \theta\end{aligned}$$

STEP 4: Which direction would we move, if only one variable was changed?

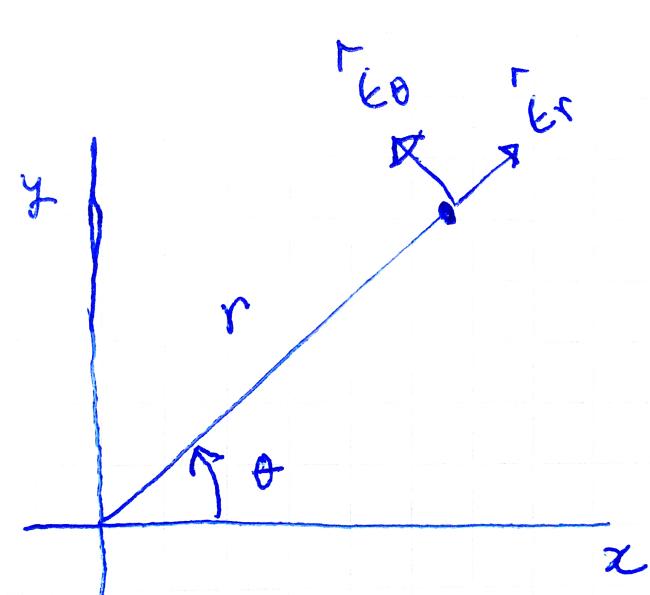
$$\underline{\delta \theta = 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}i \delta x + j \delta y &= (i \cos \theta + j \sin \theta) \delta r \\ &= \epsilon_r \delta r\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\delta r = 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}i \delta x + j \delta y &= (-i \sin \theta + j \cos \theta) r \delta \theta \\ &= \epsilon_\theta r \delta \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta r = \epsilon_r \delta r + \epsilon_\theta r \delta \theta$$



$$\epsilon_r \cdot \epsilon_\theta = 0$$

Curvilinear but still orthogonal

## Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

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STEP 5: What happens to the element of area?

i.e take a small step in the  $\epsilon_r$  direction and a small step in the  $\epsilon_\theta$  direction

What is the "infinitesimal" area enclosed by these two perpendicular vectors?

$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \left| \epsilon_r \times \epsilon_\theta \right| \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \delta\theta \delta r \\ &= r \delta\theta \delta r \end{aligned}$$

STEP 6: What happens to the element of distance or arclength?

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \delta \mathbf{r} \\ &= dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

In orthogonal co-ordinates there will be no cross terms  
in the arclength expression.

## Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

STEP 7: Now suppose a SCALAR function of co-ordinates is defined (like Temperature over a region),  $T(x,y,z)$

We change our position by a small VECTOR  $\delta r$ , and ask  $dT = ?$

We want a function such that :

$$\begin{aligned}\delta T &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \delta r + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \delta \theta \\ &= [\text{some fn}] \cdot \delta r \\ &= [\text{some fn}] \cdot (\epsilon_r \delta r + \epsilon_\theta r \delta \theta)\end{aligned}$$

$$[\text{some fn}] = \epsilon_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \epsilon_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta}$$

The combination is called gradient

$$\nabla = \epsilon_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \epsilon_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

Gradient is the generalisation of the derivative in 1 dimension

Prove :

grad  $T$  is perpendicular to surfaces of constant  $T$

What form would grad  $T$  take in cartesian co-ordinates?

## Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

STEP 8: What are velocity and acceleration components, when a particle's motion is described using polar co-ordinates?

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= \frac{\delta \mathbf{r}}{\delta t} \\ &= \frac{\delta}{\delta t} (\epsilon_r \delta r + \epsilon_\theta r \delta \theta) \\ &= \epsilon_r \frac{dr}{dt} + \epsilon_\theta r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ \mathbf{a} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \epsilon_r \frac{dr}{dt} + \epsilon_\theta r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Unlike cartesian unit vectors the unit vectors here are not constant and must be differentiated themselves.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\epsilon}_r &= ? \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\theta &= ?\end{aligned}$$

Using our result from STEP 4...

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_r \\ \epsilon_\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{j} \end{pmatrix}$$

hence

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## Plane Polar ( $r, \theta$ ) in detail

Using the last two results:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\epsilon}_r \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\theta \end{pmatrix} = \dot{\theta} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_r \\ \epsilon_\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{\epsilon}_r = \dot{\theta} \epsilon_\theta \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\theta = -\dot{\theta} \epsilon_r \end{cases}$$

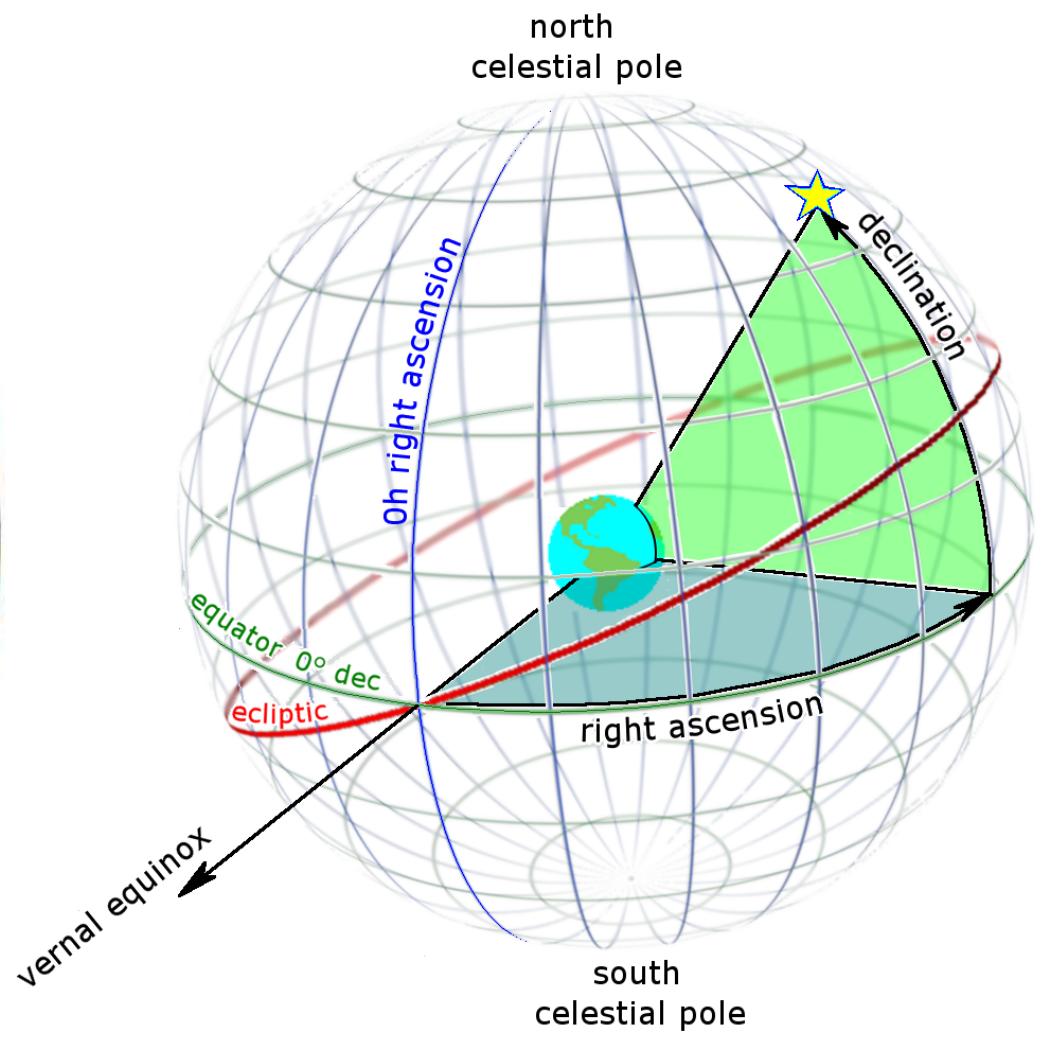
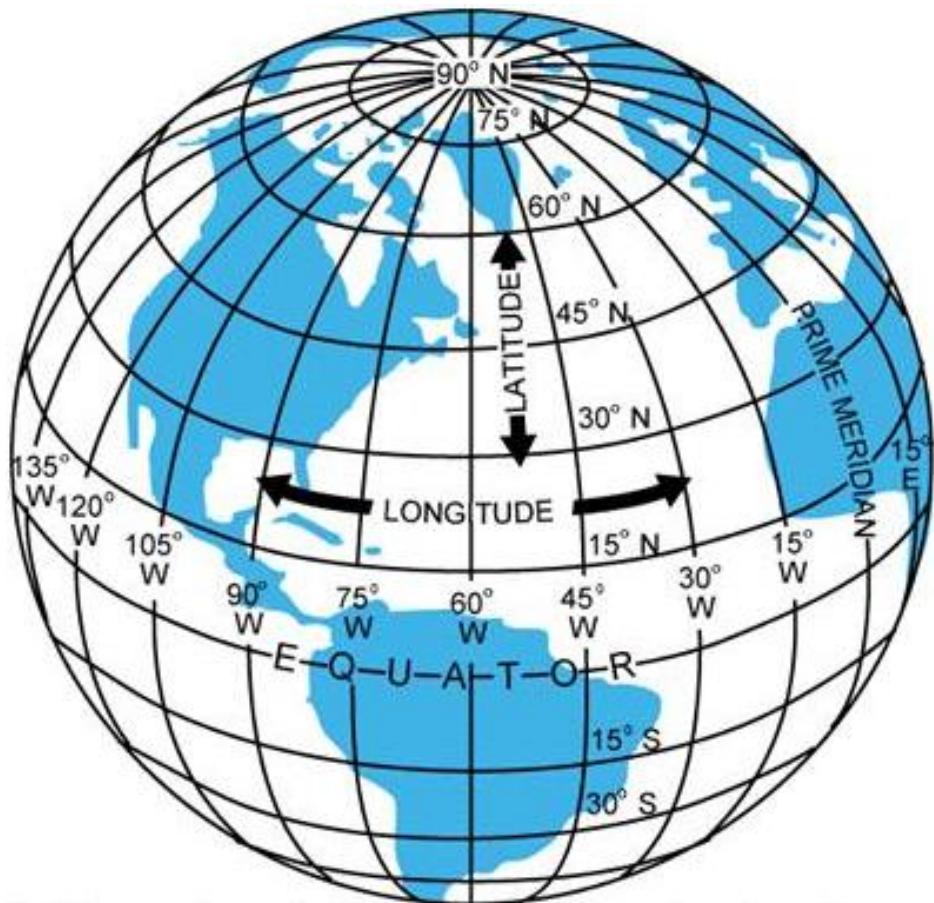
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} = \frac{d \mathbf{v}}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} (\epsilon_r \dot{r} + \epsilon_\theta r \dot{\theta}) \\ &= \epsilon_\theta \dot{\theta} \dot{r} + \epsilon_r \ddot{r} - \epsilon_r \dot{\theta} r \dot{\theta} + \epsilon_\theta \dot{r} \dot{\theta} + \epsilon_\theta r \ddot{\theta} \\ &= (\ddot{r} - \dot{\theta}^2 r) \mathbf{\epsilon}_r + (r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) \mathbf{\epsilon}_\theta \end{aligned}$$

What are the physical meanings of the various terms in the result for acceleration?

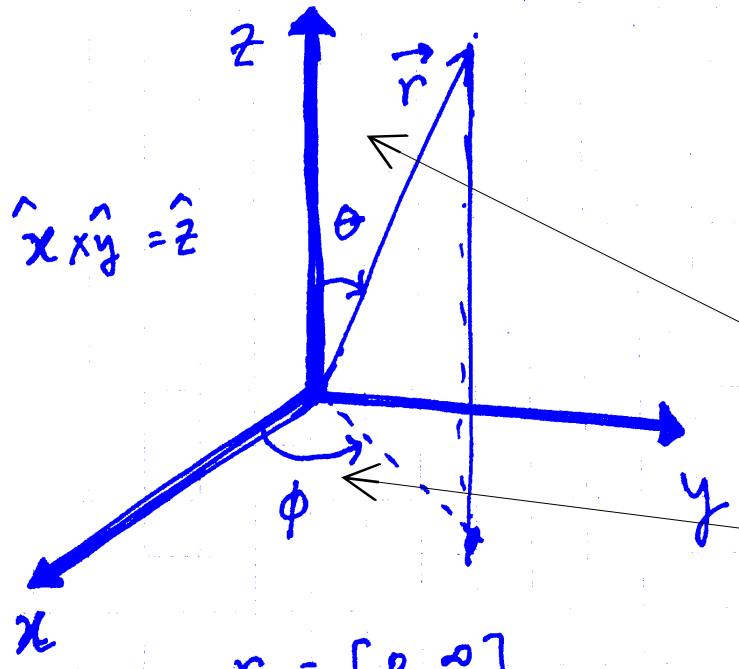
If the force on the particle is “central”, then which quantity is conserved?

You are given an arbitrary vector in cartesian  $(\mathbf{i} F_x + \mathbf{j} F_y)$ .  
How will you go over to  $(\mathbf{\epsilon}_r F_r + \mathbf{\epsilon}_\theta F_\theta)$ ?  
What can you say about the matrix connecting the two sets and the inverse relation ?

# Spherical Polar ( $r, \theta, \phi$ ) : two obvious examples



## Spherical Polar ( $r, \theta, \phi$ )



$$r = [0, \infty]$$

$$\theta = [0, \pi]$$

$$\phi = [0, 2\pi]$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

Polar angle

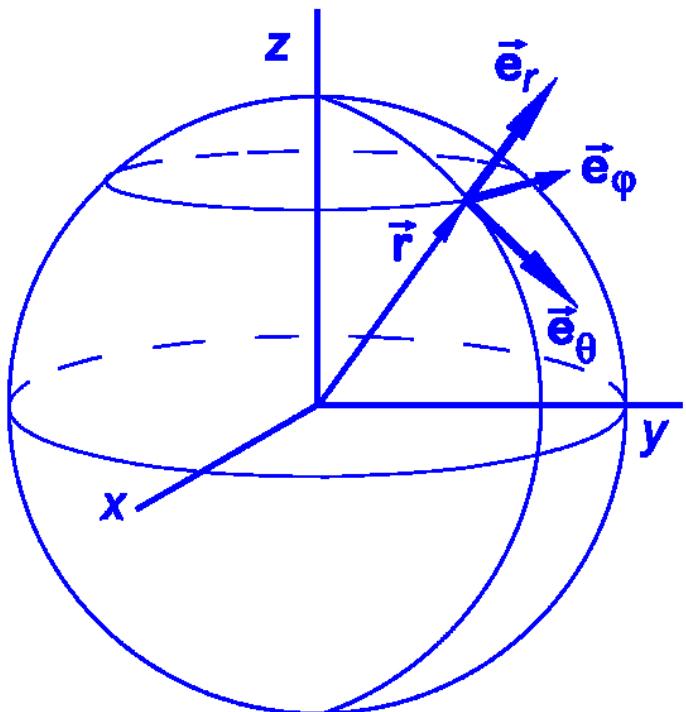
Azimuthal angle

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \\ \delta z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & r \cos \theta \cos \phi & -r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & r \cos \theta \sin \phi & r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta r \\ \delta \theta \\ \delta \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : unit vectors, volume element, arc length

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_r &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \ \boldsymbol{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \ \boldsymbol{j} + \cos \theta \ \boldsymbol{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \ \boldsymbol{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \ \boldsymbol{j} + -\sin \theta \ \boldsymbol{k} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\phi &= -\sin \phi \ \boldsymbol{i} + \cos \phi \ \boldsymbol{j}\end{aligned}$$

Can you invert this set of equations? It is easy!



$$\begin{aligned}\delta \mathbf{r} &= \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_r \delta r + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta r \delta \theta + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\phi r \sin \theta \delta \phi \\ ds^2 &= dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}dV &= \left| \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_r \cdot (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\theta r) \times (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\phi r \sin \theta) \right| dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi\end{aligned}$$

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : The area element

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If  $r = \text{constant}$  (surface of a sphere)  $\delta r = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \left| \mathbf{r} \epsilon_\theta \times \mathbf{r} \sin \theta \epsilon_\phi \right| d\theta d\phi \\ &= r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta = \text{constant}$   $\delta \theta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \left| \epsilon_r \times \mathbf{r} \sin \theta \epsilon_\phi \right| dr d\phi \\ &= r \sin \theta dr d\phi \end{aligned}$$

If  $\phi = \text{constant}$  (plane polar in a vertical plane)  $\delta \phi = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \left| \epsilon_r \times r \epsilon_\theta \right| dr d\theta \\ &= r dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Q:

Suppose you were confined on the surface of a sphere – but you were not told that. Would you be able to figure out?

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : velocity & acceleration

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We still need to express the derivatives  $(\dot{\epsilon}_r, \dot{\epsilon}_\theta, \dot{\epsilon}_\phi)$  in terms of  $(\epsilon_r, \epsilon_\theta, \epsilon_\phi)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\epsilon}_r \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\theta \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\phi \end{pmatrix} = \dot{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_r \\ \epsilon_\theta \\ \epsilon_\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi \dot{\theta} - \sin \theta \sin \phi \dot{\phi} & \cos \theta \sin \phi \dot{\theta} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \dot{\phi} & -\sin \theta \dot{\theta} \\ -\sin \theta \cos \phi \dot{\theta} - \cos \theta \sin \phi \dot{\phi} & -\sin \theta \sin \phi \dot{\theta} + \cos \theta \cos \phi \dot{\phi} & -\cos \theta \dot{\theta} \\ -\cos \phi \dot{\phi} & -\sin \phi \dot{\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : velocity & acceleration

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This appears very messy! But if you work through the matrix multiplication then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\epsilon}_r \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\theta \\ \dot{\epsilon}_\phi \end{pmatrix} = \dot{M} M^T \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_r \\ \epsilon_\theta \\ \epsilon_\phi \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dot{\theta} & \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \\ -\dot{\theta} & 0 & \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \\ -\sin \theta \dot{\phi} & -\cos \theta \dot{\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_r \\ \epsilon_\theta \\ \epsilon_\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

The result is remarkably simple.

Why are the diagonal terms zero? Can you see the physical implication?

Notice that the matrix connecting the two vectors is anti-symmetric.

This was also the case in the plane polar co-ordinates. But we didn't mention it there.

The problem for velocity and acceleration components can now be completed...

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : The gradient

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If we have a function  $T(r, \theta, \phi)$  then we want

$$\begin{aligned}\delta T &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \delta r + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \delta \theta + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} \delta \phi \\ &= \nabla T \cdot \delta \mathbf{r}\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\delta \mathbf{r} = \epsilon_r \delta r + \epsilon_\theta r \delta \theta + \epsilon_\phi r \sin \theta \delta \phi$$

we must have

$$\nabla T = \epsilon_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \epsilon_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \epsilon_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi}$$

## Spherical Polar $(r, \theta, \phi)$ : velocity & acceleration

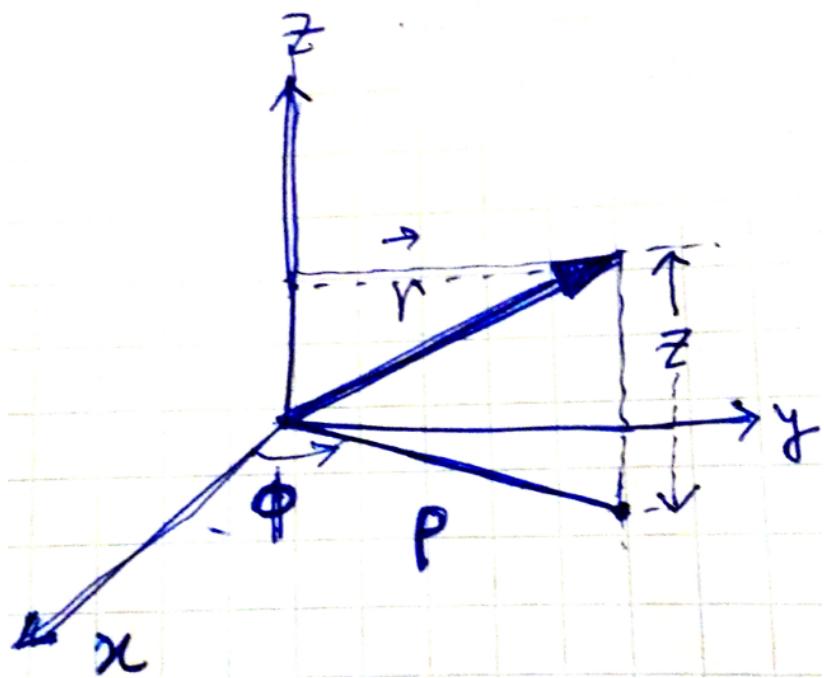
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You should be able to show the following now:

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{v} &= \epsilon_r \dot{r} + \epsilon_\theta r \dot{\theta} + \epsilon_\phi r \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \\ \boldsymbol{a} &= \epsilon_r \left( \ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2 - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta \right) + \\ &\quad \epsilon_\theta \left( r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \right) + \\ &\quad \epsilon_\phi \left( r \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2r \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta \right)\end{aligned}$$

We now have all the necessary bits to solve dynamical problems in this co-ordinate

## Cylindrical polar ( $\rho, \theta, z$ ) : unit vectors



$$x = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi$$

$$z = z$$

Wires, co-axial cables,  
Pipes etc.

$$\epsilon_{\rho} = \cos \phi \ i + \sin \phi \ j$$

$$\epsilon_{\phi} = -\sin \phi \ i + \cos \phi \ j$$

$$\epsilon_z = k$$

$$\delta r = \epsilon_{\rho} \delta \rho + \epsilon_{\phi} \rho \delta \phi + \epsilon_z \delta z$$

## Cylindrical polar ( $\rho, \theta, z$ ) : length, area and volume elements

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$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2$$

$$dA = \rho d\rho d\phi \quad z = \text{constant}$$

$$dA = \rho d\phi dz \quad \rho = \text{constant}$$

$$dA = d\rho dz \quad \phi = \text{constant}$$

Follow exactly the same process as we did for spherical polar...

*volume*

$$dV = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

*gradient*

$$\nabla = \epsilon_\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + \epsilon_\phi \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \epsilon_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

## Generic orthogonal curvilinear co-ordinates : unit vector, scale factor

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Writing the basic information about orthogonal co-ordinates....

$$d\mathbf{r} = \epsilon_1 h_1 du_1 + \epsilon_2 h_2 du_2 + \epsilon_3 h_3 du_3$$

$$ds^2 = ?$$

$$dV = ?$$

A shorthand compact way of writing co-ordinates

$$d\mathbf{r} = \sum \epsilon_i h_i d u_i$$

Summation convention :

REPEATED INDEX IMPLIES SUMMATION

$$d\mathbf{r} = \epsilon_i h_i d u_i$$

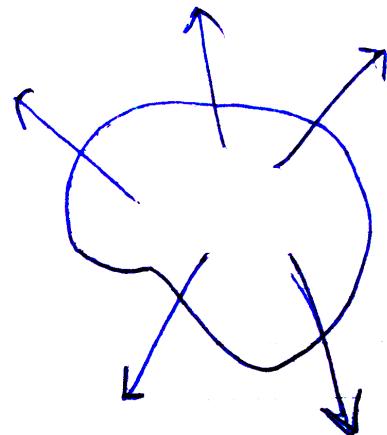
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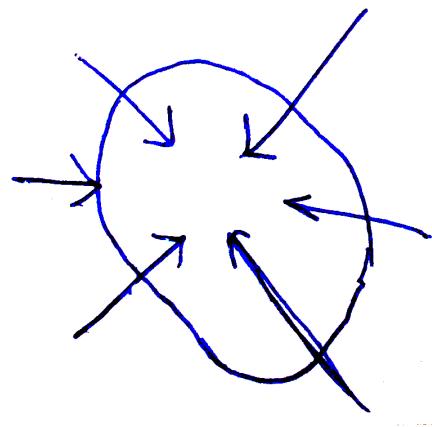
The volume of water flowing out through the SURFACE per unit time

$$\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The shape of the surface can be arbitrary



something flowing out  
 $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S} > 0$



something flowing in  
 $\oint \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S} < 0$

**dS points OUTWARD**

This has a unique meaning only if the surface is closed.

## Flux and circulation

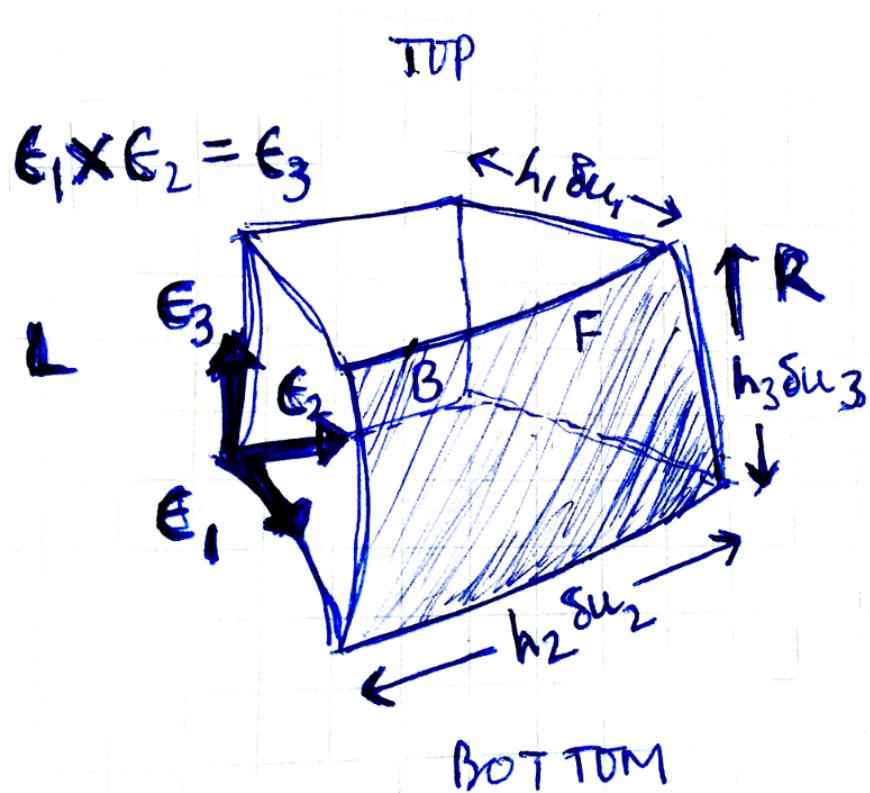
Consider a vector  $\mathbf{F}$

Is it possible to have a function  $X(\mathbf{F})$  such that

$$X(\mathbf{F})dV = \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

Flux through BACK

$$f_B = -F_1 h_2 \delta u_2 h_3 \delta u_3$$



Flux through FRONT

$$\begin{aligned} f_F &= F_1 h_2 \delta u_2 h_3 \delta u_3 \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (F_1 h_2 \delta u_2 h_3 \delta u_3) \delta u_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_B + f_F = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3) \right] \delta u_1 \delta u_2 \delta u_3$$

!! BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE SIGN OF EACH QUANTITY !!

## Flux and circulation

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The LEFT + RIGHT pair gives

$$f_L + f_R = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (F_2 h_1 h_3) \right] \delta u_1 \delta u_2 \delta u_3$$

The BOTTOM + TOP pair gives

$$f_{Bottom} + f_{Top} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (F_3 h_1 h_2) \right] \delta u_1 \delta u_2 \delta u_3$$

$$f_{TOTAL} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (F_2 h_1 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (F_3 h_1 h_2) \right] \delta u_1 \delta u_2 \delta u_3$$

$$\frac{F \cdot \delta S}{\delta V} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (F_1 h_2 h_3) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (F_2 h_3 h_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (F_3 h_1 h_2) \right]$$

Now break a finite volume into small volume elements

Flux from neighbouring walls of two infinitesimal volume elements will cancel

Only faces which form the part of the boundary of the volume will not cancel

# Flux and circulation

This function is called DIVERGENCE, denoted by  $\nabla \cdot F$

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot F dV = \oint F \cdot dS$$

*Called Gauss's theorem*

Divergence of a vector is a scalar quantity

In Cartesian:

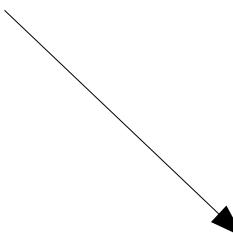
$$\nabla \cdot F = i \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$

In Spherical polar:

$$\nabla \cdot F = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \sin \theta F_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (r \sin \theta F_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (r F_\phi) \right]$$

In cylindrical polar

$$\nabla \cdot F = \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho F_\rho) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (F_\phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho F_z) \right]$$



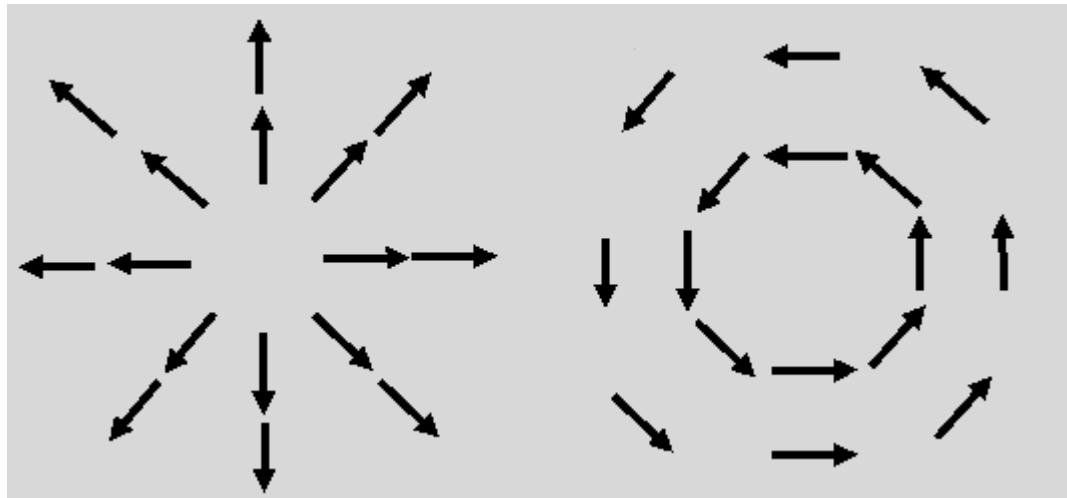
"divergence" should convey a visual picture of the Vector field....  
What is it?

How should a vector field look around points of stable/unstable equilibrium ?

Divergence and continuity equation....

## Flux and circulation

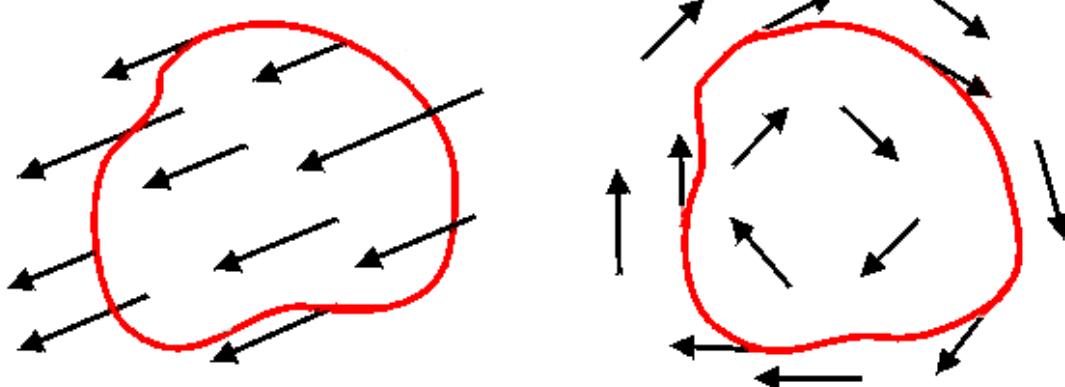
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$$\oint F \cdot dS$$

*identifies a distinctive field pattern.*

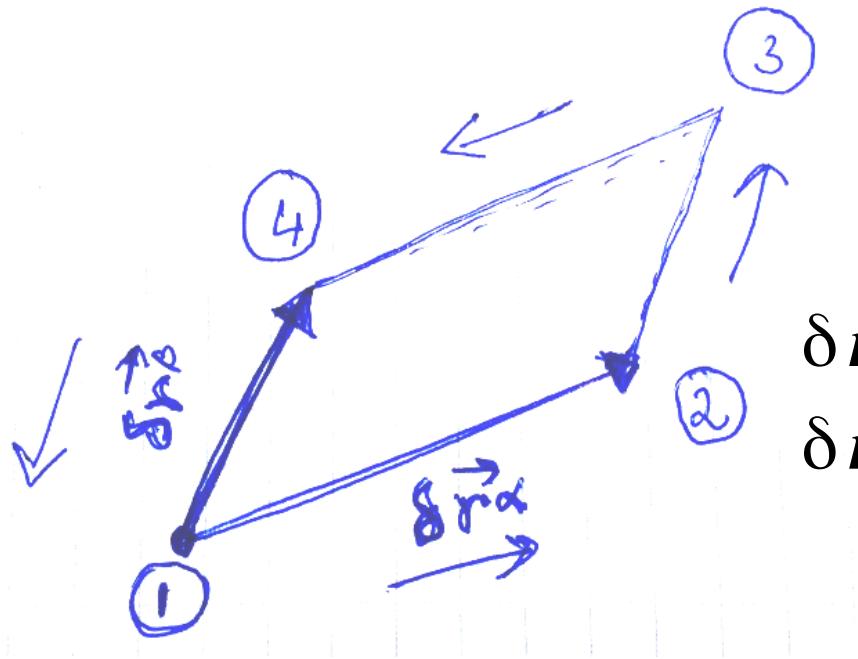
*Another possible one is a circulating pattern.*



*When will  $\oint F \cdot dl$  be nonzero ?*

## Flux and circulation

Consider two arbitrary infinitesimal displacements



$$\delta r^\alpha = \epsilon_1 h_1 \delta u_1^\alpha + \epsilon_2 h_2 \delta u_2^\alpha + \epsilon_3 h_3 \delta u_3^\alpha$$
$$\delta r^\beta = \epsilon_1 h_1 \delta u_1^\beta + \epsilon_2 h_2 \delta u_2^\beta + \epsilon_3 h_3 \delta u_3^\beta$$

The vector field is  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Is it possible to have a function  $X(\mathbf{F})$  such that

$$X(\mathbf{F}).\delta S = \sum_{\text{peri-} \atop \text{meter}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \delta l$$

If possible then this function will connect some characteristics of inside points with the boundary

## Flux and circulation

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$$d \mathbf{S} = \delta \mathbf{r}^\alpha \times \delta \mathbf{r}^\beta = \begin{vmatrix} \epsilon_1 & \epsilon_2 & \epsilon_3 \\ h_1 \delta u_1^\alpha & h_2 \delta u_2^\alpha & h_3 \delta u_3^\alpha \\ h_1 \delta u_1^\beta & h_2 \delta u_2^\beta & h_3 \delta u_3^\beta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(\mathbf{F}) \cdot d \mathbf{S} &= X_1 h_2 h_3 [\delta u_2^\alpha \delta u_3^\beta - \delta u_3^\alpha \delta u_2^\beta] \\ &\quad - X_2 h_1 h_3 [\delta u_1^\alpha \delta u_3^\beta - \delta u_3^\alpha \delta u_1^\beta] \\ &\quad + X_3 h_1 h_2 [\delta u_1^\alpha \delta u_2^\beta - \delta u_2^\alpha \delta u_1^\beta] \end{aligned}$$

Try writing RHS in this form and compare.  
The co-efficients of the arbitrary displacements must agree

**!! BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE SIGN OF EACH QUANTITY !!**

## Flux and circulation

Consider the pair of paths  $(1 \rightarrow 2)$  and  $(3 \rightarrow 4)$

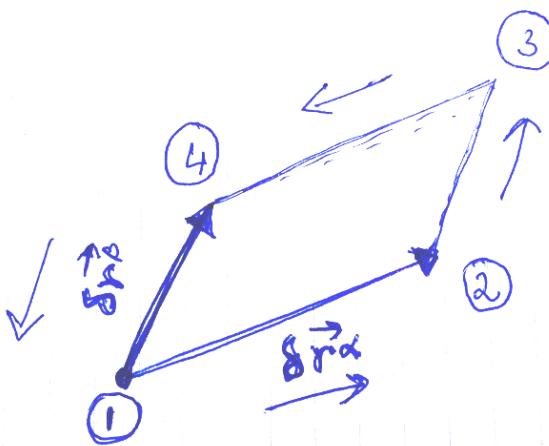
$$F \cdot \delta l|_{1 \rightarrow 2} = F_1 h_1 \delta u_1^\alpha + F_2 h_2 \delta u_2^\alpha + F_3 h_3 \delta u_3^\alpha$$

$$F \cdot \delta l|_{3 \rightarrow 4} = [F_i h_i + (\nabla F_i h_i) \cdot \delta r^\beta] (-\delta u_i^\alpha) \quad (i=1,2,3)$$

Write contributions from  $F \cdot \delta l|_{2 \rightarrow 3}$  &  $F \cdot \delta l|_{4 \rightarrow 1}$  similarly.

Full path gives:  $(\nabla F \cdot \delta r^\beta) \cdot \delta r^\alpha - (\nabla F \cdot \delta r^\alpha) \cdot \delta r^\beta$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k,i} \left[ \frac{1}{h_k} \frac{\partial F_i h_i}{\partial u_k} \delta u_i^\beta \right] h_k \delta u_k^\alpha \\ &\quad - \sum_{k,i} \left[ \frac{1}{h_k} \frac{\partial F_i h_i}{\partial u_k} \delta u_i^\alpha \right] h_k \delta u_k^\beta \\ &= \sum_{k,i} \left[ \frac{\partial F_i h_i}{\partial u_k} - \frac{\partial F_k h_k}{\partial u_i} \right] \delta u_i^\beta \delta u_k^\alpha \end{aligned}$$



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## Flux and circulation

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Now compare the co-efficient of  $\delta u_2^\alpha \delta u_3^\beta - \delta u_3^\alpha \delta u_2^\beta$

We need to put  $i=3, k=2$  and then  $i=2, k=3$

this gives  $X_1 h_2 h_3 = \left[ \frac{\partial F_3 h_3}{\partial u_2} - \frac{\partial F_2 h_2}{\partial u_3} \right]$

So  $X(\mathbf{F}) = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \begin{vmatrix} h_1 \epsilon_1 & h_2 \epsilon_2 & h_3 \epsilon_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \\ h_1 F_1 & h_2 F_2 & h_3 F_3 \end{vmatrix} \equiv \begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \\ \text{curl } \mathbf{F} \\ \text{rot } \mathbf{F} \end{cases}$

We have  $\iint \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  (called Stoke's theorem)

Now break a finite surface into small area elements

Line integral from neighbouring perimeters of two infinitesimal area elements will cancel

Only line segments which form the part of the perimeter will not cancel

# Flux and circulation : Which surface?



Surface

Bounding line

Any surface with the same bounding edge will work.

Curl F over any closed surface should be zero. WHY?

Divergence of a curl = ?

Curl of a gradient = ?

## Multiple vector products : $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$ notation (Levi-Civita)

Write the dot product as  $A \cdot B = \delta_{ij} A_i B_j$  where  $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

Write the cross product as

$A \times B |_i = \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$  where  $\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } ijk \text{ is an even permutation of } 123 \\ -1 & \text{if } ijk \text{ is an odd permutation of } 123 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Convince yourself that  $\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j \times \epsilon_k$

This works with operators also: with  $x_i$  for  $x, y, z$

$$\nabla \cdot A = \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\nabla \times A |_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_k}$$

Notice how the summation convention on repeated indices have been used.

Q: How does it help?

## Multiple vector products : $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ notation (Levi-Civita)

Consider a vector triple product  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})|_i &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})_k \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} A_j (\epsilon_{kpq} B_p C_q) \\ &= \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{kpq} A_j B_p C_q\end{aligned}$$

What to do with a product like  $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{kpq}$  ?

This is either  $-1$  or  $0$  or  $1$

WITHOUT summation,  
we can write for a generic product term: (*why?*)

$$\epsilon_{lmn} \epsilon_{kpq} = \delta_{lk} \delta_{mp} \delta_{nq} + \delta_{lp} \delta_{mq} \delta_{nk} + \delta_{lq} \delta_{mk} \delta_{np} - \delta_{lk} \delta_{mq} \delta_{np} - \delta_{lp} \delta_{mk} \delta_{nq} - \delta_{lq} \delta_{mp} \delta_{nk}$$

*kpq* itself is some permutation of  
the sequence *lmn*, otherwise the  
product will vanish.

odd/even  
permutations

<i>kpq</i>	+
<i>kqp</i>	-
<i>pkq</i>	-
<i>pqk</i>	+
<i>qkp</i>	+
<i>qpk</i>	-

## Multiple vector products : $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$ notation (Levi-Civita)

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{kpq} &= \delta_{kk} \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} + \delta_{kp} \delta_{iq} \delta_{jk} + \delta_{kq} \delta_{ik} \delta_{jp} \quad \text{sum over k} \\ &= -\delta_{kk} \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp} - \delta_{kp} \delta_{ik} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{kq} \delta_{ip} \delta_{jk} \\ &= \delta_{kk} (\delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}) + \delta_{kp} (\delta_{iq} \delta_{jk} - \delta_{ik} \delta_{jq}) + \delta_{kq} (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jp} - \delta_{ip} \delta_{jk}) \\ &= 3(\delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}) + (\delta_{iq} \delta_{jp} - \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq}) + (\delta_{iq} \delta_{jp} - \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq}) \\ &= \delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}\end{aligned}$$

Using the last result (with  $i = p$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{kiq} &= \delta_{ii} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{ji} \quad \text{sum over k and i} \\ &= 3 \delta_{jq} - \delta_{jq} \\ &= 2 \delta_{jq}\end{aligned}$$

Successive summation over indices.

The first sum is most frequently encountered. It allows you to write a cross product in terms of dot product like terms

Using the last result (with  $j = q$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{kij} &= 2 \delta_{jj} \quad \text{sum over k,i and j} \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

# Multiple vector products : $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$ notation (Levi-Civita)

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## TRIPLE PRODUCTS

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

Should be able to prove all of these easily....  
(list from the last page of Griffith's book)

## PRODUCT RULES

$$(3) \quad \nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + g(\nabla f)$$

$$(4) \quad \nabla(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A}$$

$$(5) \quad \nabla \cdot (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla f)$$

$$(6) \quad \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$(7) \quad \nabla \times (f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla f)$$

$$(8) \quad \nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$$

## SECOND DERIVATIVES

$$(9) \quad \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

$$(10) \quad \nabla \times (\nabla f) = 0$$

$$(11) \quad \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$$

## Co-ordinate systems, transformations etc : few problems

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You are given the set of co-ordinate transformation equations , say  $(r, \theta, \phi) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

What is the value of the following determinant  $|J|$ , where

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} \end{vmatrix}$$

*What is the physical significance of the result ?  
If the transformation was non-orthogonal , would the same significance still hold ?  
Can you make use of  $J$  , for calculating the inverse partial derivatives  
 $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$  as a function of  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ ?*

## When is a vector field uniquely specified?

Suppose  $A = \nabla \times F$  is specified.

Can we solve for  $F$ ?

$\phi(x,y,z)$  is any scalar field

NO.  $F' = F + \nabla \phi$  will give same result.

Suppose  $\psi = \nabla \cdot F$  is specified.....

$B(x,y,z)$  is any vector field

NO.  $F' = F + \nabla \times B$  will give same result.

If  $\nabla \times F$  AND  $\nabla \cdot F$  are given.

Then  $F$  can be solved for,  
provided boundary conditions are also given.

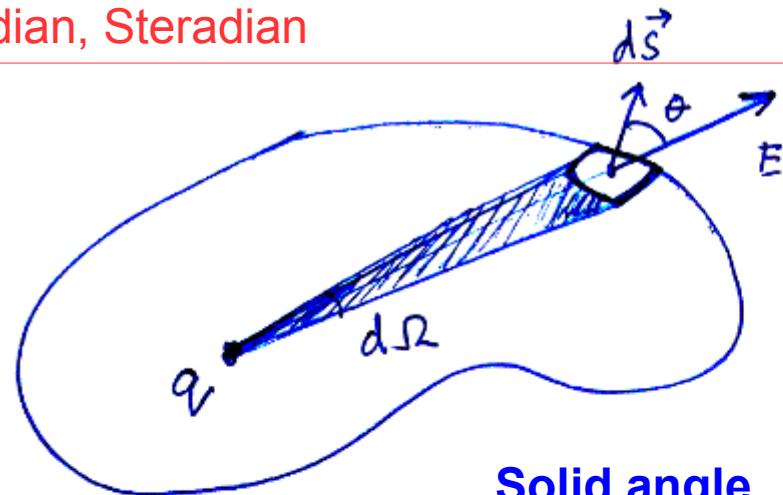
HELMHOLTZ'S  
THEOREM

Maxwell's equations do precisely this.

# Gauss's law: Flux of Electric field through a closed surface

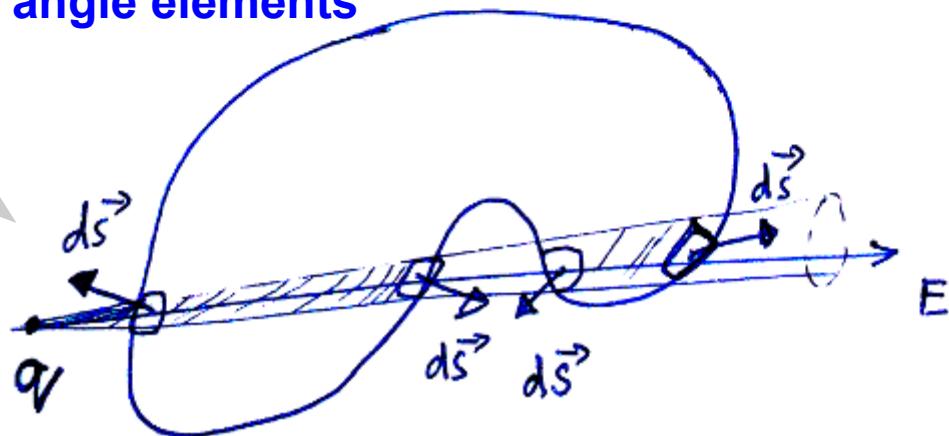
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\text{surface}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\text{surface}} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot d\mathbf{S}}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\text{surface}} \frac{|d\mathbf{S}| \cos \theta}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\text{surface}} d\Omega \\
 &= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} 4\pi = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Revise the idea of planer angle and solid angle  
 Closed loop, Closed surface  
 Radian, Steradian



$$d\Omega = |d\mathbf{S}| \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2}$$

Notice the exact cancellation of solid angle elements



If the point is located outside then the contributions exactly cancel

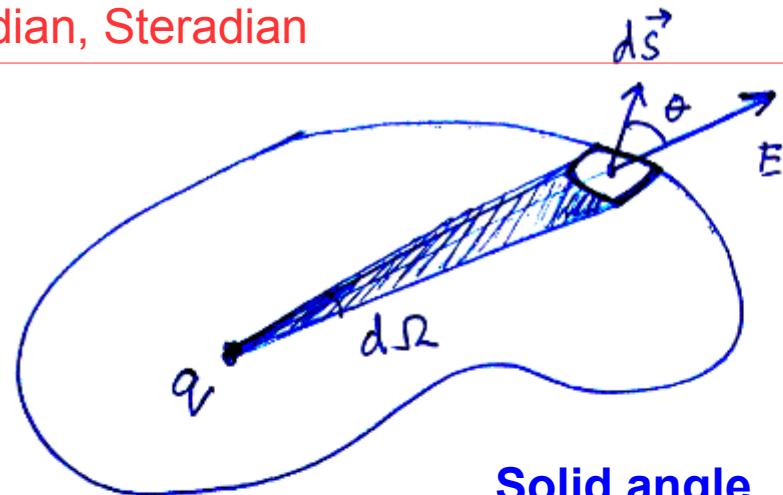
Use superposition principle

Add contribution from each charge

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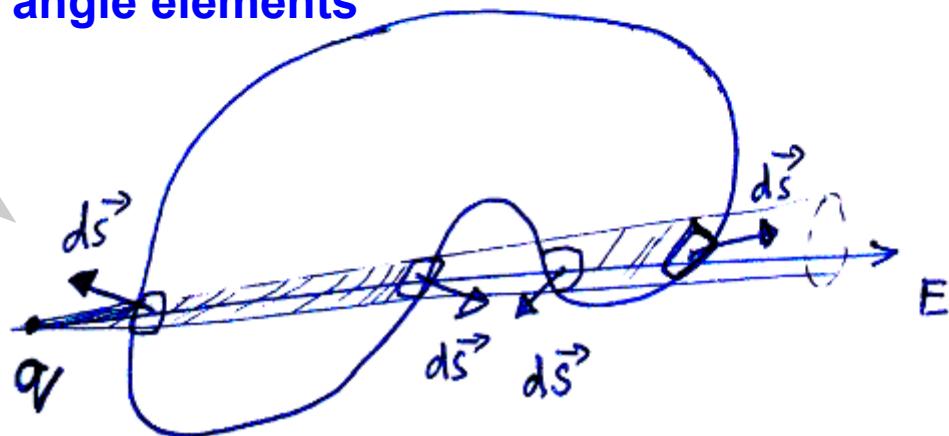
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**Solid angle**

$$d\Omega = |d\mathbf{S}| \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2}$$

Notice the exact cancellation of solid angle elements



If the point is located outside then the contributions exactly cancel

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# Gauss's law: Flux of Electric field through a closed surface

$$\int_{\text{surface}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\text{vol}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} d\tau = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\epsilon_0} d\tau$$

So  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\epsilon_0}$

Also  $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\epsilon_0}$

since

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

Q: Why do we write  
This rather than leave  
Coulomb force law  
as it is?

Only when there  
is no time varying  
magnetic field.  
Same as saying  
 $\text{Curl } \mathbf{E} = 0$

This form allows one to use the symmetry of a problem more easily  
(e.g. sphere, infinite sheet, wire etc.)

*Is valid even when charges are in motion.*

Q: What is the problem  
with moving charges  
and Coulomb's law?

Fun question: If the world was 2-dimensional what would  
Coulomb's law be like? (Don't take it too seriously!)

## How "exact" is the inverse square force law?

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The cancellation of the  $1/r^2$  came from two sources:

1. The geometrical growth of the area subtended by a small solid angle (geometry)
2. The nature of the coulomb force law (experimental observation)

If the force varied as  $1/r^{2.0001}$  , what observational consequence would it have?

# Gauss's law: divergence of $1/r^2$ and the Dirac delta function

Do the following integration over a sphere

$$\int_{vol} \nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} d\tau = \int_{surface} \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \cdot dS = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta = 4\pi$$

But calculating the divergence explicitly

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{r^3} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{r^3} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{z}{r^3} \right) = 0$$

The inconsistency comes from the singularity at  $r=0$

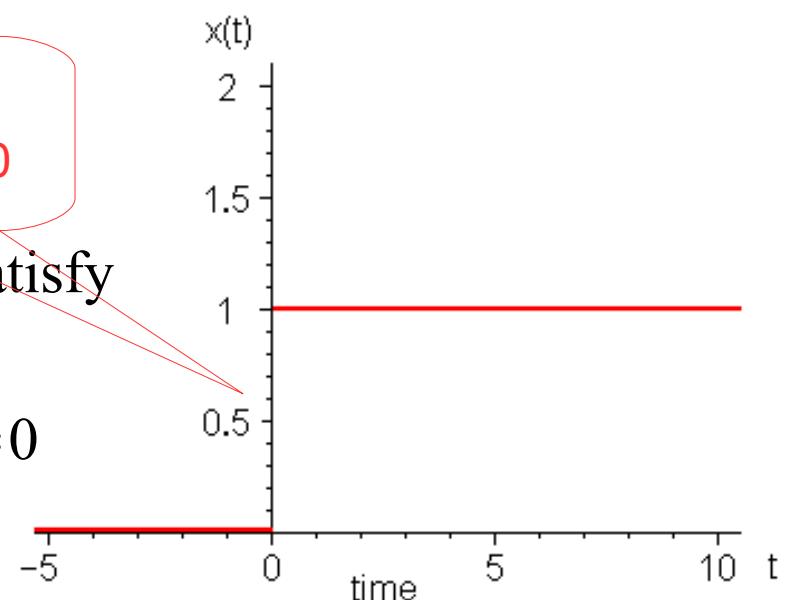
Consider a simpler example: the step function

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

Integrable singularity at  $r=0$

$\frac{dx}{dt} = ?$  looks like zero everywhere but must satisfy

$$\int_{0-|\epsilon|}^{0+|\epsilon|} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) dt = x(|\epsilon|) - x(-|\epsilon|) = 1 \quad \forall \epsilon \neq 0$$



Such integrable singularities are treated by *defining the  $\delta$  function*

## Gauss's law: divergence of $1/r^2$ and the Dirac delta function

Such "functions" can only be defined by specifying their behaviour inside an integral. You cannot really plot such functions because they are inherently singular.

$$\int_a^b \delta(x - x_0) f(x) dx = \begin{cases} f(x_0), & \text{if } x_0 \text{ is within the limits} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Visualise this as a huge spike at  $x = x_0$  only,

Gets higher but narrower keeping the area under it, same.

Picks out the value of any  $f(x)$  at the spike

Several other ways to define  $\delta(x)$  as a limit

For our purpose, we will need to use

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = 4\pi \delta(r)$$

Fourier & Cauchy had introduced such "functions" Before.

In physics texts It is generally associated with Dirac

## Gauss's law: divergence of $1/r^2$ and the Dirac delta function

*Some other integral representations of  $\delta$  function*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp e^{ip(x-x_0)} = \delta(x-x_0)$$

Frequently used in  
Quantum mechanics

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2/a^2} = \delta(x)$$

*Try proving... (hint : change of variables )*

$$\delta(-x) = \delta(x) \quad \alpha \text{ is any constant}$$

$$\delta(\alpha x) = \frac{\delta(x)}{|\alpha|}$$

The wikipedia article is excellent!  
Read it.

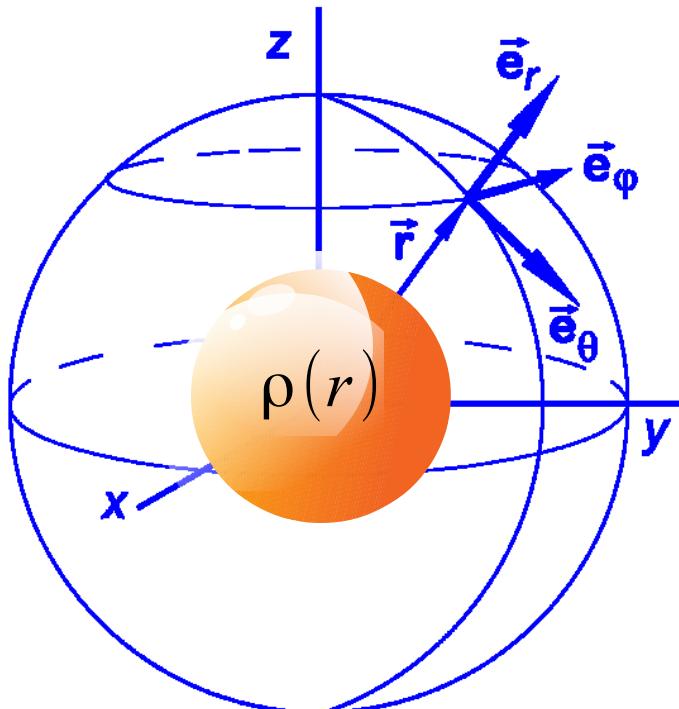
## Electric field in some simple situations (symmetry + Gauss's Law)

No charge distribution is really infinite!

Very close to the surface/  
Objects with very large aspect ratio

infinite  
approximation  
is useful

Spherically symmetric charge distribution



$E_\theta = 0$  and  $E_\phi = 0$ . Why?

*rotate about z-axis*

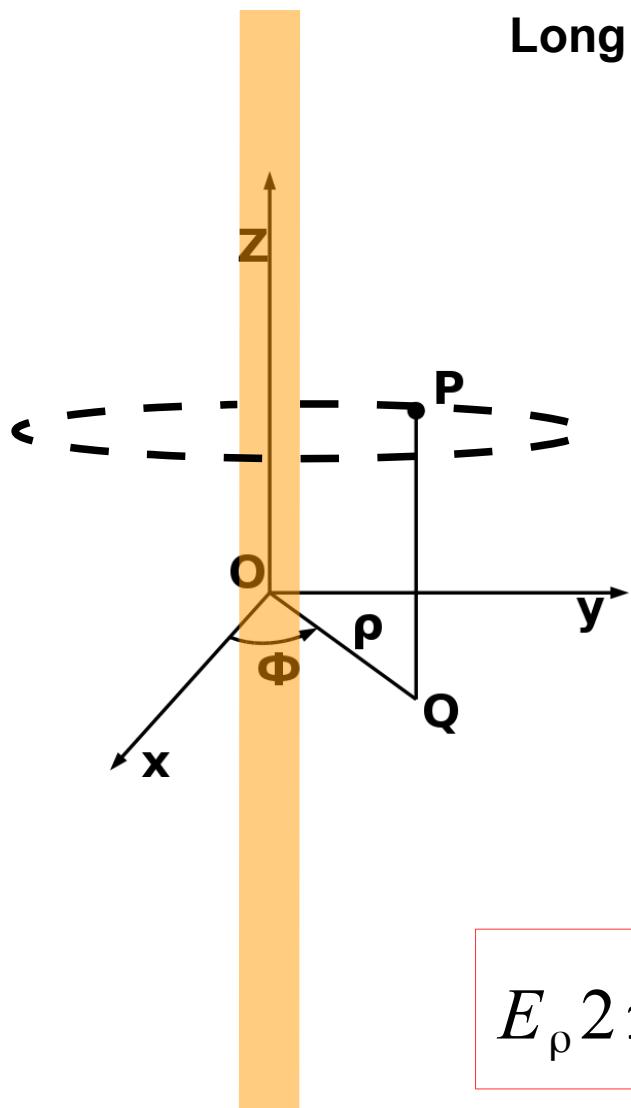
*The field at the tip of  $\vec{r}$ , must be same at all points visited by  $\vec{r}$*

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \rightarrow E_\phi = 0$$

*Rotate about x-axis : show  $E_\theta = 0$*

$$E_r 4\pi R^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^R \rho(r) 4\pi r^2 dr$$

## Electric field in some simple situations (symmetry + Gauss's Law)



Long narrow wire type charge distribution

$E_\phi = 0$  and  $E_z = 0$ . Why?

*rotate about z - axis*

*The field at the tip of  $P$ , must be same  
at all points visited by  $P$*

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \rightarrow E_\phi = 0$$

*flip about z - axis : show  $E_z = 0$*

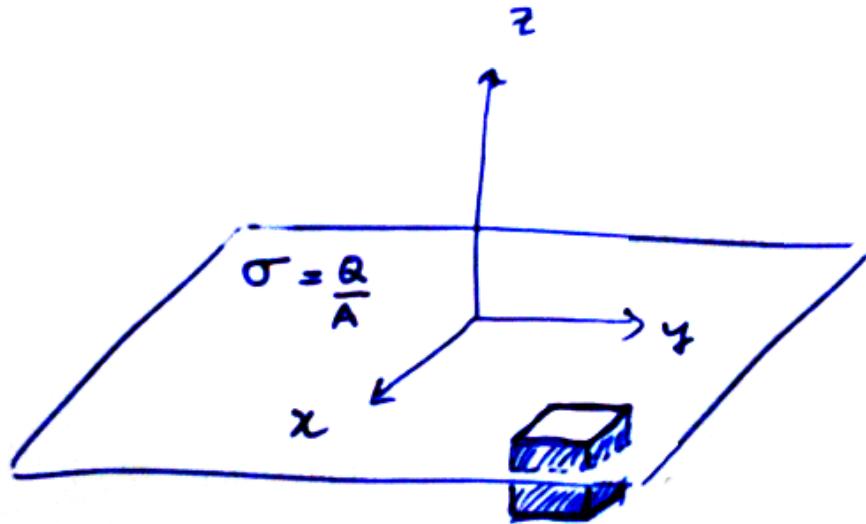
*There is nothing to chose z from - z*

$$E_\rho 2\pi\rho = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \lambda$$

$\lambda$ : charge per unit length

# Electric field in some simple situations (symmetry + Gauss's Law)

## Infinite sheet of charge



Give a symmetry argument to show that  $E(z) = -E(-z)$  must hold.

Flip the "sheet" switching "topside" and "bottom-side". What should happen?

*Why cannot there be a  $E_{||}$  component?*

Rotate the sheet about any point  
Translate sheet by any in plane vector  
Field cannot change.  
Not possible if there is finite component.

$$E_z = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} & : z > 0 \\ -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} & : z < 0 \end{cases}$$

Easy to extend to a sheet with finite thickness....work it out.

Superpose the field of two parallel plates, calculate capacitance

## Some extra charge is placed in a conductor : why does it go to the surface?

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

Ohm's Law

$$J = \sigma E$$

Continuity  
equation

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \cdot J = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$-\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \rho$$

$$\rho = \rho(0) e^{-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} t}$$

Div  $\mathbf{J} = 0$     steady current flow (as in a wire)  
OR  
 $\mathbf{J}=0, \mathbf{E}=0$  (pure electrostatics)

In either case the excess charge is NOT in bulk

But charge is conserved.  
Where does the excess charge go?  
From "bulk" to surface.

How fast?

For good metals like  $Cu, Ag, Au..$

$$\sigma \sim 10^7 - 10^8 S/m$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \sim 10^{20}$$

$$\text{time constant} \sim 10^{-20} \text{ sec}$$

## Boundary conditions and other characteristics of metals/conductors

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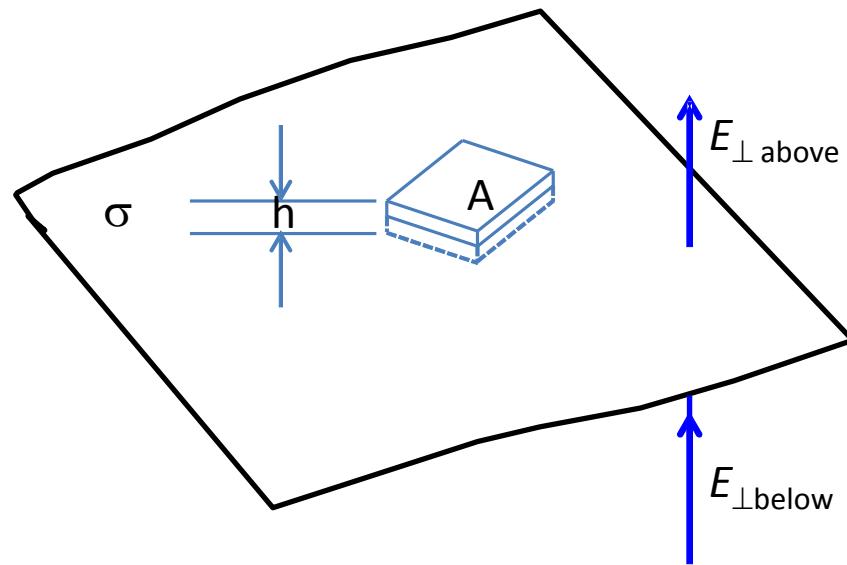
You should now be able to justify the following :

- If no current is flowing in the conductor then  $E=0$  inside
- All the excess charge resides on the surface of the conductor, even if there is a current flow.
- The conductor is an equipotential if  $J=0$  (pure electrostatics)
- The electric field is normal to the surface (gradient is perpendicular to an equipotential)
- The surface charge density on a metal depends on the local radius of curvature.
- The electric field is strongest just outside sharp pointy edges.

*Two spheres of radii  $R, r$  ( $R \gg r$ ) are in contact so at the same potential. Which one has a larger  $E$  just outside? Why?*

*Think of a cone as made of a series of successively smaller spheres...where is the electric field strongest?*

## Generic Electrostatic Boundary conditions (normal and tangential components)

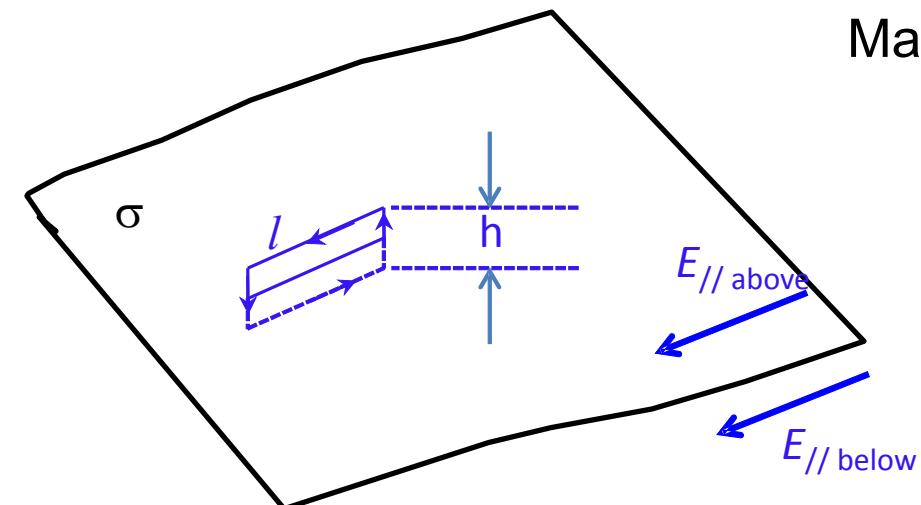


$$\oint \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_{\perp \text{above}} - E_{\perp \text{below}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Normal component may be discontinuous**

Surfaces may be finite.  
The charge density may vary from place to place.  
Surface is not necessarily equipotential  
May be conducting or non-conducting



$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$$

$$E_{\parallel \text{above}} - E_{\parallel \text{below}} = 0$$

**Tangential component is continuous,  
But not necessarily zero.**

**But electrostatic potential  $V$  is always continuous at a surface.**  
Reason: The discontinuity in  $E$  is finite.  
So  $V_2 - V_1 = -E \cdot dl$  will go to zero as  $dl$  goes to zero

## Solution of Laplace's equation: Average value theorem : statement

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A scalar function  $V(\mathbf{r})$  satisfies  $\nabla^2 V = 0$

Consider a sphere of radius  $R$  :integrate  $\nabla^2 V$  over the volume

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{vol} \nabla \cdot (\nabla V) d\tau &= \int_{surface} \nabla V \cdot d\mathbf{S} && \text{Gradient in spherical polar} \\ &= \int \left[ \epsilon_r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \epsilon_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} + \epsilon_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \right] \cdot d\mathbf{S} \\ &= \int \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi && \text{Only the radial component survives} \\ &0 = R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \int_{surface} V(r, \theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi && \text{because } d\mathbf{S} \text{ points radially outwards} \end{aligned}$$

The average value  $\langle V(\theta, \phi) \rangle_r$  over a sphere is independent of  $r$ .

In the limit  $r \rightarrow 0$ , we must have  $\langle V \rangle = V(0)$

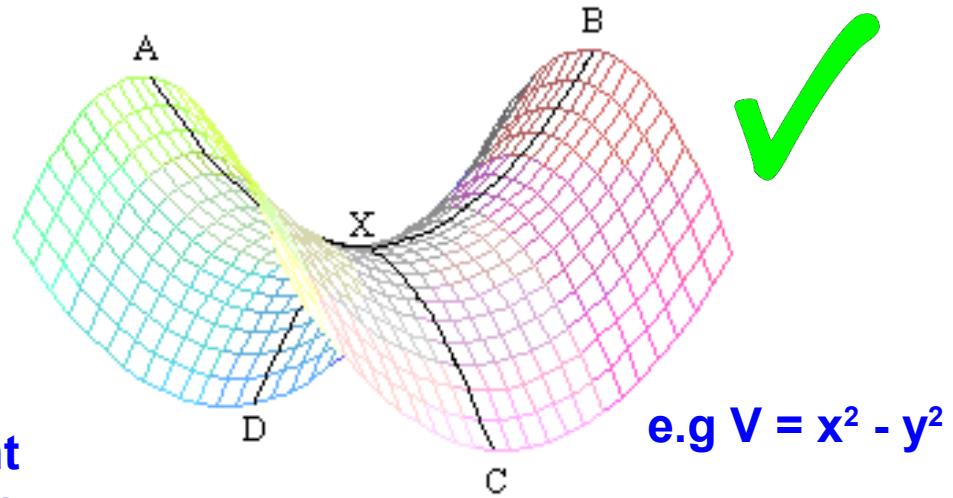
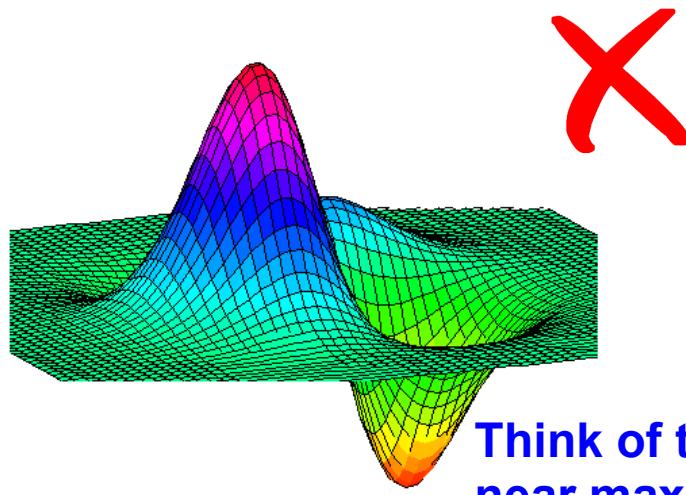
So average value over a spherical surface = value at the center

Prove the 2D (using plane polar) and 1d cases as exercise.

## Solution of Laplace's equation: Average value theorem : consequences

There are no maxima or minima of  $V$  in a region where  $\nabla^2 V = 0$

*But there can be saddle points*



No stable equilibrium possible in purely electrostatic field (*Earnshaw*)

All extremal values must occur at the boundary

$V = \text{const}$  on ALL points on ALL boundaries  $\Rightarrow V$  is constant everywhere

UNIQUENESS: There is only one possible solution of  $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$  consistent with a given boundary condition

## Solution of Laplace's equation: Uniqueness theorem

Two functions  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  satisfy  $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

With the same boundary conditions

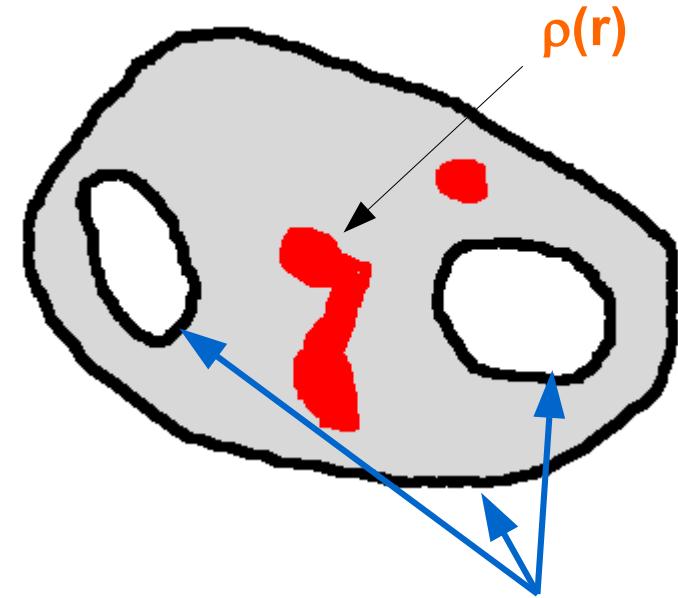
Let  $\psi = V_1 - V_2$  Then

$\nabla^2 \psi = 0$  and  $\psi = 0$  on ALL boundaries

Implies  $\psi = 0$  everywhere

Another way to prove this:

consider the vector function:  $\psi \nabla \psi$



**V given on all boundaries**

If a "guess" satisfies the boundary condition then that MUST be the solution

$$\int_{vol} \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \psi) d\tau = \int_{surface} \psi \nabla \psi \cdot dS$$

$$\int_{vol} [\psi \nabla^2 \psi + |\nabla \psi|^2] d\tau = 0$$

$$\int_{vol} |\nabla \psi|^2 d\tau = 0 \text{ Possible only if } \psi = \text{constant} = 0 \text{ everywhere}$$

## Why is a metal cavity a "shield" ?

Arbitrary charges are outside the cavity ( $Q_1 \dots Q_n$ )

Charges will be induced in the wall of the cavity.

But the wall remains an equipotential.

Inside the cavity  $V=0$  is one possible solution satisfying the boundary conditions.

THAT IS THE UNIQUE SOLUTION.

What if the wall is not fixed at  $V=0$  (i.e. floating)?

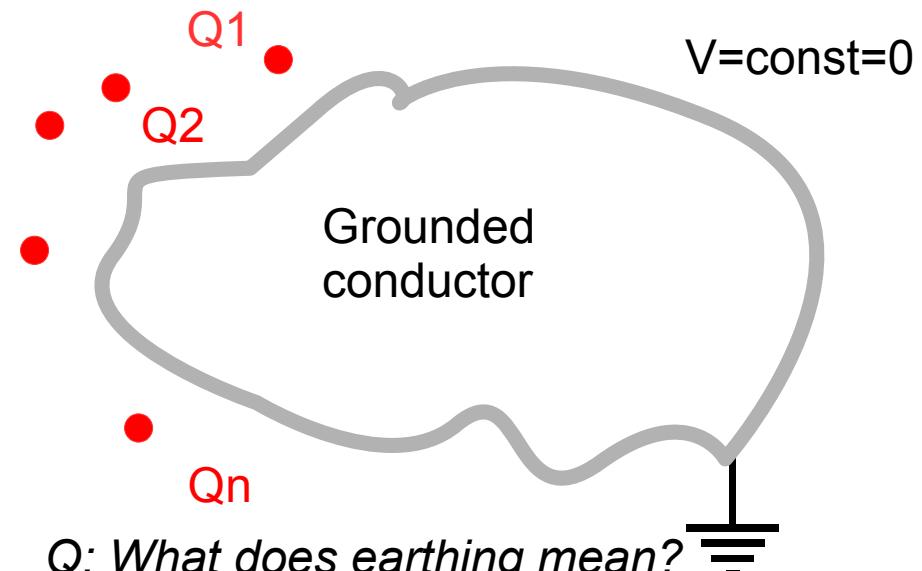
$V=\text{constant}$  is still correct, but the constant will depend on the charge distribution outside.

If charges are placed inside?

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

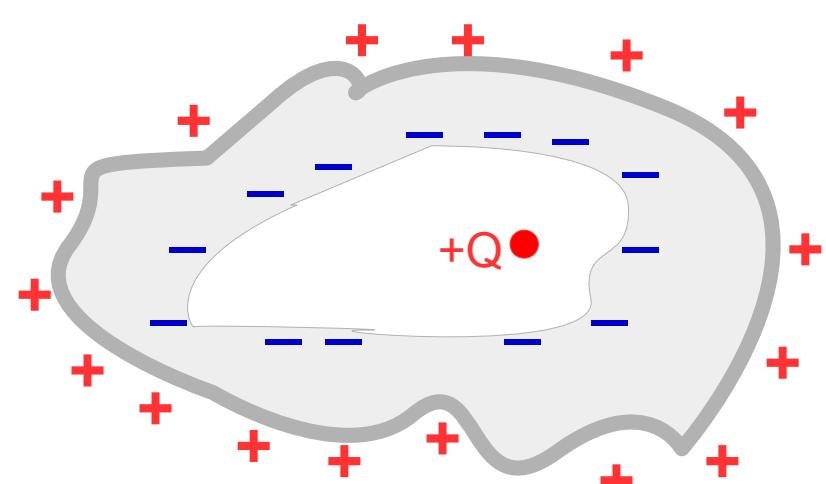
$V=0$  (boundary condition)

irrespective of  $\rho_{\text{out}}$



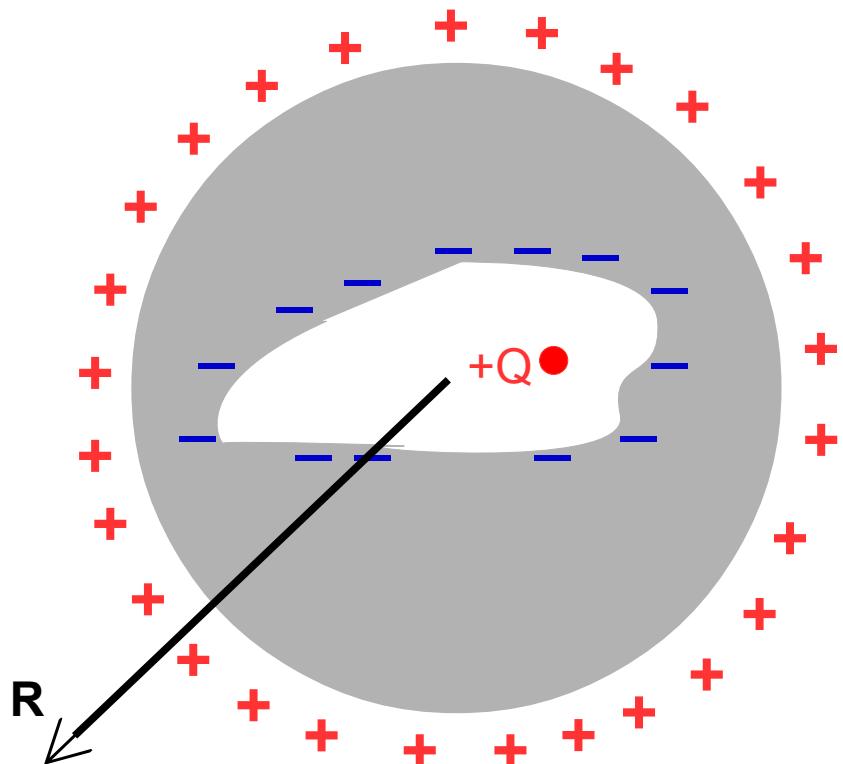
Q: What does earthing mean?

Why is the potential of the earth fixed?



Floating conductor  
Equal amounts  $+Q$  and  $-Q$  on inner and outer surfaces.

## Why is a metal cavity a "shield" ?



Floating conductor  
Equal amounts  $+Q$  and  $-Q$  on inner  
and outer surfaces.

Special case: irregular cavity inside  
a sphere.

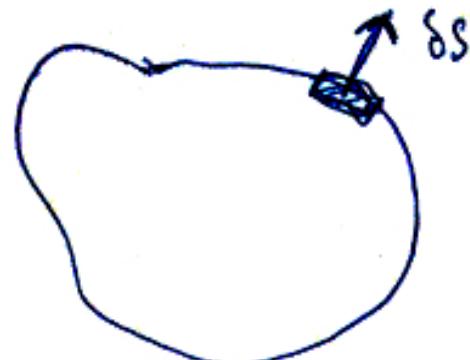
*The charge density  $\sigma(\theta, \phi)$  is uniform*

Surface is equipotential and  $E=0$   
inside. Use the boundary condition on  
Normal component of  $E$  and local  
charge density to prove the result.

$$E(R) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$

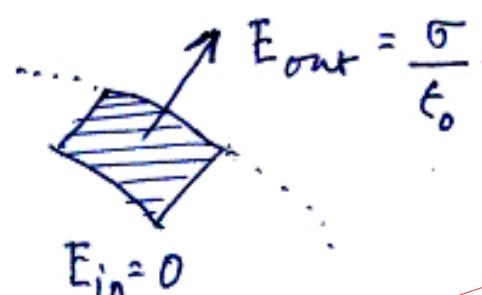
Irrespective of the location of  $Q$  inside the cavity.

# Electrostatic pressure on a conducting shell/ charged bubble



$$V = \text{const.} \quad | \quad E_{\parallel} = 0$$

If  $dS$  was treated in isolation



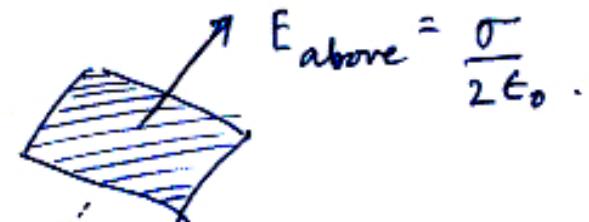
Force on the element  $dS$  is due to  $E$  field created by all the other charges.

$$\delta Q = \sigma \delta S \text{ creates}$$

$$E_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \text{ above and below}$$

$$\text{But } E_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \text{ (above)}$$

$$E_{\perp} = 0 \text{ (below/inside)}$$



$$E_{\text{below}} = -E_{\text{above}}$$

The difference must be due to the field created by all the other charges.

The force on  $dS$  is  
Charge in  $dS$  x Field due to all charges  
NOT in  $dS$

$$\delta F = (\sigma \delta S) \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0} \right) \delta S$$

Outward Pressure=Force/area  
The conducting surface simplifies the calculation. For an arbitrary surface it is more complex.....

## Electrostatics of conductors : uniqueness theorem 2 & capacitance

If the charge on ALL the **conductors** is specified then the potential  $V(x,y,z)$  is uniquely determined.

Notice that we are not specifying the charge distribution, only the total charge. That's the non-trivial content.

Suppose two distinct solutions exist  
 $U(x, y, z), V(x, y, z)$ : Both must satisfy

$$\int_{\text{surf } i} (-\nabla U) d\tau = \int_{\text{surf } i} (-\nabla V) d\tau = Q_i$$

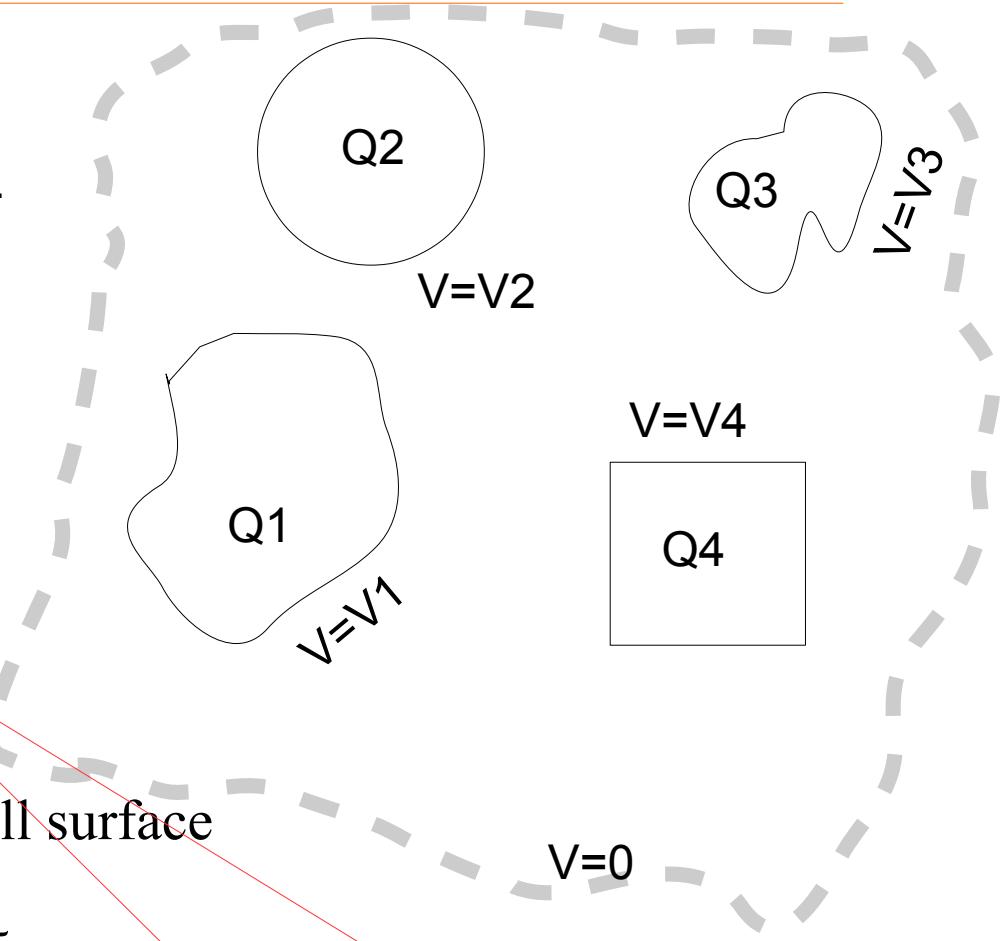
define  $\psi = U - V$ , & integrate  $\psi \nabla \psi$  over all surface

$$\sum_i \int_{\text{surf } i} (-\nabla \psi) \cdot dS = \int_{\text{all vol}} [\nabla^2 \psi + |\nabla \psi|^2] d\tau$$

LHS = 0: why?

$$\text{So } \int_{\text{all vol}} |\nabla \psi|^2 d\tau = 0$$

Hence  $U - V = 0$



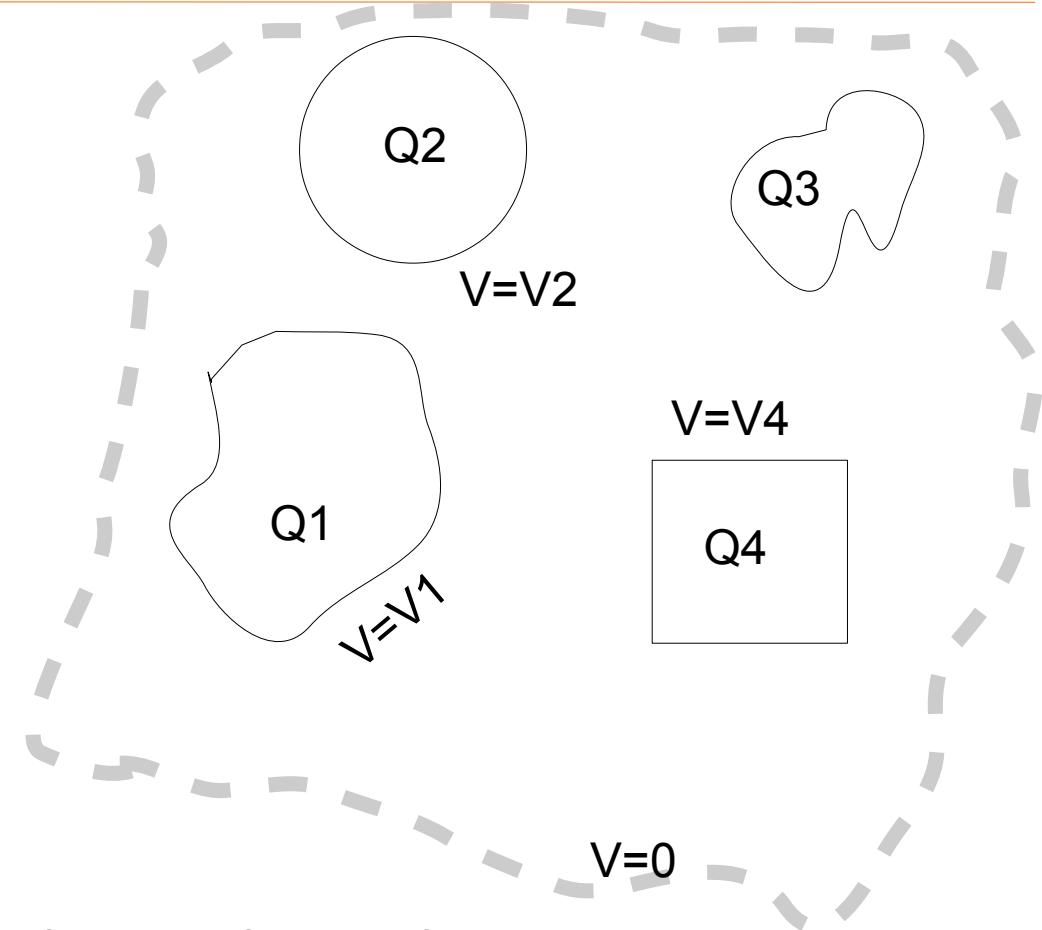
U and V must give equipotentials  
On each conducting surface, but we  
do not claim that they are the same  
constant to start with.

## Electrostatics of conductors : uniqueness theorem 2 & capacitance

You are given the charge  $Q_1, Q_2 \dots Q_n$   
On each conductor.

You are not told what  $V_1, V_2 \dots V_n$  are.

What is the most generic statement you can make?



$$Q_i = \sum_j C_{ij} V_j$$
$$C_{ij} = C_{ji}$$

The coefficients in this LINEAR relation are the formal definition of CAPACITANCE.

For a single object it reduces to the familiar relation :  $\mathbf{Q=CV}$

**For an N-conductor system the matrix is symmetric and can be inverted.**

*Try writing the energy of the system in matrix form as an exercise...*

## Where all do we come across Laplace's equation?

1. Fluid flow : Incompressible, "inviscid", "irrotational"

flow of "DRY water",  
quite far from reality, still  
useful as a starting point

$$(\rho = \text{const. } \eta = 0) \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot v = 0$$

If  $\nabla \times v = 0$  then  $v = \nabla \phi$  (*velocity potential*)

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

2. Heat conduction (Fourier), Diffusion equation (in steady state, time derivative =0)

$$D \nabla^2 \theta = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}$$

3. Electrostatic lensing :

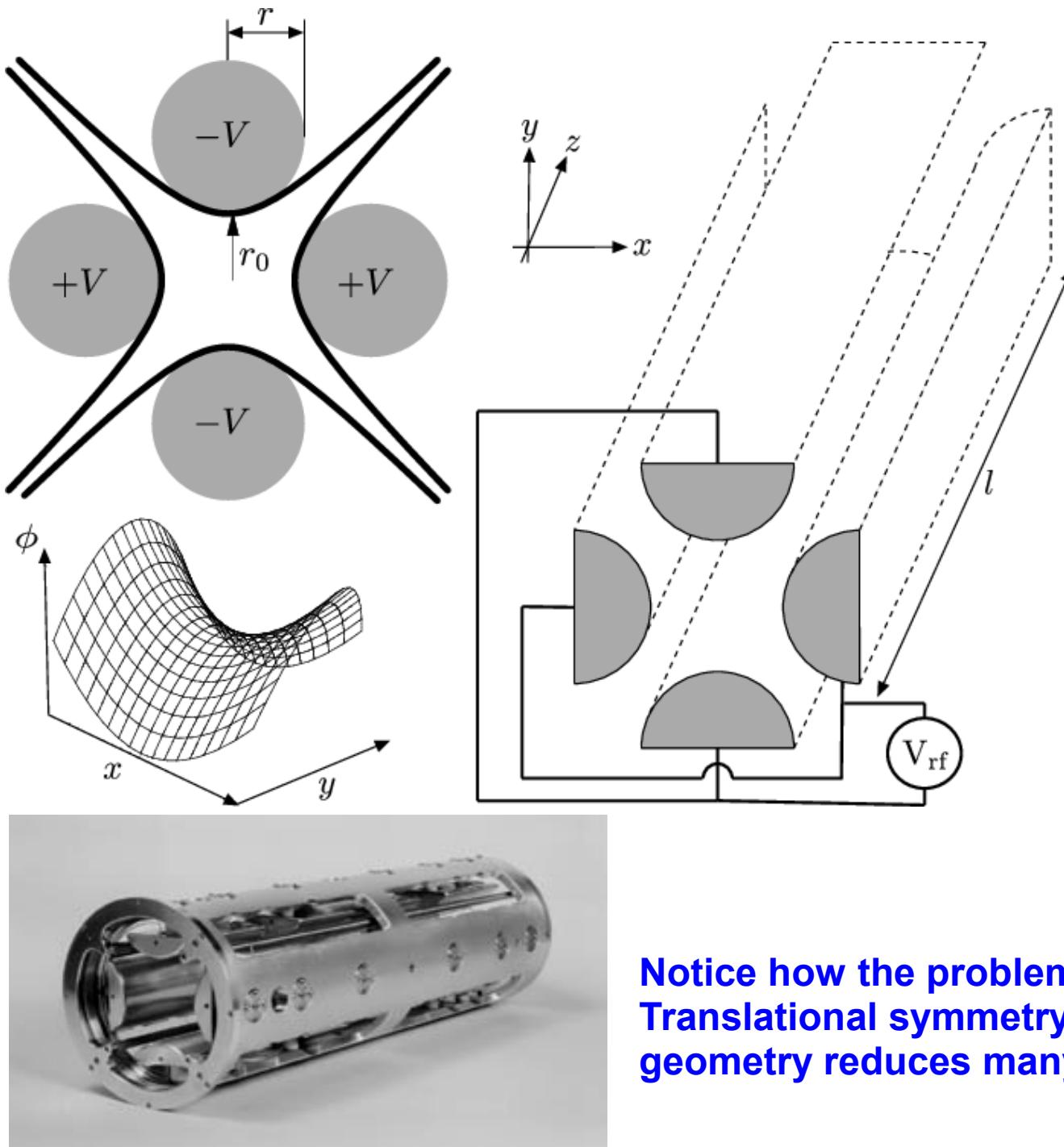
Electron microscope, Ion trap, particle acceleration/beam steering, mass spectrometer

Interesting differences from optical lensing:

Charged nature of particles,

Not possible to have focussing from all sides

## Electrostatic "quadrupole" lens : an example



A schematic of an ideal hyperbolic electrostatic quadrupole (thick line) and the circular electrodes used to closely approximate the hyperbolic shape are shown on the top left. The saddle-shaped harmonic potential it creates is illustrated at the bottom left. The geometry formed from half-cylindrical rods and pair-wise applied a.c. potential ( $V_{rf}$ ).

T. Brunner et al.  
*Nucl.Instrum.Meth.*  
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**Notice how the problem becomes 2 dimensional  
Translational symmetry of a long cylindrical  
geometry reduces many 3D problems to a 2D case.**

## Solving the Laplace equation : Image charge method

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Problem: A charge distribution and some boundary conditions are given. The usual boundary conditions are fixed potentials over some surfaces.  
Solve for  $V(r)$  in a certain region.

A "trick" works for some (!! not all !!) problems.

STEP 1: put some point charges in the regions NOT part of the region where you need to solve for the potential.

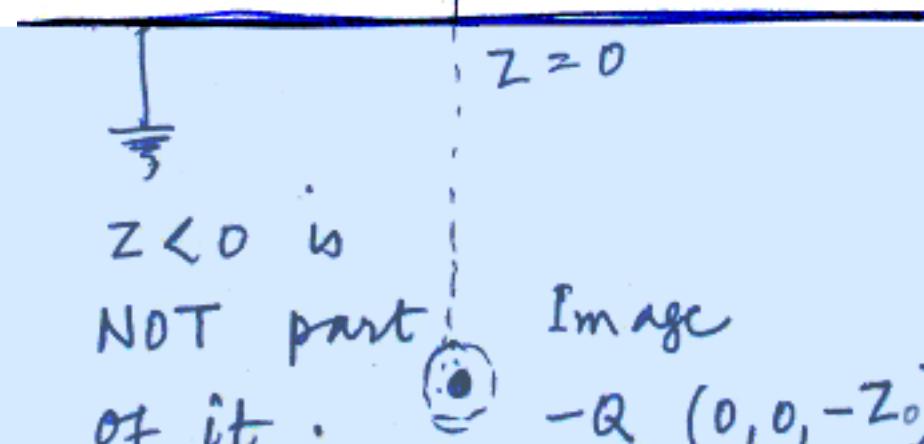
STEP 2: Try to arrange these external charges, so that the external + given charges together produce the desired potential at the boundaries. Forget all else!

STEP 3: Calculate the total potential in the certain (given) region using all the charges in the problem + external charges.

STEP 4: The total field/potential produced by the ALL the charges is the solution to the problem. The extra charges are called Image charges.

## Image charge method : point charge near a conducting grounded plane

Solve for  $V$   $+Q$  at  $(0,0,z_0)$ .  
 $z > 0$



### PROBLEM:

A point charge  $+Q$  is kept at  $(0,0,z_0)$

$z=0$  is a grounded conducting sheet.

What is  $V(x,y,z)$  for  $z > 0$

Subject to boundary conditions:

$V=0$  at  $z=0$

$V \rightarrow 0$  as  $x,y,z \rightarrow \infty$

### SOLUTION:

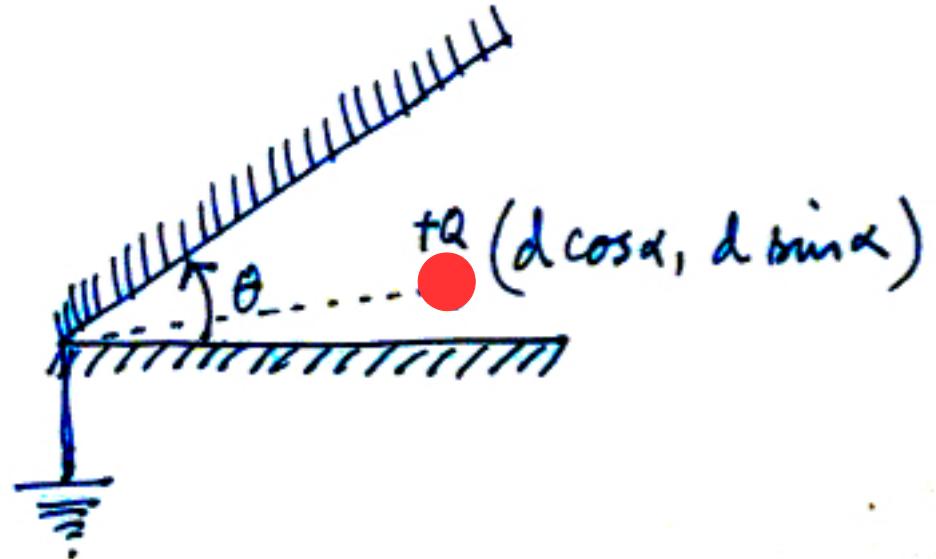
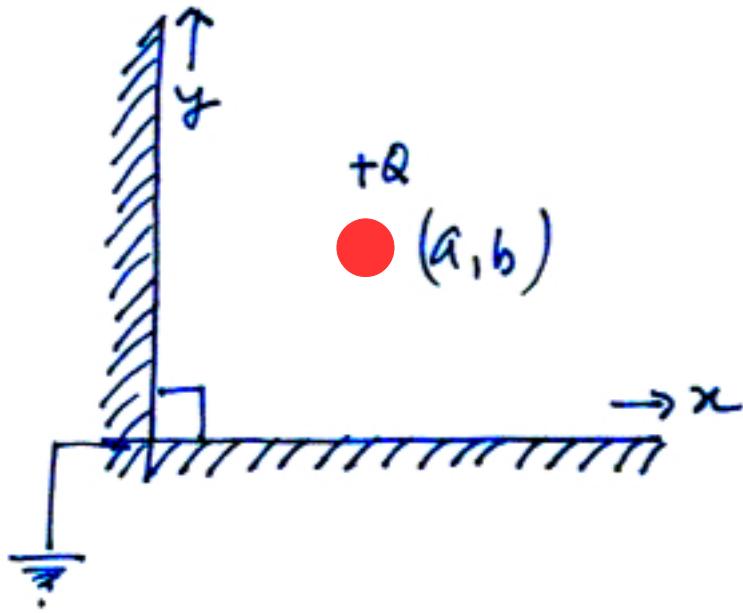
Put an extra charge  $-Q$  at  $(0,0,-z_0)$

The potential due to both is

$$V(x, y, z) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z - z_0)^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z + z_0)^2}} \right]$$

For  $z=0$ , the two terms cancel giving  $V=0$ . This must be the solution (uniqueness). We can now calculate the force between the charge  $+Q$ , induced surface charge at every point etc.

## Image charge method : point charge near a conducting grounded plane



To solve this we need three image charges:

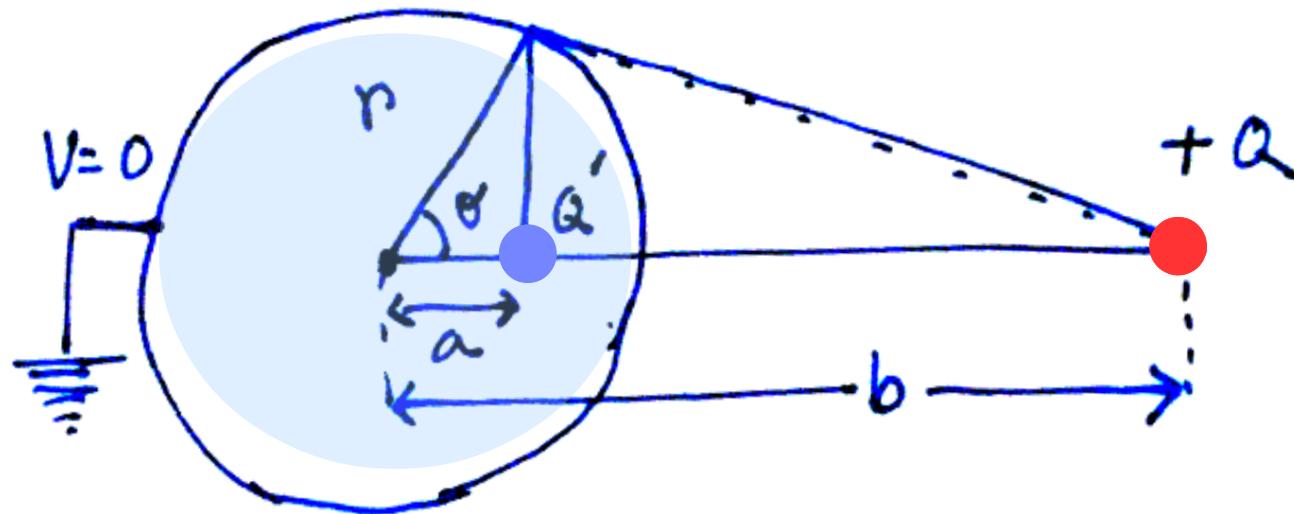
- $Q$  at  $(a, -b)$
- + $Q$  at  $(-a, -b)$
- $Q$  at  $(-a, b)$

This problem can be solved with a finite number of images if

$$\theta \times \text{integer} = \pi$$

There is no generic method! It is a combination of guess and some calculation.....

## Image charge method : point charge near a conducting grounded sphere



Solution wanted outside the sphere only

The distance of an arbitrary point on the surface from the charges  $Q$  and  $Q'$

$$d'^2 = r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos\theta$$

$$d^2 = r^2 + b^2 - 2br \cos\theta$$

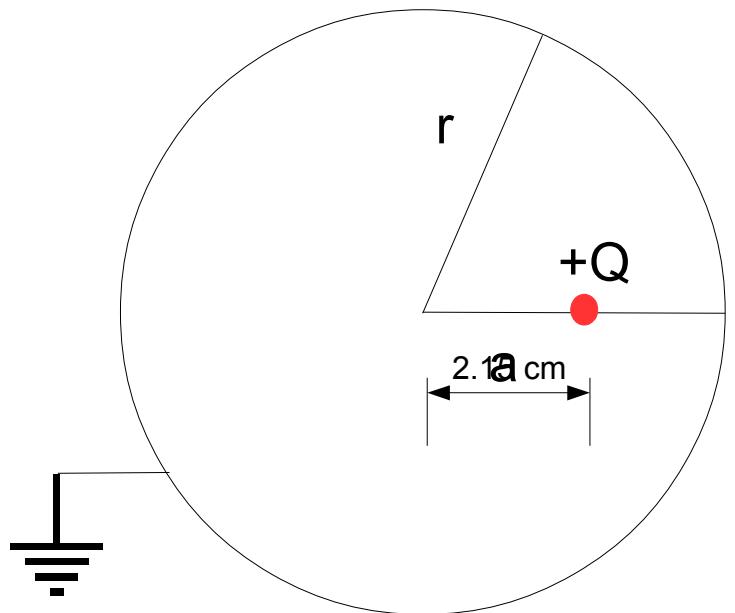
can we adjust  $a$  and  $Q'$  such that  
$$\frac{Q}{d} - \frac{Q'}{d'} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \theta ?$$

$$\frac{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos\theta}{Q'^2} = \frac{r^2 + b^2 - 2br \cos\theta}{Q^2}$$

Equate the terms independent of  $\cos\theta$  and coefficient of  $\cos\theta$  on both sides

$$a = \frac{r^2}{b}$$
$$\frac{Q'}{Q} = \frac{r}{b}$$

## Image charge method : off centred point charge inside grounded sphere



Hollow sphere of radius  $r$  is kept at  $V=0$   
Inside the sphere there is a charge  $+Q$  placed at a  
distance  $a$  from the center.

What is the potential inside the sphere?

Notice the "conjugate" nature of this problem with the last one.

This is a characteristic of "image charge problems".

How would you adapt the image charge method for a case where the spherical surface is at a potential  $V \neq 0$  ?

## Solving Laplace's equation

1D: (*trivial!*)

$$\frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow V = Ax + B$$

Cannot be anything more complicated.

2D: (*cartesian*)

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

In simplest (very few!) cases separation of variable will work.

If  $V(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$  then

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{d x^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{d y^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{d x^2} = -\frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{d y^2} = k^2 \text{ (const)}$$

*Solution* = sinusoidal type  $\times$  exponential decay or growth

$$V(x, y) = \sum_{\text{allowed } k} (A_k \cos kx + B_k \sin kx)(C_k e^{ky} + D_k e^{-ky})$$

A,B,C,D are chosen to match the given boundary conditions.

Role of x,y can be Interchanged.

X may be exponential & Y may be sinusoidal.

## Solving Laplace's equation (2D : Using complex numbers : corner)

Basic idea: Take any analytic complex function (eg.  $z^2$ ,  $\sin z$ ,  $e^{-z}$ )

$$F(z) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$$

**Both  $u(x,y)$  and  $v(x,y)$  satisfy 2D Laplace equation**

By intuition/guess/imagination make  $u(x,y)$  or  $v(x,y)$  satisfy the boundary conditions only. Uniqueness theorem guarantees that the guess is THE solution.

In reality, very few problems can be solved by separation of variables.

Quite a few can be done by the complex number method – but in 2D only.

Particularly useful for solutions in near corners, slits, edges, quadrupoles.

$$F(z) = i \ln z^2$$

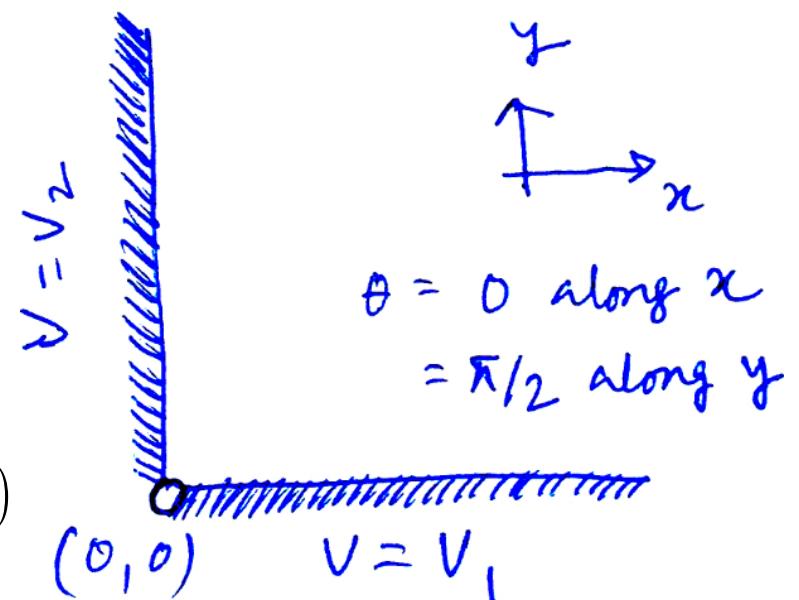
$$u(x, 0) = 0$$

$$u(0, y) = \pi$$

Use this fact and scale the function as

$$F(z) = -(V_2 - V_1) i \ln z^2 + V_1$$

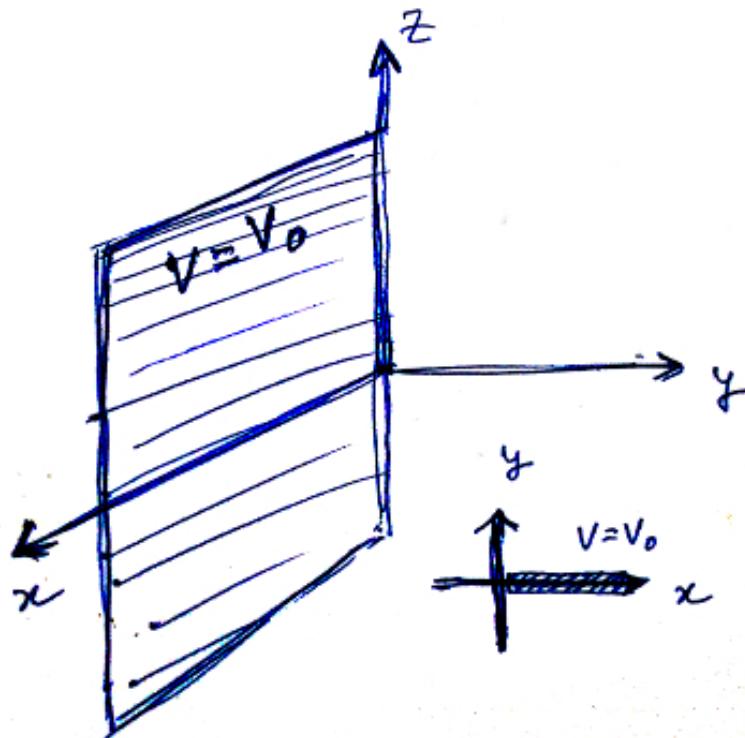
$$u(x, y) = 2 \frac{V_2 - V_1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + V_1 \quad (\text{solved!})$$



Notice that separation of variable doesn't work here.

How will you modify the solution if the two plates are inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  ?

## Solving Laplace's equation (2D : Using complex numbers : edge)



A semi-infinite plate occupies the region  $x>0$  in the  $xy$  plane.

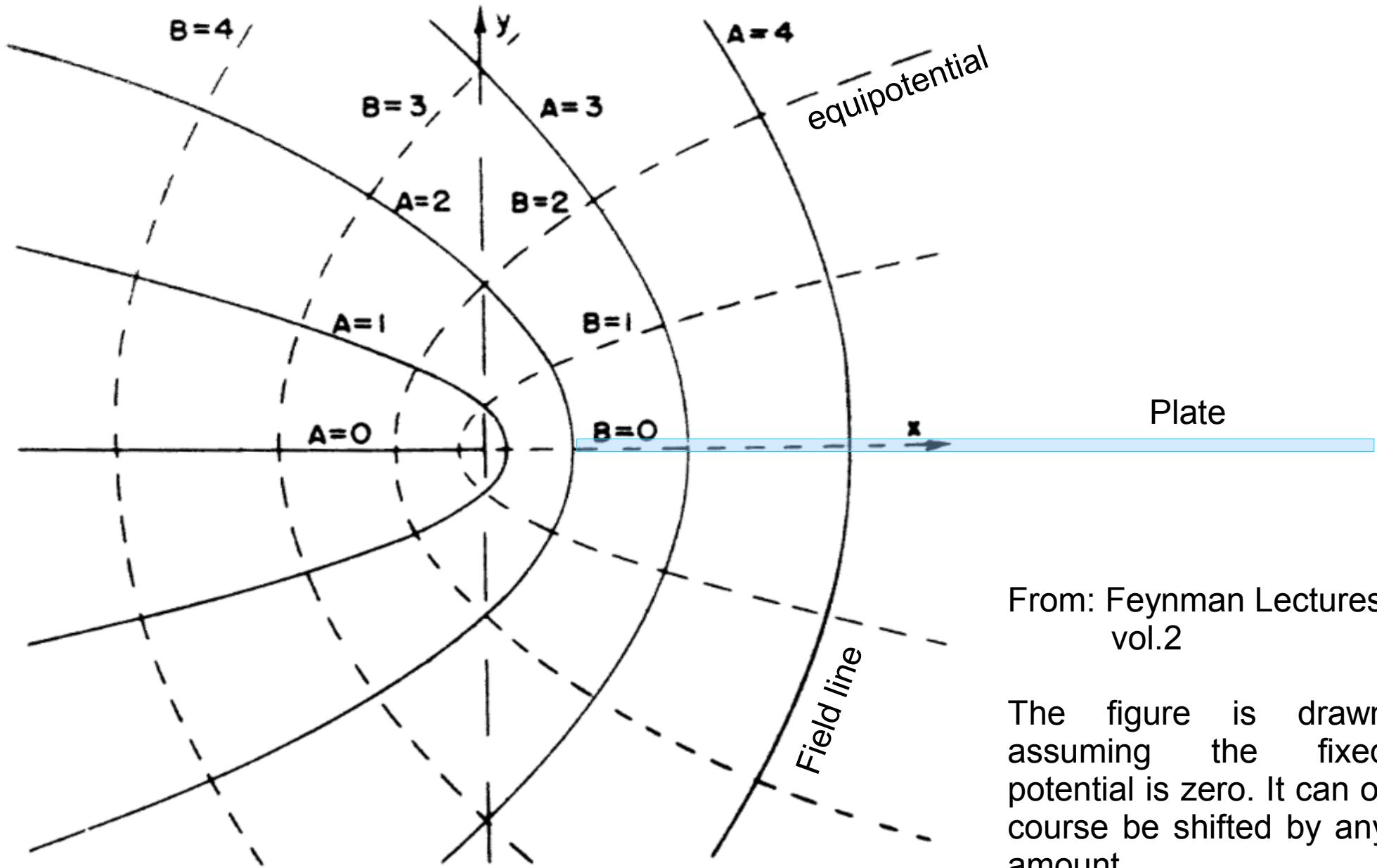
The plate is kept at  $V=\text{const.}$

The problem shows how to handle the field near the edge of a flat thin plate.

$$\begin{aligned}F(z) &= z^{1/2} \\&= \rho^{1/2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\&= \left[ \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} + x}{2} \right]^{1/2} + i \left[ \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} - x}{2} \right]^{1/2}\end{aligned}$$

Notice  $v(x, 0) = 0$  if  $x>0$   
 $v(x, y) + V_0$  satisfies required boundary condition

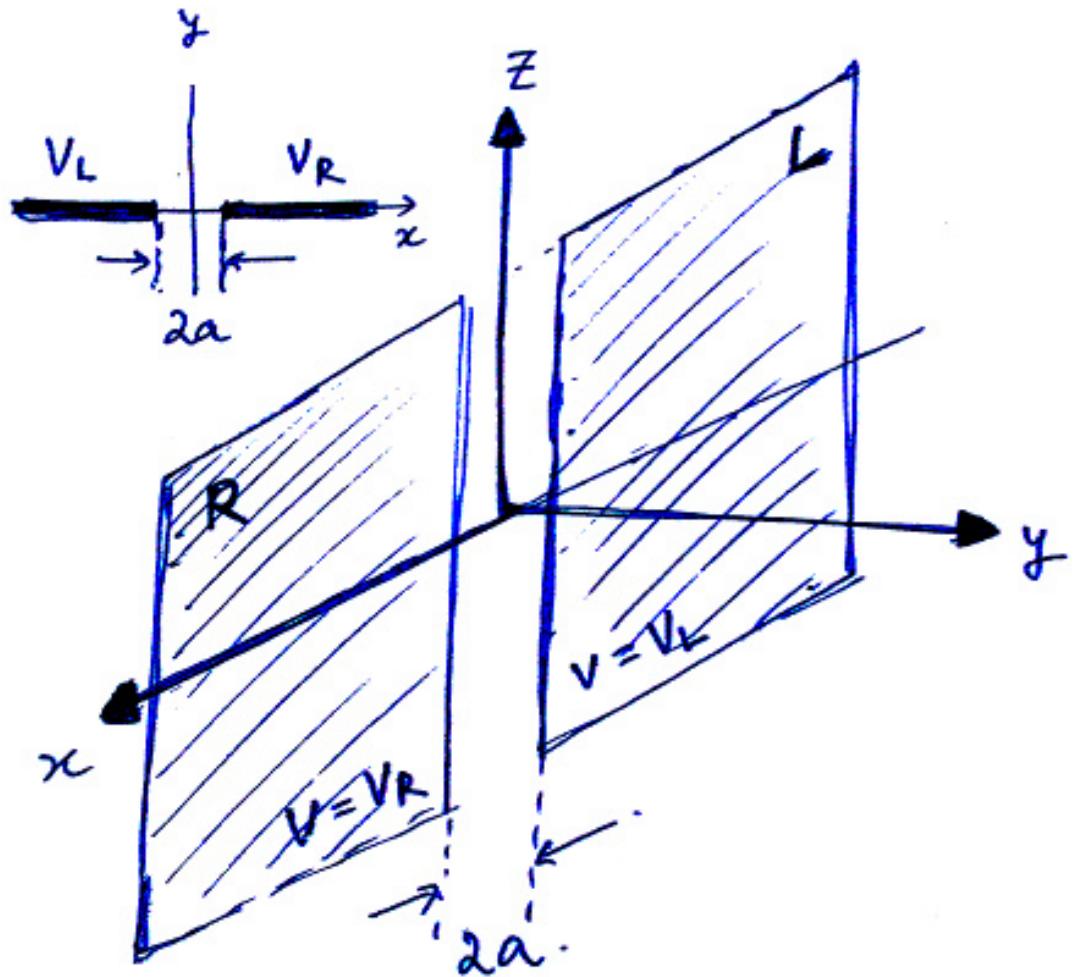
## Solving Laplace's equation (2D : Using complex numbers : edge)



From: Feynman Lectures  
vol.2

The figure is drawn assuming the fixed potential is zero. It can of course be shifted by any amount.

## Solving Laplace's equation (2D : Using complex numbers : slit)



Two semi-infinite plates occupies the region  $[-a < x < a]$  in the  $xz$  plane.

The plates are kept at  $V_L$  and  $V_R$

How to handle the field in a slit between equipotential plates?

The solution of this problem requires a transformation of the complex variables called "conformal transform".

See: Pipes & Harvill

You cannot superpose two plates at fixed potentials to get a slit.  
Why?

$$V(x, y) = V_L + \frac{V_R - V_L}{\pi} \left[ \arcsin \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{(x/a+1)^2 + (y/a)^2} - \sqrt{(x/a-1)^2 + (y/a)^2} \right) + \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

## Solving Laplace's equation (2D : Plane polar)

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

This gives:

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + r \frac{dR}{dr} - m^2 R = 0$$

trial solution  $R = Ar^n$  gives:  $n = \pm m$ , so

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_m \left( A_m r^m + \frac{B_m}{r^m} \right) e^{im\theta}$$

Try:  $V = R(r)e^{im\theta}$

Why not  $e^{m\theta}$ ?

Why should m be an integer?

What type of problems can we solve with this form?

Values given on a circle.

Solution inside should not have  $1/r$  type solution

Solution outside (till infinity) should not have  $r$  type solution.\

Use Fourier analysis to find the coefficients.

## Solving Laplace's equation (3D : Spherical polar)

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$

With no  $\phi$  dependence we try:  $V(r, \theta) = R(r) P(\theta)$

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) = -\frac{1}{P} \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) = l(l+1)$$

The radial solution

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - l(l+1)R = 0$$

$$\text{try } R = Ar^n$$

$$R = Ar^l + \frac{B}{r^{l+1}}$$

Notice the utility of writing  
the separation constant in the  
 $l(l+1)$  form

## Solving Laplace's equation (3D : Spherical polar)

The angular part:

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} \right) + l(l+1)P = 0$$

Polynomial solutions worked in the examples before this, but would not work in this case. Why?

substitute  $x = \cos \theta$

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dP}{dx} + l(l+1)P = 0$$

try the series:  $P = \sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n$ : this gives

$$(1-x^2) \sum n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} - 2x \sum n a_n x^{n-1} + l(l+1) \sum a_n x^n = 0$$

$$2a_2 + l(l+1)a_0 = 0$$

$$3.2. a_3 - 2a_1 + l(l+1)a_1 = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = -\frac{(l-n)(l+n+1)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$$

If we had kept the  $e^{im\phi}$  dependence:

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dP}{dx} + \left( l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right) P = 0$$

.... In atomic wavefunctions it is common

$a_0$  and  $a_1$  can be arbitrarily chosen

If  $l$  is an integer, then the series will terminate at  $n=l$

Odd and even powers do not mix in this recurrence relation

## Solving Laplace's equation (3D : Spherical polar)

$$P(x) = a_0 \sum (\text{even powers of } x) + a_1 \sum (\text{odd powers of } x)$$

So construct each polynomial using the recurrence relation

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

Legendre Polynomials:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = \frac{2}{2n+1} \delta_{nm}$$

Use orthogonality  
to find expansion co-effs ...

$$V(r, \theta) = \sum_l \left( A_l r^l + \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

Solutions of a general class of diffn equations have this orthogonality property – called "Sturm-Liouville" diffn eqn

Values given on a sphere.

Solution inside should not have  $1/r$  type solution

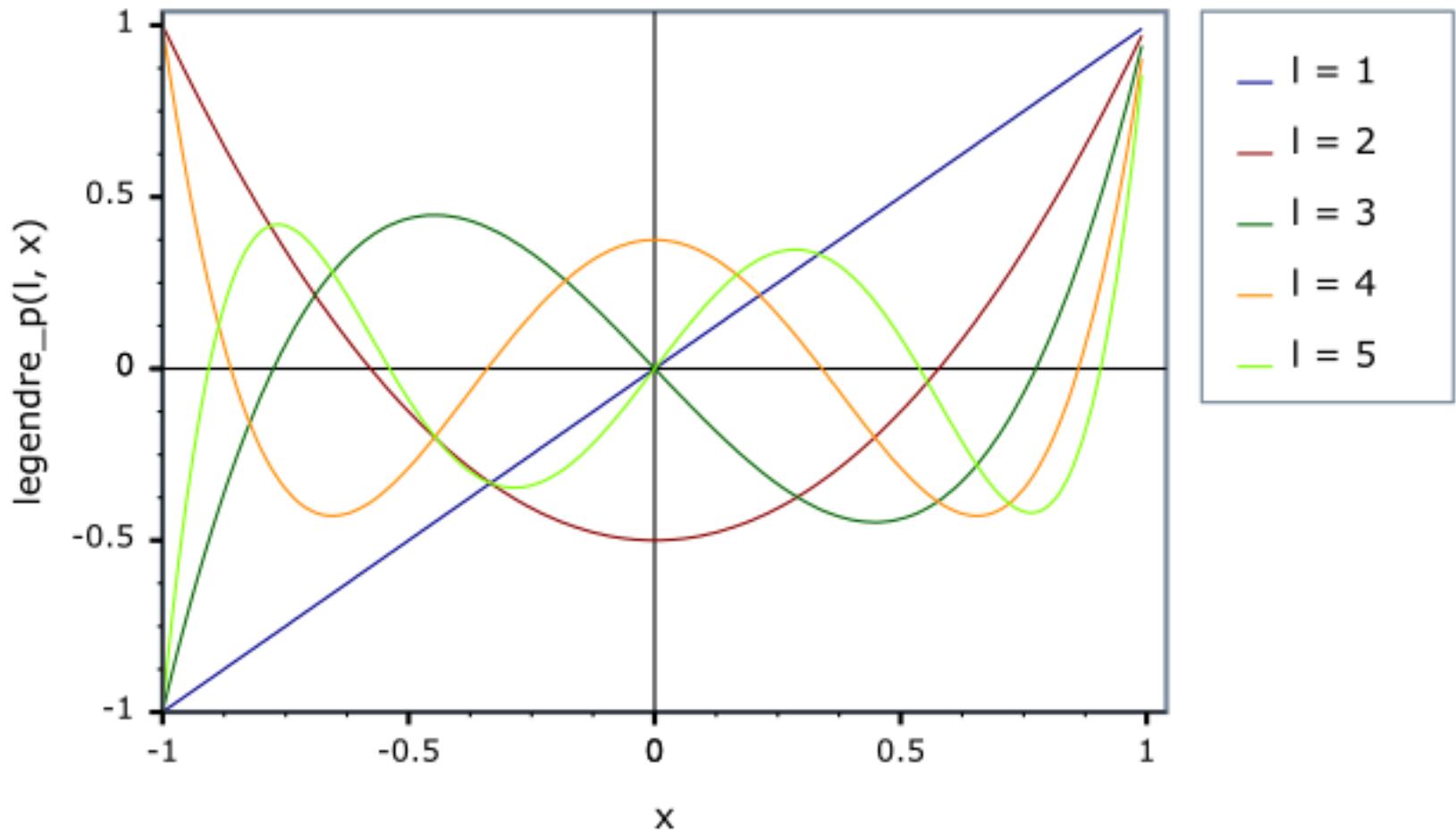
Solution outside (till infinity) should not have  $r$  type solution.

Use expansion in Legendre Polynomials to find the coefficients.

See the worked examples of Griffiths...section 3.3

## Solving Laplace's equation (3D : Spherical polar)

### Legendre Polynomials



To generate the successive  $P_l(x)$  use the Rodrigue's formula :

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2 - 1)^l$$

## Work and Energy in electrostatics

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Conservative field : Total energy of a particle is conserved.

✓ KE+PE is conserved. Or equivalently

✓ Work done in moving a particle very slowly from one point to another is path independent.

Gravitational potential:

Apple falling from a tree  
Earth going round the sun...  
Trajectory of a particle...

✓ A potential energy function exists

✓ The force is derivable from a scalar potential

✓ Curl of the Force field is zero.

*Why do we need to say more?*

*The answer to this is not within "electrostatics"....the need really comes when we deal with E,B and moving charges.*

# Work and Energy in electrostatics

Work done on the charge

$$W = -q \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad [\text{always true}]$$

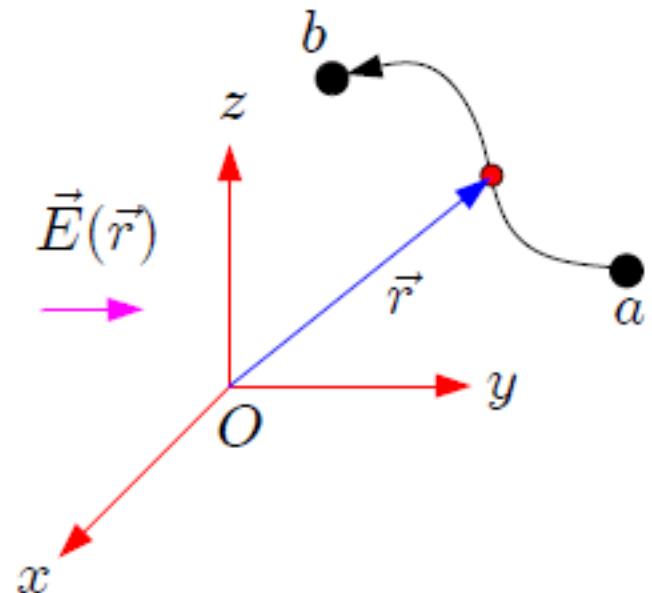
$$= q(V_b - V_a) \quad [\text{only if } \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0]$$

SI unit is Joule.

Useful unit is electron-Volt

Work needed to move one electron through 1 volt

$$q = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$



How do we build up a configuration of charges?

Bring the first charge : No work done

Bring the second charge from infinity to desired position : calculate work done

Bring next one. Calculate the work done due to the presence of the previous TWO

## Work and Energy in electrostatics

$$W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{j < i} \frac{q_i q_j}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i q_i \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_j \frac{q_j}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \right]$$

Potential at location of charge i

Now suppose this is a continuous distribution : it means we are saying the following

$$\sum_i q_i (\dots) \rightarrow \int_{all\ space} \rho(\mathbf{r}) d\tau (\dots)$$

When can this breakdown?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int \rho V d\tau &= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) V d\tau \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int [\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}V) - \mathbf{E}(-\nabla V)] d\tau \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int [\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}] d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Convert to surface integral  
Take surface at infinity  
Should go to zero

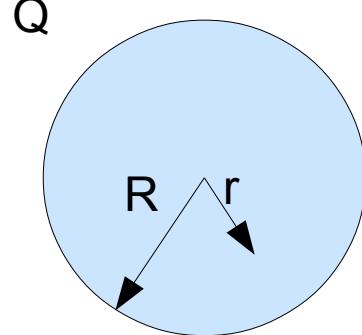
## Energy of a point charge diverges!

$$\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \right) d\tau \quad \text{does not converge}$$

The closest we can try :

Assume that a point charge is a uniform sphere of some radius  $R$ .

The integral for field energy will then converge.



$$\rho = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}$$

$$E_{\text{in}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \frac{r}{R} \quad (r < R)$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad (r > R)$$

$$\left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \right) \left[ \int_0^R E_{\text{in}}^2 d\tau + \int_R^{\infty} E_{\text{out}}^2 d\tau \right] \quad \text{will converge}$$

Within classical electromagnetism it is not possible to resolve this problem.

We have to accept that the concept of a point charge has some limitations

# Dielectric materials

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# How does a charge distribution look from far away?

Quantitatively this means : With what power law does it fall off ....inverse square, cube, fourth ?

Often the charge is limited to a small area.

Answer:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

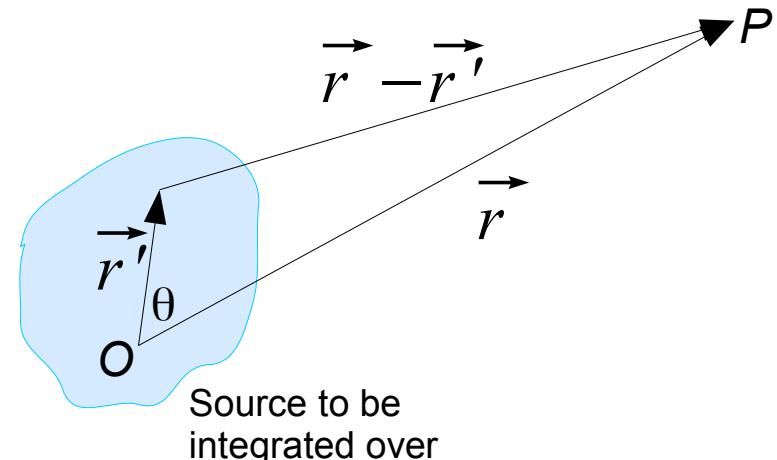
In many cases  $r \gg r'$

So expand in a power series in  $\frac{r'}{r}$

From the figure :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} &= [r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr'\cos\theta]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 - \left\{ 2\frac{r'}{r}\cos\theta - \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 \right\} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^l P_l(\cos\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Legendre polynomials again!



Binomial expansion.....

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \frac{5}{16}x^3 + \frac{35}{128}x^4 \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Multipole expansion of the electrostatic potential

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(P) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} \int d^3 r' [\rho(r') r'^l P_l(\cos\theta)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \int d^3 r' \rho(r') + \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{r^2} \int d^3 r' r' \cos\theta \rho(r') + \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{1}{r^3} \int d^3 r' (r')^2 \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \rho(r') + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

suppose

$$\rho(r') = q \delta(r' - \vec{a}) - q \delta(r' + \vec{a})$$

how will the dipole integral look?

can write this as

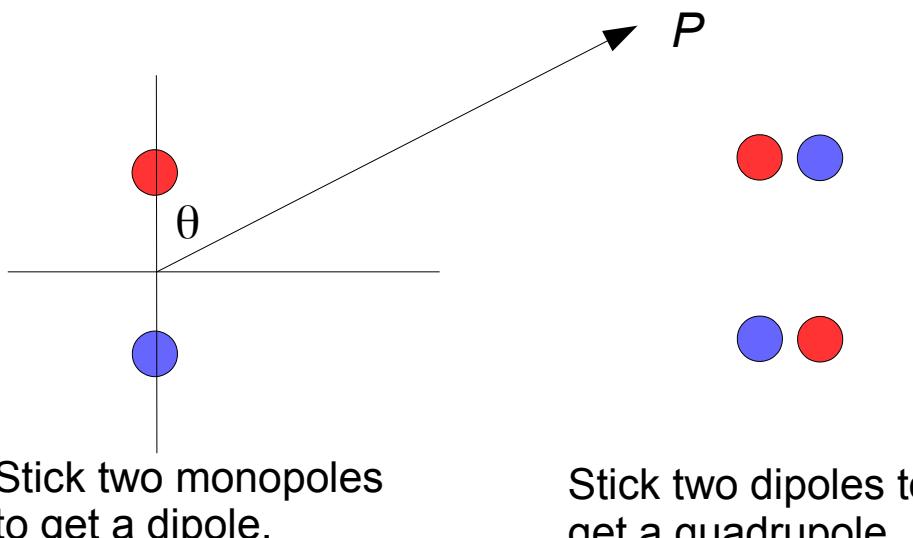
$$V_{dipole} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\text{with } \vec{p} = \sum q_i \vec{r}_i'$$

and some other equivalent forms...

If the total charge is zero:  
Dipole term dominates.

If that is also zero  
Quadrupole dominates



## Choice of the co-ordinate system and origin in multipole expansion

We could have done the expansion in a more cartesian way...

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = [r^2 + r'^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}']^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

This would have given successive terms like....

$$V_{mono} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_{total}}{r}$$

$$V_{dip} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\sum \hat{r}_i p_i}{r^2}$$

$$V_{quad} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{ij} \hat{r}_i \hat{r}_j Q_{ij}}{r^3}$$

$$p_i = \int d^3\vec{r}' r_i' \rho(r')$$
$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3\vec{r}' \left( r_i' r_j' - r'^2 \delta_{ij} \right) \rho(r')$$

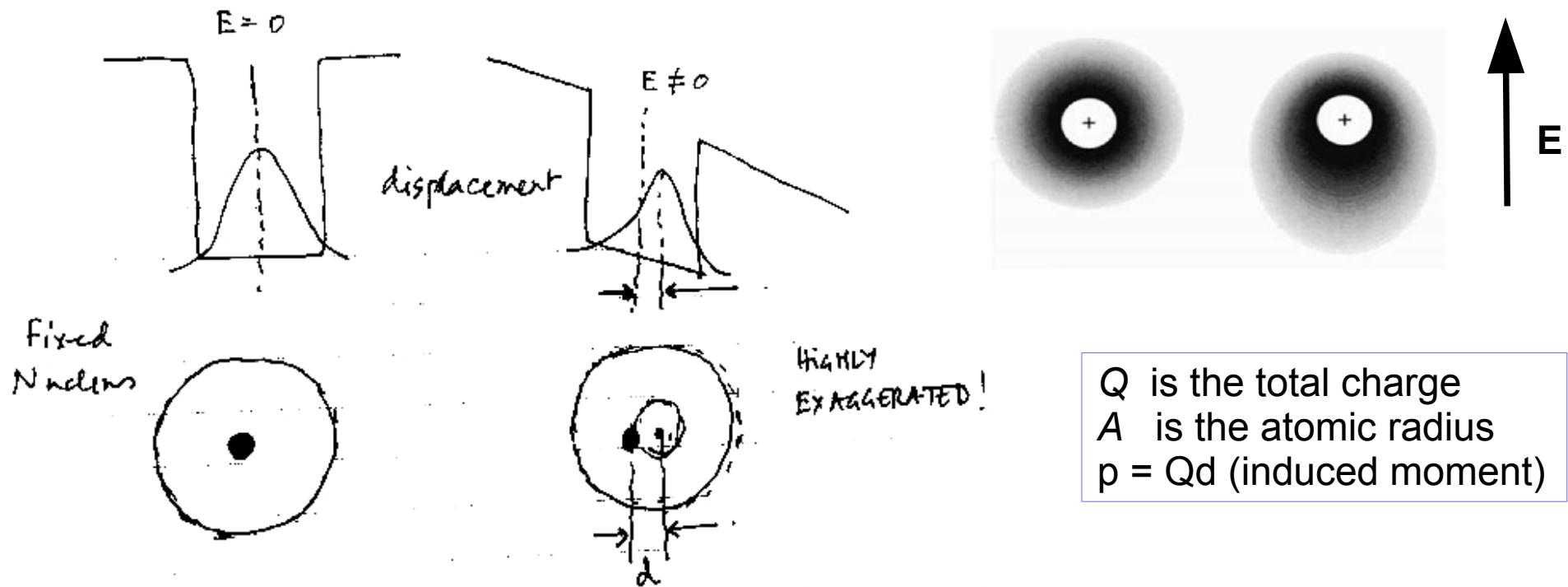
Dipole moment is a vector  
Quadrupole moment is a tensor

The lowest non-vanishing moment is independent of the choice of the origin.  
The higher moments are NOT necessarily so.

So if the total charge (monopole) is zero then dipole term is origin-independent.  
If the dipole also vanishes then quadrupole is origin independent. (Prove it!)

Dipole is more common in electronic charge distributions.  
Nucleii often have quadrupole moments.  
Earth's gravitational potential has a significant quadrupole component.

# Response of atoms and molecules to an electric field



$Q$  is the total charge  
 $A$  is the atomic radius  
 $p = Qd$  (induced moment)

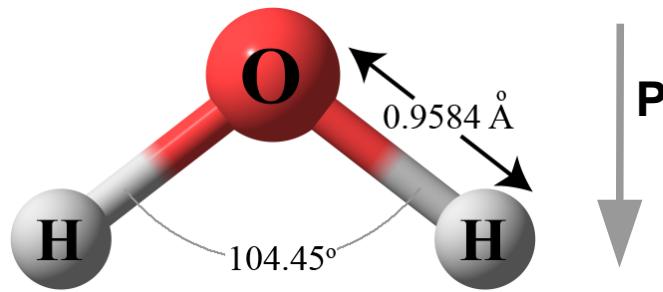
Electron cloud is an uniformly charged sphere..(assume)

Force on the nucleus due to displaced electron cloud = External force on nucleus

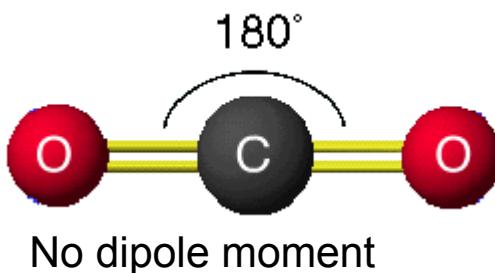
$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qd}{a^3} \quad \text{hence} \quad \vec{p} = 4\pi\epsilon_0 a^3 \vec{E}$$

Atomic polarizability  
Small for inert gases  
Large for atoms with partially filled outer shell  
Estimated values and observed value agree (order of magnitude)

# Atoms and molecules in an electric field: frozen moment of molecules



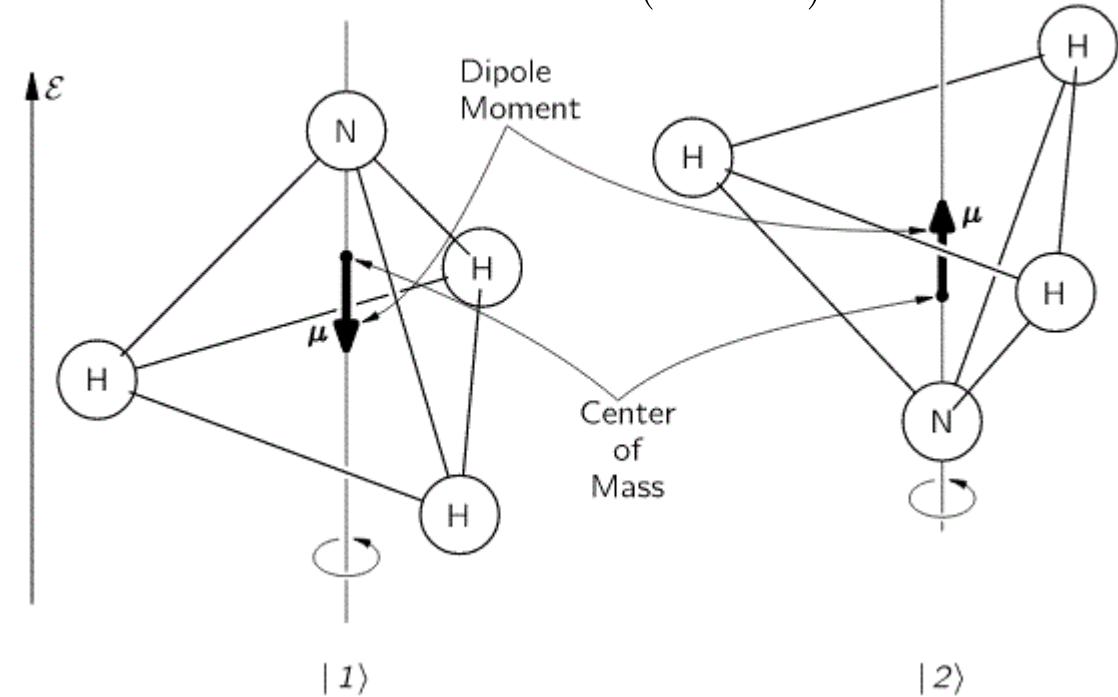
$6.2 \times 10^{-30} \text{ Coul.mt}$   
( $1.85 D$ )



No dipole moment

Electron distribution in the bonds can give rise to built in dipole moment

$4.8 \times 10^{-30} \text{ Coul.mt}$   
( $1.42 D$ )



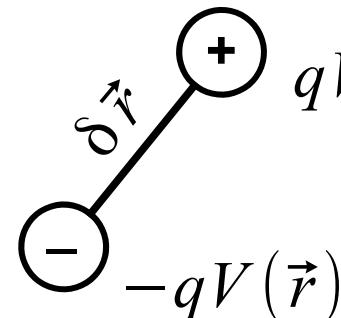
SI unit = Coul-*mt*.

1 Debye unit (historical but useful)  
Dipole moment of  $10^{-10}$  esu of charge separated by 1 angstrom  
Useful for molecular scale since Electron charge is  $4.8 \times 10^{-10}$  esu

Induced dipole moment and electric field are not necessarily in the same direction for a molecule. Since the bonds do not shift uniformly in all directions...."easy" and "hard" directions... P and E are related by a matrix/tensor

# Force and torque on a dipole

Potential Energy  
and force

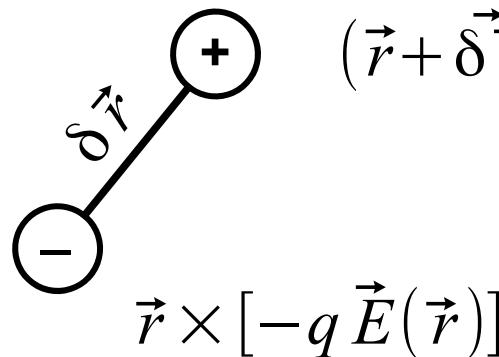


$$qV(\vec{r} + \delta\vec{r}) = q(V + \delta\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} V)$$

Add the two contributions

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &= q\delta\vec{r} \\ U_{dip} &= -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} \\ \vec{F}_{dip} &= (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

Torque



$$(\vec{r} + \delta\vec{r}) \times [q\vec{E}(\vec{r} + \delta\vec{r})]$$

$$\vec{\tau}_{dip} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

Although the E field is different at two sites,  
the difference in the final expression would  
be second order.....

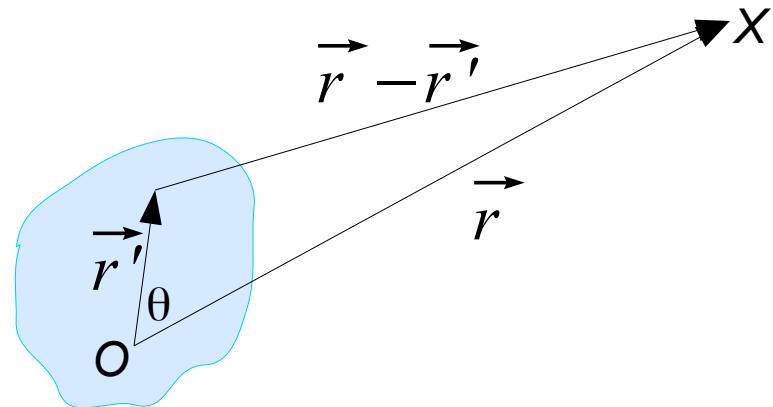
Now we can calculate the interaction force between two dipoles....easily!  
If we have two dipoles...the E field of the first will act on the second and vice versa,

## Potential of an extended distribution of dipoles

$$V(X) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{P} \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$\nabla_{r'} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

Prove this by writing out  
in  $(x-x')$ .....



Hence

$$V(X) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3\vec{r}' \left[ \nabla \frac{\vec{P}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \nabla \cdot \vec{P} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \int \frac{d\vec{S}' \cdot \vec{P}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} - \int d^3\vec{r}' \frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{P}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right]$$

Surface charge

$$\sigma = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

Volume charge

$$\rho = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P}$$

dipole distribution to be integrated over

Here integration and differentiation are w.r.t.  
primed co-ordinates

## Linear Dielectrics : E P D vectors

Linear dielectric means : Induced dipole moment (**P**) is proportional to the electric field. Hence:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_{TOTAL}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = \rho_{free} + \rho_{pol} \quad (\text{since } \rho_{pol} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P})$$

$$\nabla \cdot [\epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}] = \rho_{free}$$

Use the proportionality of  $\vec{P}$  with  $\vec{E}$ :  $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi \vec{E}$

$$\epsilon_0 (1 + \chi) \vec{E} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \vec{D}$$

susceptibility

Historically called electric displacement vector:  
Microscopic mechanism was not known then.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{free}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_{free}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

Quantities like  $D$ ,  $\epsilon$  can only be defined in an average sense.

!! One cannot talk about  $D$  or  $\epsilon$  inside an atom!!

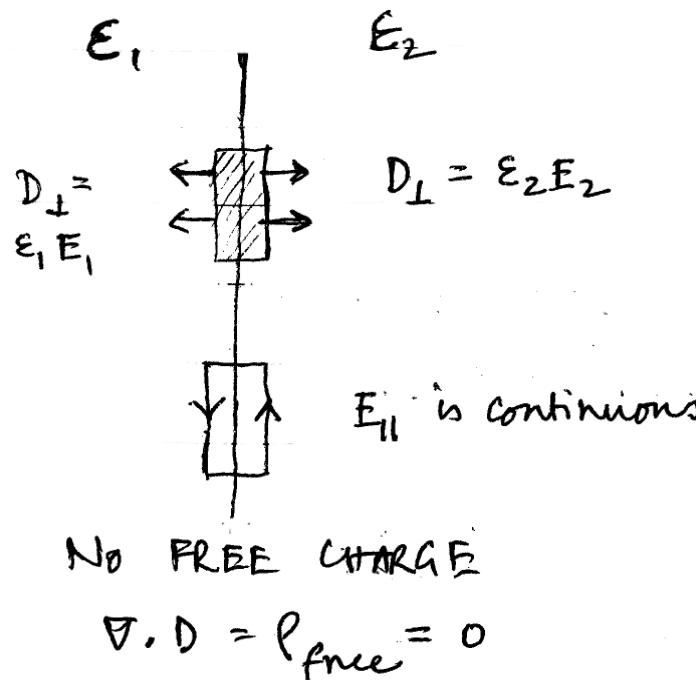
These only make sense if averaged over a few ( $\sim 10 - 100$ ) lattice units.

Since  $\text{curl } \mathbf{E} = 0$ , a scalar potential is still possible.

But the "source" of this potential is reduced by a factor.

Hence the scalar potential  $V$  is also reduced by that factor.

# Linear Dielectrics : E P D vectors : Boundary conditions and related problems



$$\rho_{free} = 0 \quad (\text{at the interface})$$

$$\epsilon_1 E_1^{\perp} = \epsilon_2 E_2^{\perp} \quad (\text{since } \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0)$$

$$E_1^{\parallel} = E_2^{\parallel} \quad (\text{since } \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0)$$

Point charge  $q$  is placed at  $(0,0,d)$  as shown near an interface of two dielectrics.  
 Q: What is the potential everywhere?

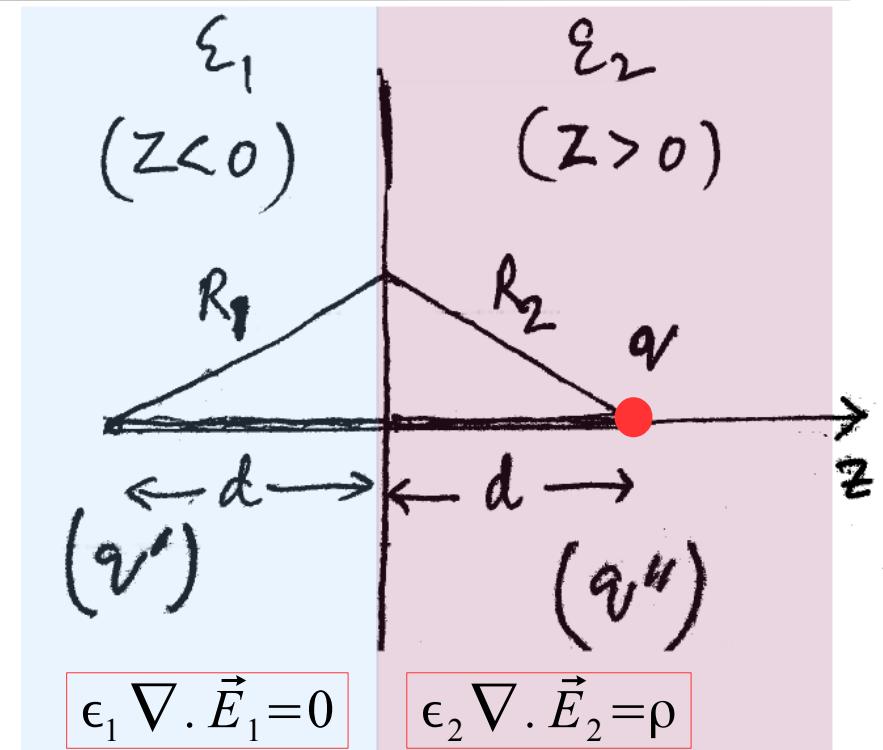
For  $z > 0$  : (region 2)  
 Image charge  $q'$  at  $(0,0,-d)$

For  $z < 0$  : (region 1)  
 Charge  $q''$  at  $(0,0,d)$

Write the potential, then the electric field.  
 Two independent equations by matching the normal and tangential components at the boundary.

$$q' = -\left(\frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2}\right)q$$

$$q'' = \left(\frac{2\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2}\right)q$$



# Linear Dielectrics : A uniformly polarised sphere

Uniformly polarised sphere : (no external field)

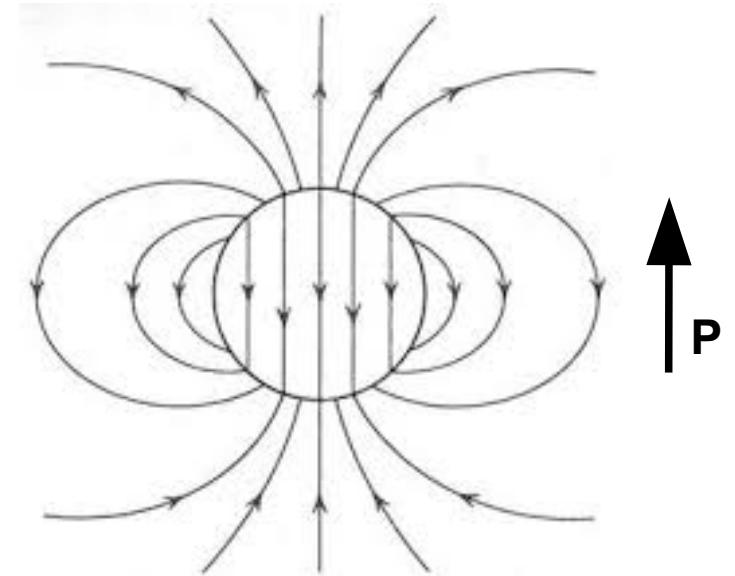
Note the lines of force (Electric field):  
Points in the opposite direction inside the sphere.

$$V(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta) & (0 < r \leq R) \\ \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) & (r \geq R) \end{cases}$$

Use boundary conditions at  $r=R$  and  
 $V$  should be well behaved at small and large  $r$ ...

$V(r=R)$  should match  
 $E$  should have a discontinuity due to surface charge  
Equate the coefficient of each Legendre polynomial

$$V(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos \theta & (0 < r \leq R) \\ \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos \theta & (r \geq R) \end{cases}$$



$$\text{Surface charge : } \sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = P \cos \theta$$
$$\text{Volume charge : } \rho_b = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = 0$$

Looks like the field of a single  
(pure) dipole at  $r=0$

The field is CONSTANT inside

# Linear Dielectrics : A dielectric sphere in an uniform field

Uniform field means far from the sphere  $E = E_0$  set externally

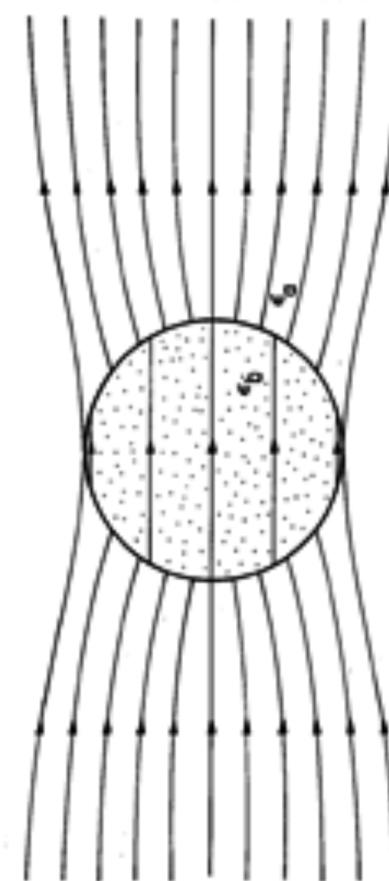
$$V(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta) & (0 < r \leq R) \\ \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left[ B_l r^l + \frac{C_l}{r^{l+1}} \right] P_l(\cos \theta) & (r \geq R) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\epsilon \frac{\partial V_{\text{in}}}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} &= -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} && \text{Normal component of } D \text{ is continuous} \\ -\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V_{\text{in}}}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial \theta} && \text{Tangential component of } E \text{ is continuous} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{\text{in}} = \left( \frac{3}{2+\epsilon/\epsilon_0} \right) E_0 r \cos \theta$$

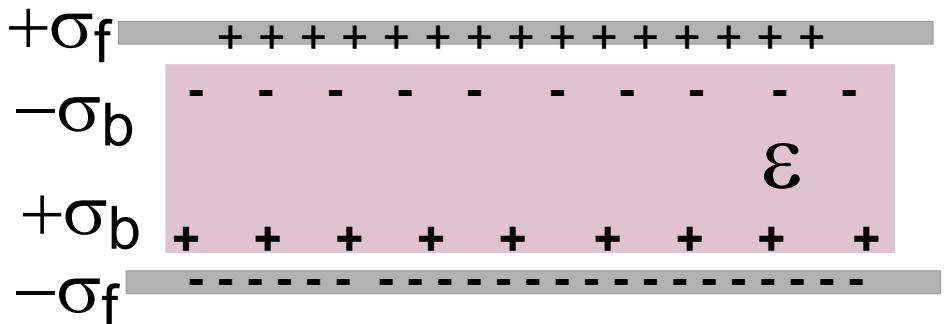
$$V_{\text{out}} = -E_0 r \cos \theta + \left( \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{\epsilon + 2\epsilon_0} \right) E_0 \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos \theta$$

What would  $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$  physically mean?  
If a spherical cavity is dug out in a large slab?



Notice how the orthogonality of Legendre polynomials is crucial to solving these problems

## Linear Dielectrics : A capacitor with a dielectric slab



$$\frac{V}{d} = E = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{V}{d} = E = \frac{\sigma_f - \sigma_b}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = \epsilon_0 \chi E$$

$$so \quad E = \frac{\sigma_b}{\epsilon_0 \chi}$$

$$\sigma_f - \sigma_b = \frac{\sigma_f}{1 + \chi}$$

$$\frac{V}{d} = E = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_0 (1 + \chi)}$$

For the same charge on the metal plate, the voltage developed is now smaller.

$C=Q/V$  thus increases by a factor of  $1 + \chi$

The energy stored in the field also increases by the same factor if the same voltage and hence the same  $E=V/d$  is established in the capacitor.

$$W = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int d^3 \vec{r} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} \rightarrow W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{r} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}$$

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## Magnetostatics

# Magnetostatics: Field due to steady currents

Magnetic fields are created by:

1. Charges in motion
2. Intrinsic spin (dipole) moments of some elementary particles.

The field created by a single moving charge is not very easy to write down!  
Historically steady currents were understood first.

Maxwell's equation tell us the field created by currents (moving charges).  
The response of a particle to the fields ( $E$  and  $B$ ) is an independent input.

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

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

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

$$+ \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

= 0 for now

Zero divergence means :  
No analogue of charge as in  
electrostatics.

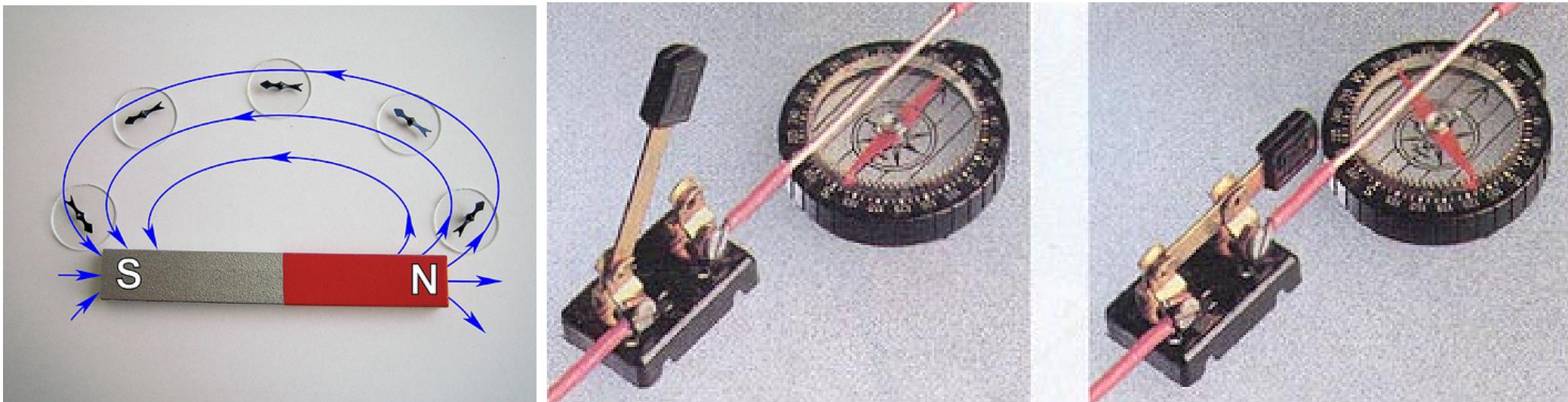
$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Henry.m}^{-1}$$

Lorentz Force Law is  
Not derivable  
from Maxwell's equation

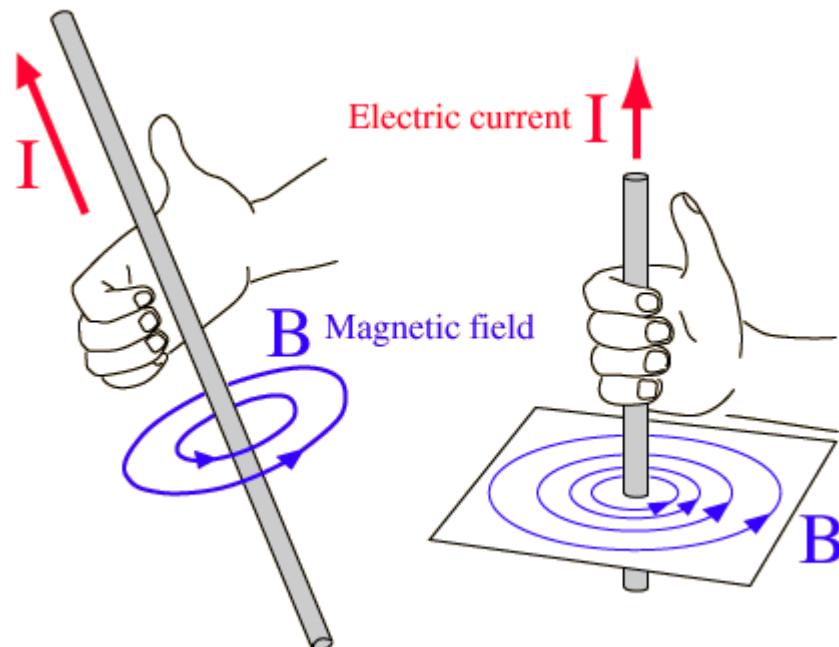
Historically these equations  
were written later.

Recall that curl and div  
specifies a vector field fully if  
suitable boundary conditions  
are also given.

# Histroical observations, Biot Savart Law



Magnets deflect a "compass" and so does a nearby current carrying wire. So a current carrying wire must be creating a magnetic field. (Oersted, Ampere)

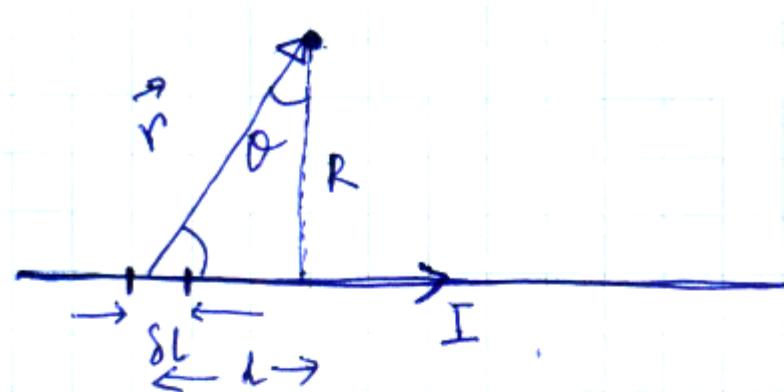


$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{l} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

Then integrate over the wire  
to find the full field.

Common geometries.....  
Straight lines, coils etc.

## Field from a wire segment, loops, coils, toroids etc



$$R = r \cos \theta$$

$$l = R \tan \theta$$

$$\delta l = R \sec^2 \theta \delta \theta$$

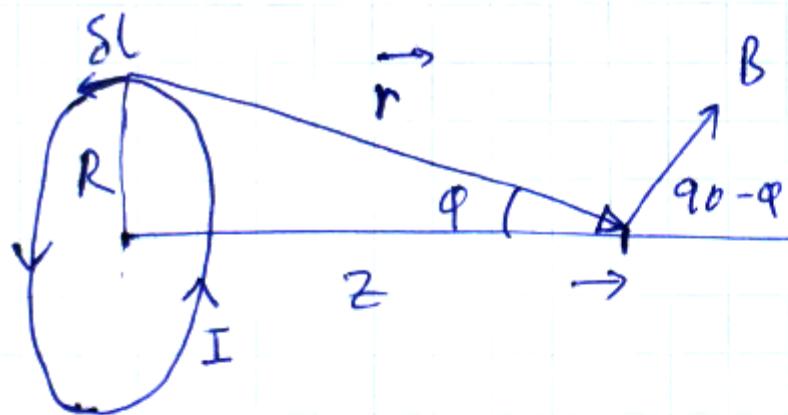
$$\begin{aligned}\delta B &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{\vec{\delta l} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{R \sec^2 \theta \delta \theta \cdot \sin(\pi/2 - \theta) \cdot R \sec \theta}{R^3 \sec^3 \theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} (\sin \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1)$$

Infinite wire  $\begin{cases} \theta_1 = -\pi/2 \\ \theta_2 = \pi/2 \end{cases}$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R} \quad (\text{Can use symmetry argument})$$

# Field from a wire segment, loops, coils, toroids etc



$$r^2 = R^2 + z^2$$

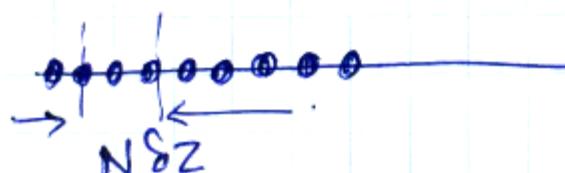
$$\sin \varphi = R/r$$

$$\delta L = R \delta \theta$$

$$\delta B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \cdot I \cdot \frac{R \delta \theta}{R^2 + z^2} \cdot \frac{R}{r}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \cdot \frac{R^2}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

Integrate over  $z$  for a finite coil.

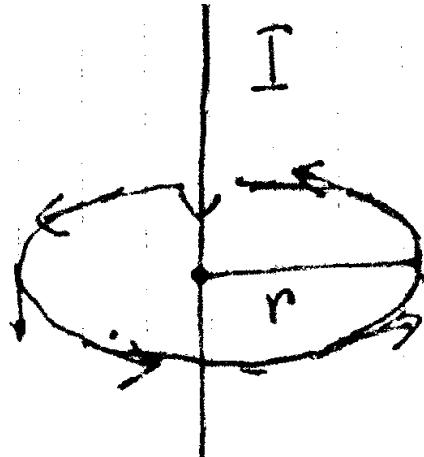


$$\delta B = \frac{\mu_0 I \cdot R}{2} \frac{N \delta z}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

Using the integral form in symmetrical cases: long wire, coil, full toroid

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{enc} \quad \text{same as} \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Ininitely long wire



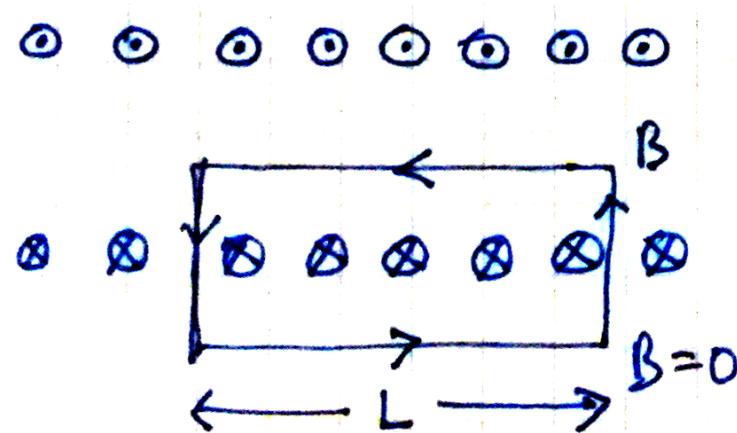
$$B_\varphi 2\pi r = \mu_0 I$$

$$B_\varphi = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

$$B_r = 0 \quad (\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0)$$

$$B_z = 0$$

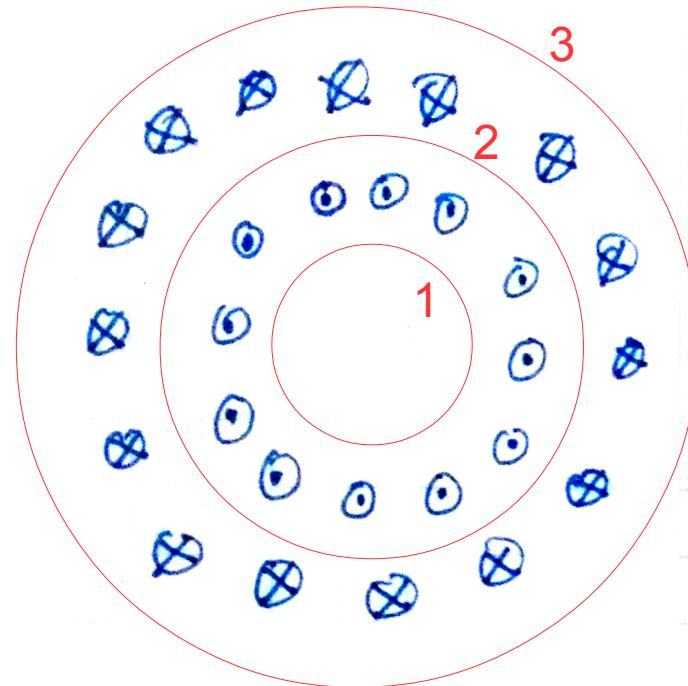
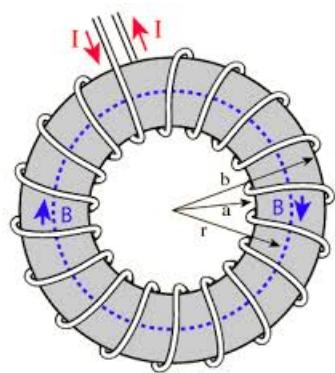
Ininitely long coil



$$BL = \mu_0 NI$$

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{L} I$$

# Using the integral form in symmetrical cases: long wire, coil, full toroid



Path 1, 3

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

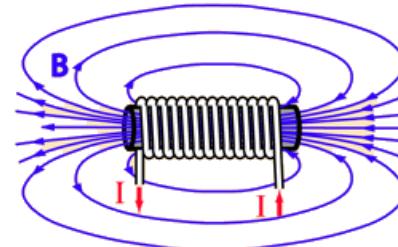
Path 2

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 N I.$$

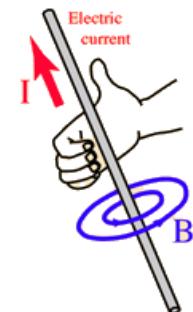
$$B_r = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{2\pi r}$$

Geometries where one can apply Ampere's Law quickly.

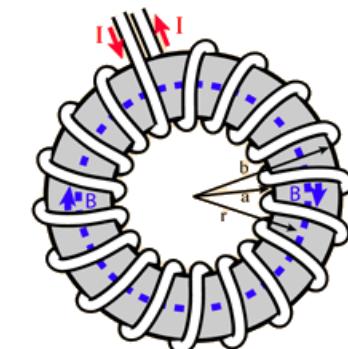
Similar to using Gauss's law in some symmetrical situations.



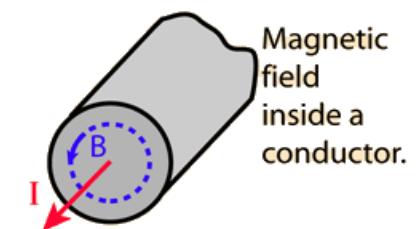
Magnetic field inside a long solenoid.



Magnetic field from a long straight wire.



Magnetic field inside a toroidal coil.



Magnetic field inside a conductor.

## The magnetic vector potential : the formal solution

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

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

The choice  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$   
is called a gauge choice

Since  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  we can write  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$   
Does it make things simpler?

There can be other possible choices.  
For each gauge A and V will be different  
But they will give the same E and B.

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}$$

is like three Poisson's equation  $(\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0})$  put together

Call  $\vec{A}$  the vector potential.

$\vec{A}$  has no simple interpretation like potential energy

## The magnetic vector potential : the formal solution

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3 \vec{r}',$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \nabla \times \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3 \vec{r}',$$

The curl is to be taken w.r.t.  $\vec{r}$   
 The integration is w.r.t.  $\vec{r}'$

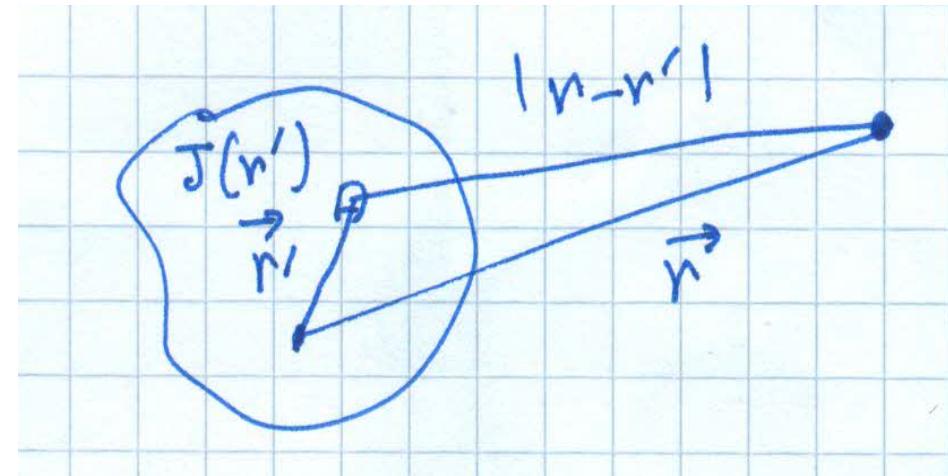
what is  $\nabla \times \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$  ?

$$= \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{J_k(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

$$= \epsilon_{ijk} J_k(\vec{r}') \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

$$= \epsilon_{ijk} J_k(\vec{r}') \frac{x_j - x'_j}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= \left[ \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}'}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^3} \right]_i$$



We can interchange the order of integration and differentiation.

We recover Biot-Savart Law, which is an important consistency check!

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}'}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^3} d^3 \vec{r}',$$

## The magnetic vector potential : the choice of $\text{div } A$ and its consequences

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Our choice of  $A$  cannot affect the final result for  $B$ .

But it does effect the solution for BOTH the scalar and the vector potential.

Notice that  $A, V$  suffer from "instantaneous change at a distance" problem.

We do not need to care as long as it is a static/steady state solution.

But what if charge and current densities (hence  $A$  and  $V$ ) are both varying arbitrarily?

## The choice of $\mathbf{A}$ and $V$ : how much freedom is there?

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

$$\nabla \times \left( \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

$$\vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = \nabla (\text{some scalar})$$

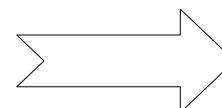
$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{B} &= \nabla \times \vec{A} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

It is possible to set  $V=0$  and still have an electric field via time varying  $\mathbf{A}$

$V$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  has to change in such a way that  $E$  and  $B$  remain same.

$V$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $V'$ ,  $\mathbf{A}'$  will have to be related



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}' &= \vec{A} + \nabla \lambda \\ V' &= V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda$  is a scalar fn of  $x, y, z, t$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}' &= \vec{A} + \nabla \lambda \\ V' &=? \end{aligned}$$

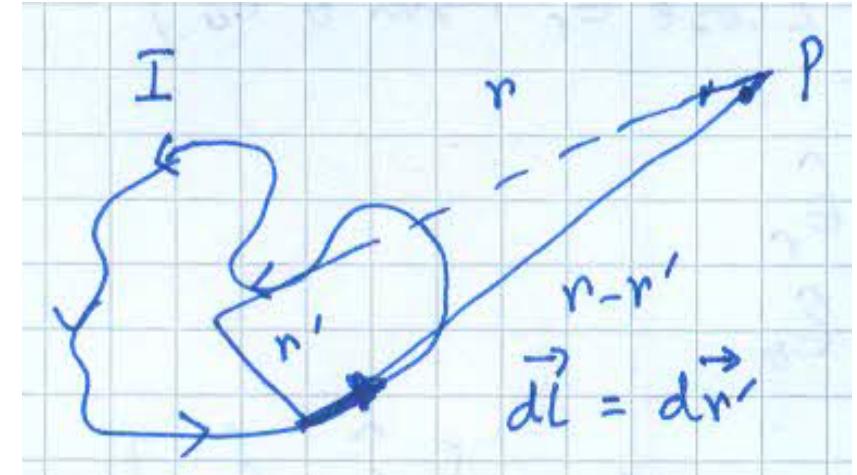
$$\text{Suppose } \nabla V' + \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} = \nabla V + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla(V - V') = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\vec{A} - \vec{A}') = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \lambda$$

## Multipole expansion of the magnetic vector potential

$$A(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(r')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3 r' = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^{l+1}} (r')^l P_l(\cos\theta) \quad (r \gg r')$$



$$l=0 \quad \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} \oint d\vec{l}$$

Always zero: no magnetic monopoles

$$l=1 \quad \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^2} \oint r' \cos\theta d\vec{l}$$

Origin independent: magnetic dipole

$$l=2 \quad \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} \oint r'^2 \frac{1}{2} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) d\vec{l}$$

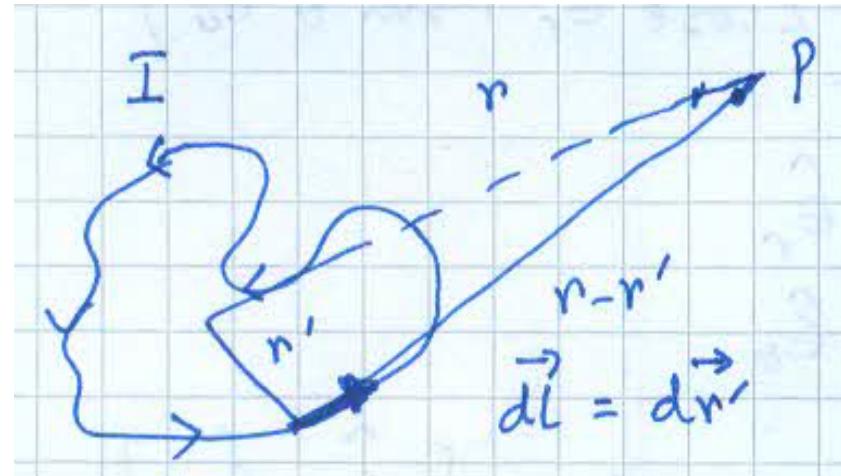
quadrupole

## Multipole expansion of the magnetic vector potential

$$\oint r' \cos \theta d\vec{r}' = -\frac{1}{2} \hat{r} \times \oint \vec{r}' \times d\vec{r}'$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hence } \vec{A}_{dipole} &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} I \oint \vec{r}' \times d\vec{r}' \right] \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} \oint \vec{r}' \times d\vec{l} &= \text{area of the loop} \\ \text{dipole moment} &= \text{current} \times \text{area}\end{aligned}$$



In 3D with volume current density  
 $\vec{m} = \frac{1}{2} \int \vec{r} \times \vec{J} \delta\tau$

## Multipole expansion : an useful identity

For a localised current distribution ( $\vec{J}$ ) with zero divergence at all points, and any two scalar functions  $f,g$

$$\int_{vol} \nabla \cdot (\vec{J} fg) d\tau = \int_{surf} \vec{J} fg \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

Since  $\vec{J}$  is localised it vanishes on the surface everywhere.

$$\int_{vol} [fg(\nabla \cdot \vec{J}) + \vec{J} \cdot \nabla fg] d\tau = 0$$

$$\int_{vol} [f \vec{J} \cdot \nabla g + g \vec{J} \cdot \nabla f] d\tau = 0$$

Take  $f=1$   $g=x,y,z$  in turn & prove

$$\int_{vol} \vec{J} d\tau = 0$$

Take  $f= g=x,y,z$  in turn & prove

$$\int_{vol} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{J} d\tau = 0$$

Take  $f= x, g=y$  and other permutations

$$\int_{vol} (xJ_y + yJ_x) d\tau = 0$$

## Multipole expansion of the magnetic vector potential

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$$\begin{aligned} A_i(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{J_i(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3 \vec{r}', \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \underbrace{\int J_i(\vec{r}') d^3 \vec{r}'}_{=0} + \frac{1}{r^3} \vec{r} \cdot \int \vec{r}' J_i(\vec{r}') d^3 \vec{r}' + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^3} \vec{r} \cdot \int \vec{r}' J_i(\vec{r}') d^3 \vec{r}' + \dots && \text{Need to use the identities derived just before to obtain the result in the next step} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^3} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \vec{r} \times \int \vec{r}' \times \vec{J} d^3 \vec{r}' \right]_i + \dots \\ \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

## The magnetic vector potential and field of a perfect dipole

$$\vec{A}_{dipole} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{m \sin \theta}{r^2} \hat{\epsilon}_\phi$$

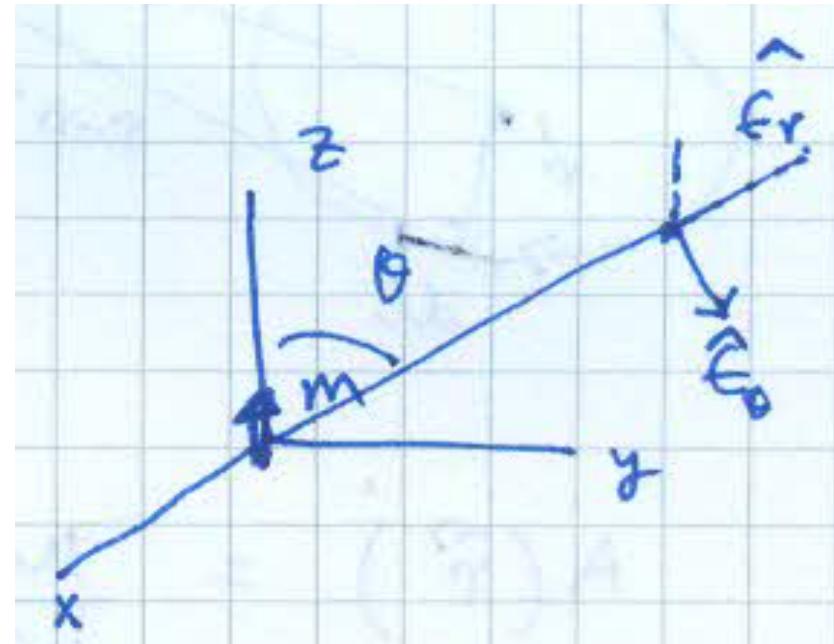
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{m}{r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{\epsilon}_r + \sin \theta \hat{\epsilon}_\theta)$$

Since

$$\begin{cases} m \cos \theta = \vec{m} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_r \\ m \sin \theta = \vec{m} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_\theta \end{cases}$$

$\vec{m}$  lies in the plane defined by  $[\epsilon_r, \epsilon_\theta]$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{m}}{r^3} \right] \quad (r \neq 0)$$



If the  $r=0$  point is to be correctly handled then the delta fn is needed.

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{m}}{r^3} \right] + \mu_0 \frac{2}{3} \vec{m} \delta(\vec{r})$$

Correct solution of the interaction of electron spin and nuclear spin (hyperfine) requires this.

## Forces and torques on current loops and dipoles

Force on a current distribution will also vanish if all the current loops are closed and the fields are constant

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad (\text{single particle})$$

$$\delta \vec{F} = (n \delta \tau) q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad (\text{many particles})$$

$$\delta \vec{F} = \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \delta \tau = I \delta \vec{l} \times \vec{B} \quad (\text{current line, distrib})$$

A current carrying wire is electrically neutral because it always has equal number of electrons and positive ions in lattice. An electric field does not create a net force on it.

Magnetic field does, because the electrons are moving and the fixed ions in the lattice are not – so the lattice sees no Lorentz force.

Useful facts to remember....

Also  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$ , since  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\iiint \vec{J} d\tau = 0$$

(for a localised charge distribution)... why?

Consider the expression

$$\int_{vol} \nabla \cdot (x \vec{J}) d\tau = \int [x \nabla \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{J} \cdot \nabla x] d\tau$$

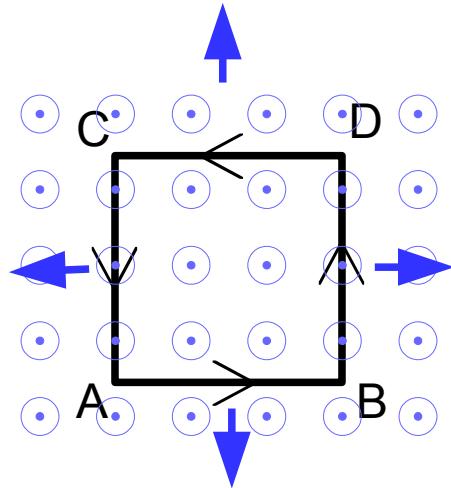
But  $\vec{J} \cdot \nabla x = J_x$

Also  $\vec{J} = 0$

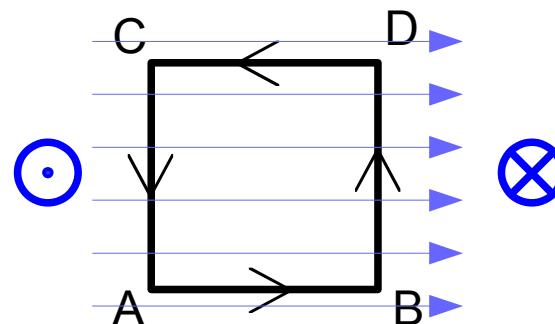
on a large bounding surface  
So the result follows

# Forces and torques on current loops and dipoles

What is the force and torque on the square loop?



$$F=0$$
$$\text{Torque} = 0$$

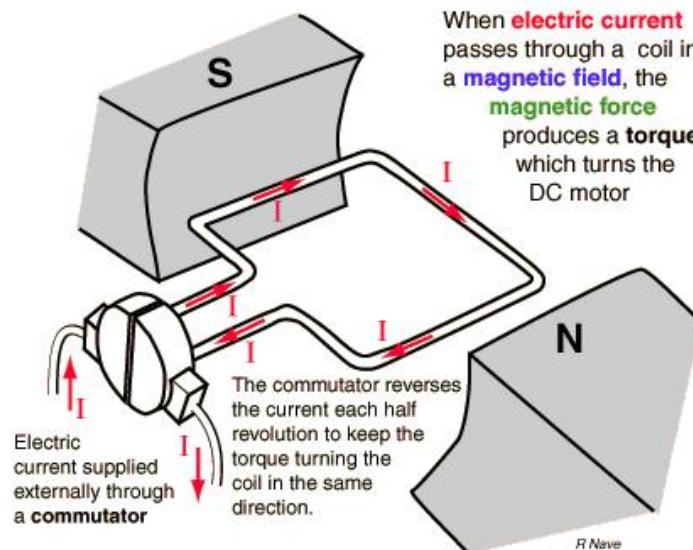


$$\vec{F} = \oint I \delta \vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

Total  $F=0$ , still, since opposite sides have exactly opposite  $d\vec{l}$  vector

Torque =  $BI \times \text{area}$  (in magnitude)

The basis for electric motor winding, pointer type current measuring meters etc.



Only inhomogeneous magnetic field can create a force on a current loop/ dipole.

Torque is possible with uniform fields.

# Forces and torques on current loops and dipoles

Consider an arbitrary current distribution in a spatially varying field  $\mathbf{B}$ .

Question: What is the force and torque on it?

Assume that the current density is confined to a small volume.

$$\vec{F} = \int (\vec{J} \times \vec{B}) d^3 r' \text{ and } B_k(\vec{r}) = B_k(0) + \vec{r} \cdot \nabla B_k$$

$$F_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \left[ B_k(0) \int J_j(\vec{r}') d^3 r' + \int J_j(\vec{r}') \vec{r}' \cdot \nabla' B_k(0) d^3 r' + \dots \right]$$

$$= 0$$

Field inhomogeneity  
giving rise to force

We need to simplify:  $\nabla B_k(0) \cdot \int \vec{r}' J_j(\vec{r}') d^3 r'$

$$\text{This will give : } - \left[ \nabla B_k(0) \times \frac{1}{2} \int (\vec{r}' \times \vec{J}) d^3 r' \right]_i$$

Dipole moment of the  
current distribution

The proof is similar to the one given for the dipole moment calculation before.

$$\vec{F} = (\vec{m} \times \nabla) \times \vec{B} = \nabla(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{m}(\nabla \cdot \vec{B})$$
$$= 0$$

## Forces and torques on current loops and dipoles

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The torque will be given by

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\tau} &= \int [\vec{r}' \times (\vec{J} \times \vec{B})] d^3 r' \\ &= \int [\vec{J}(\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B}(\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{J})] d^3 r' \\ &= \vec{B} \cdot \int \vec{r}' \vec{J} d^3 r' + \vec{B} \cdot \int (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{J}) d^3 r' \\ &= \vec{m} \times \vec{B} \quad = 0\end{aligned}$$

Since the zeroth order term does not vanish, we take the value of  $B$  at a fixed point in the distribution and treat it as a constant

*Electric dipole*

$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E})$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

*Magnetic dipole*

$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

The end result is very similar, though the internal mechanism is quite different.

## How does matter acquire magnetic polarisation (dipole moment)

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The mechanisms by which matter acquires a magnetic "dipole moment" per unit volume is more complex than the way electric polarisation is acquired.

A classical description of this is not really possible.

The magnetic moment acquired may be

1. In the direction of the magnetic field but very weak. (paramagnetism)
2. OPPOSITE to the direction of the applied field and also very weak (diamagnetism)

Para & dia magnetic effects disappear when the applied field is removed.

3. In the direction of the applied field but very strong and remains even after the initial field is removed .(ferromagnetism)  
This is characterised by hysteresis effects/loops/

These effects involve the dynamics of orbital electrons of an atom/ free electrons in a metal in a magnetic field, which requires a quantum mechanical description.

We will not focus on "how" the polarisation is acquired.

# Magnetic polarisation and its description

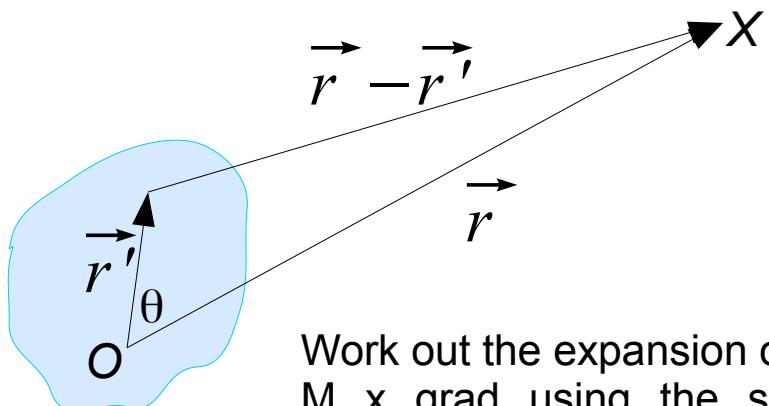
$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{vol} \frac{\vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{| \vec{r} - \vec{r}' |^3} d^3 r',$$

Recall that

$$\nabla_{r'} \frac{1}{| \vec{r} - \vec{r}' |} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{| \vec{r} - \vec{r}' |^3}$$

Hence

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{vol} \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \nabla_{r'} \frac{1}{| \vec{r} - \vec{r}' |} d^3 r',$$



Work out the expansion of  $\vec{M} \times \nabla$  using the standard rules. Convert one volume integral of a curl to a surface integral.....

**M** is the magnetic moment per unit volume.

The unit of **M** can be defined in two ways:

[m] = current x area (so Ampere .m<sup>2</sup>)

[M] = Am<sup>-1</sup>

Also [m.B] = energy, hence

[m] = Joule/Tesla

[M] = J/Tesla/m<sup>-3</sup>

But historically an unit emu has been used. emu = 1erg/gauss

From which we can define emu/cc or emu/gm

1 erg/gauss = 10<sup>-3</sup> Ampere .m<sup>2</sup>

Atomic magnetic moments are of the order of a "Bohr magneton"

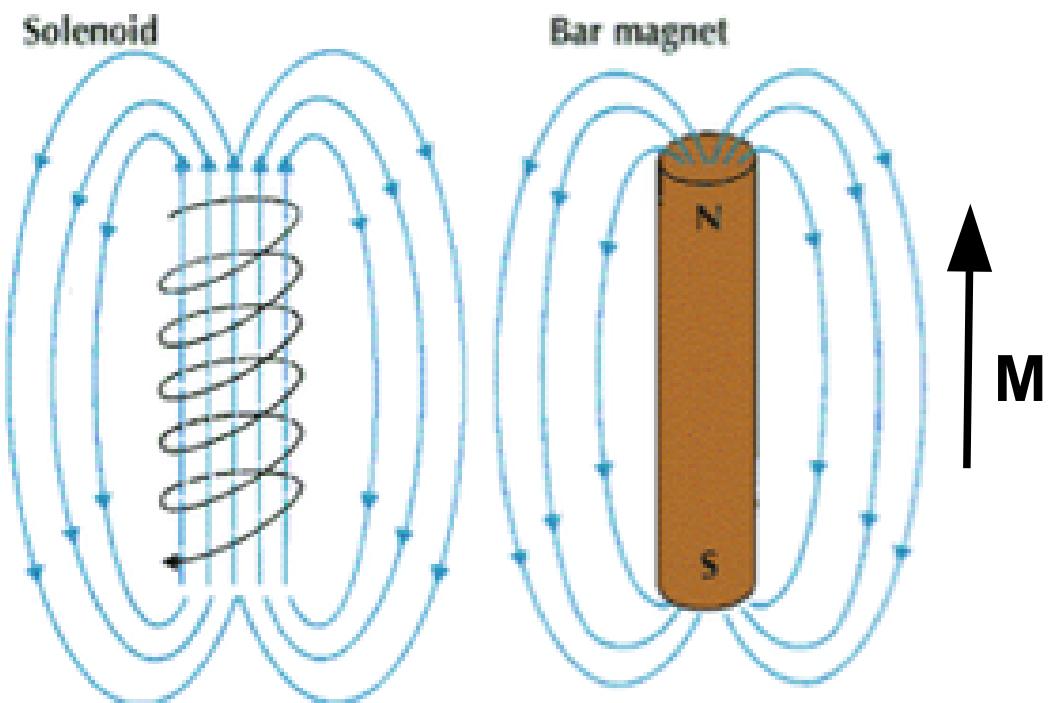
# Magnetic polarisation and its description

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{vol} M(\vec{r}') \times \nabla_{r'} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3 r' \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \int_{vol} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} (\nabla \times \vec{M}) d\tau + \int_{surf} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \vec{M} \times d\vec{S} \right] \\ \vec{J}_b &= \nabla \times \vec{M} \quad \& \quad \sigma_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}\end{aligned}$$

need to use the relation

$$\int_{vol} \nabla \times \vec{A} d\tau = - \int_{surf} \vec{A} \times d\vec{S}$$

Contribution from a volume current and a surface current density.



$$\vec{M} = \text{constant}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{M} = 0$$

$$\vec{M} \times \hat{n} = M \hat{\epsilon}_\phi$$

mimics the solenoid current equivalent ampere turns per mt

## Magnetic polarisation and its description: **B** **H** **M** vectors

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} = \mu_0 (\vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_b)$$



"Free" current put in by wires,  
solenoids etc.

$$\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} \quad \text{hence}$$

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} \right) = \vec{J}_f$$

$$\text{call } \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} = \vec{H}$$

"Bound" current due to induced  
or frozen magnetic dipoles

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J}_f \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{H} &= ?\end{aligned}$$

!! NOT NECESSARILY  
ZERO!!

Historically a proportionality between **M** and **H** was emphasized as a material property. This leads to:

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$$

$$\vec{M} = \chi \vec{H}$$

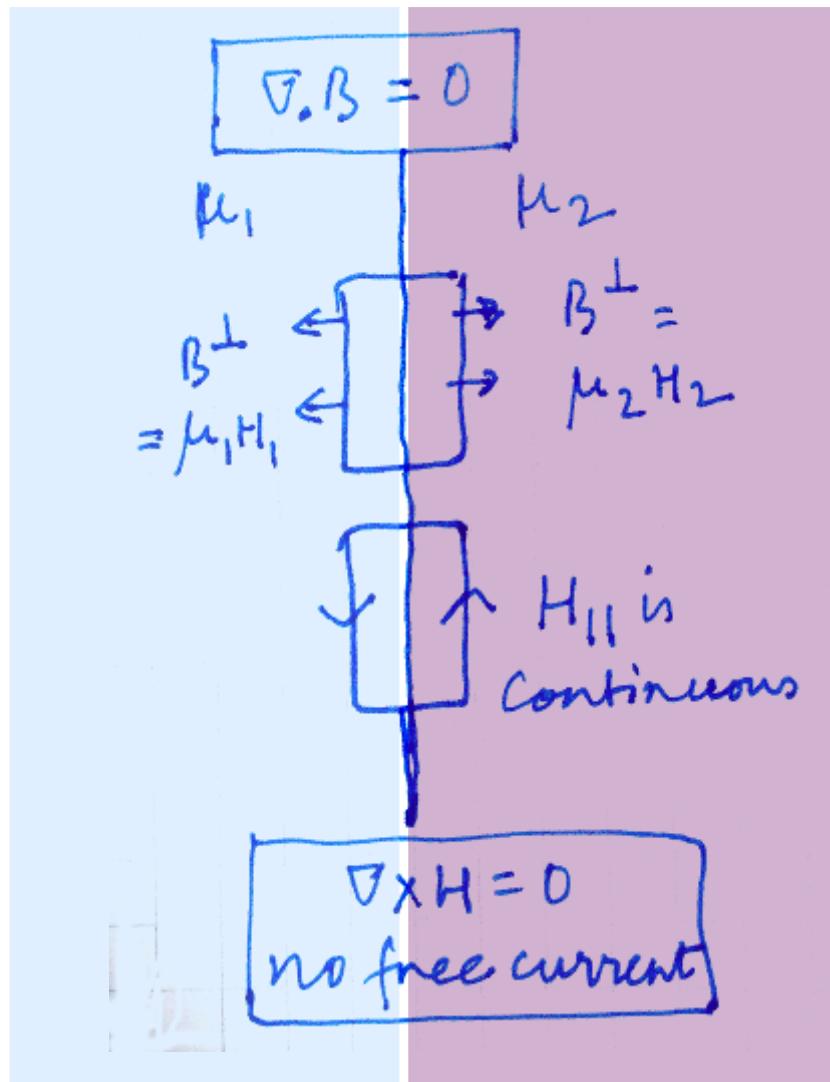
$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (1 + \chi) \vec{H}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

$\chi$  is called susceptibility

$\mu$  is called permeability

# Magnetic polarisation and its description: **B H M** vectors : Boundary conditions



$$\vec{J}_{free} = 0 \quad (\text{at the interface})$$
$$\mu_1 H_1^\perp = \mu_2 H_2^\perp \quad (\text{since } \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0)$$
$$H_1^\parallel = H_2^\parallel \quad (\text{since } \nabla \times \vec{H} = 0)$$

The unit of H is same as the unit of M.  
In SI ampere-turn per meter is generally used. It is dimensionally different from Tesla.

In cgs unit of B and H have same dimensionality.  
Gauss is used for B  
Oersted is used for H

Confusion is very common between B and H

## Divergence of H is not necessarily zero : An example

Consider a bar magnet with magnetisation M

$$\text{Air} : \vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} \quad (M=0)$$

$$\text{Bar} : \vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M}$$



Bar magnet

$$B_{\text{air}}^\perp = B_{\text{bar}}^\perp$$
$$H_{\text{air}}^\perp \neq H_{\text{bar}}^\perp$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{M} = \rho_m$$

is sometimes useful to describe an assembly of magnets via a potential  $\phi$  such that  $\vec{H} = -\nabla \phi$

So H can have "sources" and "sinks" like the electric field.

In cases where  $\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = 0$ , it is possible to construct a magnetic scalar potential, whose gradient would give H.

In older texts "magnetic pole density" etc are used. These are the sources and sinks of H, like electric charge is the source and sink of E.

This leads to some confusion about H being the "real" field, which is wrong!!

# Physical interpretation of the bound currents

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## Field of an uniformly magnetised sphere

$$\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} = 0$$

$$\vec{\sigma}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n} = M \sin \theta \epsilon_\phi$$

Integrate directly to find  $\vec{A}$  and then  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 M R^3}{3} \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \hat{\epsilon}_\phi \quad (r > R)$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 M}{3} r \sin \theta \hat{\epsilon}_\phi \quad (r < R)$$

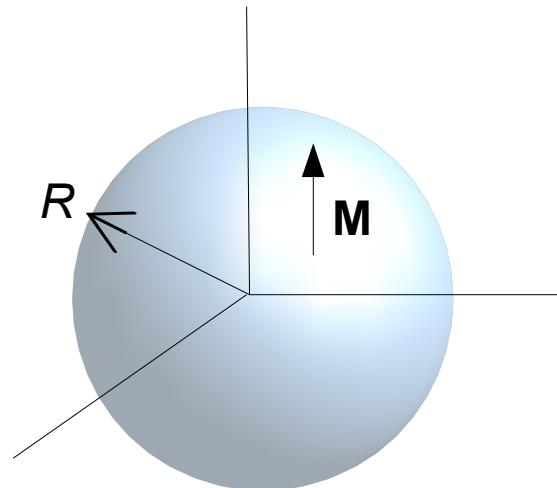
$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}\vec{B} &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4\pi R^3 M}{3} \right) \left( \frac{2 \cos \theta \hat{\epsilon}_r + \sin \theta \hat{\epsilon}_\theta}{r^3} \right) \\ \vec{B} &= \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \vec{M}\end{aligned}}$$

Inside the sphere

$$\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} = -\frac{\vec{M}}{3}$$

directed opposite to  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{M}$

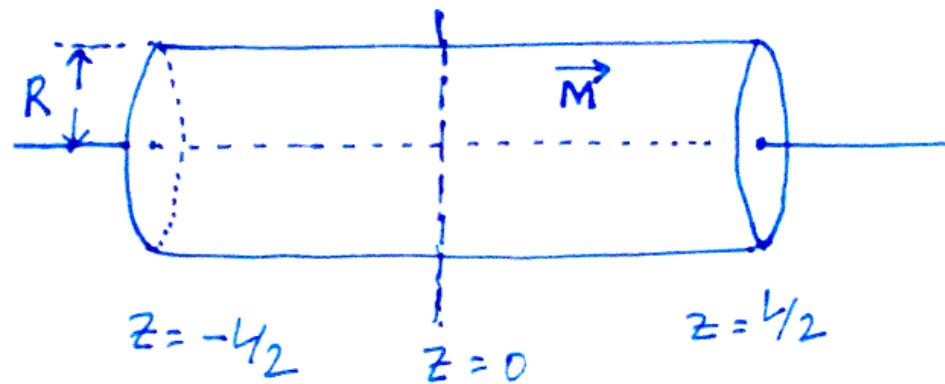
A somewhat counter-intuitive result!



Field inside is constant

Field outside is that of an equivalent dipole placed at origin.

## Field of a cylindrical bar magnet



Replace the Magnetisation by an equivalent current:  $M=NI$  and calculate the axial field due to all the current loops, using the result for a single loop

$$B(0,0,z) = \frac{\mu_0 M}{2} \left[ \frac{z+L/2}{\sqrt{R^2+(z+L/2)^2}} - \frac{z-L/2}{\sqrt{R^2+(z-L/2)^2}} \right]$$

Field just outside :  $B \approx \frac{\mu_0 M}{2}$   $(z=\pm L/2)$

Field very far away :  $B \approx \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi z^3} \cdot (M\pi R^2 L)$   $(z \gg L)$

Inverse cube  
fall off of a  
dipole field

Calculate  $H$  and show that it points opposite to  $M$  inside the bar.  
Typical strong permanent magnets have remnance  $\mu_0 M \sim 1 \text{ Tesla}$

## Typical values of susceptibilities

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**TABLE 6.1 MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITIES**

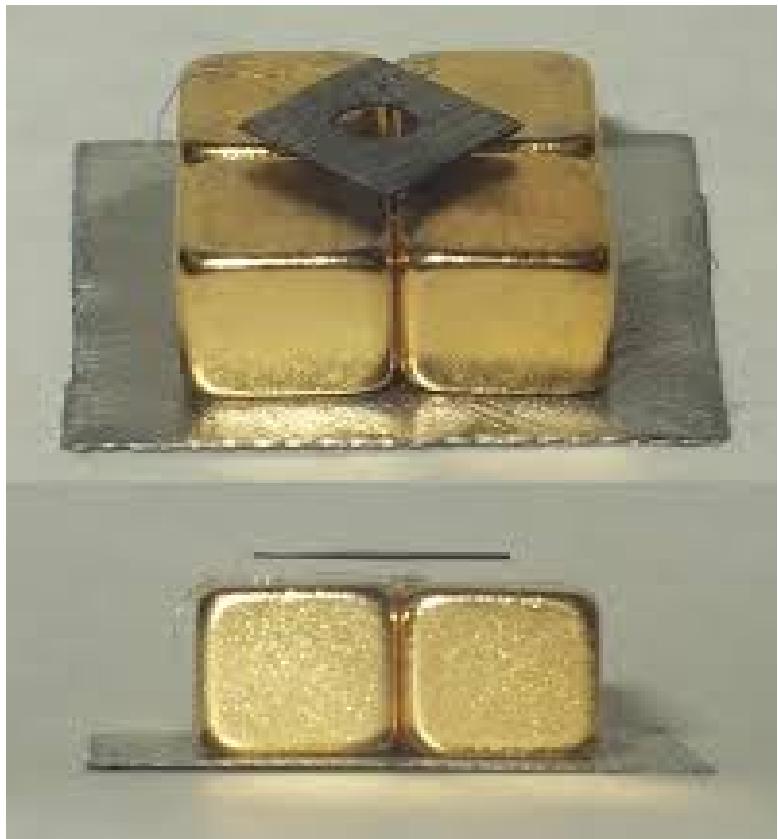
Material	Magnetic Susceptibility
<i>Diamagnetic:</i>	
Bismuth	$-16.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Gold	$-3.0 \times 10^{-5}$
Silver	$-2.4 \times 10^{-5}$
Copper	$-0.96 \times 10^{-5}$
Water	$-0.90 \times 10^{-5}$
Carbon Dioxide	$-1.2 \times 10^{-8}$
Hydrogen	$-0.22 \times 10^{-8}$
<i>Paramagnetic:</i>	
Oxygen	$190 \times 10^{-8}$
Sodium	$0.85 \times 10^{-5}$
Aluminum	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}$
Tungsten	$7.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Gadolinium	$48,000 \times 10^{-5}$

*Source: Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 67th ed. (Cleveland: CRC Press, Inc., 1986-87.) All figures are for atmospheric pressure and room temperature.*

Graphite's susceptibility  
can be -6e-4 to -1e-5  
depending on  
orientation in SI units

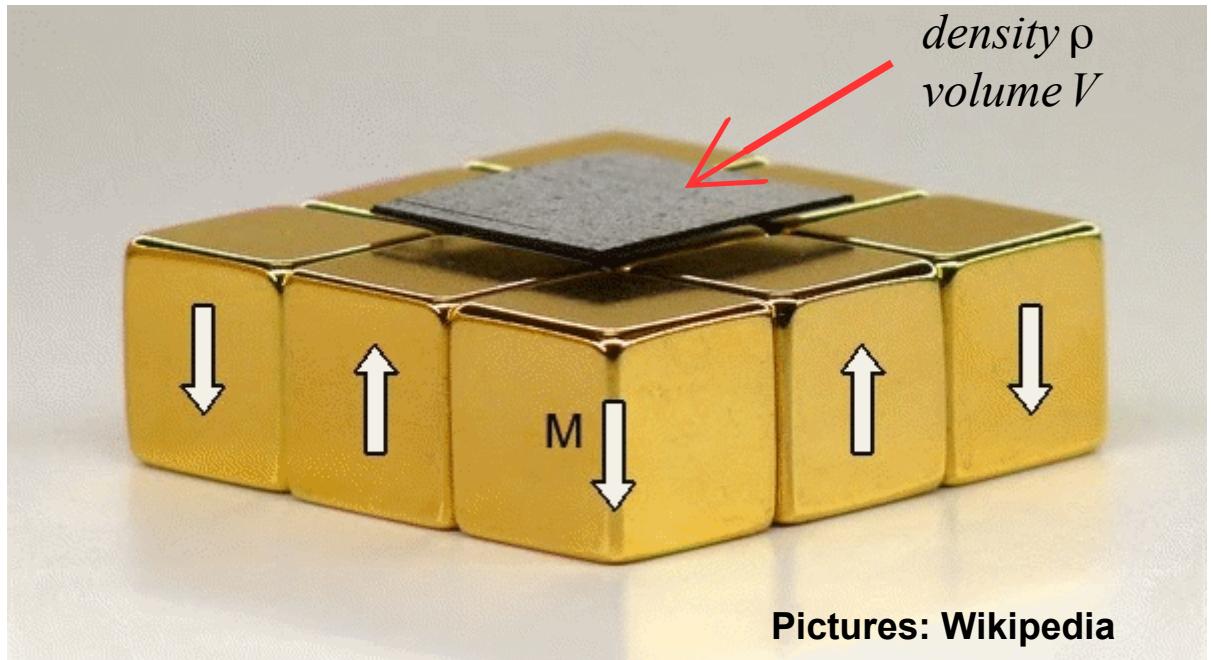
## Stability of levitation: Why does it require diamagnets ?

Since magnetic field repels "diamagnets", it can be made to float in a region of strongly varying (large gradient) magnetic field.



Pieces of graphite floating on a strong magnets. The magnets are typically 5-10mm cubes and would have a remnance of 1-2 Tesla.

The height at which these float are typically 1-2 mm



$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}) = \rho V g, \text{ where } \vec{m} \approx V \frac{\chi}{\mu_0} \vec{B}$$

Stability requires that  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \chi \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}) < 0$

$$\text{But } \nabla^2 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} = \nabla^2(B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2)$$

$$\text{Show that : } \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} B_j B_j = 2 \sum_j |\nabla B_j|^2$$

Hence  $\nabla^2 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} > 0$  always  
stability requires  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} < 0$  possible only if  $\chi < 0$

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## Electrodynamics

Something needs to be added to Ampere's Law. Why?

Can we decouple E and B?

Emergence of an wave equation. Why is  $f(x-vt)$  a "wave"?

How does the displacement current term compare with normal current?

Induced emfs: Inductors and generators

Lorentz force Law in potential form (convective derivative)

Energy and momentum of the EM field.

Maxwell's equation in matter

Refractive index

Reflection and transmission of em waves at an interface

## Why there must be something more in Ampere's Law.

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

If  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$  then it is fine

Cannot be correct when  $\vec{J}$  is changing

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

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

always  
true

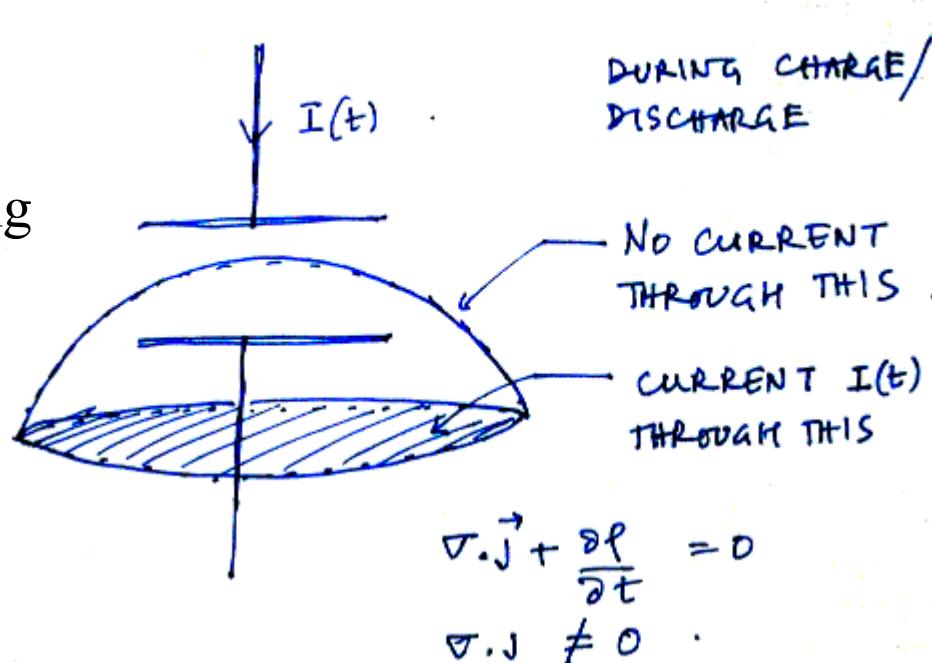
Replace RHS by

$$\vec{J} \rightarrow \vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Full time dependent equation becomes

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

Historically the additional term is called  
"displacement current"



Question : How does  $E$  vary within the plates

$$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{Q}{Cd} \quad Q: \text{charge on the plates}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \propto \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \propto I(t)$$

The correction term should have something  
to do with  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$ .

# The full set of Maxwell's equations

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electrostatics

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

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

Faraday  
Induction

magnetostatics

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

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

Maxwell's  
displacement  
current term

These are first order differential equations.

Decoupling them would invariably lead to second order equations.

First do it for free space where there are no charges and currents

## Decoupling of Maxwell's equations leads to wave equation in free space

$$\nabla \times B = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}.$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times B = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times E)$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot B) - \nabla^2 B = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 B - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}.$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times B)$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot E) - \nabla^2 E = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \right)$$

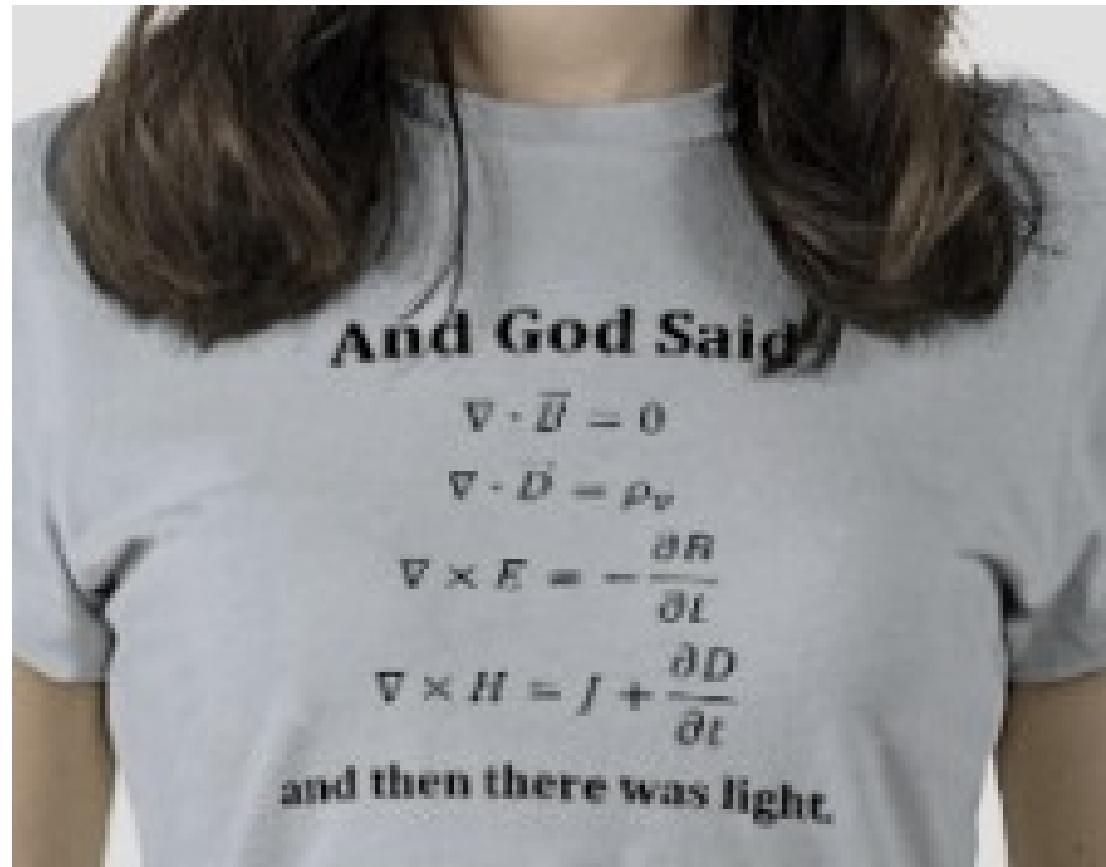
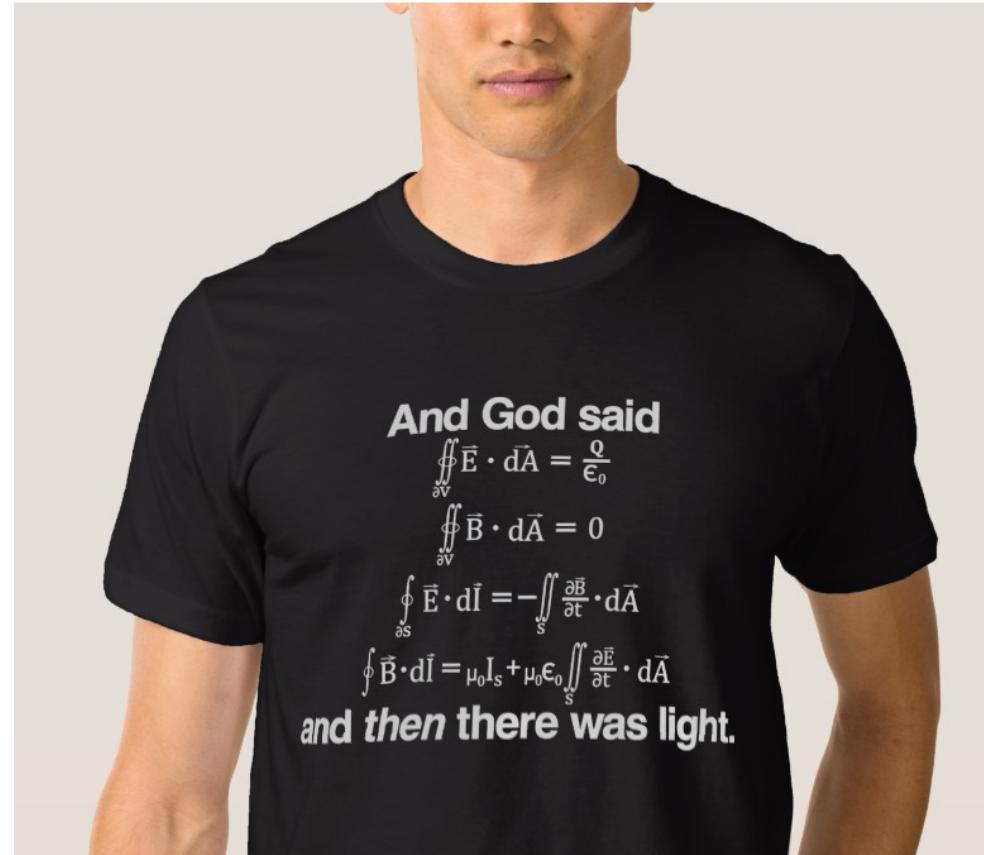
$$\nabla^2 E - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

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

The velocity of light emerges "naturally" from Maxwell's equations

What is the generic solution of the wave equation?

# Decoupling of Maxwell's equations leads to wave equation in free space



When does the displacement current term become more dominant?

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# Inductors and generators : Self Inductance

A current carrying loop creates a magnetic field.

Some of the magnetic field creates a flux through the loop.

$$\Phi = LI \quad \text{similar to} \quad V = Q/C$$

How much energy does it take to set this up?

$$V = -L \frac{dI}{dt} \quad (\text{Faraday induction})$$

$$\delta W = V \delta Q \quad (\text{work done by the battery})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW}{dt} &= VI = \left( \frac{d}{dt} LI \right) I \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{LI^2}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Consider a coil of  $N$  turns,

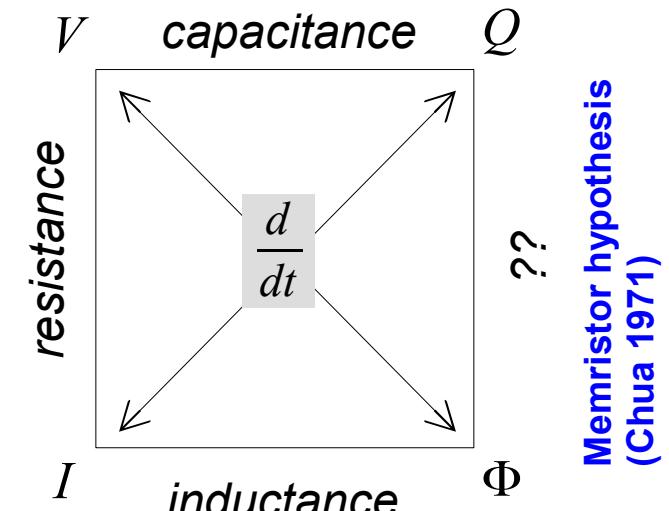
With length  $l$  and cross sectional area  $A$

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{l} I$$

$$LI = NBA$$

$$\frac{(LI)I}{2} = \frac{NBA}{2} \frac{Bl}{\mu_0 N}$$

$$W = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} Al \quad \text{Energy per unit volume in magnetic field}$$



In a circuit capacitor stores energy in its electric field. The inductor stores energy in its magnetic field.  
More generally...

Energy in the electromagnetic field

$$\int_{vol} d\tau \left[ \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right]$$

Memristor hypothesis  
(Chua 1971)

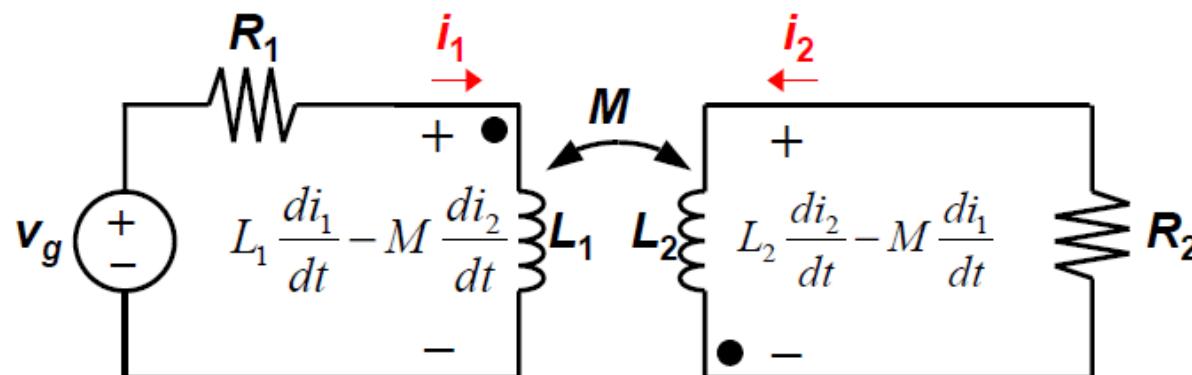
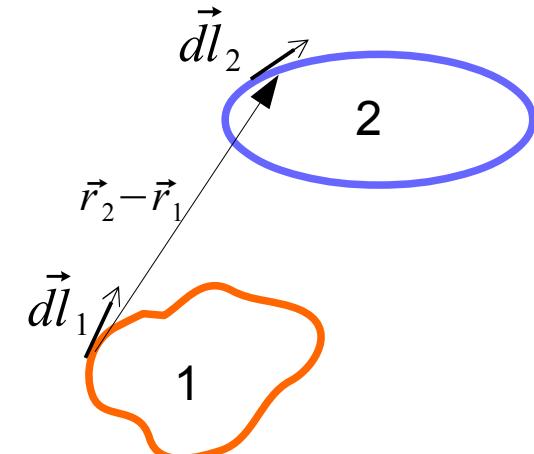
# Inductors and generators : Mutual Inductance

Flux through loop 2 due to loop 1

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_2 &= \int \vec{B}_1 \cdot d\vec{S}_2 & = & \int (\nabla \times \vec{A}_1) \cdot d\vec{S}_2 \\ &= \int \vec{A}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 & = & \int \frac{I_1 d\vec{l}_1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} \cdot \int d\vec{l}_2\end{aligned}$$

$$M I_1 = I_1 \oint \oint \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

Mutual Inductance  
(notice the symmetry)



Question:

$$\Phi_1 = LI_1 + MI_2$$

OR

$$\Phi_1 = LI_1 - MI_2$$

The flux due to coil 2 may increase or decrease the flux through coil 1  
That depends on the geometry and assumed direction of the instantaneous current

**The dot convention :** If both currents are entering the dot then fluxes will add.

**Equivalently :** If current enters the dotted terminal then the polarity of the voltage at the other dotted terminal will be positive.

## Inductors and generators : Mutual Inductance : Energy stored in the full system

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How much is the energy stored in the system L1 + L2 ?

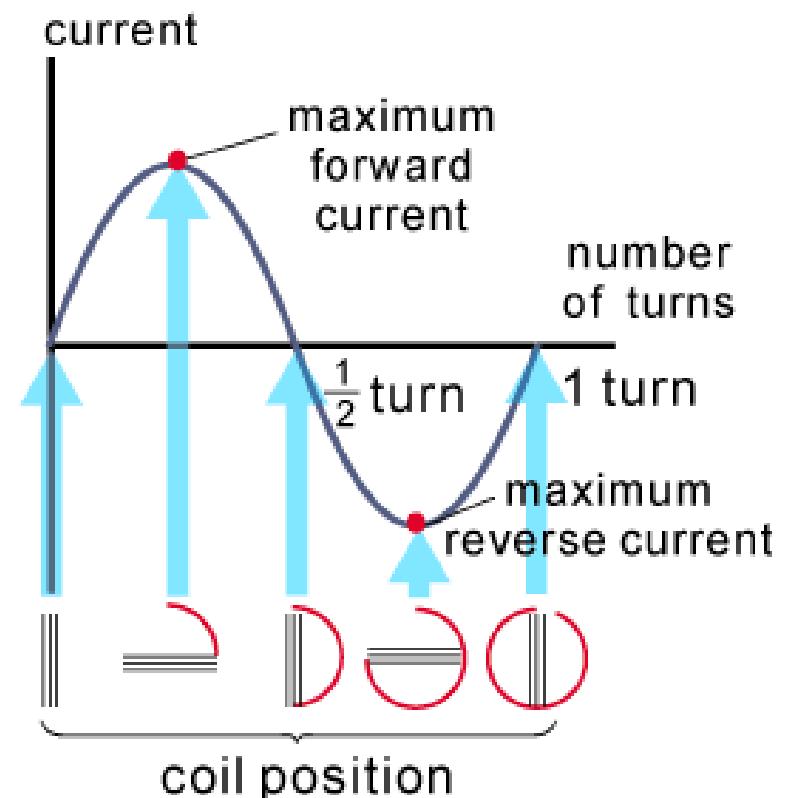
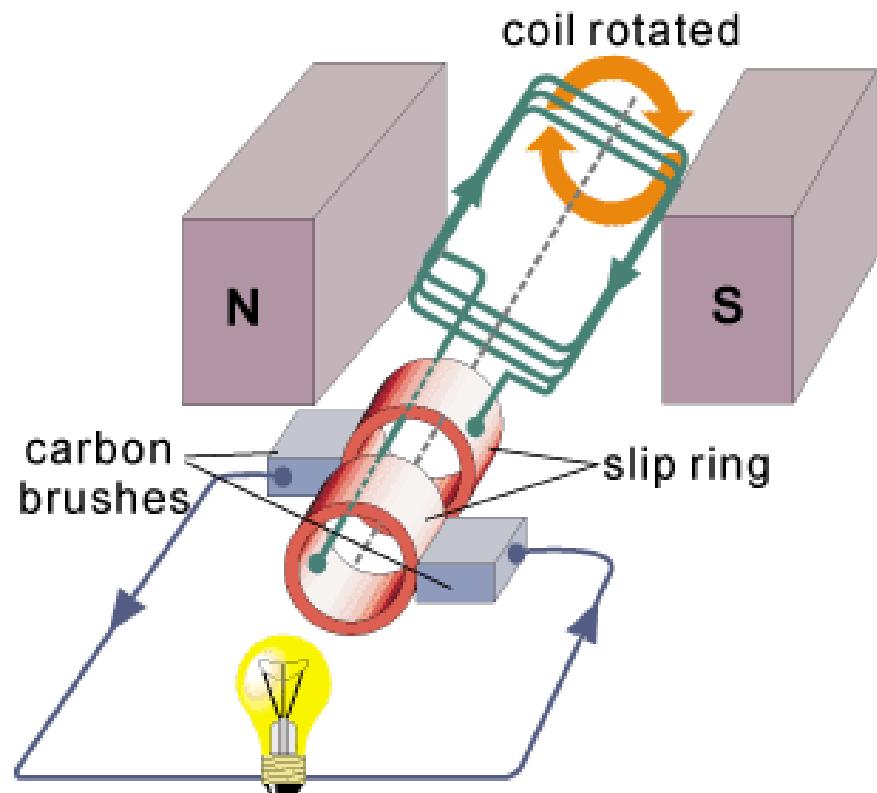
$$W = L_1 I_1^2 + L_2 I_2^2 + M I_1 I_2 \quad \text{When all currents either enter or leave the dot}$$

$$W = L_1 I_1^2 + L_2 I_2^2 - M I_1 I_2 \quad \text{When one current enters and the other leaves the dot}$$

This follows from the relation between dot and the addition/subtraction of flux

Can be generalised to an arbitrary number of coupled linear inductors

# Inductors and generators : The simple generator



<http://misswise.weebly.com/motors-and-generators.html>

Either the magnet OR coil may rotate

If the magnet rotates, the change in flux is obvious

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi = \frac{d}{dt} N.B.A.\cos \omega t$$

$$V = -N.B.A. \omega \sin \omega t$$

N turns in the coil  
Area of each turn : A  
angular freq of rotation :  $\omega$

Notice that the voltage WILL alternate or have ripples even if the contacts to the terminals are flipped every half cycle

# Inductors and generators : The simple generator : coil rotates, magnet stationary

$$\oint_{\text{coil}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \oint_{\text{coil}} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} \quad (\text{Lorenz Force})$$

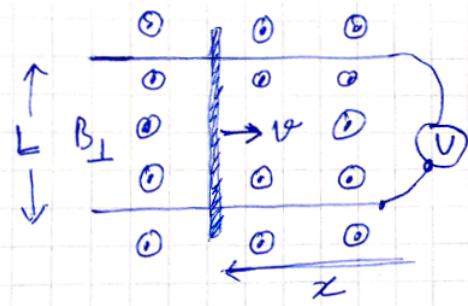
Notice the **B** vector is fixed in this case

For rigid rotation :  $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$  so  $(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \times \vec{B} = \vec{r}(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\omega}) - \vec{\omega}(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{r})$

$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\omega} = 0$  &  $\vec{B} \cdot \vec{r} = Br \sin \omega t$  ( $\theta = \omega t$  is the angle with the normal to the coil)

The integral again gives  $V = -B.A.\omega \sin \omega t$

Example: Conducting rod rolling on a track.....(Lorenz force or flux change??)



FLUX  
 $\Phi = BLx$ .  
 $\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = BL \frac{dx}{dt}$ .

LORENTZ FORCE  
 $F = qBV$   
 $\int_0^L \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = BVL$

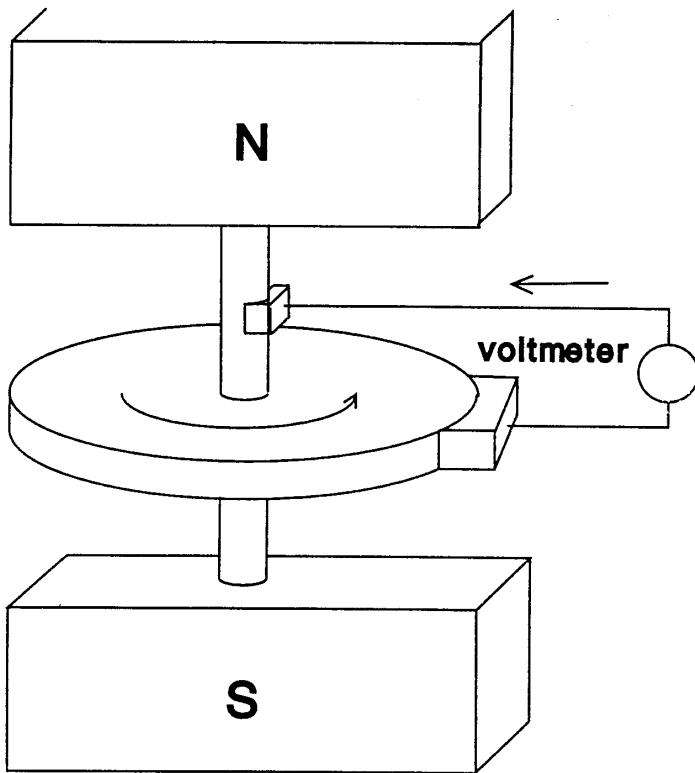
So "flux changes due to magnet motion" and "circuit moves" cases gives the same result. [See refs for interesting comments]

The usual viewpoint is : Faraday induction is correct in the frame where circuit is at rest. But this is *not* always easy to apply...because the circuit may deform, expand or stretch (motion, but not centre of mass motion.)

EITHER apply Faraday's law, treating the derivative carefully  
OR apply Lorentz Force argument

References:  
Feynman Lect vol2, chap16  
J D Jackson Chap 6

# Inductors and generators : The NOT SO SIMPLE homopolar generator



Force on the moving charge :  $\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$   
In travelling from center to edge of the disk

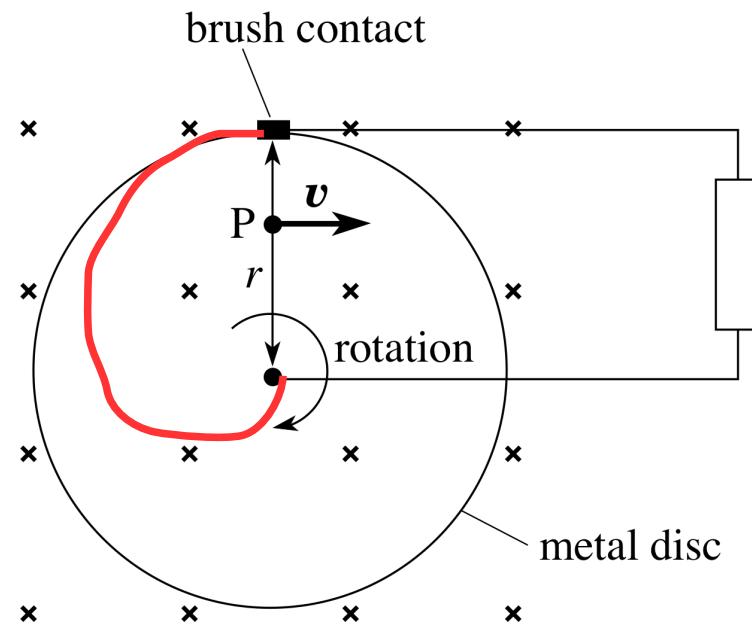
$$\int \frac{\vec{F}}{q} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_0^r \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$
$$= B \omega \frac{r^2}{2}$$

$$\vec{B} = B \hat{\epsilon}_z$$
$$\vec{v} = \omega r \hat{\epsilon}_\theta$$

Faraday disk/ homopolar/unipolar generator.  
Question: Where is the change of flux?  
Why does it generate a voltage at all?

Observation: Rotating the disk generates a voltage.  
But rotating the magnet does NOT.

*How is the "circuit" being completed?  
What is the path of the electron?*



uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  acting into the page

*How does someone sitting in the disk explain the voltage generated?*

# Faraday induction vs Lorenz force. Are they equivalent?

circuit is moving through  $\vec{B}(x, y, z)$   
 which has no  $t$  dependence  
 Loop/circuit may not be rigid...  
 parts may have diff speeds

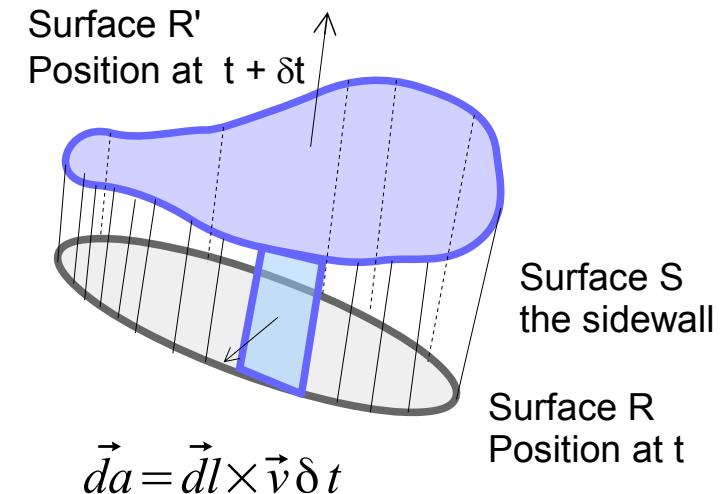
Since  $\vec{B}$  has no  $t$  dependence

$$\oint_{R+S+R'} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \quad \text{always / any closed surface}$$

$$\Phi(t+\delta t) - \Phi(t) = \oint_{R'} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} + \oint_R \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Phi &= - \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} \\ &= - \oint_R \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} \times \vec{v} \delta t\end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \oint_R \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



When  $R$  is considered part of the closed surface the direction of the outward normal reverses. So the sign also reverses. Important!

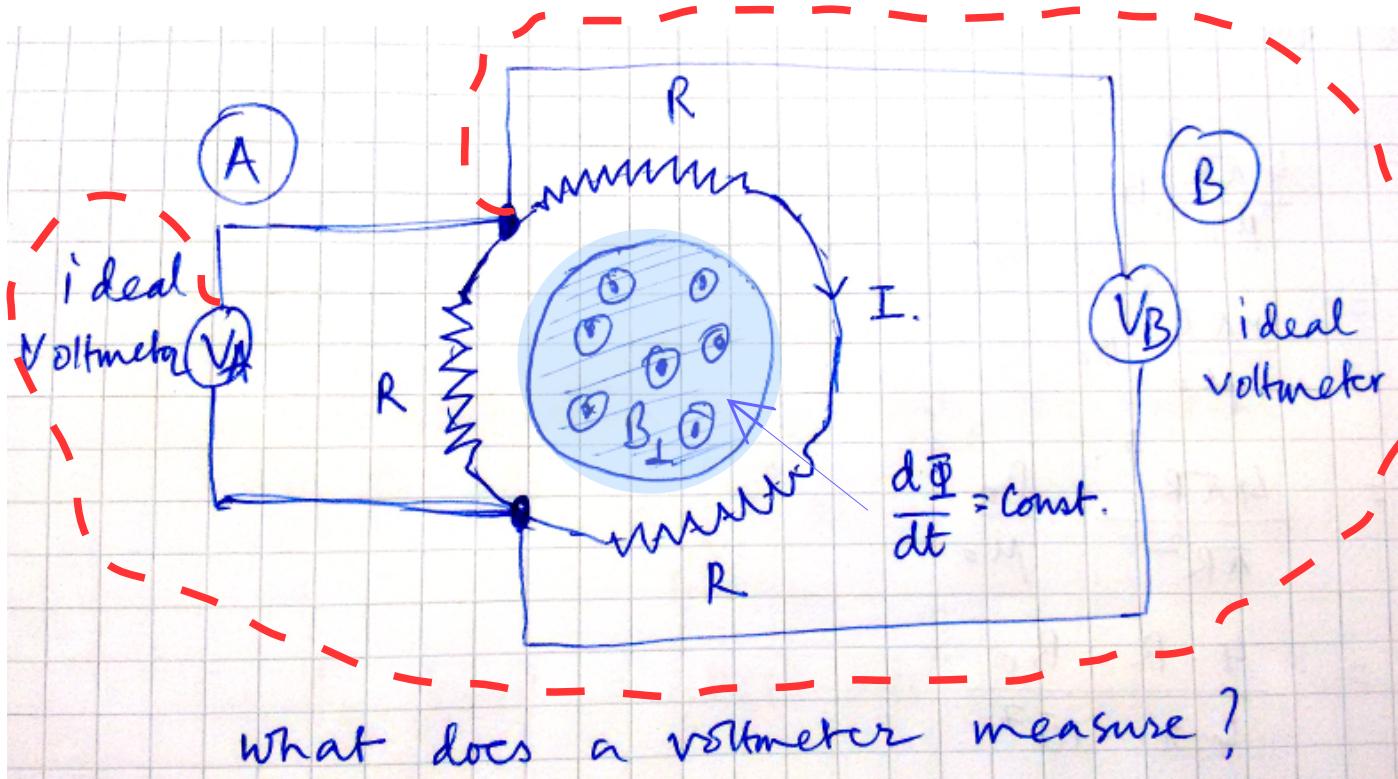
But this will not work if  $B$  has explicit time dependence because the surfaces  $R$  and  $R'$  are not traced out at equal time, we cannot set integral of  $B \cdot da$  to zero over the surface.

But Faraday's law is true irrespective of whether  $B$  is time dependent or not.

The two laws are NOT equivalent, but of course consistent with each other!

## "Voltage" in a non-conservative field situation

Non conservative fields (non zero curl) can give rise to puzzling situations.  
An example: flux changes in the central region and induced a current in the R+R+R loop.



Two voltmeters are connected across the same two points.

Q: Should they not measure the same "voltage"?

A: NO, not in this case.

But....if the top lead of A is disconnected and laid along the red dotted line, then both will measure the same. (figure out why..)

What do "voltmeters" measure? Faraday's law in a multiply connected region.

R H Romer, American Jl of Physics 50, 1089 (1982)

# Energy and Momentum of particle + EM field system

Conservative field  $\rightarrow$  KE + PE (scalar potential) conserved.  
 EM fields are in general not conservative, so what is conserved?

Expectation: KE of particles + "something" will be conserved.

$$\delta W_M = \int_{\text{all vol}} \rho (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v} \delta t d\tau$$

$$\frac{dW_M}{dt} = \int \vec{E} \cdot \vec{j} d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int (\vec{E} \cdot \nabla \times \vec{B}) d\tau - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} d\tau$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) d\tau + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \vec{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{E}) d\tau - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} d\tau$$

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

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d}{dt} \left[ W_M + \int_{\text{vol}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) d\tau \right] = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_{\text{surf}} \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) d\tau$$

Work done on the charges=  
 Force x displacement (integrated over all vol)

Use  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$  to replace  $\vec{j}$

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot \nabla \times \vec{E} - \vec{E} \cdot \nabla \times \vec{B}$$

compare with  $\nabla \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

Hence  $\frac{dQ_{\text{in}}}{dt} = - \int_{\text{surf}} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{a}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ W_M + \int_{\text{vol}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2} + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) d\tau \right] = - \int_{\text{surf}} \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Energy of particles + field

Poynting vector  
 The energy flux

## Energy and Momentum of particle + EM field system

We find that the EM field contains energy and we can identify the energy flux/flow/current term as well.

Natural question: Can we do the same for momentum of the particles? This is more involved, because momentum is a vector and forming the continuity equation for a vector would require a "tensor".

Apart from that the reasoning is very similar...

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{all} \vec{p}_i &= \vec{F} = \int_{all \ vol} \rho (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) d\tau \\ &= \int \left[ (\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \left( \frac{\nabla \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \times \vec{B} \right] d\tau\end{aligned}$$

Replace charge and current by field terms using Maxwell's equations

$$\text{Since : } (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} = (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} - \nabla \frac{B^2}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And : } \left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \times \vec{B} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{E} \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \left[ (\vec{E} \cdot \nabla) \vec{E} - \nabla \frac{E^2}{2} \right]\end{aligned}$$

we have used Faraday's law  
 $\nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$   
and a similar expansion again

## Energy and Momentum of particle + EM field system

RHS becomes :

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

The integrand is now remarkably symmetric in E and B although the initial expression was not. The extra term we have added is  $\text{div } \mathbf{B}$  which is always zero.

$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$   
emerges again

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_{\text{particles}} \vec{p}_i + \frac{1}{c^2} \int \vec{S} d\tau \right] = \int \left[ \epsilon_0 \left\{ (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \nabla) \vec{E} - \nabla \frac{E^2}{2} \right\} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left\{ (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} - \nabla \frac{B^2}{2} \right\} \right] d\tau$$

Question : Is RHS the divergence of something? Then the form of the continuity equation will emerge again.

But the RHS is already a vector, so it can only be the divergence of tensor (if at all)

## Energy and Momentum of particle + EM field system

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \nabla) \vec{E} - \nabla \frac{E^2}{2} \right]_i \\
 = & \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_j} E_i + E_j \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial x_i} \\
 = & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( E_i E_j - \delta_{ij} \frac{E^2}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Repeated index j is summed over, there is no summation over i

Hence the entire RHS integrand is a divergence of the following quantity

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

Formally called the Electromagnetic (Maxwell) stress tensor

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_{particles} \vec{p}_i + \frac{1}{c^2} \int \vec{S} d\tau \right] = - \int_{vol} \nabla \cdot (-\underline{\underline{T}}) d\tau = - \int_{surf} (-\underline{\underline{T}}) \cdot d\vec{a}$$

compare with  $\frac{d}{dt} Q_{\text{inside}} = - \int_{vol} \nabla \cdot \vec{j} d\tau = - \int_{surf} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{a}$

Q: Why would you call it a stress tensor?

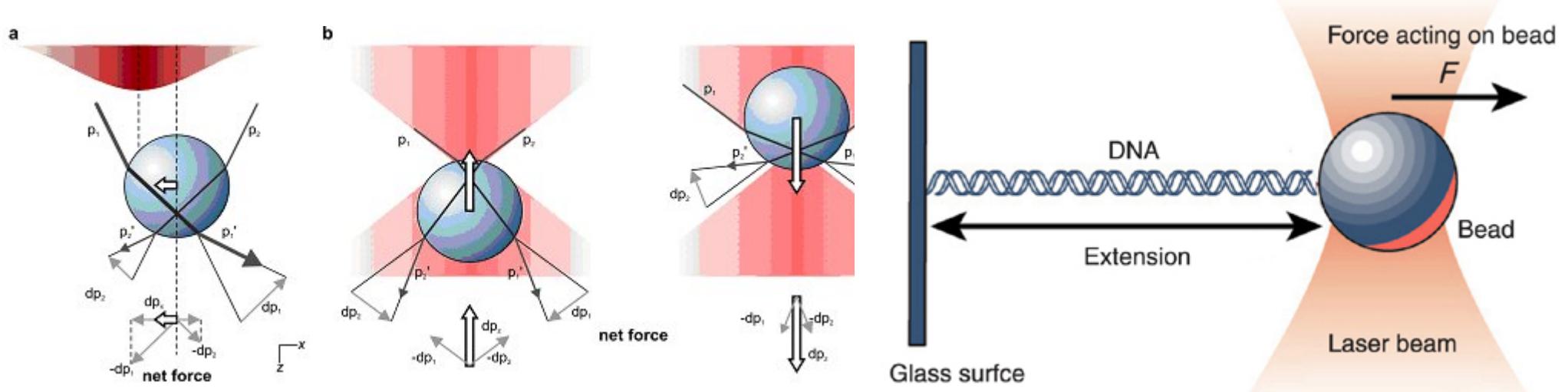
# Energy and Momentum of particle + EM field system

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{\text{particles}} \vec{p}_i = \left[ -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{S} d\tau + \int_{\text{surf}} \underline{T} \cdot d\vec{a} \right]$$

If we take the volume to include all the particles (or a solid object) then the RHS tells us the total force on that volume.

If there is no t dependence then the integral of T gives the force. In a "mechanical" or "fluid" situation, this is exactly what the stress tensor would have given us.

This formulation can also be used to analyse cases where a focussed beam of light is used to hold up a particle...."optical tweezer"...



# Electromagnetic Waves in free space: What is a plane EM wave ?

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

We start by assuming that  $E_0$  and  $B_0$  have no spatial dependence, they do NOT depend on  $x,y,z$ . All spatial dependence comes from the exponential.

Of course  $E_0$  and  $B_0$  can have  $x,y,z$  components, but they are all constants. These must satisfy Maxwell's equations.

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Hence } \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 = 0$$

$$\& \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

We would not have got this "transverse" condition without the assumption of  $E_0$  and  $B_0$  being constant....in waveguides the condition does NOT hold.

$$\begin{aligned}& \nabla \cdot \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_{0x} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_{0y} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \dots \\ &= i(E_{0x} k_x + E_{0y} k_y + E_{0z} k_z) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ &= i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Similarly prove that} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ = i(\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = -i\omega \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

## Electromagnetic Waves in free space : What is a plane EM wave?

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The third equation gives:

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0 = \omega \vec{B}_0$$

Hence

$$\vec{E}_0 \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0) = \omega \vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0$$

$$\vec{k}(\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{E}_0) - \vec{E}_0(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0) = \omega \vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0$$

$$\vec{k} = \omega \frac{\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0}{E_0^2}$$

$$|B_0| = \frac{|E_0|}{c}$$

The wave propagates in the direction of  $E \times B$ .

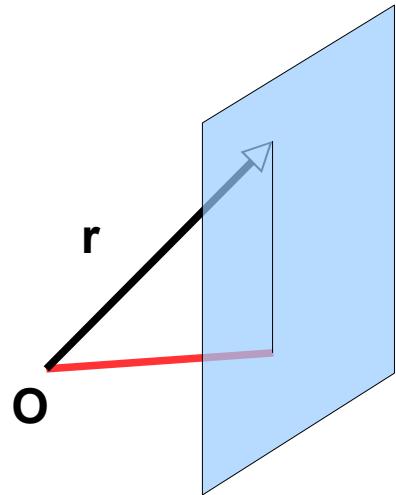
The relative magnitudes :  
For reasonably strong  $E = 1000 \text{ V/m}$   
 $B \sim 3 \text{ microTesla}$  very weak .

That's why we mostly talk about coupling with the electric field of light.

# Electromagnetic Waves in free space : Wavefronts and their shapes

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Wavefront of plane waves



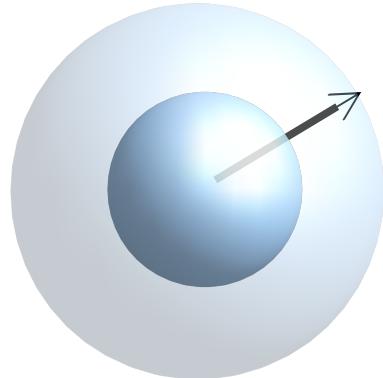
Plane normal to  $\mathbf{k}$

$\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \text{length of the red line} \times \text{magnitude of } \mathbf{k}$  as long as the tip of  $\mathbf{r}$  lies in the plane.

Surfaces of constant  $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}$  at a certain time  $t$  are called wavefronts.

For plane waves the wavefronts are planes.

For spherical waves these would be spherical surfaces.



Simple spherical wavefront described by

$$V(r, t) = \frac{A}{r} e^{i(kr - \omega t)}$$

It is NOT  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t$

Any wave coming from a source (like light from a point) is in reality spherical. But at large distances it is approximated by a plane wave very well.

This is similar to neglecting the earth's curvature over a small region....

# Electromagnetic Waves in free space :Energy, momentum density and Intensity

$$\vec{E}(r, t) = \vec{E}_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

$$\text{Hence } \langle E^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T E_0^2 \cos^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) dt$$

$$= \frac{E_0^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Energy } U = \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 \langle E^2 \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle B^2 \rangle}{2\mu_0} \right) = \frac{\epsilon_0 E_0^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Momentum } \vec{p} = \frac{\vec{S}}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \langle \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \rangle$$

$$|p| = \frac{U}{c}$$

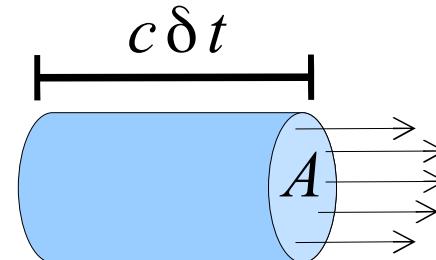
$$\text{Intensity } I = \frac{A(c\delta t)U}{A\delta t} = Uc$$

Using the earlier results

$$|B| = \frac{|E|}{c}$$

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

Although the B field is much weaker, E and B components make equal contributions to the field energy.



Intensity : Energy passing through per unit area per unit time.

All the energy in the volume will pass through the cross section in time  $\delta t$

## Maxwell's equation in "linear" matter : what happens to the wave equation?

We consider an insulator first, so there are no free charges in the material

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} & \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \\ \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} & \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \end{array}$$

But now both magnetisation and electric polarisation can simultaneously change. So the "bound" current will result from change in  $\mathbf{M}$  as well as  $\mathbf{P}$ .

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad : \quad \text{Then consider } \vec{P} \rightarrow \vec{P} + \delta \vec{P}$$

This change causes some amount of charge to flow in/out

$$\begin{aligned} \delta Q &= \delta(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}) \delta a \\ \vec{J}_p \cdot \delta a &= \frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} = \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} \cdot \delta a \end{aligned}$$

Total bound current flow

$$\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} + \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \vec{J}_{total} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times [\mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})] &= \mu_0 \left[ \vec{J}_f + \nabla \times \vec{M} + \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} \right] + \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\vec{D} - \vec{P}] \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Show that this interpretation is consistent with the continuity equation

## Maxwell's equation in "linear" matter : what happens to the wave equation?

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B} &= \mu_0(\vec{H} + \vec{M}) \\ \epsilon_0 \vec{E} &= (\vec{D} - \vec{P}) \\ \vec{D} &= \epsilon \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} &= \mu \vec{H}\end{aligned}$$

With  $\vec{J}_f = 0$  we will get

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

The wave will propagate with speed

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon}$$

Refractive index of the medium  $n = \frac{c}{v} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$

## Maxwell's equation in "linear" matter : The boundary conditions

Consider a boundary between two media 1 and 2

Since  $\operatorname{div} D = 0$ , the normal component of D must be continuous.

$\operatorname{div} B = 0$ , always (so normal component of B is continuous)

Since  $\operatorname{curl} H$  has no singularities ... the tangential component of H is continuous  
curl E has no singularities ... the tangnetial component of E is continuous

$$D_1^\perp = D_2^\perp \quad \text{Hence} \quad \epsilon_1 E_1^\perp = \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp$$

$$B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$$

$$H_1^{\parallel} = H_2^{\parallel} \quad \text{Hence} \quad \frac{B_1^{\parallel}}{\mu_1} = \frac{B_2^{\parallel}}{\mu_2}$$

$$E_1^{\parallel} = E_2^{\parallel}$$

These boundary conditions govern the reflection and transmission of electromagnetic waves at an interface and hence the laws of reflection and refraction (optics)

# Electromagnetic waves at an interface : reflection and transmission

Normal incidence

The incident wave propagating to the right

$$\vec{E}_I = E_{0I} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}_I = \frac{1}{\nu_1} E_{0I} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{z}$$

The reflected wave propagating to the left

$$\vec{E}_R = E_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}_R = -\frac{1}{\nu_1} E_{0R} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{z}$$

Tangential E  
Tangential H  
are continuous

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} \left( \frac{E_{0I}}{\nu_1} - \frac{E_{0R}}{\nu_1} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \frac{E_{0T}}{\nu_2}$$

$$\text{define } \beta = \frac{\mu_1 \nu_1}{\mu_2 \nu_2}$$

x=0

The transmitted wave propagating to the right

$$\vec{E}_T = E_{0T} e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}_T = \frac{1}{\nu_2} E_{0T} e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{z}$$

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Need to solve for the ratios only....

$$\frac{E_{0R}}{E_{0I}} = \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta} = \left| \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right|$$

$$\frac{E_{0T}}{E_{0I}} = \frac{2}{1+\beta} = \left( \frac{2 n_1}{n_1 + n_2} \right)$$

## Electromagnetic waves at an interface : reflection and refraction

An useful result with three "phasor" s:

$$A e^{i a x} + B e^{i b x} = C e^{i c x} \quad \forall x$$

Then  $a = b = c$

set  $x = 0$  : this gives  $A + B = C$

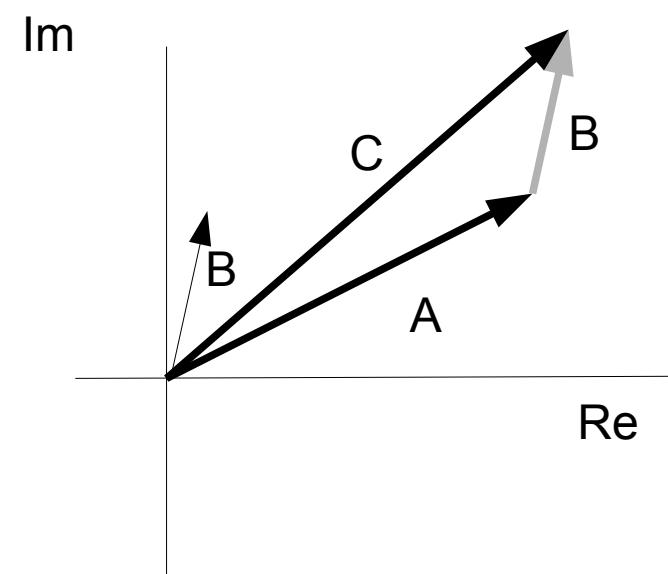
This condition determines the length of the phasors, which must be satisfied at all times

Now draw the three phasors when  $x \neq 0$

Two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third side

The equality can only hold if  $A, B, C$  are along the same ray..

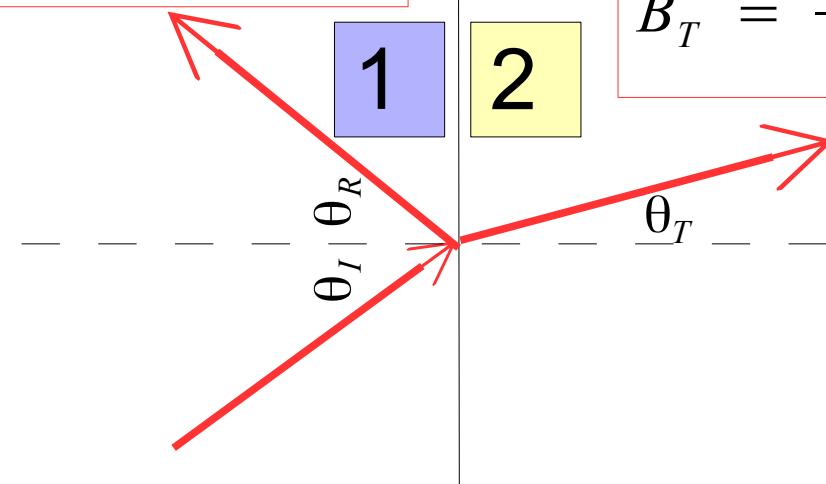
The phase angle also must be same implies  $a = b = c$



## Electromagnetic waves at an interface : reflection and refraction

$$\vec{E}_R = \vec{E}_{0R} \exp[i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$

$$\vec{B}_R = \frac{\hat{k}_R \times \vec{E}_{0R}}{v_1} \exp[i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$



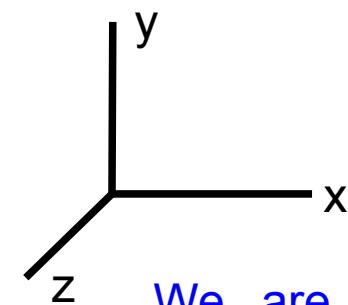
$$\vec{E}_I = \vec{E}_{0I} \exp[i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$

$$\vec{B}_I = \frac{\hat{k}_I \times \vec{E}_{0I}}{v_1} \exp[i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$

Oblique incidence at an interface (general case)

$$\vec{E}_T = \vec{E}_{0T} \exp[i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$

$$\vec{B}_T = \frac{\hat{k}_T \times \vec{E}_{0T}}{v_2} \exp[i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$



We are looking at the  $x=0$  plane sideways

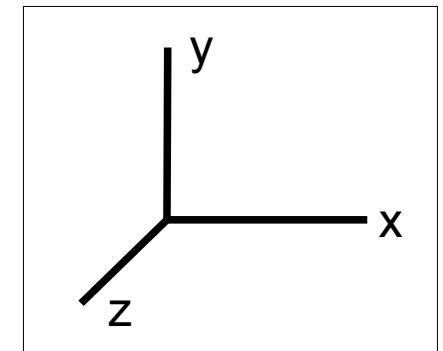
Notice how unit vectors have been used to fix the relative directions

$\omega = |\vec{k}|v$  : Hence  $k_I v_1 = k_R v_1 = k_T v_2$  Use the result derived just before  
 $\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r}$  must hold  $\forall r$  on the  $x=0$  plane

## Electromagnetic waves at an interface : reflection and refraction

$$k_I = k_R = \frac{v_2}{v_1} k_T \quad \text{in magnitude}$$

$$\begin{cases} (k_I)_y y + (k_I)_z z = (k_R)_y y + (k_R)_z z \\ (k_I)_y y + (k_I)_z z = (k_T)_y y + (k_T)_z z \end{cases} \text{ holds } \forall y, z$$



This means all the coefficients (y,z components) must be equal

Form the triple product of  $k_I, k_R, k_T$  : this must vanish since two row/columns are identical.

The three vectors are co-planer [Law of reflection and refraction]

Let this be the x-y plane.

Since  $|k_I| = |k_R|$  and y components are equal, the other (x) component is exactly reversed.  
No other possibility can satisfy all these conditions.

Equality of the y-components require

$$\theta_I = \theta_R$$

$$k_I \sin \theta_I = k_R \sin \theta_R = k_T \sin \theta_T$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_T} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$