

ECE 6350

**Review of Field Representation Via
Potential Integrals**

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Maxwell's Equations

Maxwell's equations in frequency domain with $e^{j\omega t}$ time convention factor assumed and suppressed:

- $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{B}$ (Faraday's Law)
- $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{J}$ (Ampere's Law)
- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = q$ (Electric Form of Gauss's Law)
- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ (Magnetic Form of Gauss's Law)

Supplementary Equations

Continuity Equation:

- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -j\omega q$ (q is volume charge density)

Constitutive Relations for Linear, Isotropic,
Homogeneous Materials:

- $\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$ ($\mu_0 \equiv 4\pi \times 10^{-7} [\text{H/m}]$)

- $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ ($\epsilon_0 \equiv \frac{1}{\mu_0 c_0^2}$, $c_0 \equiv 2.99792458 \times 10^8 [\text{m/s}]$)

Potential Representations

Magnetic Vector Potential:

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

\Rightarrow

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

Electric Scalar Potential:

$$\bullet \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + j\omega \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + j\omega \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0} \equiv -\nabla \times \nabla \Phi$$

\Rightarrow

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{A} - \nabla \Phi$$

Identities:

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \Phi = 0$$

Vector Potential Helmholtz Equation

- Multiply Ampere's Law by μ , obtaining $\nabla \times (\mu \mathbf{H}) = j\omega\epsilon\mu \mathbf{E} + \mu \mathbf{J}$, and substitute potential representations for \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{H} :

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - k^2 \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu \nabla \Phi = \mu \mathbf{J},$$

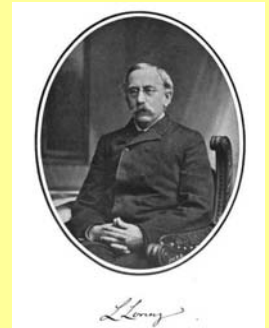
where $k = \omega\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$ is the *wavenumber*

- Use identity $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \equiv \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$ to write

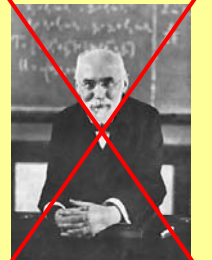
$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} - \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu \Phi) = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

- Choose the *Loren~~x~~z gauge* condition, $\boxed{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -j\omega\epsilon\mu \Phi}$ to obtain the *vector (Helmholtz) wave equation*

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}}$$



Ludwig Lorenz



~~Hendrik Lorentz~~

Solution for Vector Potential Wave Equation

The *outgoing* solution for the wave equation,

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

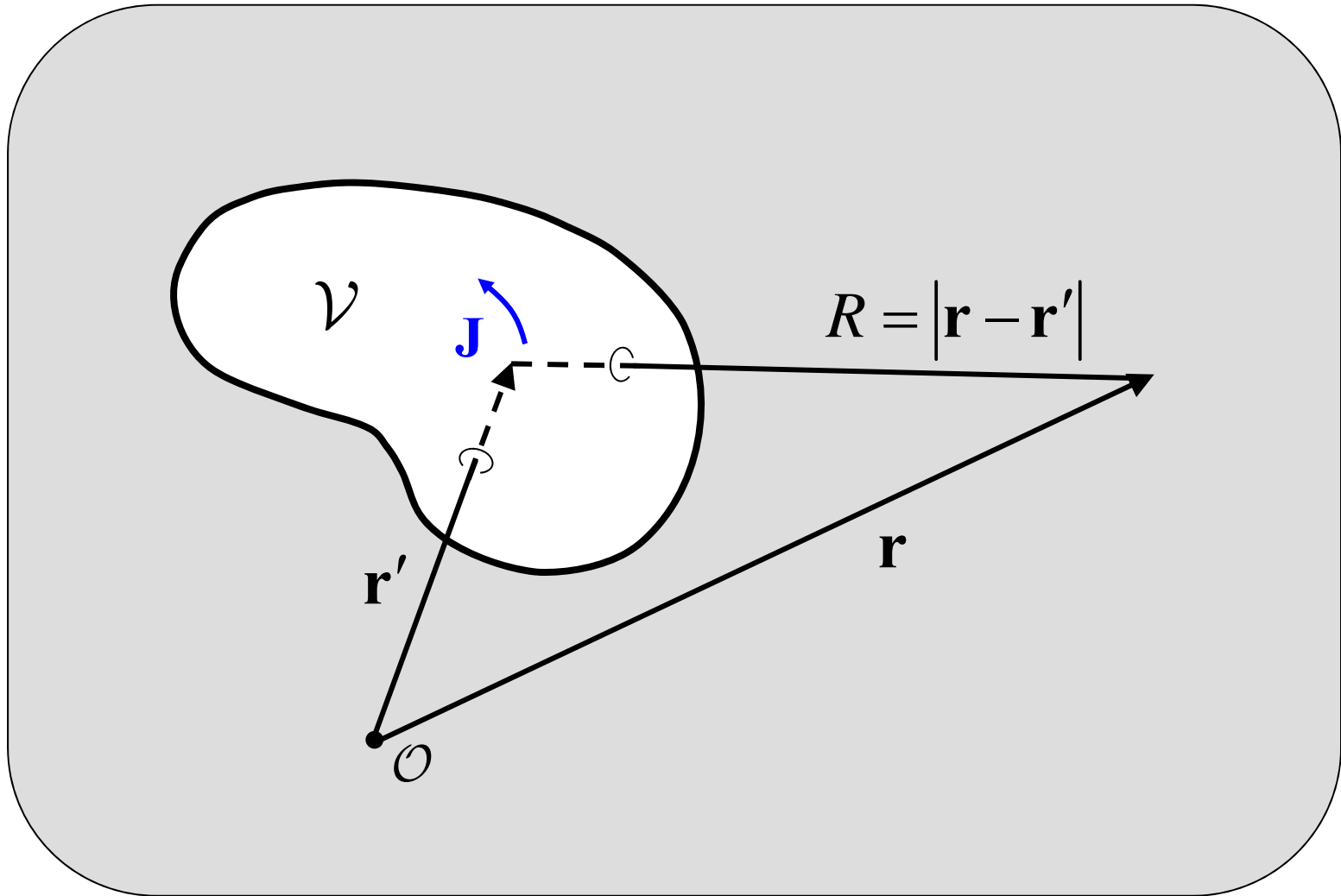
in infinite, linear, homogeneous, isotropic media is

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$$

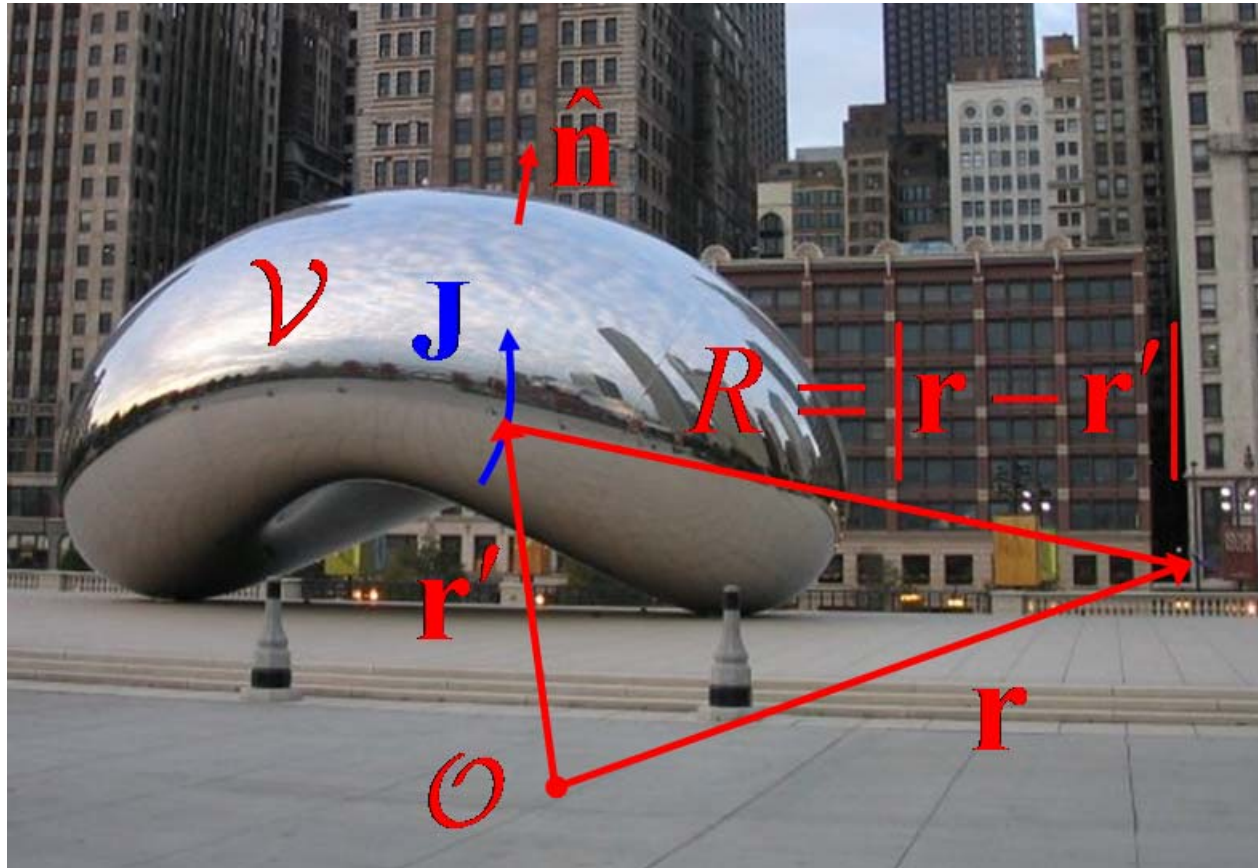
where $G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \equiv \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R}$, $R \equiv |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$.

$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$ is the *free space* or
homogeneous medium
Green's function

Definitions of Geometrical Quantities



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Scalar Potential Wave Equation

- Substitute both the constitutive equation and potential representation into Gauss's Law :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \nabla \cdot \left[\underbrace{\varepsilon(-j\omega\mathbf{A} - \nabla\Phi)}_{\mathbf{E}} \right] = q$$

- Use the Loren~~x~~z gauge condition, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = -j\omega\varepsilon\mu\Phi$, and $\nabla \cdot \nabla \equiv \nabla^2$ to obtain the *scalar wave (Helmholtz) equation*

$$\nabla^2\Phi + k^2\Phi = -\frac{q}{\varepsilon}, \quad (k^2 = \omega^2\varepsilon\mu)$$

Solution for Scalar Potential Wave Equation

The outgoing solution of the scalar wave equation,

$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{q}{\varepsilon} ,$$

is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') q(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}' \\ &= -\frac{1}{j\omega\varepsilon} \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}' \end{aligned}$$

where $G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \equiv \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R}$ is the *homogeneous medium scalar Green's function* and $R \equiv |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$

Summary of Mixed Potential Representation for Electric and Magnetic Fields Produced by Electric Current Sources

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{A} - \nabla\Phi$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

where the *magnetic vector potential* is

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}' = \mu \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$$

and the *electric scalar potential* is

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi\epsilon R} q(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}' = -\frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$$

The Mixed Potential Representation Applies to More General Electric Current Density Types

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{A} - \nabla\Phi$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

- The potential representation also applies to other current density distributions. E.g. one can write

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R} \mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}' = \mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

where $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{S}$, or \mathcal{C} and $\mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$ is an elemental dipole, $\mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$, $\mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{S}'$, or $\mathbf{J}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{C}' \equiv I \hat{\ell} d\mathcal{C}'$, respectively.

- Similarly, the scalar potential is

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{e^{-jkR}}{4\pi R} q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}' = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

- For mixed density types, superposition applies

Note: Alternative Potential Representations for Electric Field Are Not as Convenient as *Mixed Potentials* for Numerical Work

- $\mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{A} - \nabla\Phi$ (mixed potential) (1)

Using the Loren~~t~~z gauge,

$$\Phi = -\frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon\mu}\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A},$$

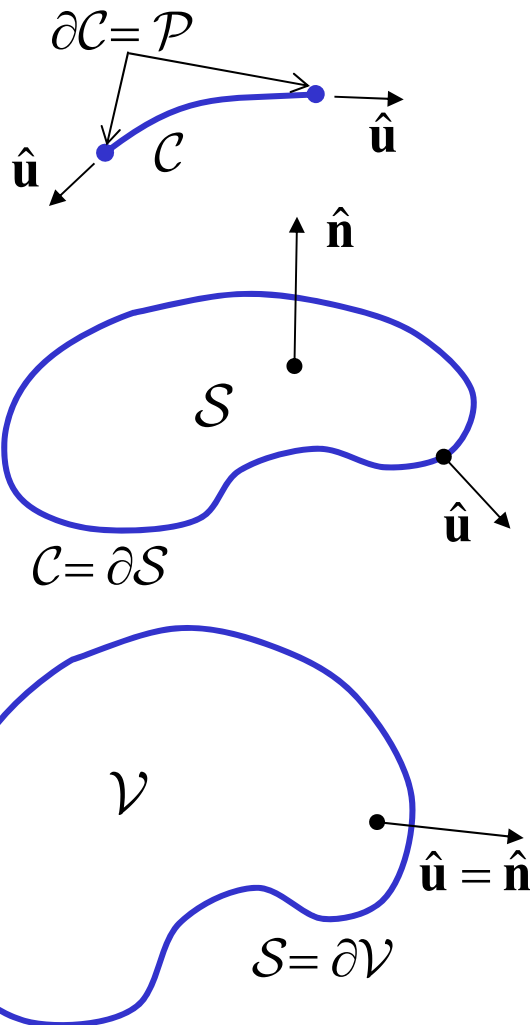
\Rightarrow

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{-j\omega}{k^2}\left(k^2\mathbf{A} + \nabla\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}\right) \text{ (vector potential)} \quad (2)$$

- (1) and (2) are *analytically* equivalent, but (2) is more difficult to evaluate numerically!

Dimension-Independent Divergence

Definition and Theorem



Definitions :

- $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{B}$ are "flux" ("flow") vectors
- Domain $D = \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{V}$ (point, curve, surface, volume)
- "Boundary of D " $= \partial D \equiv \mathcal{B} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{P} & \text{if } D = \mathcal{C} \text{ (open),} \\ \mathcal{C}(\text{closed}) & \text{if } D = \mathcal{S} \text{ (open),} \\ \mathcal{S}(\text{closed}) & \text{if } D = \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$
- "Measure of D " $\equiv \text{meas } D = \begin{cases} \text{length of } \mathcal{C} \\ \text{area of } \mathcal{S} \\ \text{volume of } \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$
- \hat{u} is normal to \mathcal{B} and "tangent" to D
- Flux of a vector $\mathbf{F} \equiv \oint_{\partial D} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{u} d\mathcal{B}$
- "Divergence of \mathbf{F} " $\equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \equiv \lim_{\text{meas } D \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{meas } D} \oint_{\partial D} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{u} d\mathcal{B}$
- Divergence Thm: $\int_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dD = \oint_{\partial D} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{u} d\mathcal{B}$

Examples of Divergence Theorem Application

- In 3-D, $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} = \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z\hat{\mathbf{z}}) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

Applying to tetrahedron shown $\Rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} d\mathcal{V} = 3 \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\mathcal{V} = 3\mathcal{V} \stackrel{\text{3-D div thm.}}{=} \oint_S \mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} dS$

$$= \oint_S \mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dS = \oint_S h dS = hS$$

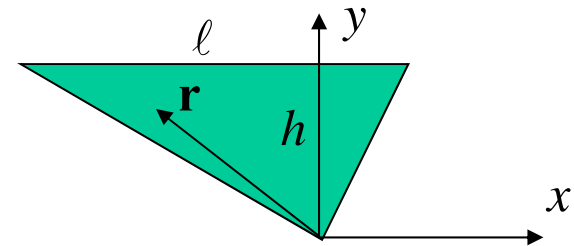
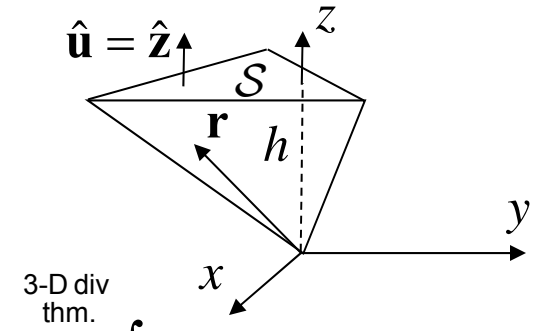
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{V} = \frac{1}{3}hS}$$

- In 2-D, $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} = \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \cdot (x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Applying to triangle shown, $\Rightarrow \int_S \nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} dS = 2 \int_S dS = 2S \stackrel{\text{2-D div thm.}}{=} \oint_C \mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} dC = \oint_C h dC = h\ell$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S = \frac{1}{2}h\ell}$$



Use *Superposition* and *Duality* to Include Magnetic Current Sources

Maxwell's Equations : $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}$, $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{H}$

• $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{M}$ (Faraday's Law)

• $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}$ (Ampere's Law)

• $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = q = \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}}{-j\omega}$ (Electric Form of Gauss's Law)

• $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = m = \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}}{-j\omega}$ (Magnetic Form of Gauss's Law)

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{A} - \nabla\Phi - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\nabla \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = -j\omega\mathbf{F} - \nabla\Psi + \frac{1}{\mu}\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

where

Duality :

Blue
source
terms
only

Red
source
terms
only

$$\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow -\mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$$

$$q \rightarrow m$$

$$\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$$

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \mu$$

$$\mu \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Magnetic vector
potential

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

Electric vector
potential

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \int_{\mathcal{D}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \nabla' \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{D}'$$

Electric scalar
potential

Magnetic scalar
potential

Electrostatic and Magnetostatic Problems May Be Treated as Special Case with $\omega=0$

Electrostatics

- $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$

- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = q$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$$

$$\nabla^2\Phi = -\frac{q}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') q(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\mathcal{V}} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathcal{V}'$$

$$\text{where } G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi R}, \quad R = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$$

Magnetostatics

- $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \quad (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0)$

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

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

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}, \quad (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0)$$

$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$ is the *static Green's function*

Electrostatics in Conducting Media

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- $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$
- $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$
- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0 = \nabla \cdot (\sigma \mathbf{E}) = -\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla\Phi)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla\Phi) = 0}$$

The End