

Maxwell tensor calculation

Find the force at a general point on the XZ plane due to charges +q at <0, a, 0> and -q at <0, -a, 0>.

Field point:

$$\mathbf{rfield} = \{x, 0, z\};$$

Source points:

$$\mathbf{rsource1} = \{0, a, 0\};$$

$$\mathbf{rsource2} = \{0, -a, 0\};$$

Script r for each:

$$\mathbf{rvec1} = \mathbf{rfield} - \mathbf{rsource1}$$

$$\{x, -a, z\}$$

$$\mathbf{rvec2} = \mathbf{rfield} - \mathbf{rsource2}$$

$$\{x, a, z\}$$

Length of each script r:

$$rmag1 = \sqrt{\mathbf{rvec1} \cdot \mathbf{rvec1}}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2 + z^2}$$

$$rmag2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{rvec2} \cdot \mathbf{rvec2}}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2 + z^2}$$

Coulomb's constant:

$$k = \frac{1}{4 \pi \epsilon_0};$$

Individual electric fields at <x, 0, z> :

$$\mathbf{e1} = k q \frac{\mathbf{rvec1}}{rmag1^3}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{q x}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0}, -\frac{a q}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0}, \frac{q z}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{e2} = k (-q) \frac{rvec2}{rmag2^3}$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{q x}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0}, -\frac{a q}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0}, -\frac{q z}{4 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0} \right\}$$

Total electric field:

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e1} + \mathbf{e2}$$

$$\left\{ 0, -\frac{a q}{2 \pi (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^{3/2} \epsilon_0}, 0 \right\}$$

Squared magnitude of the electric field:

$$esquared = \text{Simplify}[\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}]$$

$$\frac{a^2 q^2}{4 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0^2}$$

Components of the Maxwell stress tensor (B = 0):

$$txx = \text{Simplify}\left[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[1]]^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} esquared\right]$$

$$-\frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0}$$

$$tyy = \text{Simplify}\left[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[2]]^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} esquared\right]$$

$$\frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0}$$

$$tzz = \text{Simplify}\left[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[3]]^2 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} esquared\right]$$

$$-\frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0}$$

$$txy = \text{Simplify}[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[1]] \mathbf{e}[[2]]]$$

$$0$$

$$txz = \text{Simplify}[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[1]] \mathbf{e}[[3]]]$$

$$0$$

$$tyz = \text{Simplify}[\epsilon_0 \mathbf{e}[[2]] \mathbf{e}[[3]]]$$

$$0$$

$$t_{yx} = t_{xy}$$

$$0$$

$$t_{zx} = t_{xz}$$

$$0$$

$$t_{zy} = t_{yz}$$

$$0$$

The tensor:

$$\mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{xx} & t_{xy} & t_{xz} \\ t_{yx} & t_{yy} & t_{yz} \\ t_{zx} & t_{zy} & t_{zz} \end{pmatrix}; \text{MatrixForm}[\mathbf{t}]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0} \end{pmatrix}$$

Tensor dotted into the X-Z plane's (positive) normal vector:

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t} \cdot \{0, 1, 0\}$$

$$\left\{ 0, \frac{a^2 q^2}{8 \pi^2 (a^2 + x^2 + z^2)^3 \epsilon_0}, 0 \right\}$$

Force found by integrating $\vec{T} \cdot \hat{n}$ over the plane:

$$\text{Assuming}[a \in \text{Reals}, \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dx \, dz]$$

$$\left\{ 0, \frac{q^2}{16 a^2 \pi \epsilon_0}, 0 \right\}$$