

Peter's Formulation (variable properties)

Dimensional induction equation

Maxwell's equations (while neglecting the displacement current):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j} &= \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \quad , \quad \mathbf{j} = \sigma(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} &= 0 \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad , \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the electric field in terms of the current in Ohm's law yields

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{j}}{\sigma} - \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Plugging this into Faraday's Law yields

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{j}}{\sigma} - \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} \right\}$$

Distributing we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{j}}{\sigma}$$

Applying Ampere's Law to the current yields

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \right\}$$

Using the vector identity

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

On the $\nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})$ term, using $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ we have:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{V} - (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} - \nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \right\}$$

Or, putting this all on one side:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{V} + \nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \right\} = 0$$

Noting that

$$\partial_j V_i B_j = \underbrace{V_i \partial_j B_j}_0 + B_j \partial_j V_i = B_j \partial_j V_i$$

$$\partial_j V_j B_i = V_j \partial_j B_i + \underbrace{B_i \partial_j V_j}_0 = V_j \partial_j B_i$$

Again using $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$, implies that

$$(\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} = V_j \partial_j B_i - B_j \partial_j V_i = \partial_j V_j B_i - \partial_j V_i B_j = \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j)$$

In vector notation, we may write our equation as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{V}) + \nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \right\} = 0$$

Or, more explicitly, in mixed vector-index notation

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) + \nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \right\} = 0$$

And the last term may be written as

$$\nabla \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_m} \right\} = \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \varepsilon_{kmn} \partial_m H_n \right) = \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{kmn} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_m H_n \right)$$

So we may write this as

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) + \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{kmn} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_m H_n \right) = 0$$

Using the kronecker delta identity, the last term is

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{kmn} &= \varepsilon_{kij} \varepsilon_{kmn} = (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_m H_n \right) \\ &= \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_i H_j \right) - \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_j H_i \right) = \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \{ \partial_i H_j - \partial_j H_i \} \right) \end{aligned}$$

So we may write

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) + \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \{ \partial_i H_j - \partial_j H_i \} \right) = 0$$

So we finally have a dimensional *conservative* Finite Difference Method (FDM) formulation that is prepared to be integrated for a Finite Volume Method (FVM) formulation:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) + \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) = 0}$$

Non-dimensionalizing

Introducing the following reference values to non-dimensionalize by

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{B_c} \quad \sigma^* = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_c} \quad \mu^* = \frac{\mu}{\mu_c} \quad \mathbf{V}^* = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{V_c} \quad \nabla^* = L_c \nabla \quad t^* = \frac{t}{t_c} \quad t_c = L_c / V_c$$

Substituting the magnetic field and canceling the reference factor we have

$$\frac{\partial B_i^*}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i^* - V_i B_j^*) + \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j^*}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i^*}{\mu} \right\} \right) = 0$$

Now substituting the velocity and time we have

$$\frac{V_c}{L_c} \frac{\partial B_i^*}{\partial t^*} + \frac{V_c}{L_c} \partial_j (V_j^* B_i^* - V_i^* B_j^*) + \frac{1}{L_c^2 \sigma_c \mu_c} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^*} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j^*}{\mu^*} - \partial_j \frac{B_i^*}{\mu^*} \right\} \right) = 0$$

Multiplying out we have

$$\frac{\partial B_i^*}{\partial t^*} + \partial_j (V_j^* B_i^* - V_i^* B_j^*) + \frac{1}{L_c V_c \sigma_c \mu_c} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^*} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j^*}{\mu^*} - \partial_j \frac{B_i^*}{\mu^*} \right\} \right) = 0$$

Removing the asterisks we have

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) + \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) = 0}$$

Introducing the characteristic magnetic Reynolds number

$$Re_m = \frac{V_c L_c}{(\mu_c \sigma_c)^{-1}} = \mu_c \sigma_c V_c L_c$$

Expanded form

Expanding the dummy index j gives us the equation for the i th component:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_x (V_x B_i - V_i B_x) + \partial_y (V_y B_i - V_i B_y) + \partial_z (V_z B_i - V_i B_z) + \\ & \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_x \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_x}{\mu} - \partial_x \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) + \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_y \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_y}{\mu} - \partial_y \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) + \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_z \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_z}{\mu} - \partial_z \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) = \text{source terms} \end{aligned}$$

Expanded form for uniform properties

Expanding the dummy index j gives us the equation for the i th component:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_x (V_x B_i - V_i B_x) + \partial_y (V_y B_i - V_i B_y) + \partial_z (V_z B_i - V_i B_z) + \\ & \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_x (\partial_i B_x - \partial_x B_i) + \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_y (\partial_i B_y - \partial_y B_i) + \frac{1}{Re_m} \partial_z (\partial_i B_z - \partial_z B_i) = \text{source terms} \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_x (V_x B_i - V_i B_x) + \partial_y (V_y B_i - V_i B_y) + \partial_z (V_z B_i - V_i B_z) + \\ & \frac{1}{Re_m} \{ \partial_x \partial_i B_x - \partial_x \partial_x B_i \} + \frac{1}{Re_m} \{ \partial_y \partial_i B_y - \partial_y \partial_y B_i \} + \frac{1}{Re_m} \{ \partial_z \partial_i B_z - \partial_z \partial_z B_i \} = \text{source terms} \end{aligned}$$

Expanded form for uniform properties (weak form in B)

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \partial_x (V_x B_i - V_i B_x) + \partial_y (V_y B_i - V_i B_y) + \partial_z (V_z B_i - V_i B_z) - \frac{1}{Re_m} \underbrace{\{ \partial_x \partial_x B_i + \partial_y \partial_y B_i + \partial_z \partial_z B_i \}}_{\nabla^2 B_i} = \text{source terms}$$

For the low Re_m approximation, we have

$$\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{Re_m} \underbrace{\{ -(\partial_x \partial_x B_i + \partial_y \partial_y B_i + \partial_z \partial_z B_i) \}}_{-\nabla^2 B_i} = \partial_j (V_j B_{i0} - V_i B_{j0})$$

Finite Volume Method (FVM) form

Integrating this equation over the control volume yields

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \partial_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) d\Omega = 0$$

Using RTT on the first term and Gauss' divergence theorem on the second and third terms yields

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} n_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j) dS + \int_{\Omega} n_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right) d\Omega = 0$$

Let

$$F_i = n_j (V_j B_i - V_i B_j)$$

$$G_i = -n_j \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \left\{ \partial_i \frac{B_j}{\mu} - \partial_j \frac{B_i}{\mu} \right\} \right)$$

And then we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial B_i}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega} F_i dS + \int_{\partial\Omega} -G_i dS = 0$$

Or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} B_i d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega} F_i dS = \int_{\partial\Omega} G_i dS$$

Integrating this, we may solve this system using Finite Volume Method (FVM):

$$\frac{(B_i^{n+1} - B_i^n)}{\Delta t} \Omega = \sum_{faces} (G_i - F_i) \Delta S$$

Or

$$B_i^{n+1} = B_i^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Omega} \sum_{faces} (G_i - F_i) \Delta S$$