

# ELECTROMAGNETISM

Professor D P Hampshire – Summary notes for lectures 1+2+3 (Rev 4)\_

## 1 Fabulous Science.

### 1.1 Maxwell's Equations and Classical Physics

FEYNMAN claims there are 7 equations that describe all of classical Physics

Maxwell's 4 equations:

From Coulomb's law:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{MI}) \quad 1-1$$

Given no magnetic monopoles have been observed:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0 \quad (\text{MII}) \quad 1-2$$

From Faraday's law of induction:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} = \frac{-\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{MIII}) \quad 1-3$$

From Ampere's law:

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{MIV}) \quad 1-4$$

where the symbol  $\underline{\nabla}$  denotes the vector operator 'del':

$$\underline{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad 1-5$$

$\underline{E}$ : electric field ( $\text{V m}^{-1}$ )

$\underline{B}$ : magnetic field – or flux density (T)

$\rho$  total charge density ( $\text{C m}^{-3}$ )

$\underline{J}$ : total current density ( $\text{A m}^{-2}$ )

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}, \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}, \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$$

Newton's law of motion:

$$\underline{F} = \frac{d\underline{p}}{dt} \text{ where } \underline{p} = \frac{m\underline{v}}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad 1-6$$

Newton's law of Gravity:

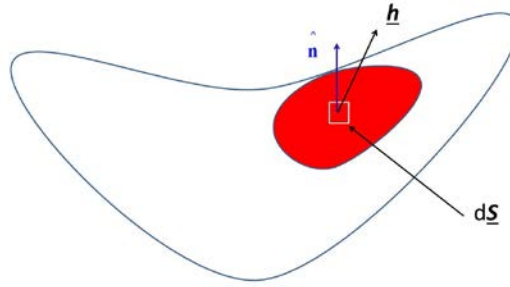
$$\underline{F}_2 = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{1 \rightarrow 2} \quad 1-7$$

Force on a moving charge in a magnetic and electric field:

$$\underline{F} = q(\underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \quad 1-8$$

## 2 Vector Fields

### 2.1 The flux of a vector field



An arbitrary three-dimensional ‘closed surface’ is shown which is the surface of a single contiguous volume. The shaded surface is characterised as an ‘open surface’ because it does not enclose a volume.

$$\phi = \int \underline{h} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} dS = \int \underline{h} \cdot d\underline{S} \quad 2-1$$

If the area is a closed surface we can help the reader and make it explicit by writing a closed loop on the integral sign:

$$\phi = \oint \underline{h} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} dS = \oint \underline{h} \cdot d\underline{S} \quad 2-2$$

### 2.2 Gauss’ (divergence) theorem

$$\oint \underline{h} \cdot d\underline{S} = \int \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{h} dV \quad 2-3$$

where  $\underline{h}$  is any arbitrary vector field

### 2.3 Stoke’s (curl) theorem

$$\oint \underline{h} \cdot d\underline{l} = \int (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{h}) \cdot d\underline{S} \quad 2-4$$

where  $\underline{h}$  is any arbitrary vector field.

### 2.4 Differential vector identities

$$\underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A}) = \underline{\nabla}(\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{A}) - \nabla^2 \underline{A} \quad 2-5$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{A} \times \underline{B}) = \underline{B} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A}) - \underline{A} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{B}) \quad 2-6$$

## 3 Maxwell I (From Coulomb’s Law)

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad 3-1$$

where  $\rho$  is the total charge density.

### 3.1 Coulomb’s law for interacting charges and Gauss’ law

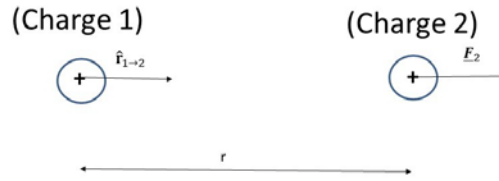


Figure 1 : Two positive charges interacting.

$$\underline{F}_2 = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}_{1 \rightarrow 2} \quad 3-2$$

$$\underline{F}_2 = q_2 \underline{E}_1 \quad 3-3$$

$$\underline{E}_1 = \frac{q_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}_{1 \rightarrow 2} \quad 3-4$$

### 3.2 Deriving Gauss's law and Maxwell I from Coulomb's law

$$\oint \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{S} = \frac{\sum q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV \quad 3-5$$

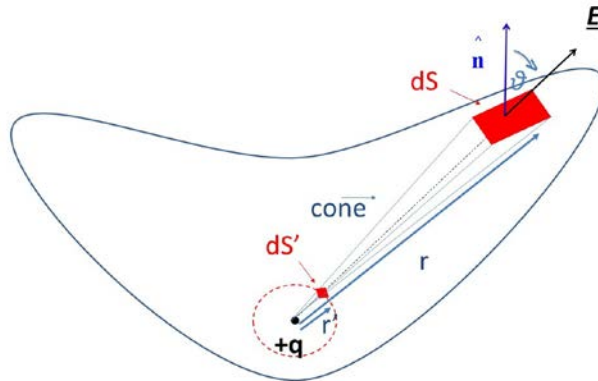


Figure 2 : The cone first passes through a sphere ( $S'$ ) centred about the charge and then through the surface of arbitrary shape ( $S$ ). The areas bounded by the cone at the sphere and at the arbitrary surface are given by  $d\underline{S}'$  and  $d\underline{S}$  respectively.

We now use geometrical arguments and superposition of  $\underline{E}$ -fields to find Gauss' law. Gauss' law is equivalent to Coulomb's law but can be applied to a collection of charges. Consider first the specific case of a sphere surrounding the charge at its centre. The electric field ( $\underline{E}(\underline{r}')$ ) has constant magnitude over the surface of the sphere and is everywhere parallel to  $d\underline{S}'$ , (i.e.  $\hat{n} d\underline{S}'$ ) so we have:

$$\oint \underline{E}(\underline{r}') \cdot d\underline{S}' = |E(r')| \oint dS' \quad 3-6$$

$$= \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r')^2} 4\pi(r')^2 = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Consider now the flux through the elemental area  $d\underline{S}$  which is part of the surface of the arbitrary shape surrounding the charge. We have:

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) \cdot \hat{n} dS = |E(r)| |\hat{n}| \cos(\theta) dS \quad 3-7$$

Since  $dS$  is a projection of  $dS'$  (because they are both bounded by the cone), we can relate them using:

$$\frac{dS'}{\pi(r')^2} = \frac{dS}{\pi r^2} \cos(\theta) \quad 3-8$$

Substituting Equation 3-8 into Equation 3-9, we have :

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) \cdot \hat{n} dS = E(r) \frac{r^2}{(r')^2} dS' = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \frac{r^2}{(r')^2} dS' = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (r')^2} dS' \quad 3-9$$

Equation 3-9 shows that the flux through the surface  $dS$  is the same as the flux through  $dS'$ . Integrating both sides of Equation 3-9 gives:

$$\oint \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{S} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad 3-10$$

Applying superposition to a collection of charges inside the arbitrary shaped surface:

$$\oint \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{S} = \frac{\sum q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV - \text{Gauss' Law} \quad 3-11$$

Then, using the divergence (Gauss') theorem we can rewrite Gauss' law as:

$$\int \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \rho dV \quad 3-12$$

Since the volume integrals are equal for any arbitrary volume (no matter how big or small), the integrands must be equal so:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{Maxwell's 1st equation} \quad 3-13$$

### 3.3 Superposition of Fields

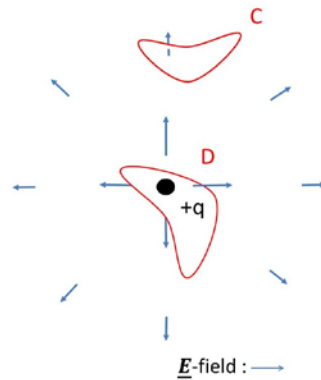


Figure 3 : An electric vector field found near a point source charge. Surface C does not enclose any charge so the net flux through the surface is zero. Surface D has a net flux passing through it of magnitude  $\frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$ .

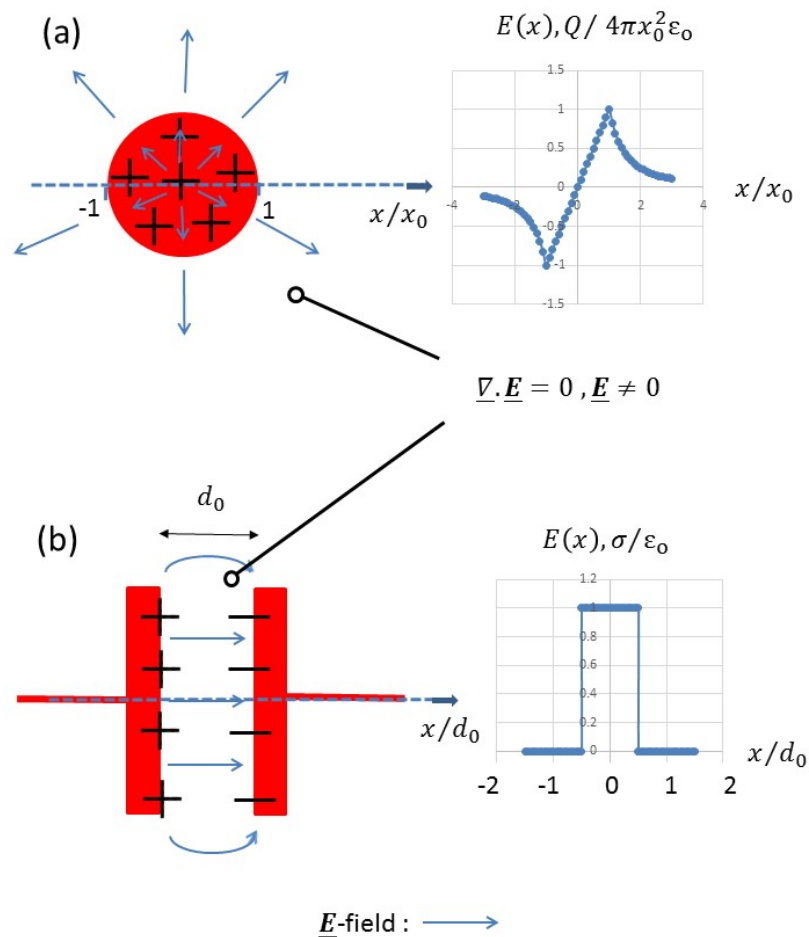


Figure 4 : Two charge configurations – a spherical volume of charge density and two charged capacitor plates.

The  $\underline{E}$ -field resulting from any charge distribution gives  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = 0$  in the local regions where there is no charge.

In the regions where there are no charges:

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad 3-14$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 E_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (E_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (E_\phi) = 0 \quad 3-15$$

## 4 Maxwell II (No magnetic monopoles)

### 4.1 Ampere's Law

$$\underline{F}_2 = - \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi d} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{1 \rightarrow 2} \quad 3-16$$

$$\underline{F} = q(\underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \quad 3-17$$

$$I = Q_L v \quad 3-18$$

where  $Q_L$  is the charge per unit length and  $v$  is the velocity of the charges or equivalently, for a length  $L$ ,

$$I = \frac{\sum q}{L} v \quad 3-19$$

Where  $\sum q$  is the sum of all the charges in a length  $L$ .

$$\oint \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{l} = \mu_0 I \quad \text{Ampere's Law} \quad 3-20$$

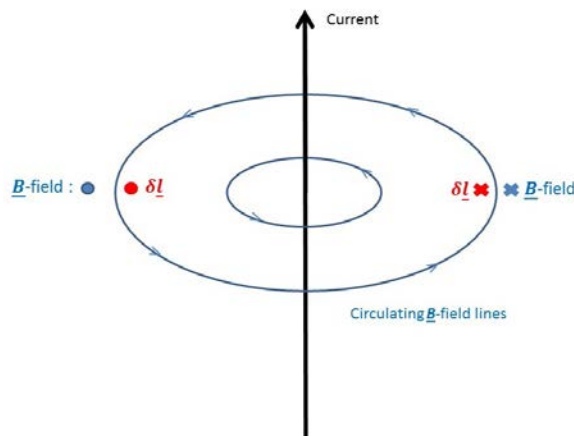


Figure 5 : The  $\underline{B}$ -field outside a straight wire carrying a current. Note the  $\underline{B}$ -field circulates the current

We simplify the vector integration in Ampere's law by taking advantage of symmetry to account for the magnitude and direction of  $\underline{B}$  so the (LHS) integral is a simple scalar integral and for a straight wire:

$$B \times 2\pi r = \mu_0 I \quad 3-21$$

$$\underline{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \hat{\phi} \quad 3-22$$

## 4.2 Maxwell II from the Biot-Savart law

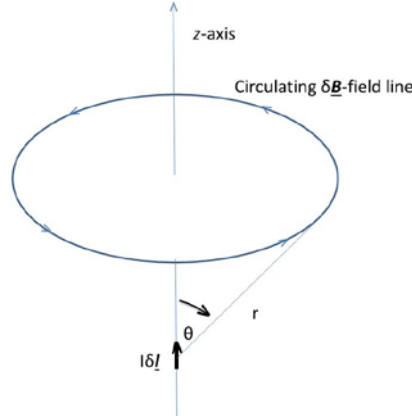


Figure 6 : The configuration associated with the Biot-Savart law. The small length of a current element ( $Id\underline{L}$ ) produces a small circulating magnetic field ( $\delta\underline{B}$ ).

Ampère's law can also be written in the form that describes the small magnetic field ( $\delta\underline{B}$ ) produced by a small length of a current element ( $Id\underline{L}$ ) where

$$\delta\underline{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r^2} d\underline{L} \times \hat{r} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r^2} \sin\theta \, dl \, \hat{\phi} \quad \text{- the Biot Savart law.} \quad 3-23$$

Given that the divergence of  $\delta\underline{B}$  is a physical quantity, it's value does not depend on the coordinate system it is calculated in. More specifically, it doesn't matter whether  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \delta\underline{B}$  is calculated in (Cartesian coordinates - not shown) spherical polar coordinates where

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \delta\underline{B} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \delta B_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\delta B_\theta \sin\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\delta B_\phi), \quad 3-24$$

or in cylindrical polar coordinates where

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \delta\underline{B} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho (\delta B_\rho)) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\delta B_\phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\delta B_z) = 0. \quad 3-25$$

In both cases, inserting equation 3-23 into either equation 3-24 or 3-25 shows that  $\delta B_r$  and  $\delta B_\theta$  (spherical polar coordinates) or  $\delta B_\rho$  and  $\delta B_z$  (cylindrical coordinates) are both zero and that because  $\delta B_\phi$  has no phi dependence,  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \delta \underline{B} = 0$ . It then follows from superposition that  $\sum \delta \underline{B} = \underline{B}$ , and hence for any configuration of currents

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \sum \delta \underline{B} = \sum \underline{\nabla} \cdot \delta \underline{B} = 0. \quad 3-26$$

Equation 3-26 is Maxwell's 2<sup>nd</sup> equation given by

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0 - \text{Maxwell's } 2^{nd} \text{ Equation.} \quad 3-27$$

### The spatial variation of magnetic fields

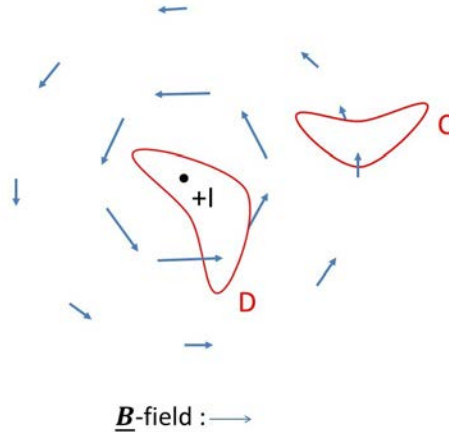


Figure 7 : The magnetic vector field,  $\underline{B}$ , surrounding a current,  $I$ , flowing through a long straight wire coming out of the board. Although surface  $C$  encloses a source and surface  $D$  does not, the net flux through both surfaces is zero for this circulating vector field.

$$\int \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} dV = 0 \quad 3-28$$

$$\oint \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{S} = 0 \quad 3-29$$