

Part 1: Prove that the two Gauss' Laws in Maxwell's equations are superfluous since they can be recovered from Faraday's and Ampere's laws.

Gauss' Laws:

$$1. \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$2. \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\text{Faraday's Law: } \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Ampere's Law: } \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left( \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

where  $\mu_0$  - vacuum permeability

$\vec{j}$  - charge density  $\vec{j} = \sum q_s n_s \vec{v}_s$

Starting with Ampere's Law, taking the divergence of both sides:

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \nabla \cdot \left( \mu_0 \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$0 = \underbrace{\mu_0 (\nabla \cdot \vec{j})} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

we know from the continuity equation:

$$Q = \int_V \rho dV$$

$$\text{that } \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$0 = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \right)$$

$\rightarrow$  commutation of partial derivatives

$$0 = \frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \frac{\partial \rho}{\epsilon_0 \partial t} \right)$$

$$0 = \frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

if  $\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \neq 0$  then to hold:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right) = 0$$

$$\int \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right) dt = \int 0 dt$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = C$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} + C}$$

Farraday's Law:

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

take div of both sides:  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \nabla \cdot \left( -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\int 0 dt = -\int \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) dt$$

$$C = -(\nabla \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = -C}$$

## Part 2:

current density  $\vec{j} = \frac{1}{\eta} \left[ -\nabla\phi + \frac{k}{e} \nabla T_e + \frac{k T_e}{en} \nabla n \right]$

a) show you can derive this equation by starting w/ electron momentum equation.

$$m_e n_e \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e \right) = -en_e \vec{E} - \nabla p_e + \vec{R}$$

where  $\vec{R} = \frac{(en_e \vec{j})}{\sigma}$  and  $p_e = n_e k T_e$

$$\begin{aligned} m_e n_e \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e \right) &= -en_e \vec{E} - \nabla(n_e k T_e) + \left( \frac{en_e \vec{j}}{\sigma} \right) \\ &= -en_e \vec{E} - (k T_e \nabla n_e + k n_e \nabla T_e) + \frac{en_e \vec{j}}{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

$$m_e n_e \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e \right) = n_e \left( -e \vec{E} - \frac{k T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} - k \nabla T_e + \frac{e \vec{j}}{\sigma} \right)$$

$$m_e \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e \right) + e \vec{E} + \frac{k T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} + k \nabla T_e = \frac{e \vec{j}}{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{m_e \sigma}{e} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e \right) + \sigma \vec{E} + \frac{\sigma k T_e \nabla n_e}{e n_e} + \frac{\sigma k T_e}{e} = \vec{j}$$

to further simplify we must assume steady state

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e = 0$$

which gives  $\sigma \left( \vec{E} + \frac{k T_e \nabla n_e}{e n_e} + \frac{k \nabla T_e}{e} \right) = \vec{j}$

where  $\vec{E} = -\nabla\phi$  and  $\sigma = \frac{1}{\eta}$   
(electrostatic)

we get :

$$\vec{j} = \frac{1}{\eta} \left[ -\nabla \phi + \frac{\kappa \nabla T_e}{e} + \frac{\kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{e n_e} \right]$$

where quasineutrality gives  $n_e = n_i = n$

b) Derive a Poisson-like equation for plasma potential

$$\nabla^2 \phi = f(\phi, n_e, T_e, \sigma)$$

by utilizing:  $\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$   $\nabla \sigma \neq 0$

given the above equation for  $\vec{j}$  we have:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = \nabla \cdot \left[ \sigma \left( -\nabla \phi + \frac{\kappa \nabla T_e}{e} + \frac{\kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{e n_e} \right) \right] = 0$$

$$0 = \left. \begin{aligned} & \nabla \cdot (-\sigma \nabla \phi) \\ & + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\sigma \kappa \nabla T_e}{e} \right) \\ & + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\sigma \kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} - (\nabla \sigma \nabla \phi + \sigma \nabla^2 \phi) + \left( \frac{\nabla \sigma \kappa \nabla T_e}{e} + \frac{\sigma \kappa \nabla^2 T_e}{e} \right) + \left( \frac{\nabla \sigma \kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} + \frac{\sigma \kappa T_e \nabla^2 n_e}{n_e} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{\nabla \sigma \nabla \phi}{\sigma} - \frac{\nabla \sigma \kappa \nabla T_e}{e} - \frac{\sigma \kappa \nabla^2 T_e}{e} - \frac{\nabla \sigma \kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} - \frac{\sigma \kappa T_e \nabla^2 n_e}{n_e} \right]$$

if we assume constant temperature  $T_e = \text{constant}$  we can simplify further to get

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \nabla \sigma \nabla \phi - \frac{\nabla \sigma \kappa T_e \nabla n_e}{n_e} - \frac{\sigma \kappa T_e \nabla^2 n_e}{n_e} \right]$$

c) To discretize we start with  $\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} \approx \frac{\phi_{i+1} - 2\phi_i + \phi_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$   
(in 1D)

similarly:  $\frac{d\phi}{dx} \approx \frac{\phi_{i+1} - \phi_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} \approx \frac{\sigma_{i+1} - \sigma_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{dn_e}{dx} \approx \frac{n_{ei+1} - n_{ei-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{dT_e}{dx} \approx \frac{T_{ei+1} - T_{ei-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{d^2n_e}{dx^2} \approx \frac{n_{e,i+1} - 2n_{e,i} + n_{e,i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2T_e}{dx^2} \approx \frac{T_{e,i+1} - 2T_{e,i} + T_{e,i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

plug in to above equation...

d) given  $j = \sigma \left[ -\nabla\phi + \frac{\kappa}{e} \nabla T_e + \frac{\kappa T_e}{en} \nabla n \right]$

$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = 0$  would not be enough to ensure no current at the boundary.

$\frac{dn_e}{dx}$  and  $\frac{dT_e}{dx}$  would also have to  $= 0$