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### Energy in Electrostatics

There are 3 frequently used formula to express the energy  
<sup>equivalent</sup>  
stored within / required to build an electrostatic configuration .

① By potential / W.D.

no one will use this ↗

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{q}} q V = -\frac{1}{2} \int q \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \sim \frac{1}{2} \iiint \rho V d^3r = -\frac{1}{2} \int [ \iiint \rho \vec{E} d^3r ] \cdot d\vec{l}$$

② By field

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \int | \vec{E} |^2 d^3r \Rightarrow \text{Energy Density} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 | \vec{E} |^2$$

③ By capacitance

$$\frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \text{Energy stored in capacitor}$$

### Derivation

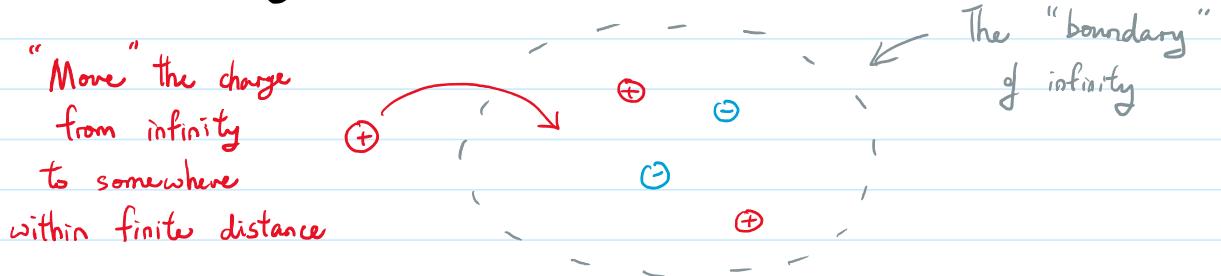
The most fundamental expression of electrostatic is by potential

As  $\vec{E}$  is a conservative field, moving a charge  $q$  from a position  $\vec{r}_1$  to position  $\vec{r}_2$  requires W.D.

$$W.D. = \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} g \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = g(V(\vec{r}_2) - V(\vec{r}_1))$$

Imagine the process of building a configuration of charge

- ①. Charges are originally located "infinitely far" away from each other. Then we bring them closer in one by one.



- ② Moving in the 1<sup>st</sup> charge to position  $\vec{r}_1$  does not require any energy because the space is totally empty initially. But moving subsequent charges require W.D. against the E field from previous charges

2<sup>nd</sup> charge : W.D. =  $-\int_{\infty}^{\vec{r}_2} g_2 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

(by  $g_1$ )

$= g_2 \left( \frac{g_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$

Electrostatic  $\vec{E}$  is always conservative  
Can skip to potential directly

3<sup>rd</sup> charge : W.D. =  $-\int_{\infty}^{\vec{r}_3} g_3 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$

(by  $g_1 \& g_2$ )

$= g_3 \left( \frac{g_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{g_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_2|} \right)$

... And so on. Thus the W.D. for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  charge is

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ charge} : \text{W.D.} = q_n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{q_i}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_n|} \right)$$

③ The total W.D. to move all  $n$  charges is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{W.D.}_{(\text{total})} &= \text{Sum of all contribution from previous charges} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i>j}^n \frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} \end{aligned}$$

Because exchanging  $i$  &  $j$  makes no difference in a term

$$\frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} + \frac{q_j q_i}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|} \right]$$

This allows the above sum to be written as

$\text{W.D.}_{(\text{total})} = \text{Sum by all possible pair of charges}$

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i \neq j}^n \frac{q_i q_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}}$$

This is the formula for a configuration made of static point charges.

④ For continuous charge distribution, we can replace the sum over charges to integral over charge density :

$$\sum q \rightarrow \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} \rho(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r}$$

the boundary of infinity  $\Rightarrow$

which convert the formula for energy into

$$\text{W.D.} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \iiint p(\vec{r}) \left[ \iiint \frac{p(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3 r' \right] d^3 r$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} p(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3 r} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Coulomb potential} \\ \text{by all surrounding charges} \end{array}$$

This is the formula when given continuous charge distribution

Note :  $\iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} (\dots) d^3 r$  simply means  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\dots) dx dy dz$  or equivalent, as long as the integration range covers "everywhere".

⑤ The energy can be expressed by  $\vec{E}$  by using Gauss Law

$$p(\vec{r}) = \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} p(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \iiint \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r})) V(\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \iiint [\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E}(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r})) - \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r})] d^3 r$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \oint \vec{E}(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^2 r - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \iiint \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \oint \vec{E}(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^2 r + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \iiint \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \underbrace{\oint_{\substack{\text{on the} \\ \text{boundary of infinity}}} \vec{E}(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^2 r}_{\text{Flux integral of something on region's boundary}} + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \underbrace{\iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} |\vec{E}(\vec{r})|^2 d^3 r}_{\text{Volume integral of another something inside the region}}$$

Flux integral of something on region's boundary

Volume integral of another something inside the region

Claim: The flux integral = 0

Reasoning: On the boundary of infinity,  $r \rightarrow \infty$

From Coulomb's Law,  $\vec{E} \sim \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \vec{V} \sim \frac{1}{r}$

So the flux integral is approximately equal to

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} \sim \iint \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r} d^2r \sim \frac{1}{r} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } r \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore what is left is the term

$$\frac{1}{2} \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} \rho(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3r = \boxed{\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} |\vec{E}(\vec{r})|^2 d^3r}$$

This is the formula when given E field.

The integral MUST be integrating to infinity, otherwise the flux integral  $\neq 0$

- ⑥ In a capacitor, the charge stored inside must be under the same potential, or otherwise they will redistribute until they reach equi-potential. This simplifies the formula into

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} \rho(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3r &= \frac{1}{2} V \iiint_{\substack{\text{within} \\ \text{infinity}}} \rho(\vec{r}) d^3r \\ &= \frac{1}{2} QV \quad \begin{matrix} \text{V is the same for all charge} \\ \text{By definition } C = \frac{Q}{V} \end{matrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Energy in Magnetostatic (?)

As a pairing to E field , we also have similar formulae  
for potential energy stored due to current interactions

① By potential (Rarely used)

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum (\oint I d\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{A} \sim \frac{1}{2} \iiint \vec{J} \cdot \vec{A} d^3r$$

② By field

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int |\vec{B}|^2 d^3r \Rightarrow \text{Energy Density} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} |\vec{B}|^2$$

③ By inductance

$$\frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Phi^2}{L} \quad \text{.} \quad \overbrace{\Phi}^{\text{Magnetic flux}} = \text{Magnetic flux}$$

- \* It is difficult to use the same derivation as in electrostatic because
- Current are in fact moving charge
  - There does not exist point current sources .

If we want to move current while keeping everything charge neutral  
we have to move them in form of loops.

But forces between current loop is awful to calculate .

The conventional way to derive them is via Poynting Theorem .

## Poynting Theorem

We repeat the process like in electrostatic, but this time the charge is under non-static  $\vec{E}$  field &  $\vec{B}$  field.

### Derivation

(1) The force on charge is now Lorentz force

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$E$  &  $B$  are function of time  
and space  $\Rightarrow \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$  &  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$

which is not a conservative force. So the calculation of W.D. cannot be skipped by potential

$$W.D. = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$d\vec{l}$  is the segment along a path

This is not  $V(\vec{r})$  anymore

$E$  field may form loops

We have seen this

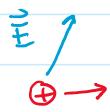
in induction and it = 0

$$= \int q\vec{E} \cdot \frac{d\vec{l}}{dt} dt$$

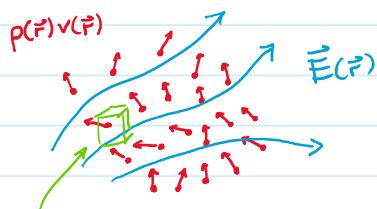
$$= \int \vec{E} \cdot q\vec{v} dt$$

(2) In the microscopic view, we consider the W.D. per volume

$$\frac{W.D.}{Volume} \sim \int \vec{E} \cdot p\vec{v} dt$$



$\Rightarrow$



W.D. on a single charge

$$= \int (\vec{E} \cdot q\vec{v}) dt$$

W.D. on the charge in this volume

$$= \int \left( \iiint_{Volume} \vec{E} \cdot p\vec{v} d^3r \right) dt$$

Then recall from the definition of current density  $\vec{J} = p\vec{v}$

$$\text{So } \frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} = \int \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} dt$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} \right) = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

③ With this form, start substituting the Maxwell's equations

① Subst. Ampere's Law to  $\vec{J}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \vec{J} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\vec{E}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

② The first term can be rewritten with vector calculus identity

and substitute Faraday's Law

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{E}) + \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) &= \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{a}) - \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{b}) \\ &= - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}_{\text{Switch order}} + \vec{B} \cdot \underbrace{\left( - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)}_{\text{Faraday's Law}} \\ &= - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\vec{B}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Finally we reach the equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} \right) = - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\vec{B}|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\vec{E}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\vec{B}|^2 \right]}$$

This is the Poynting Theorem

## Interpretation

We can see the Poynting theorem is in the form

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\text{Some vector}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Some scalar})$$

which is indicating some kind of conservation (like in charge conservation)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$

## II The 3 terms on RHS

$$\frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} = \text{W.D. on charge per volume due to surrounding } \vec{E}/\vec{B}$$

i.e. The amount that will become mechanical energy of the charge

$$\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 = \text{Energy density in E field. From previous derivation,}$$

this is exactly the PE stored in a charge config.

$$\frac{1}{2\mu_0} |\vec{B}|^2 = \text{By symmetry, we can interpret this as the energy}$$

density in B field, or the PE stored in a

config. of current / moving charge.

\* If we only consider a close system, then energy (density) must conserve

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\text{W.D.}}{\text{Volume}} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} |\vec{B}|^2 \right] = 0$$

Mechanical energy  
of charge

PE due to  
electric interaction

PE due to  
magnetic interaction

They are the only energy that are related to charges interaction.

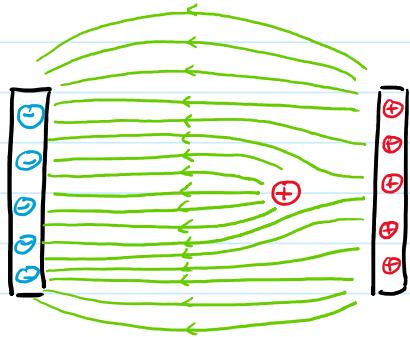
Other kinds of non-EM energy are ignored.

## Illustration

If everything is static

$$\text{total energy} = \iiint_{\text{whole space}} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 d^3 r$$

because there is only E field



Once the center charge is allowed to move

Its position changes after some time.

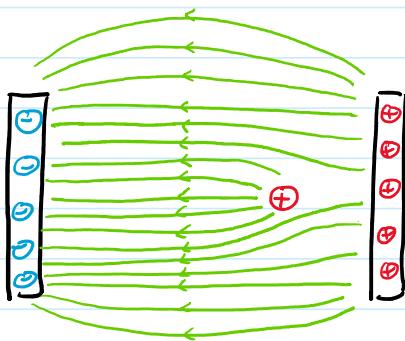
↪ W.D. on it / KE gain is calculated by the trajectory it moves

↪ The  $\vec{E}$  field distribution changes

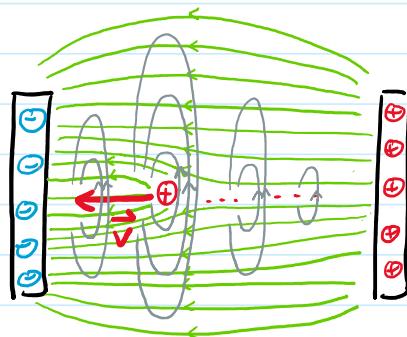
- It gains velocity

↪ B field is created

$$\text{Total energy becomes } \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \iiint_{\text{whole space}} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2 \mu_0} |\vec{B}|^2 d^3 r$$



After some time



Initially static

The charge becomes moving

- E field changes
- B field created

(The distortion due to accelerated  
charge are not drawn)

## [2] Divergence on LHS : Poynting Vector (Field)

We define  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  = Poynting vector (field) to

describe the flow of electromagnetic energy in a space

↳ i.e. Energy carried by charge & field

In the case of open system, the 3 kinds of energy do not have to be conserved. The Poynting vector field tells how much electromagnetic energy is entering / leaving the system.

By divergence theorem, we have the integral version

$$\iiint_{\text{a region}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} d^3r = \iiint_{\text{a region}} -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} d^3r \quad \begin{matrix} \text{The sum of the 3 energy densities} \\ u = \frac{\text{Mech. energy}}{\text{Volume}} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 B^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\iint_{\substack{\text{surface} \\ \text{of the region}}} \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n} d\vec{r} = \frac{d}{dt} U \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Volume integral on energy density} \\ = \text{total energy} \end{matrix}$$

Out flux of  $\vec{S}$

Loss of energy

Note! Flux integral on  $\vec{S}$  gives rate of energy loss by time

We can literally interpret it as

$$\vec{S} \sim \frac{\text{Power loss in a region}}{\text{surface area of the region}}$$

Note 2 : We can express his influx / outflux can be expressed purely by  $\vec{E}/\vec{B}$  because

Mechanical energy can be converted to EM energy

only if it involves an object with charge

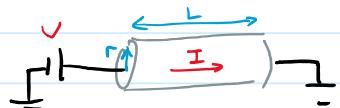
- Motion of charged object will create / distort its surrounding  $\vec{E}/\vec{B}$

Note 3 : We will see later that EM wave's propagation direction is also  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ . The loss of energy as Poynting vector in fact indicates EM wave emission.

### Example on Poynting vector

(The most common example in EM textbooks)

Consider a cylindrical wire



- Connected between voltage  $V$ , current passing through =  $I$
- Radius  $r$ , length  $L$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F \text{ field in the wire} = \frac{V}{L} \quad (\text{along wire direction}) \\ B \text{ field on the wire's surface} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \quad (\text{in angular direction}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Poynting vector } \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{VI}{2\pi r L} \quad (\text{radially outward})$$



$$= \frac{\text{Power consumed by resistance}}{\text{Surface Area of the wire}}$$

## Extra : Momentum in E & M

If we put a charge in E field  $\Rightarrow$  It accelerates

If we put a moving charge in B field  $\Rightarrow$  It changes direction

$\Rightarrow$  There is a transfer of momentum to the charge

$\Rightarrow$  Where are the momentum from? From the field.

We can have a taste of what is the expression of conservation of momentum in E & M like.

### Derivation

① Again start with Lorentz force, as it is the only way to transfer momentum to charge

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\text{momentum of charge}) &= q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} \quad (\text{Just } F = ma = \frac{dp}{dt}) \\ &= \iiint_{\text{region}} \rho \vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \, d^3r \\ &= \iiint_{\text{region}} f \, d^3r \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Denote as} \\ \text{"force per volume"} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

② Express  $\rho$  &  $\vec{j}$  by  $\vec{E}/\vec{B}$ , and then symmetrize  
 $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  by the 4 Maxwell's Equations

$$\begin{aligned} \rho\vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} &= \underbrace{\epsilon_0(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E}}_{\text{Gauss's Law}} + \underbrace{(\frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}) \times \vec{B}}_{\text{Ampere's Law}} \\ &= \epsilon_0(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$

III The last term can be expanded by Chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} &= \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} \times \underline{\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}} \\ &= \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) + \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \quad \text{Faraday's Law} \\ &= \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \varepsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \times \vec{E} \quad \text{Switch order of cross product}\end{aligned}$$

IV By divergence of  $\vec{B} = 0$ . adding this term changes nothing

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B}} = 0$$

Now we arrive a symmetric expression between  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$

$$\rho \vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = -\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \quad \boxed{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&+ \varepsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \varepsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \times \vec{E} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B}\end{aligned} \quad \boxed{2}$$

-  $\boxed{1} \sim \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow$  Can express by Poynting vector  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$

-  $\boxed{2} \sim$  Perhaps can be written into something understandable  
by applying some vector identities?

$$\begin{aligned}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \underline{(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \times \vec{E}} &\quad \text{Vector identity:} \\ &(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \times \vec{B} = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} - \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \vec{A}) \\ &= (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} - \underline{\vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \vec{E})} \quad \text{Vector identity} \\ &= (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} |\vec{E}|^2 \quad \nabla |A|^2 = 2 A \cdot (\vec{\nabla} A)\end{aligned}$$

(Do the same for  $\vec{B}$ )

③ Now come to the most annoying part - we need to write it as the divergence of something in order to construct a conservation equation ( $-\frac{\partial \text{...}}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \text{...}$ )

But also we need the divergence of this thing to be vector  
 $\Rightarrow$  this thing must at least be expressed in matrix

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} \sim \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = \star$$

Divergence on vector gives a single number

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{A} \sim \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy} & A_{xz} \\ A_{yx} & A_{yy} & A_{yz} \\ A_{zx} & A_{zy} & A_{zz} \end{pmatrix} = \left( \left( \frac{\partial A_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_{yx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_{zx}}{\partial x} \right), \left( \frac{\partial A_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_{zy}}{\partial y} \right), \left( \frac{\partial A_{xz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial A_{yz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial A_{zz}}{\partial z} \right) \right)$$

Divergence on matrix gives a vector

$$= (\Delta \square \star) \leftarrow \text{a vector with 3 components}$$

Here we try to derive this matrix :

Ⅳ First 2 terms combine to be

$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} + (E_x E_y E_z) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left[ \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} (E_x E_y E_z) \right]$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} E_x E_x & E_x E_y & E_x E_z \\ E_y E_x & E_y E_y & E_y E_z \\ E_z E_x & E_z E_y & E_z E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Part of the matrix we need

② The last term can be expanded by

$$\frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} |\vec{E}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial |\vec{E}|^2}{\partial x} \frac{\partial |\vec{E}|^2}{\partial y} \frac{\partial |\vec{E}|^2}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |\vec{E}|^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\vec{E}|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\vec{E}|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Another part we need

(Also add the same expression for  $\vec{B}$ )

Finally we arrive at the expression of this matrix

$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_{ij})$  a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with each component

$$\sigma_{ij} = \begin{cases} \epsilon_0 E_i E_j + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_i B_j & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \epsilon_0 (E_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\vec{E}|^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\vec{B}|^2) & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

This matrix  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is called Maxwell Stress Tensor

Together with Poynting vector and the Maxwell stress tensor

the expression of momentum conservation in E&M is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{Volume}} \right) = \vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{Volume}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S} \right)}$$

## Interpretation

Again we arrive in the form  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\dots) = -\frac{\partial(\dots)}{\partial t}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\text{Some matrix}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Some vector})$$

which is another formula of some conversion.

## II The 2 terms on RHS

$$\frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{Volume}} = \text{Momentum on charge per volume}$$

i.e. Just the  $p=mv$  in Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S} = \text{Momentum density} \underbrace{\text{carried by the } \vec{E}/\vec{B} \text{ field}}$$

As EM wave travels in the same direction as  $\vec{S}$

This is saying momentum transfer is by EM wave.

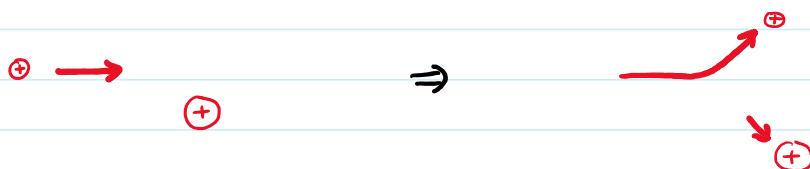
★ If we only consider a close system,

momentum (density) must conserve

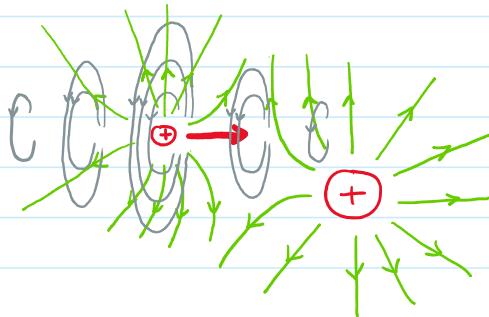
$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{Volume}}}_{\text{Momentum of charge}} + \underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S}}_{\text{Momentum in field}} \right] = 0$$

## Illustration

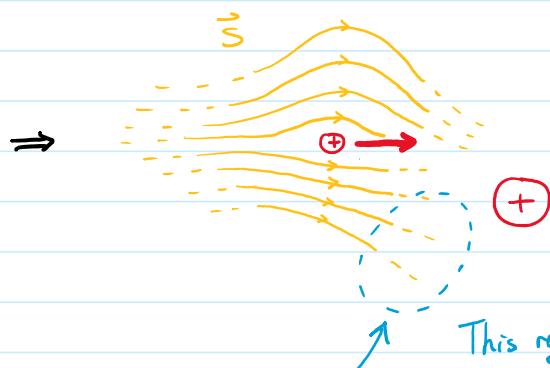
When 2 charges move closer to each other



$\vec{E}/\vec{B}$  field is approximately like



$\vec{S}$  field looks like this



The  $\vec{S}$  field is like a storage of momentum

in the space. When the charge contacts with the  $\vec{S}$  field there, it "consumes" the field to become its own momentum.

This region stores  
a momentum in  
↓ direction

## [2] Divergence on LHS : Stress Tensor

In the case of open system, momentum do not have to

be conserved. We use the "flux of stress tensor"

to describe how much momentum is entering / leaving the system.

To understand what stress tensor is, again apply divergence theorem.

$$\iiint_{\text{a region}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \sigma d^3r = \iiint_{\text{a region}} \vec{f} d^3r \quad \begin{matrix} \text{force per volume} \\ \text{in the region} \end{matrix}$$

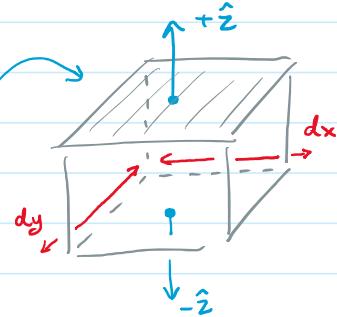
$$\iint_{\text{Surface of the region}} \sigma \cdot \hat{n} d\hat{r} = \vec{F} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Net force on} \\ \text{the region} \end{matrix}$$

↑  
Matrix multiply on normal vector

Suppose the region is a cube,

and we only look at the force on the top surface

(Then  $\hat{n} d\vec{r} \Rightarrow +\hat{z} dx dy$ )



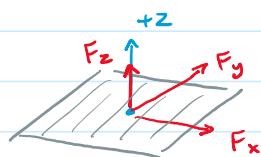
The surface integral becomes

$$\iint_{\text{only top surface}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n} d\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{xx} & \delta_{xy} & \delta_{xz} \\ \delta_{yx} & \delta_{yy} & \delta_{yz} \\ \delta_{zx} & \delta_{zy} & \delta_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} dx dy = \begin{pmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_x = \delta_{xz} dx dy, F_y = \delta_{yz} dx dy, F_z = \delta_{zz} dx dy$$

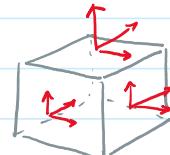
which means there are forces in

all 3 directions acting on the surface!



This happens on all 3 pairs of opposite surfaces

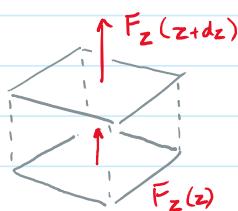
The pair gives physical meaning



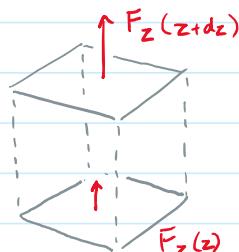
### Physical Correspondance

① Net forces perpendicular to the surface

↔ Tension / Compression ( Stress force )



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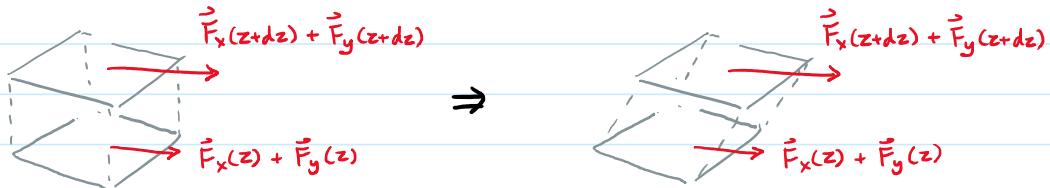
We can see that the diagonal elements in the  $\sigma$  matrix correspond to the stress forces on the 3 directions.

- Stress force on  $yz$  surfaces =  $\sigma_{xx} \hat{x} dy dz$
- Stress force on  $xz$  surfaces =  $\sigma_{yy} \hat{y} dx dz$
- Stress force on  $xy$  surfaces =  $\sigma_{zz} \hat{z} dx dy$

Remark: In mechanics, stress is defined as  $\sigma = \frac{\text{Force } \perp \text{ surface}}{\text{Surface Area}}$  which is exactly the same thing here.

## ② Net forces parallel to the surfaces

↳ Shear forces (Strain force)



We can see that the off-diagonal elements in the  $\sigma$  matrix correspond to the strain forces on the 3 directions.

- Strain force on  $yz$  surfaces =  $(\sigma_{yx} \hat{y} + \sigma_{zx} \hat{z}) dy dz$
- Strain force on  $xz$  surfaces =  $(\sigma_{xy} \hat{x} + \sigma_{zy} \hat{z}) dx dz$
- Strain force on  $xy$  surfaces =  $(\sigma_{xz} \hat{x} + \sigma_{yz} \hat{y}) dx dy$

Remark: In mechanics, strain is defined as  $\varepsilon = \frac{\text{Force } \parallel \text{ surface}}{\text{Surface Area}}$  which is exactly the same thing here.

## Short Summary

The term  $\oint \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} d\vec{r} = \mathbf{F}$  is simply saying

Net force on a region = Sum of all stress / strain forces on its surface

Finally in E&M, the conservation of momentum means

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{Volume}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{S} \right)$$

The equivalent force  
onto the surface of a region  
due to external  $\vec{E}/\vec{B}$

Rate of momentum increase in the region  
which can become { momentum on charge  
momentum in field

( $\delta_{ij}$  calculated by  $\vec{E}/\vec{B}$  on the surface)

