

PHY 2323 Summary Sheet

1 Math Introduction

There are 3 main coordinate systems:

1. Cartesian (x, y, z)
2. Cylindrical (ρ, ϕ, z)
3. Spherical (r, ϕ, θ)

We have a few charts to help us convert between the systems:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin\theta\cos\phi & \sin\theta\sin\phi & \cos\theta \\ \cos\theta\cos\phi & \cos\theta\sin\phi & -\sin\theta \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 1: Coordinate System Conversions

When integrating, the differential line/surface/volume elements can be found in the following chart:

Differential elements	Coordinate system		
	Rectangular (Cartesian)	Cylindrical	Spherical
Length $d\vec{\ell}$	$dx \vec{a}_x$ $+dy \vec{a}_y$ $+dz \vec{a}_z$	$d\rho \vec{a}_\rho$ $+\rho d\phi \vec{a}_\phi$ $+dz \vec{a}_z$	$dr \vec{a}_r$ $+r d\theta \vec{a}_\theta$ $+r \sin\theta d\phi \vec{a}_\phi$
Surface $d\vec{s}$	$dy dz \vec{a}_x$ $+dx dz \vec{a}_y$ $+dx dy \vec{a}_z$	$\rho d\phi dz \vec{a}_\rho$ $+d\rho dz \vec{a}_\phi$ $+\rho d\rho d\phi \vec{a}_z$	$r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \vec{a}_r$ $+r dr \sin\theta d\phi \vec{a}_\theta$ $+r dr d\theta \vec{a}_\phi$
Volume dv	$dx dy dz$	$\rho d\rho d\phi dz$	$r^2 dr \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$

Figure 2: Differential Elements

Tables taken from PHY2323 Course Formula Sheet.

2 Electric Fields

We have 2 ways to talk about electric fields. There is the **Electric Field** \vec{E} , and the **Electric Flux Density** \vec{D} .

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

2.1 Coulombs Law

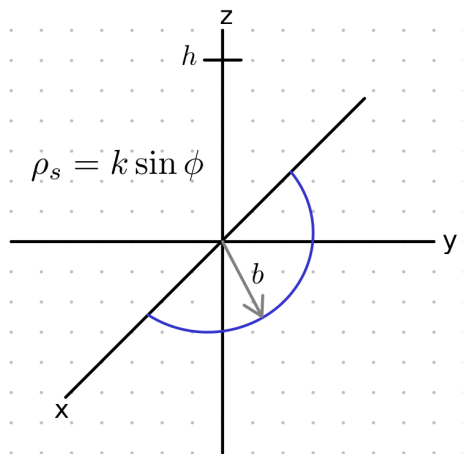
Coulomb's law is used to sum up all the charges in a location which will give an electric field E .

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} d\vec{l}$$

This can also be extended to a surface with ds and 2 integrals, or volume with dv

Note that anything with the $'$ means that it is related to the **surface of charge**, and anything without the prime is related to the **observation point**.

Ex. We have a charged semicircular ring with radius b in the xy plane. Find the electric field at any point on the z axis.



I will call the point I need to solve \vec{E} at to be h . So at $(0,0,h)$.

I cannot use Gauss's Law since it is not symmetric. So I will use Coulomb. It is a line, so I use $d\vec{l}$.

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} d\vec{l}$$

To get \vec{r} , this is the vector going from the origin to the point of interest, in this case $\vec{r} = (0,0,h) = h\hat{z}$.

To get \vec{r}' , this is the vector going from the origin to the charged object, which in this case only depends on $b\hat{\rho}$. This is because anything in cylindrical coordinates always has **one less** vector than the equivalent cartesian would have.

Now we do need to convert this to cartesian to work with the $h\hat{z}$ from \vec{r} . This gives us $\vec{r}' = b\cos\phi\hat{x} + b\sin\phi\hat{y}$

Then the $d\vec{l}$ is in the ϕ direction since a small section of the semicircle goes in the ϕ direction, or we can use Figure 2. It is $\rho d\phi\hat{\phi}$.

Note: We turn the ρ into b since we are always at $\rho = b$

Then the charge density is given in the question as $k \sin \phi$.

Now sub into the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} d\vec{l} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\pi \frac{k \sin \phi (h\hat{z} - b \cos \phi \hat{x} - b \sin \phi \hat{y})}{\sqrt{h^2 + (b \cos \phi)^2 + (b \sin \phi)^2}^3} \rho d\phi \\ &= \frac{k\rho}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin \phi (h\hat{z} - b \cos \phi \hat{x} - b \sin \phi \hat{y})}{(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} d\phi \\ &= \frac{kb}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\pi \sin \phi (h\hat{z} - b \cos \phi \hat{x} - b \sin \phi \hat{y}) d\phi\end{aligned}$$

And now we need to break it up into its 3 components (x, y, z):

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}_x &= \frac{-kb^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\pi \sin \phi \cos \phi \hat{x} d\phi = 0 \\ \vec{E}_y &= \frac{-kb^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \phi \hat{y} d\phi = \frac{-kb^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \hat{y} \\ \vec{E}_z &= \frac{kbh}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\pi \sin \phi \hat{z} d\phi = \frac{kbh}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \cdot 2\hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

Now I have the solution, and I can put it together if I want to get:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{kb}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)(h^2 + b^2)^{3/2}} \cdot \left(2h\hat{z} - \frac{b\pi}{2}\hat{y} \right)$$

2.2 Gauss's Law

Gauss's Law is basically a shorter way of finding the \vec{E} field rather than using Coulomb's equation. It works well when there is **symmetry**.

It can be used on a **closed surface** where we make a gaussian surface (such as a sphere, or cylinder) at the point of interest.

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon}$$

We also have the \vec{D} field which is the *Electric Flux Density*.

$$\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q_{enc}$$

Finally, we have the flux Ψ , a scalar.

$$\Psi = \epsilon \int_s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

This is useful in 3 main cases.

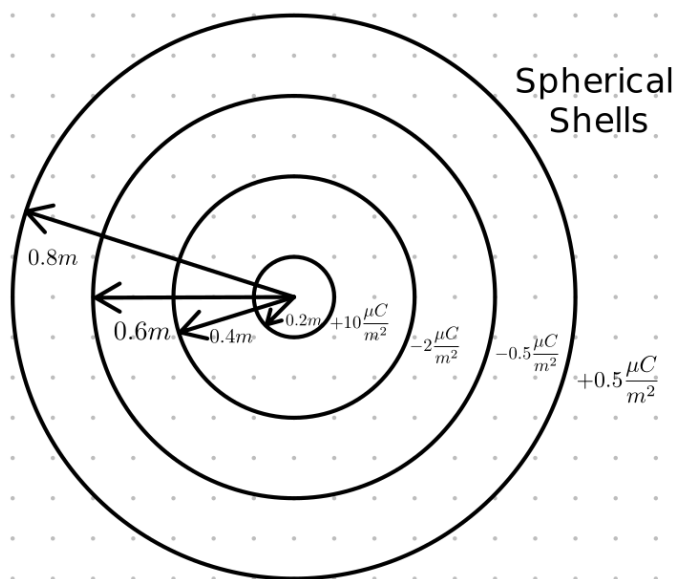
1. Spherical Symmetry is present
2. Cylindrical symmetry is present (long line of charge with uniform ρ or cylinder with no angular dependence)
3. Planar Symmetry (Long 2D surface of charge)

A useful piece of information is if we want to find the Q_{enc} , we can often just integrate the charge density in a volume V (or surface S).

$$Q_{enc} = \int_V \rho dV$$

Also, the \vec{D} field is just the \vec{E} field times a factor of ϵ ($\vec{D} = \epsilon\vec{E}$)

Ex. We have 4 spherical shells with radii shown in diagram. Each shell has a **surface charge density** shown in the diagram. Find the \vec{E} field at radius 0.1m, 0.3m, 0.5m, 0.7m, and 1m.



We start by noticing that there is spherical symmetry in this example. A perfect opportunity for Gauss's Law. Although we could still use Coulomb if we wanted.

The equation is:

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

This basically says that the \vec{E} field at a certain Gaussian surface (we will define this by

the radius 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, ...) is equal to the charge enclosed at this radius (0.1, 0.3, ...) with a constant ϵ_0 .

Since we noticed the spherical symmetry, we can see that the \vec{E} field only depends on the radius from the center. So we can say that $\vec{E} = E\hat{r} = E(r)$.

So the dot product on the left side of the equation will just be the E field times the surface area at the gaussian surface.

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = E(r)A = E(r)4\pi r^2$$

The other side of the equation needs the charge enclosed. Since we are given the **charge density**, we need to multiply it by the surface area ($4\pi r^2$) to get the **charge**.

$$Q_{enc} = (4\pi r^2)(\text{Charge Density})$$

We need to notice that the radius for the charge enclosed (0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8) **is not the same** as the radius of our gaussian surface (0.1, 0.3, 0.5, ...).

Now we can put these 2 together to get:

$$E(r)4\pi r^2 = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0} \implies E(r) = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0 4\pi r^2}$$

And now we can evaluate the electric field at all the radii.

At **r=0.1m** there is no enclosed charge, so the \vec{E} field is 0.

$$E(0.1) = \frac{0}{\epsilon_0 4\pi 0.1^2} = 0$$

At **r=0.3m** there only the first sphere shell at 0.2m, so the Q_{enc} only includes this charge.

$$E(0.3) = \frac{4\pi(10 \times 10^{-6})(0.2)^2}{\epsilon_0 4\pi 0.3^2} = 502197 \frac{V}{m}$$

At **r=0.5m** there are the first two shells at 0.2m, and 0.4m enclosed, so the Q_{enc} includes both these charges.

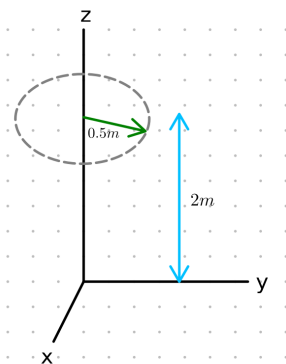
$$E(0.5) = \frac{4\pi[(10 \times 10^{-6})(0.2)^2 - (2 \times 10^{-6})(0.4)^2]}{\epsilon_0 4\pi 0.5^2} = 36158 \frac{V}{m}$$

At $\mathbf{r}=0.7\mathbf{m}$ there are the first three shells enclosed, so the Q_{enc} includes all three charges.

$$E(0.7) = \frac{4\pi[(10 \times 10^{-6})(0.2)^2 - (2 \times 10^{-6})(0.4)^2] - (0.5 \times 10^{-6})(0.6)^2}{\epsilon_0 4\pi 0.7^2} = -23060 \frac{V}{m}$$

At $\mathbf{r}=1\mathbf{m}$ there are all 4 shells enclosed, so we just add on the last one as well to the Q_{enc} .

Ex. We have a circular surface in the $z = 2.5$ plane with radius 0.5. We have a \vec{D} field of $\vec{D} = 10 \sin \phi \hat{\rho} + 12z \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right) \hat{z} \frac{C}{m^2}$. Find the flux.



We know that the flux is:

$$\Psi = \int_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

We know \vec{D} , and we can see from the diagram that $d\vec{s}$ is a surface in the \hat{z} direction and using the table from chapter 1 (Figure 2) we can get it as $d\vec{s} = \rho d\rho d\phi \hat{z}$

Then we can sub it into the flux equation.

$$\Psi = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{0.5} \left[10 \sin \phi \hat{\rho} + 12z \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right) \hat{z} \right] \cdot [\rho d\rho d\phi \hat{z}]$$

Due to the dot product, the $\hat{\rho}$ component becomes 0. z becomes 2.5 as well.

$$\Psi = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{0.5} \left[12z \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right) \rho d\rho d\phi \right] = 12 \cdot 2.5 \left[\frac{\rho^2}{2} \right]_0^{0.5} \left[4 \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{4}\right) \right]_0^{2\pi} = 15C$$

2.3 Energy Stored in an Electric Field

We say that W is the energy stored in an electric field, or the **energy required to assemble a charge distribution**.

We can calculate this by summing up the product of the charge density and potential differ-

ence across a line/surface/volume.

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S'} \rho_s(\vec{r}') * V(\vec{r}') dv'$$

3 Electric Potential

This is the potential energy per unit charge. AKA the voltage. This is a **scalar field**. This is *independent of the path chosen*.

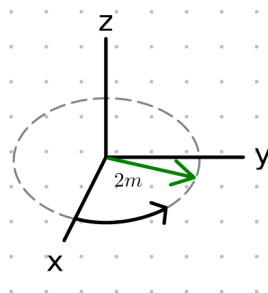
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{\rho_l d\mathcal{V}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

This can be extended into 2d or 3d space by changing the \mathcal{V} and $d\mathcal{V}$ for s', ds' or v', dv' .

Then we can relate the change in voltage to the electric field:

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V \quad \nabla V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Ex. We have a charge that goes along the arc of a circle with radius 2m from $\phi = 0$ to $\phi = \pi/4$. We have an electric field given as $\vec{E} = 10y\hat{x} + 10x\hat{y} + 2z\hat{z}$. What is the potential between both ends?



There are lots of equations for the voltage. Since we are given the \vec{E} field, we can make use of this shorter equation:

$$\Delta V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_0^{\pi/4} (10y\hat{x} + 10x\hat{y} + 2z\hat{z}) \cdot \rho d\phi \hat{\phi}$$

We need to convert into entirely cartesian, or entirely cylindrical. I will convert into entirely cylindrical using Figure 1 from chapter 1 since this is easier.

$$\hat{\phi} = \cos \phi \hat{y} - \sin \phi \hat{x}$$

$$\Delta V = - \int_0^{\pi/4} (10y(-\sin \phi) + 10x \cos \phi) \rho d\phi$$

Now we still have to deal with the x and y . We do not know what to do with it, so we can convert it to cylindrical again through Figure 1.

We get $x = \rho \cos \phi$, $y = \rho \sin \phi$.

$$\Delta V = - \int_0^{\pi/4} (10\rho \cos^2 \phi - 10\rho \sin^2 \phi) \rho d\phi = \int_0^{\pi/4} (-\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) 10\rho^2 d\phi$$

Since we know that $\rho = 2$:

$$\Delta V = 40 \int_0^{\pi/4} (-\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) d\phi = -20^V$$

Now since we just want the magnitude of the voltage, we remove the negative sign and get:

$$\Delta V = 20^V$$

Ex. Extending on the previous example, what would be the potential if we go all around the circle (so from $\phi = 0$ to $\phi = 2\pi$).

Here we would modify the integral to be:

$$- \int_0^{2\pi} 10\rho^2 \cos(2\phi) d\phi = 0$$

This makes sense because the voltage does not depend on the path taken.

As far as the voltage is concerned, this is the same thing as seeing the voltage difference if we start at $\phi = 0$ and then just stay there. Which obviously would have no change in voltage.

3.1 Electric Dipole

A **dipole** is a pair of equal and opposite charges that are very close to each other relative to the point of observation.

This means that at the point of observation, they **seem** as though they are only one charge.

We have an equation that relates the charge of each end of the dipole q , the distance between the charges d , and the vector between the dipole and the observation point \vec{r} . This vector must be large compared to d . We have charge density of σ .

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{(qd)\hat{z} \cdot \hat{r}}{4\pi\epsilon|r|^2}$$

3.2 Capacitors

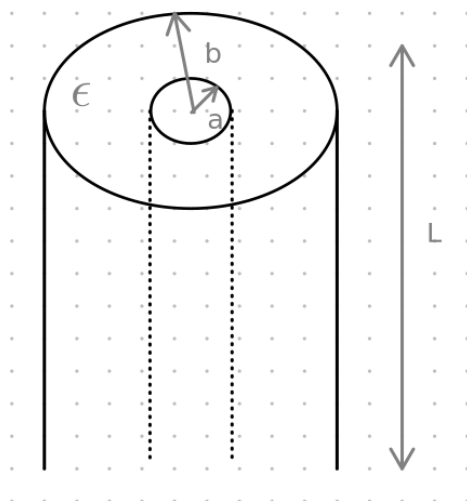
The **capacitance** C can be calculated using the following formula:

$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$$

In practice, we use the following 3 step procedure:

1. Find E
2. Find ΔV
3. Find C using $C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V}$

Ex. We have 2 cylindrical conductors creating a capacitor with radius a and b . The length is L and permittivity ϵ . Find the capacitance C .



We start by noticing that since these are conductors, all the charges will be on the surface. So at $\rho = a$, and $\rho = b$.

Now using the capacitance formula, we need to find the voltage which means we need to find the \vec{E} field.

This can be found using a gaussian cylinder between a and b .

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\epsilon}$$

Since the \vec{E} field only depends on the radius ρ , and the $d\vec{s}$ is just the gaussian cylinder $2\pi\rho L$, and the enclosed charge is only the inner shell at $\rho = a$:

$$E_\rho = \frac{\sigma 2\pi(a)L}{2\pi\rho L\epsilon} = \frac{\sigma a}{\rho\epsilon} \hat{\rho}$$

To get the voltage, I just will take the negative integral of this:

$$\Delta V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_a^b \frac{\sigma a}{\rho \epsilon} \hat{\rho} \cdot d\vec{\rho} \hat{\rho} = - \frac{\sigma a}{\epsilon} \int_a^b \frac{1}{\rho} d\rho = - \frac{\sigma a}{\epsilon} (\ln b - \ln a) = \frac{\sigma a}{\epsilon} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

We remove the negative since we just want the change in voltage, the direction does not matter.

Now we can sub this into the capacitance equation knowing that the enclosed charge is just $Q = 2\pi a L \sigma$:

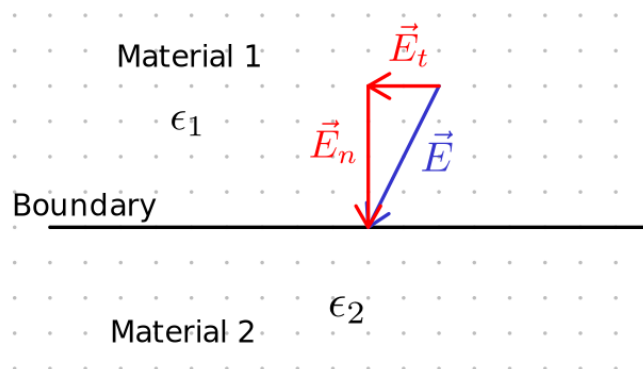
$$C = \frac{Q}{\Delta V} = \frac{\sigma 2\pi a L}{\frac{\sigma a}{\epsilon} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)} = \frac{2\pi L \epsilon}{\ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)}$$

4 Materials in Electric Fields

There are 3 types of materials:

1. Conductors
2. Insulators
3. Semiconductors

We have rules concerning the **normal** and **tangential** part of the boundary between 2 materials, so we need to break up the field into those two components.



To obtain the **normal direction**, we take the unit vector of the boundary, and this is our normal unit vector ($\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|}$).

If we then want to get the **normal part** of E , we dot product it with \hat{n} , then append n to keep direction ($\vec{E}_n = (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n})\hat{n}$)

The **tangential part** is just $\vec{E}_t = \vec{E} - \vec{E}_n$

4.1 Boundary between 2 Dielectrics

If we have 2 electric fields between 2 **dielectric** (insulators) surfaces, we have the following formulas for the bounds:

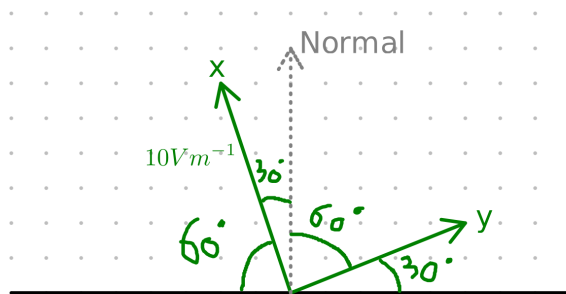
$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} \quad \epsilon_1 E_{1n} - \epsilon_2 E_{2n} = \rho_s$$

4.2 Surface of a Conductor

If we have an electric field at the **surface** of a **conductive** surface (note that inside the surface $E = 0$), we have the following formulas for the bounds:

$$E_{1t} = E_{2t} = 0 \quad E_n = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon_0}$$

Ex. We have an interface between free space and a conductor such as copper. We align the x and y axis as shown in the diagram below. We know that the x component of the \vec{E} field is $10V m^{-1}$. What is the y component?



We know that for a conductor the tangential components are equal and equal to 0.

So using that information, we can calculate the tangential component of the x axis, and let that be equal to the tangential component of the y axis, and then solve for y.

$$E_{xt} = E_{yt} = 0 \implies x \sin(30) = y \cos(30) \implies y = x \frac{\sin(30)}{\cos(30)} = 10 \frac{\sin(30)}{\cos(30)} = 5.77 \frac{V}{m}$$

5 Laplace and Poisson Equations

These equations will give us a **general form of the equation** for the solution, and then using **2 conditions** (such as points) we can sub them into the form of the equation and solve the equation.

The whole laplacian equation is very complicated, but we have 2 special cases of note:

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{-\rho_v}{\epsilon} \quad \text{or if no charge density (charges on surface): } \nabla^2 V = 0$$

Ex. As a very general example, if we want to find the voltage in a conductor (charges just on surface)

We start by using the laplace equation:

$$\nabla^2 V = 0 \implies \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

For simplicity, I will consider a situation where the V only exists in the z direction, hence the x and y components will be 0.

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Since $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$, then we must say that $\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = a$ where a is a constant. We must then say that $V = az + b$ where a and b are constants.

This is because integrating $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0$ once gives us $\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = a$ and then a second time gives $V = az + b$

Then we must have some boundary conditions given such as when $z = 0$, $V = 0$, and when $z = 1$, $V = 5$. Then we can sub in and solve for a and b .

Then we have V at any point.

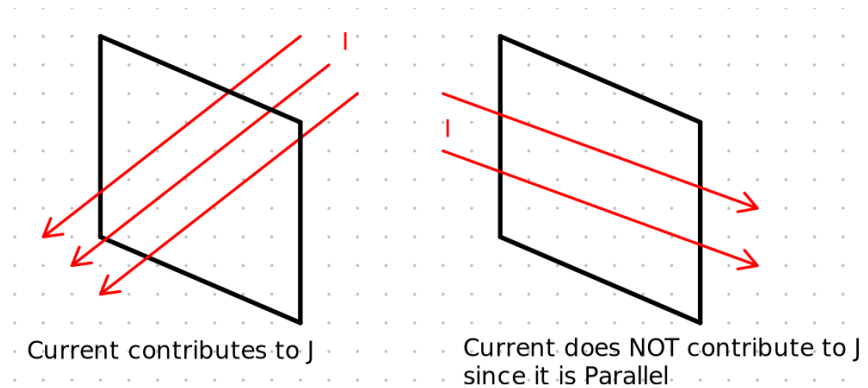
We can also do this for spherical or cylindrical coordinates, except for the laplacian (∇^2) is different.

6 Currents

Current is just the rate of which charge travels with respect to time. Measured in either $\frac{C}{s}$ or A .

By definition, the current density is just the **amount of current** passing through a **cross sectional area**. Note that this does NOT include parallel current since this current does not actually traverse **through** the cross sectional area.

$$\vec{J} = \frac{I}{A} \quad I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$



6.1 Resistance

Resistance is defined as:

$$R = \frac{L}{\sigma A} = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

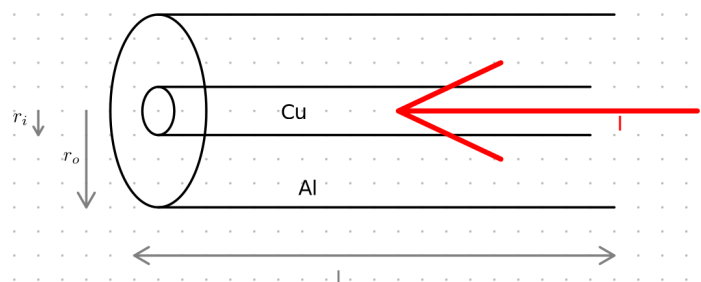
These are equivalent since $\sigma = \rho^{-1}$ where ρ is the **resistivity**, and σ is the **conductivity**.

Those equations work fine for a single area, but if we need to sum up the areas, we have 2 techniques. The first is just by summing up the above equation using an integral. The second is based on Ohms law.

$$R = \frac{L}{\sigma A} = \int_l \frac{d\vec{l}}{\iint_S \sigma d\vec{s}} \qquad R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{-\int_l \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}}{\int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}}$$

Ex. We have a long cable (length = L) made of 2 materials. The inner one is copper, and the outer one is aluminium. They have outer radius of r_o and inner radius of r_i . It carries current I . We want to find the resistance.

First we can draw a diagram of the situation.



We will break this up into cross sectional disks, and then sum them all up along the length. I need to do this for each material. For the outer material Al, I need to subtract

the inner part since that does not exist. Then we can add up both materials (Al + Cu).

$$R_{Cu} = \int_l \frac{d\vec{l}}{\int_s \sigma d\vec{s}} = \int_0^L \frac{dl}{\sigma_{cu} \pi r_i^2} = \frac{L}{\sigma_{cu} \pi r_i^2}$$

We do not really have to do the bottom integral since the density is constant, and each slice has the same area of πr^2 . However if we wanted to, we could take the integral of the disk to get $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{r_i} \rho d\rho d\phi = 2\pi \left(\frac{\rho^2}{2}\right)_0^{r_i} = \pi r_i^2$

To get the resistance for the Al part, we need to integrate both the radius from 0 to r_o , and from 0 to r_i , and then subtract the inner component.

$$R_{Al} = \int_0^L \frac{dl}{\sigma_{Al} \pi r_o^2} - \int_0^L \frac{dl}{\sigma_{Al} \pi r_i^2} = \frac{L}{\sigma_{Al} \pi (r_o^2 - r_i^2)}$$

Then the entire resistance would be the inverse sum of both of these since they are in parallel.

$$R_{tot} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_{Al}} + \frac{1}{R_{Cu}}}$$

If we want the current say through the Cu part, we can just use a current divider by doing:

$$I_{Cu} = I \cdot \frac{R_{Al}}{R_{Al} + R_{Cu}}$$

If we want the current density through this Copper part, we just do the current over the area:

$$J_{Cu} = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{I_{Cu}}{\pi r_i^2}$$

6.2 Equation of Continuity

This basically says that if there is a current going **out of an object**, then there will be **less charges** in that object.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t}$$

The **relaxation time** is the amount of time it takes for electrons to settle into their equilibrium. This (τ) is: $\tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma}$

7 Magnetic Fields

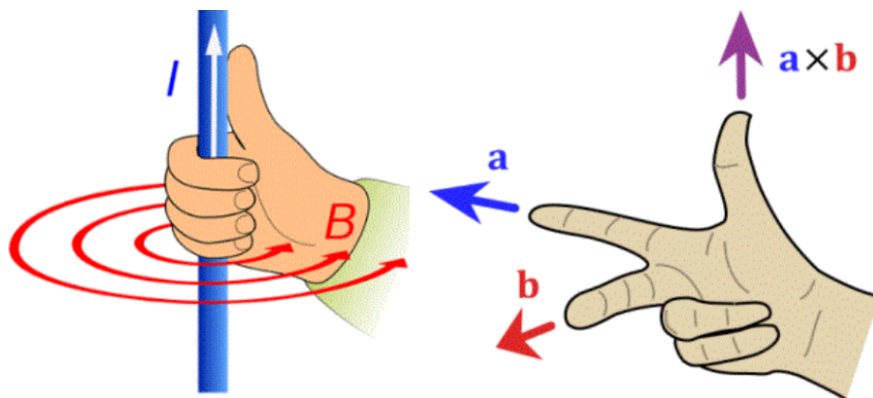
Similarly to electric fields, we have 2 fields differentiated only by a constant μ_0 . There is the \vec{B} field (**Magnetic Flux Density**) and the \vec{H} field (**Magnetic Field**). $\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0}$

7.1 Biot-Savard

This law is how we calculate the magnetic field. This is **similar to coulombs law** (for electric fields) but for magnetic fields. Although, the versions for L, S, and V are slightly different (Line uses I, Surface and Sphere use J_S and J_V .)

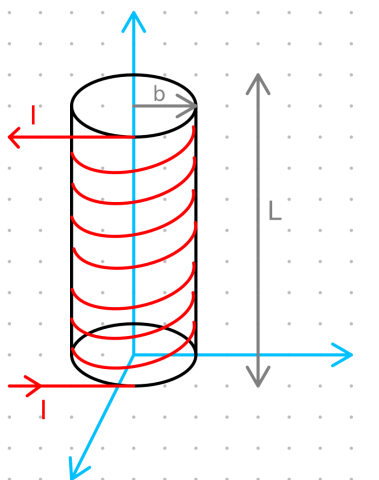
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{J_V \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\vec{V}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \quad \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{S'} \frac{J_S \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\vec{S}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \quad \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_L \frac{I d\vec{l}' \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

We can use the right hand rule to see the direction of the generated field due to the cross product inside the calculation.



This direction will be perpendicular to both the current, and the $\vec{r} - \vec{r}'$ vector.

Ex. We have a solenoid with radius b and length L with N turns of tightly wound wire. This wire carries current I . We want the \vec{B} field anywhere on the z axis.



We will use the biot savart law, although we could also use Amperes law with no problem. We need to use the 2D version of this since we have a surface of charge (the wire can be

treated as a solid surface since the wire is **tightly wound**)

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{S'} \frac{J_s \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\vec{S}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \quad \vec{r} = z\hat{z} \quad \vec{r}' = b\hat{\rho} + z'\hat{z} \quad dS' = b d\phi dz$$

Since the field is going in the ρ direction, we use that differential surface element which is $\rho d\phi dz$.

We also need to get J_s which is just NI/L in the $\hat{\phi}$ direction since it is the product of the number of turns, the current going through the wire, and all that divided by the length.

Then we can plug all this into the B-S equation and solve.

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{NI}{L} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^L \frac{\hat{\phi} \times (z - z')\hat{z} - b\hat{\rho}}{(b^2 + (z - z')^2)^{3/2}} dz d\phi$$

Doing the cross product we get $(z - z')\hat{\rho} + b\hat{z}$. Since the resulting field is only in the z direction, then ρ goes to 0.

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 N I b}{4\pi L} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^L \frac{dz d\phi}{(b^2 + (z - z')^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z} = \text{CALC}$$

7.2 Amperes Law

This is just like Gauss's law for electric fields in that it allows us to simplify the calculations for magnetic fields, but only under specific circumstances.

Basically, we create an **amperian loop** (path) that when taken the dot product with the \vec{H} field creates a nice math situation.

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{\text{enclosed}}$$

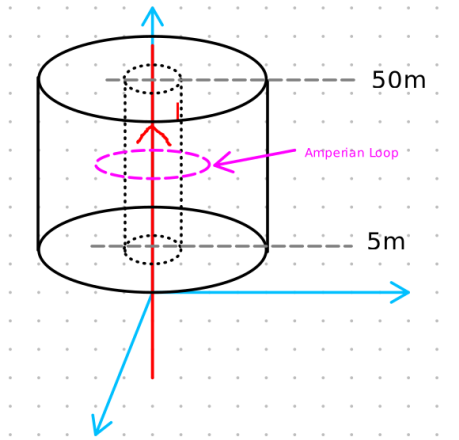
1. Predict Direction of \vec{H}
2. Choose amperian path
3. Calculate

7.3 Magnetic Flux

The **magnetic flux** Φ going through a surface is simply defined as:

$$\text{FLUX} = \Phi = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Ex. We have a long straight thin wire carrying current I . We want to find the flux going through a plane with radius going from 1m to 10m, and height going from 5m to 50m.



I know the flux formula is $\Phi = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$. So I need to get the magnetic field \vec{B} . Since the flux is just through the surface, it will be $d\rho dz$.

I will use Amperes Law to find the B field with an amperian loop around the current wire.

$$\int \vec{H} d\vec{l} = I_{enc} \implies \int \vec{B} d\vec{l} = I_{enc} \mu_o \implies H_{\phi} \hat{\phi} \cdot 2\pi\rho = I\mu_o \implies \vec{H} = H_{\phi} = \frac{I\mu_o}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi}$$

Now I need to get the flux:

$$\Phi = \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_1^{10} \int_5^{50} \frac{I\mu_o \hat{\phi} \cdot d\rho dz \hat{\phi}}{2\pi\rho} = \frac{I\mu_o}{2\pi} \int_1^{10} \int_5^{50} \frac{d\rho dz}{\rho} = \text{CALC}$$

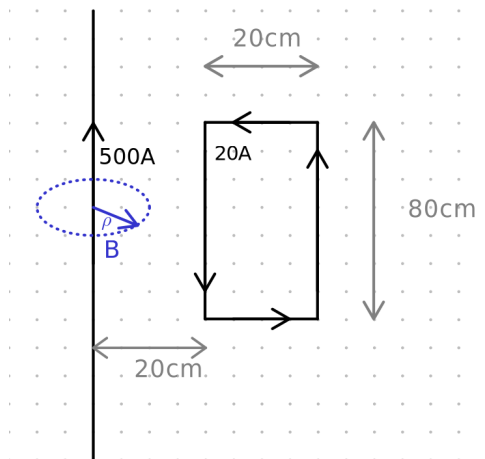
7.4 Magnetic Forces

We say that the magnetic force produced by **a wire 1** on **another wire 2** is:

$$\vec{F}_2 = \int I_2 d\vec{l}_2 \times \vec{B}_1$$

So basically we need to get \vec{B} using probably amperes law, and then assuming we know I , we can calculate the magnetic force \vec{F}_m .

Ex. We have 2 wires as shown below. Find the magnetic force acting on the whole loop.



I know that the formula for magnetic force is:

$$\vec{F}_m = \int I d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

So I need to find B around the 500A wire.

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 500}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi} \quad \text{Using Amperes Law}$$

Then I need to calculate the magnetic force on each of the four segments and then sum them up.

For the left segment note $\hat{z} \times \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\rho}$:

$$\vec{F}_m = 20 \int_{0.8}^0 d\vec{z} \hat{z} \times \frac{\mu_0 500}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi} = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi(0.2)} \cdot (-0.8)(-\hat{\rho}) = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi(0.2)} (0.8)\hat{\rho}$$

For the right segment, note that again $\hat{z} \times \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\rho}$:

$$\vec{F}_m = 20 \int_0^{0.8} d\vec{z} \hat{z} \times \frac{\mu_0 500}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi} = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi(0.4)} \cdot (0.8)(-\hat{\rho}) = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi(0.4)} (-0.8)\hat{\rho}$$

For the bottom segment, note that $\hat{\rho} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{z}$:

$$\vec{F}_m = 20 \int_{0.2}^{0.4} d\vec{\rho} \hat{\rho} \times \frac{\mu_0 500}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi} = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{0.4}{0.2}\right) \hat{z}$$

For the top segment, note that again $\hat{\rho} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{z}$:

$$\vec{F}_m = 20 \int_{0.4}^{0.2} d\vec{\rho} \hat{\rho} \times \frac{\mu_0 500}{2\pi\rho} \hat{\phi} = \frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{0.2}{0.4}\right) \hat{z} = -\frac{20\mu_0 500}{2\pi} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{0.4}{0.2}\right) \hat{z}$$

Note that the top and bottom components cancel each other out.

Then the total magnetic force is just the sum of the 4 (or 2 since the top and bottom cancel) components:

$$\vec{F}_{mtot} = \sum F_m = \frac{20\mu_0 500 \cdot 0.8}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{0.2} - \frac{1}{0.4} \right) = 0.004N$$

7.5 Torques

The torque caused on a magnetic field uses the **magnetic dipole moment** \vec{m} .

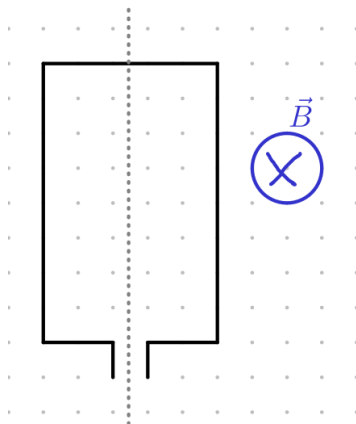
$$\vec{m} = I \int d\vec{s} = IA\hat{n}$$

This is in the direction **perpendicular to the surface**. Hence why it is a normal vector (\hat{n}).

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

The torque $\vec{\tau}$ is just the cross product between the magnetic field and the magnetic dipole moment vectors.

Ex. We have a meter with a 25 turn coil in a 0.2T magnetic field. The coil is 4cm by 2.5cm. While a torque is applied, an equal and oppsite torque is applied to prevent the coil from turning by a spring which is equal to 5×10^{-6} . Find the current I.



This is a bit of a weird question since directions are not given. So we can kind of ignore them.

This is a question about torque, so I start with that equation:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

I know B , and I know $\tau = 5 \times 10^{-6}$. I need to find \vec{m} though.

$$\vec{m} = IAN = I(0.025 \cdot 0.04) \cdot 25 = 0.025I$$

$$\tau = 0.5 \times 0.025I = 0.0005I \implies I = \frac{\tau}{0.005} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-6}}{0.005} = \text{CALC}$$

7.6 Boundary Conditions

This is the same idea as boundary conditions for electric fields. If we have 2 magnetic fields at a boundary, we split it up into **normal and tangential components**. Then we apply the following conditions:

$$B_{n1} = B_{n2}$$

$$H_{t1} - H_{t2} = J_s$$

Note that $H = \frac{B}{\mu}$ and often $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$. Also, often $J_s = 0$ which means $H_{t1} = H_{t2}$

This is very similar to boundary conditions in Electric Fields, so an example can be found in that section.

8 Dynamic Currents

This section is about **changing currents**. These are currents that vary with time.

8.1 EMF

We call ϵ the Electromotive Force (EMF) which is not actually a force, but a **voltage** measured in volts. It is caused by motion in a field.

$$\epsilon = \int (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} \quad \text{Faraday's Law}$$

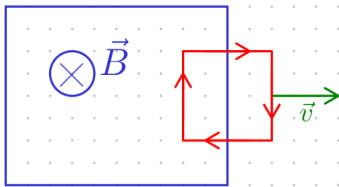
Basically if we know the velocity and \vec{B} field, we can find the EMF, or if we know the magnetic flux Φ , we can derive it with respect to time and get the EMF.

The reason for the negative in front of the derivative is that the **direction of the induced current** will oppose the **change in magnetic flux**. This is known as Lenz's law.

Usually for these problems we need to find the \vec{B} field, and then find the change in flux, and then we can get the EMF.

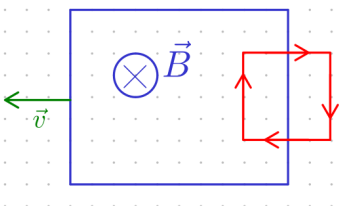
Ex. Using Lenz's law we can find the direction of the induced current.

Recall that \otimes means going INTO the page, and \odot means going OUT of the page.

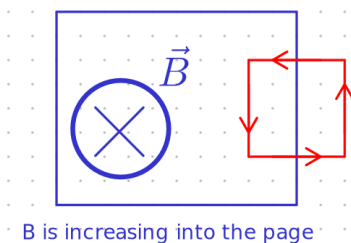


Here \vec{B} is decreasing ($\Delta\vec{B}$ is therefore coming OUT of the page \odot) which means that the induced current will go in a direction that is INTO the page \otimes . Using the right hand rule, we get that a \vec{B} going INTO the page means current going clockwise.

The reason \vec{B} is decreasing is because \vec{v} is pulling the current out of the \vec{B} field, reducing the area and therefore reducing the strength of \vec{B} going through the current loop.

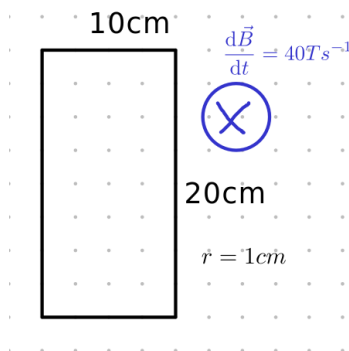


Here \vec{B} is also decreasing, which means that $\Delta\vec{B}$ is \odot , and therefore the induced current will be \otimes creating a clockwise current.



Here \vec{B} is increasing \otimes which means $\Delta\vec{B}$ is \otimes . So the induced current will be \odot creating a counter clockwise current.

Ex. We have an aluminium loop with radius 1cm. The loop is in a \vec{B} field increasing at $40 \frac{T}{s}$. The conductivity of aluminium is $\sigma = 3.57 \times 10^7$. What is the induced current through the loop?



This is quite simple. We can find the equation for flux:

$$\Phi = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = BA$$

Now we need the rate of change of Φ . Since only the \vec{B} field is changing, and the area is constant:

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = A \cdot \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} = (10 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 20 \times 10^{-3}) \cdot 40 = 0.8^V = \epsilon$$

To get the current I can use Ohms law since I have a voltage (ϵ). But I need a resistance. I can calculate this:

$$R = \int \frac{d\vec{l}}{\iint \sigma A d\vec{s}} = \frac{L}{\sigma A} = \frac{0.2 + 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.1}{\sigma \cdot \pi(r)^2} = \frac{0.6}{3.57 \times 10^7 \cdot \pi(1 \times 10^{-3})^2} = 0.000535^{\Omega}$$

And now I can get the current:

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{0.8}{0.000535} = 149.5^A$$

Since the \vec{B} field is increasing into the page, then the induced current will produce a magnetic field coming out of the page. According to Right Hand Rule, the current will therefore be counter clockwise (CCW).