

Electromagnetism

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Chapter 1

Electrostatics

1.1 Electric Forces

IN ELECTRODYNAMICS, there is typically a *source point* \mathbf{r}' where a charge is located and a *field point* \mathbf{r} where a field is calculated at. The *separation vector* is defined as

$$\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r}/r \quad (1.1)$$

upon definition of a coordinate system. Coulomb's law expresses the force of charges q_i on another charge q_0 , given by

$$\mathbf{F} \equiv K \sum \frac{q_0 q_i}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = q_0 \mathbf{E} \quad (1.2)$$

When calculating the force via E , the charge density must be replaced by the respective equation. The charge differential is defined as

$$dq \mapsto \lambda dx \sim \sigma dA \sim \rho dV \quad (1.3)$$

When evaluating the results of the integration, the limiting cases such as $a \gg b$ can be found by evaluating the expression for $b = 0$.

1.2 Electric Field

The electric field at a point P which acts like a positive test charge of a set of source charges is defined as

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv K \sum \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i = K \int \frac{1}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} dq = \nabla V \quad (1.4)$$

For most cases, symmetry can be utilized such that

$$\mathbf{E} = E_x \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \cos \theta \quad (1.5)$$

An electric dipole describes the configuration of two opposite charges q a distance d apart. The electric dipole moment is defined as $p = qd$ towards $+q$, which means for $x \gg d$, then $E = 2Kp/x^3$.

1.3 Torque

The torque of an electric dipole is defined to be

$$\tau = (qE)d \sin \theta = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{E} \quad (1.6)$$

assuming its direction is perpendicular to and into the page. The work done by the external field in turning a dipole is thus

$$W = - \int_{\theta} \tau d\theta = pE(\Delta \cos \theta) \quad (1.7)$$

which is related to the change in potential energy via

$$U = -W = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad (1.8)$$

1.4 Gauss' Law

Gauss' Law states the flux is the rate of change of an electric field of a Gaussian surface; that is,

$$\Phi_E = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = q/\epsilon_0 \quad (1.9)$$

meaning for each infinitesimal point for a given surface, \mathbf{E} is in the direction of the field lines, and \mathbf{A} is normal to the surface. Note the "edge" of a Gaussian surface is equivalent to a single point P a distance r from E .

This results in $\Phi_E = 0$ if such closed surface does not enclose any charges and/or $\sum q = 0$. Because of this, E for regions of infinite dimensions can be calculated via

$$\sum EA = q/\epsilon_0 \quad q \mapsto \lambda x \sim \sigma A \sim \rho V \quad (1.10)$$

For a conductor, the field $E = \sigma/\epsilon_0$.

Chapter 2

Electrodynamics

2.1 Potential Energy

The difference in potential energy is defined to be

$$\Delta U = - \int_a^b \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Kq_1q_2 \left(\frac{1}{r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a} \right) \quad (2.1)$$

Incidentally, the total potential energy of a system is

$$U = K \sum \sum \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \quad (2.2)$$

These are not to be confused with the potential difference, defined as

$$\Delta V = - \int_a^b \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \Delta U / q_o = E d \quad \text{V} \quad (2.3)$$

which is analogous to the potential energy for a point. Lastly, the electric potential is defined to be

$$V = K \sum \frac{q_i}{r_i} = K \int \frac{dq}{r} \sim \frac{Kp \cos \theta}{r^2} \quad (2.4)$$

2.2 Electrical Properties

The electric current i is defined as the net charge flowing through a surface,

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = \int \mathbf{j} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad (2.5)$$

where j is the current density and is in the direction of $+q$ which may also be found via

$$\mathbf{j} = -en\mathbf{v}_d = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad (2.6)$$

The resistance of a material relates the potential difference to the current through

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{i} = \rho \frac{L}{A} \quad \Omega \quad (2.7)$$

2.3 Capacitance

The capacitance of a circuit relates the potential difference with the charge via

$$C = q/\Delta V \quad \text{F} \quad (2.8)$$

and is only a geometrical factor. This means for a capacitive sphere, $C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$. For a parallel plate capacitor, capacitance is found via

$$\Delta V = \int_+^- E \, ds = \frac{\sigma d}{\epsilon_0} \iff C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \quad (2.9)$$

as the electric field for a plate $E = \sigma/2\epsilon_0$ and $\sigma = q/A$ and $C = q/\Delta V$. Likewise, the capacitance of spherical and cylindrical capacitors can be found from the result of their respective potential difference equations.

2.4 Capacitors

In a parallel circuit, the following equations hold:

$$q = \sum q_i = C_{eq}\Delta V \iff C_{eq} = \sum C_i \quad (2.10)$$

and in series the converse is true:

$$\Delta V = \sum \Delta V_i = q/C_{eq} \iff C_{eq}^{-1} = \sum C_i^{-1} \quad (2.11)$$

The total potential energy stored in such capacitor is defined as

$$U = C^{-1} \int_0^q q \, dq = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 \quad (2.12)$$

More specifically, the energy itself is stored in the field present in such region. Similarly, the energy density is the stored energy per unit given as

$$u = U/Ad = 0.5\epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (2.13)$$

For a capacitor with a dielectric of constant κ , Gauss' law gives

$$\epsilon_0 \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \iff \epsilon_0 \oint \kappa \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = q \quad (2.14)$$

Chapter 3

DC Circuits

Please see *Electric Circuits* which entirely comprises this chapter itself, available with other titles at <http://bit.ly/eecsbooks>.

Chapter 4

Magnetostatics

4.1 Magnetic Field

For particles in a magnetic field, the magnetic force is defined as

$$\mathbf{F}_B = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = |q|vB \sin \phi \quad (4.1)$$

However, if both an electric and magnetic field act upon a charge, the Lorentz force is

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_E + \mathbf{F}_B = q\mathbf{E} + q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (4.2)$$

If both fields and the velocity vectors are tri-perpendicular in the xyz -plane, then the electric and magnetic force are in opposite directions, meaning

$$qE = qvB \iff v = E/B \quad (4.3)$$

This configuration is known as a velocity selector, as only particles with such velocity v can pass through unaffected.