

# Electromagnetism

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# Chapter 1

## Electrostatics

### 1.1 Electric Forces

IN ELECTRODYNAMICS, there is typically a *source point*  $\mathbf{r}^0$  where a charge is located and a *field point*  $\mathbf{r}$  where a field is calculated at. The *separation vector* is defined as

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}^0 \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r}/r \quad (1.1)$$

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

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

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

$$dq = \rho \, dV = \sigma \, dA = \lambda \, dx \quad (1.3)$$

When evaluating the results of the integration, the limiting cases such as  $a \rightarrow b$  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

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

For most cases, symmetry can be utilized such that

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

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

$$W = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \tau d\theta = pE(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) \quad (1.7)$$

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  $d\mathbf{A}$  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

$$\sum EA = q/\epsilon_0 \quad q \text{ is enclosed} \quad SA = rV \quad (1.10)$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$V = K \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i} = K \int \frac{dq}{r} = \int \frac{K\rho \cos \theta}{r^2} \, dV \quad (2.4)$$

### 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

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

## 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

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

as the electric field for a plate  $E = s/2\epsilon_0$  and  $s = q/A$  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:

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

and in series the converse is true:

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

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  $k$ , Gauss' law gives

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

## Chapter 3

# DC Circuits

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