



Electrostatics

Electrostatics Fundamentals

Coulomb's Law $\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

Electric Field $\mathbf{F} = q_0 \mathbf{E}$

Gauss' Law $\Phi = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$

Electric Potential $U = q_0 V$

$\mathbf{E} \rightarrow V : \Delta V = - \int_{\mathbf{r}_1}^{\mathbf{r}_2} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell}$

$V \rightarrow \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$

Electric Fields and Potentials: Special Cases

Point Charge $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$

Point Charges $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i$

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_i \frac{q_i}{r_i}$

Dipole $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3(\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbf{p}}{r^3}$

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$

Circular Ring $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{qz}{(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}}$

Circular Disc $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}\right) \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$V = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\sqrt{z^2 + R^2} - z\right)$

Infinite Sheet $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$V = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} z + V_0$

Parallel Plate $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$V = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} z + V_0$

Infinite Line $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

$V = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln(r) + V_0$

Charge Densities:

$\lambda = \frac{dq}{dl}$

$\sigma = \frac{dq}{dA}$

$\rho = \frac{dq}{dV}$

Electric Dipole:

$\mathbf{p} = q\mathbf{d}$

Conductors

Inside $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$

$V = V_0$

Surface $\mathbf{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$

Potential Energy

Electric Dipole:

$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{E}$

$U = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{E}$

Charge Distribution:

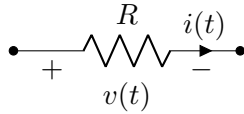
$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$

Circuits: Components

Current: $i = \frac{dq}{dt}$

Current Density: $i = \iint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad i = AJ$

Resistors



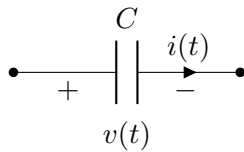
Resistance: $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$ with $\mathbf{E} = \rho \mathbf{J}$

Voltage-Current: $v = Ri$ (Ohm's Law)

Power: $P = iv = iR^2 = \frac{v^2}{R}$

Series: $R_{eq} = \sum_i R_i$ Parallel: $\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{R_i}$

Capacitors



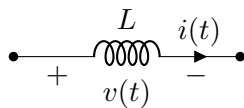
Capacitance: $C = \kappa \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$ (Parallel-Plate with Dielectric κ)

Voltage-Current: $i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$ $q = Cv$

Energy Stored: $U = \frac{1}{2} C v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C}$

Series: $\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{C_i}$ Parallel: $C_{eq} = \sum_i C_i$

Inductors



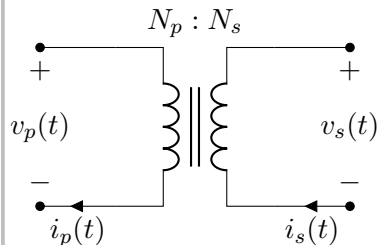
Inductance: $L = \frac{\mu_0 AN^2}{\ell}$ (Solenoid)

Voltage-Current: $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$ $iL = N\Phi_B$

Energy Stored: $U = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$

Series: $L_{eq} = \sum_i L_i$ Parallel: $\frac{1}{L_{eq}} = \sum_i \frac{1}{L_i}$

Transformers



Voltage: $v_s = v_p \frac{N_s}{N_p}$

Current: $i_s = i_p \frac{N_p}{N_s}$

Power: $v_s i_s = v_p i_p$

Circuits: Theory

Fundamental Laws

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law

$$\sum_n v_n = 0$$

The sum of voltages around a closed loop is zero.

Kirchhoff's Current Law

$$\sum_n i_n = 0$$

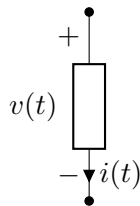
The sum of all currents leaving a node is zero.

Solving with KVL
(Mesh Current)

1. Identify and label all mesh currents i_1, i_2, \dots
2. Use Ohm's law as $v = iR$ to write one KVL for each loop.
3. Solve the system of equations.

Solving with KCL
(Node Voltage)

1. Identify and label all node voltages v_1, v_2, \dots
2. Use Ohm's law as $i = \frac{v}{R}$ to write one KCL for each node.
3. Solve the system of equations.



Passive Sign Convention:

$$v = v_+ - v_- \text{ and } +i \text{ flows from } + \text{ to } -.$$

Power of a device: $P = iv$

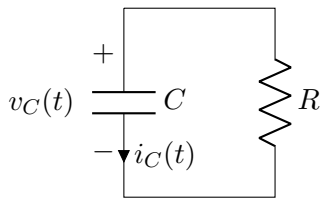
$P < 0$ device supplies energy to circuit.

$P > 0$ device removes energy from the circuit.

RC Circuits

$$v_C(t) = v_C(\infty) + [v_C(0^-) - v_C(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$i_C(t) = -\frac{1}{R}[v_C(0^-) - v_C(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$$

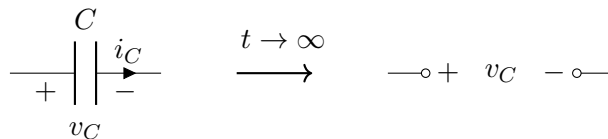


$v_C(0^-)$ Voltage across capacitor before the circuit change.

$v_C(\infty)$ Voltage across the capacitor after the circuit change.

$\tau = RC$ Time constant.

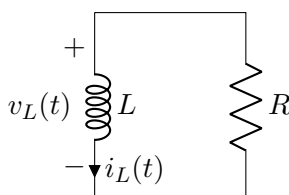
Under DC conditions, capacitors eventually become open circuits.



RL Circuits

$$i_L(t) = i_L(\infty) + [i_L(0^-) - i_L(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$v_L(t) = -R[i_L(0^-) - i_L(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}, \quad t \geq 0$$

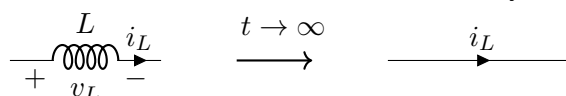


$i_L(0^-)$ Current through inductor before the circuit change.

$i_L(\infty)$ Current through inductor after the circuit change.

$\tau = L/R$ Time constant.

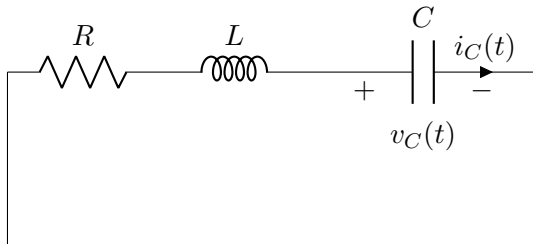
Under DC conditions, inductors eventually become short circuits.



Circuits: AC, RLC, and Oscillations

RLC Circuits

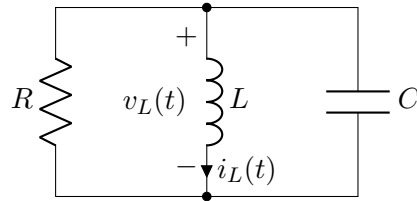
Series



$$0 = LC \frac{d^2}{dt^2} v_C(t) + RC \frac{d}{dt} v_C(t) + v_C(t)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Parallel



$$0 = LC \frac{d^2}{dt^2} i_L(t) + \frac{L}{R} \frac{d}{dt} i_L(t) + i_L(t)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Overdamped

$$\alpha > \omega_0$$

$$s_{12} = -\alpha \pm \omega_0$$

$$y(t) = A_1 e^{-s_1 t} + A_2 e^{-s_2 t}$$

Underdamped

$$\alpha < \omega_0$$

$$s_{12} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_0$$

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

$$y(t) = C e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)$$

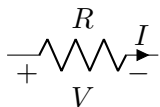
Critically Damped

$$\alpha = \omega_0$$

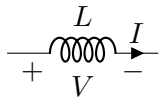
$$s_{12} = -\alpha$$

$$y(t) = A_1 e^{-\alpha t} + A_2 t e^{-\alpha t}$$

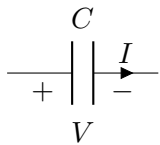
AC and Phasors



$$V = RI \quad Z_R = R$$



$$V = j\omega LI \quad Z_L = j\omega L$$



$$j\omega CV = I \quad Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

AC and RMS Quantities

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= \text{Re}\{V_m e^{j(\omega t + \phi)}\} \\ &\rightarrow V_m \angle \phi \quad (\text{Phasor Notation}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RMS Value} \quad V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{AC Power} \quad P_{AC} = V_{rms} I_{rms} = \frac{V_m I_m}{2}$$

Magnetism

Magnetism Fundamentals

Magnetic Flux $\Phi_B = \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$

Net Magnetic Flux $\oiint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$

Ampere's Law $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 i_{enc}$

Faraday's Law $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_B$

Magnetic Field $\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$

Force on a Wire $\mathbf{F} = i\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \mathbf{B}$

Torque on a Loop $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}$

Force on Two Wires $F_{ab} = \frac{\mu_0 i_a i_b}{2\pi r}$

Magnetic Fields: Special Cases

Biot-Savart Law $d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{id\boldsymbol{\ell} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$

Infinite Wire $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\ell}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

Magnetic Dipole $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{z^3}$

Circular Ring $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 i R^2}{2(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

Solenoid $B = \mu_0 i n$

Toroid $B = \frac{\mu_0 i N}{2\pi r}$

Magnetic Dipole:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = Ni\mathbf{A}$$

Potential Energy:

$$U = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Turn Density:

$$n\ell = N$$

Induction

Lenz's Law: The magnetic field created by the induced current **opposes** the change in magnetic flux.

EMF in a Coil of N -Turns

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -N \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_B$$

Self-Induction

$$\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Mutual Induction

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -M \frac{di_1}{dt}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = -M \frac{di_2}{dt}$$

Electromagnetism

Maxwell's Equations

	Integral Form	Differential Form
Gauss's Law	$\oiint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$
Gauss' Law for Magnetism	$\oiint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$
Faraday-Lenz Law	$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_B$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$
Ampere-Maxwell Law	$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 i_{enc} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt}\Phi_E$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$

Electromagnetic Waves

Wave Equation:		$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{E} = 0$	$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{B} = 0$
General Properties			
Wavespeed	$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$	1D Plane Wave	$E(x, t) = E_m \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi)$
		Spherical Wave	$E(r, t) = \frac{E_m \cos(kr - \omega t + \phi)}{r}$
Wavelength	$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$	Poynting Vector	$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$
Wavenumber	$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{\omega}{c}$	Intensity	$I = \frac{\overline{P_s}}{A} = S_{avg} = \frac{E_{rms}^2}{c\mu_0} = \frac{E_m^2}{2c\mu_0}$
E- and B-Field	$E_m = B_m c$	Polarization	$I = \frac{1}{2} I_0 \cos^2 \theta$

Optics

Reflection and Refraction		Mirrors and Thin Lenses	
Reflection	$\theta_r = \theta_i$	Positive (+): Real	Negative (-): Virtual
Snell's Law	$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$	Planar Mirror	$i = -p$
Critical Angle	$\theta_c = \arcsin\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)$	Spherical Mirror & Lens	$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{f}$
Brewster's Angle	$\theta_b = \arctan\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)$	Focal Length	$f = \pm \frac{1}{2} r$
		Lens Maker's Equation	$\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$
		Magnification	$ m = \frac{ i }{ p } = \frac{h'}{h}$

Constants		
Constant	Symbol	Value
Speed of light in a vacuum	c	$3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
Elementary charge	e	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Permittivity constant	ε_0	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$
Permeability constant	μ_0	$1.26 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m}$
Electron mass	m_e	$9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Proton mass	m_p	$1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Avogadro constant	N_A	$6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}$