

Differential FormMaxwell's EquationsIntegral Form

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n} dS = Q_{encl} / \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\oiint_S \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} dS = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\partial \vec{B} / \partial t$$

$$\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{n} dS$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left(\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \mu_0 \iint_S \left\{ \vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right\} \cdot \vec{n} dS \\ &= \mu_0 (I_{encl} + \epsilon_0 \iint_S \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{n} dS) \end{aligned}$$

LET THERE BE LIGHT (set charge density, ρ , and current density, \vec{J} , equal to zero)

Therefore, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ and $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$. Now take the curl of $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}$ and $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}$ yielding:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})}{\partial t} . \quad \text{But for any vector field, } \vec{F} , \text{ we}$$

have the identity: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2 \vec{F}$ where $\nabla^2 = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right)$.

Therefore:

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})}{\partial t}$$

Setting $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ and $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$, yields:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla^2 \vec{B} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})}{\partial t} . \quad \text{Finally, substituting for } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} \text{ and } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \text{ yields:}$$

Classic Wave Equations ...

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$

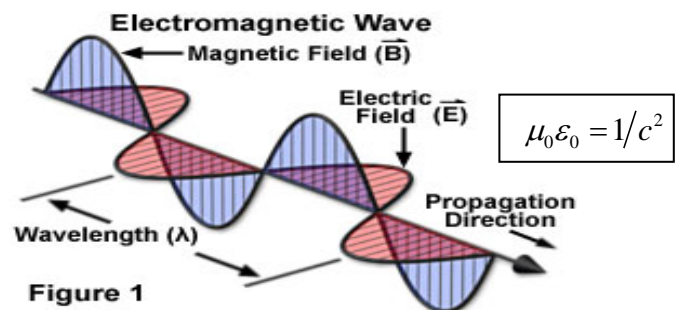


Figure 1