

# 1. Maxwell's equations

## 1.1. Short history of electromagnetism

1802 Gian Domenico Romagnosi:

Compass needle reacts to electric current

=> relationship electricity <-> magnetism

Did not receive much attention

1820 Hans Christian Ørsted:

Rediscovers this effect => sensation in the scientific world

1820 André-Marie Ampère:

Theoretical explanation: Electric currents generate magnetic fields.

1831 Michael Faraday:

A changing magnetic field induces an electric current.

Constructs first electric dynamo.

1861/65 James Clerk Maxwell:

Unifies and formalizes these theories => Maxwell's equations

System of time-dependent partial differential equations (PDEs)

Foundation of classical electromagnetic theory

Light = electromagnetic wave

1886/87 Heinrich Rudolf Hertz:

Shows experimentally the existence of electromagnetic waves (in Karlsruhe)

## 1.2 Notation: Vector products and differential operators

(a) Vector products: For  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  define

- Scalar product:  $u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$
- Cross product

$$u \times v = \begin{pmatrix} u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2 \\ u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3 \\ u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Important property:  $(u \times v) \cdot v = (u \times v) \cdot u = 0$

(b) Differential operators: For a smooth function  $u = u(t, x)$ ,

$u: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a smooth vector field

$\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  we define ( $\mathbb{R}_+ := (0, \infty)$ )

• partial derivatives:  $\partial_t u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ,  $\partial_i u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$  ( $i=1,2,3$ )

• gradient:

$$\nabla u = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 u \\ \partial_2 u \\ \partial_3 u \end{pmatrix}$$

• divergence:  $\operatorname{div} \mathcal{F} = \partial_1 \mathcal{F}_1 + \partial_2 \mathcal{F}_2 + \partial_3 \mathcal{F}_3$  (= " $\nabla \cdot \mathcal{F}$ ")

• curl:

$$\operatorname{curl} \mathcal{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_2 \mathcal{F}_3 - \partial_3 \mathcal{F}_2 \\ \partial_3 \mathcal{F}_1 - \partial_1 \mathcal{F}_3 \\ \partial_1 \mathcal{F}_2 - \partial_2 \mathcal{F}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \operatorname{rot} \mathcal{F} = \text{"} \nabla \times \mathcal{F} \text{"}$$

• Laplace operator:  $\Delta u = \partial_1^2 u + \partial_2^2 u + \partial_3^2 u$

$$\Delta \mathcal{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \Delta \mathcal{F}_2 \\ \Delta \mathcal{F}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1.3 Integral form and differential form of Maxwell's equations

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be a domain (open, connected),  $\mathbb{R}_+ := (0, \infty)$

Electromagnetic waves are described by four vector fields

- $E: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  electric field intensity  $\frac{V}{m}$
- $H: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  magnetic field intensity  $\frac{A}{m}$
- $D: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  electric displacement  $\frac{C}{m^2}$
- $B: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  magnetic field induction  $T$

subject to

- $J: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  electric current density  $\frac{A}{m^2}$
- $\rho: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  electric charge density  $\frac{C}{m^3}$

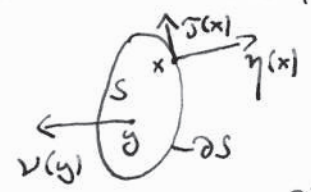
Setting:

$S \subseteq \Omega$  connected smooth surface with boundary  $\partial S$

$\nu: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  unit normal vector, continuous, always directed to the same side of  $S$  ("positive side")

$\tau: \partial S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  unit tangent vector of  $\partial S$ , directed ~~clockwise~~ counterclockwise when seen from the positive side of  $S$ .

$\eta: \partial S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  normal vector, directed to the outside of  $S$



$V \subseteq \Omega$  open with boundary  $\partial V$  and outer unit normal vector

$\nu: \partial V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Maxwell's equations in integral form:

$$(1a) \quad \int_{\partial S} \mathcal{H} \cdot \nu \, dl = \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathcal{D} \cdot \nu \, ds}_{\text{Maxwell's correction}} + \int_S \mathcal{J} \cdot \nu \, ds \quad \text{Ampère's circuital law}$$

$$(1b) \quad \int_{\partial S} \mathcal{E} \cdot \kappa \, dl = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathcal{B} \cdot \nu \, ds \quad \text{Faraday's law of induction}$$

$$(2a) \quad \int_{\partial V} \mathcal{D} \cdot \nu \, ds = \int_V \rho \, dx \quad \text{Gauss' electric law}$$

$$(2b) \quad \int_{\partial V} \mathcal{B} \cdot \nu \, ds = 0 \quad \text{Gauss' magnetic law}$$

Interpretation:

(1a) A magnetic field can be generated by an electrical current or by a changing electric field.

(1b) A changing magnetic field induces an electric field.

(2a) A static electric field points away from positive charges to negative charges.

(2b) There are no magnetic monopoles („magnetic charges“):

Magnetic field lines form loops - they never begin or end. Magnetic field lines which enter  $V$  must also exit  $V$  somewhere.

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For sufficiently smooth vector fields  $\vec{F}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , we have

- Stoke's theorem:

$$(3) \quad \int_S \text{curl } \vec{F} \cdot \nu \, ds = \int_{\partial S} \vec{F} \cdot \tau \, dl$$

- Gauss' divergence theorem

$$(4) \quad \int_V \text{div } \vec{F} \, dx = \int_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \nu \, ds$$

Applying this to (1) and (2) yields ...

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$$(1a') \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathcal{D} \cdot \nu \, ds \stackrel{(3)}{=} \int_S (\text{curl } \mathcal{H} - \vec{J}) \cdot \nu \, ds$$

$$(1b') \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathcal{B} \cdot \nu \, ds \stackrel{(3)}{=} - \int_S \text{curl } \mathcal{E} \cdot \nu \, ds$$

$$(2a') \quad \int_V \text{div } \mathcal{D} \, dx \stackrel{(4)}{=} \int_V \rho \, dx$$

$$(2b') \quad \int_V \text{div } \mathcal{B} \, dx \stackrel{(4)}{=} 0$$

Since this is true for arbitrary  $S$  and  $V$ , we obtain ...



Maxwell's equations in differential form:

$$(5a) \quad \partial_t \mathcal{D} = \text{curl } \mathcal{H} - \mathcal{J}$$

$$(5b) \quad \partial_t \mathcal{B} = -\text{curl } \mathcal{E}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (5a) \\ (5b) \end{array} \right\} \text{PDEs}$$

$$(6a) \quad \text{div } \mathcal{D} = \rho$$

$$(6b) \quad \text{div } \mathcal{B} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (6a) \\ (6b) \end{array} \right\} \text{divergence conditions}$$

+ initial conditions + boundary conditions if  $\Omega \neq \mathbb{R}^3$

The divergence conditions are in some sense redundant:

### Lemma 1.1

Let  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}$  be a smooth solution of (5a), (5b).

Suppose that  $\rho$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  satisfy the compatibility condition

$$(7) \quad \partial_t \rho + \text{div } \mathcal{J} = 0,$$

and that (6a), (6b) are true for  $t=0$ , i.e.

$$\text{div } \mathcal{D}(0, x) = \rho(0, x)$$

$$\text{div } \mathcal{B}(0, x) = 0$$

$$\forall x \in \Omega.$$

Then, (6a) and (6b) are true for all  $t \geq 0$ .