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Electrodynamics - Formula sheet

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BASIC EQUATIONS OF ELECTRODYNAMICS

Maxwell's Equations

In general:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0}\rho$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

In matter:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

Auxiliary Fields

Definitions:

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$
$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}$$

Linear media:

$$\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \mathbf{E}\,, \qquad \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$
$$\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}\,, \qquad \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{B}$$

Potentials

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}\,, \qquad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

Lorentz force law

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Energy, Momentum, and Power

Energy: $U = \frac{1}{2}\int \left(\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2\right) d\tau$

Momentum: $\mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 \int (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) d\tau$

Poynting vector: $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})$

Larmor formula: $P = \frac{\mu_0}{6\pi c} q^2 a^2$

SPHERICAL AND CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Cylindrical.

$$\begin{cases} x = s\cos\phi \\ y = s\sin\phi \\ z = z \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{s}} - \sin\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{s}} + \cos\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} s = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \\ \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \\ z = z \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{s}} = \cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{cases}$$

Spherical.

$$\begin{cases} x = r\sin\theta\cos\phi \\ y = r\sin\theta\sin\phi \\ z = r\cos\theta \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \sin\theta\cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \cos\theta\cos\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \sin\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sin\theta\sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \cos\theta\sin\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \cos\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \cos\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \sin\theta\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\ \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{x^2+y^2}/z\right) \\ \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin\theta\cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\theta\sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \cos\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \cos\theta\cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\theta\sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \sin\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\sin\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\phi\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} \end{cases}$$

VECTOR DERIVATIVES

Cartesian.

Line/volume element: $d\mathbf{l} = dx\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + dy\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + dz\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}; \qquad d\tau = dx\,dy\,dz$

Gradient: $\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial x}\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial y}\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z}\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Divergence: $\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

Curl: $\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z}\right)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}\right)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}\right)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 t = \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}$

Cylindrical.

Line/volume element: $d\mathbf{l} = ds\,\hat{\mathbf{s}} + s\,d\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + dz\,\hat{\mathbf{z}}; \qquad d\tau = s\,ds\,d\phi\,dz$

Gradient: $\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial s}\hat{\mathbf{s}} + \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial t}{\partial \phi}\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial z}\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Divergence: $\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s v_s) + \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

Curl: $\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial z}\right)\hat{\mathbf{s}} + \left(\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial s}\right)\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \frac{1}{s}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}(s v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial \phi}\right)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Laplacian: $\nabla^2 t = \frac{1}{s}\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\left(s\frac{\partial t}{\partial s}\right) + \frac{1}{s^2}\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial z^2}$

Spherical.

Line/volume element: $d\mathbf{l} = dr\,\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r\,d\theta\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r\sin\theta d\phi\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$; $\quad d\tau = r^2 \sin\theta\,dr\,d\theta\,d\phi$

Gradient: $$\nabla t = \frac{\partial t}{\partial r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial t}{\partial \theta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial t}{\partial \phi}\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

Divergence: $$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(\sin\theta\, v_\theta) + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial\phi}$$

Curl: $$\nabla\times\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(\sin\theta\, v_\phi) - \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial\phi}\right)\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{1}{r}\left(\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial\phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r v_\phi)\right)\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{r}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r v_\theta) - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial\theta}\right)\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

Laplacian: $$\nabla^2 t = \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^2\frac{\partial t}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial t}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2 t}{\partial\phi^2}$$

VECTOR IDENTITIES

Triple Products

(1) $\mathbf{A}\cdot(\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{C}\times\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C}\cdot(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B})$

(2) $\mathbf{A}\times(\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{B})$

Product Rules

(3) $\nabla(fg) = f(\nabla g) + g(\nabla f)$

(4) $\nabla(\mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{A}$

(5) $\nabla\cdot(f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A}\cdot(\nabla f)$

(6) $\nabla\cdot(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B}\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A}\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})$

(7) $\nabla\times(f\mathbf{A}) = f(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A}\times(\nabla f)$

(8) $\nabla\times(\mathbf{A}\times\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A})$

Second Derivatives

(9) $\nabla\cdot(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) = 0$

(10) $\nabla\times(\nabla f) = 0$

(11) $\nabla\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{A}) = \nabla(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2\mathbf{A}$

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

Gradient Theorem: $\int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} (\nabla f)\cdot d\mathbf{l} = f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a})$

Divergence Theorem: $\int_{\mathcal{V}} (\nabla\cdot\mathbf{A})\,d\tau = \oint_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{A}\cdot d\mathbf{a}$ ($\mathcal{S}$ boundary surface of $\mathcal{V}$)

Curl Theorem: $\int_{\mathcal{S}} (\nabla\times\mathbf{A})\cdot d\mathbf{a} = \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \mathbf{A}\cdot d\mathbf{l}$ ($\mathcal{L}$ boundary line of $\mathcal{S}$)

LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!}\frac{\mathrm{d}^n}{\mathrm{d}x^n}(x^2-1)^n$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} P_m(x)P_n(x)\mathrm{d}x = \frac{2}{2n+1}\delta_{nm}$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = (3x^2-1)/2$$

$$P_3(x) = (5x^3-3x)/2$$

$$P_4(x) = (35x^4-30x^2+3)/8$$

$$P_5(x) = (63x^5-70x^3+15x)/8$$

BASIC TRIGONOMETRY

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta \pm \cos\alpha\sin\beta$$
$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta \mp \sin\alpha\sin\beta$$

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1-\tan^2\theta}$$

$$\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}$$

$$\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}$$