

Electrostatics

Formulation Possible in terms of

- Point charges q
- 1d charge per length $\sigma d\ell$
- 2d Charge per area $\sigma_s d\alpha$
- 3d Charge per Volume σdV

We'll take the 3d charge per volume approach

Main Problem: $\sigma(\vec{r})$ given, what is \vec{E} ?

Different approaches:

a) Coulomb field law

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \int_V dV' \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}') \hat{e}_{\vec{r}-\vec{r}'}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^2}$$



b) Gauss' law $\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi \int_V \sigma(\vec{r}) dV$

tells us that we should be able to tell how much charge there is by looking at the flux of field lines through a surface.

Ex: take a point charge at origin

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot (r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \hat{r}) = 4\pi q \quad \begin{matrix} \text{why no} \\ \frac{1}{r_0} \text{ low} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{distance dependence?} \\ \text{depends on } r_0 \end{matrix}$$

i) didn't have to be a sphere. ii) Can add any # of charges according to its position.

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi Q_{\text{enc.}} = 4\pi \int_V \sigma(\vec{r}) dV$$

S: Closed Surface, $d\vec{a}$ outward pointing normal

V: Enclosed Volume

most useful for:

- 1) Spherical Symmetry : make S a Concentric sphere
 - 2) Cylindrical Symmetry : make S a coaxial cylinder 
 - 3) Plane Symmetry : use a pill box flat
straddles the surface

Using the Divergence Theorem

Ex: draw field lines where $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{T} = 0$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} dV = 4\pi \underbrace{\int_S S(\vec{r}) dV}_{\text{Surface Charge Density}}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi g$$

$$\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

c) $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ conservative field

(not double)
valued
like gravity

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Γ : is a closed Contour

~~Def~~ Using Stokes' Thm

$$\text{rot } \vec{E} = \text{curl } \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \quad \vec{v} \times \vec{E} = 0 \quad \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \quad \vec{v} \times \vec{E} \neq 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \text{ at center & not at sides}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{matrix} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi S$, $\vec{J} \times \vec{E} = 0$ are equivalent to Gauss law plus superposition

d) (c) implies there exists a scalar potential $\underline{\phi}$

Such that $\vec{E} = -\operatorname{grad} \Phi = -\nabla \Phi$

or $\Phi = - \oint_{r_0} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$ reference point r_0 is arbitrary
 Φ is only unique up to a Constant

$$e) \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} \Phi = \nabla^2 \Phi = -4\pi s \quad \text{Poisson's eq}$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{charge} \\ \text{free} \\ \text{space} \end{matrix} \quad \text{Laplace's eq}$$

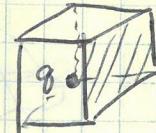
Solution $\Phi(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{dv' s(r')}{|r-r'|} + \text{Const}$

Any of these are good methods for backing out \vec{E}
 Use the one that is most convenient. If symmetry
 is not spherical, cylindrical, or planar, find ϕ first then

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi$$

Caution

Sometimes even a
 cube has
 spherical symmetry
 for a specific problem



find flux through
 surface

2) Static Magnetic Fields

Formulation is possible in terms of:

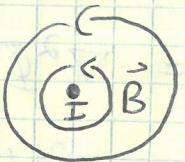
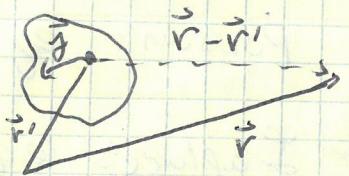
- 1d Current element along wire $I \cdot d\vec{l}$
- 2d Current per width on a surface $I \cdot da$
- 3d Current per ~~area~~ area in a volume $\vec{j} \cdot dv$

Well take the 3d current per area approach
 main problem: Static Current density $\vec{j} dv$ given
 What is \vec{B} ?

Static Current density: all currents must flow in loops.

a) Biot-Savart law $\vec{B} = \frac{I}{c} \oint dv' \frac{\vec{j}(r') \times \hat{r}_r}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2}$

Integral is over volume in which current flows
 Symbol \oint indicates that current flows in loops



$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{4\pi}{c} I_{\text{link}} \quad \oint d\vec{l} = \frac{4\pi}{c} I_{\text{link}}$$

b) $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{4\pi}{c} I_{\text{link}} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \oint \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{a}$

ampere's law

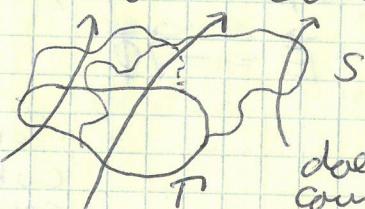
T: closed Contour

S: enclosed Surface

Choice of S does not matter because Current is Conserved



or



doesn't count

any current in
must also leave
& go out



$\oint \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$
S is
S is a closed
surface.

Useful for Special Symmetries

Cylindrical, Plane, Solenoidal, toroidal

Using Stokes' Thm

$$\text{Curl } \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} j$$

c) $\text{div } \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ "no magnetic monopoles"

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \int \nabla \cdot \underbrace{\vec{j}(r') \times \hat{e}_r}_{(r-r')^2} dr' = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\vec{j} \times \frac{\hat{e}_r}{r^2} \right) = \underbrace{\frac{\hat{e}_r}{r^2} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{j}(r'))}_{0} - \underbrace{\vec{j} \cdot \left(\nabla \times \frac{\hat{e}_r}{r^2} \right)}_{0}$$

since \vec{j} is
a function of r'
not r

problem 1.62
in Griffiths

③ implies there exists a vector field \vec{A} such that $\vec{B} = \text{curl } \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

\vec{A} is not uniquely determined by \vec{B}

a possible choice in terms of the currents

that generate \vec{B} is

$$\vec{A} = \frac{1}{c} \oint \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}') d\vec{r}'}{v |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

\vec{A} is not as useful as Φ . It's a vector, & still difficult to calculate. It will be very useful for electrodynamics

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ & $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} j$ are equivalent to Biot-Savart law + superposition

3) Force law

$$\vec{F} = q (\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{u}}{c} \times \vec{B}) \quad \text{Lorentz force}$$

Force on a point particle with charge q & velocity \vec{u}

force on a current element: $dF = \frac{\vec{j} d\vec{v} \times \vec{B}}{c}$

4) Relation between \vec{E} & \vec{j} in a conductor

$$\vec{j} = \sigma \vec{E} \quad \sigma: \text{Conductivity} \quad \text{Ohm's law}$$

Problems: ① Use Biot-Savart law to find the magnetic field $B_2(z)$ on the axis of a circular loop carrying current I . Then show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_2(z) dz = \frac{4\pi I}{c}$

② Metal sphere in a uniform electric field draw field lines both inside & outside the sphere.