# ECE 3317 Applied Electromagnetic Waves

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# Notes 4 Maxwell's Equations



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Here we present an overview of Maxwell's equations. A much more thorough discussion of Maxwell's equations may be found in the text and class notes for ECE 3318:

http://courses.egr.uh.edu/ECE/ECE3318

Notes 10: Electric Gauss's law Notes 18: Faraday's law Notes 28: Ampere's law Notes 28: Magnetic Gauss law

**Extra reference:** D. Fleisch, *A Student's Guide to Maxwell's Equations*, Cambridge University Press, 2008. (This is on reserve in the Library.)

#### Four vector quantities

- $\underline{\mathscr{E}}$  electric field [Volt/meter]
- $\underline{\mathscr{D}}$  electric flux density [Coulomb/meter<sup>2</sup>]
- $\underline{\mathscr{H}}$  magnetic field [Amp/meter]
- $\underline{\mathscr{B}}$  magnetic flux density [Weber/meter<sup>2</sup>] or [Tesla]

Each are functions of space and time e.g.  $\underline{\mathscr{C}}(x,y,z,t)$ 

**Reminder:** The Handscript SF font is used to denote time-varying vectors.

 $\mathcal{J}$  electric current density [Amp/meter<sup>2</sup>]

 $\rho_v$  electric charge density [Coulomb/meter<sup>3</sup>]

**MKS** units

Length – meter [m] Mass – kilogram [kg] Time – second [s]

Some common prefixes and the power of ten each represent are listed below

femto	- f - 10 <sup>-15</sup>	centi - c - 10 <sup>-2</sup>	mega - M - 10 <sup>6</sup>
pico	- p - 10 <sup>-12</sup>	deci - d - 10 <sup>-1</sup>	giga - <mark>G</mark> - 10 <sup>9</sup>
nano	- n - 10 <sup>-9</sup>	deka - <u>da</u> - 10 <sup>1</sup>	tera - T - 10 <sup>1</sup>
micro	- <i>µ</i> - 10 <sup>-6</sup>	hecto - h - 10 <sup>2</sup>	peta - P - 10 <sup>1</sup>
milli	- m - 10 <sup>-3</sup>	kilo - k - 10 <sup>3</sup>	

10<sup>9</sup>

**10**<sup>12</sup>

**10**<sup>15</sup>

### **Maxwell's Equations**



#### Maxwell

#### James Clerk Maxwell (1831–1879)



James Clerk Maxwell was a Scottish mathematician and theoretical physicist. His most significant achievement was the development of the classical electromagnetic theory, synthesizing all previous unrelated observations, experiments and equations of electricity, magnetism and even optics into a consistent theory. His set of equations—Maxwell's equations—demonstrated that electricity, magnetism and even light are all manifestations of the same phenomenon: the electromagnetic field. From that moment on, all other classical laws or equations of these disciplines became simplified cases of Maxwell's equations. Maxwell's work in electromagnetism has been called the "second great unification in physics", after the first one carried out by Isaac Newton.

Maxwell demonstrated that electric and magnetic fields travel through space in the form of waves, and at the constant speed of light. Finally, in 1864 Maxwell wrote *A Dynamical Theory of the Electromagnetic Field* where he first proposed that light was in fact undulations in the same medium that is the cause of electric and magnetic phenomena. His work in producing a unified model of electromagnetism is considered to be one of the greatest advances in physics.

(Wikipedia)

### Maxwell's Equations (cont.)



**Questions:** When does a magnetic field produce an electric field? When does an electric field produce a magnetic field? When does a current flow produce a magnetic field? When does a charge density produce an electric field?

#### **Charge Density**



**Example:** Protons are closer together as we move to the right.

### **Current Density Vector**

 $\underline{\mathscr{J}}$  = current density vector  $\left[A/m^2\right]$ 



$$\Delta I = \left| \underbrace{\mathscr{J}} \right| \Delta S$$

#### Current flow is defined to be in the direction that positive charges move in.

Note: If negative charges are moving, we can pretend that positive charges are moving in the opposite direction.

### **Current Density Vector (cont.)**

Ohm's law

 $\underline{\mathscr{J}} = \sigma \underline{\mathscr{E}}$ 



Material	$\sigma$ [S/m]		
Silver	6.3×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Copper	6.0×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Copper (annealed)	5.8×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Gold	4.1×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Aluminum	3.5×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Zinc	1.7×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Brass	1.6×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Nickel	1.4×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Iron	1.0×10 <sup>7</sup>		
Tin	9.2×10 <sup>6</sup>		
Steel (carbon)	7.0×10 <sup>6</sup>		
Steel (stainless)	1.5×10 <sup>6</sup>		

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electrical\_resistivity\_and\_conductivity

### **Current Density Vector (cont.)**

#### **Current through a tilted surface:**



$$\Delta I = \left( \underbrace{\mathscr{J}} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \right) \Delta S$$

#### **Current Density Vector (cont.)**

$$\Delta I = \left(\underline{\mathscr{J}} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}}\right) \Delta S$$

$$I = \int_{S} \mathscr{J} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dS$$

#### Note:

The direction of the unit normal vector determines whether the current is measured going up or down through the surface.



### Law of Conservation of Electric Charge (Continuity Equation)

$$\nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{H}} = \underline{\mathscr{J}} + \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{D}}}{\partial t}$$
("zero identity")
$$\nabla \cdot \left( \nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{H}} \right) = \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{J}} + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{D}}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$0 = \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{J}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{D}} \right) \qquad \left( \text{Recall} : \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{D}} = \rho_v \right)$$

Flow of electric current out of volume  $\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{I}} = -\frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t}$   $\leftarrow$  Rate of decrease of electric (per unit volume)

#### This is the continuity equation in point or differential form.

### **Continuity Equation (cont.)**

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{J}} = -\frac{\partial \rho_v}{\partial t}$$

Integrate both sides over an arbitrary volume *V*:

$$\int_{V} \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{J}} \, dV = \int_{V} -\frac{\partial \rho_{v}}{\partial t} \, dV$$

Apply the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{V} \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{I}} \, dV = \oint_{S} \underline{\mathscr{I}} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS = i_{\text{out}}$$
(current flowing out of *V*)
Hence:
$$i_{\text{out}} = \int_{V} -\frac{\partial \rho_{v}}{\partial v} \, dV$$

J

V

 $\partial t$ 



(outward normal)

### **Continuity Equation (cont.)**



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This implies that charge is never created or destroyed. It only moves from one place to another!

### Maxwell's Equations (cont.)

#### **Time-Dependent**

$$\nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{E}} = -\frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{B}}}{\partial t} \qquad \nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{H}} = \underline{\mathscr{J}} + \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{D}}}{\partial t} \qquad \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{B}} = 0 \qquad \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathscr{D}} = \rho_{v}$$

#### Time-Independent (Statics)

 $\nabla \times \underline{E} = \underline{0} \qquad \nabla \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_{v} \qquad \nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J} \qquad \nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$ 

Statics decouples  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{H} \implies \underline{E}$  comes from  $\rho_v$  and  $\underline{H}$  comes from  $\underline{J}$ 

Note: Regular (not script) font is used for statics, just as it is for phasors.

### Maxwell's Equations (cont.)

Time-harmonic (phasor) domain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \to j\omega$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega \underline{B}$$
$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J} + j\omega \underline{D}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_{v}$$

### **Constitutive Relations**

The characteristics of the media relate  $\underline{\mathscr{D}}$  to  $\underline{\mathscr{E}}$  and  $\underline{\mathscr{M}}$  to  $\underline{\mathscr{B}}$ 

#### **Free Space**

$$\underline{\mathscr{D}} = \varepsilon_0 \underline{\mathscr{E}} \quad (\varepsilon_0 = \text{permittivity})$$
$$\underline{\mathscr{B}} = \mu_0 \underline{\mathscr{H}} \quad (\mu_0 = \text{permeability})$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \doteq 8.8541878 \times 10^{-12} \text{ [F/m]}$$
  
 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ [H/m]} \text{ (exact*)}$  \*Prior to 2019

 $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}}$   $c \equiv 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ [m/s]}$  (exact value that is defined) (since 1983)

## **Constitutive Relations (cont.)**

**Definition of the Amp\*:** \*Prior to 2019



 $F_{x2} = 2 \times 10^{-7} [\text{N/m}] \text{ when } d = 1 [\text{m}]$ 

### **Constitutive Relations (cont.)**

Free space, in the phasor domain:

$$\underline{\underline{D}} = \varepsilon_0 \underline{\underline{E}} \quad (\varepsilon_0 = \text{permittivity})$$
$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \mu_0 \underline{\underline{H}} \quad (\mu_0 = \text{permeability})$$

This follows from the fact that

$$a \mathcal{V}(t) \Leftrightarrow a \underline{V}$$

(where *a* is a real number)

#### Example

Given the following electric field  $\underline{\mathscr{E}}$  in free space:

Find the magnetic field 
$$\underline{\mathscr{U}}$$
.  
 $\underline{\mathscr{E}}(t) = \underline{\widehat{\theta}} \Big( E_0 \cos(\omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0) \Big) \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \quad [V/m]$ 
 $k_0 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$ 

In the phasor domain:

$$\underline{E} = \underline{\hat{\theta}} \left( E_0 \frac{1}{r} e^{-jk_0 r} e^{j\phi_0} \right) \sin \theta$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega\underline{B}$$
$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J} + j\omega\underline{D}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_{v}$$

Hence

 $\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega \underline{B}$ 

$$\underline{H} = \frac{1}{-j\omega\mu_0} \nabla \times \underline{E}$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = \hat{\underline{r}} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{\phi} \sin \theta \right)}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{\theta}}{\partial \phi} \right] + \hat{\underline{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{r}}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial \left( r\underline{\mathscr{E}}_{\phi} \right)}{\partial r} \right] + \hat{\underline{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial \left( r\underline{\mathscr{E}}_{\theta} \right)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{r}}{\partial \theta} \right]$$
(no  $\phi$  variation)

$$\underline{\mathscr{H}} = \underline{\hat{\phi}} \left[ E_0 \left( \frac{k_0}{\omega \mu_0} \right) \right] \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \cos \left( \omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0 \right) \quad [A/m]$$



$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{B}}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{E}}$$
$$\nabla \times \underline{\mathscr{E}} = \underline{\hat{\phi}} \frac{1}{r} E_0 \sin \theta (k_0) (\sin (\omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0))$$

So

All fields must be pure sinusoidal waves in the time-harmonic steady state.

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{B}}}{\partial t} = -\underline{\hat{\phi}} k_0 E_0 \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \left( \sin \left( \omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0 \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{B}}}{\partial t} = -\underline{\hat{\phi}} k_0 E_0 \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \frac{1}{\omega} \left( -\cos \left( \omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0 \right) \right) + C \left( r, \theta, \phi \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\mathscr{B}}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \underline{\mathscr{H}}$$

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$$\underline{\mathscr{E}}(t) = \underline{\widehat{\theta}}\left(E_0 \cos\left(\omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0\right)\right) \frac{1}{r} \sin\theta \quad \left[V/m\right]$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \underline{\hat{\phi}} \left[ E_0 \frac{k_0}{\omega \mu_0} \right] \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \left( \cos \left( \omega t - k_0 r + \phi_0 \right) \right) \quad [A/m]$$



This describes the far-field radiation from a small vertical dipole antenna.

#### **Material Properties**

#### In a material medium:

 $\underline{D} = \varepsilon \underline{E} \quad (\varepsilon = \text{permittivity})$  $\underline{B} = \mu \underline{H} \quad (\mu = \text{permeability})$ 

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r$$
  $\varepsilon_r$  = relative permittivity  
 $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$   $\mu_r$  = relative permeability

**Note:** The fields  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are the *physical* fields, meaning they exert a force on a charged particle that can be measured. The other two fields are defined.

#### Where does permittivity come from?



$$\underline{D} \equiv \mathcal{E}_0 \underline{E} + \underline{P}$$

Linear material: 
$$\underline{P} = \varepsilon_0 \chi_e \underline{E}$$

The term  $\chi_e$  is called the "electric susceptibility."

**Note:**  $\chi_e > 0$  for most materials

**SO** 

$$\underline{D} = \varepsilon_0 \underline{E} + \varepsilon_0 \chi_e \underline{E}$$
$$= \varepsilon_0 \left( 1 + \chi_e \right) \underline{E}$$

Define: 
$$\mathcal{E}_r \equiv 1 + \chi_e$$

Then 
$$\underline{D} = \mathcal{E}_0 \mathcal{E}_r \underline{E}$$

Teflon 
$$\mathcal{E}_r = 2.2$$
  
Water  $\mathcal{E}_r = 81$  (a very polar molecule, fairly free to rotate)  
Styrofoam  $\mathcal{E}_r = 1.03$   
Quartz  $\mathcal{E}_r = 5$ 

**Note:**  $\varepsilon_r > 1$  for most materials:  $\varepsilon_r \equiv 1 + \chi_e$ ,  $\chi_e > 0$ 

#### Where does permeability come from?



Because of *electron spin*, atoms tend to acts as little current loops, and hence as electromagnetics, or bar magnets. When a magnetic field is applied, the little atomic magnets tend to line up.

$$\underline{\mathscr{B}} = \mu_0 \,\underline{\mathscr{H}} + \mu_0 \,\underline{\mathscr{M}}$$

Linear material:

$$\underline{\mathscr{M}} = \chi_m \underline{\mathscr{H}}$$

The term  $\chi_m$  is called the "magnetic susceptibility."

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SO

$$\underline{\mathscr{B}} = \mu_0 \,\underline{\mathscr{H}} + \mu_0 \chi_m \,\underline{\mathscr{H}}$$
$$= \mu_0 \, \big( 1 + \chi_m \big) \,\underline{\mathscr{H}}$$

**Define:** 
$$\mu_r = (1 + \chi_m)$$

Then 
$$\underline{\mathscr{B}} = \mu_0 \mu_r \underline{\mathscr{H}}$$

Material	Relative Permeability $\mu_r$		
Vacuum	1		
Air	1.000004		
Water	0.999992		
Copper	0.999994		
Aluminum	1.00002		
Silver	0.99998		
Nickel	600		
Iron	5000		
Carbon Steel	100		
Transformer Steel	2000		
Mumetal	50,000		
Supermalloy	1,000,000		

Note: Values can often vary depending on purity and processing.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Permeability\_(electromagnetism)



The fields  $\underline{\mathscr{B}}$  and  $\underline{\mathscr{B}}$  are the two <u>physical</u> fields, since they exert a force on a particle (the Lorenz force law). The  $\underline{\mathscr{D}}$  and  $\underline{\mathscr{H}}$  fields are the <u>defined</u> fields.

Lorenz force law:

$$\underline{\mathscr{F}} = q\left(\underline{\mathscr{E}} + \underline{v} \times \underline{\mathscr{B}}\right)$$

This experimental law gives us the force on a particle with charge q moving with a velocity vector  $\underline{v}$ .



### Properties of $\varepsilon$ or $\mu$

Variation	Independent of	Dependent on
Space	Homogenous	Inhomogeneous
Frequency	Non-dispersive	Dispersive
Time	Stationary	Time-varying
Field strength	Linear	Non-linear
Direction of <u>E</u> or <u>H</u>	Isotropic	Anisotropic

## **Isotropic Materials**

**Isotropic:** This means that  $\varepsilon$  and  $\mu$  are <u>scalar</u> quantities, which means that  $\underline{D} \parallel \underline{E}$  (and  $\underline{B} \parallel \underline{H}$ )

$$\underline{D} = \varepsilon \underline{E}$$
$$\underline{B} = \mu \underline{H}$$



# **Anisotropic Materials**

Here  $\varepsilon$  (or  $\mu$ ) is a tensor (can be written as a matrix)

Example:

"biaxial medium"



or

$$\underline{D} = \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \cdot \underline{\underline{E}}$$

This results in  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{D}$  **NOT** being in the same direction.

# Anisotropic Materials (cont.)

#### Practical example: uniaxial substrate material

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$

There are <u>two</u> different permittivity values, a <u>horizontal</u> one and a <u>vertical</u> one.

#### Teflon substrate



# Anisotropic Materials (cont.)

#### RT/duroid® 5870/5880/5880LZ High Frequency Laminates

This column indicates that  $\varepsilon_v$  is being measured.

#### RT/duroid 5870/5880 Laminates

PROPERTY	TYPICAL VALUE [2]		DIRECTION	LINUTS[3]	CONDITION	TEST METHOD
PROPERTY	RT/duroid 5870	RT/duroid 5880	DIRECTION		CONDITION	IESI MEIHOD
$\stackrel{{\scriptstyle [1]}{\scriptstyle Dielectric Constant, }}{\scriptstyle {\it Process}} \epsilon_r$	2.33 2.33 ± 0.02 spec.	2.20 2.20 ± 0.02 spec.	Z Z		C24/23/50 C24/23/50	1 MHz IPC-TM-650 2.5.5.3 10 GHz IPC-TM 2.5.5.5
<sup>[5]</sup> Dielectric Constant, ε <sub>r</sub> Design	2.33	2.20	Z		8 GHz - 40 GHz	Differential Phase Length Method
Dissipation Factor, tan $\delta$	0.0005 0.0012	0.0004 0.0009	Z Z		C24/23/50 C24/23/50	1 MHz IPC-TM-650, 2.5.5.3 10 GHz IPC-TM-2.5.5.5
Thermal Coefficient of $\epsilon_{\!\gamma}$	-115	-125		ppm/°C	-50 - 150°C	IPC-TM-650, 2.5.5.5
Volume Resistivity	2 X 10 <sup>7</sup>	2 X 10 <sup>7</sup>	Z	Mohm cm	C96/35/90	ASTM D257
Surface Resistivity	2 X 10 <sup>7</sup>	3 X 10 <sup>7</sup>	Z	Mohm	C/96/35/90	ASTM D257

https://www.rogerscorp.com/advanced-electronics-solutions/rt-duroid-laminates/rt-duroid-5870-laminates