

# MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

ME in INTEGRAL FORM

Line integral

Surface integral

ME in DIFFERENTIAL FORM

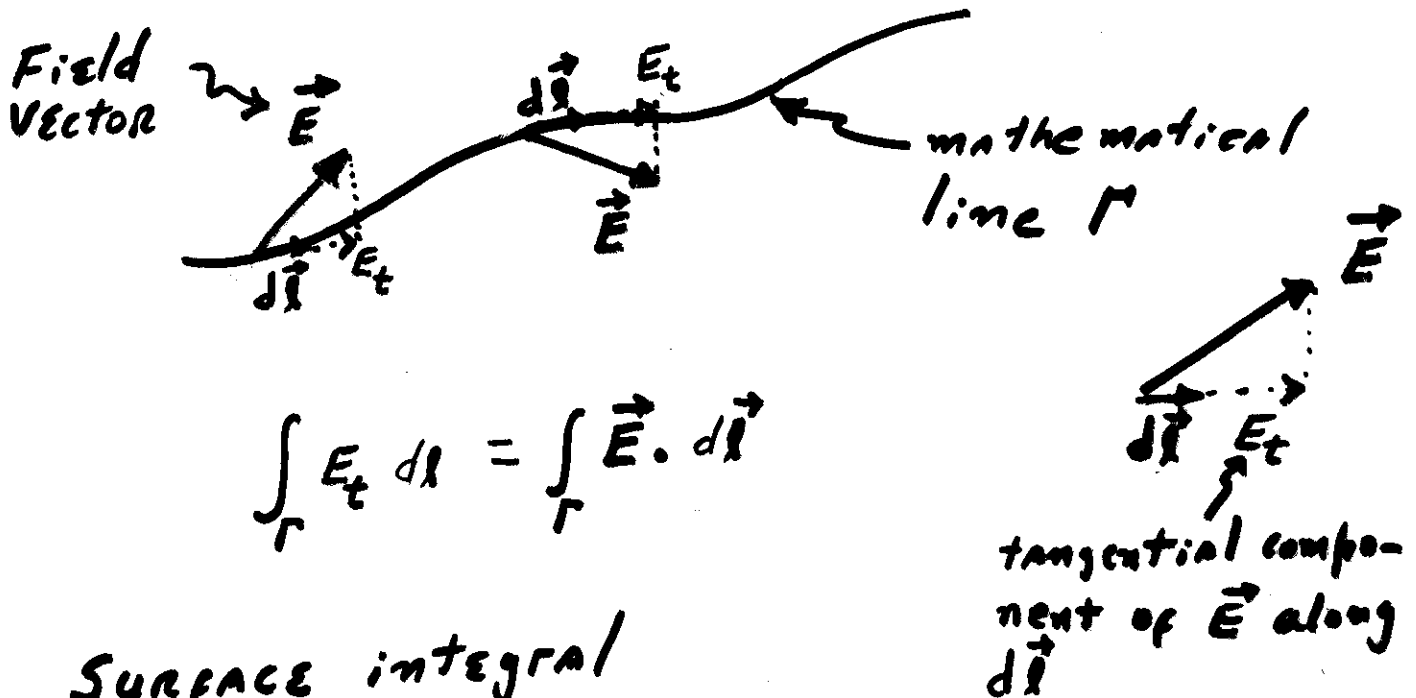
Operators GRADIENT  
DIVERGENCE  
ROTATIONAL

GAUSS' theorem

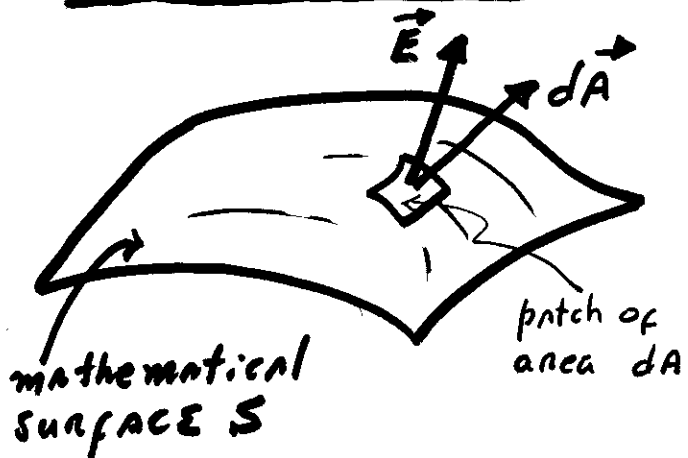
Stoke's theorem

GENERATION, PROPAGATION and  
DETECTION of ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

## Line integral



## SURFACE integral

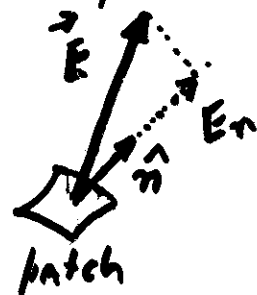


$$d\vec{A} = \hat{n} dA$$

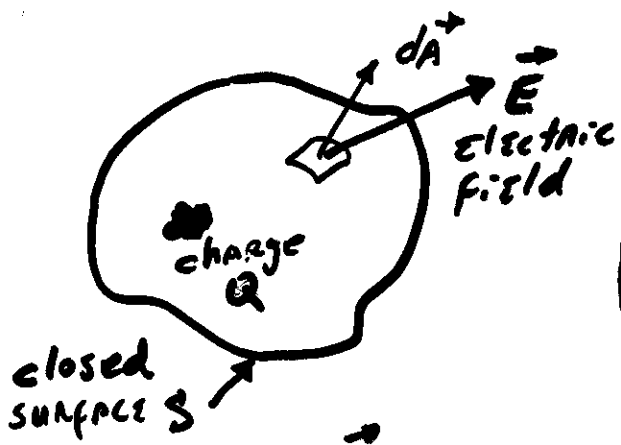
where

$\hat{n}$  is the unit vector perpendicular to the patch

$$\int_S E_n dA = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

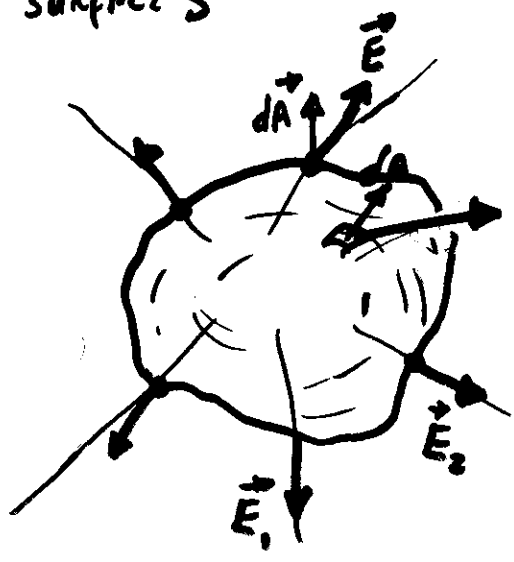


First Maxwell Eq



$$\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{inside}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$\epsilon_0$ : permittivity of free-space



$\vec{E}$  is evaluated at each point ON the surface  $S$

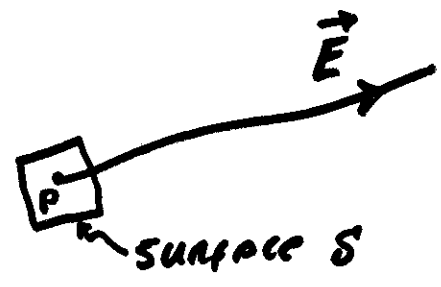
Electric flux  $\phi_E = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

Notice:



If an electric field line originates at a given point P, then there must exist charge at that point

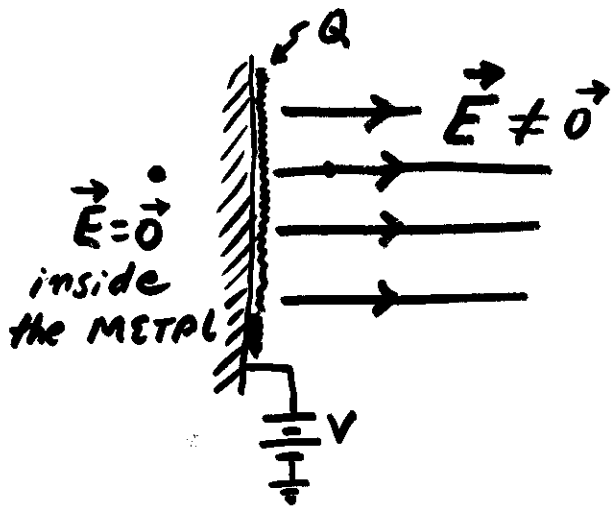
Proof



obviously  $\phi_E \neq 0$

Therefore, according to the 1st ME, there must be charge at P

This is what happens in metals, for example. 4

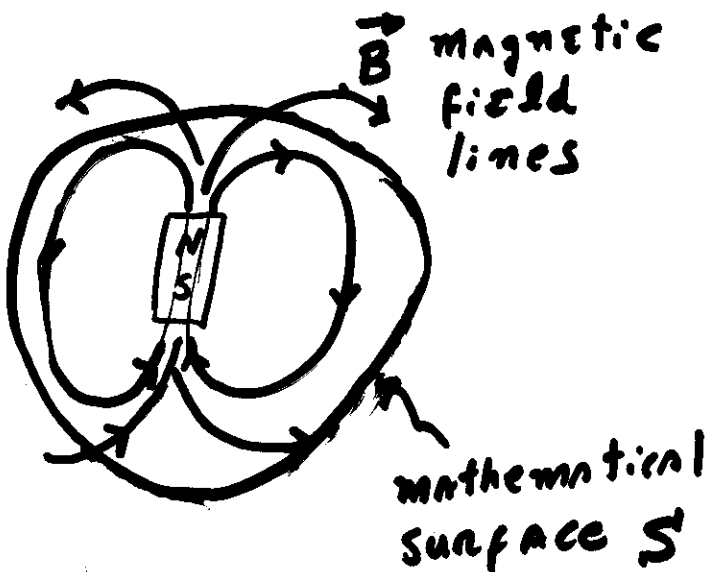


When charges are present:

lines of  $\vec{E}$  originate on positive charges and terminate on negative charges

Everywhere else the  $\vec{E}$  lines can twist and turn in space, but they cannot start or stop

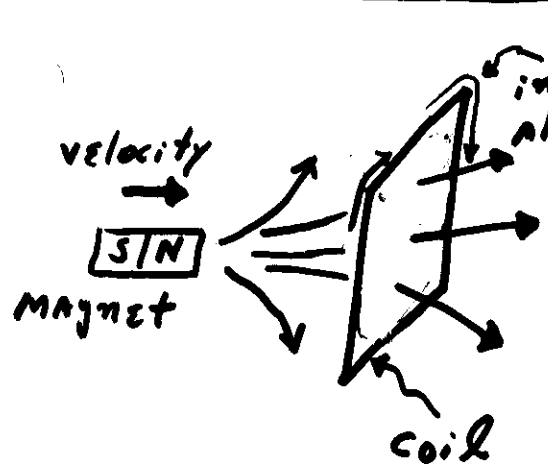
## SECOND MAXWELL Eq.



$$\int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

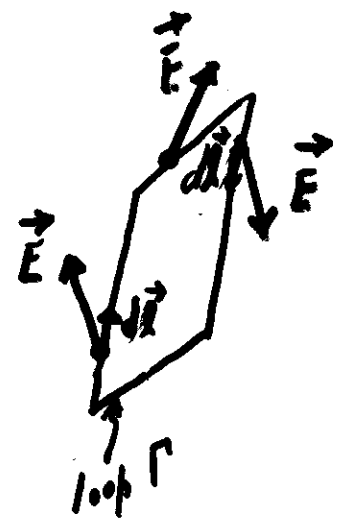
No magnetic monopoles have been observed (so far)

# Third Maxwell Eq



The motion of the magnet produces an induced current along the coil

The existence of a current implies the presence of a electric field or (equivalently) an electromotive force



$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (= Ri)$$

electromotive force

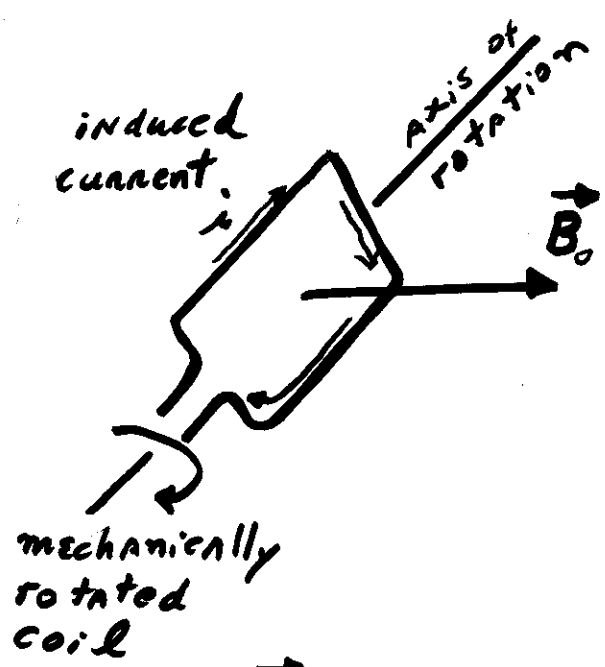
But, what is the value of  $\mathcal{E}$ ?  
(1V, 2V, -2.3V...?)

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} \right)$$

where  $S$  is any open surface having the loop  $\Gamma$  as its boundary

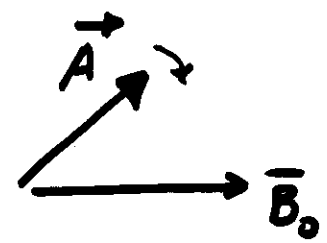
$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d}{dt} \Phi_M$$





Notice:  
 A  $\vec{B} = \vec{B}(t)$  ensures the induction of an electric field  $\vec{E}$  and, consequently, a current  $i$  along a coil.

However, a static magnetic field  $\vec{B}_0$  can also be exploited to generate currents along a coil (see figure).



$\vec{A}$  revolves around  $\vec{B}_0$  causing a time dependent magnetic flux  $\Phi_m$ .

So, to have an electromotive force what matters is to have time dependent  $\Phi_m(t)$

[In the figure above, since there is not an induced electric field, how can we have an electromotive force  $\mathcal{E} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$ ? Shouldn't  $\vec{E}$  be zero because  $\vec{E} = \vec{0}$ ?

Answer: We better re-define  $\mathcal{E}$  as

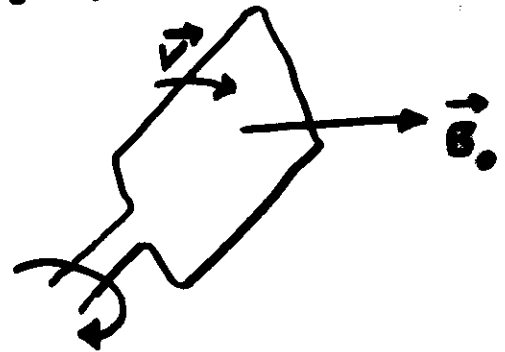
$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \frac{\text{Magnetic Electric force } \vec{F} \text{ on } q}{q} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

For the particular case of a mechanically rotated coil immersed in a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}_0$ . (see previous figure)

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \frac{\text{magnetic force on } q}{q} \cdot d\vec{l}^{\rightarrow}$$

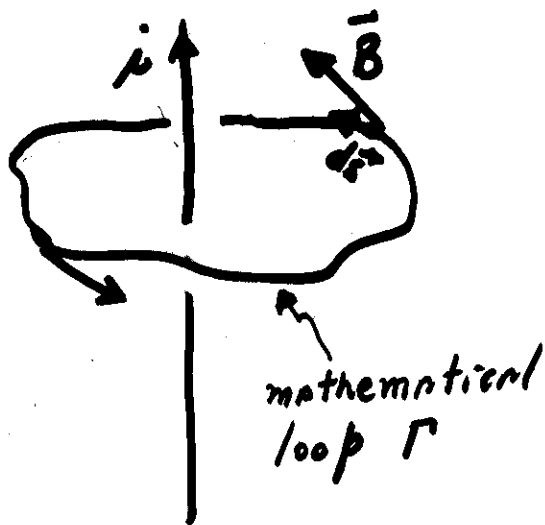
$$= \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \frac{q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0}{q} \cdot d\vec{l}^{\rightarrow}$$

$$= \int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot d\vec{l}^{\rightarrow} \quad ]$$



### 4th Maxwell's Eq.

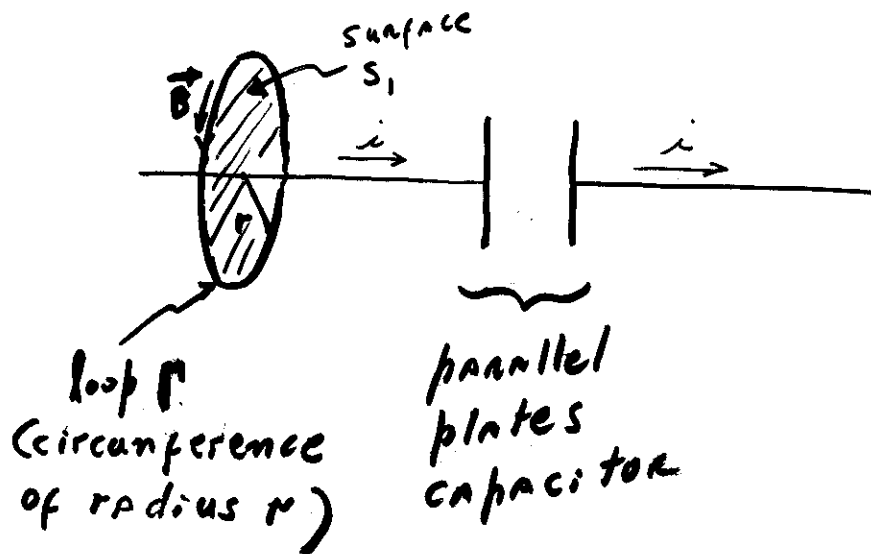
It built upon Ampere's Law



$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \underbrace{i}_{\text{current enclosed by the loop } \Gamma}$$

Maxwell notice this law was incomplete

James Clerk Maxwell noticed there was something wrong with the fourth equation. For example:

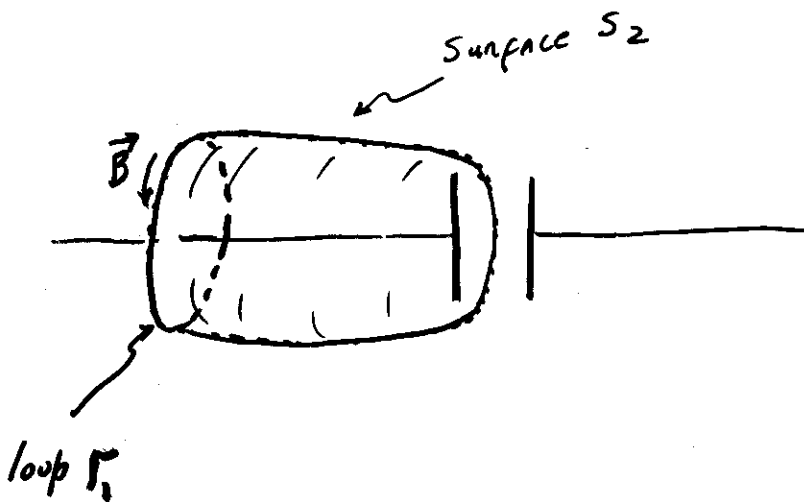


$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \underbrace{i}_{\text{current crossing the surface } S_1}$$

$$B 2\pi r = \mu_0 i$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{So, } B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi r} i \quad (1)$$

On the other hand,



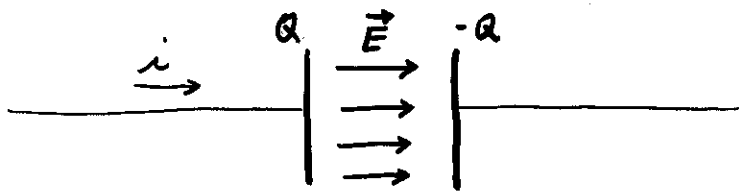
$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \underbrace{0}_{\text{current crossing the surface } S_2}$$

$$B 2\pi r = \mu_0 \times 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{So, } B = 0$$

How can be possible that (1) and (2) give different results for the same  $B$ ?  
 Something must be wrong with the Ampere's law

In order to solve this contradictory situation, let's take a look to what is going on inside the parallel plates capacitor

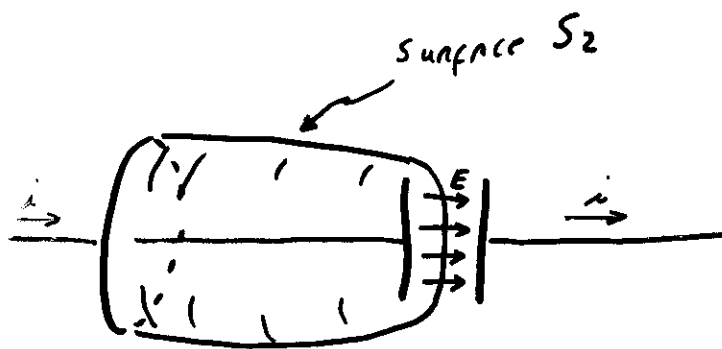


Let's remember

$$E = \frac{Q}{A \epsilon_0}$$

(A is the area of the plates)

The current  $i$  continuously accumulates charge on the plates, this is  $Q = Q(t)$



Notice, the electric flux  $\Phi_E$  crossing the surface  $S_2$  is given by

$$\Phi_E = EA = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

or

$$Q = \epsilon_0 \Phi_E$$

From the last expression, we obtain

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

but, this is equal to  $i$

$$i = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

So, an electric flux that changes with time is "equivalent" to a current

Maxwell proposed the following modified version of the 10 Ampere's law

$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i + \underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}}_{\text{called "displacement current" } i_d}$$

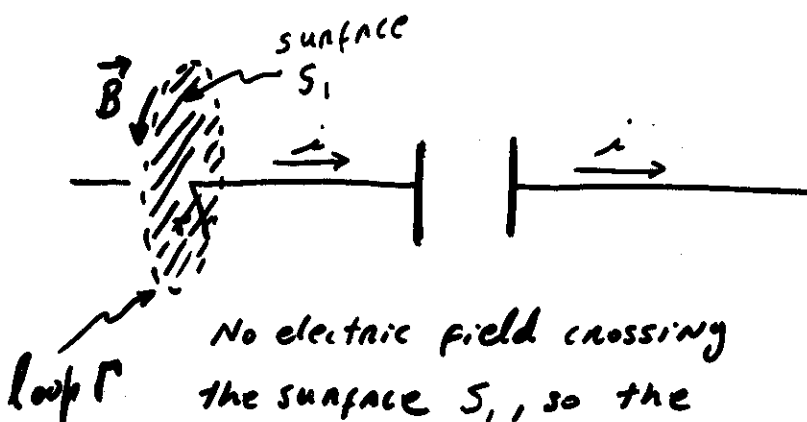
or, written more explicitly

$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 i + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{surface } S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

current enclosed by  $\Gamma$

Fourth Maxwell equation (1873)

Going back to our example, let's apply the 4th Maxwell equation and find  $\vec{B}$  using the surface  $S_1$ ,



No electric field crossing the surface  $S_1$ , so the 4th Maxwell equation takes the form:

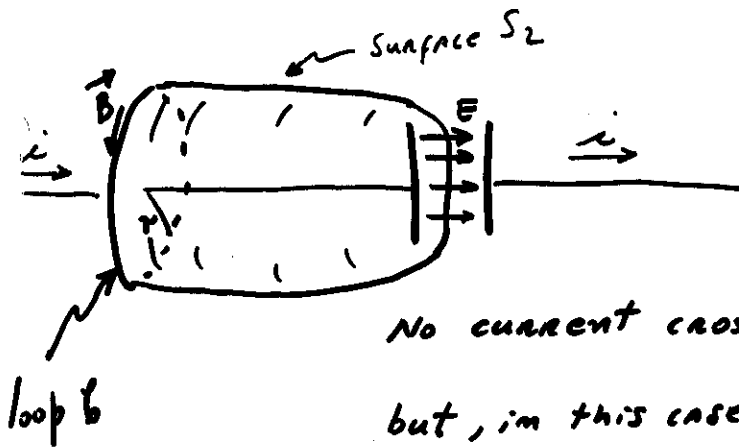
$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 i$$

From which we obtain

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r}$$

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What if we choose the surface  $S_2$ ?



No current crossing the surface  $S_2$ ,  
but, in this case, there does exist a  
electric field  $\vec{E}$  crossing the surface.  
So, the 4th Maxwell equation takes  
the form:

$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{surface } S_2} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$
$$= EA = \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0} A = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

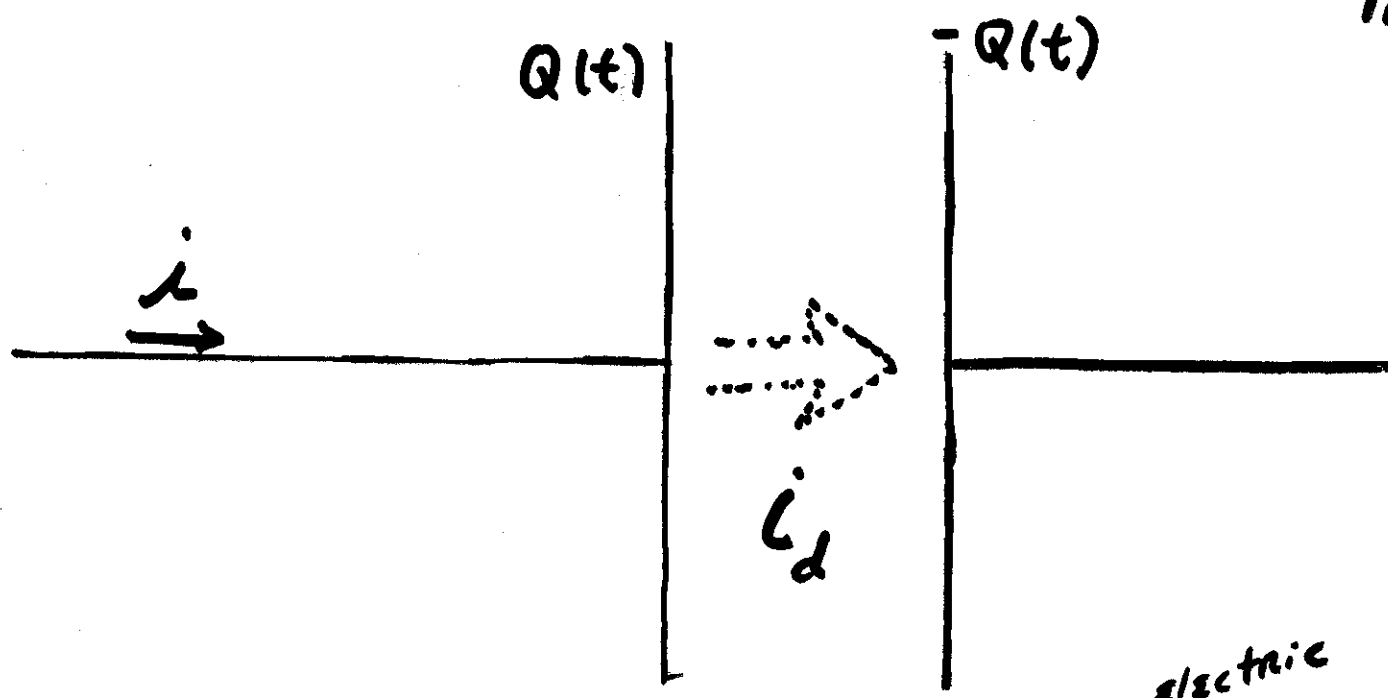
$$= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \mu_0 \frac{dQ}{dt} = \mu_0 i$$

$$\int_{\text{loop } \Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 i$$

From which we obtain

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi r} i$$

Same result as (4)  
when the surface  
 $S_1$  was used.



charge on the plate

$$i = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

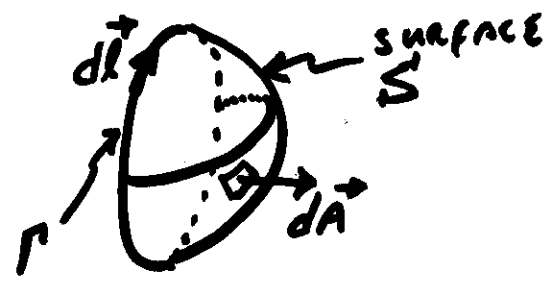
electric flux

$$i_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

"displacement current"

More general,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$



4th MAXWELL'S equation

# MAXWELL Equations in differential form. - <sup>13</sup>

First, some definitions in vector algebra:

- The operator  $\nabla$  (called "gradient")

$$\nabla \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

- $\nabla$  acts on scalar fields

Example

If  $\phi$  is the electric potential,

$$\nabla \phi = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)$$

which, as we know, gives

$$= (-E_x, -E_y, -E_z)$$

Thus,

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

We see, when  $\nabla$  acts on a scalar field it gives a vector

• The divergence operator " $\nabla \cdot$ "

Given a vector field  $\vec{E}$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_z$$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$  is a scalar quantity

• The rotational operator " $\nabla \times$ "

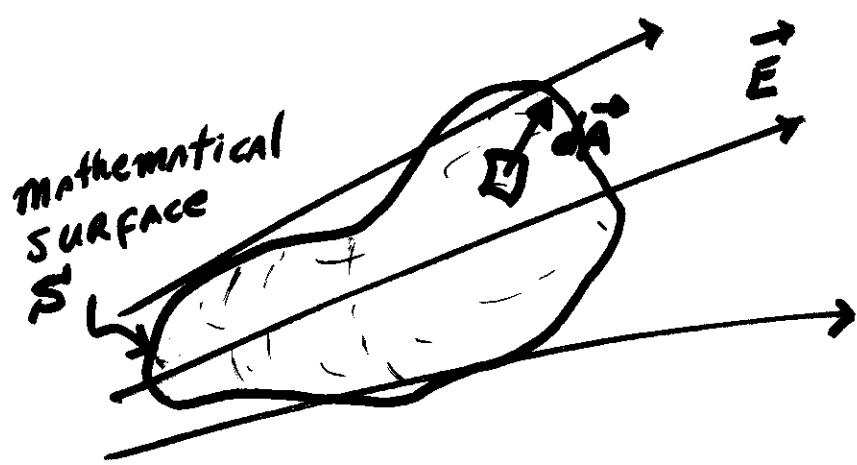
Given a vector field  $\vec{E}$ ,

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} \equiv \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_y, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_z, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_x \right)$$

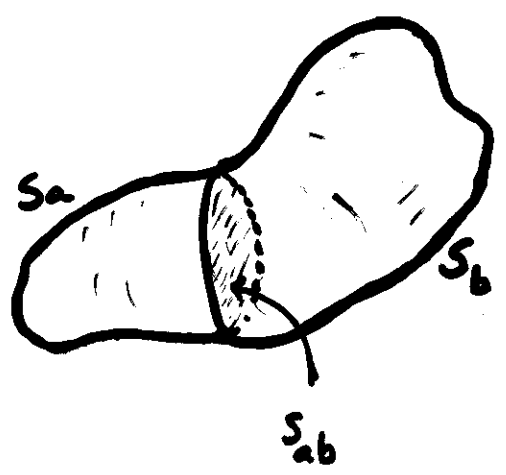
$\nabla \times \vec{E}$  is a vectorial quantity

• About the flux of a vector field



$$\phi = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Flux through the surface S



Now, surface S has been divided into two contiguous surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$

$$S_1 = S_a + S_{ab}$$

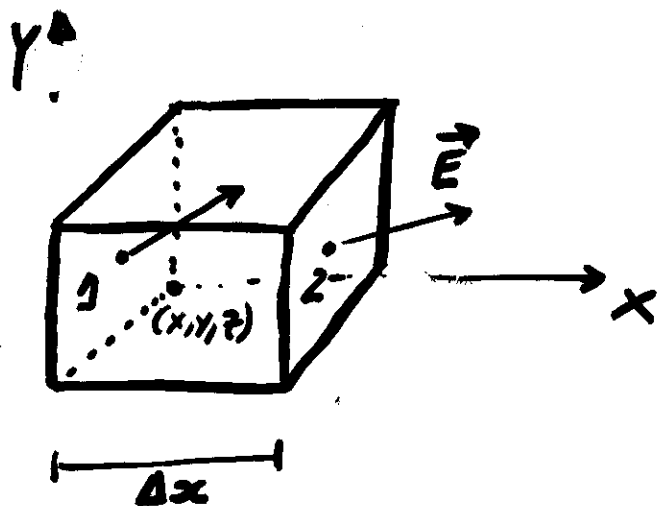
$$S_2 = S_b + S_{ab}$$

Notice:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flux through } S &= \\ &= \text{flux through } S_1 \\ &\quad + \\ &\quad \text{flux through } S_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_S = \phi_{S_1} + \phi_{S_2}$$

## GAUSS' theorem



What is the flux through the cube of volume  $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$ ?

$$\phi_{\text{cube}} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_6$$

$$\phi_1 = -E_1(x) \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\phi_2 = E_1(x + \Delta x) \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\vec{E} = (E_1, E_2, E_3)$$

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 = [E_1(x + \Delta x) - E_1(x)] \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial x} \Delta x \right] \Delta y \Delta z$$

Similar expressions for  $\phi_3 + \phi_4$  and  $\phi_5 + \phi_6$

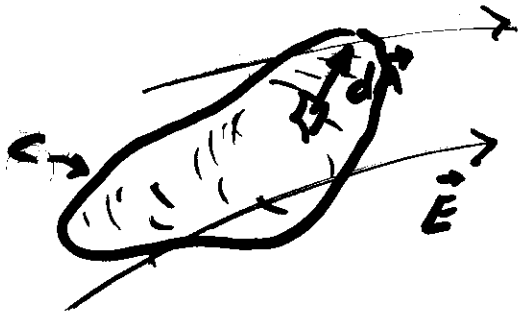
Thus,

$$\phi_{\text{cube}} = \left[ \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial z} \right] \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$= [\nabla \cdot \vec{E}] \Delta V$$

flux through the cube of volume

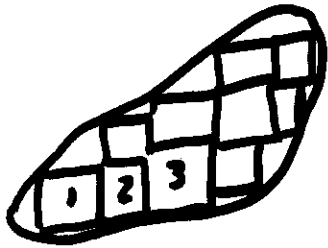
$$\Delta V = \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$



$$\Phi_S = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

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SURFACE  
integral

Notice, the volume inside the surface  $S$  can be divided into many very small cubes



(we just need to make them very tiny; infinitesimal)

Each cube <sub>$i$</sub>  has a surface  $A_i$  and a volume  $\Delta V_i$

We know that

$$\Phi_S = \Phi_{S_1} + \Phi_{S_2} + \dots$$

$$= (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) \Delta V_1 + (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) \Delta V_2 + \dots$$

(which is nothing but

$$= \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \, dV \quad \leftarrow \text{A volume integral}$$

Thus, combining this expression with the one above, we have obtained

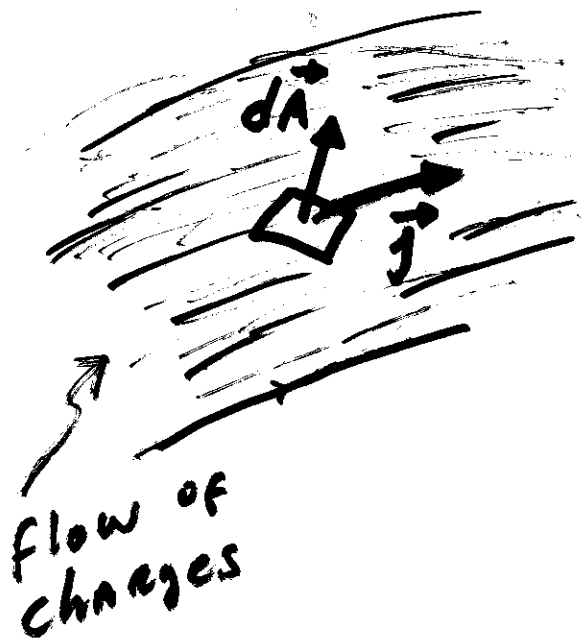
$$\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \, dv$$

GAUSS  
theorem

$S$  is any mathematical  
closed surface

$V$  is the volume inside  $S$

Example: Expressing the charge conservation  
principle in differential form

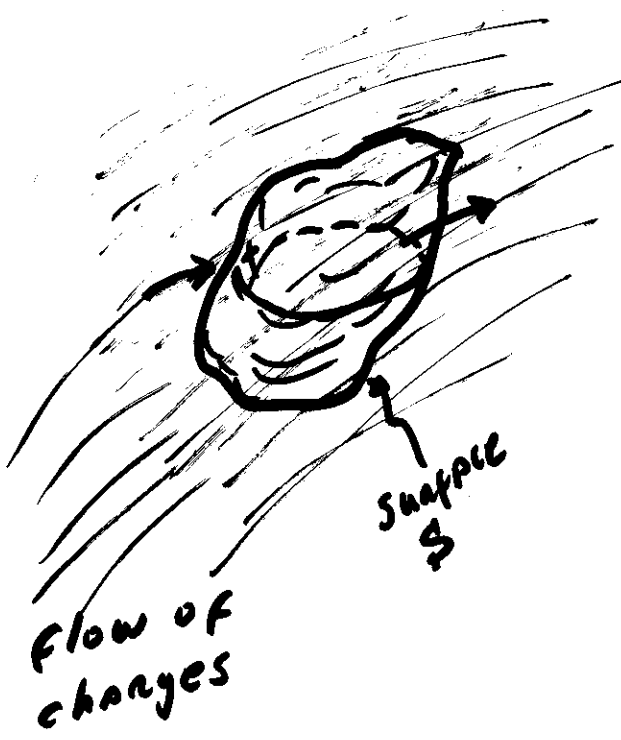


$$j = \frac{\text{current}}{\text{area}}$$

$\vec{j}$  points in the direction  
of the local velocity  
 $\vec{v}$  of the charges

$$\text{current crossing } d\vec{A} = \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

in units of  
coulomb/sec



$I =$  net current crossing the surface  $S$

$$= \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$I$  must be equal to the change per unit time of the net charge <sup>lost</sup> inside the volume of the surface  $S$

$$I = - \frac{d}{dt} Q_{\text{inside}}$$

$$= - \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho \, dv$$

thus,

$$\int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho \, dv$$

where  $\rho$  is the charge density (coulomb/m<sup>3</sup>)

$$\rho = \rho(x, y, z, t)$$

using Gauss' theorem

$$\int_S \nabla \cdot \vec{j} \, dV = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho \, dv \quad \xrightarrow{\text{since the surface } S \text{ is stationary}} \quad - \int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dv$$

since the surface  $S$  is stationary

Since the surface  $S$  is arbitrary (it could even be infinitesimal), it must be that

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

charge conservation  
in differential form

### Example First Maxwell Equation

$$\underbrace{\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}} = \frac{Q_{\text{inside}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho \, dv$$

applying  
Gauss theorem

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \, dv = \int_V \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \, dv$$

Since this is valid for any volume, including an infinitesimal one, it must be that

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

First's Maxwell Eq  
in differential form

### Example Second Maxwell's Eq

$$\int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

## Applying Gauss theorem

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$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{B} \, dv = 0 \quad \text{for any arbitrary volume } V$$

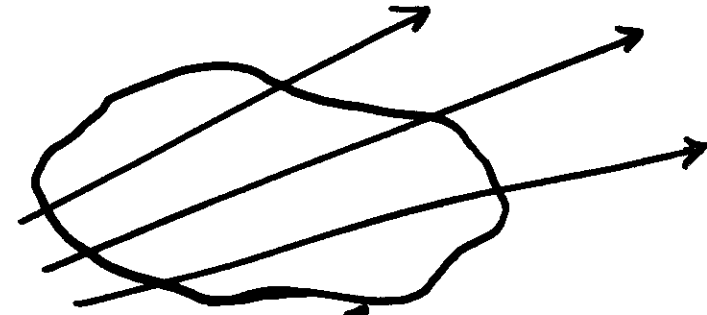
This implies

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

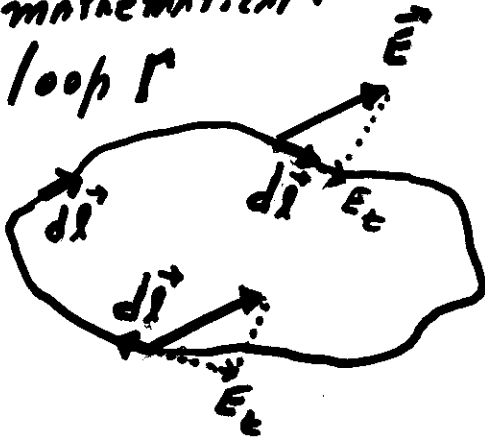
Second Maxwell's Eq  
in differential form

# Stoke's theorem

About the circulation of a vector field  $\vec{E}$

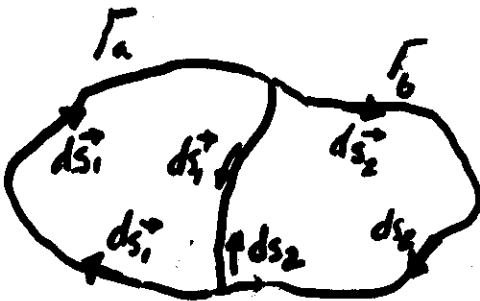


mathematical  
loop  $\Gamma$



Circulation of  $\vec{E}$   
is the line integral  
of the tangential  
component of  $\vec{E}$   
around the loop  $\Gamma$

$$\int E_t dl = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



Now, the loop  $\Gamma$  has been  
divided into two contiguous  
loops  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$

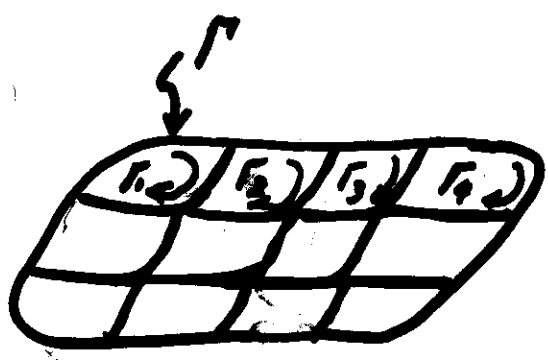
Notice:

$$\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_a + \Gamma_{ab}$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_b + \Gamma_{ab}$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma_1} + \int_{\Gamma_2}$$

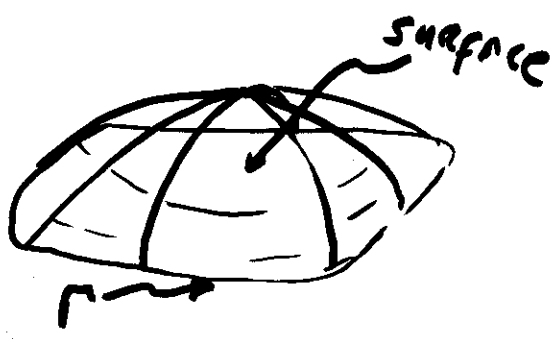
# Generalization



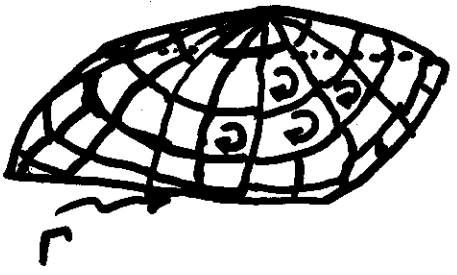
$$\int_{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma_1} + \int_{\Gamma_2} + \dots$$

Here we have assumed that the different loops  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots$  are in the plane of  $\Gamma$ .

But it doesn't have to be that way



The small loops can lie on any surface having  $\Gamma$  as its boundary



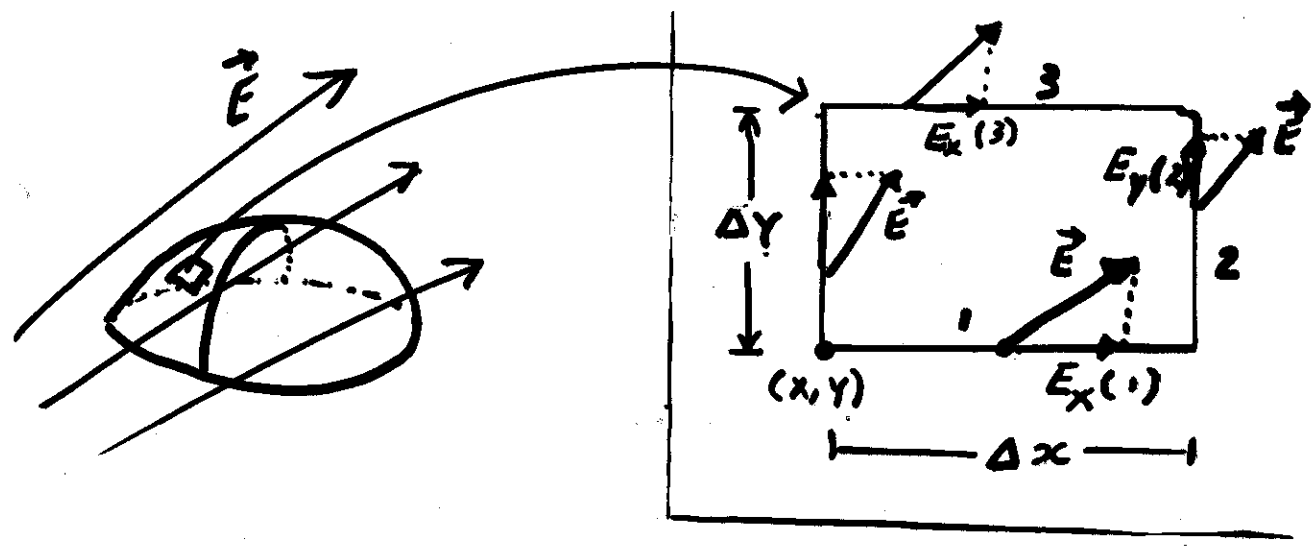
By choosing the loops small enough, each can be considered a flat rectangular loop.

## Circulation around a rectangular loop

One rectangular loop



For the particular small rectangular loop <sup>of area  $\Delta x \Delta y$</sup>  shown in the figure, let's choose a reference such that the loop results lying at the  $xy$  plane



If the result of the circulation can later be put in vectorial notation, then it will be the same no matter how the axis  $xyz$  were chosen

$$\int_{\square} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = E_x(1) \Delta x + E_y(2) \Delta y + E_x(3) \Delta x + E_y(4) \Delta y$$

Since  $E_x(3) - E_x(1) \approx \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \Delta y$

$E_y(2) - E_y(4) \approx \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \Delta x$

$$\int_{\square} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right)}_{z\text{-component of } \nabla \times \vec{E}} \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$\int_{\square} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = (\nabla_x \vec{E})_z \Delta x \Delta y$$



We can express this result in vectorial form by realizing that  $\hat{z}$  component is the direction perpendicular to the small loop

$$= (\nabla_x \vec{E})_n \Delta x \Delta y = (\nabla_x \vec{E}) \cdot \hat{n} \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$\int_{\square} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = (\nabla_x \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{A}$$



$$d\vec{A} = \hat{n} \Delta x \Delta y$$

We extend this result to multi-connected loops

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S (\nabla_x \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Stoke's theorem



S is any surface whose boundary is  $\Gamma$

Example: Third Maxwell Eq

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Applying Stoke's theorem

if the surface  $S$  is stationary

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot d\vec{A} = - \int_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

This expression is valid for any arbitrary surface, including a infinitesimal rectangle. Thus

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

Third Maxwell Eq  
in differential form

Example: Fourth Maxwell's Eq

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Applying  
Stoke's theorem

if  $S$  is stationary

$$\int_S (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \mu_0 \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \int_S \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Since this expression is valid for any arbitrary surface  $S$ , then <sup>27</sup>

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

4<sup>th</sup> Maxwell's Eq  
in differential form