

# MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

ME in INTEGRAL FORM

Line integral

Surface integral

ME in DIFFERENTIAL FORM

Operators GRADIENT  
DIVERGENCE  
ROTATIONAL

GAUSS' theorem

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GENERATION, PROPAGATION and  
DETECTION of ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

# 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  $\vec{E}$ ,

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

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

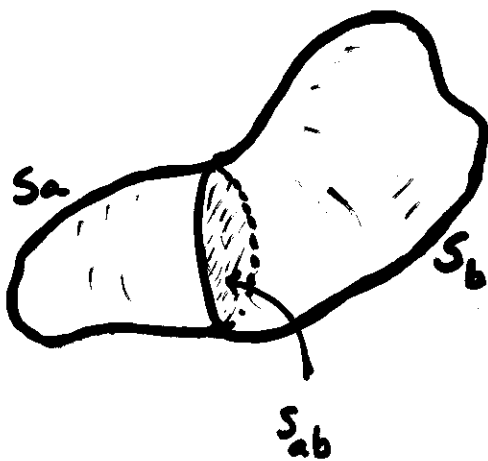
$\nabla \times \vec{E}$  is a vectorial quantity

• 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  $S_2$

Notice:

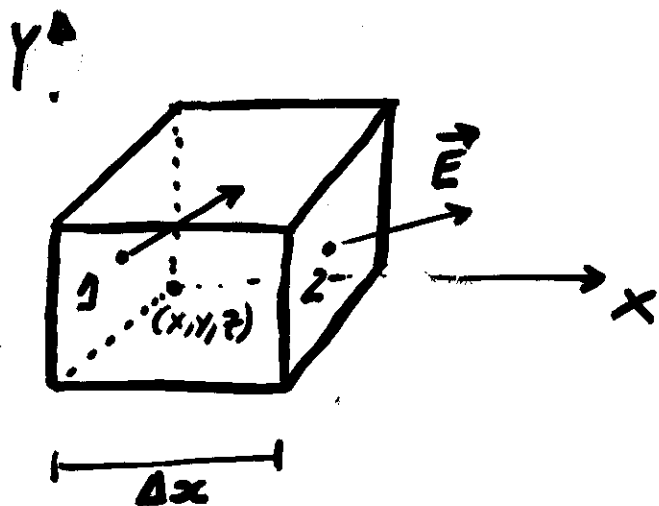
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flux through } S &= \\ &= \text{flux through } S_1 \\ &\quad + \\ &\quad \text{flux through } S_2 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

## GAUSS' theorem



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

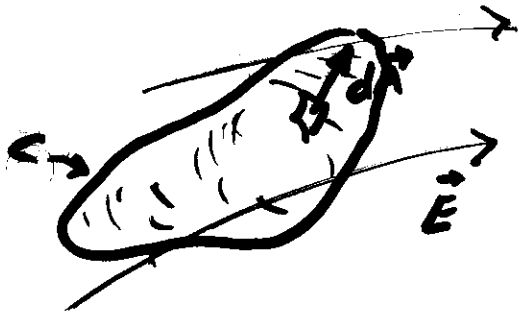
Thus,

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

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

flux through the cube of volume

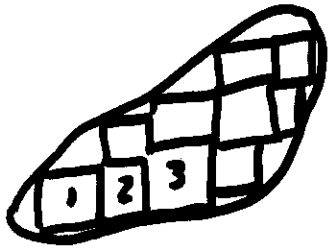
$$\Delta V = \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$



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

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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

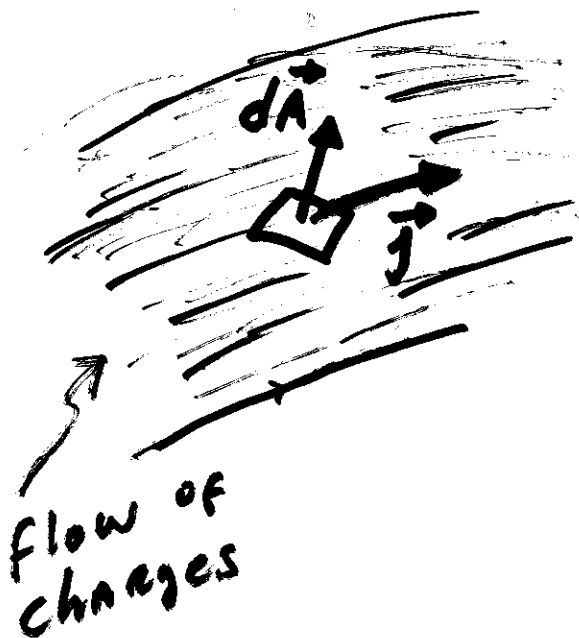
$$\int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \, dv$$

GAUSS  
theorem

$S$  is any mathematical  
closed surface

$V$  is the volume inside  $S$

Example: Expressing the charge conservation  
principle in differential form

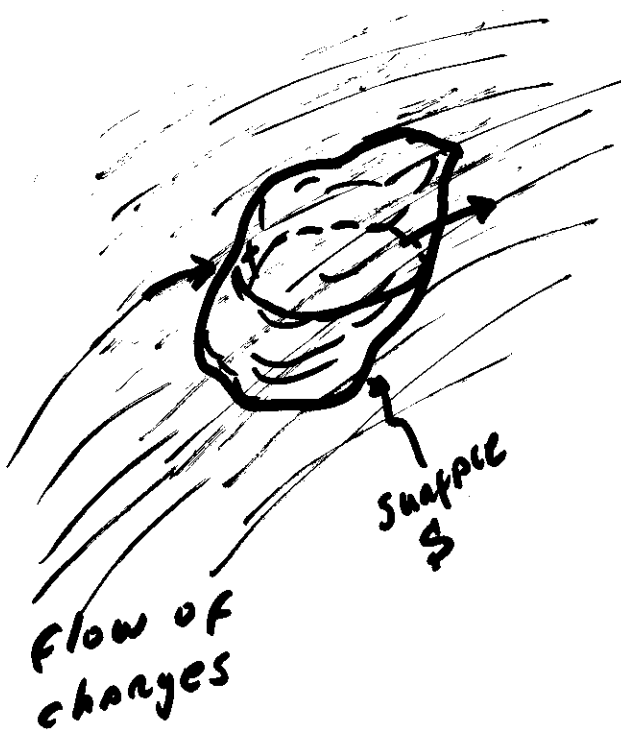


$$j = \frac{\text{current}}{\text{area}}$$

$\vec{j}$  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

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

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

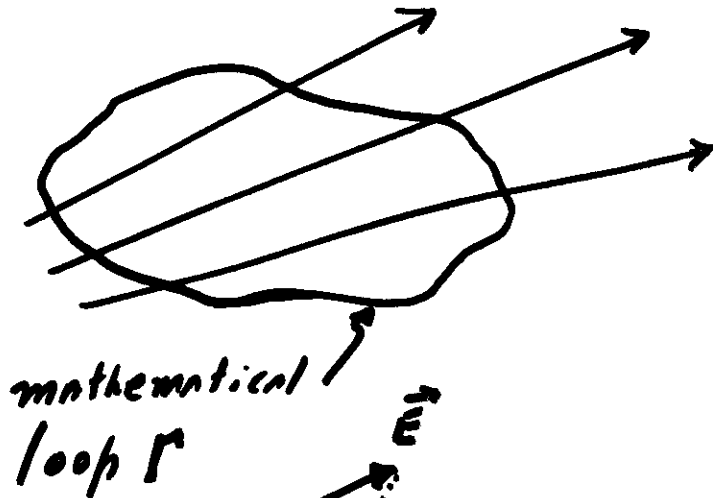
This implies

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

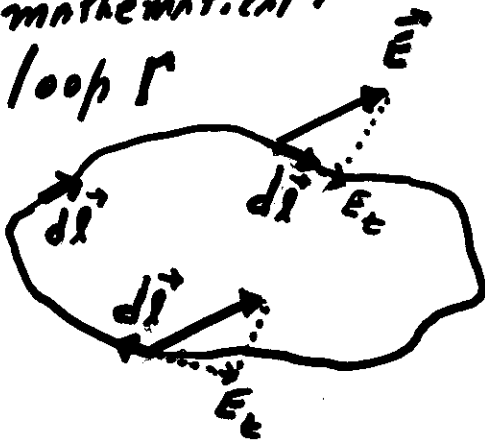
Second Maxwell's Eq  
in differential form

# Stoke's theorem

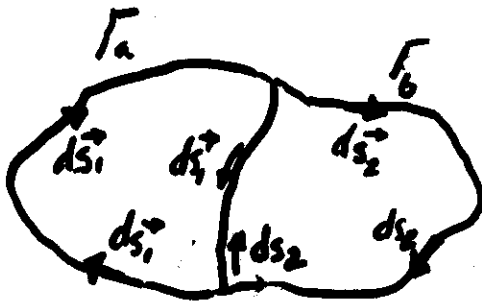
About the circulation of a vector field  $\vec{E}$



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  $\Gamma_2$

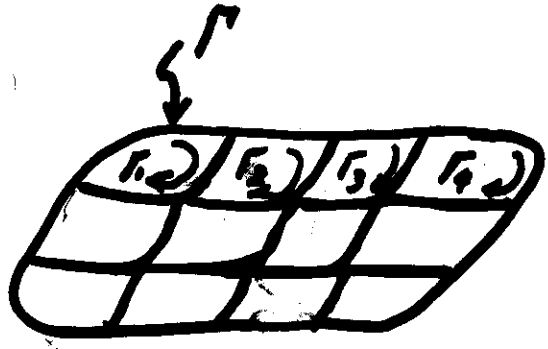
Notice:

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

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

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

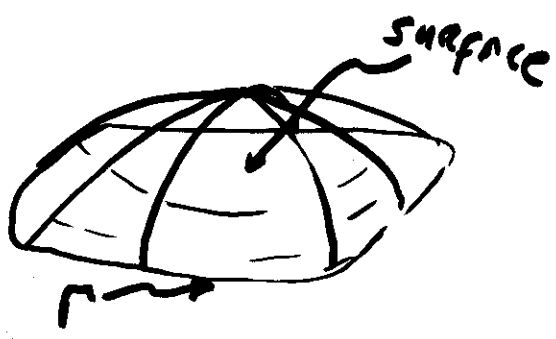
# Generalization



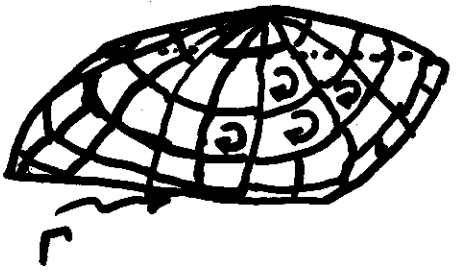
$$\int_{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma_1} + \int_{\Gamma_2} + \dots$$

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



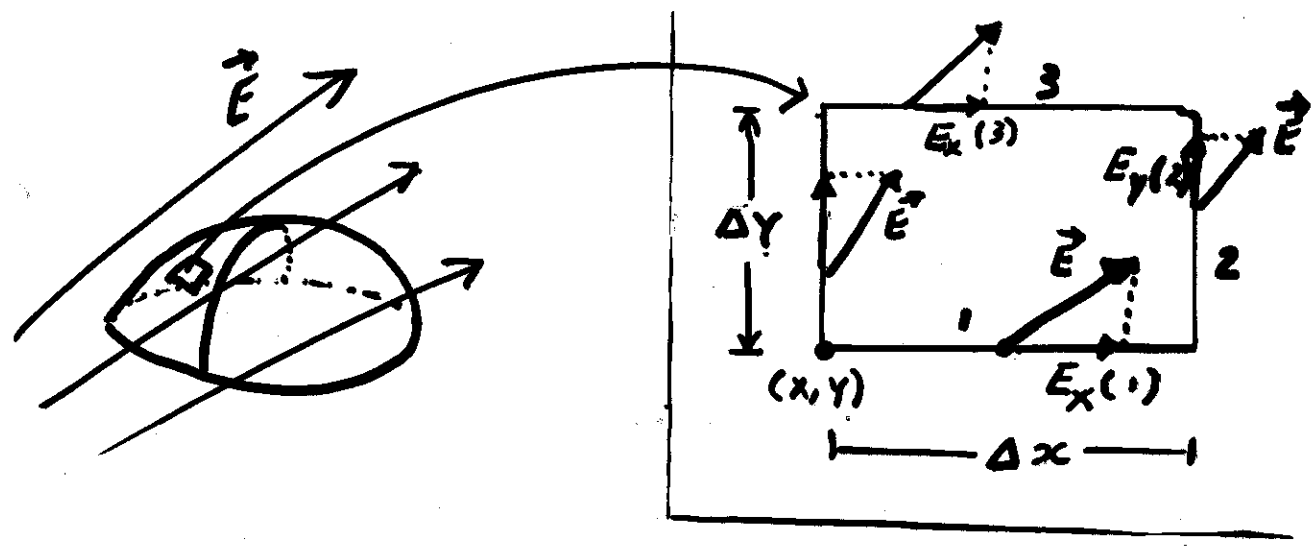
By choosing the loops small enough, each can be considered a flat rectangular loop.

## 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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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