

Momentum Conservation

want similar conservation law for mechanical + electromagnetic momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (p_{mi} + p_{EBi}) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}_i \quad i = x, y, z$$

p_{mi} = i^{th} component of a ^{mechanical} momentum density

p_{EBi} = i^{th} component of electromagnetic momentum density

\vec{T}_i = flux density of i^{th} component of momentum density
(or "current")

Since \vec{T}_i is a vector with 3 components, and there are three such vectors, for $i = x, y, z$, we will see that these 3 vectors form the components of a 3×3 tensor (ie matrix)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{mechanical momentum density} \\ \text{given by Newton's law} \end{array} \right\} \frac{\partial \vec{p}_m}{\partial t} = \vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\text{force density } \vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \times \vec{B}$$

Now apply vector algebra + Maxwell's eqn (see text) to manipulate into the form see 8.2.2

$$\vec{f} = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} (\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2) - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

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(8.15)