

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

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

~~(7.9)~~
(8.15)

\vec{f} above looks like mess, but it simplifies if one introduces the following 3x3 matrix, known as the "Maxwell Stress Tensor"

$$T_{ij} = \epsilon_0 (E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2)$$

$$i = x, y, z \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_0 (E_x^2 - \frac{1}{2} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_x^2 - \frac{1}{2} B^2) & \epsilon_0 E_x E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_y & \epsilon_0 E_x E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_z \\ \epsilon_0 E_x E_y + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_y & \epsilon_0 (E_y^2 - \frac{1}{2} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_y^2 - \frac{1}{2} B^2) & \epsilon_0 E_y E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_z \\ \epsilon_0 E_x E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_x B_z & \epsilon_0 E_y E_z + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y B_z & \epsilon_0 (E_z^2 - \frac{1}{2} E^2) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B_z^2 - \frac{1}{2} B^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{ij} = T_{ji} \Rightarrow T \text{ is symmetric}$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} T_{xx} & T_{xy} & T_{xz} \\ T_{yx} & T_{yy} & T_{yz} \\ T_{zx} & T_{zy} & T_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T})_j = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} T_{ij} = \sum_i \left[\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\partial E_i}{\partial x_i} E_j + E_i \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial x_i} \delta_{ij} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial x_i} B_j + B_i \frac{\partial B_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial x_i} \delta_{ij} \right) \right]$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}) = \epsilon_0 \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} E^2 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} B^2 \right]$$

$$= \vec{f} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{f} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{f} = \frac{\partial \vec{p}_m}{\partial t} = -\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial [\vec{p}_m + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{S}]}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} \quad \text{this is the desired conservation law for momentum}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{S} = \vec{p}_{EM}} \quad \text{electromagnetic momentum density}$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} = \text{current or force}$$

$$-T_{ij} \quad \text{is } i^{\text{th}} \text{ component of current, of } j^{\text{th}} \text{ component of electromagnetic momentum density}$$

$$\text{ie the vector } \begin{pmatrix} T_{2x} \\ T_{yx} \\ T_{3x} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the current for}$$

$$x\text{-component } \vec{p}_{EMx} \text{ of E-M momentum}$$

$$\text{integral form: } \int_{Vol} d^3r \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{p}_m + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{p}_{EB} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{Vol} d^3r (\vec{p}_m + \vec{p}_{EB})$$

$$= \int_{Vol} d^3r \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} = \oint_S d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$$

total mechanical + electromagnetic field momentum contained in Vol

(\leftarrow) flux of field momentum out through surface S bounding Vol

or we can write

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{vol}} d^3r \vec{P}_{\text{mech}} = \frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{vol}} d^3r \vec{P}_{\text{EB}} + \oint_S d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = - \frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{EB}}}{dt} + \oint_S d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$$

total electromagnetic force on the volume

$$\vec{F}_{\text{EB}} = \frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{mech}}}{dt}$$

For a situation where \vec{E} and \vec{B} are constant in time,

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{EB}}}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{and so}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \oint_S d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T} \quad \leftarrow \text{gives total electromagnetic force on the volume}$$

this is why \vec{T} is called the Maxwell stress tensor

It is like a pressure acting on the walls of the volume.

Numerically compute $\epsilon_0 \mu_0$, find $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$ with $c = \text{speed of light}$

$$\vec{S} = c^2 \vec{p}_{EB}$$

↑ energy current
↑ momentum density

Suppose energy current is made of "particles" that travel with velocity \vec{c} . Then $\vec{S} = \vec{c} u_{EB}$ u_{EB} is energy density

$$u_{EB} = c p_{EB} \quad \text{= energy-momentum relation for photons.}$$

Also can do same for angular momentum

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{L}_{EB} &= \vec{r} \times \vec{p}_{EB} = \epsilon_0 \vec{r} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \\ &= \text{angular momentum density} \\ &\quad \text{contained in } \vec{E} \text{ and } \vec{B} \text{ fields} \end{aligned}$$

see Griffiths Sec 8.2.4

Maxwell's Eqs in potential form

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}} \text{ remains true with dynamics}$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} V$$

$$\boxed{\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) = -\rho/\epsilon_0} \quad (*)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2}) - \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}) = -\mu_0 \vec{j}} \quad (**)$$

Gauge transformations: if $\vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda$ then $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}' = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B}$

\vec{A}' gives same \vec{B} as \vec{A} .

But if we change $\vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A}'$, we also have to change $V \rightarrow V'$ so \vec{E} stays same.

$$\text{if } V' = V + \lambda, \text{ then } \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= -\vec{\nabla} \left(V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} \quad \text{If let } V' = V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \text{ then}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} \text{ has same form as before}$$

⇒ the transformation $\vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla}\lambda$
 $V' = V - \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial t}$ } called a "gauge" transformation

for any scalar function $\lambda(\vec{r}, t)$, leaves \vec{B} and \vec{E} unchanged, i.e.:

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}'$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V - \frac{\partial\vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla}V' - \frac{\partial\vec{A}'}{\partial t}$$

We can therefore use this freedom, given by the arbitrary λ , to make $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ equal to some desired quantity, which will simplify the equations (*)(**) Making such a choice for $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ is called "fixing" the gauge.

i) Coulomb gauge: same as used in magnetostatics.

$$\text{Choose } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

(if had some \vec{A}' such that $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}' = \vec{B}$, but $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' \neq 0$, then we could always find a $\lambda(\vec{r}, t)$ such that $\vec{A} = \vec{A}' + \vec{\nabla}\lambda$ does satisfy $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$) see Griffiths sec 5.4.1

$$(*) \Rightarrow \nabla^2 V = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\text{solution is } V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

} same as in electrostatics

but unlike statics, need also to know \vec{A} in order to get \vec{E} .