

Conservation of Energy

- leave macroscopic Maxwell eqs for present. \vec{E} , \vec{B} , ρ , \vec{J} are now the exact microscopic quantities

Consider a collection of charged particles, described by charge density ρ and current density \vec{J} . The particles are contained in a volume V .

Define E_{mech} as total "mechanical" energy of the particles. E_{mech} = sum of particles kinetic energy plus potential energy of any non electromagnetic forces.

The particles will exert forces on each other via their electromagnetic interactions, i.e. via the \vec{E} and \vec{B} fields that they create. Define W as the work done on the particles by all electromagnetic forces. Then, by the work energy theorem of mechanics:

$$\frac{dE_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

For a single charge q_i , $\frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i$
(at \vec{r}_i with velocity \vec{v}_i)

$$= q_i \vec{E}(\vec{r}_i) \cdot \vec{v}_i + q_i \left(\frac{\vec{v}_i \times \vec{B}}{c} \right) \cdot \vec{v}_i$$

$$= q_i \vec{E}(\vec{r}_i) \cdot \vec{v}_i \quad \begin{matrix} \parallel \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

For the collection of charges, with

$$\vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_i q_i \vec{v}_i \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i(t))$$

the total rate of work done is

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \sum_i q_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}_i) = \int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}$$

So

$$\frac{dE_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}$$

By Maxwell equation $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$
we can write

$$\vec{j} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \left[\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = \int_V d^3r \frac{c}{4\pi} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{E} \right]$$

use $\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) &= (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) &= (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

then use $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) &= -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2c} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

Combine results to get

$$\int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} + c \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

define $u = \frac{1}{8\pi} (E^2 + B^2)$ electromagnetic energy density

$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ Poynting vector - energy current

then

$$\frac{dE_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = - \int_V d^3r \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} \right]$$

If we define E_{EM} , the electromagnetic energy of the volume V , as

$$E_{EM} = \int_V d^3r u$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E_{\text{mech}} + E_{EM}) = - \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}$$

~~or if we write $\frac{dE_{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}$ as the rate of change of mechanical energy~~

or we can write in differential form

$$\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = 0$$

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rate of change of mechanical energy per unit volume

local energy conservation law if interpret \vec{S} as energy current and u as EM energy density

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\mathcal{E}_{\text{mech}} + \mathcal{E}_{\text{EM}}) = - \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}$$

total energy in V can decrease only if electromagnetic energy is being transported through the surface S by the EM energy current \vec{S} .

assumes the charged particles do not leave the volume V .

under certain conditions, we can derive a similar conservation law for the macroscopic Maxwell eqs.

Consider that \vec{j} is current of the free ^{charged} particles.

Then repeating the above steps:

$$\int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int d^3r \vec{E} \cdot \left[\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) &= \vec{H} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{c} \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} - \vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r \left[c \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) + \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right]$$

If the medium is linear, and we have quasi-static conditions, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{D}(t) &\approx \epsilon \vec{E}(t) \\ \vec{H}(t) &\approx \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B}(t) \end{aligned}$$

then we can write

$$\vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D})$$

$$\vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{H})$$

** Note: in general, as we will soon see, above conditions are not satisfied. ϵ will depend on frequency ω and $\vec{D}(t)$ and $\vec{E}(t)$ are non locally related in time.
 $\vec{D}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \epsilon(t-t') \vec{E}(t')$. Only at low frequencies i.e. in quasistatic case, can we write $\vec{D}(t) \approx \epsilon(\omega=0) \vec{E}(t)$

Assuming the above conditions are met, then

$$\int_V d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \int_V d^3r \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = - \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} u = \frac{1}{8\pi} [\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{H}] \\ \vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} [\vec{E} \times \vec{H}] \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow electromagnetic energy in dielectric + magnetic materials under quasistatic conditions is

$$\int_V d^3r \left[\frac{1}{8\pi} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{D} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{H} \right]$$

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electrostatic
energy

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magnetostatic
energy

Electrostatic Energy

Returning to microscopic fields and charges

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_V d^3r E^2 && \text{use } \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi \\ &= \frac{-1}{8\pi} \int_V d^3r (\vec{\nabla}\phi) \cdot \vec{E} && \text{use } \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \vec{E}) = \phi \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} + (\vec{\nabla}\phi) \cdot \vec{E} \\ &= \frac{-1}{8\pi} \int_V d^3r \left[\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \vec{E}) - \phi \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} \right] && \text{use } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V d^3r \rho \phi - \frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \phi \vec{E} && \text{by Gauss Theorem}\end{aligned}$$

If let V be all space, $S \rightarrow \infty$, then $\phi \sim \frac{1}{r}$, $E \sim \frac{1}{r^2}$
surface integral $\sim \frac{R^2}{R^3} \rightarrow 0$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \rho \phi}$$

can also use $\phi(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$ to write

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}}$$

charge - charge
interaction

Magnetostatic Energy

microscopic fields and currents

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r B^2 \quad \text{use } \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \quad \text{use } \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \left[\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{A}) \right] \quad \text{use } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A} - \frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{A})$$

as take V to fill all space, $S \rightarrow \infty$, surface term vanishes

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A}}$$

In Coulomb gauge $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$, $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$

In any other gauge we have $\vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \chi$
for some scalar χ . So we can always write

$$\vec{A}'(\vec{r}) = \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{c |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} + \vec{\nabla} \chi$$

regardless of the choice of gauge, where χ is then determined so \vec{A}' satisfies the desired gauge condition

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} + \frac{1}{2c^2} \int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \nabla \chi$$

2nd term $\int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \nabla \chi = \int d^3r [\nabla \cdot (\vec{j} \chi) - \chi \nabla \cdot \vec{j}]$

$$= \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{j} \chi - \int d^3r \chi \nabla \cdot \vec{j}$$

vanishes as $S \rightarrow \infty$

vanishes in magnetostatics where $\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$

\mathcal{E}

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2c^2} \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

current-current interaction

Momentum Conservation

For charges q_i at positions \vec{r}_i with velocities \vec{v}_i

$$\frac{d\vec{P}^{\text{mech}}}{dt} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i = \sum_i q_i (\vec{E}(\vec{r}_i) + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v}_i \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}_i))$$

\uparrow
 "mechanical"
 momentum of
 the charges

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 force on
 charge i

$$= \int_V d^3r \left[\rho \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \right]$$

$$\rho \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\vec{E} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) + (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}) \times \vec{B} \right]$$

Now $\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) + \frac{1}{c} \left(\vec{E} \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$ use $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

So $-\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$

Therefore

$$\rho \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\vec{E} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) + \vec{B} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

$\downarrow = 0$

Define electromagnetic momentum density

$$\vec{\Pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S} \quad (\vec{S} \text{ is Poynting vector})$$

then

$$\frac{d\vec{P}^{\text{mech}}}{dt} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_V d^3r \vec{\Pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V d^3r \left[\vec{E} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) + \vec{B} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

want to rewrite as a surface integral

i th component of integrand on right hand side is (\vec{E} part only)
(sum over repeated indices)

$$E_i \partial_j E_j - \epsilon_{ijk} E_j \epsilon_{klm} \partial_l E_m$$

$$= E_i \partial_j E_j - (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}) E_j \partial_l E_m$$

$$= E_i \partial_j E_j - E_j \partial_i E_j + E_j \partial_j E_i$$

$$= \partial_j (E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2)$$

Define Maxwell's stress tensor

$$T_{ij} = \frac{1}{4\pi} [E_i E_j + B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} (E^2 + B^2)]$$

(note $T_{ij} = T_{ji}$
Symmetric tensor)

Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} p_i^{mech} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_V d^3r \Pi_i = \int_V d^3r \partial_j T_{ij}$$

$$\left(\partial_j T_{ij} = \frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

$$= \oint_S da T_{ij} \hat{m}_j$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{p}^{mech} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_V d^3r \vec{\Pi} = \oint_S da \vec{T} \cdot \hat{m}$$

T_{ij} gives the flow of the i th component of electromagnetic field momentum through an element of surface area \perp to direction \hat{e}_j .

For static situations where $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{\Pi} = 0$, $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{p}^{mech} = \vec{F} = \oint_S da \vec{T} \cdot \hat{m}$
gives electromagnetic force on the surface S

Note: $\frac{d\vec{P}^{\text{mech}}}{dt}$ is ~~also~~ equal to the total electromagnetic force on the volume V .

Hence we can write

$$\vec{F}_{EM} = \oint_S da \vec{T} \cdot \hat{n} - \frac{d}{dt} \int_V d^3r \vec{\Pi}$$

for static situations, the 2nd term vanishes and

$$\vec{F}_{EM} = \oint_S da \vec{T} \cdot \hat{n}$$

T_{ij} is ~~the~~ i th component of static force ~~per~~ on unit area with normal \hat{e}_j

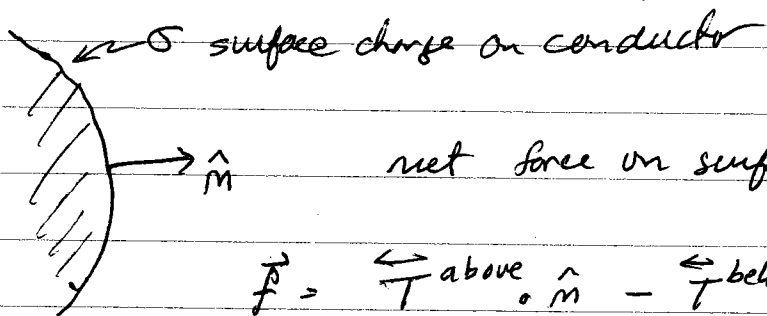
this is origin of the term "stress" tensors.

\vec{T} is like the stress tensor of an elastic medium.

T_{xx}, T_{yy}, T_{zz} are like pressure.

off diagonal elements are like shear stresses

Force on a conductor surface



net force on surface per unit area is

$$\vec{f} = \vec{T}^{\text{above}} \cdot \hat{n} - \vec{T}^{\text{below}} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$\uparrow = 0$ as $\vec{E} = 0$ inside conductor

$$\vec{f} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\vec{E} (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{n}) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{n} E^2 \right]$$

for conducting surface

$$\hat{n} \cdot \vec{E}^{\text{above}} = 4\pi\sigma \quad (\text{since } \vec{E}^{\text{below}} = 0)$$

and tangential component $\vec{E} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = 4\pi\sigma \hat{n}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{f} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[(4\pi\sigma \hat{n})(4\pi\sigma) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{n} (4\pi\sigma)^2 \right]$$

$$\vec{f} = \frac{\hat{n}}{4\pi} \left[(4\pi\sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (4\pi\sigma)^2 \right] = 2\pi\sigma^2 \hat{n}$$

force per unit area:

$$\vec{f} = 2\pi\sigma^2 \hat{n} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma \vec{E}$$

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Note factor $\frac{1}{2}$. Naively one might have thought $\vec{f} = \sigma \vec{E}$. But need to exclude self field of charge on surface from acting on itself. See also Jackson pg 42 for another approach