

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)

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

$$= q_i \vec{E}(\vec{r}_i) \cdot \vec{v}_i \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

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

then

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

or we write $\frac{\partial E_{mech}}{\partial t} = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}$ 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

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

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 eqns.

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

Then repeating the above steps:

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

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

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

$$\vec{D}(t) \approx \epsilon \vec{E}(t)$$

$$\vec{H}(t) \approx \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B}(t)$$

