

# Maxwell's Equations → Guiding Principles

- (i)  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$  --- (i)
- (ii)  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  --- (ii)
- (iii)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$  --- (iii)
- (iv)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$  → Ampere's law with Maxwell's correction

Together with the force law  $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$ , they summarize the entire theoretical content of classical electrodynamics.  
Even the continuity eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

↳ mathematical expression of conservation of charge

Can be derived from the Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup> by applying divergence to eq<sup>n</sup> (iv)

$\mathbf{E}$  → can be produced either by charges ( $\rho$ ) or by changing magnetic fields ( $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$ )

$\mathbf{B}$  → can be produced either by currents ( $\mathbf{J}$ ) or by changing electric fields ( $\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$ )

It is preferable to write

$$\left| \begin{array}{ll} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} & \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 & \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} \end{array} \right.$$

(Fields)  $\mathbf{E}$  &  $\mathbf{B}$  on left and Sources ( $\rho$  and  $\mathbf{J}$ ) on the right

E-M fields → attributable to charges and currents

Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup> → how charges produce fields

force law → how fields affect charges

# Maxwell's Equations in Matter

Materials → subject to electric and magnetic polarization.

Inside polarized matter → accumulations of "bound" charge and current → no direct control

From static case → an electric polarization P produces a bound charge density

$$\rho_b = -\nabla \cdot P \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

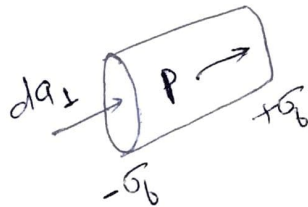
A magnetic polarization (or magnetization) M results in a bound current

$$J_b = \nabla \times M \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

One new feature to consider is the nonstatic case:

Any change in the electric polarization involves a flow of (bound) charge (call it  $J_p$ ), which must be included in the total current

We examine a tiny chunk of polarized material



Polarization introduces a charge density  $\sigma_p = P$  at one end and  $-\sigma_b$  at the other. If P now increases a bit, the charge on each end increases accordingly, giving a net current

$$dI = \frac{\partial \sigma_b}{\partial t} d a_1 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} d a_1$$

The current density, therefore is

$$J_p = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

This Polarization current has nothing to do with the bound current  $J_b$ .

Bound current  $\rightarrow$  associated with magnetization of the material and involves the spin and orbital motion of electrons

$J_p \rightarrow$  result of the linear motion of charge when the electric polarization changes.

We check that eq<sup>n</sup> (3) is consistent with the continuity eq<sup>n</sup>!

Yes ✓

$$\nabla \cdot J_p = \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot P) = -\frac{\partial \rho_b}{\partial t}$$

The total charge density can be separated into two parts

$$P = P_f + P_b$$

$$= P_f - \nabla \cdot P \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

and the current density into three parts

$$J = J_f + J_b + J_p$$

$$= J_f + \nabla \times M + \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Gauss's Law now

$$\nabla \cdot E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (P_f - \nabla \cdot P)$$

$$\text{or } \nabla \cdot D = P_f \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

where  $D$ , as in static case, is given by

$$\boxed{D \equiv \epsilon_0 E + P} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Meanwhile, Ampere's law (with Maxwell's term)

$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 \left( J_f + \nabla \times M + \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \right) + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{or } \nabla \times H = J_f + \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

where

$$H \equiv \frac{1}{\mu_0} B - M \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Faraday's law &  $\nabla \cdot B = 0$   $\rightarrow$  not affected by our separation of charge and current into free & bound parts, since they do not involve  $\rho$  or  $J$ .

In terms of free charges and currents, Maxwell eqs

$$(i) \nabla \cdot D = \rho_f \quad (iii) \nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

$$(ii) \nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad (iv) \nabla \times H = J_f + \frac{\partial D}{\partial t}$$

Relations between  $E$  and  $D$   $B$  and  $H$  depend on the nature of material; for linear media

$$P = \epsilon_0 \chi_e E \quad \text{and} \quad M = \chi_m H \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$D = \epsilon E \quad \text{and} \quad H = \frac{1}{\mu} B \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

where  $\epsilon \equiv \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)$  and  $\mu \equiv \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)$

$D \rightarrow$  electric displacement

$\hookrightarrow$  second term in (iv)  $\rightarrow$  displacement current

$$J_d = \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

### Boundary Conditions

In general, the fields  $E, B, D$  and  $H$



discontinuous at a boundary between two different

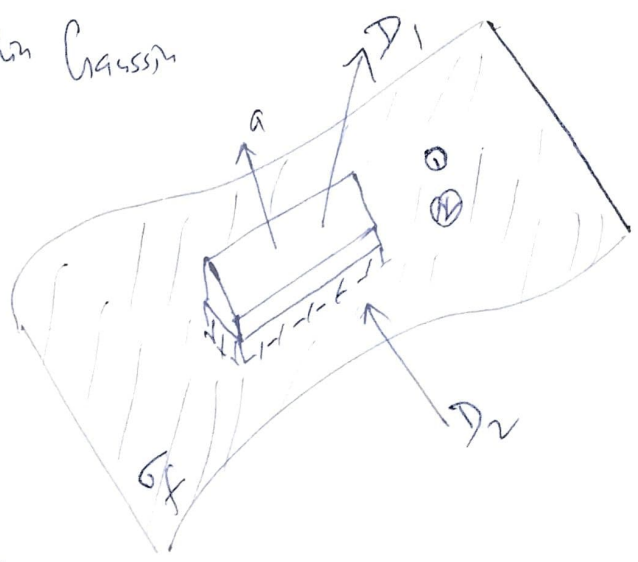
media or at a surface that carries charge density  $\sigma$

or current density  $K$ .

Explicit form of these discontinuities <sup>may be</sup> deduced from Maxwell's eq<sup>n</sup> in their integral form

- (i)  $\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = Q_{fenc}$
  - (ii)  $\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$
  - (iii)  $\oint_P \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$
  - (iv)  $\oint_P \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{fenc} + \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$
- } over any closed surface S.  
} for any surface S bounded by the closed loop P.

Applying (i) to a tiny, water-thin Gaussian pillbox extending just slightly into the material on either side of the boundary



$$D_1 \cdot a - D_2 \cdot a = \sigma_f a$$

The edge of the water contributes nothing in the limit as the thickness goes to zero, nor does any volume charge density

The component of D that is perpendicular to the interface is discontinuous in the amount

$$\boxed{D_1^\perp - D_2^\perp = \sigma_f} \quad (1)$$

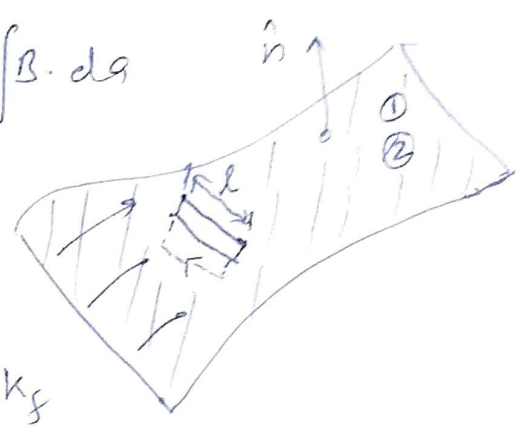
identical reasoning, applied to eq<sup>n</sup> (ii)

$$\boxed{B_1^\perp - B_2^\perp = 0} \quad (2)$$

Turning to (iii), a very thin Amperian loop straddling the surface gives

$$E_1 \cdot l - E_2 \cdot l = -\frac{d}{dt} \int B \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

But in the limit as the width of the loop goes to zero, the flux vanishes



$$\Rightarrow E_1'' - E_2'' = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad k_f$$

i.e. the component of E parallel to the interface are continuous across the boundary.

By the same token, (iv) implies

$$H_1 \cdot l - H_2 \cdot l = I_{free} \rightarrow \text{free current passing through Amperian loop.}$$

No volume current density will contribute  $\rightarrow$  in the limit of infinitesimal width.

$\hookrightarrow$  but a surface current can.

If  $\hat{n} \rightarrow$  unit vector perpendicular to the interface so  $(\hat{n} \times \vec{l}) \rightarrow$  normal to the Amperian loop, then

$$I_{free} = k_f \cdot (\hat{n} \times \vec{l}) = (k_f \times \hat{n}) \cdot l$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1'' - H_2'' = k_f \times \hat{n} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  free surface current density

eq<sup>n</sup> (1) - (4) are the general boundary conditions for electrodynamics. In case of linear media, they can be expressed in terms of E and B alone

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \epsilon_1 E_1^\perp - \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp &= \sigma_f & \text{(iii)} \quad E_1'' - E_2'' &= 0 \\ \text{(ii)} \quad B_1^\perp - B_2^\perp &= 0 & \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1'' - \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2'' &= k_f \times \hat{n} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

If there is no free charge or free current at the interface

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \epsilon_1 E_1^\perp - \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp &= 0 & \text{(iii)} \quad E_1'' - E_2'' &= 0 \\ \text{(ii)} \quad B_1^\perp - B_2^\perp &= 0 & \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{1}{\mu_1} B_1'' - \frac{1}{\mu_2} B_2'' &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (5)}$$

Limit for theory of reflection and refraction.