# Displacement Current

Another step towards Maxwell's Equations

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#### **The Electromagnetic Spectrum**



### The Equations of Electromagnetism (at this point ...)

**Gauss' Law for Electrostatics** 

$$\int \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dA} = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0}$$

**Gauss' Law for Magnetism** 

$$\oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dA} = 0$$

**Faraday's Law of Induction** 

$$\oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dl} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

**Ampere's Law** 

$$\oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 I$$

### **The Equations of Electromagnetism**



$$2 \oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dA} = 0$$

...there's no magnetic monopole....!!

### **The Equations of Electromagnetism**

# Faraday's Law **3** $\oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dl} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$

.. if you change a magnetic field you induce an electric field......

**Ampere's Law** 

 $4 \quad \oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 I$ 

.....is the reverse true..?

# Basic Definition of Current

- $I = neAv_{d}$
- For current flowing through a conductor it is must that the electronic charge should move through it.
- Now the question is how to test the flow of current through a conductor in the simplest way ??
- For it let us recall Ampere's law....

# Recall Ampere's Law



 $\oint \vec{B} \cdot dl = \mu_0 I_{enc}$ 

### View of Magnetic field around a current carrying conductor



The presence of electric current can be observed using the magnetic compass

> When we will place the magnetic compass around the current carrying conductor there will be deflection in it.

# What will happen if any where there is no current carrying conductor in a circuit



The current flowing in the circuit is I, but what is the current flowing between the plates of capacitor.
Obviously Zero !!!

- Now according to the Ampere's law there should be no magnetic field between the plates of the capacitor.
- Let us verify it experimentally what the situation is prevailing between the plates of a capacitor, by putting magnetic compass there.
- Surprisingly !! There is the deflection in the magnetic compass.
- It suggests that the definition of current what we have read is either wrong or Ampere's law need modification for its generalization.
- This important task was accomplished by Maxwell on the basis of change in electrical field between plates of capacitor and introducing the concept of displacement current.

>If Ampere's Law still holds, there must be a magnetic field generated by the changing E-field between the plates. This induced B-field makes it look like there is a current (call it the **displacement current**) passing through the plates.



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.. if the loop encloses one plate of the capacitor..there is a problem  $\dots I = 0$ 





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Therefore, Maxwell's revision of Ampere's Law becomes....

$$\oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d \Phi_E}{dt}$$

## **Derivation of Displacement Current**

For a capacitor, 
$$q = \varepsilon_0 EA$$
 and  $I = \frac{dq}{dt} = \varepsilon_0 \frac{d(EA)}{dt}$ .  
Now, the electric flux is given by EA, so:  $I = \varepsilon_0 \frac{d(\Phi_E)}{dt}$ , where this current, not being associated with charges, is called the "Displacement current", I<sub>d</sub>.

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$$I_d = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d \Phi_E}{dt}$$
  
and:  $\oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 (I + I_d)$   
 $\Rightarrow \oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d \Phi_E}{dt}$ 

#### **Maxwell's Equations of Electromagnetism**



#### Maxwell's Equations of Electromagnetism in Vacuum (no charges, no masses)

#### Consider these equations in a vacuum..... .....no mass, no charges. no currents.....

$$\oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dA} = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0} \longrightarrow \oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dA} = 0$$

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$$\Phi \underline{dl} = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} \longrightarrow \oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

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#### **Electromagnetic Waves**

Faraday's law: dB/dt → electric field Maxwell's modification of Ampere's law dE/dt → magnetic field

$$\oint \underline{B} \bullet \underline{dl} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d \Phi_E}{dt}$$

$$\oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dl} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

These two equations can be solved simultaneously.

The result is:

$$\underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}} \sin (\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{\omega}\mathbf{t}) \quad \mathbf{\hat{j}}$$
$$\underline{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}} \sin (\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{\omega}\mathbf{t}) \quad \mathbf{\hat{k}}$$



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 $-\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$  $\oint \underline{E} \bullet \underline{dl} =$ 



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Special case..PLANE WAVES...

$$\vec{E} = E_y(x,t)\hat{j}$$
  $\vec{B} = B_z(x,t)\hat{k}$ 

satisfy the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \psi = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

#### **Plane Electromagnetic Waves**





- Static wave  $F(x) = F_P \sin (kx + \phi)$   $k = 2\pi / \lambda$ k = wavenumber
- $\lambda = wavelength$



Moving wave  $F(x, t) = F_P \sin (kx - \omega t)$   $\omega = 2\pi / f$   $\omega =$ angular frequency f =frequency  $v = \omega / k$ 





What happens at x = 0 as a function of time?

 $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{P}} \sin \left(-\omega \mathbf{t}\right)$ 

For x = 0 and  $t = 0 \Rightarrow F(0, 0) = F_P \sin(0)$ For x = 0 and  $t = t \Rightarrow F(0, t) = F_P \sin(0 - \omega t) = F_P \sin(-\omega t)$ This is equivalent to:  $kx = -\omega t \Rightarrow x = -(\omega/k) t$ F(x=0) at time t is the same as  $F[x=-(\omega/k)t]$  at time 0 The wave moves to the right with speed  $\omega/k$ 

#### **Plane Electromagnetic Waves**

$$\underline{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}} \sin(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{\omega}\mathbf{t}) \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}} \sin(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{\omega}\mathbf{t}) \mathbf{\hat{k}}$$

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Notes: Waves are in Phase, but fields oriented at 90°.  $k=2\pi/\lambda$ . Speed of wave is  $c=\omega/k$  (=  $f\lambda$ )  $c=1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0}=3\times10^8 m/s$  **Deduction of Maxwell's Laws in Differential form** 

# Gauss Divergence Theorem (Relation between Surface and Volume Integration)

This theorem states that the flux of a vector field  $\vec{F}$ , over any closed surface S, is equal to the volume integral of the divergence of that vector field over the volume V enclosed by the surface S.

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$$\int_{S} \overrightarrow{F} \cdot d\overrightarrow{S} = \int_{V} \operatorname{div} \overrightarrow{F} dV$$

# Stokes Theorem (Relation between Line Integral and Surface Integration)

This theorem states that the surface integral of the curl of a vector field  $\vec{A}$ , taken over any surface S, is equal to the line integral of  $\vec{A}$  around the closed curve forming the periphery of the surface.

 $\iint_{S} (\operatorname{Curl} \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint \vec{A} \cdot \vec{dl}$  $\iint_{S} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint \vec{A} \cdot \vec{dl}$ 

#### 1. *Maxwell's first equation, div* $D = \rho$ or $\nabla \cdot D = \rho$ :

>When a dielectric is placed in a uniform electric field, its molecules get polarised. Thus, a dielectric in an electric field contains two types of charges—free charges, which are embedded, and polarisation charges or bound charges.

> If  $\rho$  and  $\rho_P$  are the free and bound charge densities, respectively, at a point in a small volume element dv, then for such a medium, Gauss's law may be expressed as

$$\int_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{0}} \int_{V} (\rho + \rho_{P}) \, dV$$

where  $\in_0$  is the permittivity of the free space.

Now, the bound charge density

$$\rho_P = -\operatorname{div} \vec{P}, \text{ where } \vec{P} \text{ is electric polarisation.}$$
  
Therefore,  $\int_{S} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{1}{c} \int_{V} (\rho - \operatorname{div} \vec{P}) dV$ 

$$\int_{s} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{v} \operatorname{div} E \, dV = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{0}} \int_{v} \rho \, dV - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{0}} \int_{v} \operatorname{div} \vec{P} \, dV$$
  
or  
$$\int_{v} \epsilon_{0} \operatorname{div} \vec{E} \, dV + \int_{v} \operatorname{div} \vec{P} \, dV = \int_{v} \rho \, dV$$
  
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$$\int_{v} \operatorname{div} (\epsilon_{0} \vec{E} + \vec{P}) \, dV = \int_{v} \rho \, dV$$
  
But  $\epsilon_{0} \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \vec{D}$  is the electric displacement vector.  
Thus,  
$$\int_{v} \operatorname{div} \vec{D} \, dV = \int_{v} \rho \, dV$$
  
or  
$$\int_{v} (\operatorname{div} \vec{D} - \rho) \, dV = 0$$
  
Therefore, for an arbitrary surface, we have  
$$\operatorname{div} \vec{D} - \rho = 0$$
  
or  
$$\operatorname{div} \vec{D} = \rho$$
  
or  
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

#### 2. Maxwell's second equation, div $\mathbf{B} = 0$ or $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ :

>It has been experimentally observed that the number of magnetic lines of force entering any closed surface enclosing a volume is exactly the same as that leaving it, i.e., the net magnetic flux through any closed surface is always zero.

Hence,

$$\phi_{B} = \oint_{S} \overrightarrow{B} \cdot d\overrightarrow{S} = 0$$

The above expression implies that a monopole or an isolated magnetic pole cannot exist to serve as a source or sink for the line of magnetic induction  $\overrightarrow{B}$ . This expression is also known as *Gauss's law in magnetostatics*.

Using Gauss divergence theorem in Eq. (17.6), we have

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{V} \operatorname{div} \vec{B} \, dV = 0$$

where V is the volume enclosed by surface S.

Hence, for an arbitrary surface,

or 
$$\overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \overrightarrow{B} = 0$$

# 3. Maxwell's third equation (Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction):

>According to Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, the induced emf around a closed circuit is equal to the negative time rate of change of magnetic flux linked with the circuit, i.e.

$$e = -\frac{d\phi_B}{dt}$$
If  $\vec{B}$  is the magnetic induction, then the magnetic flux linked with an area  $d\vec{S}$  is  
 $\phi_B = \int_s \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$   
On combining Eqs. (17.18) and (17.19), we get  
 $e = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_s (\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S})$   
or  $e = \int_s \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S})$   
According to definition, the induced emf is related to the corresponding electric field as  
 $e = \int_c \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$ 

Equations (17.20) and (17.21) will give

$$\int_{c} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\int_{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S})$$

$$= -\int_{S} \frac{\partial \overrightarrow{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\overrightarrow{S}$$

Now, using Stoke's theorem on left-hand side, we get

$$\int_{c} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{s} \operatorname{curl} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Thus, we have

$$\int_{S} \operatorname{curl} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_{S} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{S}$$
$$\int_{S} \left( \operatorname{curl} \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

or

For any arbitrary surface dS, we will have

$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$
$$\operatorname{curl} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

or

i.e., 
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

#### 4. Maxwell's fourth equation (modified Ampere's law):

From the Ampere's law

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I$$
Using formula  $I = \oint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$  (using  $J = \frac{I}{A}$ )

we get

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \oint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

Using Stoke's theorem on the left-hand side of the above expression, we get

$$\oint_{S} \operatorname{curl} \overrightarrow{B} \cdot d\overrightarrow{S} = \mu_{0} \oint_{S} \overrightarrow{J} \cdot d\overrightarrow{S}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \oint_s \operatorname{curl} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_s \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$
$$\oint_s \operatorname{curl} \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} \cdot d\vec{S} = \oint_s \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$
Now, from dielectric properties, we have
$$\frac{B}{\mu_0} = H$$
$$\therefore \qquad \int_s \operatorname{curl} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_s \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{S}$$
$$\int_s (\operatorname{curl} \vec{H} - \vec{J}) \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

or



This implies that Ampere's law is applicable only for static charges. However, for time-varying fields, Maxwell suggested that Ampere's law must be modified by adding a quantity having dimension as that of current and produced due to polarisation of charges. This physical quantity is called displacement current (Jd).

#### Thus, modified Ampere's law now becomes

$\operatorname{curl} \overrightarrow{H} = \overrightarrow{J} + \overrightarrow{J}_d$		
Taking divergence on both sides, we get		
div curl $\overrightarrow{H} = \operatorname{div}\left(\overrightarrow{J} + \overrightarrow{J}_{d}\right)$		
	$0 = \operatorname{div} \overrightarrow{J} + \operatorname{div} \overrightarrow{J_d}$	
or	$\operatorname{div} \overrightarrow{J} = -\operatorname{div} \overrightarrow{J_d}$	
But	div $\vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$ (Continuity equation)	
	div $\vec{J}_d = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$	
But	$\rho = \operatorname{div} \stackrel{\rightarrow}{D} *$	
	$\operatorname{div} \vec{J}_d = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\operatorname{div} \vec{D})$	
	$= \operatorname{div}\left(\frac{\partial \overrightarrow{D}}{\partial t}\right)$	
or	$\vec{J}_d = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$	
Therefore, modified Ampere's law now becomes		
	$\operatorname{curl} \overrightarrow{H} = \overrightarrow{J} + \frac{\partial \overrightarrow{D}}{\partial t}$	

# CONCLUSIONS

#### **>MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN DIFFERENTIAL FORM**

#### **>MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN INTEGRAL FORM**

#### **MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN DIFFERENTIAL FORM:**

(i) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$	or Div $\vec{D} = \rho$
(ii) $\overrightarrow{\nabla} \cdot \overrightarrow{B} = 0$	or Div $\overrightarrow{B} = 0$
(iii) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$	or Curl $\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$
(iv) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$	or Curl $\vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$

#### **MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN INTEGRAL FORM:**

(i) 
$$\int_{s} \vec{D} \cdot \vec{dS} = \int_{V} \rho dV$$
 or  $\oint_{s} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dS} = q$   
(ii)  $\oint_{s} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{dS} = 0$   
(iii)  $\oint_{s} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dl} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{s} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{dS}$   
(iv)  $\oint_{t} \vec{H} \cdot \vec{dl} = \int_{s} \left( \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \vec{dS}$ 





