

# Displacement Current

J. C. Maxwell In 1864, Maxwell published a complete field theory of electromagnetism. One new, previously unknown phenomenon was necessary — Displacement Current

Recall Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction:  $\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$

$$\Phi_B = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Maxwell's displacement current

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 i_{\text{through}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

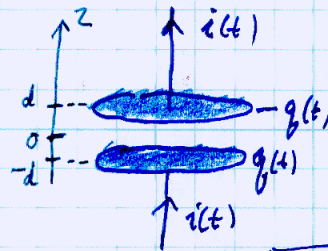
↑ (Ampère's law)     ↑ (displacement current)

$$\Phi_E = \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Define  $i_D = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$ .

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \left( \underset{\substack{\text{charge} \\ \text{current}}}{i} + \underset{\substack{\text{displacement} \\ \text{current}}}{i_D} \right)$$

Example: Charging a Capacitor



$$\frac{dq}{dt} = i$$

What is the magnetic field,  $\vec{B}(t)$ ?

Recall Ampère's Law ...

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

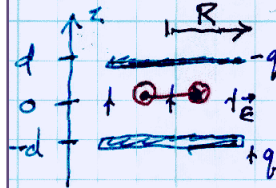
$$\therefore \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r} \hat{\phi}$$

(a) For  $z > d$  or  $z < -d$ ,

$$B_\phi(t) \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 (i + i_D) \approx \mu_0 i$$

$$B_\phi(t) \approx \frac{\mu_0 i(t)}{2\pi r} \quad (\text{neglecting radiation})$$

(b) For  $-d < z < d$ ,



$$B_\phi \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 (i + i_D) = \mu_0 i_D$$

$$i_D = \epsilon_0 \frac{dE_z}{dt} \pi r^2 \quad \text{or } \pi r^2 \quad \text{for } r > R$$

$$\text{Gauss's Law: } E_z = \frac{q/\epsilon_0}{\pi R^2} \quad \text{or } \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{for } r > R$$

Thus,

$$B_\phi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 i(t) r}{2\pi R^2} & \text{for } r < R \\ \frac{\mu_0 i(t)}{2\pi r} & \text{for } r > R \end{cases}$$

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$$\textcircled{\bullet} \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} q_{\text{enclosed}} \quad \text{Gauss's Law} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\textcircled{\bullet} \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \text{Gauss's Law for magnetism} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{\bullet} \oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{Faraday's Law} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$
$$\text{EMF} = - \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

$$\textcircled{\bullet} \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \overset{\text{thru}}{i} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Ampere-Maxwell Law

$$= \mu_0 (i + i_D) \quad \text{where } i_D = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

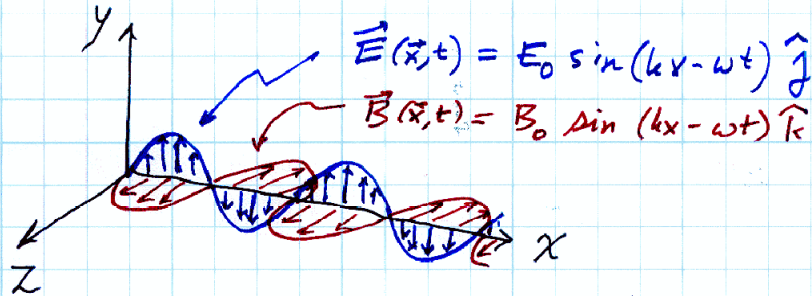
↑  
the differential form  
of Maxwell's field  
equations.

$$\text{Also, } \vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) .$$

Terms that are zero in "vacuum,"  
i.e. where there is no matter,

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This is a harmonic, polarized, plane wave.

We'll show that it satisfies the four Maxwell equations.

$$\textcircled{1} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \nabla \times \vec{E} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ E_x & E_y & E_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{k} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} = B_0 \omega \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{k E_0 = \omega B_0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{4} \nabla \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = -\hat{j} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x}$$

$$= -B_0 k \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 E_0 \omega \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

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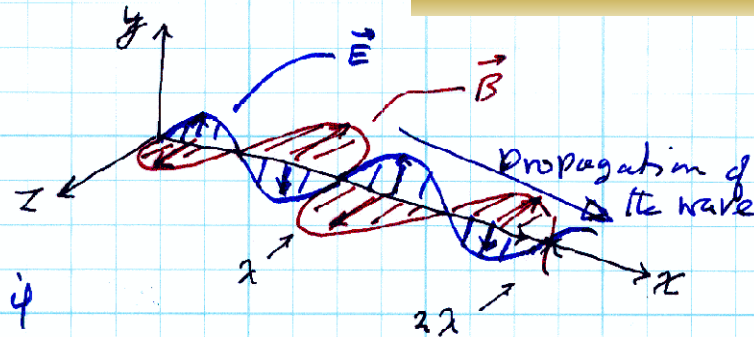
## Electromagnetic Waves

$$\vec{E}(x,t) = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}(x,t) = B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{k}$$

Maxwell's equations are satisfied if

$$kE_0 = \omega B_0 \quad \text{and} \quad kB_0 = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega E_0 \quad (*)$$



Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ), frequency ( $f$ ), wave speed ( $c$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \quad \lambda &= \frac{2\pi}{k} \quad \text{because} \quad \sin[k(x+\lambda) - \omega t] \\ &= \sin(kx - \omega t + 2\pi) \\ &= \sin(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{b} \quad T &= \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \quad \text{because} \quad \sin[kx - \omega(t+T)] \\ &= \sin[kx - \omega t - 2\pi] \\ &= \sin(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad c = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

But  $(*)$  implies  $\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{E_0}{B_0} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega}$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \quad \text{or} \quad c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}}$$

## The wave speed

$$c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

= the speed of all electromagnetic waves in vacuum, including visible light.

$c$  is the same for all  $\lambda$ .

## Energy and Momentum Transport in electromagnetic waves

(\*) Poynting Vector We define

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

Theorem  $\vec{S}$  is the energy flux vector.

I.e.,  $\vec{S}$  = energy per unit time  
per unit area

$$[W/m^2]$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{S} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \{ (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left\{ -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{E} \cdot \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} E^2 \right\} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{ u_B + u_E \} \end{aligned}$$

QED

## Energy Transport in Electromagnetic Fields

Example For the polarized plane wave,

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} E_0 B_0 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \hat{i}$$

$$S_{avg} = \frac{E_0 B_0}{\mu_0} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} E_{RMS} B_{RMS}$$

$$S_{avg} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} E_{RMS}^2 = c \epsilon_0 E_{RMS}^2$$

Energy flows in the direction of propagation ( $\hat{i}$ );

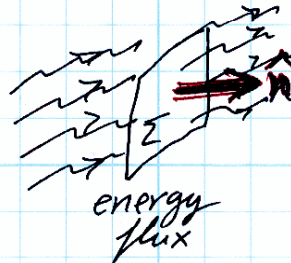
Intensity =  $S_{avg}$  ← mean energy flux

## Momentum Transport and Radiation Pressure

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Through a surface  $\Sigma$ ,

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \int_{\Sigma} \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA$$



$$\left(\frac{dU}{dt}\right)_{\text{avg}} = \int_{\Sigma} \vec{S}_{\text{avg}} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA \quad \leftarrow \text{[watts]}$$

(•) Also, the momentum flow is

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{dU}{dt} \hat{i} \quad (\hat{i} = \text{propagation direction})$$

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt}\right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{c} S_{\text{avg}} A \hat{i} = \frac{I}{c} A \hat{i}$$

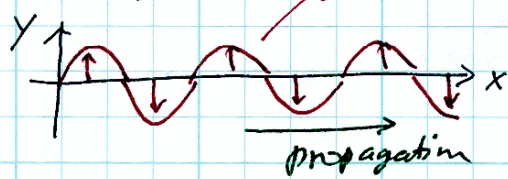
$$\text{units} \quad \frac{1}{\text{m/s}} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{sm}^2} \text{m}^2 = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}} = \underline{\underline{N}}$$

$$\text{Absorbant Surface } F(\text{on } \Sigma) = \frac{I}{c} A$$

$$\text{Reflective Surface } F(\text{on } \Sigma) = \frac{2I}{c} A$$

$$(•) \text{Radiation pressure} = F/A = \frac{I}{c} \text{ or } \frac{2I}{c}$$

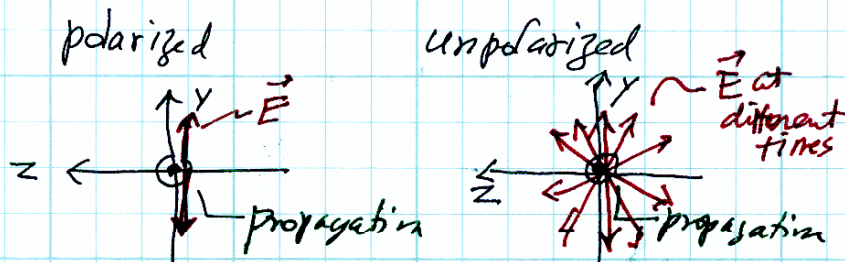
## Polarization



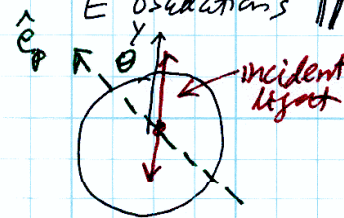
= an e.m. wave that is polarized in the  $y$  direction, and propagating in the  $x$  direction.

We use the direction of  $\vec{E}$  to define the direction of polarization.

Most light is unpolarized.



A polarizer absorbs all  $\vec{E}$  field oscillations  $\perp$  to the polarizer axis, leaving only the  $\vec{E}$  oscillations  $\parallel$  to the polarizer axis.



incident:  $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{j}$   
 transmitted:  $\vec{E} = E_0 \cos \theta \hat{e}_p$

Intensities  $I \propto E^2$

- (\*)  $I_{out} = I_{inc} \cos^2 \theta$  polarized incident light
- (\*)  $I_{out} = 0.5 I_{inc}$  unpolarized incident light (avg.  $\cos^2 \theta = 0.5$ )

## Polarization and Polarizers