

Electrodynamics: Summary of Lectures - Some Useful Formulae

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NOTATION

E	the electric field
B	the magnetic field
J	current density
ρ	charge density
$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$	permittivity of free space
$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N/A}^2$	permeability of free space
$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	charge of the electron
$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	mass of the electron
$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$	speed of light in a vacuum

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I. MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS AND FUNDAMENTALS

Maxwell's equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad (\text{I.1})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad \oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \qquad (\text{I.2})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \qquad \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \qquad (\text{I.3})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \qquad \oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 \oint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \qquad (\text{I.4})$$

Potentials:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \qquad (\text{I.5})$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \qquad (\text{I.6})$$

Lorentz force law:

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \qquad (\text{I.7})$$

Continuity equation:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \qquad (\text{I.8})$$

Poisson's equation for the scalar potential:

$$\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad (\text{I.9})$$

II. MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS IN MATTER

In matter Maxwell's equations can be written as

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f \quad (\text{II.1})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (\text{II.2})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{II.3})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{II.4})$$

The auxiliary fields:

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \quad (\text{II.5})$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M} \quad (\text{II.6})$$

III. MATHEMATICAL PRELIMINARIES

Fundamental theorems:

$$\text{Gradient Theorem: } \int_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} (\nabla f) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = f(\mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{a}) \quad (\text{III.1})$$

$$\text{Divergence Theorem: } \int (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) d\tau = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} \quad (\text{III.2})$$

$$\text{Curl Theorem: } \int (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \oint \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{III.3})$$