

Through a variety of experimental work and theoretical development in the 1800's led to the following set of equations,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho/\epsilon_0 && \text{Gauss} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -d\vec{B}/dt && \text{Faraday} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \vec{J} && \text{Ampere} \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

Lorentz force on charges.

- Maxwell had these equations and models in the 1860's. He didn't invent these equations, he started here.
- Maxwell (and others) asked, "Could these be a complete theory of electromagnetism?"
- We've used them for time dependent work and computed a number of experimentally verifiable results. (so maybe it is?)

Is it complete?

- Let's do some mathematical manipulations to see what we find (this is similar to what Maxwell did).

Fact: the divergence of any curl is zero.

- This is provable, mathematical result.  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{G}) = 0$
- Let's check this with Faraday's Law,  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -d\vec{B}/dt$
- the mathematics tells us  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = 0$
- so it must be that  $\nabla \cdot (-\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}) = 0$
- and it is!  $\nabla \cdot (-\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}) = -\frac{d}{dt} (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) = 0$  (math & physics agree!)

Well, what about Ampere's Law?

- the mathematics says  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = 0$ , but does this agree with the physics?

With  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$ , we have  $\nabla \cdot (\mu_0 \vec{J}) = 0$

- that's not always true. Sometimes  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$ , but usually is  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -d\rho/dt$  (conservation of charge)

So we have an incomplete theory. Maxwell realized that the set of equations cannot be the whole story, because they give  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$  always, which is physically not the case sometimes.

When is this problematic?

If  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$  (always...) then  $\iiint_V \nabla \cdot \vec{J} d\tau = 0 \Rightarrow \oint_{\text{Any surface}} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$

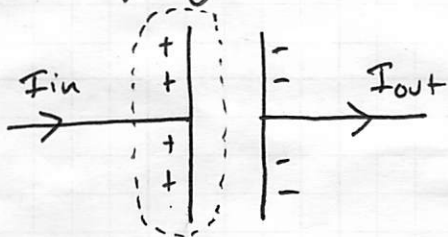
With  $\vec{J}$  as the current density,

$\vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$  tells you the current leaving.

that means  $\oint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$  says the current in = current out always in all circumstances.

So we can easily come up with a case where this is a problem.

### Charging a Capacitor



As the charge builds up ( $Q(+)$ ),

$\oint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} \neq 0$  current goes in, but none comes out for the dashed region.

In this case,

$$\oint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A} = \text{net outflow of current} = -\frac{d}{dt} Q_{\text{enclosed}}$$

This is physically just conservation of charge,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -d\rho/dt$$

Ampere's Law gave us  $\mu_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$ , which is wrong in general.

So the completing of this theory means examining Ampere's Law a bit more closely.

The problem we have is when  $d\rho/dt \neq 0$  anywhere.

So electro- and magnetostatics are fine (glued charges or steady currents),

But a true electrodynamics theory must solve this  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J}$ ,  $d\rho/dt$  issue!

How did Maxwell fix this problem?

- Let's keep going with the capacitor example.



What's the magnetic field near this loop?

Ampere's Law says  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}} = \mu_0 \iint \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$

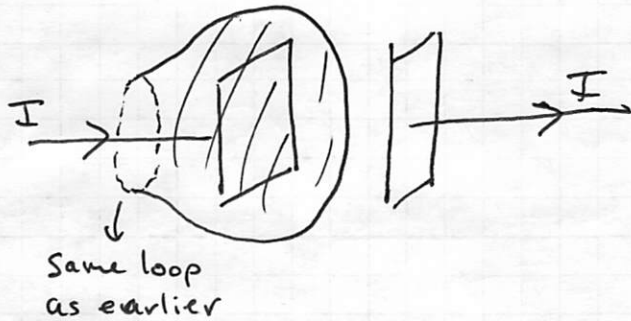
It looks like we should get  $\vec{B}$  along wire ...

any surface bounded by the loop.

But Ampere's Law is true for any surface that is bounded by the loop.

~~But~~ Up to now, this hasn't been a problem, but we can see how it becomes a problem here.

think about the "soap bubble" surface that has the same bounded loop,



This new surface isn't a flat circle, but is bounded by the same loop as the flat circle.

for this surface  $I_{\text{thru}} = 0$ , no current takes through the soap bubble surface!

Ampere's Law (as written) is failing here.

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

any surface  
bounded by  
loop

} we came up with 2 surfaces that give different results for the right-hand side

the problem is that  $\frac{dq}{dt} \neq 0$  inside the bubble.

→ charge builds up so that current in  $\neq$  current out.

(if we had steady currents, like in the past, and  $dp/dt = 0$ , we'd have no issue, like in the past.)

### Maxwell's Correction

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = 0 \quad \text{must be true! the math is undeniable.}$$

if  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$ , we get  $\nabla \cdot (\mu_0 \vec{J}) = 0$  instead of what conservation of current says,

$$\nabla \cdot (\mu_0 \vec{J}) = -\mu_0 \frac{dp}{dt}$$

Let's see if we can fix Ampere's Law. Add  $\vec{X}$  to  $\mu_0 \vec{J}$ .

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \vec{X} \quad \text{let's see what happens with this.}$$

With  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \vec{X}$ ,

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \mu_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{J} + \nabla \cdot \vec{X}$$

from the math  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = 0$

$$= \underbrace{-\mu_0 \frac{d\rho}{dt}}_{\text{conservation of current}} + \nabla \cdot \vec{X}$$

Maybe it's still not obvious what  $\vec{X}$  is, but let's push forward. The form suggests we peek into Gauss' Law,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E}$$

thus,

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \right)$$

Oh! it looks like if  $\vec{X} \equiv +\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$ ,

then the equation is always satisfied!

$$\boxed{\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}}$$

Ampere's Law  
w/ Maxwell Correction

This extra term is the "displacement current",

$$\mu_0 \vec{J}_D \text{ with } \vec{J}_D = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$$

→ It has units of current density, but it's not a physical flow of charge. It's not a current.

The name was Maxwell's but now it's just what we have.

→ Note: In statics with  $\frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} = 0$ ,

we are back to the old Ampere's Law,

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Why didn't Ampere (or others) notice this?

→ The effect is very small unless  $d\vec{E}/dt$  is big.

→ In SI units  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{9 \cdot 10^{16}} \text{ s}^2/\text{m}^2$  tiny #s!

The correction term was undetectable in those days in the experiments that were being conducted.

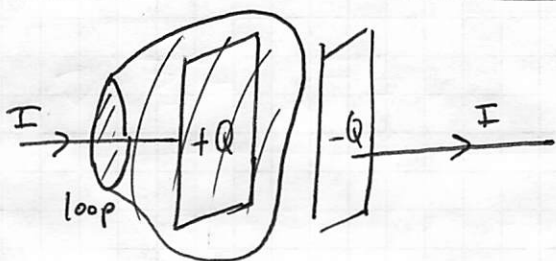
Only when  $d\vec{E}/dt$  is huge does it matter, usually  $\vec{J}$  will dominate!

We have very nice symmetry now!

→ Changing  $\vec{B}$  creates a curly  $\vec{E}$  (Faraday)

→ Changing  $\vec{E}$  creates a curly  $\vec{B}$  (Maxwell correction)

How do we resolve the case we proposed?



Inside the capacitor,

$$E \approx \frac{Q}{A\epsilon_0}$$

This gives us,  $\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\mu_0}{A} \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{\mu_0}{A} I_{in}$

So with the fixed up Ampere's Law,

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{through} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \iint_{Area} \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

When the area is the flat loop,  $E \approx 0$  so

the right hand side is just  $\mu_0 I$ .

When we have the bubble  $I_{thru} = 0$  but,

$$\iint \frac{\mu_0 I}{A} dA = \mu_0 I \quad \text{same result!}$$

Going backwards from the new Ampere's Law,

$0 = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B})$  is a pure mathematical fact.

Combined with Gauss's Law  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$  we recover conservation of charge!

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -d\rho/dt$$

In other words, Maxwell's Equations imply/require/give charge conservation!

→ We don't tack this on as an extra fact of nature, it's built into Maxwell's Eqs.

→ And (as we will see) so is relativistic invariance.

The set of Eqs is now complete. It is a full, self consistent field theory. And as postulated, leads to more conservation theorems (energy? momentum)

This is the greatest synthesis in physics!

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$$

One last thing, that we will come back to...

We learned a lot by taking  $\nabla \cdot$  (Maxwell curl eqns)  
What about taking  $\nabla \times$ ?

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

in empty space  $\rho = 0$  so that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$  and  
thus,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -d\vec{B}/dt \text{ so that,}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = -\nabla \times \left( \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \right) = -\frac{d}{dt} (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \text{ and.}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \text{ in empty space, } \vec{J} = 0$$

so that,

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \text{ and, } -\frac{d}{dt} (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \vec{E}}{dt^2}$$

Combining all of this we find,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = -\frac{d}{dt} (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \text{ just gives, } \left( \text{We get the same for } \vec{B} \text{ using } \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \right)$$

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \vec{E}}{dt^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 \vec{E}}{dt^2} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{1 component} \\ \nabla^2 E_z = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d^2 E_z}{dt^2} \end{array} \right)$$

You might have seen this before,  
the 1 dimensional wave equation  $\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$   
(solutions are travelling waves with speed  $v$ ).

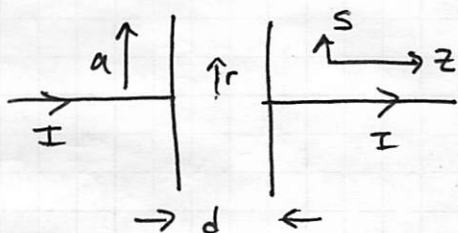
So in empty space we will find solutions for  
 $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  that are not zero! They will be  
travelling waves with  $v = \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ !



Example: Charging Up a Capacitor

Consider a large parallel plate capacitor made of two metal circular plates (radius,  $a$ ) separated by a distance  $d$  ( $d \ll a$ ). Current runs through the circuit charging the plates. On the positive plate the charge increases,  $Q(t) = Q_0 + It$ .

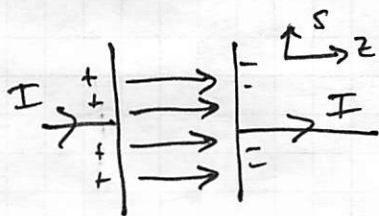
[The linear relationship here is just a model not always true as it depends on  $I(t)$ ]



We aim to determine the magnetic field produced by the changing electric field between the plates.

(we will neglect fringe effects)

The electric field in the plates increases as  $Q$  does,



$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q(t)}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

What is the direction of  $\vec{B}$ ?

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{J} = 0,$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$$

If we go back to thinking about Ampere's Law, we can see  $\vec{B}$  circulates

$$\iint_S \nabla \times \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \iint_S \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \cdot d\vec{a} \rightarrow \text{around } d\vec{E}/dt \text{ (like it does w/ } \vec{J} \text{.)}$$

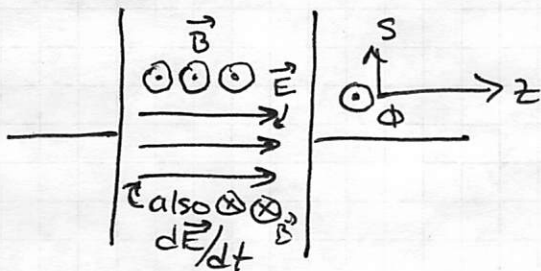
$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint_S \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

From this, we ~~we~~ expect that magnetic field to curl around  $d\vec{E}/dt$ .

As the direction of  $\vec{E}$  remains unchanged, only its magnitude increases in this case,  $\vec{E}(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$ ,

the magnetic field circulates around the electric field.  $\pm \phi$ .

Which direction does it circulate?  $+\phi$  or  $-\phi$ ?



b/c  $Q(t)$  increasing.

Use the right hand rule, like we did with  $\vec{J}$ .

Careful: b/c  $d\vec{E}/dt$  matters not  $\vec{E}$ !

So  $\vec{B}$  points in the  $+\phi$  direction inside the capacitor plates.

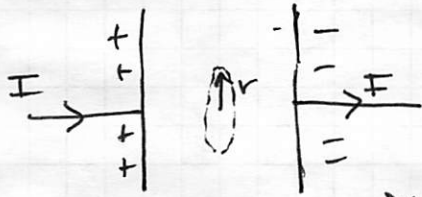
How do we calculate  $\vec{B}$ ?

Because  $\vec{E}$  changes the same way everywhere in the capacitor region, we expect  $\vec{B}$  to be translationally invariant in  $z$ . also, we expect that rotating the system in  $\phi$  has no effect  $\rightarrow$  azimuthal symmetry so  $\phi$  can't matter either. Thus,

$$\vec{B}(s, \phi, z) = B(s) \hat{\phi}$$

This helps us choose a loop to use.

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \iint_S d\vec{E}/dt \cdot d\vec{A}$$



we choose a circular loop that is plane parallel to the plates.  $d\vec{A} = r d\phi ds \hat{z}$

with  $\vec{E}(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$ ,  $\frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} = \frac{dQ/dt}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$

so that  $(Q(t) = Q_0 + \beta t)$ ,

$$\frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} = \frac{\beta}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z}$$

thus, 
$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \iint_S \frac{\beta}{A\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \cdot r d\phi ds \hat{z}$$

$$B 2\pi r = \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \beta}{A\epsilon_0} (\pi r^2)$$

so 
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 \beta}{\pi a^2} \frac{r}{2} \hat{\phi}$$
 check units & limits

$$[B] = [T] = \frac{[\mu_0][\beta][r]}{[a^2]} = \frac{[N/A^2][A][m]}{[m^2]}$$

$$= \frac{N}{mA} = T \checkmark$$

as  $r \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\vec{B} \rightarrow 0$  no enclosed  $\vec{E}$  flux  $\checkmark$