

# Revision on electromagnetic waves

---

# FORCE AND POTENTIAL ENERGY

One dimensional case (1D)

$$E_p(x) = -\int_{\infty}^x F_x dx$$

Generalization to 3D

$$E_p(\vec{r}) = -\int_{\infty}^r \vec{F} \circ d\vec{r}$$

$$F_x = -\frac{dE_p}{dx} \quad \vec{F} = -\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial x} \hat{i} - \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial y} \hat{j} - \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial z} \hat{k} = -\mathbf{grad} E_p = -\nabla E_p$$

Operator „nabla”

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k}$$

---


*Problem 1:* Potential energy of spring-mass system is given by equation:

$$E_p(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} k r^2$$

Check, using the following formula:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = -\mathbf{grad} E_p$$

if the force of interaction can be expressed as:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{r}) = -k\vec{\mathbf{r}}$$


harmonic force

## Solution:

---

$$E_p(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2}kr^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

Coordinates of gradient operator:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_p(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right) = kx$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} E_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right) = ky$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \right) = kz$$

$$\mathbf{grad} E_p = kx \hat{\mathbf{i}} + ky \hat{\mathbf{j}} + kz \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

thus:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}} = -\mathbf{grad} E_p = -k(x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = -k\vec{\mathbf{r}}$$

# Flux and divergence operator

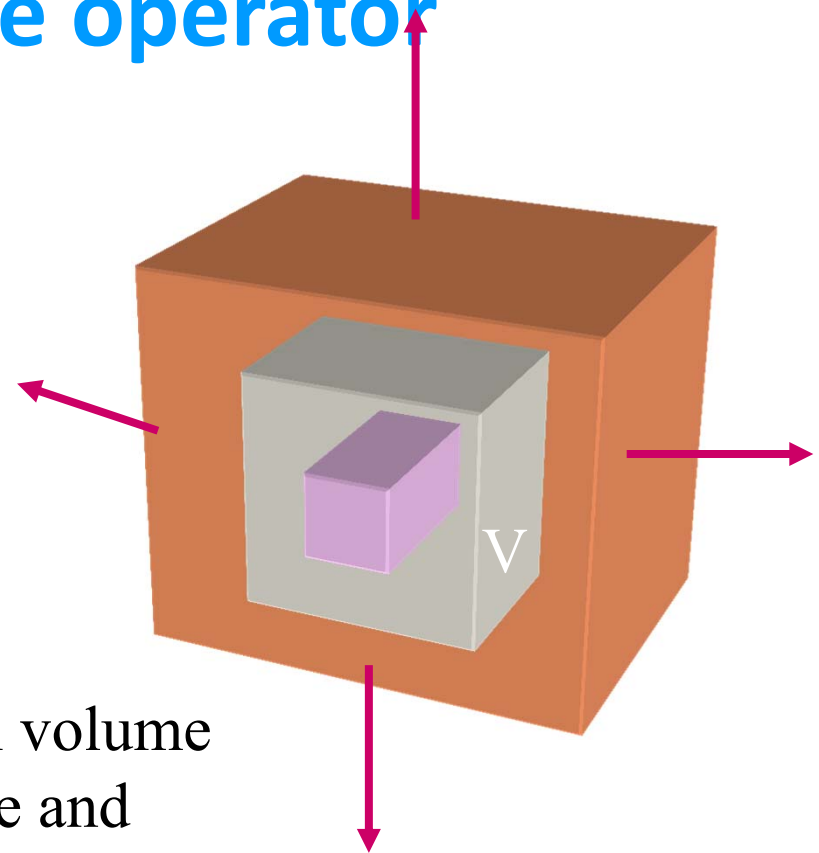
Definition of divergence

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \lim_{V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}}}{V}$$

$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}}$  is, in the limit of infinitely small volume  $V$ , flux emerging from the source and determines its efficiency

Gauss-Ostrogradsky theorem

$$\oint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} dV$$



# GAUSS LAW IN DIFFERENTIAL FORM

From Gauss-Ostrogradsky theorem:

$$\oint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} dV$$

Gauss law in the integral form :

$$\oint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho dV$$

charge density

Comparing functions under integrals:

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

# Divergence operator

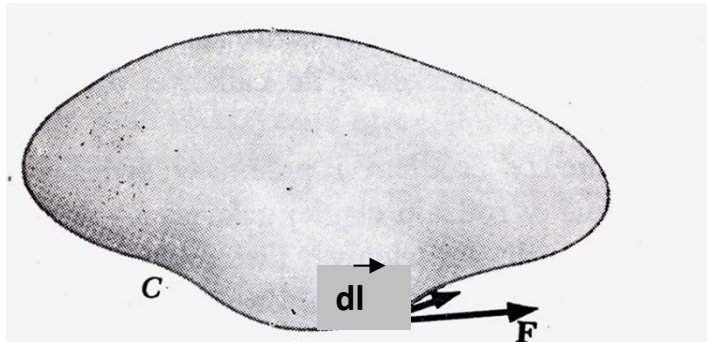
- Divergence of a field vector  $(w_x, w_y, w_z)$  in Cartesian coordinate system can be expressed as:

$$\mathit{div} \vec{\mathbf{w}} = \nabla \circ \vec{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{\partial w_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w_z}{\partial z}$$

Problem 2: Calculate

$$\mathit{div} \vec{\mathbf{r}}$$

# CIRCULATION OF VECTOR FIELD



Circulation of vector field  $\vec{F}$  around a closed loop is defined as a line integral:

$$\Gamma = \oint_C \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l}$$

$d\vec{l}$  the element of integration path has a direction of tangent to the curve C at a given point

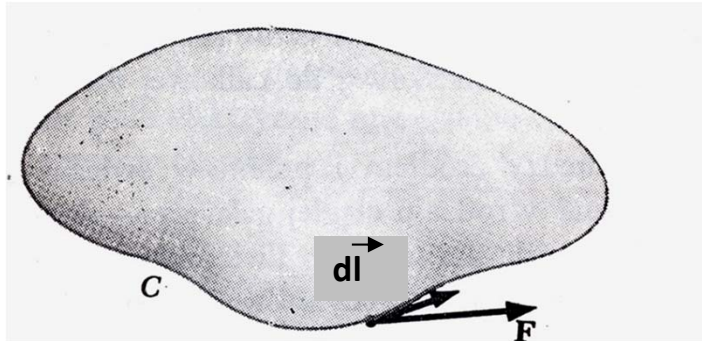
If  $\vec{F}$  represents a force, then circulation  $\Gamma$  has a physical sense of work.

If  $\vec{F}$  is a conservative force (electrostatic or gravitational field), then  $\Gamma=0$ .

Curve C encloses a certain surface, bounded by this curve.



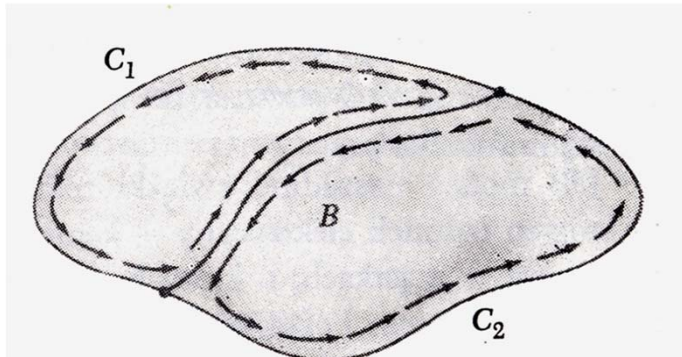
# CURL OF THE FIELD



$$\Gamma = \oint_C \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l}$$

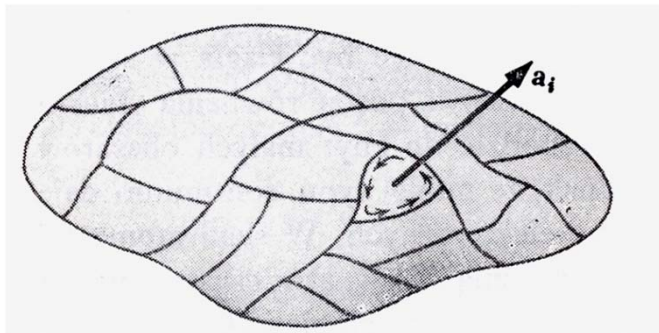
Tracing curve B we create two closed loops

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  so as :



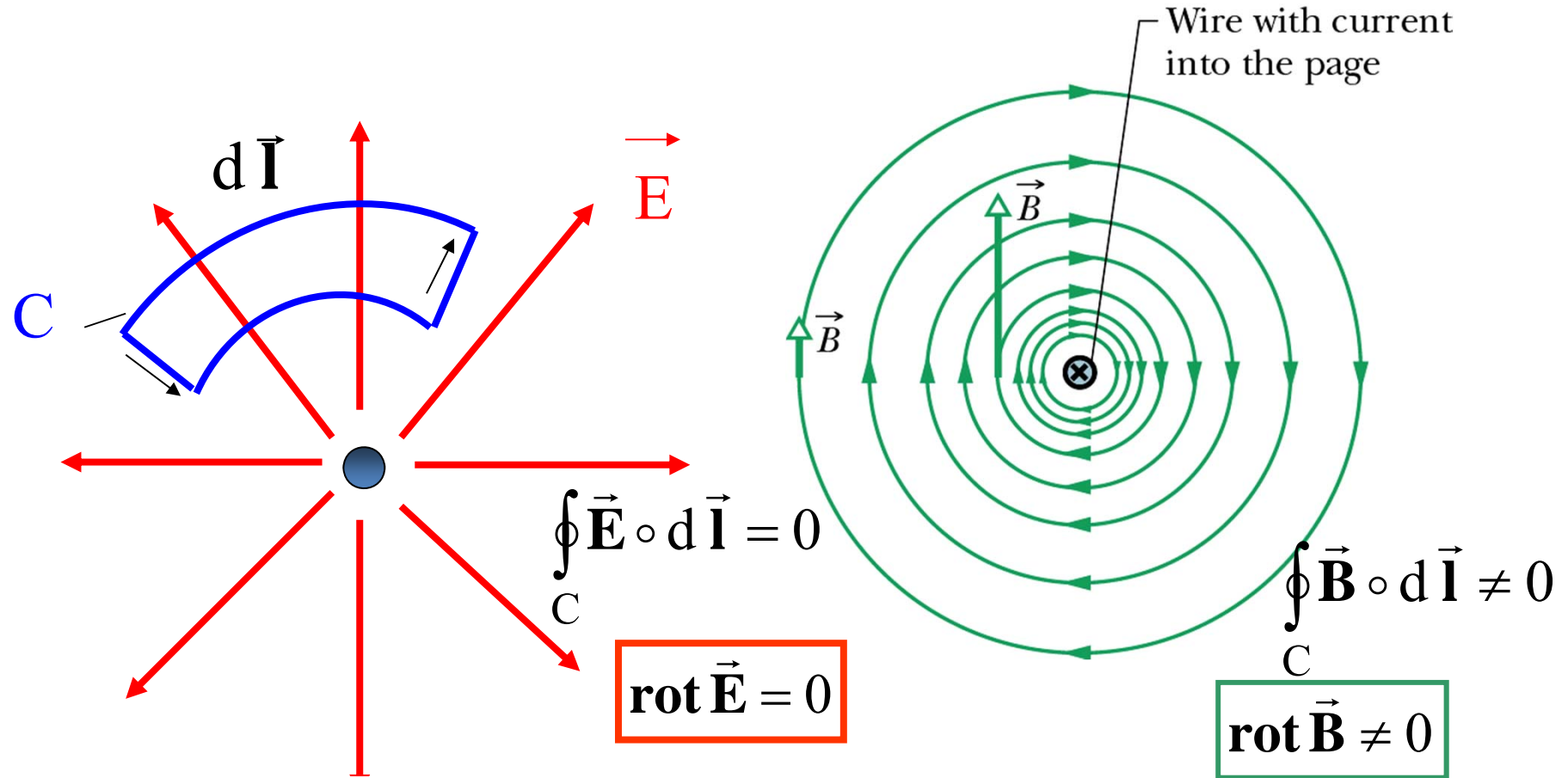
$$\oint_C \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l} = \oint_{C_1} \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l} + \oint_{C_2} \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l}$$

Definition of curl operator



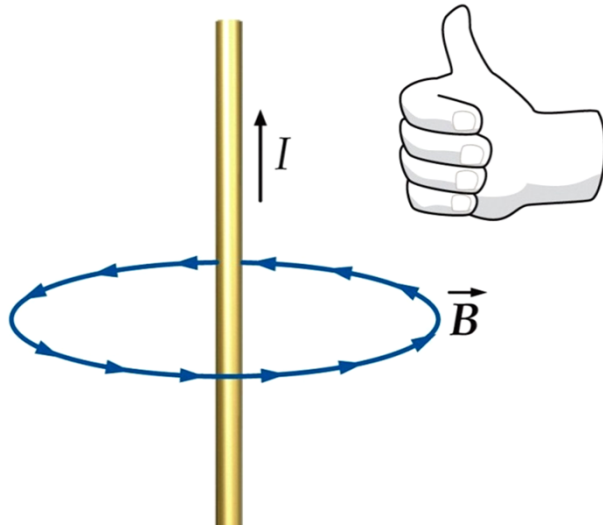
$$(\text{rot } \vec{F}) \circ \hat{n} = \lim_{a_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint_{C_i} \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l}}{a_i}$$

Question: Electrostatic field is *irrotational* (field rotation is nonzero at each point). What about a rotation of a magnetic field?



Answer: In fact, magnetic field is not irrotational. Ampère law

# Ampère law

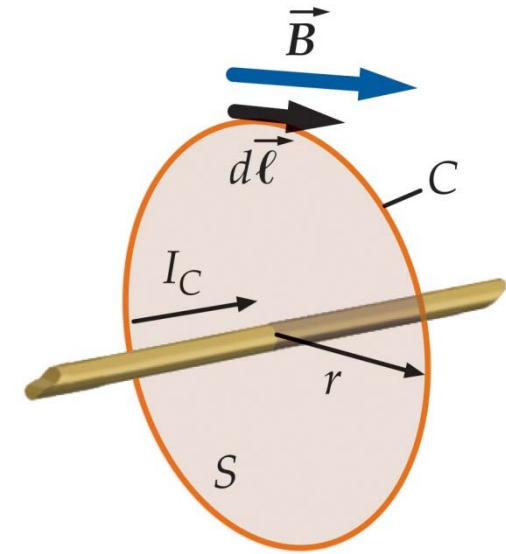


$$\oint_C \vec{B} \circ d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_C$$

circulation of magnetic field

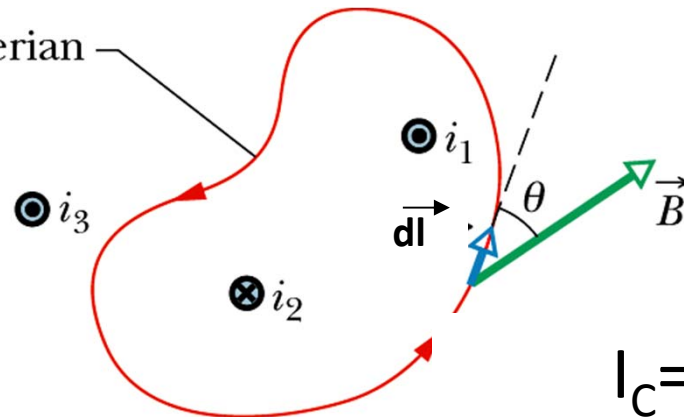
current inside integration path C

$\mu_0$  – magnetic permeability of vacuum, universal constant



$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m} / \text{A}$$

Amperian loop



$$I_C = i_1 - i_2$$

# Stokes theorem

- Relates circulation of a vector around a curve C to curl at a given point, in a similar way as Gauss-Ostrogradsky theorem relates a flux emanating from a surface to a divergence at a point

$$\oint_C \vec{F} \circ d\vec{l} = \iint_S (\text{rot } \vec{F}) \circ d\vec{a}$$

Surface integral, S is a surface bounded by the curve C

- Differential form of Ampère law

$$\text{rot } \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$



current density

# MAXWELL EQUATIONS

Form	Integral	Differential
Gauss law for electricity	$\oint_S \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$	$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$
Gauss law for magnetism	$\oint_S \vec{\mathbf{B}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = 0$	$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0$
Ampere-Maxwell law	$\oint_C \vec{\mathbf{B}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = \mu_0 \left( i + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} \right)$	$\operatorname{rot} \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \left( \vec{\mathbf{j}} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t} \right)$
Faraday law	$\oint_C \vec{\mathbf{E}} \circ d\vec{\mathbf{l}} = - \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$	$\operatorname{rot} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = - \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$

# ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE IN VACUUM

- We assume that  $j=0$ ,  $\rho=0$
- Maxwell equations take a form:

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nabla \circ \vec{\mathbf{E}} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nabla \circ \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$$

# Derivation of electromagnetic wave equation

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}}) = -\nabla \times \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$$

but  $\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$

hence:

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}}) = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t^2} \quad (1)$$

Using mathematical identity:  $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{b}} \times \vec{\mathbf{c}}) = (\vec{\mathbf{a}} \circ \vec{\mathbf{c}})\vec{\mathbf{b}} - (\vec{\mathbf{a}} \circ \vec{\mathbf{b}})\vec{\mathbf{c}}$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}}) = \underbrace{(\nabla \circ \vec{\mathbf{E}})}_0 \nabla - \nabla^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}} \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) we obtain:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t^2}$$

General wave equation:

$$\nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{\mathbf{r}}, t) = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2}$$

# VELOCITY OF ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE IN VACUUM

For magnetic field

$$\nabla^2 \vec{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t^2}$$

Along with  $\nabla^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t^2}$

constitute electromagnetic wave equations

Perturbation  $\psi$  is represented by electric field vector  $\mathbf{E}$  or magnetic induction  $\mathbf{B}$  and the phase velocity  $v$  is determined by universal constants, only:

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c$$

Velocity of EB wave (velocity of light) in vacuum can be predicted theoretically as  $c \approx 3 \cdot 10^8$  m/s



# Propagation of EB wave

