

Intro to Electromagnetics

Vector Calculus · Coordinate Systems · Electrostatics · Maxwell's Equations

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01 Scalars & Vectors

SCALAR

A quantity with **magnitude only**.

e.g. time, mass, distance, temperature,
electric potential

VECTOR

A quantity with **magnitude and direction**.

e.g. velocity, force, displacement,
electric field intensity

| Unit Vector

A vector of magnitude unity whose direction is along A :

DEFINITION

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}}_A = \mathbf{A} / |\mathbf{A}| \implies \mathbf{A} = |\mathbf{A}| \hat{\mathbf{a}}_A$$

In Cartesian coordinates:

CARTESIAN REPRESENTATION

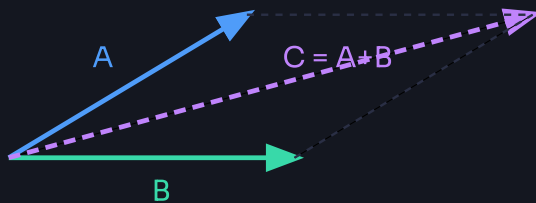
$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x + A_y \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y + A_z \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{(A_x)^2 + (A_y)^2 + (A_z)^2}$$

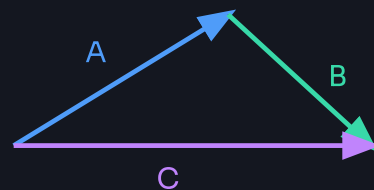
| Vector Addition & Subtraction

PARALLELOGRAM & HEAD-TO-TAIL RULES

PARALLELOGRAM RULE



HEAD-TO-TAIL RULE



IN COMPONENT FORM

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x + (A_y + B_y) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y + (A_z + B_z) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = (A_x - B_x) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x + (A_y - B_y) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y + (A_z - B_z) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z$$

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Vector Products

DOT PRODUCT (SCALAR)

CROSS PRODUCT (VECTOR)

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

If $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \rightarrow$ vectors are *orthogonal*

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{a}}_n$$

If $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = 0 \rightarrow$ vectors are *parallel*

Direction: right-hand rule from A to B

| Cross Product – Determinant Form

3×3 DETERMINANT EXPANSION

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z$$

| Special Products

SCALAR TRIPLE PRODUCT

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$$

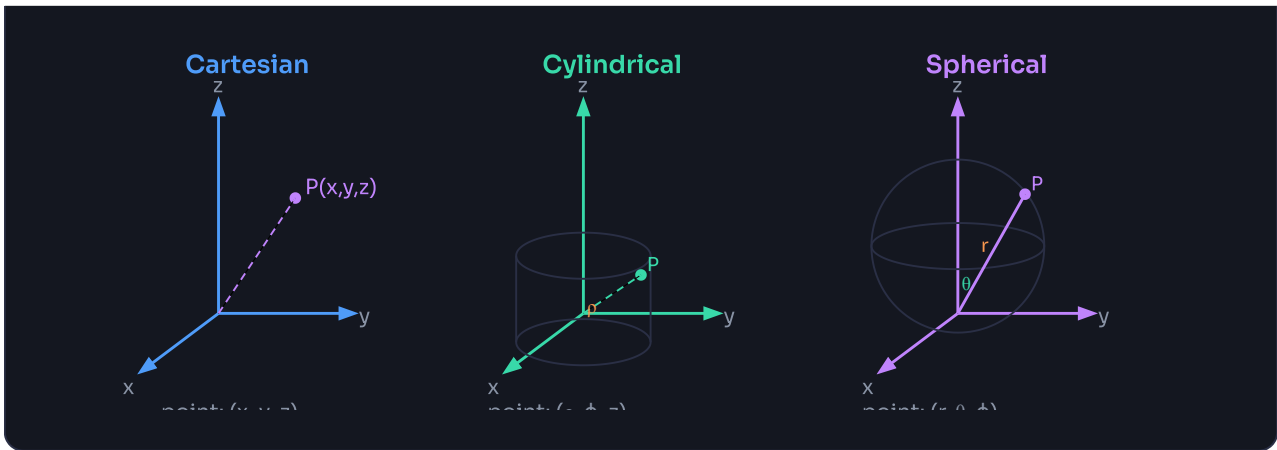
VECTOR TRIPLE PRODUCT

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

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Coordinate Systems

THREE MAJOR COORDINATE SYSTEMS



Coordinate Transformations

FROM → TO	KEY RELATIONS
Cartesian → Cylindrical	$\rho = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}, \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x), z = z$
Cylindrical → Cartesian	$x = \rho \cos\phi, y = \rho \sin\phi, z = z$
Cartesian → Spherical	$r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x^2+y^2}/z), \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$
Spherical → Cartesian	$x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi, y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi, z = r \cos\theta$
Cylindrical → Spherical	$r = \sqrt{\rho^2+z^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1}(\rho/z), \phi = \phi$
Spherical → Cylindrical	$\rho = r \sin\theta, \phi = \phi, z = r \cos\theta$

Differential Elements

CARTESIAN

$$d\mathbf{l} = dx \hat{a}_x + dy \hat{a}_y + dz \hat{a}_z$$

$$dV = dx dy dz$$

CYLINDRICAL

$$d\mathbf{l} = d\rho \hat{a}_\rho + \rho d\phi \hat{a}_\phi + dz \hat{a}_z$$

$$dV = \rho d\phi d\rho dz$$

SPHERICAL

$$d\mathbf{l} = dr \hat{a}_r + r d\theta \hat{a}_\theta + r \sin\theta d\phi \hat{a}_\phi$$

$$dV = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

DEFINITION IN COORDINATE SYSTEMS

CARTESIAN

$$\nabla = (\partial/\partial x) \hat{a}_x + (\partial/\partial y) \hat{a}_y + (\partial/\partial z) \hat{a}_z$$

CYLINDRICAL

$$\nabla = (\partial/\partial \rho) \hat{a}_\rho + (1/\rho)(\partial/\partial \phi) \hat{a}_\phi + (\partial/\partial z) \hat{a}_z$$

SPHERICAL

$$\nabla = (\partial/\partial r) \hat{a}_r + (1/r)(\partial/\partial \theta) \hat{a}_\theta + (1/r \sin \theta)(\partial/\partial \phi) \hat{a}_\phi$$

FOUR OPERATIONS WITH ∇



| Divergence

The divergence of vector \mathbf{A} at a point P is the outward flux per unit volume as the volume shrinks about P . It measures how much the field diverges from that point.

CARTESIAN

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \partial A_x / \partial x + \partial A_y / \partial y + \partial A_z / \partial z$$

CYLINDRICAL

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = (1/\rho) \partial(\rho A_\rho) / \partial \rho + (1/\rho) \partial A_\phi / \partial \phi + \partial A_z / \partial z$$

KEY TERMS

- › **Solenoidal vector:** divergence = 0 (no net outflow at any point)
- › **Divergence theorem:** $\oint_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} \, dv$

| Curl

The curl of a vector measures the tendency of the vector to rotate or twist. It is defined as the maximum circulation per unit area as the area tends to zero.

CARTESIAN (DETERMINANT FORM)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

KEY TERMS

- › **Irrotational vector:** curl = 0
- › **Stokes' theorem:** $\oint_L \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{s}$

| Gradient

The gradient of any scalar is the maximum space rate of change of that function. It results in a vector.

CARTESIAN

$$\nabla V = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_x + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_y + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}\right) \hat{\mathbf{a}}_z$$

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Electrostatics & Coulomb's Law

Electrostatics is the study of phenomena associated with static charges or electricity at rest.

| Coulomb's Law

The force between two point charges Q_1 and Q_2 is:

- › Along the line joining them
- › Directly proportional to the product Q_1Q_2
- › Inversely proportional to the square of the distance R between them

VECTOR FORM

$$F_{12} = Q_1Q_2 \hat{R}_{12} / (4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2)$$

where $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$ F/m (permittivity of free space)

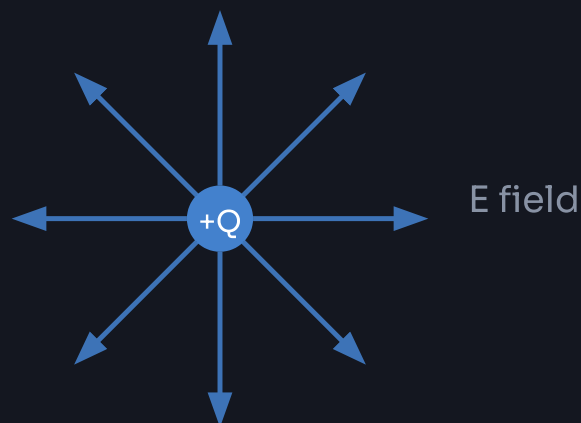
$$k = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0) \approx 9 \times 10^9 \text{ m/F}$$

$$R_{12} = r_2 - r_1, \quad R = |R_{12}|$$

| Electric Field Intensity (E)

The electric field intensity E is the force per unit charge. It is the force that a small positive test charge would experience.

ELECTRIC FIELD LINES FROM A POINT CHARGE



Field radiates outward from positive charge

ELECTRIC FIELD DUE TO POINT CHARGE Q

$$E = Q \hat{a}_R / (4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2) \text{ N/C}$$

For N charges: $E = (1/4\pi\epsilon_0) \sum Q_k (r - r_k) / |r - r_k|^3$

| Electric Flux Density (D)

RELATION BETWEEN D AND E

$$D = \epsilon_0 E = Q \hat{a}_R / (4\pi R^2)$$

Unit of D: C/m² | In any medium: $D = \epsilon E$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

| Charge Distributions

LINE CHARGE (ρ_L)

$$dQ = \rho_L dl$$

$$Q = \int \rho_L dl$$

Unit: C/m

SURFACE CHARGE (ρ_S)

$$dQ = \rho_S ds$$

$$Q = \iint \rho_S ds$$

Unit: C/m²

VOLUME CHARGE (ρ_V)

$$dQ = \rho_V dv$$

$$Q = \iiint \rho_V dv$$

Unit: C/m³

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Gauss's Law

Statement: The total electric flux ψ through any closed surface is equal to the total charge Q enclosed by that surface. $\psi = Q_{enc}$

INTEGRAL FORM

$$\oint_S D \cdot ds = Q_{enc} = \iiint_V \rho_V dv$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_V$$

| Applications: Gaussian Surface Method

POINT CHARGE

Choose *spherical* Gaussian surface.

$$E = Q \hat{a}_r / (4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$$

INFINITE LINE CHARGE

Choose *cylindrical* Gaussian surface.

$$E = \rho_L \hat{a}_\rho / (2\pi\epsilon_0 \rho)$$

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Electric Potential (V)

The potential difference V_{AB} is the work done per unit charge in moving a positive test charge from A to B against the electric field.

POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

$$V_{AB} = W/Q = -\int_A^B \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V \quad (\text{Electric field is negative gradient of potential})$$

- › $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$ (Conservative field — no work done around a closed path)
- › $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$ (Maxwell's 2nd equation for static fields)

| Energy in Electrostatic Fields

FOR N POINT CHARGES

$$W_E = (1/2) \sum Q_k V_k$$

ENERGY DENSITY – VOLUME DISTRIBUTION

$$W_E = (\epsilon/2) \int E^2 dv = (1/2) \int D \cdot E dv$$

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Poisson's & Laplace Equations

DERIVATION

From Gauss's law: $\nabla \cdot D = \rho_V$, and $D = \epsilon E$, and $E = -\nabla V$:

$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon(-\nabla V) = \rho_V \implies \nabla \cdot \nabla V = -\rho_V/\epsilon$$

POISSON'S EQUATION

$$\nabla^2 V = -\rho_V/\epsilon$$

Where $\rho_V \neq 0$

LAPLACE'S EQUATION

$$\nabla^2 V = 0$$

Charge-free region: $\rho_V = 0$

Laplace's Equation in Coordinate Systems

SYSTEM

LAPLACE'S EQUATION $\nabla^2 V = 0$

Cartesian

$$\partial^2 V / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 V / \partial y^2 + \partial^2 V / \partial z^2 = 0$$

Cylindrical

$$(1/\rho) \partial / \partial \rho (\rho \partial V / \partial \rho) + (1/\rho^2) \partial^2 V / \partial \phi^2 + \partial^2 V / \partial z^2 = 0$$

Spherical

$$(1/r^2) \partial / \partial r (r^2 \partial V / \partial r) + (1/r^2 \sin \theta) \partial / \partial \theta (\sin \theta \partial V / \partial \theta) + (1/r^2 \sin^2 \theta) \partial^2 V / \partial \phi^2 = 0$$

Statement: The line integral of H (magnetic field intensity) around a closed path equals the net current enclosed by the path.

$$\oint H \cdot dl = I_{\text{enc}}$$

Applying Stokes' theorem: $\oint H \cdot dl = \iint_S (\nabla \times H) \cdot ds$. Since $I_{\text{enc}} = \iint_S J \cdot ds$:

POINT FORM – MAXWELL'S 3RD EQUATION (STATIC)

$$\nabla \times H = J$$

| Magnetic Flux Density (B)

RELATIONSHIP TO H

$$B = \mu_0 H \quad (\text{in free space})$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m} \quad (\text{permeability of free space})$$

MAGNETIC FLUX THROUGH SURFACE S

$$\Psi_m = \int_S B \cdot ds$$

KEY PROPERTY

Magnetic flux lines always close upon themselves — isolated magnetic poles do not exist. Therefore:

$$\oiint_S B \cdot ds = 0 \implies \nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad (\text{Maxwell's 4th equation})$$

1ST EQUATION (GAUSS – ELECTRIC)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_V$$

Electric flux diverges from charge

2ND EQUATION (FARADAY – STATIC)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

Electrostatic field is conservative

3RD EQUATION (AMPERE – STATIC)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

Magnetic field circulates around current

4TH EQUATION (GAUSS – MAGNETIC)

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

No isolated magnetic poles

EQUATION	INTEGRAL FORM	DIFFERENTIAL FORM
Gauss (E)	$\oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q_{enc}$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_V$
Faraday (static)	$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$
Ampere (static)	$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{enc}$	$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$
Gauss (B)	$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

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