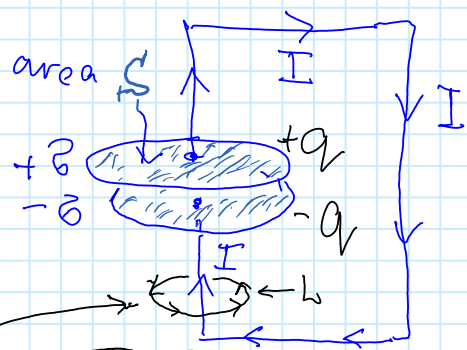


Lecture 7

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Displacement Current in Maxwell's Equations



Qualitative consideration of the displacement current:

Maxwell's equation for the magnetostatic field:

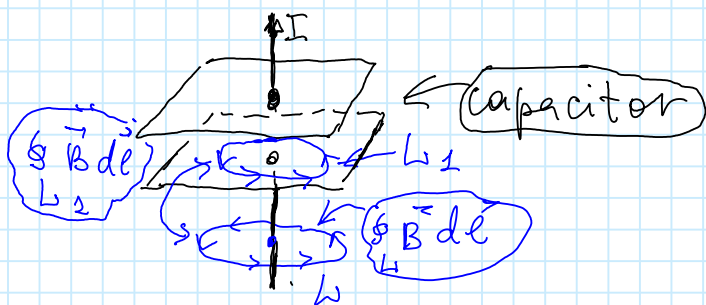
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} \quad \text{or the integral form} \quad \oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

The electric current $I(t)$ is the current of the capacitor discharge:

$\sigma(t)$ is the surface charge density

$$I(t) = -\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{d(S\sigma(t))}{dt} = -S \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$$

The magnetic field around a wire, which is "outside" the capacitor:



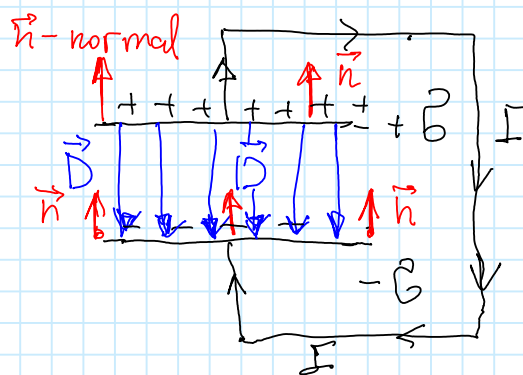
$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{enc} - \mu_0 \frac{d}{dt} [S\sigma(t)] = -\mu_0 S \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$$

Magnetic field in areas, which are close to wire, can be approximately computed as

We can calculate circulation of the $\vec{B}$ -field inside the capacitor:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell} \approx B \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

$$B \approx \frac{\mu_0 I_{enc}}{2\pi r}$$



Charge density $\sigma(t)$:

$$\sigma(t) = \epsilon_0 E(t) = D(t)$$

The displacement vector $\vec{D}$:

The normal vector $\vec{n}$ is perpendicular to the capacitor plates and is oriented along the electric current direction. The value " $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{D}$ " is the flux of the electric displacement vector $\vec{D}$.

$$\vec{D} = -\sigma(t) \vec{n}$$

The circulation of the $\vec{B}$ -vector inside the capacitor has to be similar or equal to the value of circulation $\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell}$ outside the capacitor.

The reason for this: $\vec{B}$ -field has to be continuous and close regions

"inside" and "outside" capacitor should have the same $\vec{B}$. Inside the capacitor:

$I=0$, but the variable electric field $E(t) = \sigma/\epsilon_0$ relates to the capacitor charge.

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell} = -\mu_0 \frac{dq}{dt} = -\mu_0 S \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = -\mu_0 S \frac{d(\epsilon_0 E)}{dt} = +\mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{S} \cdot \vec{D})$$

The $\vec{B}$ -vector circulation inside the capacitor:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} N_D \quad \text{where} \quad N_D = \int_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

flux of the $\vec{D}$ -vector

The formula for the $\vec{B}$ -circulation outside and inside the capacitor can be written as:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{l} = \begin{cases} \mu_0 \int_S \vec{j} d\vec{S}, & \text{outside capacitor} \\ \mu_0 \int_S \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} d\vec{S}, & \text{inside capacitor} \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

In our example: $\vec{D} = \vec{B} = 0$ and $\vec{j} \neq 0$ outside capacitor
 $\vec{B} \neq 0$ and $\vec{j} = 0$ inside capacitor

More general case: $\vec{j} \neq 0$ and $\vec{D} \neq 0$ in the same regions.

From Eq. (*)

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int_S \left(\vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) d\vec{S}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

Continuity equation $\rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

Maxwell's equation:

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

We can introduce the density of the total current:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

$$\vec{j}_{\text{tot}} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_{\text{total}} = 0$$

the current of charged particles

the displacement current

Circulation of the $\vec{B}$ -field:

$$\oint_L \vec{B} d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \int_S \vec{j}_{\text{total}} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

This is the experimental law in different forms.

integral form

differential form

Maxwell's equation:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}_{\text{total}} = \mu_0 \left(\vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Eq. (**)

$$\frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \text{ — the density of the displacement current}$$

Time-dependent Maxwell's Equations

(1) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$ (Coulomb's Law)

(2) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ ("no magnetic charges")

(3) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$ (Faraday's Law)

(4) $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left(\vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$ (Biot-Savart Law and displacement current)

$$\rho = \rho(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Electromagnetic Wave equation in vacuum.

$$\vec{f} = 0; \vec{g} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ (**) & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

New notation:

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

c - speed of light

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

from Eq. (*)

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{c}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

$$\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

The wave equation for the $\vec{E}$ -field:

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

The wave equation for the $\vec{B}$ -field:

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$