

Poynting's Theorem

We are used to the idea that \vec{E} & \vec{B} carry energy along w/ them.



For a region of space w/ \vec{E} & \vec{B} flowing, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u d\tau = - \oint_{\partial\Omega} \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

all of the energy change in Ω is accounted for by energy flow through $\partial\Omega$ (no energy created or destroyed).

But what if there are charges in Ω , ones generating & responding to fields? In that case, the EM forces do work on the charges, & that changes the energy accounting.



Force on q due to \vec{E} & \vec{B} is:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

the work done on q by these forces is:



$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad w/ \quad d\vec{l} = \vec{v} dt$$

$$= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} dt$$

Now $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = q\vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} + q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v}$
and

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = q\vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}$$

In a continuum description of charge, $q = \rho d\tau$, so

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \int_{\Omega} \rho \vec{v} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau \quad + \quad \vec{I} = \rho \vec{v}, \quad \frac{dU}{dt} = \int_{\Omega} \vec{I} \cdot \vec{E} d\tau \quad (*)$$

(adding up all the contributions in Ω)

We'd like a description of the work that is written entirely in terms of the fields \vec{E} & \vec{B} - since the charges in Ω are the source of \vec{E} & \vec{B} , we can use Maxwell's eqns

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{J} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \vec{B} - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

so (*) becomes

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{E} - \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right] d\tau$$

(can be related to $\nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$)

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} E^2 \right)$$

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

$$= \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{E}) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})) - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \right) \right] d\tau$$

$$= - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} B^2 \right)$$

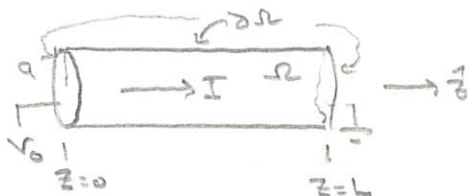
$$= - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2) d\tau - \oint_{\partial\Omega} \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dW}{dt} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u d\tau - \oint_{\partial\Omega} \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a} \quad \text{work-energy theorem}$$

Poynting

In a region of space w/ no charge, $\frac{dW}{dt} = 0$
 b/c we recover "the usual."

Example



current flows in a wire, generating magnetic field \vec{B} at the surface of the wire, $s=a$, +

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} \hat{\phi}$$

the electric field set up by the potential

$$V(z) = -V_0/L z + V_0 \quad (\text{how do we know?})$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V = V_0/L \hat{z}$$

Let's compute the pieces that go into Poynting's theorem:

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 (V_0/L)^2 + \frac{\mu_0}{2} \left(\frac{I}{2\pi a}\right)^2$$

u is t -indep., so the $\frac{d}{dt} \int u d\tau$ term is zero.

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \frac{-IV_0}{2\pi La} \hat{z} \quad \text{at the } s=a \text{ surface.}$$

since we're computing $\oint \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a}$, for the end caps, $d\vec{a} \sim \pm \hat{z} \perp \vec{S}$, we can ignore the ends

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int u d\tau - \oint \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a} = -\int_0^L \int_0^{2\pi} \left(-\frac{IV_0}{2\pi La}\right) a d\phi dz$$

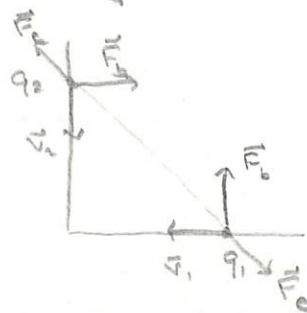
= IV_0 - precisely the Joule heating from last semester.

Momentum Conservation

For a charge moving w/ constant velocity:



recall the configuration from homework:



The electric forces of the charges on each other are equal & opposite.

The magnetic forces are not.

Newton's 3rd Law does not hold.

So what? Imagine a bunch of interacting masses



The total momentum of the masses in Ω is:

$$\vec{P} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{F}_i$$

Newton's third law ensures that the sum of the forces between the masses is zero, giving conservation of momentum:

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

If Newton's 3rd law does not hold (it doesn't), how do we have conservation of momentum?

particles have energy associated w/ them, & we have learned \checkmark that fields do, too.

particles have momentum... is it possible that fields have momentum?

Opportunity - the Poynting vector: $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$
what are its units?

$$|S| \sim \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} \sim \frac{J/s}{m^2} = \frac{kg}{s^2}$$

momentum density: $\frac{kg \cdot m/s}{m^3} = \frac{kg}{s \cdot m^2}$

can you turn a kg/s^2 into a $kg/s \cdot m^2$ w/ some universal constant?

sure, $\frac{kg}{s^2} = \frac{kg \cdot m/s}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{m} = \frac{kg \cdot m/s}{m^2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{s}$

just need a constant w/ units of $m/s \dots$

momentum density $\vec{p} = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$

the total momentum stored in the fields, in a volume Ω is

$$\vec{P}_\Omega = \int_\Omega \vec{p} \, d\tau$$

For a region Ω w/ no charge in it, conservation of field momentum will take the form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_\Omega \vec{p} \cdot d\tau = - \oint_{\partial\Omega} \vec{S} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

object must dot into $d\vec{a}$, & leave a vector

An example of such an object: for a vector \vec{v} w/ components v_i , let

$$W_i^j \equiv v_i v_j = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 v_1 & v_1 v_2 & v_1 v_3 \\ v_1 v_1 & v_2 v_2 & v_2 v_3 \\ v_3 v_1 & v_3 v_2 & v_3 v_3 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{tableau form.}$$

Then for some other vector \vec{u} w/

" $\vec{W} \cdot \vec{u}$ " is a vector: $\sum_{j=1}^3 W_i^j u_j = z_i \quad i=1,2,3$