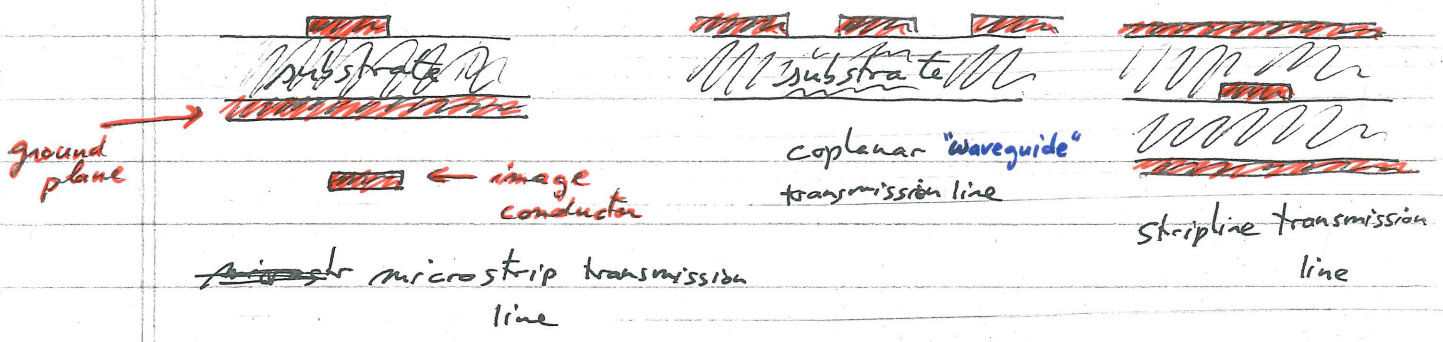


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note: Any set of parallel conductors can form a transmission line. The only requirement is that the total current adds to zero.



~~Question:  $V_{\text{coax}} = Z_{\text{coax}} I_{\text{coax}} \Rightarrow P_{\text{coax}} = \frac{V_{\text{coax}}^2}{Z_{\text{coax}}} = I_{\text{coax}}^2 Z_{\text{coax}}$~~

~~But there is no radiation leaking, so what's happening?~~

~~Answer: Energy is travelling down the coax cable away from you.~~

### Electrodynamic Potentials

Recall Maxwell's equations:

i)  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$

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

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

iv)  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

Question: Given  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$ , how do you get  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$ ?  
(e.g. How do you generate an EM wave?) 6 variables to solve for

Electrostatics:  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}') (\widehat{r-r'})}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^2}$

or even easier  $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$  and  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$

3 variables  $\downarrow$  2 variables  $\downarrow$   
follows from  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$

Magnetostatics:  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times (\widehat{r-r'})}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^2}$

or a little easier  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} d^3r'$  and  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

3 variables  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
follows from  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

We will look for a potential formulation of Maxwell's equations (Electrodynamics)  
... maybe this will be easier!

We still have  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  so  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$  (1) is still valid  
 $\uparrow$  Maxwell's equation (ii)

problem:  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \neq -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$  so  $\vec{E} \neq -\vec{\nabla}V$

However  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \Leftrightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \left( \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0$

$\hookrightarrow$  So there should be a " $V(\vec{r}, t)$ " such that  $\vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla}V$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$  (2) Maxwell equations (i) & (iii)

How do you calculate  $V$  &  $\vec{A}$ ?  $\rightarrow$  see next lecture

Let's get equations of "motion" for  $V$  &  $\vec{A}$  (eliminate  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$ )

$$(2) \rightarrow i) \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( -\vec{\nabla}V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla}^2 V + \frac{\partial (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})}{\partial t} = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}} \quad (3)$$

(1) & (2)  $\rightarrow$  iv)

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})}_{\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A}} = \mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ -\vec{\nabla}V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\left( \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} \right) - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)} \quad (4)$$

looks a little bit like a wave equation

Equations (3) & (4)  $\rightarrow$  4 equations & 4 unknowns!  
 $\rightarrow$  simpler than Maxwell's equations (in principle)

this does not look simple

### Gauge Transformations

Equations (3) & (4) do not fully determine  $\vec{A}$  &  $V$ .

If we do the following transformation:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\alpha} \\ V' = V + \beta \end{cases}$$

then what are the conditions on  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\beta$  so that  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  remain unchanged?

If we want  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}'$  then  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\alpha} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  there must be a  $\lambda$  such that

$$\vec{\alpha} = \vec{\nabla} \lambda$$

(in analogy with  $\vec{E} : \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also plug into (2): } \vec{E} &= -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} V' - \frac{\partial \vec{A}'}{\partial t} \\ &= -\vec{\nabla} V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \left( \beta + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right)}_{\text{require } = 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{we require } \vec{\nabla} \left( \beta + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} = k(t)$$

$\uparrow$  constant in space

$$\Rightarrow \beta = -\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} + k(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\lambda + \int k(t) dt \right)$$

rename  $-\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t}$$

So  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  do not change so long as we perform the following gauge transformation simultaneously by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}' &= \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda \\ V' &= V - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \text{ " + } k(t) \text{ "} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. you can take any function  $\lambda(\vec{r}, t)$ :  $\begin{cases} \text{add } \vec{\nabla} \lambda \text{ to } \vec{A} \\ \text{add } -\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \text{ to } V \end{cases}$

$\hookrightarrow \vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  remain unchanged

A judicious choice of  $\lambda(\vec{r}, t)$  can simplify equations (3) and (4)

Coulomb Gauge (also called the "transverse gauge")

We pick  $\lambda$  such that

$$\boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \lambda = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$$

↳ In this case (3)  $\rightarrow \nabla^2 V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$

"Poisson's equation"

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow V(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3r'$$

↑  
in principle one can solve for  $\lambda$ .

↳ note:  $V(\vec{r}, t)$  depends instantaneously on  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$ .

Q: Are there speed of light issues?

↳ A: No!  $\vec{A}$  does not share this instantaneous behavior and  $\begin{cases} \vec{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \end{cases}$

In fact  $\vec{A}$  is still relatively hard to compute:

$$(4) \rightarrow \left( \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} \right) - \vec{\nabla} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2}}_{\text{unknown}} = \underbrace{-\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right)}_{\text{known}}$$

known from (3)

↳ wave equation with source term  $\rightarrow$  solve for  $\vec{A}$

Lorentz Gauge  $\rightarrow$  Lorentz Invariant " $\vec{A} \& V$ "  
 ("Lorenz" Gauge)  $\rightarrow$  will be used for the rest of course  
 $\rightarrow$  most widely used gauge.

We pick  $\lambda$  such that

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$\rightarrow$  Given some  $\vec{A}, V$  then find  $\vec{A}', V'$  (i.e.  $\lambda$ )  
 that satisfy the Lorentz gauge.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V'}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \lambda = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V'}{\partial t}$$

$\swarrow$   $v - \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 \lambda}{\partial t^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \lambda - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \lambda}{\partial t^2} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

known

Solvable ... but not easy

(wave equation with source term)

$$(3) \rightarrow \nabla^2 V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}}_{-\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}} \right) = - \frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 V - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} = - \frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0} \quad (34)$$

$$(4) \rightarrow \left( \nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} \right) - \nabla \left( \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}}_{-\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{A} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)} \quad (4L)$$

Define the d'Alembertian:  $\square^2 \equiv \nabla^2 - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$

$$\equiv \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

So Maxwell's equations in Potential formulation become  
(in Lorentz gauge)

$$\boxed{\square^2 V = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_0} \quad (3L)}$$

$$\boxed{\square^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \quad (4L)}$$

4 equations & 4 unknowns

Much less intimidating.  
↳ wave equations with source terms.