

## EM 3 Section 17: Summary of EM in media; boundary conditions on fields

### 17. 1. Effect of Magnetic Materials on Inductance

First we have to finish off our description of magnetism with a look at how inductance is affected by magnetisation currents

**Example: conducting core in solenoid** “A long solenoid of  $n$  turns per unit length, length  $\ell$  and cross sectional area  $\mathcal{A}$  is filled with ferrite, in which  $\underline{M}$  obeys  $\underline{M} = \chi_m \underline{H}$  where  $\chi_m = 900$ . Find the self inductance  $L$ .”

Recall the definition  $L = \Phi_B/I$  this stems from Faraday’s law MIII, and is therefore **un-**  
**changed** by media. Ampère’s law in the static situation  $\partial \underline{D}/\partial t = 0$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{H} &= \underline{J}_f + \underline{0} \\ \Rightarrow \oint \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dl} &= \int \underline{J}_f \cdot \underline{dS} = n\ell I\end{aligned}$$

in integral form where  $I$  is the usual conduction current. Now note the symmetry:  $\underline{H}$  is axial within the solenoid and vanishes outside for large  $\ell$ . Taking a loop as shown in figure,

Figure 1: Solenoid with conducting core: Amperian loop

$H = nI$ , so  $\underline{M}$  is axial; magnitude  $M = \chi_m nI$

Then  $B$  also must be axial:

$$\begin{aligned}B &= \mu_0(H + M) = (\chi_m + 1)\mu_0 nI \\ \Rightarrow \Phi_B &= n\mathcal{A}LB = (\chi_m + 1)\mu_0 n^2 \mathcal{A}LI \\ \Rightarrow L &= \Phi_B/I = (\chi_m + 1)\mu_0 n^2 \mathcal{A}\ell\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $L$  is 901 times larger than in vacuum (vacuum case:  $\chi_m = 0$ ). For a ferromagnetic material there is a *very large increase* in self inductance.

On the other hand for diamagnetic/paramagnetic materials there is a small decrease/increase in the self-inductance.

For ferromagnetic materials the energy stored in an inductor increases by a large factor  $\mu_r \approx 10^3 - 10^6$ : See section 17.3 for energy stored in fields

### 17. 2. Electromagnetism with media: summary

Maxwell’s equations in macroscopic form read

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_f \tag{1}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} = -\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{H} = \underline{J}_f + \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

Definitions of  $\underline{D}$ ,  $\underline{H}$  are

$$\underline{D} = \epsilon_0 \underline{E} + \underline{P} \quad \underline{B} = \mu_0 (\underline{H} + \underline{M}) \quad (5)$$

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$$\underline{P} = \chi_E \epsilon_0 \underline{E} \quad \underline{M} = \chi_m \underline{H} \quad (6)$$

$$\underline{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \underline{E} \equiv \epsilon \underline{E} \quad \underline{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \underline{H} \equiv \mu \underline{H} \quad (7)$$

where  $\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi_E$        $\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m$

### 17. 3. Energy densities and Poynting Vector

Recall that  $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{J}_f$  is the power delivered per unit volume so the *energy density*  $u$  obeys

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \underline{E} \cdot \underline{J}_f \quad (8)$$

Now use modified MIV to express

$$\underline{E} \cdot \underline{J}_f = \underline{E} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{H}) - \underline{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t}$$

Furthermore we can use a product rule from lecture 1 to write

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{J} &= \underline{H} \cdot (\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E}) - \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{E} \times \underline{H}) - \underline{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t} \\ &= -\underline{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} - \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{E} \times \underline{H}) - \underline{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{D} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{H} \right) - \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\underline{E} \times \underline{H}) \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $\underline{E} \cdot \dot{\underline{D}} = \dot{\underline{E}} \cdot \underline{D}$  and  $\underline{B} \cdot \dot{\underline{H}} = \dot{\underline{B}} \cdot \underline{H}$  which is true for linear static media. Then integrating over a volume  $V$  of the medium and using the divergence theorem on the second term as usual, we obtain from (8) for the total energy (c.f. section 14)

$$\boxed{\frac{dU}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \left( \frac{1}{2} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{D} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{H} \right) dV - \oint_S (\underline{E} \times \underline{H}) \cdot \underline{dS}} \quad (9)$$

From the first term we identify the electric and magnetic energy densities as

$$u_M = \frac{1}{2} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{H} \quad u_E = \frac{1}{2} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{D} \quad (10)$$

and from the second term we identify the Poynting vector as

$$\underline{S} = \underline{E} \times \underline{H} \quad (11)$$

## 17. 4. Boundary Matching Problems

There are often have sharp interfaces between media. These boundaries acquire nonzero values of  $\sigma_P$  surface polarization charge and  $\underline{j}_{mag}$  surface magnetisation current

In keeping with use of MI-MIV in macroscopic form, we want to avoid considering these, and think about **free** charges and currents only . . .

**1. First condition** (from  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_f$ ): Divergence theorem:

Figure 2: Gaussian surface for deriving continuity conditions on normal components (similar to Griffiths Fig 2.36)

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{D} = \rho_f \quad \Rightarrow \quad \oint \underline{D} \cdot \underline{dS} = (Q_f)_{enclosed}$$

Apply to small pillbox or “patch”, vector area  $\underline{dS} = \hat{n} dS$

$$(\underline{D}_2 - \underline{D}_1) \cdot \hat{n} dS = \sigma_f dS$$

surface density of FREE charges only. In the absence of free surface charges  $D_{normal}$  is continuous. We can also write this as

$$(\underline{D}_2 - \underline{D}_1) \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f$$

**2. Second condition** (from  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$ ):

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{B} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int \underline{B} \cdot \underline{dS} = 0$$

Apply to small Gaussian pill box (or “patch”)

$$\int \underline{B} \cdot \underline{dS} = (\underline{B}_2 - \underline{B}_1) \cdot \hat{n} dS = 0$$

Therefore  $B_{normal}$  is continuous. This is completely general.

**3. Third condition** (from  $\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{E} = -\partial \underline{B} / \partial t$ ):  $\hat{t}$  = unit tangent satisfies  $\hat{t} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$ ; we take a rectangular loop straddling the interface length  $\ell$  height  $h$

$$\oint \underline{E} \cdot \underline{dl} = (\underline{E}_1 - \underline{E}_2) \cdot \hat{t} \ell \quad = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_B$$

Unless  $\underline{B}$  is infinite, the magnetic flux cutting the loop  $\Phi_B \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow (\underline{E}_1 - \underline{E}_2) \cdot \hat{t} = 0$$

Figure 3: Amperian loop for deriving continuity conditions on tangential components (similar to Griffiths Fig 2.37)

but  $\hat{t}$  is arbitrary within plane of the surface:  $\underline{E}_{tangential}$  is continuous is completely general as it stands. **N.B.** this is **two** conditions in 3D

**4. Fourth condition** ( $\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J}_f + \partial \underline{D} / \partial t$ ):

$\underline{j}_f$  = free surface current / unit area

$$\oint \underline{H} \cdot d\underline{l} = \underline{j}_f \cdot \hat{s} \ell + \frac{\partial \underline{D}}{\partial t} \cdot \hat{s} \ell h$$

where  $\hat{s} = \hat{t} \times \hat{n} =$  unit vector  $\perp$  to Ampèrian loop

Now take  $h \rightarrow 0$ : last term vanishes

$$\oint \underline{H} \cdot d\underline{l} = (\underline{H}_1 - \underline{H}_2) \cdot \hat{t} \ell = \underline{j}_f \cdot \hat{s} \ell$$

In the absence of free surface currents  $\underline{H}_{tangential}$  is continuous

The general form is rarely needed and may be written in several equivalent ways:

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{H}_1 - \underline{H}_2) \cdot \hat{t} &= \underline{j}_f \cdot \hat{s} \\ (\underline{H}_2^{tang} - \underline{H}_1^{tang}) &= \underline{j}_f \times \hat{n} \\ (\underline{H}_2 - \underline{H}_1) \times \hat{n} &= -\underline{j}_f \end{aligned}$$

### Summary of the continuity conditions

- |    |                   |            |                                      |
|----|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | $D_n$             | continuous | if $\sigma_f = 0$                    |
| 2. | $B_n$             | continuous | always                               |
| 3. | $\underline{E}_t$ | continuous | always                               |
| 4. | $\underline{H}_t$ | continuous | if $\underline{j}_f = \underline{0}$ |

These are key results and you should know the derivations.

Problems with nonzero  $\sigma_f$  or  $\underline{j}_f$  are uncommon but for these:

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{D}_2 - \underline{D}_1) \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f & \quad \text{replaces 1} \\ (\underline{H}_2^{tang} - \underline{H}_1^{tang}) = \underline{j}_f \times \hat{n} & \quad \text{replaces 4} \end{aligned}$$