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Abstract:

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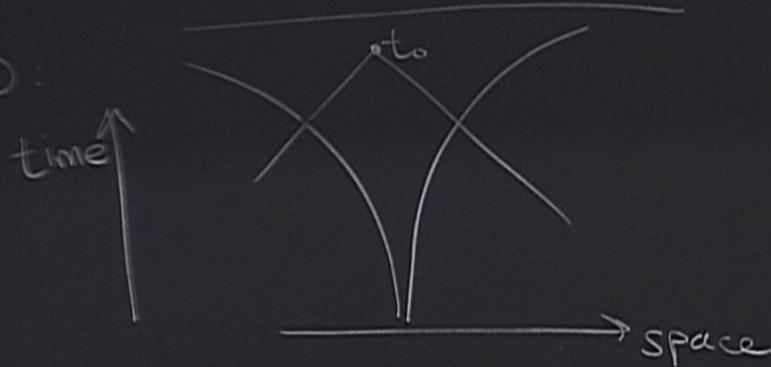
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A. Zee, Einstein Gravity in a Nutshell, Princeton, 2013

L. Hughston Introduction to GR, LMS, 1991.  
+ P. Tod

LIGO:



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$10^4$  m., scale of living cells.

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cosmic g-wave microscope

detector size

mm

time probed

$$t_p = \frac{l_p}{c} \\ = 5.4 \times 10^{-44} \text{ s}$$

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lt yrs

$$t_{\text{nucleosyn.}} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ s.}$$

cosmic

$$t_a \sim 138 \times 10^9 \text{ yrs.}$$

Maxwell 1860's

$\rho_e$  = electric charge density

$\delta^3(r)$

$$Q = \int_V d^3x \rho_e(\vec{x})$$

Electric + Magnetic Fields  
(Faraday)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}_e + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

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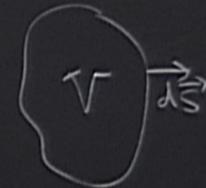


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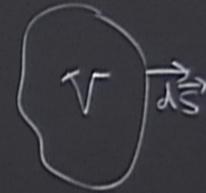
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(Faraday)

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

Ampere

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell's "displacement  
current"  
added to make eq.'s  
consistent.

Ampere

consistent.

recall  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \partial_i E_i$   $i=1,2,3$ , Einstein summation  
(repeated indices)

$$(\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j E_k$$

$$\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

$\epsilon_{ijk}$  totally antisymmetric,  $\epsilon_{123} = +1$ .

Check M.E.'s for consistency:

from definitions of  $\rho_e, \vec{j}_e$ ,  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_e = 0$

Faraday: lhs  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E}) = \partial_i \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j E_k = 0 \quad \checkmark$

rhs  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$  by no. monopoles

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$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_e = 0$$

(continuity eq<sup>n</sup> / cons<sup>n</sup> of electric charge)

$$(\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E}) = \partial_i \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j E_k = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$  by no. monopoles.

○ r.h.s.  $\mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} \neq 0$  if  $\frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \neq 0.$

$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = 0$  by no. monopoles.

$= 0$  r.h.s.  $\mu_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{J} \neq 0$  if  $\frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \neq 0$ .

add displacement current

Gauss  
$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \nabla \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t}$$

$$\mu_0 \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{J}_e + \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \right) =$$

set  $\rho_e$  and  $\vec{J}_e$  to zero, there are still very interesting solutions:

$$\text{rhs } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ by no. monopoles.}$$

Ampere lhs:  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{B}) = 0$  rhs:  $\mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} \neq 0$  if  $\frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} \neq 0$ .

add displacement current

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t} =$$

Gauss

Amazing consequence: even if we set  $\rho_c$  and  $\vec{j}_c$  to zero, there are still

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \stackrel{\text{Modified Ampere}}{=} \vec{\nabla} \wedge \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \stackrel{\text{Faraday}}{=} - \vec{\nabla} \wedge (\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E})$$

no. monopoles

$$\mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} \neq 0 \text{ if } \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \neq 0.$$

displacement  
current

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t} \stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{=} \mu_0 \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t}$$

$$\mu_0 \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_e + \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{kmn} \partial_i E_m}{\delta_{ik} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jk}}$$

$\rho_e$  and  $\vec{j}_e$  to zero, there are still very interesting solutions:

*Faktor*

$$-\vec{\nabla}_\perp (\vec{\nabla}_\perp \cdot \vec{E}) = -\left( \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E} \right) = \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{E}, \text{ i.e. wave eqn for } \vec{E}, \text{ with}$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \rho = 0$$

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

$$\text{rhs } \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{Ampere lhs: } \nabla \cdot (\nabla \wedge \vec{B}) = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + c^2 \nabla^2 \right) f = 0$$

Amazing consequence: even if we see

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \wedge \vec{B}$$

*Modified Ampere*

if  $\frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} \neq 0$ .

Gauss

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t}$$

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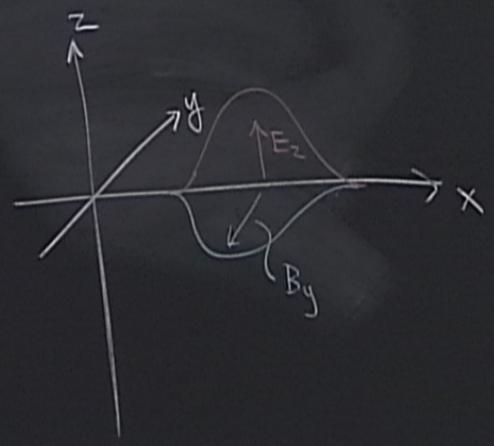
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$$\text{Speed } c = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \Rightarrow c \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

take  $v_p \approx 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ , scale of living cells.

example:  $\vec{E} = (0, 0, f(x-ct))$   
 $\vec{B} = (0, -\frac{1}{c}f(x-ct), 0)$

} check these satisfy all the M



check these satisfy all the M.F.'s (with  $\rho_e = \vec{j}_e = 0$ )

data:  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$  → completely inconsistent with Galileo + Newton's understanding of mechanics