

## LECTURE NOTES 2

### CONSERVATION LAWS (continued)

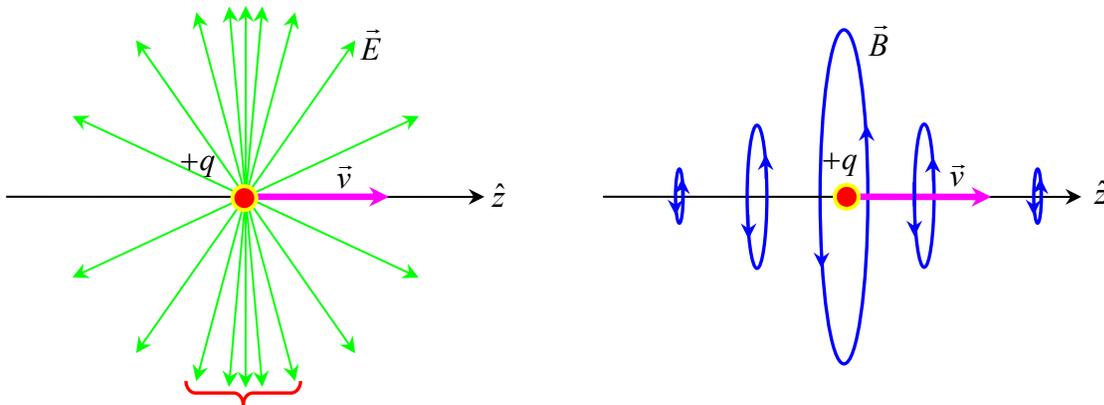
#### Conservation of Linear Momentum $\vec{p}$

Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law in Electrodynamics – “Every action has an equal and opposite reaction”.

Consider a point charge  $+q$  traveling along the  $+\hat{z}$ -axis with constant speed  $v$  ( $\vec{v} = v\hat{z}$ ). Because the electric charge is moving (relative to the laboratory frame of reference), its electric field is not given perfectly/mathematically precisely as described by Coulomb's Law,

$$i.e. \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) \neq \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}.$$

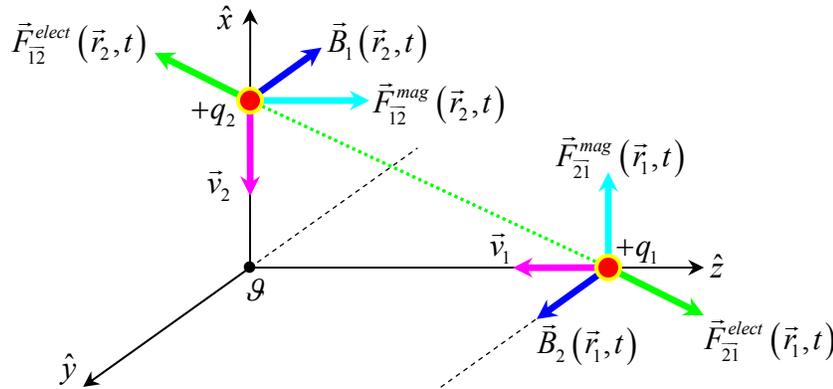
Nevertheless,  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$  does still point radially outward from its instantaneous position, – the location of the electric charge  $q(\vec{r}, t)$ . {n.b. when we get to Griffiths Ch. 10 (relativistic electrodynamics, we will learn what the fully-correct form of  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$  is for a moving charge..}



n.b. The  $\vec{E}$ -field lines of a moving electric charge are compressed in the transverse direction!

Technically speaking, a moving single point electric charge does not constitute a steady / DC electrical current (as we have previously discussed in P435 Lecture Notes 13 & 14). Thus, the magnetic field associated with a moving point charge is not precisely mathematically correctly/properly given as described by the Biot-Savart Law. Nevertheless,  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$  still points in the azimuthal (i.e.  $\hat{\phi}$ -) direction. (Again, we will discuss this further when we get to Griffiths Ch. 10 on relativistic electrodynamics...)

Let us now consider what happens when a point electric charge  $+q_1$  traveling with constant velocity  $\vec{v}_1 = -v_1\hat{z}$  encounters a second point electric charge  $+q_2$ , *e.g.* traveling with constant velocity  $\vec{v}_2 = -v_2\hat{x}$  as shown in the figure below:



The two like electric charges obviously will repel each other (*i.e.* at the microscopic level, they will scatter off of each other – via exchange of one (or more) virtual photons).

As time progresses, the electromagnetic forces acting between them will drive them off of their initial axes as they repel / scatter off of each other. For simplicity's sake (here) let us assume that (by magic) the electric charges are mounted on straight tracks that prevent the electric charges from deviating from their initial directions.

Obviously, the electric force between the two electric charges (which acts on the line joining them together – see above figure) is repulsive and also manifestly obey's Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law:

$$\vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2, t) = -\vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1, t)$$

Is the magnetic force acting between the two charges also repulsive??

By the right-hand rule:

The magnetic field of  $q_1$  at the position-location of  $q_2$  points into the page:  $\vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2, t) \parallel -\hat{y}$

The magnetic field of  $q_2$  at the position-location of  $q_1$  points out of the page:  $\vec{B}_2(\vec{r}_1, t) \parallel +\hat{y}$

Thus, the magnetic force  $\vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2, t) = q_2\vec{v}_2(\vec{r}_2, t) \times \vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2, t) \parallel +\hat{z}$  due to the effect of charge  $q_1$ 's  $\vec{B}$ -field  $\vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2, t)$  at charge  $q_2$ 's position  $\vec{r}_2$  points in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction (*i.e.* to the right in the above figure).

However the magnetic force  $\vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1, t) = q_1\vec{v}_1(\vec{r}_1, t) \times \vec{B}_2(\vec{r}_1, t) \parallel +\hat{x}$  due to the effect of charge  $q_2$ 's  $\vec{B}$ -field  $\vec{B}_2(\vec{r}_1, t)$  at charge  $q_1$ 's position  $\vec{r}_1$  points in the  $+\hat{x}$  direction (*i.e.* upward in the above figure). Thus we see that  $\vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2, t) \{ \parallel +\hat{z} \} \neq -\vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1, t) \{ \parallel +\hat{x} \}$  !!!

The electromagnetic force of  $q_1$  acting on  $q_2$  is equal in magnitude to, but is not opposite to the electromagnetic force of  $q_2$  acting on  $q_1$ , in {apparent} violation of Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Motion! Specifically, it is the magnetic interaction between two charges with relative motion between them that is responsible for this {apparent} violation of Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Motion:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{But:} & \boxed{\vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2, t) = -\vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1, t)} \quad \text{but:} \quad \boxed{\vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2, t) \neq -\vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1, t)} \\
 & \boxed{|\vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2, t)| = |\vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1, t)|} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{|\vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2, t)| \neq |\vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1, t)|} \\
 \text{Then:} & \boxed{\vec{F}_{12}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_2, t) = \vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2, t) + \vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2, t)} \quad \boxed{\vec{F}_{21}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_1, t) = \vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1, t) + \vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1, t)} \\
 \therefore & \boxed{\vec{F}_{12}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_2, t) \neq \vec{F}_{21}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_1, t)} \quad \text{but:} \quad \boxed{|\vec{F}_{12}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_2, t)| = |\vec{F}_{21}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_1, t)|}
 \end{array}$$

*n.b.* In electrostatics and in magnetostatics, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Motion (always) holds.

In electrodynamics, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Motion does not hold for the apparent relative motion of two electric charges! (*n.b.* Isaac Newton could not have foreseen this {from an apple falling on his head} because gravito-magnetic forces associated with a falling apple are so vastly much feebler than the gravito-electric force (the "normal" gravity we know & love about in the "everyday" world).

Since Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law is intimately connected/related to conservation of linear momentum, on the surface of this issue, it would seem that electrodynamical phenomena would then also seem to violate conservation of linear momentum – eeeeeEEEEKKKK!!!

If one considers only the relative motion of the (visible) electric charges (here  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ ) then, yes, it would indeed appear that linear momentum is not conserved!

However, the correct picture / correct reality is that the *EM* field(s) accompanying the (moving) charged particles also carry linear momentum  $\vec{p}$  (as well as energy,  $E$ )!!!

Thus, in electrodynamics, the electric charges and/or electric currents plus the electromagnetic fields accompanying the electric charges/currents together conserve total linear momentum  $\vec{p}$ . Thus, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law is not violated after all, when this broader / larger perspective on the nature of electrodynamics is properly/fully understood!!!

Microscopically, the virtual (and/or real) photons associated with the macroscopic / "mean field" electric and magnetic fields  $\vec{E}_1(\vec{r}_2, t)$ ,  $\vec{E}_2(\vec{r}_1, t)$  and  $\vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2, t)$ ,  $\vec{B}_2(\vec{r}_1, t)$  do indeed carry / have associated with them linear momentum (and {kinetic} energy) {as well as angular momentum..}!!!

In the above example of two like-charged particles scattering off of each other, whatever momentum "lost" by the charged particles is gained by the *EM* field(s) associated with them!

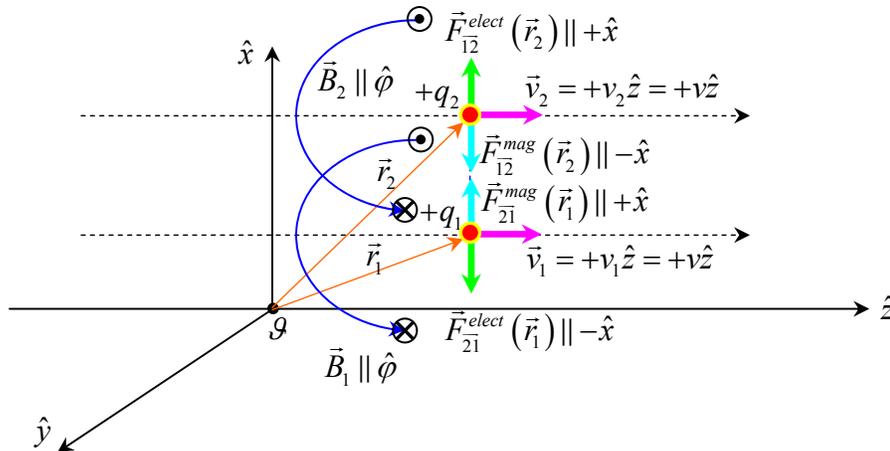
Thus, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law is obeyed - total linear momentum is conserved when we consider the (true) total linear momentum of this system:

$$\boxed{\vec{p}_{TOT} = \vec{p}_{mechanical} + \vec{p}_{EM} = \vec{p}_1^{mech} + \vec{p}_2^{mech} + \vec{p}_1^{EM} + \vec{p}_2^{EM}}$$

$$\boxed{= m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + \vec{p}_1^{EM} + \vec{p}_2^{EM}}$$

Non-relativistic case (here)!!!

Note that in the above example of two moving electrically-charged particles there is an interesting, special/limiting case when the two charged particles are moving parallel to each other, *e.g.* with equal constant velocities  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 = +v\hat{z}$  relative to a fixed origin in the lab frame:



We can easily see here that the electric force on the two electrically-charged particles acts on the line joining the two charged particles is repulsive (due to the like-charges, here) and is such that  $\vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2) = -\vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1) \parallel +\hat{x}$ . Similarly, because the two like-charged particles are also traveling parallel to each other, the magnetic Lorentz force  $\vec{F}^{mag} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}_{ext}$  on the two charged particles also acts along this same line joining the two charged particles and, by the right-hand rule is such that  $\vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2) = -\vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1) \parallel -\hat{x}$ .

Thus, we also see that:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{12}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_2) &= \left[ \vec{F}_{12}^{elect}(\vec{r}_2) + \vec{F}_{12}^{mag}(\vec{r}_2) \right] \\ &= -\vec{F}_{21}^{EMtot}(\vec{r}_1) = -\left[ \vec{F}_{21}^{elect}(\vec{r}_1) + \vec{F}_{21}^{mag}(\vec{r}_1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, here, for this special case, Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law *is* obeyed simply by the mechanical linear momentum associated with this system – the linear momentum carried by the EM field(s) in this special-case situation is zero.

Note that this special-case situation is related to the case of parallel electric currents attracting each other – *e.g.* two parallel conducting wires carrying steady currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . It must be remembered that current-carrying wires remain overall electrically neutral, because real currents in real conducting wires are carried by negatively-charged “free” conduction electrons that are embedded in a three-dimensional lattice of positive-charged atoms. The positively-charged atoms screen out / cancel the electric fields associated with the “free” conduction electrons, thus only the (attractive) magnetic Lorentz force remains!

Yet another interesting aspect of this special-case situation is to go into the rest frame of the two electric charges, where for identical lab velocities  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 = +v\hat{z}$ , in the rest frame of the charges, the magnetic field(s) both vanish – *i.e.* an observer in the rest frame of the two charges sees no magnetic Lorentz force(s) acting on the like-charged particles!

## Maxwell's Stress Tensor $\vec{T}$

Let us use the Lorentz force law to calculate the total electromagnetic force  $\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t)$  due to the totality of the electric charges contained within a (source) volume  $v$ :

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \int_v \vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \int_v \left\{ \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) \right\} \rho(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$$

where:  $\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}(\vec{r}, t) = EM$  force per unit volume (*aka* force “density”) (SI units: N/m<sup>3</sup>),

and:  $\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \rho(\vec{r}, t) \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$  electric volume current density (SI units: A/m<sup>2</sup>).

Thus: 
$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \int_v \left\{ \rho(\vec{r}, t) \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) \right\} d\tau$$

$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}(\vec{r}, t) = EM \text{ force per unit volume} = \rho(\vec{r}, t) \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$$

*n.b.* If we talk about  $\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}(\vec{r}, t)$  in isolation (*i.e.* we do not have to do the integral), then, for transparency's sake of these lecture notes, we will (temporarily) suppress the  $(\vec{r}, t)$  arguments – however it is very important for the reader to keep this in mind (at all times) that these arguments are there in order to actually (properly/correctly) do any calculation!!!

Thus: 
$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

Maxwell's equations (in differential form) can now be used to eliminate  $\rho$  and  $\vec{J}$ :

Coulomb's Law: 
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \rho = \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}$$

Ampere's Law: (with Maxwell's displacement current correction term):

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

Thus: 
$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B} = \epsilon_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} + \left( \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \times \vec{B}$$

Now: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) + \left( \vec{E} \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$
 (by the chain rule of differentiation)

$$\therefore \left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) - \left( \vec{E} \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Faraday's Law: 
$$\left( \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \right) = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = - \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \therefore \left( \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \times \vec{B} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) + \left( \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \right)$$

Thus: 
$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \epsilon_0 \left[ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) \vec{E} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \right] - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[ \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right] - \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

Without changing the physics in any way, we can add the term  $(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{B}$  to the above expression since  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  (*i.e.* there exist no isolated *N/S* magnetic charges/magnetic monopoles in nature).

Then  $\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}$  becomes more symmetric between the  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields (which is aesthetically pleasing):

$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \epsilon_o \left[ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E} - \vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left[ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{B} - \vec{B} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \right] - \epsilon_o \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

Now:  $\vec{\nabla} (E^2) = 2(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{E} + 2\vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$  } Using Griffiths “Product Rule #4”

Or:  $\vec{E} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{\nabla} (E^2) - (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{E}$  } {*n.b.* is also applied similarly for  $\vec{B}$  }

Thus:

$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \epsilon_o \left[ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})\vec{E} + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{E} \right] + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left[ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\nabla} \left( \epsilon_o E^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_o} B^2 \right) - \epsilon_o \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

We now introduce Maxwell’s Stress Tensor  $\vec{T}$  (a  $3 \times 3$  matrix), the nine elements of which are defined as:

$$T_{ij} \equiv \epsilon_o \left( E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left( B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2 \right)$$

Where:  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  and:  $i, j = 1 = x$      $i, j = 2 = y$      $i, j = 3 = z$     *i.e.* the  $i, j$  indices of Maxwell’s Stress Tensor physically correspond to the  $x, y, z$  components of the  $E$  &  $B$ -fields.

and:  $\delta_{ij} =$  Kronecker  $\delta$ -function:  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  for  $i = j$

and:  $E^2 = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} = E_x^2 + E_y^2 + E_z^2$        $B^2 = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B} = B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2$

$T_{ij}$  ← Column index

↑ Row index

$\vec{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{xx} & T_{xy} & T_{xz} \\ T_{yx} & T_{yy} & T_{yz} \\ T_{zx} & T_{zy} & T_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$

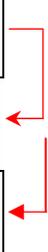
Note that from the above definition of the elements of  $\vec{T}$ , we see that  $\vec{T}$  is symmetric under the interchange of the indices  $i \leftrightarrow j$  (with indices  $i, j = 1, 2, 3 =$  spatial  $x, y, z$ ), *i.e.* one of the symmetry properties of Maxwell’s Stress Tensor is such that:  $T_{ij} = +T_{ji}$

We say that  $\vec{T}$  is a symmetric rank-2 tensor (*i.e.* symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix) because  $T_{ij} = +T_{ji}$ .

Thus, Maxwell’s Stress Tensor  $\vec{T}$  actually has only six (6) independent components, not nine!!!

Note also that the 9 elements of  $\vec{T}$  are actually “double vectors”, *e.g.*  $T_{ij} \hat{i} \hat{j}$ ,  $T_{xy} \hat{x} \hat{y}$ ,  $T_{zz} \hat{z} \hat{z}$ , *etc.*

The six independent elements of Maxwell's Stress Tensor are:

$T_{11} = T_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o (E_x^2 - E_y^2 - E_z^2) + \frac{1}{2\mu_o} (B_x^2 - B_y^2 - B_z^2)$		generate by cyclic permutation
$T_{22} = T_{yy} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o (E_y^2 - E_z^2 - E_x^2) + \frac{1}{2\mu_o} (B_y^2 - B_z^2 - B_x^2)$		
$T_{33} = T_{zz} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o (E_z^2 - E_x^2 - E_y^2) + \frac{1}{2\mu_o} (B_z^2 - B_x^2 - B_y^2)$		
$T_{12} = T_{21} = T_{xy} = T_{yx} = \epsilon_o (E_x E_y) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} (B_x B_y)$		generate by cyclic permutation
$T_{13} = T_{31} = T_{xz} = T_{zx} = \epsilon_o (E_x E_z) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} (B_x B_z)$		
$T_{23} = T_{32} = T_{yz} = T_{zy} = \epsilon_o (E_y E_z) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} (B_y B_z)$		

Note also that  $\vec{T}$  contains no  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  (etc.) type cross-terms!!

Because  $\vec{T}$  is a rank-2 tensor, it is represented by a 2-dimensional matrix.

{Higher Rank Tensors: e.g.  $T_{ijk}$  (= rank-3 / 3-D matrix),  $A_{ijkl}$  (= rank-4 / 4-D matrix), etc.}

We can take the dot product of a vector  $\vec{a}$  with a tensor  $\vec{T}$  to obtain (another) vector  $\vec{b}$ :  $\vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$

$$b_j = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T})_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i T_{ij} = a_i T_{ij}$$

*explicit* summation over  $i$ -index; only index  $j$  remains.

*implicit* summation over  $i$ -index is implied, only index  $j$  remains.

n.b. this summation convention is very important:

$$b_j = \underbrace{a_i}_{\text{implicit}} T_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \underbrace{a_i T_{ij}}_{\text{explicit}}$$

*implicit* sum over  $i$

*explicit* sum over  $i$

Note also that another vector can be formed, e.g.:  $\vec{c} = \vec{T} \cdot \vec{a}$  where (here):  $c_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 T_{ij} a_j = T_{ij} a_j$

Compare these two types of vectors side-by-side:

$\vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$	$b_j = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T})_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i T_{ij} = a_i T_{ij}$	n.b. summation is over index $i$ (i.e. <u>rows</u> in $\vec{T}$ )!!
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$\vec{c} = \vec{T} \cdot \vec{a}$	$c_i = (\vec{T} \cdot \vec{a})_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 T_{ij} a_j = T_{ij} a_j$	n.b. summation is over index $j$ (i.e. <u>columns</u> in $\vec{T}$ )!!
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Now if the vector  $\vec{a}$  in the dot product  $\vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}$  “happens” to be  $\vec{a} = \vec{\nabla}$ , then:

$$T_{ij} \equiv \epsilon_o \left( E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left( B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2 \right)$$

$$\left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} \right)_j = \epsilon_o \left( (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) E_j + (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) E_j - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_j E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left( (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) B_j + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) B_j - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_j B^2 \right)$$

Thus, we see that the total electromagnetic force per unit volume / force “density” can be written (much) more compactly (and elegantly) as:

$$\vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell’s Stress Tensor:

$$T_{ij} \equiv \epsilon_o \left( E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left( B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2 \right)$$

Poynting’s Vector:

$$\vec{S} \equiv \frac{1}{\mu_o} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

The total EM force acting on the charges contained within the (source) volume  $v$  is given by:

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM} = \int_v \vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM} d\tau = \int_v \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t} \right) d\tau$$

Explicit reminder of the (suppressed) arguments:

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \int_v \vec{f}_{Tot}^{EM}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \int_v \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{\partial \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \right) d\tau$$

Using the divergence theorem on the LHS term of the integrand:

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \int_v \frac{\partial \vec{S}}{\partial t} d\tau \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \int_v \frac{\partial \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} d\tau$$

Finally:

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_v \vec{S} d\tau \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$$

$$\boxed{\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_v \vec{S} d\tau} \quad i.e. \quad \boxed{\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau}$$

Note the following important aspects/points about the physical nature of this result:

- 1.) In the static case (*i.e.* whenever  $\vec{T}(\vec{r}, t), \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) \neq fcn(t)$ ), the second term on the RHS in the above equation vanishes – then the total EM force acting on the charge configuration contained within the (source) volume  $v$  can be expressed entirely in terms of Maxwell's Stress Tensor at the boundary of the volume  $v$ , *i.e.* on the enclosing surface  $S$ :

$$\boxed{\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{a} \neq fcn(t)}$$

- 2.) Physically,  $\oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$  = net force (SI units: Newtons) acting on the enclosing surface  $S$ . Then {here}  $\vec{T}$  is the net force per unit area (SI units: Newtons/m<sup>2</sup>) acting on the surface  $S$  – *i.e.*  $\vec{T}$  corresponds to an {electromagnetically-induced} pressure (!!!) or a stress acting on the enclosing surface  $S$ .

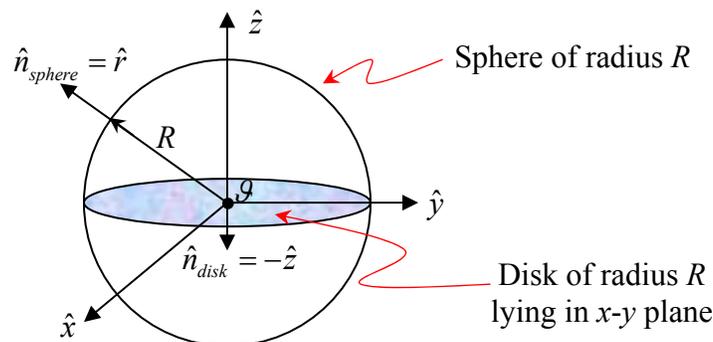
- 3.) More precisely: physically,  $T_{ij}$  represents the force per unit area (Newtons/m<sup>2</sup>) in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  direction acting on an element of the enclosing surface  $S$  that is oriented in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  direction.

Thus the diagonal elements of  $\vec{T}$  ( $i = j$ ):  $T_{ii} = T_{xx}, T_{yy}, T_{zz}$  physically represent pressures.

The off-diagonal elements of  $\vec{T}$  ( $i \neq j$ ):  $T_{ij} = T_{xy}, T_{yz}, T_{zx}$  physically represent shears.

### Griffiths Example 8.2: Use / Application of Maxwell's Stress Tensor $\vec{T}$

Determine the net / total EM force acting on the upper (“northern”) hemisphere of a uniformly electrically-charged solid non-conducting sphere (*i.e.* uniform/constant electric charge volume density  $\rho = Q/\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$ ) of radius  $R$  and net electric charge  $Q$  using Maxwell's Stress Tensor  $\vec{T}$  (*c.f.* with Griffiths Problem 2.43, *p.* 107).



⇒ **n.b. Please work through the details of this problem on your own, as an exercise!!!** ⇐

First, note that this problem is static / time-independent, thus (here):

$$\boxed{F_{Tot}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{a}}$$

Note also that (here)  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = 0$  and thus (here):  $T_{ij} = \epsilon_o \left( E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right)$  {only}.

The boundary surface  $S$  of the “northern” hemisphere consists of two parts – a hemispherical bowl of radius  $R$  and a circular disk lying in the  $x$ - $y$  plane (*i.e.*  $\theta = \pi/2$ ), also of radius  $R$ .

a.) For the hemispherical bowl portion of  $S$ , note that:  $d\vec{a} = R^2 d\cos\theta d\varphi \hat{r} = R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi \hat{r}$

The electric field at/on the surface of the charged sphere is:  $\vec{E}(r)|_{r=R} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2} \hat{r}$

In Cartesian coordinates:  $\hat{r} = \sin\theta \cos\varphi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\varphi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(r)|_{r=R} &= E_x(r)|_{r=R} \hat{x} + E_y(r)|_{r=R} \hat{y} + E_z(r)|_{r=R} \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2} \hat{r} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2} [\sin\theta \cos\varphi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\varphi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}] \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{zx}|_{r=R} &= T_{xz}|_{r=R} = \epsilon_0 E_z E_x = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \cos\varphi \\ T_{zy}|_{r=R} &= T_{yz}|_{r=R} = \epsilon_0 E_z E_y = \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \sin\varphi \\ T_{zz}|_{r=R} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 (E_z^2 - E_x^2 - E_y^2) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) \end{aligned}$$

The net / total force (due to the symmetry associated with this problem) is obviously only in the  $\hat{z}$ -direction, thus we “only” need to calculate:

$$\left( \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a} \right)_z |_{r=R} = \left[ T_{zx} da_x + T_{zy} da_y + T_{zz} da_z \right] |_{r=R}$$

Now:

$$d\vec{a} = R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi \hat{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{r} = \sin\theta \cos\varphi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\varphi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$$

Then:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} da_x &= (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \sin\theta \cos\varphi \hat{x} \\ da_y &= (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \sin\theta \sin\varphi \hat{y} \\ da_z &= (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \cos\theta \hat{z} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{since } d\vec{a} = da_x \hat{x} + da_y \hat{y} + da_z \hat{z}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a} \right)_z |_{r=R} &= \left[ \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \cos\varphi \right] * \left[ (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \sin\theta \cos\varphi \right] \\ &+ \left[ \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \sin\varphi \right] * \left[ (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \sin\theta \sin\varphi \right] \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \right)^2 (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) \right] * \left[ (R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi) \cos\theta \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left. (\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}) \right|_{z=r=R} \\
 &= \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 \left\{ (\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta) \cos^2 \varphi + (\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta) \sin^2 \varphi + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta \right\} * (\sin \theta d\theta d\varphi) \\
 &= \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 \left\{ (\cancel{\sin^2 \theta}) \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \theta - \cancel{\sin^2 \theta}) \cos \theta \right\} * (\sin \theta d\theta d\varphi) \\
 &= \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 \theta) \cos \theta \right\} * (\sin \theta d\theta d\varphi) \\
 &= \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \right\} * (\sin \theta d\theta d\varphi) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \vec{F}_{bowl}^{EM} \Big|_{r=R} &= \oint_{bowl} \left. (\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}) \right|_{z=r=R} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R} \right)^2 2\pi \underbrace{\int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta}_{\int_0^1 u du = \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Big|_{u=0}^{u=1} = \frac{1}{2}} \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8R^2} \right) \hat{z} \\
 \vec{F}_{bowl}^{EM} \Big|_{r=R} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8R^2} \right) \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

b.) For the equatorial disk (i.e. the underside) portion of the “northern” hemisphere:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\vec{a} \Big|_{disk} &= r dr d\varphi (-\hat{z}) \Leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{n.b. outward unit normal for equatorial disk (lying in } x\text{-}y \text{ plane)} \\ \text{points in } -\hat{z} \text{ direction on this portion of the bounding surface } S \end{array} \\
 &= -r dr d\varphi \hat{z} \\
 &= -da'_z \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

And since we are now inside the charged sphere (on the  $x$ - $y$  plane/at  $\theta = \pi/2$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{E}_{Disk} \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q}{R^3} \vec{r} \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q}{R^2} \left( \frac{\vec{r}}{R} \right) \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q}{R^3} \left[ r \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{=1} \cos \varphi \hat{x} + r \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{=1} \sin \varphi \hat{y} + r \underbrace{\cos \theta}_{=0} \hat{z} \right] \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q}{R^3} r [\cos \varphi \hat{x} + \sin \varphi \hat{y}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Then for the equatorial, flat disk lying in the  $x$ - $y$  plane:

$$\left. (\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}) \right|_z = T_{zz} da_z \quad \text{where:} \quad T_{zz} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o (E_z^2 - E_x^2 - E_y^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R^3} \right)^2 r^2$$

Thus: 
$$\left(\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}\right)_z = T_{zz} da_z = \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R^3} \right)^2 r^2 \hat{z} \hat{z} \right] \cdot [-r dr d\phi \hat{z}] = +\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R^3} \right)^2 r^3 dr d\phi \hat{z}$$

The *EM* force acting on the disk portion of the “northern” hemisphere is therefore:

$$\vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} = \oint_{disk} \left(\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}\right)_z \Big|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o R^3} \right)^2 2\pi \int_0^R r^3 dr \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{Q^2}{16R^2} \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{16R^2} \right) \hat{z}$$

The total *EM* force acting on the upper / “northern” hemisphere is:

$$\vec{F}_{TOT}^{EM} = \vec{F}_{bowl}^{EM} + \vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8R^2} \right) \hat{z} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{16R^2} \right) \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{3Q^2}{16R^2} \right) \hat{z}$$

Note that in applying  $\vec{F}_{TOT}^{EM} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$  that any volume *v* that encloses all of the electric charge will suffice. Thus in above problem, we could equally-well have instead chosen to use *e.g.* the whole half-region  $z > 0$  – *i.e.* the “disk” consisting of the entire *x-y* plane and the upper hemisphere (at  $r = \infty$ ), but note that since  $\vec{E} = 0$  at  $r = \infty$ , this latter surface would contribute nothing to the total *EM* force!!!

Then for the outer portion of the whole *x-y* plane (*i.e.*  $r > R$ ):

$$T_{zz} = -\frac{\epsilon_o}{2} \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right)^2 \frac{1}{r^4}$$

Then for this outer portion of the *x-y* plane ( $r > R$ ): 
$$\left(\vec{T} \cdot d\vec{a}\right)_z = T_{zz} da_z = +\frac{\epsilon_o}{2} \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right)^2 \frac{1}{r^3} dr d\phi$$

The corresponding *EM* force on this outer portion of the *x-y* plane (for  $r > R$ ) is:

$$\vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} (r > R) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_o \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right)^2 2\pi \int_R^\infty \frac{1}{r^3} dr \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8R^2} \right) \hat{z}$$

Thus: 
$$\vec{F}_{TOT}^{EM} = \vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} (r \leq R) + \vec{F}_{disk}^{EM} (r > R) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{16R^2} \right) \hat{z} + \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8R^2} \right) \hat{z} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{3Q^2}{16R^2} \right) \hat{z}$$

*n.b.* this is precisely the same result as obtained above via first method!!!

Even though the uniformly charged sphere was a solid object – not a hollow sphere – the use of Maxwell’s Stress Tensor allowed us to calculate the net *EM* force acting on the “northern” hemisphere via a surface integral over the bounding surface *S* enclosing the volume *v* containing the uniform electric charge volume density  $\rho = Q/\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$ . That’s pretty amazing!!

## Further Discussion of the Conservation of Linear Momentum $\vec{p}$

We started out this lecture talking ~ somewhat qualitatively about conservation of linear momentum in electrodynamics; we are now in a position to quantitatively discuss this subject.

**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Motion**  $\vec{F}(t) = m\vec{a}(t) = m d\vec{v}(t)/dt = d\{m\vec{v}(t)\}/dt = d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)/dt$

The total {instantaneous} force  $\vec{F}(t)$  acting on an object = {instantaneous} time rate of change of its mechanical linear momentum  $d\vec{p}(t)/dt$  i.e.  $\vec{F}(t) = \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt}$ . But from above, we know that:

$$\vec{F}_{Tot}^{EM}(t) = \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} - \epsilon_o \mu_o \frac{d}{dt} \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau \quad **$$

where  $\vec{p}_{mech}(t)$  = total {instantaneous} mechanical linear momentum of the particles contained in the (source) volume  $v$ . (SI units: kg-m/sec)

We define:  $\vec{p}_{EM}(t) \equiv \epsilon_o \mu_o \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \frac{1}{c^2} \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$  {since  $c^2 = 1/\epsilon_o \mu_o$  in free space}

where  $\vec{p}_{EM}(t)$  = total {instantaneous} linear momentum carried by / stored in the (macroscopic) electromagnetic fields ( $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$ ) (SI units: kg-m/sec). At the microscopic level – linear momentum is carried by the virtual {and/or real} photons associated with the macroscopic  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields!

We can also define an {instantaneous} EM field linear momentum density (SI Units: kg/m<sup>2</sup>-sec):

$$\vec{\rho}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \epsilon_o \mu_o \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) = \text{instantaneous EM field linear momentum per unit volume}$$

Thus, we see that the total {instantaneous} EM field linear momentum  $\vec{p}_{EM}(t) = \int_v \vec{\rho}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$

Note that the surface integral in \*\* above,  $\oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$  physically corresponds to the total {instantaneous} EM field linear momentum per unit time flowing inwards through the surface  $S$ .

Thus, any instantaneous increase in the total linear momentum (mechanical and EM field) = the linear momentum brought in by the EM fields themselves through the bounding surface  $S$ .

Thus:  $\frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} = -\frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt} + \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$  where:  $\vec{p}_{EM}(t) \equiv \epsilon_o \mu_o \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \frac{1}{c^2} \int_v \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$

Or:  $\frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$

But:  $\vec{p}_{Tot}(t) \equiv \vec{p}_{mech}(t) + \vec{p}_{EM}(t)$

$\therefore \frac{d\vec{p}_{Tot}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$   $\leftarrow$  Expresses conservation of linear momentum in electrodynamics

Note that the integral formula expressing conservation of linear momentum in electrodynamics is similar to that of the integral form of Poynting's theorem, expressing conservation of energy in electrodynamics and also to that of the integral form of the Continuity Equation, expressing conservation of electric charge in electrodynamics:

$P_{Tot}(t) = \frac{dU_{Tot}(t)}{dt} = \frac{dU_{mech}(t)}{dt} + \frac{dU_{EM}(t)}{dt}$ $= \frac{d}{dt} \int_V (u_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) + u_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)) d\tau = -\oint_S \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} = -\int_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)) d\tau$	Poynting's Theorem: Energy Conservation
$\int_V \frac{\partial \rho_{free}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} d\tau = -\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_{free}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$	Continuity Equation: Electric Charge Conservation:

Note further that if the volume  $v = \text{all space}$ , then no linear momentum can flow into / out of  $v$  through the bounding surface  $S$ . Thus, in this situation:

$\vec{p}_{Tot}(t) \equiv \vec{p}_{mech}(t) + \vec{p}_{EM}(t) = \text{constant}$
and: $\frac{d\vec{p}_{Tot}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} = -\frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt}$

We can also express conservation of linear momentum via a differential equation, just as we have done in the cases for electric charge and energy conservation. Define:

$\vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \{\text{instantaneous}\} \text{ mechanical linear momentum density (SI Units: kg/m}^2\text{-sec)}$

$\vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \{\text{instantaneous}\} \text{ EM field linear momentum density (SI Units: kg/m}^2\text{-sec)}$

$$\vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$\vec{\wp}_{Tot}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \{\text{instantaneous}\} \text{ total linear momentum density (SI Units: kg/m}^2\text{-sec)}$

$$\vec{\wp}_{Tot}(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Then:

$$\vec{p}_{mech}(t) = \int_V \vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{p}_{EM}(t) = \int_V \vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau, \text{ thus:}$$

$$\vec{p}_{Tot}(t) = \int_V \vec{\wp}_{Tot}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \int_V [\vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)] d\tau \Rightarrow \vec{p}_{Tot}(t) = \vec{p}_{mech}(t) + \vec{p}_{EM}(t)$$

Then: 
$$\frac{d\vec{p}_{TOT}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{mech}(t)}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_{EM}(t)}{dt} = \oint_S \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Using the divergence theorem on the RHS of this relation, this can also be written as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \vec{\wp}_{Tot}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau + \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) d\tau$$

Thus: 
$$\int_V \left( \frac{\partial \vec{\wp}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{\wp}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \right) d\tau = 0$$

This relation must hold for any volume  $v$ , and for all points & times  $(\vec{r}, t)$  within the volume  $v$ :

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)} \Leftarrow \boxed{\text{Differential form of conservation of linear momentum}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t) \quad (\text{Linear momentum conservation})$$

Continuity Equation:  $\frac{\partial \rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$  (Electric charge conservation)

Poynting's Theorem:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u_{mech}(\vec{r}, t) + u_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)$  (Energy conservation)

Thus, we see that the negative of Maxwell's Stress Tensor,  $-\vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$  physically represents linear momentum flux density, analogous to electric current density  $\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$  which physically represents the electric charge flux density in the Continuity Equation, and analogous to Poynting's vector  $\vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)$  which physically represents the energy flux density in Poynting's theorem.

Note also that relation  $\frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$ , while mathematically describing the "how" of linear momentum conservation, says nothing about the nature/origin of why linear momentum is conserved, just as in case(s) of the Continuity Equation (electric charge conservation) and Poynting's Theorem (energy conservation).

Since  $-\vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$  physically represents the instantaneous linear momentum flux density (aka momentum flow = momentum current density) at the space-time point  $(\vec{r}, t)$ , the 9 elements of {the negative of} Maxwell's Stress Tensor,  $-T_{ij}$  are physically interpreted as the instantaneous *EM* field linear momentum flow in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  direction through a surface oriented in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  direction. Note further that because  $-T_{ij} = -T_{ji}$ , this is also equal to the instantaneous *EM* field linear momentum flow in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  direction through a surface oriented in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  direction!

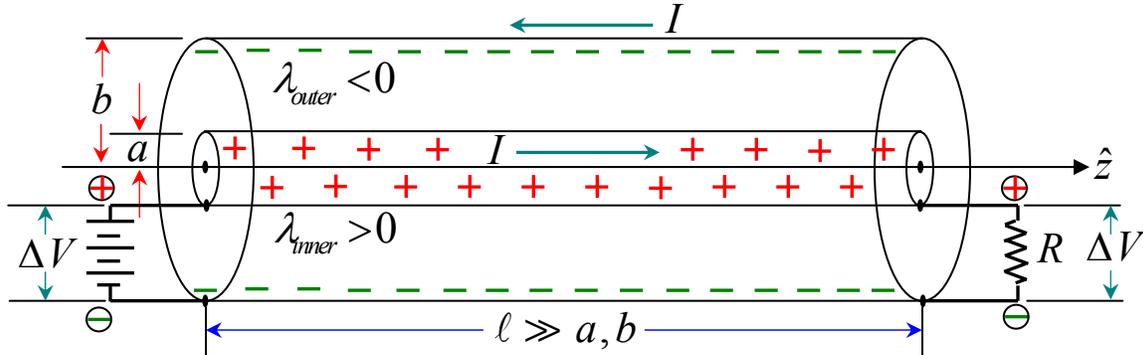
From the equation  $\frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{mech}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{\phi}_{EM}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$ , noting that the del-operator  $\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{z}$  has SI units of  $m^{-1}$ , we see that the 9 elements of  $\vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$  {= linear momentum flux densities = linear momentum flows} have SI units of:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{length} \times \text{linear momentum density/unit time} = \text{linear momentum density} \times \text{length/unit time} \\ & = \text{linear momentum density} \times (\text{length/unit time}) = \text{linear momentum density} \times \text{velocity} \\ & = \{(kg \cdot m/s)/m^3\} \times (m/s) = kg/m \cdot s^2 \end{aligned}$$

Earlier (*p.* 9 of these lect. notes), we also said that the 9 elements of  $\vec{T}(\vec{r}, t)$  have SI units of pressure,  $p$  (*Pascals* = *Newtons*/ $m^2$  =  $(kg \cdot m/s^2)/m^2 = kg/m \cdot s^2$ ). Note further that the SI units of pressure are also that of energy density,  $u$  (*Joules*/ $m^3$  =  $(\text{Newton} \cdot m)/m^3 = \text{Newtons}/m^2 = kg/m \cdot s^2$ )!

**Griffiths Example 8.3 EM Field Momentum:**

A long coaxial cable of length  $\ell$  consists of an inner conductor (radius  $a$ ) and outer conductor (radius  $b$ ). The coax cable is connected to a battery at one end and a resistor at the other end, as shown in figure below:

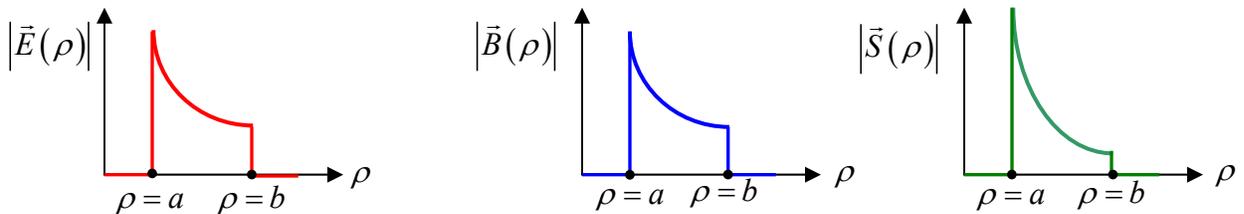


The inner conductor carries uniform charge / unit length  $\lambda_{inner} = +Q_{inner} / \ell$  and a steady/DC current  $\vec{I} = I\hat{z}$  (i.e. flowing to the right). The outer conductor has the opposite charge and current. Calculate the EM momentum carried by the EM fields associated with this system.

Note that this problem has no time dependence associated with it, i.e. it is a static problem.

$\therefore$  The static EM fields associated with this long coaxial cable are:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{E}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\lambda}{\rho} \hat{\rho} \\ \vec{B}(\rho) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi \rho} \hat{\phi} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ in cylindrical coordinates} \\ \text{n.b. } \vec{E}(\rho) \text{ and } \vec{B}(\rho) \text{ only non-zero for } a \leq \rho \leq b \end{array}$$



Poynting's vector is: 
$$\vec{S}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E}(\rho) \times \vec{B}(\rho)) = \frac{\lambda I}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0 \rho^2} (\hat{\rho} \times \hat{\phi}) = \frac{\lambda I}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0 \rho^2} \hat{z} \quad (\text{for } a \leq \rho \leq b)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Even though this is a static problem (i.e. no explicit time dependence), EM energy contained / stored in the EM fields {n.b. only within the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ } is flowing down the coax cable in the  $+\hat{z}$ -direction, from battery to resistor!

The instantaneous  $EM$  power (= constant  $\neq fcn(t)$ ) transported down the coax cable is obtained by integrating Poynting's vector  $\vec{S}(\rho) \parallel +\hat{z}$  (= energy flux density) over a perpendicular / cross-sectional area of  $A_{\perp} = \pi(b^2 - a^2)$ , with corresponding infinitesimal area element

$$d\vec{a}_{\perp} = 2\pi\rho d\rho \hat{z} :$$

$$P = \int \vec{S}(\rho) \cdot d\vec{a}_{\perp} = \frac{\lambda I}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0} \int_{\rho=a}^{\rho=b} \frac{1}{\rho^2} 2\pi\rho d\rho = \frac{\lambda I}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad (a \leq \rho \leq b)$$

But:  $\Delta V = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \Rightarrow EM \text{ Power } [P = \Delta V * I] = EM \text{ Power dissipated in the resistor!}$

Inside the coax cable (*i.e.*  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ ), Poynting's vector is:  $\vec{S}(\rho) = \frac{\lambda I}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0 \rho^2} \hat{z} \quad (a \leq \rho \leq b)$

The linear momentum associated with / carried by / stored in the  $EM$  field(s) ( $a \leq \rho \leq b$ ) is:

$$\vec{p}_{EM} = \int_v \vec{\rho}_{EM}(\rho) d\tau = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \int_v \vec{S}(\rho) d\tau = \frac{\mu_0 \lambda I}{4\pi^2} \hat{z} \int_{\rho=a}^{\rho=b} \frac{1}{\rho^2} \{2\pi\ell\rho d\rho\} \quad (a \leq \rho \leq b)$$

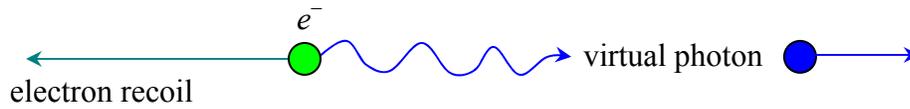
$$\vec{p}_{EM} = \frac{\mu_0 \lambda I \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \hat{z} \quad (a \leq \rho \leq b)$$

The  $EM$  field(s)  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  (via  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$ ) in the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$  are responsible for transporting  $EM$  power / energy as well as linear momentum  $\vec{p}_{EM}$  down the coaxial cable! Microscopically,  $EM$  energy and linear momentum are transported down the coax cable by the {ensemble of} virtual photons associated with the  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields in the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ .

Transport of non-zero linear momentum down the coax cable might seem bizarre at first encounter, because macroscopically, this is a static problem – we have a coax cable (at rest in the lab frame), a battery producing a static  $\vec{E}$ -field and static electric charge distribution, as well as a steady / DC current  $I$  and static  $\vec{B}$ -field. How can there be any net macroscopic linear momentum?

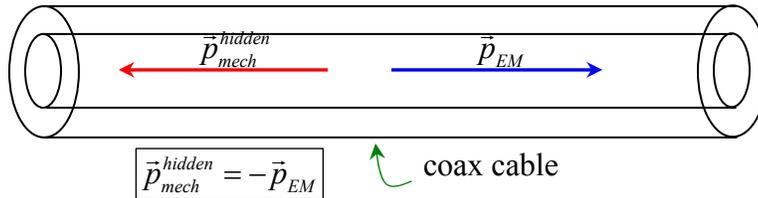
The answer is: There isn't, because there exists a “hidden” mechanical momentum: Microscopically, virtual photons associated with macroscopic  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields are emitted (and absorbed) by electric charges (*e.g.* conduction / “free” electrons flowing as macroscopic current  $I$  down / back along coax cable and as static charges on conducting surfaces of coax cable (with potential difference  $\Delta V$  across coax cable). As stated before, virtual photons carry both kinetic energy  $K.E.$  and momentum  $\vec{p}$ .

In the emission (and absorption) process – e.g. an electron emitting a virtual photon, again, energy and momentum are conserved (microscopically) – the electron “recoils” emitting a virtual photon, analogous to a rifle firing a bullet:



*n.b.* emission / absorption of virtual photons e.g. by an isolated electron is responsible for a phenomenon known as *zitterbewegung* – “trembling motion” of the electron...

The sum total of all electric charges emitting virtual photons gives a net macroscopic “mechanical” linear momentum that is equal / but in the opposite direction to the net *EM* field momentum. At the microscopic level, individually recoiling electrons (rapidly) interact with the surrounding matter (atoms) making up the coax cable – scattering off of them – thus this (net) recoil momentum (initially associated only with virtual photon-emitting electric charges) very rapidly winds up being transferred (via subsequent scattering interactions with atoms) to the whole/entire macroscopic physical system (here, the coax cable):



Total linear momentum is conserved in a closed system of volume  $v$  (enclosing coax cable):

$$\vec{P}_{tot} = \vec{P}_{EM} + \vec{P}_{mech}^{hidden} = \vec{P}_{EM} - \vec{P}_{EM} = 0$$

Now imagine that the resistance  $R$  of the load resistor “magically” increases linearly with time {e.g. imagine the resistor to be a linear potentiometer (a linear, knob-variable resistor), so we can simply slowly rotate the knob on the linear potentiometer  $CW$  with time} which causes the current  $I$  flowing in the circuit to (slowly) decrease linearly with time.

Then, the slowly linearly-decreasing current will correspondingly have associated with it a slowly linearly-decreasing magnetic field; thus the linearly changing magnetic field will induce

an electric field - via Faraday’s Law - using either  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$  or  $\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$ :

$$\vec{E}^{ind}(\rho, t) = \left[ \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \ln \rho + K \right] \hat{z} \quad \{\text{where } K = \text{a constant of integration}\}$$

This induced  $\vec{E}$ -field exerts a net force  $\Delta \vec{F}_{ab}^{ind}(t) \equiv \vec{F}_a^{ind}(\rho = a, t) - \vec{F}_b^{ind}(\rho = b, t)$  on the  $\pm \lambda$  charges residing on the inner/outer cylinders of the coax cable {where  $\vec{F}_i^{ind} = Q_i \vec{E}_i^{ind}$ ,  $i = a, b$ } of:

$$\Delta \vec{F}_{ab}^{ind}(t) = \lambda \ell \left[ \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \ln a + K \right] \hat{z} - \lambda \ell \left[ \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \ln b + K \right] \hat{z} = -\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \lambda \ell \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \ln \left( \frac{b}{a} \right) \hat{z} \quad \{\text{n.b. points in the } \hat{z}\text{-direction}\}$$

The total net mechanical linear momentum imparted to the coax cable as the current slowly decreases from  $I(t=0) = I$  to  $I(t=t_{final}) = 0$ , using  $d[\Delta\vec{p}_{mech}(t)] = \Delta\vec{F}(t)dt$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\Delta\vec{p}_{mech}) &\equiv \int_{\Delta\vec{p}_{final}^{mech}(t=0)=0}^{\Delta\vec{p}_{final}^{mech}(t=t_{final})} d[\Delta\vec{p}_{mech}(t)] = \Delta\vec{p}_{final}^{mech}(t=t_{final}) - \underbrace{\Delta\vec{p}_{final}^{mech}(t=0)}_{=0} = \Delta\vec{p}_{final}^{mech}(t=t_{final}) \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{t=t_{final}} \Delta\vec{F}_{ab}^{ind}(t) dt = -\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \lambda \ell \left[ \int_{t=0}^{t=t_{final}} \frac{dI(t)}{dt} dt \right] \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \hat{z} \\ &= -\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \lambda \ell \left[ \int_{I(t=0)=I}^{I(t=t_{final})=0} dI(t) \right] \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \hat{z} = +\frac{\mu_o \lambda I \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

which is precisely equal to the original EM field momentum ( $t \leq 0$ ):  $\vec{p}_{EM} = \frac{\mu_o \lambda I \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \hat{z}$ .

Note that the coax cable will not recoil, because the equal, but opposite impulse is delivered to the coax cable by the “hidden” momentum, microscopically (and macroscopically), in just the same way as described above.

Note further that energy and momentum are able to be transported down the coax cable because there exists a non-zero Poynting’s vector  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}(\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \neq 0$  and a non-zero linear momentum density  $\vec{p}_{EM} = \vec{S}(\vec{r}, t)/c^2$  due to the {radial} electric field  $\vec{E}$  in the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ , arising from the presence of static electric charges on the surfaces of the inner & outer cylinders, in conjunction with the {azimuthal} magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  associated with the steady current  $I$  flowing down the coax cable. If either  $\vec{E}$  or  $\vec{B}$  were zero, or their cross-product  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$  were zero, there would be no transport of EM energy & linear momentum down the cable.

Recall that the capacitance  $C$  of an electrical device is associated with the ability to store energy in the electric field  $\vec{E}$  of that device, and that the {self-} inductance  $L$  of an electrical device is associated with the ability to store energy in the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  of that device. We thus realize that:

- The capacitance of the coax cable  $C = Q/\Delta V = 2\pi\epsilon_o\ell/\ln(b/a) \Rightarrow Q = C\Delta V$  is responsible for the presence of the surface charges  $\sigma_+ = +Q/A_{inner}$  and  $\sigma_- = -Q/A_{outer}$  on the inner & outer conductors of the coax cable when a potential difference  $\Delta V$  is imposed between the inner/outer conductors, which also gives rise to the existence of the transverse/radial electric field  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$  in the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ . The energy stored in the electric field  $\vec{E}$  of the coax cable is  $U_E = \frac{1}{2}C\Delta V^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o}\lambda^2\ell \ln(b/a)$  (Joules).
- The {self-} inductance of the coax cable  $L = \Phi_M/I = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi}\ell \ln(b/a) \Rightarrow \Phi_M = LI = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$  is associated with the azimuthal magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  for the in the region  $a \leq \rho \leq b$  resulting from the flow of electrical current  $I$  down the inner conductor. The energy stored in the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  of the coax cable is  $U_M = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 = \frac{\mu_o}{8\pi}I^2\ell \ln(b/a)$  (Joules).

- The total  $EM$  energy stored in the coax cable {using the principle of linear superposition} is the sum of these two electric-only and magnetic-only energies:

$$U_{Tot} = U_E + U_M = \frac{1}{2} C \Delta V^2 + \frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda^2 \ell \ln(b/a) + \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi} I^2 \ell \ln(b/a) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{2} (I/c)^2 \right) \ell \ln(b/a)$$

- $EM$  power transport in a electrical device occurs via the electromagnetic field and necessarily requires  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \neq 0$  (i.e. both  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  must be non-zero, and must be such that they also have non-zero cross-product  $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ ).
- $EM$  power transport in a electrical device necessarily requires the utilization of both the capacitance  $C$  and the {self-} inductance  $L$  of the device in order to do so!
- The  $EM$  power transported from the battery down the coax cable to the resistor (where it is ultimately dissipated as heat/thermal energy) is:  $P = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda I \ln(b/a) = \Delta V * I$  (Watts = J/sec) {n.b. the  $EM$  power is proportional to the product of the charge {per unit length} and the current  $\lambda I$ }. But  $\Delta V = Q/C$  and  $I = \Phi_M / L$ ; from Gauss' Law  $\Phi_E \equiv \int_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{encl} / \epsilon_0$  we see that  $P = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \lambda I \ln(b/a) = \Delta V * I = Q \Phi_M / CL = \epsilon_0 \Phi_E \Phi_M / CL$ ,  
 i.e.  $EM$  power transport in/through an electrical device manifestly involves:
  - the product of the electric and magnetic fluxes:  $\Phi_E \Phi_M$  and
  - the product of the device's capacitance and its inductance:  $CL$  !!!