

Hamiltonian Mechanics

$A = \int_{\text{path}} L dt$ (action eqn.)

A - action

L - Lagrangian

dt - w.r.t. time

$L = T - V$ (Classical Lagrangian)

T - kinetic energy

V - potential energy

$L = -\frac{m_0 c^2}{\gamma} = -m_0 c^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$ (Relativistic Lagrangian)

m_0 - rest mass

c^2 - speed of light squared.

γ - Lorentz factor

v - velocity

$T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ (kinetic energy)

m - mass

v - velocity

$V = m g x$ (gravitational potential energy)

m - mass

g - acceleration due to gravity

x - height

$V = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$ (elastic potential energy)

k - spring constant

x - displacement

$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r}$ (electrostatic potential energy)

Q - charge 1

q - charge that we move

ϵ_0 - permittivity of free space (constant)

r - distance

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{Euler-Lagrange eqn.})$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{p}} \quad (\text{Newton's 2nd law})$$

\vec{F} - vector force

\vec{p} - vector momentum

$$H = \dot{q} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} - \mathcal{L} \quad (\text{Hamiltonian})$$

\dot{q} - generalised velocity

\mathcal{L} - Lagrangian

H - Hamiltonian.

$$H = T + V \quad (\text{Hamiltonian for simple classical systems.})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{Generalised E-L eqn.})$$

(for all i)

$$H = \sum_i \dot{q}_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \mathcal{L} \quad (\text{Generalised Hamiltonian})$$

$$p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \quad (\text{General or canonical momentum})$$

$$F_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} \quad (\text{General or canonical force})$$

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla V \quad \text{or} \quad F = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \quad (\text{Gradient of potential energy})$$

V - potential field

∇ - gradient operator.

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} \quad (\text{Angular momentum})$$

\vec{r} - radial vector

\vec{p} - linear momentum

\vec{L} - angular momentum.

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r \quad (\text{Centripetal force})$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{q}_i &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \\ \dot{p}_i &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(Hamilton's equations)}$$

$\ddot{x} = -x$ (condition for simple harmonic motion.)

$F_c = mr\dot{\theta}^2$ (centrifugal force)

$\dot{\theta}$ - rate of change of angle.

$$M_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \dot{q}_i \partial \dot{q}_j} = M_{ji} \text{ (inertia / mass matrix)}$$

M_{ij} - entries in inertia matrix, \underline{M} is symmetric!

$$K_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right|_{eq.} = K_{ji} \text{ (stiffness matrix)}$$

K_{ij} - entries in stiffness matrix, \underline{K} is symmetric!

The partial derivatives are evaluated at the equilibrium values.

$$\det(\underline{K} - m\omega^2) = 0 \text{ (secular equation)}$$

\underline{K} - stiffness matrix

\underline{m} - mass matrix

ω - angular velocity / frequency.

det \Rightarrow take determinant.

Environmental Physics

$$W = |Q_H| - |Q_C| \text{ (Work done by heat engine)}$$

W - work done

Q_H - heat energy absorbed

Q_C - heat energy rejected

$$e = \frac{W}{Q_H} = 1 - \left| \frac{Q_C}{Q_H} \right| \text{ (Efficiency of engine.)}$$

$$\Delta U = Q - W \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ law of thermodynamics})$$

ΔU - change in internal energy

Q - heat energy added

W - work done by system

$$dS \geq 0 \quad (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ law of thermodynamics})$$

dS - increase/change in entropy

$$\frac{Q_c}{Q_H} = -\frac{T_c}{T_H} \quad (\text{Carnot ratio})$$

T_c - temperature of cold reservoir

T_H - temperature of hot reservoir

$$e_{\text{carnot}} = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_H} = \frac{T_H - T_c}{T_H} \quad (\text{Carnot efficiency})$$

$$K_{\text{carnot}} = \frac{T_c}{T_H - T_c} \quad (\text{Carnot performance coefficient})$$

$$\Delta S = \frac{Q}{T} \quad (\text{Entropy of reversible isothermal process})$$

T - absolute temperature

$$\Delta S = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{T} dQ \quad (\text{Entropy of reversible process})$$

1 - initial state

2 - final state

dQ - infinitesimal heat into system.

$$\Delta S = 0 = \int \frac{1}{T} dQ \quad (\text{Entropy of a reversible cyclic process})$$

$$\eta = \frac{\text{desired output}}{\text{required input}} = \frac{W}{Q_H} = 1 - \frac{|Q_c|}{Q_H} \quad (\text{Efficiency of a power station})$$

W - work out

Q_H - heat in

Q_c - heat out

$$E = - \frac{d\phi_B}{dt} \quad (\text{Faraday's law})$$

ϕ_B - magnetic flux
 E - emf

$$\phi_B = BA \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{Magnetic flux on a wire loop.})$$

B - magnetic flux density

A - area of loop

ω - angular frequency

ϕ - phase angle

$$E = BAN\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{emf induced by wire loop.})$$

N - number of turns of wire.

$$E = I\Delta V = I^2 R_{\text{cable}} \quad (\text{Energy lost as heat from transmission})$$

I - current

R_{cable} - resistance of cable

V - voltage

$$P = IV \quad (\text{Power output at station})$$

I - current on the grid

V - voltage at station

$$E = \frac{P^2}{V^2} R_{\text{cable}} \quad (\text{Energy loss})$$

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} \quad (\text{Resistance of cable})$$

ρ - resistivity

L - length of cable

A - cross-sectional area of cable.

$$V_2 = V_1 \frac{N_2}{N_1} \quad (\text{transformer equation})$$

V_1 - primary voltage

V_2 - secondary voltage

N_1 - primary turns

N_2 - secondary turns

$$\frac{P}{A} = \sigma T^4 \quad (\text{Stefan-Boltzmann equation for blackbody})$$

P - power

A - area

σ - Stefan-Boltzmann constant

T - absolute temperature.

$$P_{\text{sun}} = 4\pi R_{\odot}^2 \sigma T_{\odot}^4 \quad (\text{Power from Sun.})$$

R_{\odot} - radius of sun

T_{\odot} - temperature of sun.

$$v = \sqrt{2gh} \quad (\text{conservation of energy})$$

v - velocity of water

g - acceleration due to gravity

h - height water falls through.

$$P = \eta \sqrt{2(gh)^{3/2}} A \rho \quad (\text{Power of hydroelectricity})$$

η - efficiency

A - area of pipe section

ρ - density of water

$$U = \frac{g \rho S R^2}{2} \quad (\text{potential energy for tidal power})$$

ρ - density of tidal water

S - surface area of trapped water

R - head height

$$T = \frac{\rho_{\text{air}} A \delta t v^3}{2} \quad (\text{kinetic energy of wind})$$

A - area of turbine

δt - small time

v - velocity of wind

$$P = \frac{T}{t} = \frac{\rho_{\text{air}} A v^3}{2} \quad (\text{Power of wind})$$

t - time

P - power

$$P = \frac{\rho}{2} A V (v_1^2 - v_2^2) \quad (\text{Betz law relationship})$$

P - power absorbed

A - area of turbine

V - windspeed at turbine

v_1 - downstream windspeed

v_2 - upstream windspeed.

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = \rho A V (v_1 - v_2) \quad (\text{Force on turbine})$$

p - momentum

$$P = FV = \rho A V^2 (v_1 - v_2) \quad (\text{Power on turbine})$$

F - force

v - windspeed

$$V = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \quad (\text{velocity relationship})$$

$$P = \frac{\rho}{2} A V^3 C_p(x) \quad (\text{Real performance})$$

$$C_p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{v_2^2}{v_1^2}\right)$$

C_p - power coefficient

$$\langle P \rangle = C_f C_p \frac{\rho_{\text{air}}}{2} A V_{\text{rated}}^3 \quad (\text{Average power output})$$

C_f - capacity factor

C_p - power coefficient

V_{rated} - rated wind velocity

$$V_1 = H V_0 \left(\frac{H_1}{H_0}\right)^x \quad (\text{Windspeed comparison})$$

V_0 - velocity at H_0

V_1 - velocity at H_1

x - factor depending on terrain

H_0 - initial height

H_1 - final height

$$\Delta m c^2 = Z m_p c^2 + (A - Z) m_n c^2 - m\left(\frac{A}{Z} X\right) c^2 \quad (\text{Mass defect})$$

Δm - mass defect

c = speed of light

Z - atomic ~~mass~~ number

A - atomic mass

m_p - mass of proton

m_n - mass of neutron

$m\left(\frac{A}{Z} X\right)$ - mass of element X .

$$D(R) = \frac{D(0)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{R-b}{a}\right)} \quad (\text{charge / mass density})$$

$D(0)$, a , b are constants (see notes)

R - radius

$$P = \frac{N\sigma}{A} \quad (\text{Reaction probability})$$

N - number of nuclei

σ - reaction cross-section

A - area of target

$$\sigma_g = \pi R^2 \quad (\text{geometrical cross-section})$$

R - radius of atom

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_{in} + \sigma_{gr} + \sigma_f \quad (\text{Neutron absorption})$$

σ_a - absorption cross-section

σ_{in} - inelastic scattering cross-section

σ_{gr} - neutron capture cross-section

σ_f - fission cross-section

$$\sigma_{total} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_a + \sigma_f \quad (\text{total cross-section})$$

σ_{el} - elastic scattering cross-section

$$n = \frac{\rho N_A}{M} \quad (\text{number density})$$

ρ - density

N_A - Avogadro's number

M - molar mass

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n\sigma} \quad (\text{mean free path})$$

n - number density

σ - cross-section

λ - mean free path

$$d = \sqrt{N_c} \lambda \quad (\text{distance travelled})$$

N_c - number of collisions

$$R = n_n v_{th,n} n_{U-235} \sigma_f \quad (\text{reaction rate})$$

n_n - number density of neutrons

$v_{th,n}$ - thermal velocity of neutrons

n_{U-235} - number density of U-235

σ_f - fission cross-section

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{th,n}^2 = k_B T \quad (\text{thermal velocity})$$

m - mass of particle

k_B - Boltzmann constant

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{(K-1)\phi}{\tau} = \frac{\phi}{T_r} \quad (\text{neutron equation})$$

$\phi(t)$ - number of neutrons at time, t .

K - some factor

τ - mean neutron lifetime

$$T_r = \frac{\tau}{K-1} \quad (\text{reactor period})$$

$K = 1$ - steady output power (K - value)

$$\phi(t) = \phi(t_0) \exp\left(\frac{t}{T_r}\right) \quad (\text{no. of neutrons})$$

$\phi(t_0)$ - number of neutrons at t_0 .

$$T_{avg} = (1-\alpha)T_p + \alpha T_d \quad (\text{mean lifetime of neutron})$$

T_p - prompt time

T_d - delayed time

α - percentage of delayed neutrons

$$W = 3k_B T n \quad (\text{energy density of plasma})$$

T - temperature

n - number density

$$P_L = \frac{W}{\tau_E} = \frac{3k_B T n}{\tau_E} \quad (\text{Power loss rate})$$

τ_E - confinement time

$$f = \frac{1}{4} n^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle \quad (\text{number of collisions of D+T})$$

σ - cross-section for fusion

v - relative velocity of D+T.

$$P_H = f E_\alpha = \frac{1}{4} n^2 E_\alpha \langle \sigma v \rangle \quad (\text{Power input rate})$$

E_α - energy injected by a particle.

$$n T \tau_E \geq \frac{3k_B}{\beta} \quad (\text{Lawson Criterion})$$

β - constant of proportionality

T - temperature

$$\lambda = 8.5 \times 10^{21} \frac{T^2}{n} \quad (\text{Ion mean free path})$$

T - temperature

n - number density

$$D_r = \frac{\delta^2}{\tau} \quad (\text{Diffusive transport})$$

δ - Debye length

D_r - diffusion coefficient

τ - time between collisions

$$\vec{u}_{E \times B} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2} \quad (\text{E cross B drift})$$

$\vec{u}_{E \times B}$ - drift velocity

\vec{E} - E-field

\vec{B} - B-field

$$(1-a)(S \cdot \pi R^2) = \sigma T^4 \cdot (4\pi R^2) \quad (\text{Simplest climate model})$$

a - albedo

S - Solar constant

R - radius of Earth

T - temperature of Earth

σ - Stefan - Boltzmann constant.

$$I_\nu dE = \frac{2\pi^5}{15} \frac{E^3}{h^3 c^2} \frac{1}{e^{E/kT} - 1} dE \quad (\text{Planck distribution})$$

E - energy

h - Planck's constant

c - speed of light

k - Boltzmann's constant

T - absolute temperature

$$E = \hbar \omega = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (\text{Photon energy})$$

\hbar - reduced Planck's constant

ω - angular frequency

f - frequency

λ - wavelength

$$W(\omega) d\omega = \frac{\omega^3}{c^3 \pi^2} \frac{\hbar}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1} d\omega \quad (\text{Energy density})$$

$$I_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{2\pi^5 hc^2}{15} \frac{1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1} d\lambda \quad (\text{Planck distribution again})$$

$$\frac{dP_k(t)}{dt} = B_{ik} W(\omega) \quad (\text{Probability of system in excited state})$$

B_{ik} - Einstein coefficient

$W(\omega)$ - energy density

$P_k(t)$ - Probability

(Describes how it varies with time.)

$B_{1k} = \frac{\pi}{3\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} |\mu_{k1}|^2$ (Einstein coefficient)

$|\mu_{k1}|^2$ - transition dipole moment
 ϵ_0 - permittivity of free space.

$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = -B_{12} W(\omega) N_1 + B_{21} W(\omega) N_2 + A_{21} N_2$ (2 state system)

N_1 - population / number in ground state

N_2 - number in excited state

A_{21} - Einstein coefficient for spontaneous emission

$I(z) = I(0) \exp(-kz)$ (Beer - Lambert law)

$I(z)$ - intensity at z

$I(0)$ - initial intensity

k - some function of ω .

$B_{12} = \frac{V n^2}{N_1 \hbar} \int_{\text{band } \omega} k(\omega) d\omega$ (measuring $k(\omega)$)

V - volume

n - refractive index

(integrated over a band of angular frequencies)

$I(l_0) = I(0) \cdot 10^{-OD}$ (Recast Beer - Lambert law)

l_0 - Path length l

OD - optical density

$k = \frac{OD}{l_0} \cdot \frac{1}{\log_{10} e}$ (k term from Beer - Lambert law)

$OD = \epsilon l C$ (absorption in plants)

ϵ - molar extinction coefficient

C - concentration

l - path length

$\sigma = \sigma_0 r^2 P$ (Absorption cross-section)

σ - absorption cross-section

r - radius of particle

P - probability of photon being absorbed.

$dp = -\rho g dz$ (Hydrostatic equation)

p - pressure

ρ - density

g - gravity acceleration

$pV = nRT$ (Ideal gas.)

n - number of moles

R - molar gas constant

divide by molar mass

divide by N_A

Mass (m) \Leftrightarrow Moles (n) \Leftrightarrow Number of particles (N)

multiply by molar mass

multiply by N_A

N_A - Avogadro's Number

$H_e = \frac{R' T_{av}}{g} \approx 7.3 \text{ km}$ (Effective scale height)

R' - specific gas constant ($R' = R/m$ (m - molar mass))

T_{av} - average temperature

g - gravity

$p = p_0 \exp(-z/H_e)$ (Pressure varying with altitude)

p_0 - ground pressure

z - altitude

$-\Gamma_d = -\frac{g}{c_p}$ (Dry adiabatic lapse rate)

c_p - Heat capacity at constant pressure

$\Gamma_s = \Gamma_d + \frac{\Delta H_{vap}}{c_p} \frac{dw}{dz}$ (Saturated adiabatic lapse rate)

ΔH_{vap} - vaporization enthalpy

w - mass fraction of water vapour.

$(1-a) \frac{S_0}{4} = \sigma T_a^4 + 6\sigma T_s^4$ (Radiation balance)

a - albedo (≈ 0.3)

T_a - temperature of surface

T_s - temperature of surface

S - solar constant

σ - Stefan-Boltzmann constant

k - transmission constant (≈ 0.06)

$$\Delta T_s = \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial T_s} \right)^{-1} \Delta I = G \Delta I \quad (\text{Radiative forcing})$$

ΔT_s - change in temperature

G - gain factor, equal to one over $\partial I / \partial T_s$ (≈ 0.3)

ΔI - radiative forcing

$$\Delta T_s = G_F \Delta I \quad (\text{Climate sensitivity})$$

G_F - Climate sensitivity parameter ($\approx 0.8 \text{ K/Wm}^{-2}$)

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rho dt = \vec{F}_{\text{pres}} + \vec{F}_{\text{viscous}} + \vec{F}_{\text{coriolis}} + \vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} \quad (\text{Motion of air})$$

\vec{u} - velocity vector

ρ - density

dt - volume element ($dx dy dz$)

$$\vec{F}_{\text{pres}} = -\nabla p dt$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{viscous}} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} dt$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{coriolis}} = -2 \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u} \rho dt$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} = \vec{g} \rho dt$$

(4 forces in motion of air equation)

μ - dynamic viscosity

$\vec{\Omega}$ - Earth's rotation vector

\vec{u} - velocity in rotating frame

\vec{g} - gravitational field vector

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 2 (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u}) \quad (\text{Geostrophic flow})$$

$$\frac{|\nabla p|}{\rho f} = v \quad (\text{Speed of flow})$$

f - Coriolis parameter ($f = 2\Omega \sin \beta$)

β - latitude

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\hat{k} \times \vec{u}}{T} \right) = -\frac{g}{fT^2} \nabla T \quad (\text{Coupling horizontal and vertical properties of atmosphere})$$

f - Coriolis parameter
 \hat{k} - unit vector in \hat{k} -direction
 \vec{u} - velocity in horizontal direction

$$\frac{du_x}{dt} = (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) u_x + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} \quad (x\text{-component of } d\vec{u}/dt)$$

u_x - x-component of \vec{u}

Physics of fluids

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A} \quad (\text{Stress})$$

F - force
 A - area
 τ - stress

$$e = \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \quad (\text{Strain})$$

$$\tau = G e \quad (\text{Shear modulus})$$

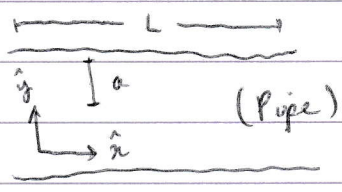
G - shear modulus

$$\tau = \mu \frac{de}{dt} = \mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \quad (\text{Fluid stress})$$

μ - viscosity
 v_x - fluid flow velocity

$$v_x(y) = \frac{Q}{2\mu} (a^2 - y^2) \quad (\text{laminar, viscous, steady flow})$$

Q - some constant
 a - radius of pipe
 μ - viscosity of fluid
 y - height in pipe.



$$v_z(r) = \frac{Q}{4\mu} (a^2 - r^2) \quad (\text{Poiseuille flow})$$

a - radius of pipe

r - radial distance

Q - some constant given by boundary conditions

$$\nabla p = \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u} \quad (\text{Steady state, viscous flow})$$

p - pressure

\vec{u} - velocity

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \quad (\text{Kinematic viscosity})$$

ρ - density

$$Re = \frac{\rho_0 v_0 L_0}{\mu} \quad (\text{Reynolds number})$$

ρ_0 - typical mass density

v_0 - typical speed

L_0 - typical length scale

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0 \quad (\text{Continuity equation})$$

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{\mu}{3} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) - \rho g \hat{k}$$

\vec{v} - velocity

(Navier-Stokes

\vec{g} - gravity acceleration

equation)

\hat{k} - direction of gravity (radially inwards, hence minus sign)

Also written as:

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{\mu}{3} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) + \rho \vec{g}$$

and $\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ is the advective derivative, $\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}$

\vec{g} is gravity vector, $-g \hat{k}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{P}{\rho^\gamma} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{Adiabatic fluid})$$

γ - ratio of specific heats / adiabatic ratio

P - pressure

ρ - density

$$\rho = \text{constant} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \quad (\text{incompressible flow})$$

$$\frac{\delta}{d} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Re}} \quad (\text{Boundary layer thickness})$$

δ - boundary layer thickness

d - length of plate

$$P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g z = \text{constant along streamline} \quad (\text{Bernoulli's equation})$$

z - height

(Only applies for incompressible, steady, inviscid flow.)

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P_0}{\rho_0}} \quad (\text{Sound speed})$$

c_s - speed of sound

γ - adiabatic ratio

$$K = \oint_{\Gamma} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (\text{Circulation around loop})$$

Γ - loop we integrate around

$d\vec{l}$ = line element

K - circulation

$$\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{v} \quad (\text{Vorticity})$$

$\vec{\omega}$ - vorticity vector

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\oint_{\Gamma} \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{Kelvin Circulation Theorem})$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} = 0 \quad (\text{Irrotational flow})$$

$$\nabla \phi = \vec{v} \quad (\text{Potential flow})$$

(This is only true for irrotational flow, i.e. $\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$)

ϕ - scalar field / flow potential

$$\vec{v} = \frac{q}{2\pi r} \hat{r} \quad (\text{2D point source})$$

q - flow rate

$$v_x = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (\text{Streamfunctions})$$

ψ - streamfunction

($\psi = \text{constant}$ gives us streamlines)

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho} + gz = \text{constant everywhere} \quad (\text{Generalised Bernoulli})$$

ϕ - flow potential

(This is for irrotational, incompressible and inviscid flow)

$$\vec{L} = \rho (\vec{k} \times \vec{v}) \quad (\text{Magnus effect})$$

\vec{L} - lift vector

\vec{k} - circulation vector

$$F = b \rho \frac{v^2}{2} A \quad (\text{drag force})$$

b - drag coefficient

A - cross-sectional area

Thermal Physics

$$\sum_i P_i = 1 \quad (\text{Normalisation})$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \sum_i x_i P_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \quad (\text{mean})$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 \quad (\text{Standard deviation})$$

x - some random variable

σ_x^2 - variance

σ_x - standard deviation

$\langle x^2 \rangle$ - mean of x^2 terms

$\langle x \rangle^2$ - mean squared

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \quad (\text{Bayes' Theorem})$$

$P(A|B)$ - probability of A given B occurred

$P(A)$ - probability of A occurring

$P(B)$ - probability of B occurring

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W = T ds - pdV \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ law of thermo})$$

dU - internal energy

δQ - change in heat energy } inexact differentials

δW - change in work done }

T - absolute temp

ds - change in entropy

p - pressure

dV - change in volume.

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \quad (\text{Potential energy of SHO})$$

ω - angular velocity of oscillator

x - displacement

m - mass of object

$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega \quad (\text{Energy of SHO})$$

n - quantum number ($n \in 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

\hbar - reduced Planck

$S = k_B \ln \Omega$ (Entropy)

k_B - Boltzmann's constant

Ω - number of microstates

S - entropy

$\Omega_{total} = \Omega_1 \cdot \Omega_2 \cdot \Omega_3 \cdot \dots \cdot \Omega_N$ (combining microstates)

$pV = nRT = Nk_B T$ (ideal gas equation)

p - pressure

V - volume

n - no. of moles

R - molar gas constant

T - absolute temperature

N - no. of molecules

k_B - Boltzmann again

$\frac{ds}{dT} = \frac{d(k_B \ln \Omega)}{dE} = \frac{1}{T}$ (temperature of isolated system)

$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$ (useful)

$P(E_i) = \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{Z}$ (Boltzmann distribution)

$P(E_i)$ - probability of system having energy E_i .

$Z = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i}$ (Partition function)

$S = -k_B \sum_i P_i \ln P_i$ (Gibbs entropy formula)

$\langle E \rangle = \frac{n}{2} k_B T$ (Equipartition theorem)

n - number of quadratic, independent degrees of freedom a system has.

$C_v = \left(\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T} \right)_{\text{fixed } v}$ (Heat capacity)

C_v - specific heat capacity

$$F = U - TS \quad (\text{Helmholtz free energy})$$

F - H. free energy

U - internal energy

T - temperature

S - entropy

$$H = U + pV \quad (\text{Enthalpy})$$

H - enthalpy

p - pressure

V - volume

$$G = H - TS \quad (\text{Gibbs free energy})$$

G - Gibbs free energy

$$U = - \frac{d \ln Z}{d\beta} \quad (\text{internal energy})$$

Z - partition function

$$S = k_B (\beta U + \ln Z) \quad (\text{Entropy})$$

$$F = U - TS = -k_B T \ln Z \quad (\text{Helmholtz free energy})$$

$$a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad (\text{Geometric sum to infinity})$$

$$S' = \hbar \sqrt{s(s+1)} \quad (\text{Spin angular momentum})$$

S' - angular momentum intrinsic to particle

S - spin quantum number ($S \in 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$)

$$S'_z = \hbar m_s \quad (\text{Component of spin vector})$$

m_s - magnetic spin quantum number ($m_s \in -S, -S+1, \dots, S-1, S$)

$$Z = \sum_i g(E_i) e^{-\beta E_i} \quad (\text{Degenerate partition function})$$

$g(E_i)$ - number of distinct states with energy E_i

$$Z_{\text{total}} = Z_a \cdot Z_b \cdot Z_c \cdot \dots \cdot Z_n \quad (\text{Combining partition functions})$$

$$Z_N = (Z_1)^N \quad (\text{for spin } \frac{1}{2} \text{ paramagnet})$$

$$dU = T ds - m dB \quad (\text{magnetic systems})$$

m - magnetic moment

• $dU \leq 0$ for fixed S and P

• $dG \leq 0$ for fixed T and P

• $dF \leq 0$ for fixed T and V

• $\sigma_E = T \sqrt{k_B C_V}$ (Standard deviation of energy)

• $g(k) dk = \frac{V k^2}{2\pi^2} dk$ (Density of States)

V - volume of container

k - wavenumber

• $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha^3}}$ (Standard integral)

α - constant

• $n_Q = \left(\frac{m k_B T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2}$ (Quantum concentration)

m - mass of particle

$$(n_Q = \frac{1}{\lambda_{th}^3})$$

n_Q - Quantum concentration

• $\lambda_{th} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$ (Thermal wavelength)

λ_{th} - thermal wavelength

• $Z_N = \frac{Z_1^N}{N!}$ (Indistinguishability)

N - number of particles

• $\ln(m!) \approx m \ln m - m$ (Stirling's approximation)

• $S = \frac{U - F}{T} = N k_B \left[\frac{5}{2} - \ln \left(\frac{N \lambda_{th}^3}{V} \right) \right]$ (Sackur-Tetrode equation)

S - entropy

U - internal energy

F - Helmholtz free energy

• $\mu = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial N} \right)_{S, V} = \frac{G}{N}$ (Chemical potential)

G - Gibbs free energy

μ - chemical potential

$$P_i = \frac{e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)}}{Z} \quad (\text{Gibbs' distribution})$$

$$Z = \sum_i e^{-\beta(E_i - \mu N_i)} \quad (\text{Grand partition function})$$

Z - grand partition function

E_i - energy of state i

P_i - probability of state i

N_i - number of particles in state i

$$\bar{\Phi}_G = -k_B T \ln Z \quad (\text{Grand potential})$$

$\bar{\Phi}_G$ - grand potential

$$u_\lambda = \frac{8\pi h c}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1} \quad (\text{Planck distribution law})$$

u_λ - spectral energy density

λ - wavelength of EM radiation

$$\omega = ck \quad (\text{photon relation})$$

c - speed of light

k - wave vector

ω - angular frequency

$$I = \sigma T^4 \quad (\text{Stefan-Boltzmann law})$$

I - intensity

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 2.897 \text{ mm K} \quad (\text{Wien displacement law})$$

λ_{max} - maximum wavelength

$$\omega_D = \left(\frac{6N\sigma^2 v_s^3}{V} \right)^{1/3} \quad (\text{Debye frequency})$$

ω_D - Debye frequency

v_s - speed of sound

V - volume

N - no. of particles

$$\Theta_D = \frac{\hbar \omega_D}{k_B} \quad (\text{Debye temperature})$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 N}{V} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (\text{Fermi energy})$$

N - number of carriers

V - volume of metal

$$T_F = \frac{E_F}{k_B} \quad (\text{Fermi temperature})$$

$$f_{FD}(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E-\mu)} + 1} \quad (\text{Fermi-Dirac distribution})$$

$$f_{BE}(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1} \quad (\text{Bose-Einstein distribution})$$

$$N = \int_0^{\infty} g(E) f(E) dE \quad (\text{Number of total particles})$$

$$U = \int_0^{\infty} E g(E) f(E) dE \quad (\text{Internal energy})$$

$f(E)$ - distribution function (f_{FD} for fermions, f_{BE} for bosons)

$g(E)$ - density of states

$$\langle n \rangle = - \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial E} \quad (\text{Mean occupation number})$$

Z - grand partition function

$\langle n \rangle$ - mean occupation number

$$\int_0^{\infty} (2S+1) \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{E^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{\beta(E-\mu)} - 1} dE \quad (\text{General 3D boson gas})$$

S - spin states

$$k_B T_c = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} \left(\frac{n}{2.612} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (\text{Critical temperature for BEC})$$

n - carrier density, $n = N/V$.

Quantum Mechanics

$$E_k = h\nu - \phi \quad (\text{Photoelectric equation})$$

E_k - kinetic energy of electrons

h - Planck's constant

ν - photon frequency

ϕ - work function

$$h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad (\text{Photon energy})$$

c - speed of light

λ - photon wavelength

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos \phi) \quad (\text{Compton scattering})$$

λ' - wavelength of scattered radiation

λ - wavelength of incident radiation

m - mass of electron (rest mass)

ϕ - scattering angle

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 (\exp(\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}) - 1)} \quad (\text{Planck radiation law})$$

$I(\lambda)$ - spectral emittance of blackbody

λ - wavelength

h - Boltzmann constant

T - absolute temperature of blackbody

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv} \quad (\text{de Broglie wavelength})$$

λ - de Broglie wavelength

p - momentum

v - velocity

$$E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad (\text{kinetic energy for non-relativistic particle})$$

m - mass of particle

p - momentum of particle

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x,t) \Psi(x,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t}$$

\hbar - reduced Planck's constant (TDSE) (1-dimension)

Ψ - time-dependant wavefunction

V - potential energy

i - imaginary unit.

$$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi} \quad (\text{Reduced Planck's constant.})$$

$$f(t) = \exp\left(\frac{-iEt}{\hbar}\right) \quad (\text{time evolution of stationary states})$$

E - energy

t - time

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \Psi(x) = E \Psi(x) \quad (\text{TISE}) \quad (1\text{-dimension})$$

$\Psi(x)$ - time-independent wavefunction

E - energy eigenvalue

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \hbar/2 \quad (\text{H.U.P. - position and momentum})$$

Δx - position uncertainty

Δp - momentum uncertainty

$$\Delta t \Delta E \geq \hbar/2 \quad (\text{H.U.P. - energy and time})$$

Δt - time uncertainty

ΔE - energy uncertainty

$$E = \hbar \omega \quad (\text{energy / angular velocity relation})$$

ω - angular velocity

$$p = \hbar k \quad (\text{momentum / wavenumber relation})$$

k - wavenumber

$$E_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} \quad (\text{energy eigenvalues for particle in infinite potential well.})$$

n - energy level, $n \in 1, 2, 3, \dots$

L - length of box

m - mass of particle.

$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} k' x^2$ (potential of harmonic oscillator)
 k' - 'spring constant' (curvature of potential well.)

$\Psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$ (finite well wavefunction)

$n \in 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$ (energy eigenvalues for harmonic oscillator)

$n \in 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$\hat{H} \Psi_n = E_n \Psi_n$ (TISE as eigenvalue equation)

\hat{H} - Hamiltonian operator

Ψ_n - eigenstate / eigenfunction

E_n - eigenvalue, energy.

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi(x,t)|^2 dx = 1$ (normalisation condition)
 (1 dimension)

$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} |\Psi(r,\theta,\phi)|^2 \sin\theta r^2 dr d\theta d\phi = 1$

(normalisation condition
 (3D spherical polars))

θ - polar angle.

ϕ - azimuthal angle.

r - radial component

$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ (angular momentum, classical)

\vec{L} - angular momentum

\vec{r} - position vector

\vec{p} - linear momentum vector

$L_z = x p_y - y p_x$ (z-component of angular momentum)

x - component in \hat{x} of \vec{r}

p_y - component in \hat{y} of \vec{p}

$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{r}) \Psi(\vec{r}) = E \Psi(\vec{r})$ (TISE)
 (3D cartesian)

∇^2 - Laplacian operator

$L_z < |\vec{L}|$ (H.V.P. relation)

L_z - z component of angular momentum

$|\vec{L}|$ - modulus of angular momentum

- $n \in 1, 2, 3, \dots$ (Principal quantum number)
 - $l \in 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ (Orbital quantum number)
 - $m_l \in -l, \dots, 0, \dots, +l$ (Magnetic quantum number)
 - ~~Total~~ $L = \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1)}$ (Total angular momentum)
- L - Orbital angular momentum.
- $L_z = \hbar m_l$ (Z-component of angular momentum)

m_l - magnetic quantum number

- $\vec{M} = \pi r^2 I \hat{z}$ (Magnetic moment)

r - radius of loop

I - current

\hat{z} - z-direction

- $\Delta E = 2|\vec{M}| B_z$ (Zeeman effect)

$|\vec{M}|$ - magnitude of magnetic moment

B_z - z-component of magnetic field

- $V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ze}{r^2}$ (Coulomb potential)

ϵ_0 - permittivity of free space

z - proton number

e - charge of electron

r - radial distance

- $S' = \hbar \sqrt{s(s+1)}$ (Spin angular momentum)

S' - spin angular momentum

s - spin number, $\frac{1}{2}$.

- $\Psi = \sum_n c_n \psi_n$ (superposition of eigenfunctions)

Ψ - wavefunction

ψ_n - eigenfunction

c_n - superposition coefficient

- $\hat{H}\Psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t}$ (TDSE) (3 dimensional eigenvalue equation)

\hat{H} - Hamiltonian operator

- $\langle Q \rangle = \int_E \Psi^* \hat{Q} \Psi d\tau$ (expectation value)

$\langle Q \rangle$ - expectation value of \hat{Q}
 \hat{Q} - operator giving an observable
 Ψ - eigenstate
 integrated over many experiments.

- $\int_E \Psi_i^* \Psi_j d\tau = \langle \Psi_i | \Psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ (orthonormality)

$\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle$ - inner product

- $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ (Kronecker Delta)

- $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$

i, j are indices

- $\hat{P}_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ (momentum operator) (1 dimension)

- $\hat{P} = -i\hbar \nabla$ (momentum operator) (3D)

- $\hat{x} = x$ (position operator) (1D)

- $\hat{r} = \vec{r}$ (position operator) (3D)

- $\delta(x - x') = 0$ (Dirac Delta function)

for $x \neq x'$

- $\sigma_Q^2 = \langle Q^2 \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2$ (Variance)

$\langle Q^2 \rangle$ - mean value of squared terms

$\langle Q \rangle^2$ - mean value, squared

σ_Q^2 = variance

- $\langle Q \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_N Q_n$ (Mean)

N - number of values

- $\int_E f^* \hat{Q} g d\tau = \int_E g \hat{Q}^* f^* d\tau$ (Hermiticity)

- $\hat{Q}^* f^* = (\hat{Q} f)^*$ (Conjugates)

* means take complex conjugate.

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A} \quad (\text{commutators})$$

if $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$, the operators commute.

$$\sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \rangle| \quad (\text{Generalised H.P.})$$

σ_A - uncertainty in observable A.

σ_B - uncertainty in observable B.

$$\frac{d\langle \hat{Q} \rangle}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle \quad (\text{Ehrenfest theorem})$$

here, the big angle brackets mean the expectation value of the commutators.

\hat{H} - Hamiltonian operator.

$$\hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \quad (\text{z-component of angular momentum operator}) \quad (\text{Cartesian})$$

$$\hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{z-component of angular momentum operator}) \quad (\text{spherical polars})$$

$$\hat{L}^2 = \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2 \quad (\text{angular momentum operator squared})$$

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] = i\hbar \hat{L}_z \quad (\text{angular momentum commutators})$$

$$\hat{L}_{\pm} = \hat{L}_x \pm i\hat{L}_y \quad (\text{raising and lowering operators})$$

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_{\pm}] = \pm \hbar \hat{L}_{\pm} \quad (\text{commutators})$$

$$[\hat{L}_{\pm}, \hat{L}_{\pm}] = 0 \quad (\text{commutators})$$

$$\langle \Psi_i | \Psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (\text{Orthonormality})$$

$$\int \Psi_1^* \Psi_2 d\tau = \langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle \quad (\text{Bra-ket})$$

$$\langle q^2 \rangle = \langle \Psi | \hat{Q} \hat{Q} | \Psi \rangle \quad (\text{Variance again})$$

$$E_n = \frac{-13.6 \text{ eV}}{n^2} \quad (\text{Hydrogen atom energy levels})$$

n - quantum number, $n \in 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\Psi_N(\vec{r}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{r}_2, \sigma_2) = -\Psi(\vec{r}_2, \sigma_2, \vec{r}_1, \sigma_1) \quad (\text{Exchange symmetry})$$

σ - spin

$$\Psi(x, y, z) = A e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad (\text{3D particle in a box wavefunction})$$

\vec{k} - wavevector

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(x, y, z)$$

$$n(E) = \frac{V}{2\pi} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E^{1/2} \quad (\text{Density of states})$$

V - volume

m - mass of particle

$$E_{\text{total}} = \int_0^{E_F} E n(E) dE \quad (\text{total energy})$$

E_F - Fermi energy

$$v_F = \frac{\hbar k_F}{m} \quad (\text{Fermi velocity})$$

k_F - Fermi wavevector / number

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad (\text{Energy in terms of wavevector})$$

$$F(E, \mu, T) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-\mu)/k_B T} + 1} \quad (\text{Fermi-Dirac distribution})$$

E - energy

μ - chemical potential

T - absolute temperature

k_B - Boltzmann

$$\hat{\mu}_s = -\frac{eg}{2m} \hat{S}_z \quad (\text{Magnetic moment})$$

e - charge on electron

g - factor

\hat{S}_z - spin operator (eigenvalues of $\pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar$)

$$M = \mu_B (N_{\downarrow} - N_{\uparrow}) \approx \mu_B n(E_F) \mu_B B \quad (\text{Magnetisation})$$

N_{\uparrow} - number in spin up state

N_{\downarrow} - number in spin down state

μ_B - Bohr magneton

$$\chi = \frac{dM}{dB} = \mu_B^2 n(E_F) \quad (\text{Susceptibility})$$

M - magnetisation

χ - susceptibility

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Current density, analogy to conservation of mass in fluids})$$

\vec{j} - current density vector

ρ - density

$$\vec{j} = \frac{\hbar}{2im} (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*) \quad (\text{Solution to current density}) \quad (3D)$$

ψ - wavefunction

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a} + n_2 \vec{b} + n_3 \vec{c} \quad (\text{lattice vector})$$

n_1, n_2, n_3 span over all integers

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are 3 non-coplanar vectors \Rightarrow primitive vectors

$$V_c = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \quad (\text{Unit cell of lattice})$$

V_c - volume of parallelepiped \equiv unit cell

$$\vec{G}_{h,k,l} = h\vec{A} + k\vec{B} + l\vec{C} \quad (\text{Reciprocal vector})$$

$\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ are primitive vectors for reciprocal lattice

h, k, l are integers too.

$$e^{i(\vec{G}_{h,k,l} \cdot \vec{R}_{n_1, n_2, n_3})} = 1 \quad (\text{Condition for reciprocal lattice})$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{2\pi (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{2\pi (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})}{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}$$

$$\vec{C} = \frac{2\pi (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}$$

(Reciprocal lattice primitive vector)

$$\psi(x) = e^{ikx} u(x) \quad (1D \text{ Bloch's theorem})$$

$$u(x) = u(x+a) = u(x+2a) \neq \dots$$

Can be converted to 3D by $x \rightarrow \vec{r}$ and $k \rightarrow \vec{k}$

$$N = \int_0^\infty F(E, \mu, T) n(E) dE \quad (\text{No. of electrons})$$

$F(E, \mu, T)$ - Fermi-Dirac distribution

$n(E)$ - density of states

$$I = I_s \left[\exp\left(\frac{eV}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right] \quad (\text{Shockley diode equation})$$

e - electron charge

V - voltage across diode

T - temperature of diode

I_s - saturation current

$$\hat{L}^2 Y_{\ell, m}(\theta, \phi) = \ell(\ell+1) \hbar^2 Y_{\ell, m}(\theta, \phi) \quad (\text{Angular momentum eigenvalue eqn})$$

\hat{L}^2 - operator

$Y_{\ell, m}$ - eigenfunction, spherical harmonics

$\ell(\ell+1) \hbar^2$ - eigenvalue

$$\hat{\sigma}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Pauli spin matrices)

These have the following properties:

$$\hat{\sigma}_x^2 = \hat{\sigma}_y^2 = \hat{\sigma}_z^2 = I_{2 \times 2} \quad (2 \times 2 \text{ identity matrix})$$

$$[\hat{\sigma}_x, \hat{\sigma}_y] = 2i \hat{\sigma}_z \text{ etc.}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_x \hat{\sigma}_y + \hat{\sigma}_y \hat{\sigma}_x = 0$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_y \hat{\sigma}_z + \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{\sigma}_y = 0 \quad (\text{anti commute})$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_x \hat{\sigma}_z + \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{\sigma}_x = 0$$

$|\psi\rangle$ (ket)

$\langle\psi|$ (Bra) (complex conjugate)

$$\int \psi^*(x) \hat{A} \psi(x) dx = \langle\psi| \hat{A} |\psi\rangle = \langle\psi| \hat{A} |\psi\rangle$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (\text{eigenvalues of matrix})$$

A - matrix we want eigenvalues from

λ - eigenvalues

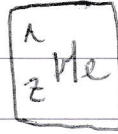
I - identity matrix

$R = R_0 A^{1/3}$ (nuclear radius)

$R_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-15}$

R - radius of nucleus

A - mass number



A - mass number (4 for He)

Z - proton number (2 for He)

$A = Z + N$ (mass number)

Z - proton number (no. of protons)

N - neutron number (no. of neutrons)

$E_B = (Z(m_p + m_e) + Nm_n)c^2 - Mc^2$ (binding energy)

E_B - binding energy

M - atomic mass

$E_B = C_1 A - C_2 A^{2/3} - C_3 \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - C_4 \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A} + C_5 A^{-4/3}$

C_5 is +ve if both Z, N even

-ve if both Z, N odd

zero if Z and N are both odd and even

(liquid drop)

$Z_{max} = \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} \right)^{-1} = \alpha^{-1}$ (Theoretical proton limit)

α - fine structure constant ($\alpha \approx \frac{1}{137}$)

$-\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \psi(\vec{r}, t) = -\hbar^2 c^2 \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{r}, t) + m^2 c^4 \psi(\vec{r}, t)$

(Klein-Gordon equation)

This has plane wave ($\psi(\vec{r}, t) = A e^{i(\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r} - Et)/\hbar}$) equation

solutions, provided, $E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$.

$(-i\hbar c \vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla + \beta mc^2) \psi(\vec{r}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$ (Dirac equation)

$\vec{\alpha}$ - vector made up of matrices

β - matrix

$\psi(\vec{r}, t)$ - 4-component spinor

Mathematical Methods for Physicists

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \quad (\text{partial derivatives})$$

for well behaved functions, f .

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \quad (\text{total derivative})$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \quad (\text{condition for exact differential})$$

$$A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}; \quad B = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{df}{ds} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

f is a function of x and y , $f(x, y)$.

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{k} \quad (\text{grad vector})$$

ϕ - scalar field, $\phi(x, y, z)$.

$$\nabla \phi \cdot \hat{u} \quad (\text{directional derivative})$$

\hat{u} - unit vector of \vec{u} .

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \quad (\text{Laplacian}) \quad (\text{Cartesian})$$

ϕ - scalar field

$$d(f + \lambda g) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) dy = 0$$

λ - Lagrange multiplier

(Lagrange multiplier)

f and g are functions of x and y .

$$\nabla f + \lambda \nabla g = 0 \quad (\text{Lagrange multiplier using vectors})$$

$$|J| = \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Jacobian Matrix})$$

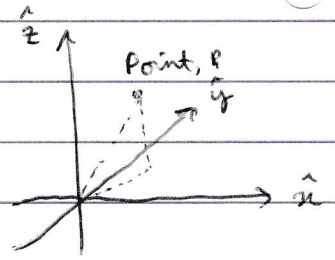
u, v are the coordinates we wish to transform to.
Multiply $|J|$ by $du dv$ to find area element.

Coordinate Systems

Cartesian: x, y, z ($-\infty < x < \infty$)

We have 3 orthogonal planes.

Area element: $dA = \begin{cases} dx dy \\ dx dz \\ dy dz \end{cases}$ depends on plane



Volume element: $dV = dx dy dz$

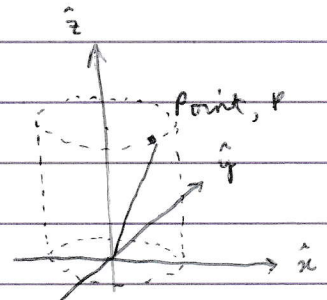
Basis vectors: $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$

Cylindrical coordinates:

(radial) $R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ($0 \leq R < \infty$)

(azimuth) $\phi = \arctan(y/x)$ ($0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$)

(axial) $z = z$ ($-\infty < z < \infty$)



This is when we are constrained to a cylinder

Area element: $dA = R d\phi dz$

Volume element: $dV = R dR d\phi dz$

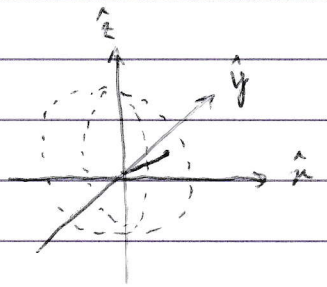
Basis vectors: $\begin{aligned} \hat{R} &= \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \phi \hat{j} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j} \\ \hat{z} &= \hat{k} \end{aligned}$

Spherical polar coordinates:

(radial) $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ ($0 \leq r < \infty$)

(polar) $\theta = \arccos(z/r)$ ($0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$)

(azimuthal) $\phi = \arctan(y/x)$ ($0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$)



This is when we are constrained to a sphere.

Area element: $dA = r^2 \sin \theta d\phi d\theta$

Volume element: $dV = r^2 \sin \theta d\phi d\theta dr$

Basis vectors: $\begin{aligned} \hat{r} &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \sin \theta \hat{k} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} \\ \hat{\theta} &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k} \end{aligned}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ z &= z \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(Cartesian} \rightarrow \text{cylindrical coords)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z &= r \cos \theta \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(Cartesian} \rightarrow \text{spherical coords)}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{A} \iint x \, dA \quad \text{(Centroid, geometrical centre.)}$$

A - total surface area

\bar{x} - x-coord of centroid,

$$s = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \, dx \quad \text{(arc length)}$$

a and b are the starting and finishing x-coords of the given arc.

$$A = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} 2\pi y \, ds \quad \text{(Surface area of revolution)}$$

integrating over the length of the curve, s.

$$A = 2\pi \bar{y} S \quad \text{(Pappus' 2nd theorem)}$$

S - ~~surface~~ arc length

A - surface area of revolution

\bar{y} - y-coord of centroid of arc

$$V = \pi \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f^2(x) \, dx \quad \text{(Volume of revolution)}$$

$$V = 2\pi A \bar{y} \quad \text{(Pappus' 1st theorem.)}$$

V - volume of revolution,

\bar{y} - y-coord of centroid of triangular plane.

For a vector field, $\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$

And a scalar field, $\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$.

- Grad: $\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{k}$

Returns the vector gradient of the scalar field

- Divergence: $\text{div } \vec{a} = \nabla \cdot \vec{a} = \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z}$

This returns the scalar divergence of a vector field, i.e. the net flux through a surface / volume.

- Curl: $\text{curl } \vec{a} = \nabla \times \vec{a} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial a_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial z} \right] \hat{i} - \left[\frac{\partial a_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial x} \right] \hat{j} + \left[\frac{\partial a_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial y} \right] \hat{k}$$

Returns the vector curl of a vector field. This is interpreted as the tendency of the field to circulate.

- Laplacian: $\nabla^2 \phi$ or $\nabla^2 \vec{a}$

for scalar field: $\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}$
 $= \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi)$

for vector field: $\nabla^2 \vec{a} = (\nabla^2 a_x) \hat{i} + (\nabla^2 a_y) \hat{j} + (\nabla^2 a_z) \hat{k}$

where: $\nabla^2 a_x = \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial z^2}$

$$\nabla^2 a_y = \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 a_z = \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial z^2}$$

- $\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$ (curl of grad) } always true!
- $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{a}) = 0$ (div of curl) }

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{a}) = \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right] \hat{i} + \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial y \partial z} \right] \hat{j} + \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial z \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial z \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial z^2} \right] \hat{k} \quad (\text{grad of a div})$$

- $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{a}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{a}) - \nabla^2 \vec{a}$ (curl of curl)

- $\nabla \cdot (\phi \vec{a}) = \vec{a} \cdot \nabla \phi + \phi (\nabla \cdot \vec{a})$

- $\nabla(\phi \phi') = \phi \nabla \phi' + \phi' \nabla \phi$ (product rule)

- $\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \cdot \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} + \vec{b} \cdot \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt}$ (time derivatives)

- $\oint_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_c (P dx + Q dy) = \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$

usually set $P = -y$
and $Q = x$

(Green's theorem in the plane)

- $d\vec{s} = ds \hat{n}$ (vector surface element)

\hat{n} - normal vector to the surface

Same applies for volume.

- $\oint_c \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_s (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot d\vec{s}$ (Stokes' theorem)

- $\oiint_s \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_v (\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) dV$ (Divergence theorem)

- $\iint_s \phi d\vec{s} = \iiint_v (\nabla \phi) \cdot d\vec{V}$ (Divergence theorem for scalar field)

- $\int_0^L c(x,t) dx = N$ (Concentration of particles in 1D)

N - number of particles

$c(x,t)$ - concentration in 1D

L - length of medium

$$j(x) = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \quad (\text{Fick's law})$$

D - diffusivity of medium

$j(x)$ - particle flux

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \quad (\text{Diffusion equation})$$

$c = c(x, t)$ - concentration

t - time

(This can be recast to give the heat transport equation)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + S(x, t) \quad (\text{More general diffusion equation})$$

$S(x, t)$ - source / sink of particles

$$\frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} = K \frac{\partial^2 T(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \quad (\text{Heat equation})$$

K - thermal diffusivity of medium

$T(x, t)$ - temperature

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (\text{Wave equation})$$

c - wavespeed

u - displacement / waveform

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho}} \quad (\text{Wavespeed of mechanical wave})$$

T - tension

ρ - mass per unit length

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (\text{Fourier series})$$

$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \langle f(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

(Fourier coefficients for $-L \leq x \leq L$)

$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{i \frac{n\pi x}{L}}$ (Complex Fourier series)

$c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) e^{-i \frac{n\pi x}{L}} dx$ (Complex Fourier coefficient)

$f(-x) = f(x)$ (Even functions)

$f(-x) = -f(x)$ (Odd functions)

($\sin(x)$ is odd, $\cos(x)$ is even.)

$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0$

$\int_{-L}^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = L \delta_{mn}$

$\int_{-L}^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = L \delta_{mn}$

(Orthogonality relations)

$\delta_{mn} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=m \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases}$ (Kronecker delta)

$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & |x| > \frac{\omega}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\omega} & |x| \leq \frac{\omega}{2} \end{cases}$ (as $\omega \rightarrow 0$) (Dirac Delta function)

$\delta(x-x_0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \neq x_0 \\ \infty & \text{for } x = x_0 \end{cases}$

$\int \delta(x-x_0) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if range of integration contains } x_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\int f(x) \delta(x-x_0) dx = \begin{cases} f(x_0) & \text{if range contains } x_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 \quad \forall t$ ('clamped string')

$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=L} = 0 \quad \forall t$ ('constant flux')

$u(x,0) = f(x)$ ('initial shape')

$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = v_0 \delta(x-x_0)$ ('impulse')

Boundary conditions for PDEs

$\frac{\partial^2 u(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u(\vec{r},t)$ (3D wave equation)

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = C' e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} \pm \omega t)} \quad (\text{Solution to 3D wave eqn})$$

C' - amplitude

\vec{k} - wave vector

\vec{r} - position vector

ω - angular velocity

(Plane waves)

$$\omega^2 = |\vec{k}|^2 c^2 \quad (\text{Dispersion relation})$$

c - wavespeed

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \text{constant} \quad (\text{Poisson's equation})$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace's equation})$$

∇^2 - Laplacian operator ($\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla$)

$$F(f(x)) = \tilde{f}(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \quad (\text{Fourier transform})$$

$$F^{-1}(\tilde{f}(k)) = f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(k) e^{ikx} dk \quad (\text{Inverse transform})$$

Can find lots of standard Fourier transforms either online / in Px275 notes.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \quad (\text{Gaussian integral})$$

α - some constant

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{u}(k)|^2 dk \quad (\text{Parseval's theorem})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) g^*(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(k) \tilde{g}^*(k) dk \quad (\text{Generalised Parseval's theorem})$$

$$f * g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(k) g(x-k) dk \quad (\text{Convolution theorem})$$

k is some dummy variable.

$$F(f * g(x)) = \tilde{f}(k) \tilde{g}(k) \quad (\text{F.T. of convolution})$$

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Heaviside step function})$$

- $$\tilde{f}(\vec{k}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} f(\vec{r}) d^N \vec{r}$$
 - $$f(\vec{r}) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})} \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) d^N \vec{k}$$
 - $$f * g(\vec{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(\vec{z}) g(\vec{x} - \vec{z}) d^N \vec{z}$$
- (Generalised Fourier transform in N dimension -)
- (Generalised convolution in N dimensions)

\mathbb{R}^N signifies that N integrals need to be evaluated over all space.

- $$F\left(\frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n}\right) = (ik)^n \tilde{f}(k)$$
 (F.T. of differential equation)

- $n\lambda = \text{constructive}$
 - $(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda = \text{destructive}$
- (Path length and interference)

- $u \propto \frac{1}{r}$ (Amplitude of 3D point source)
- $I(r) = |u|^2 \propto \frac{1}{4\pi r^2}$ (Intensity of 3D point source)

- $$u(r, t) = \frac{A}{r} e^{ik(r - ct)}$$
 (Wave eqn solution for point source)

A - amplitude

r - radial distance from source

k - wavenumber

- $$u(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A^i}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}^i|} e^{ik(|\vec{x} - \vec{y}^i| - ct)}$$
 (Pinhole aperture sources)

\vec{x} - vector on detector screen

\vec{y} - vector on aperture screen

- $$\frac{|\vec{y}|}{|\vec{x}|} \ll 1 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}| \gg |\vec{y}|$$
 (Far-field approximation)
- $$|\vec{x} - \vec{y}| \approx |\vec{x}| - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{y}$$

\vec{k} - wavevector, ($\vec{k} = k \hat{x}$)

- $u(x) \propto \tilde{a}(k)$
- $I(\vec{x}) = |u|^2 \propto |\tilde{a}(\vec{k})|^2$ (Aperture functions)

Electromagnetic theory and optics

$$\oint_{\vec{s}} \vec{W} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iiint_V (\nabla \cdot \vec{W}) dv \quad (\text{Divergence theorem})$$

\vec{W} - vector field

$d\vec{s}$ - vector surface element

dv - scalar volume element

∇ - grad operator

$$\oint_C \vec{W} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \vec{W}) \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (\text{Stokes' theorem})$$

$d\vec{l}$ - vector line element

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{W}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{W}) - \nabla^2 \vec{W}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (f \vec{W}) = (\nabla f) \cdot \vec{W} + f(\nabla \cdot \vec{W})$$

$$\nabla \times (f \vec{W}) = (\nabla f) \times \vec{W} + f(\nabla \times \vec{W})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{W}) = \vec{W} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{V}) - \vec{V} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{W})$$

(Some vector identities)

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{W}, \vec{V}$ are all vector fields

f is a scalar field

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad (\text{Lorentz force})$$

\vec{F} - force vector

q - charge on particle

\vec{E} - Electric field

\vec{v} - velocity of particle

\vec{B} - magnetic flux density

$$\oint_{\vec{s}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho \, dv \quad (\text{Gauss' law, integral form})$$

Q_{enc} - enclosed charge by Gaussian surface, S .

ϵ_0 - permittivity of free space

ρ - charge density

$$\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \quad (\text{Solenoidal condition})$$

Implies there are no magnetic monopoles

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} \quad (\text{Faraday-Lenz law})$$

\mathcal{E} - emf induced

Φ_B - magnetic flux

Contour C is the boundary of surface S .

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}} = \mu_0 \iint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (\text{Ampere's law, integral form})$$

μ_0 - permeability of free space

I_{enc} - current enclosed by Amperean loop

\vec{J} - current density vector

$$\vec{J} = \frac{I}{A} = \rho \vec{v} \quad (\text{Current density})$$

A - cross-sectional area

\vec{v} - velocity of electrons

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \quad (\text{Continuity equation for electric charge})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0 \quad (\text{Gauss' law, derivative form})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad (\text{solenoidal condition})$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Faraday-Lenz law})$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \left(\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (\text{Ampere's law})$$

(Maxwell's Equations in free space)

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{EM wave equations})$$

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

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad (\text{Speed of light})$$

$$\frac{|\vec{E}|}{|\vec{B}|} = \frac{\omega}{k} = c \quad (\text{EM waves})$$

ω - angular velocity

- $\partial_t \rightarrow -i\omega$ (Working with plane waves)

- $\nabla \rightarrow i\vec{k}$

∂_t - time derivative

\vec{k} - wavevector

- $\vec{P} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ (Poynting vector)

- $u = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} + \frac{\epsilon_0 E^2}{2}$ (Energy density)

- $\sigma_p = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$ (Surface charge density)

σ_p - surface charge density

\vec{P} - Polarisation

\hat{n} - normal unit vector

- $\rho_p = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P}$ (Volume charge density)

ρ_p - volume charge density

- $\vec{J}_p = \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$ (Polarisation current density)

\vec{J}_p - Polarisation current density vector

- $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi \vec{E}$ (isotropic electric field polarisation)

χ - susceptibility / polarisability

- $\epsilon_r = 1 + \chi$ (relative permittivity)

- $\vec{J}_M = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$ (Surface current density)

\vec{M} - magnetisation vector

- $\vec{J}_M = \nabla \times \vec{M}$ (volume magnetisation current)

- $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$ (displacement)

\vec{P} - polarisation vector

\vec{D} - displacement vector

- $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$ (Modified Gauss' law)

ρ_f - free charge density

- $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi) \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E}$ (Displacement in matter)

ϵ_r - relative permittivity

$$\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} \quad (\text{Magnetic field strength})$$

\vec{H} - magnetic field strength

\vec{B} - magnetic flux density

\vec{M} - magnetisation

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Ampère's law, alternate form})$$

\vec{J}_f - free current density

(Note: solenoidal condition and Faraday-Lenz remains the same in matter)

$$\vec{E}_{2,\parallel} = \vec{E}_{1,\parallel} \quad (\text{Boundary conditions on EM fields})$$

alternatively:

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) = 0$$

\hat{n} - unit vector pointing normal to fields.

$$D_{1,\perp} - D_{2,\perp} = \sigma_f \quad (\text{Boundary condition})$$

σ_f - free surface charge density

alternatively:

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

$$\hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B}_1 - \vec{B}_2) = 0 \quad (\text{Matter boundaries})$$

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_2 - \vec{H}_1) = \vec{J}_f$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{Wave equation in dielectric})$$

μ_r - relative permeability

ϵ_r - relative permittivity

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} \quad (\text{Wave speed in dielectric})$$

$$n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r} = \frac{c}{v} \quad (\text{Refractive index})$$

$$n \geq 1$$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 376.73 \Omega \quad (\text{Impedance of free space})$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{D} &= 0 \\ \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{k} \times \vec{E} &= \omega \vec{B} \\ \vec{k} \times \vec{H} &= -\omega \vec{D} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(Linear isotropic relations)}$$

\vec{k} - wavevector

\vec{D} - displacement

\vec{H} - magnetic field strength

$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$ (Poynting vector)

\vec{S} - Poynting vector

$u = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{H} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{D})$ (energy density)

u - energy density

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \theta_i &= \theta_r \\ n_1 \sin \theta_i &= n_2 \sin \theta_t \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(Snell's law)}$$

θ_i - angle of incidence

θ_r - angle of reflection

θ_t - angle of transmitted wave.

n_1 - refractive index of 1st medium

n_2 - refractive index of 2nd index

$r_s = \frac{E_r}{E_i} = \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_i - n_2 \cos \theta_t}{n_1 \cos \theta_i + n_2 \cos \theta_t}$

$t_s = \frac{E_t}{E_i} = \frac{2n_1 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \cos \theta_i + n_2 \cos \theta_t}$

$r_p = \frac{E_r}{E_i} = \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_t - n_2 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \cos \theta_t + n_2 \cos \theta_i}$

$t_p = \frac{E_t}{E_i} = \frac{2n_1 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \cos \theta_t + n_2 \cos \theta_i}$

(Fresnel relations)

r_s and t_s are reflection and transmission coefficients for S-polarisation. r_p and t_p are reflection and transmission coefficients for P-polarisation.

$$\tan \theta_B = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad (\text{Brewster angle})$$

θ_B - Brewster angle, angle of incidence

$$\sin \theta_{ic} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad (\text{Critical angle for TIR})$$

θ_{ic} - critical angle of incidence.

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu \sigma \omega}} \quad (\text{Skin effect})$$

δ - skin depth

σ - conductivity

μ - $\mu_0 \mu_r$