

ELEG 648

Vector Potentials

Mark Mirotznik, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

The University of Delaware

Maxwell's Equation's are:

$$① \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mathbf{B} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H}$$

$$② \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{J} + j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E}$$

$$③ \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = q$$

$$④ \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

How can we solve them? They are

- Partial differential equations.
- Coupled.
- Vector valued.
- Second order.
- Solving for the fields directly from Maxwell's Equations is extremely difficult.
- Therefore, we introduce a **vector potential \mathbf{A}** which makes the solution simpler.
- In the quantum electrodynamic theory, this **\mathbf{A}** is the primary variable of interest.

Auxiliary Potential Functions

Maxwell's equations :

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{E} &= -j\omega\mu\vec{H} - \vec{M} & \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho_e \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= j\omega\epsilon\vec{E} + \vec{J} & \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= \rho_m\end{aligned}$$

For static fields with $\vec{M} = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{E} &= 0 & \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho_e \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J} & \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

For electrostatic fields :

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_e$$

Vector identity : $\nabla \times \nabla f = 0$

Let $\vec{E} = -\nabla\phi$ ϕ : electric scalar potential

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon\vec{E}) = -\nabla \cdot (\epsilon\nabla\phi) = \rho_e$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

If ϵ is a constant :

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon}$$

Poisson's equation

In free space :

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \iiint_V \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{R} dv' \quad R = |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|$$

For magnetostatic fields :

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Vector identity : $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{a}) = 0$

Let $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$ \vec{A} : magnetic vector potential

$$\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A} \right) = \vec{J}$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

To uniquely determine \vec{A} : $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ ← Gauge condition

If μ is a constant :

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \mu \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J} \quad \boxed{\text{Vector Poisson's equation}}$$

In free space: $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint_V \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{R} dv'$ $R = |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

General case

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega\mu\vec{H} - \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_e$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = j\omega\epsilon\vec{E} + \vec{J}$$

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

Field due to \vec{J} :

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_e = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_e$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_e = j\omega\epsilon\vec{E}_e + \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D}_e = \rho_e$$

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

Field due to \vec{M} :

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_m = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_m - \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_m = j\omega\epsilon\vec{E}_m$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D}_m = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B}_m = \rho_m$$

Total field: $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_e + \vec{E}_m$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{H}_e + \vec{H}_m$$

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_e + \vec{D}_m$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_e + \vec{B}_m$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

Consider the case of electric source:

$$\text{Since } \nabla \cdot \vec{B}_e = 0 \quad \vec{B}_e = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{H}_e = \frac{\vec{B}_e}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \vec{E}_e = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_e = -j\omega\nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\nabla \times (\vec{E}_e + j\omega\vec{A}) = 0$$

From vector identity: $\nabla \times (-\nabla\phi_e) = 0$

$$\vec{E}_e + j\omega\vec{A} = -\nabla\phi_e \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{E}_e = -\nabla\phi_e - j\omega\vec{A}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_e = \nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A} \right) = j\omega\epsilon\vec{E}_e + \vec{J} = j\omega\epsilon(-\nabla\phi_e - j\omega\vec{A}) + \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\nabla\phi_e + k^2\vec{A} + \mu\vec{J}$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A} + j\omega\mu\epsilon\phi_e)$$

$$\text{Choose } \nabla \cdot \vec{A} + j\omega\mu\epsilon\phi_e = 0 \longrightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$$


Lorentz gauge condition

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{E}_e = -j\omega\vec{A} + \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$$

$$\vec{H}_e = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

Consider the case of magnetic source :

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D}_m = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{D}_m = -\nabla \times \vec{F} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{E}_m = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_m = j\omega\epsilon\vec{E}_m = -j\omega\nabla \times \vec{F} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times (\vec{H}_m + j\omega\vec{F}) = 0$$

$$\vec{H}_m + j\omega\vec{F} = -\nabla\phi_m \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{H}_m = -\nabla\phi_m - j\omega\vec{F}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E}_m = \nabla \times \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F} \right) = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}_m - \vec{M}$$

$$= -j\omega\mu(-j\omega\vec{F} - \nabla\phi_m) - \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\nabla\phi_m + k^2\vec{F} + \epsilon\vec{M}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2\vec{F} = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\nabla\phi_m + k^2\vec{F} + \epsilon\vec{M}$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F} + j\omega\mu\epsilon\phi_m)$$

Choose $\nabla \cdot \vec{F} = -j\omega\mu\epsilon\phi_m \longrightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M}$



Gauge condition

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M}$$

$$\vec{E}_m = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{H}_m = -j\omega \vec{F} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

Summary:

Given: \vec{J}, \vec{M}

$$\text{Solve: } \nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M}$$

Calculate:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_e + \vec{E}_m = -j\omega \vec{A} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{H}_e + \vec{H}_m = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A} - j\omega \vec{F} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$$

Auxiliary Potential Functions

Direct approach:

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}_e) = -j\omega\mu \nabla \times \vec{H}_e = k^2 \vec{E}_e - j\omega\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_e) - \nabla^2 \vec{E}_e = k^2 \vec{E}_e - j\omega\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}_e + k^2 \vec{E}_e = j\omega\mu \vec{J} - \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{J})$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{H}_m) = -j\omega\epsilon \nabla \times \vec{E}_m = k^2 \vec{H}_m + j\omega\epsilon \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{H}_m) - \nabla^2 \vec{H}_m = k^2 \vec{H}_m + j\omega\epsilon \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H}_m + k^2 \vec{H}_m = -j\omega\epsilon \vec{M} - \frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{M})$$

Compare two approaches.

Setting Up the Solution

We will concentrate on solving for the field due to a z-directed current, so our equation becomes

Scalar Wave Equation

$$\nabla^2 A_z + k^2 A_z = -\mu J_z$$

To solve this equation we note that it is

- Linear, and
- Spatially invariant.

How can we use this?

Since the equation is linear, if

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 A_{z1} + k^2 A_{z1} &= -\mu J_{z1} \\ \nabla^2 A_{z2} + k^2 A_{z2} &= -\mu J_{z2}\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\nabla^2 (aA_{z1} + bA_{z2}) + k^2 (aA_{z1} + bA_{z2}) = -\mu (aJ_{z1} + bJ_{z2})$$

- This linearity also applies to infinite sums and integrals.
- Suppose the ∇ symbol differentiates with respect to \mathbf{r} , and that ζ is a parameter.
- Suppose that for $\zeta_L \leq \zeta \leq \zeta_U$

$$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{r}, \zeta) + k^2 g(\mathbf{r}, \zeta) = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r}, \zeta).$$

If this is the case then suppose

$$\nabla^2 A_z + k^2 A_z = \mu \int_{\zeta_L}^{\zeta_U} J_z(\zeta) \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r}, \zeta) d\zeta$$

we could then conclude that

$$A_z(\mathbf{r}) = \mu \int_{\zeta_L}^{\zeta_U} J_z(\zeta) g(\mathbf{r}, \zeta) d\zeta$$

- This is called the **principle of superposition**.
- The function g is called a **Green's function**.
- The role of ζ is generally taken by \mathbf{r}' , the location of the source.

The Implication of Spatial Invariance

Because free space is invariant, if

$$\nabla^2 A_z(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 A_z(\mathbf{r}) = -\mu J_z(\mathbf{r})$$

then, if \mathbf{r}' is any fixed location in space,

$$\nabla^2 A_z(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') + k^2 A_z(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = -\mu J_z(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

- Notice that spatial invariance is a less common occurrence than linearity.
- Maxwell's equations in free space have been shown linear with centuries of experimental evidence.
- Spatial invariance, on the other hand, does not exist in a waveguide!

The Delta Function in Multiple Dimensions

It helps to define a

Three-Dimensional Delta Function

$$\delta(\mathbf{r}) = \delta(x)\delta(y)\delta(z)$$

so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\mathbf{r})\delta(\mathbf{r}) \, dx \, dy \, dz = f(\mathbf{0})$$

Similarly, if we let $\mathbf{r}' = x'\mathbf{u}_x + y'\mathbf{u}_y + z'\mathbf{u}_z$, we have

Shifted Three-Dimensional Delta Function

$$\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \delta(x - x')\delta(y - y')\delta(z - z')$$

Green's Function

The equation we wish to solve is

The Helmholtz Equation

$$\nabla^2 A_z + k^2 A_z = -\mu J_z$$

Now, we can write an

Impulsive Formulation of the Current

$$J_z(\mathbf{r}) = \iiint J_z(\mathbf{r}') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') dV$$

This expression envisions the current as a superposition of shifted and weighted impulsive currents.

Green's Function

Suppose we can find a

Green's Function

$$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 g(\mathbf{r}) = -\delta(\mathbf{r})$$

which solves the problem for a single impulse at the origin.

Then, because of linearity and spatial invariance, the solution to the Helmholtz equation is written as a

Convolution

$$A_z(\mathbf{r}) = \iiint J_z(\mathbf{r}') g(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') dV'$$

Finding the Green's Function

Consider the equation

$$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 g(\mathbf{r}) = -\delta(\mathbf{r})$$

By symmetry, $g(\mathbf{r})$ is only a function of distance from the origin; that is

$$g(\mathbf{r}) = g(r)$$

where r is the radial coordinate in spherical coordinates. The equation thus reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dg}{dr} \right) + k^2 g = -\delta(r)$$

Finding the Green's Function

Away from the origin, this reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dg}{dr} \right) + r^2 k^2 g &= 0 \\ r^2 \frac{d^2 g}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dg}{dr} + r^2 k^2 g &= 0 \\ r \frac{d^2 g}{dr^2} + 2 \frac{dg}{dr} + k^2 r g &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2 (rg)}{dr^2} + k^2 (rg) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for constants C_+ and C_- we have

$$g(r) = \frac{C_+}{r} e^{-jkr} + \frac{C_-}{r} e^{jkr}$$

Finding the Green's Function

It should be immediately obvious that

$$C_- = 0$$

Why? How do we find C_+ ? We

- Plug back into the original differential equation, and
- Integrate over a small sphere of radius ϵ (S_ϵ) including the origin. (Why do we do this?)

Thus,

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[\iiint_{S_\epsilon} \nabla^2 g \, dV + k^2 \iiint_{S_\epsilon} g \, dV = - \iiint_{S_\epsilon} \delta(r) \, dV \right]$$

Finding the Green's Function

We examine this term by term.

$$- \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iiint_{S_\epsilon} \delta(r) dV = -1$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iiint_{S_\epsilon} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} dV = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\epsilon \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} r e^{-jkr} \sin \theta d\phi d\theta dr = 0$$

Finally, note that

$$\nabla g = \mathbf{u}_r \frac{dg}{dr} = -\mathbf{u}_r C_+ \frac{jkr e^{-jkr} + e^{-jkr}}{r^2}$$

Finding the Green's Function

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iiint_{S_\epsilon} \nabla^2 g \, dV &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iiint_{S_\epsilon} \nabla \cdot \nabla g \, dV \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \iint_{\partial S_\epsilon} \nabla g \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[-\mathbf{u}_r C_+ \frac{jk\epsilon e^{-jk\epsilon} + e^{-jk\epsilon}}{\epsilon^2} \right] \cdot \epsilon^2 \mathbf{u}_r \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \\ &= -4\pi C_+ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [jk\epsilon e^{-jk\epsilon} + e^{-jk\epsilon}] = -4\pi C_+\end{aligned}$$

So finally we have

$$-4\pi C_+ = -1$$

The Green's Function and the Magic Formula

We thus have

The Scalar Green's Function

$$g(r) = \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \quad \text{or} \quad g(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{e^{-jk|\mathbf{r}|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}|}$$

Therefore,

$$g(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{e^{-jk|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

The magnetic potential is thus given by the

Magic Formula

$$A_z(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint J_z(\mathbf{r}') \frac{e^{-jk|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} dV'$$

The Solution to Maxwell's Equations

$$\vec{A}(r) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint \vec{J}(r') \frac{e^{-jk|r-r'|}}{|r-r'|} dv'$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{E}_e = -j\omega \vec{A} + \frac{1}{j\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$$

$$\vec{H}_e = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

The Solution to Maxwell's Equations

If we have magnetic sources

$$\vec{F}(r) = \frac{\epsilon}{4\pi} \iiint \vec{M}(r') \frac{e^{-jk|r-r'|}}{|r-r'|} dv'$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M}$$

$$\vec{E}_m = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{H}_m = -j\omega \vec{F} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$$

The Solution to Maxwell's Equations

If we have magnetic sources

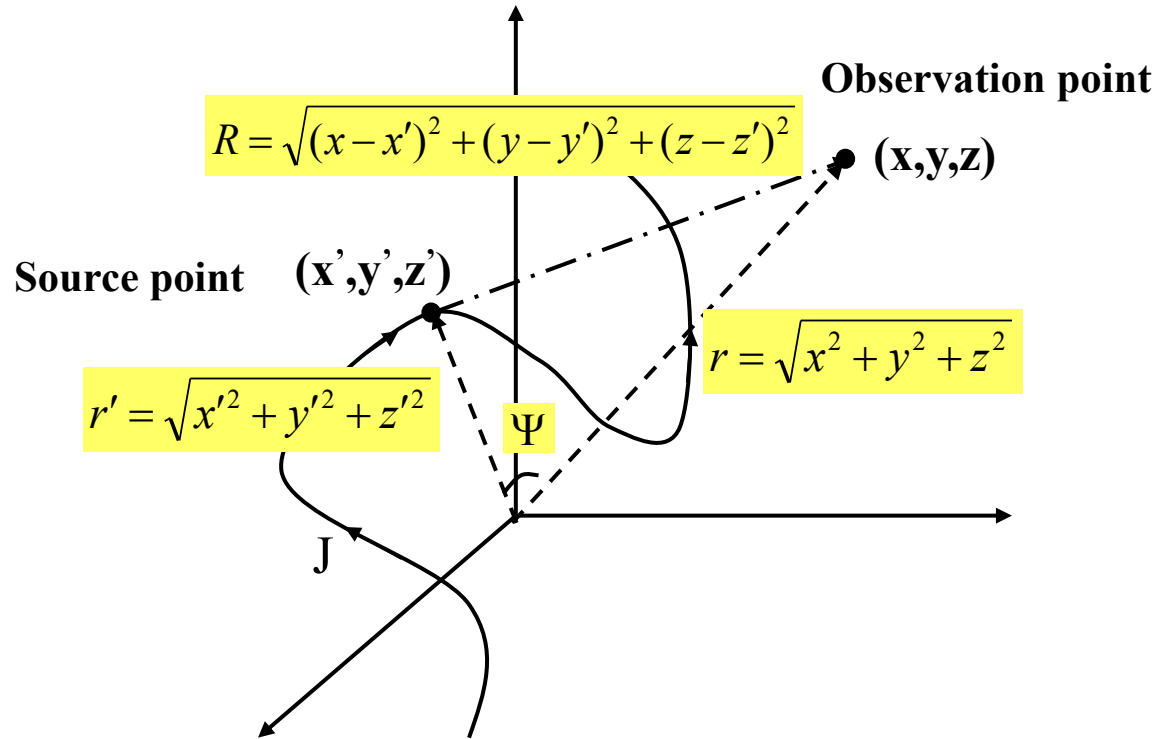
$$\vec{F}(r) = \frac{\epsilon}{4\pi} \iiint \vec{M}(r') \frac{e^{-jk|r-r'|}}{|r-r'|} dv'$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{F} + k^2 \vec{F} = -\epsilon \vec{M}$$

$$\vec{E}_m = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \vec{F}$$

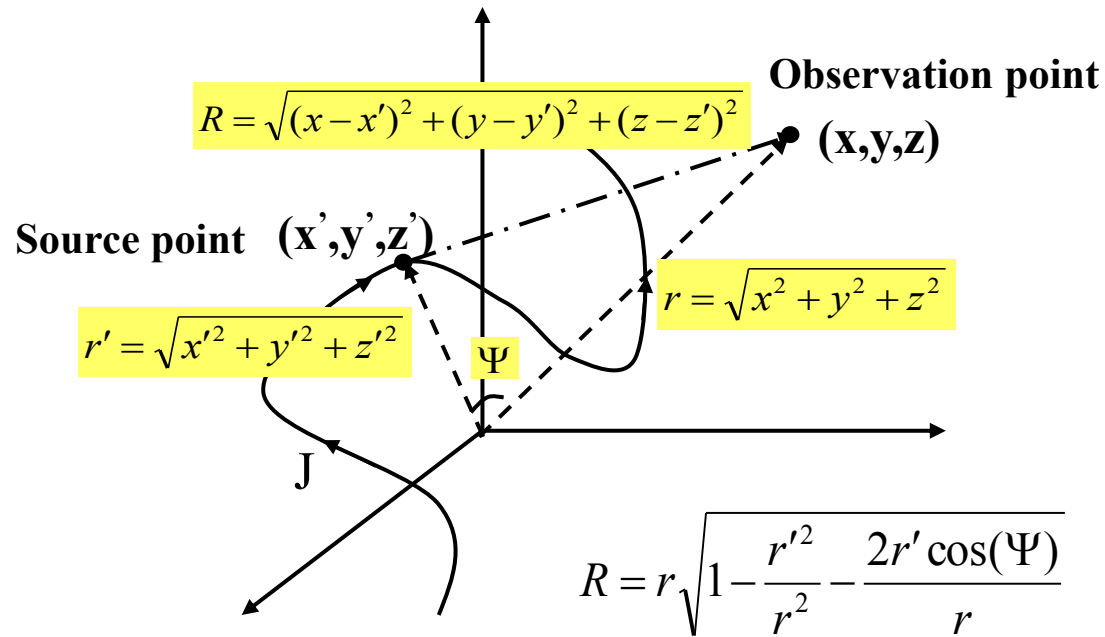
$$\vec{H}_m = -j\omega \vec{F} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F})$$

Far Field Approximation



$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - (x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2) - 2(xx' + yy' + zz')} \\
 &= \sqrt{r^2 - r'^2 - 2rr' \cos(\Psi)} \\
 &= r \sqrt{1 - \frac{r'^2}{r^2} - \frac{2r' \cos(\Psi)}{r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Far Field Approximation



In the far field $r \gg r'$

$$R = r \sqrt{1 - \frac{r'^2}{r^2} - \frac{2r' \cos(\Psi)}{r}}$$

$$= r \cdot \left(1 - \frac{r'^2}{2r^2} - \frac{2r' \cos(\Psi)}{2r} + \frac{r'^4}{8r^4} + \frac{4r'^2 \cos^2(\Psi)}{8r^2} - \dots \right)$$

$$\approx r \cdot \left(1 - \frac{r' \cos(\Psi)}{r} \right) \approx r - r' \cos(\Psi)$$

Far-Field Approximation (1)

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint_V \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dv' \quad \vec{F} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4\pi} \iiint_V \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dv'$$

In the far-field zone:

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \psi} \approx r - r' \cos \psi$$

$$= r - \mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}'$$

We can use this approximation to R in the exponent, but need not in the denominator. **Why?** This gives rise to the

Far Field Magnetic Vector Potential

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \iiint \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') e^{jk\mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}'} dV'$$

Note:

- The integrand is a function of only θ and ϕ , not r . This allows us to talk about antenna patterns.
- The radial dependence is a
 - Decay at the rate r^{-1} (**Why?**), and
 - Wave travel in the radial direction (e^{-jkr})

Far-Field Approximation (1)

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint_V \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dv' \quad \vec{F} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4\pi} \iiint_V \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dv'$$

In the far-field zone:

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \psi} \approx r - r' \cos \psi$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \iiint_V \vec{J} \frac{e^{-jk(r-r' \cos \psi)}}{r} dv' = \frac{\mu}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \iiint_V \vec{J} e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dv'$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \vec{N}$$

$$\vec{N} = \iiint_V \vec{J} e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dv'$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \vec{L}$$

$$\vec{L} = \iiint_V \vec{M} e^{jkr' \cos \psi} dv'$$

We can write the expression from the previous slide as

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) = \mu f(r) \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)$$

Now

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = f(r) \nabla \times \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) + \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) \times \nabla f(r)$$

and

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) \propto r^{-1} + O(r^{-2})$$

Since we are ignoring terms that decay faster than r^{-1} ,

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) \times \nabla f(r)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla f(r) &= \mathbf{u}_r \frac{\partial f(r)}{\partial r} \\
&= \mathbf{u}_r \frac{-jkr e^{-jkr} - e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r^2} \\
&\approx -\mathbf{u}_r \frac{jke^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} = -jkf(r)\mathbf{u}_r
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

The Far Magnetic Field

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = jk \frac{e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \mathbf{u}_r \times \iiint \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') e^{jk\mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}'} dV' = \frac{jk}{\mu} \mathbf{u}_r \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$$

The Electric Field

The far electric field can be found with the same technique.

Recall

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) &= -j\omega \left[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{k^2} \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \\ &= -j\omega\mu \left\{ f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) + \frac{1}{k^2} \nabla \nabla \cdot [f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot [f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)] &= \nabla f(r) \cdot \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) + f(r)\nabla \cdot \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) \\ &\approx \nabla f(r) \cdot \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) \\ &= -jkf(r)\mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)\end{aligned}$$

because

- $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{N} \propto r^{-1}$, and
- We showed it two slides ago.

The Electric Field

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla\nabla \cdot [f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)] &\approx -jk\nabla [f(r)N_r(\theta, \phi)] \\ &= -jk [f(r)\nabla N_r(\theta, \phi) + N_r(\theta, \phi)\nabla f(r)] \\ &\approx -jkN_r(\theta, \phi)\nabla f(r) \\ &\approx -k^2\mathbf{u}_r f(r)N_r(\theta, \phi) \\ &= -k^2\mathbf{u}_r\mathbf{u}_r \cdot f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) &= -j\omega\mu \left\{ f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi) + \frac{1}{k^2}\nabla\nabla \cdot [f(r)\mathbf{N}(\theta, \phi)] \right\} \\ &= -j\omega [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{u}_r\mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})]\end{aligned}$$

Relationship Between Far Electric and Magnetic Field

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{u}_r \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) &= -j\omega \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_r \times [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})] \\ &= \frac{-j\omega \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}}{\mu} \mathbf{u}_r \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \frac{-jk}{\mu} \mathbf{u}_r \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$

Far Field Summary

Far Field Vector Potential

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \iiint \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') e^{jk\mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{r}'} dV'$$

Far Fields

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -j\omega [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{u}_r \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})]$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{u}_r \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} E_r \approx 0 \\ E_\theta \approx -j\omega A_\theta \\ E_\phi \approx -j\omega A_\phi \end{cases} \quad \bar{H}_A = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \bar{A} \quad \begin{cases} H_r \approx 0 \\ H_\theta \approx -\frac{E_\phi}{\eta} = \frac{j\omega}{\eta} A_\phi \\ H_\phi \approx \frac{E_\theta}{\eta} = -\frac{j\omega}{\eta} A_\theta \end{cases}$$

Far-Field Approximation (3)

For \vec{E}_F and \vec{H}_F :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_r \approx 0 \\ H_\theta \approx -j\omega F_\theta \\ H_\phi \approx -j\omega F_\phi \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_r \approx 0 \\ E_\theta \approx \eta H_\phi = -j\omega\eta F_\phi \\ E_\phi \approx -\eta H_\theta = j\omega\eta F_\theta \end{array} \right.$$

Total fields:

$$E_r \approx 0$$

$$E_\theta \approx -j\omega A_\theta - j\omega\eta F_\phi = -j\omega(A_\theta + \eta F_\phi)$$

$$E_\phi \approx -j\omega A_\phi + j\omega\eta F_\theta = -j\omega(A_\phi - \eta F_\theta)$$

Far-Field Approximation (4)

$$H_r \approx 0$$

$$H_\theta \approx \frac{j\omega}{\eta} A_\phi - j\omega F_\theta = \frac{j\omega}{\eta} (A_\phi - \eta F_\theta)$$

or

$$H_\phi \approx -\frac{j\omega}{\eta} A_\theta - j\omega F_\phi = -\frac{j\omega}{\eta} (A_\theta + \eta F_\phi)$$

$$E_r \approx 0$$

$$E_\theta \approx -\frac{jke^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} (L_\phi + \eta N_\theta)$$

$$E_\phi \approx \frac{jke^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} (L_\theta - \eta N_\phi)$$

$$H_r \approx 0$$

$$H_\theta \approx \frac{jke^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} (N_\phi - \frac{L_\theta}{\eta})$$

$$H_\phi \approx -\frac{jke^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} (N_\theta + \frac{L_\phi}{\eta})$$