# The Electric and Magnetic fields

## Maxwell's equations in free space

**References:** 

Feynman, Lectures on Physics II Davis & Snyder, Vector Analysis





ME1: Sources for **E** field  $\nabla \cdot E = \rho$  ( **Gauss' Law**)



#### A Current induces a Magnetic field

The Biot-Savart Law  
(magnetostatics)
$$\nabla \times B = J$$

$$B(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint_{V} \frac{J(r') \times (r - r')}{|r - r'|^{3}} dV'$$

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0$$

$$B = \nabla \times A$$

**ME2:** No Magnetic Charges

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### Faraday's Law

E(r,t)

A changing magnetic flux through the loop, induces a circulation of the electric field around the loop

 $\dot{B}(r,t)$  $\oint_{C} E \cdot dr = -\iint_{S} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \cdot dS$  $\partial B$ **ME4**:  $\partial t$ 



A conducting object moving towards increasing magnetic flux will develop electric field circulation normal to the field lines, which will produce current eddys. These will in turn experience a Lorenz force with a net component opposing the motion: since the magnetic field is irrotational, moving into a region of increasing magnitude means that the field lines cutting the loop are diverging. The continuity equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iint_{D} \oint (r,t) dV = - \oint_{S} \int \rho v \cdot dS$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0$$

The rate of change of the material (charge) in a control volume **D** equals the net flux into the volume



## Electromagnetic waves

$$E = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{\partial A}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$
$$\nabla^2 A - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{J}{\varepsilon_0}$$





