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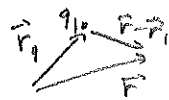
In problem set 2, you showed

$$U(\vec{r}) = \frac{Kq q_0}{r}$$

is the potential energy of charge q_0 that is
a distance $r = |\vec{r}|$ from a fixed ^{point} charge q .

Therefore the electrostatic potential caused by q is

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{U(\vec{r})}{q_0} = \frac{Kq}{r} \Rightarrow V(\vec{r}) = \frac{Kq_1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|}$$



Like the electric field, the electrostatic potential
obeys the superposition principle.

That is, the potential caused by several charges
is the sum of the potential caused by each.

eg for 2 point charges q_1 & q_2 at $\vec{r}_1$ & $\vec{r}_2$

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{Kq_1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{Kq_2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|}$$

[HKK5e: 38-4, 38-5]

Electric & magnetic fields

• static and moving charges create electric ($\vec{E}$) and magnetic ($\vec{B}$) fields
as described by Maxwell's equations (1867)

• $\vec{E} + \vec{B}$ fields influence the motion of charges

Recall: a static charge q produces a radially directed $\vec{E}$ field

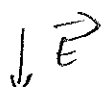


$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{Kq}{r^2} = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

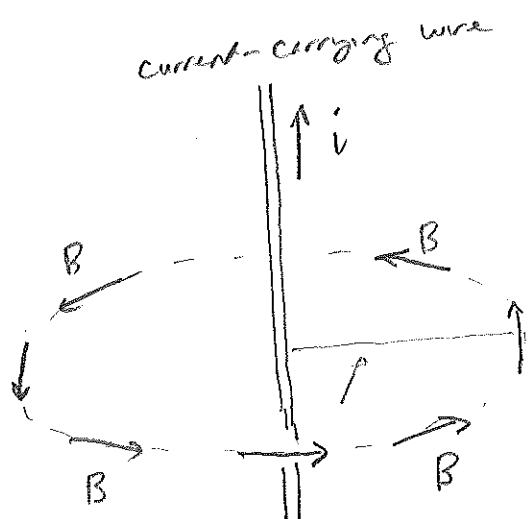
Electric dipole = pair of opposite charges

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A moving charge (current) produces a $\vec{B}$ field as well



$\vec{B}$ is directed circumferentially
[i.e. around the circumference
of a circle surrounding the wire]

Right hand rule:
thumb along i
fingers along B

$$|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{i}{r}$$

r = distance from wire

μ_0 = permeability of vacuum

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{N}}{(\text{amp})^2}$$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{N}}{(\text{amp})^2} = \frac{\text{Tesla} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{amp}} \\ \text{exact} \\ \text{Tesla} &= \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{C} \cdot \text{m}} = \frac{\text{J} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{C} \cdot \text{m}^2} = 10 \text{ kG} \end{aligned} \right]$$

Maxwell showed that an oscillating charge

creates oscillating $\vec{E}$ & $\vec{B}$ fields

in the form of a wave travelling at speed $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} = \frac{10^7}{4\pi} \frac{C^2}{N \cdot s^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} = 4\pi k = 4\pi (8.99 \times 10^9) \frac{N \cdot m^2}{C^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^{16} \frac{m^2}{s^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s} = c \quad (\text{speed of light})$$

Consider an electric dipole oscillating with period T ↗
 (T = time for one complete oscillation) [Illustrate this]

$$f = \text{frequency of oscillation} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\text{units of frequency} = \frac{\text{cycles}}{\text{sec}} = \text{Hertz (Hz)}$$

Initially

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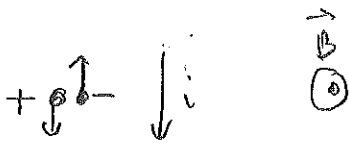
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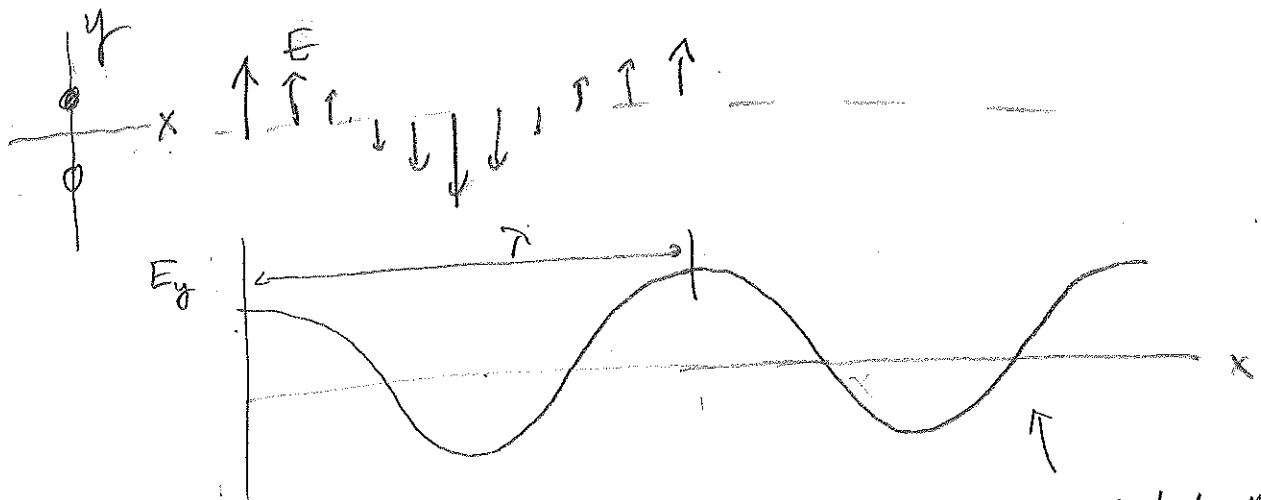
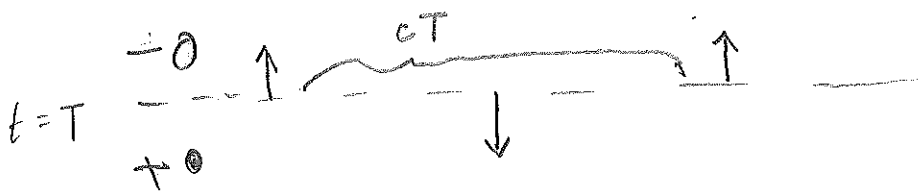
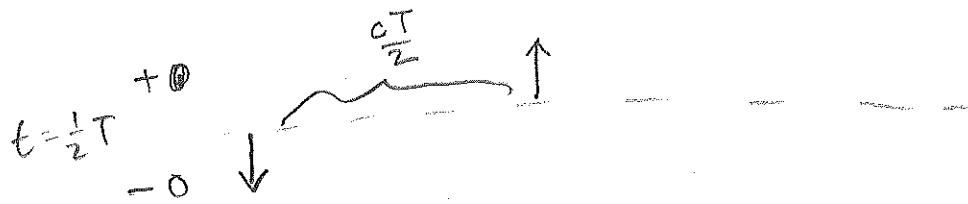
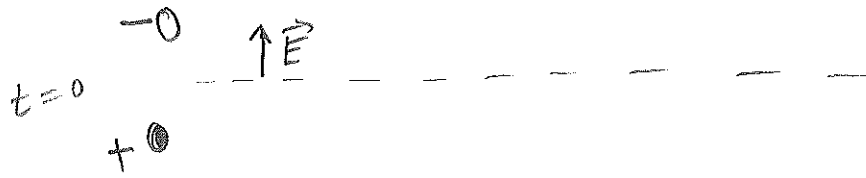
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An oscillating dipole creates a wave



An oscillating dipole creates $\vec{E} + \vec{B}$ fields
 oscillating with the same frequency

The E field forms a wave travelling at $c = \text{speed of light}$



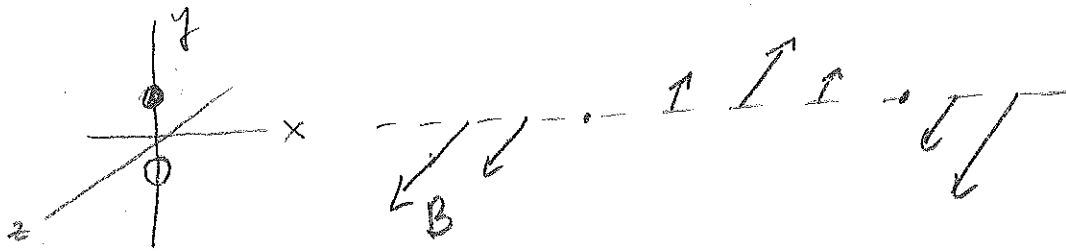
Wavelength $\lambda = cT$
(crest to crest)

Snapshot of
one moment
in time

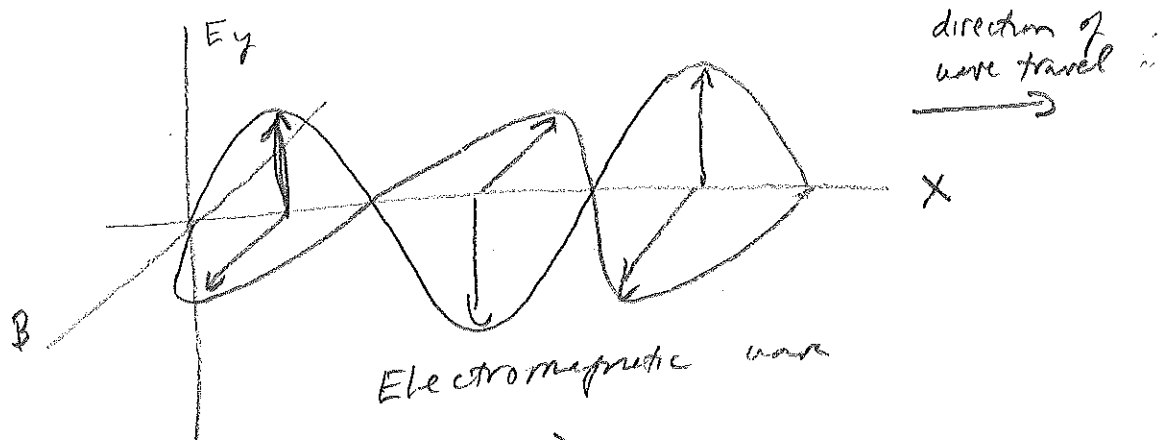
Wave travels to the right
away from the oscillating dipole

(freeze frame)

Similarly, $\vec{B}$ fields form a travelling wave



right-handed
Coordinate system



- $\vec{B}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{E}$
[SHOW MODEL]

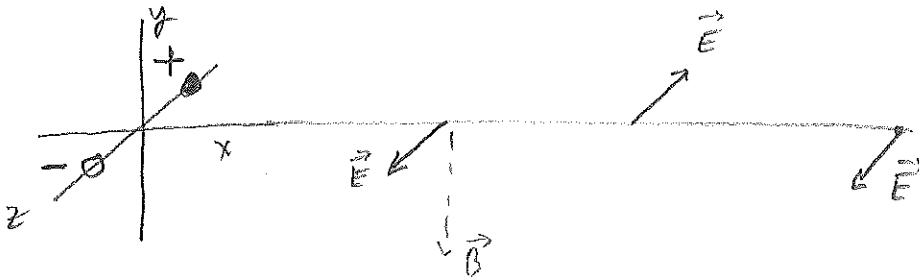
- $\vec{E}$ & $\vec{B}$ fields are ^{both} perpendicular (transverse) to the direction of wave travel, which is indicated by the wavevector $\vec{k}$

The wavevector $\vec{k}$ is parallel to $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$

[review cross product: right hand rule]

[verify in diagram above]

Consider dipole oscillating along the z -axis



[Now ask about direction of $\vec{B}$ field]

[Ask about a dipole oscillating up & down (along y axis)
 what direction will $\vec{E}$ be at your location?
 what direction will $\vec{B}$ be at your location?]

[Now dipole oscillating left & right (along x axis)]

[What about dipole oscillation toward & away from you?]

[Discuss randomly oscillating dipole $\Rightarrow \vec{E}$ in both transverse directions]