

# IA Gravitational Fields

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- Force between two masses  
↳ no net force on the system.
- The field is the grav. force per unit mass at a point:  $F = mg$ .
- For a single particle, the field is  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ .
- Fields can be thought of as flux lines, because the number of flux lines through a fixed area varies inverse square.
- Gauss' law relates the net flux out of a closed surface to the enclosed mass:  $\oint_S \mathbf{g} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -4\pi GM$

↳ only practically useful for highly symmetrical surfaces, i.e spheres, cylinders or planes.

- The (scalar) gravitational potential is the work done per unit mass in moving a mass from infinity to the point:  $\phi(\mathbf{r}) = -\sum_i \frac{GM_i}{r_i}$
- The gravitational PE for a system can be found by adding one mass at a time:  $PE = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{GM_i M_j}{r_{ij}}$   
↳ for continuous shapes, we can imagine building in layers

## Orbits

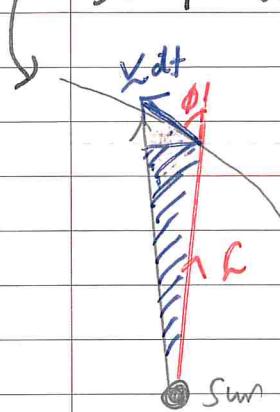
- Consider the motion of many particles in terms of motion of the COM and motion about the COM.
  - linear momentum about COM is zero
  - $KE_{\text{total}} = KE \text{ in com frame} + KE \text{ of com}$
  - $L_{\text{total}} = L \text{ about com} + L \text{ of com about origin}$   
↳ i.e parallel axis thm.
- Orbital motion must be analysed in the COM frame (min KE) such that  $E_{\text{total}} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{bound}$ ,  $E_{\text{total}} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unbound}$ .  
↳ approx that if one mass is very large, the system COM is the same as that mass' COM  $\Rightarrow$  small mass has all KE.

• For a satellite in orbit:  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \Rightarrow KE = \frac{GMm}{2r}$

• The escape velocity is when  $K.E = |PE| \therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$   
 ↳ this is true regardless of the angle

### Kepler's laws

1. The orbit of a planet around the sun is an ellipse with the Sun at one focus
2. The radius vector of a planet sweeps equal areas in equal time
3.  $T^2 \propto a^3$ ,  $a$  is the semimajor axis



$$\text{The area of this triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (v \sin \theta) \times r$$

$$\text{But } L = mv \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{L}{2m} \text{ (const.)}$$

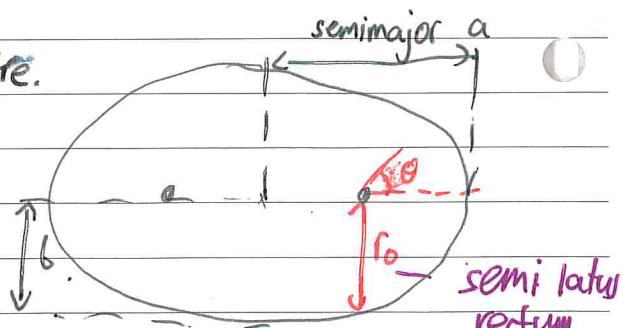
• Ellipses are defined by  $r = \frac{re}{1+e \cos \theta}$  w.r.t the origin at a focus.

- or  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  for origin at centre.

- area =  $\pi ab$

$$- e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$$

- distance from origin to focus =  $ea$ .



• Orbits can actually follow any conic section:

-  $E_{\text{total}} < 0 \Rightarrow$  bound orbit i.e.  $0 \leq e < 1$

-  $E > 0 \Rightarrow$  unbound i.e. hyperbola,  $e > 1$ .

•  $K_3$  can be derived from  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  using:

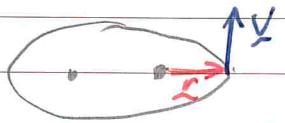
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\theta} = \frac{L}{2m} \quad \text{then writing } m\ddot{v} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{r}.$$

• We can show that:  $\ddot{v} = -\frac{L^2}{m^2 r_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \hat{r}$

↳ hence Newton knew that gravity must be a central force.

- In practice, it is easiest to analyse orbits by considering cons  $L$  and cons  $E_{\text{total}}$ .

↳ at the perihelion and aphelion,  $v \perp r$   
hence  $L = mvr$ .



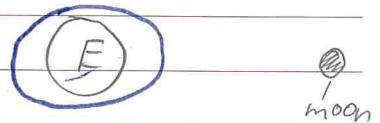
↳ the semi-latus rectum is a function of  $L$ :

$$r_0 = \frac{L^2}{GMm^2}$$

## Tides

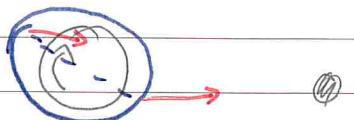
- A result of variation in field strength:

- water on near side pulls away from the earth, which pulls away from the water on the far side.



- In reality, the bulge is dragged by the earth

- thus, there is a net turning moment that slows down the Earth's rotation



- effect much greater on the moon, hence the moon's orbital period is now synchronised with rotation.

- Tidal forces can result in heating, e.g. Io's orbit involves pull from Jupiter and other moons, resulting in significant heat.

# IA Electromagnetism

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• Coulomb's law:  $F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$

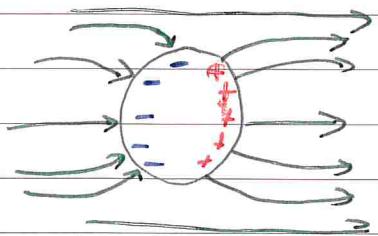
- The electric field at a point is the force per unit charge.

$$\oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

↳ we can construct Gaussian surfaces as with gravity.

- In the steady state, there can be no E field inside a conductor: charges will reorganise to remove the E field

- $E \perp$  surface of conductor
- field lines begin on  $(+)$  and terminate on  $(-)$
- the surface of a conductor will be an equipotential.



- Thus there can be no field inside, because lines would have to start and end on the inner surface, which is impossible because the surface is an equipotential.  $\Rightarrow$  Faraday cage.

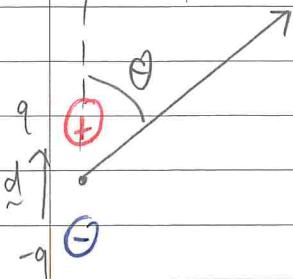
- The field near a surface of a conductor can be approximated as a plane / sphere

- for a given sphere,  $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{V}{r}$  i.e.  $E \propto \frac{1}{\text{radius}}$
- hence spikes on conductors have huge E fields.

## Capacitance

- How much charge is required to increase potential by 1V.
- In general, we just find an expression for V, e.g. using Gauss's law then integrating, then  $C = Q/V$ .
- An isolated sphere has a capacitance: the other plate is at infinity.
- The energy stored by a capacitor is  $\frac{1}{2} CV^2$ 
  - energy density is thus  $U_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$ , which applies to general E fields.
  - nonlinear hence can't superpose electrostatic energy density.
  - $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$  is also the force per unit area: electrostatic stress.

## Dipoles



Consider a dipole  $\vec{p} = q\vec{d}$

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r - \frac{d}{2})} - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r + \frac{d}{2})}$$

With  $|E| \gg |d|$ ,  $|r \pm \frac{d}{2}| \approx r \pm \frac{d}{2} \cos\theta$

$$\therefore \Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{qdcos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0(r^2 - d^2\cos^2\theta/4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(r) = \frac{p \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

- Thus it looks like a single charge, except drops off as  $1/r^2$
- A dipole placed in a field will experience a couple which acts to align the dipole with the field:  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$
- Dipoles can be induced in atoms due to electron clouds moving in response to an external field.

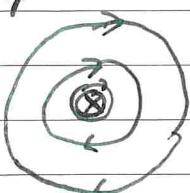
## Magnetic Fields

- In addition to the electrostatic force, there will be another force on a charge if that charge is moving.  
 $\therefore \vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$
- $B$  is measured in tesla, i.e  $NA^{-1}m^{-1}$ .
- Because all  $B$  fields form closed loops,  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$ , and  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ .
- We commonly want to know the flux:  $\Phi_B = \iint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$  (Wb)
- A current through a wire produces a  $B$  field:

Ampere's law:  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I$   $\leftarrow \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} NA^2$ , and is used to define the amp.

↳ using circular symmetry,  $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$

↳ inside a solid wire,  $B \propto r$ , which we can find by considering enclosed current.

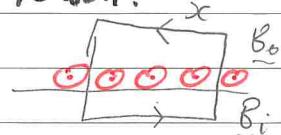


Consider a solenoid of length  $l$  and  $N$  turns:

- no azimuthal component of  $\vec{B}$  because no enclosed current
- no longitudinal component outside for the same reason.
- for a loop near the middle:

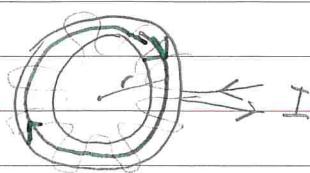
$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = B_i x - B_o x = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

$$\therefore B_i = \mu_0 \frac{N}{l} I$$



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For a toroidal solenoid,  $B = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{2\pi r}$   
 $\hookrightarrow B=0$  outside the loop.



### Biot-Savart Law

Similar to Coulomb's law:  $d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{4\pi r^2}$

$\hookrightarrow$  current elements are the source of fields

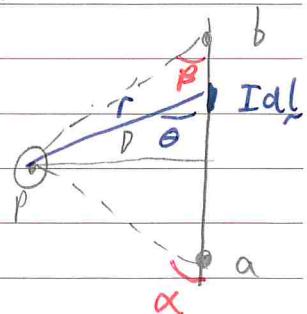
$\hookrightarrow$  but currents must be part of a complete circuit.

e.g. for a finite wire:

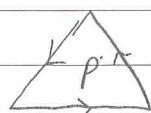
$$B = \int_A^B \frac{\mu_0 I d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{4\pi r^2} = \int_a^b \frac{\mu_0 I \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2} dl$$

$$\text{but } \sin \theta = \frac{D}{r} \text{ and } dl = -\frac{D}{\sin \theta} d\theta$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi D} (\cos \beta - \cos \alpha)$$



This can be used to evaluate the  $B$  field due to a coil made of straight segments

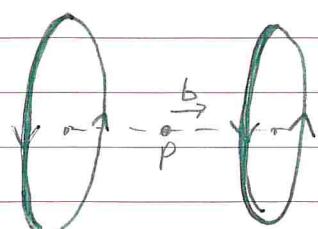


Applying Biot-Savart to a current loop shows that it acts as a magnetic dipole with strength  $IA$ .

We can create a relatively uniform field between two similar coils - a Helmholtz pair:

$\hookrightarrow$  the ideal separation can be found by Taylor expanding for a small disturbance.

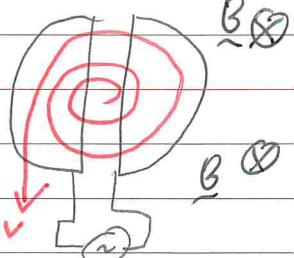
$\hookrightarrow$  most uniform when the points of infection coincide, i.e.  $\Rightarrow$  separation = radius



- Alternatively we can construct a uniform gradient field with a Maxwell pair (opposite loops), using a separation that makes  $f^{(3)}(0) = 0$ .
- Helmholtz and Maxwell pairs are useful in MREs.

## Motion in fields

- A uniform electric field makes a charged particle move in a parabola.
- A uniform magnetic field causes circular motion:  $qvB = \frac{mv^2}{R}$ .
- JJ Thomson's experiment uses cross  $B/E$  fields to determine the  $q/m$  ratio for an electron.
- The circular motion can be used to accelerate charged particles, as in a cyclotron
  - $f = qB/2\pi m$ , i.e independent of radius
  - the AC freq is set to equal  $f$ , so the  $E$  field between dees switches at the right time.
- At higher energies, relativistic effects mean that the frequency drops, so must be synchronised - synchrotron.



- A magnetic field exerts a force on a wire:  $F = I dL \times B$
  - Thus two wires with opposite currents experience an attractive force:  $\frac{F}{L} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi r}$
- ↳ this was how the amp was defined.

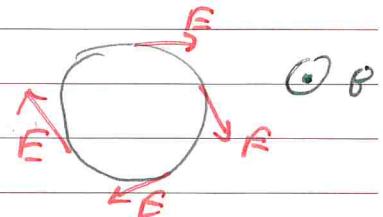
# Electromagnetic Induction

- A change of flux results in an induced emf.
- **Faraday's law**: magnitude of induced emf is equal to the rate of change of flux through the loop.
- **Lenz's law**: direction of induced current opposes change that caused it.

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\phi_B}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{l}$$

- For uniform  $B$ ,  $\phi = AB\cos\theta$ .

- An emf of  $\mathcal{E}$  around a loop means that  $\oint \mathcal{E} \cdot d\underline{l}$  by definition. This  $E$  must be electric since it is velocity-independent.  
 $\therefore \mathcal{E} = \oint \mathcal{E} \cdot d\underline{l}$ .



- But from Faraday/Lenz,  $\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{l}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  if  $S$  is constant:  $\mathcal{E} = \int_S \nabla \times \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{l} = - \int_S \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\underline{l} \Rightarrow \nabla \times \underline{E} = -\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t}$

## Inductance

- An inductor (e.g. solenoid) will show resistance to changes in current.
- The **self-inductance** is defined to be  $L = \Phi_B / I$ , and depends on the coil geometry.
- To calculate it, we just need to find  $\Phi_B$ . e.g. for a solenoid:
  - $B = \mu_0 N/I$
  - the flux linking one turn is  $BA$
  - hence total flux linked is  $NBA \Rightarrow L = \mu_0 A \frac{N^2}{L}$
- This is important because changes in current lead to an induced emf:  
 $\hookrightarrow$  if the current in an inductor is suddenly zero (e.g. circuit break), there will be a huge EMF emf, and maybe a spark.
- Inductors store magnetic energy:  $W = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  leads to the general result that the **energy density** of a  $B$  field is  $U_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$ . Including electric,  $U_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} [E_0 E^2 + \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}]$

## Maxwell's Equations

- div {  
  · Gauss's law + div theorem  $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{E} = \frac{\rho(I)}{\epsilon_0}$   
  · No magnetic monopoles  $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$
- Stokes {  
  · Ampere's law  $\Rightarrow \nabla \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t}$  — current density vector.  
  · Faraday/Lenz  $\Rightarrow \nabla \times \underline{E} = -\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t}$

· But actually these equations violate conservation of charge,  
because Ampere's law gives  $\nabla \cdot \underline{J} = 0$

↳ charge cons requires  $\nabla \cdot \underline{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \underline{E}$  ( )

↳ Maxwell proposed adding a fix, adding this is a  
displacement current :  $\nabla \times \underline{B} = \mu_0 (\underline{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t})$

· These equations imply the existence of transverse  
EM waves.

-  $E$ ,  $B$ ,  $\underline{k}$  form a mutually orthogonal set

- energy shared equally between  $E$  and  $B$  fields.