

# Maxwell's Equations

All the tars and nicotine trapped in the filter  
are guaranteed not to reach your throat.

Tareyton cigarette ad

Under President Eisenhower, America spent  
three-quarters of federal transportation  
dollars on building highways, and less than 1  
percent on mass transit. *Bill Bryson*

# Maxwell's Equations

➤ Gauss's Law:  $\oint E \cdot dA = \frac{q_{in}}{\epsilon_0}$

surface area

➤ Gauss's Law of Magnetism:  $\oint B \cdot dA = 0$

➤ Faraday's Law:  $\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = \oint E \cdot ds$

line integral

➤ Ampere-Maxwell Law:  $\oint B \cdot ds = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$

line integral

➤ These equations describe the interrelationship between electric fields, magnetic fields, electric charge, and electric current.

## Differential Form

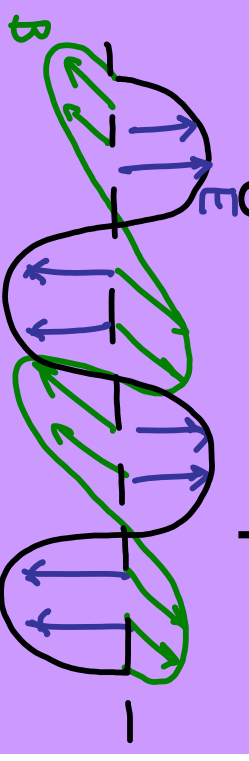
# Maxwell's Equations in a vacuum

free space

- ❖  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$        $\nabla \cdot$     divergence
- ❖  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$
- ❖  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 (\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t)$        $\nabla \times$     curl
- ❖  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = -\epsilon_0 (\partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t)$

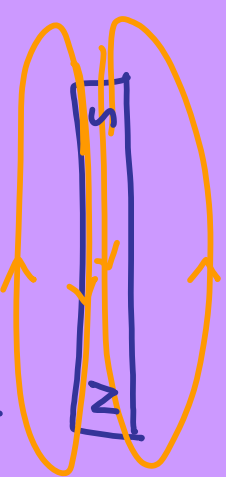
➤ These equations have a solution in terms of traveling sinusoidal plane waves, with the electric and magnetic field directions orthogonal to one another and the direction of travel, and with the two fields in in phase traveling at the speed

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$



# Applications of the 4 Equations

➤ Gauss's Law given  $q_{in}$ , solve for E-field



➤ Gauss's Law of Magnetism  $\Rightarrow$  No monopoles

➤ Faraday's Law given  $d\Phi_B$ , solve for  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $I$ ,  $F$ ,  $E$

➤ Ampere's Law given  $I$  solve for  $B$

