

Different regimes of Maxwell's equations $\nu = 1/\mu$

Full Maxwell

$$(15) \quad \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} + \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}) = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}_i}{\partial t}$$

$$(16) \quad \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} + \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{J}_i$$

Eddy current

$$(17) \quad \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}) = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}_i}{\partial t}$$

$$(18) \quad \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{J}_i$$

Implicit time discretization of (15)–(18)

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\tau^2} + \frac{\sigma}{\tau} \right) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{u}) = \dots$$

where $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{E}$ or \mathbf{A} , and $\varepsilon = 0$ in the eddy current case

Magnetostatics

$$(20) \quad \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{J}$$

Time-harmonic Maxwell

$$(21) \quad (-\omega^2 \varepsilon + i\sigma\omega) \hat{\mathbf{E}} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \hat{\mathbf{E}}) = -i\omega \hat{\mathbf{J}}_i$$

$$(22) \quad (-\omega^2 \varepsilon + i\sigma\omega) \hat{\mathbf{A}} + \mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \hat{\mathbf{A}}) = \hat{\mathbf{J}}_i$$

Common pattern:

$$\mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{u}) + \kappa \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

Full Maxwell, implicit time discretization	$\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^+$
eddy current, implicit time discretization	$\kappa \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$
Magnetostatics	$\kappa = 0$
Time-harmonic Maxwell	$\kappa \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_0^+$
Time-harmonic eddy current ($\varepsilon = 0$)	$\kappa \in \mathbb{I}$

Conductivity regularization to avoid $\kappa = 0$ (possibly in subdomains):

$$\sigma_{\text{reg}}(x) = \begin{cases} \sigma(x) & \text{if } \sigma(x) > \sigma_0 \\ \sigma_0 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma_0 > 0$ is a small constant.

This regularization can be applied to the eddy current cases, as well as to Magnetostatics:

$$\mathbf{curl}(\nu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{A}) + \sigma_0 \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}$$

Approximation of the true solution as $\sigma_0 \rightarrow 0$