Part II Stationary Field Phenomena

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Introduction

Devoted to stationary fields, the second part of this book covers a wide but specific range of electromagnetic phenomena where all scalar quantities and vector fields are independent of time. Accordingly, from Maxwell's equations in (I.1), by making $\partial/\partial t = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E} = 0\\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0\\ \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}\\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \rho \end{cases}$$
(PII.1)

This set of equations leads to a particularly simple analysis because electric phenomena and magnetic phenomena are decoupled and therefore can be treated independently.

Part II includes three separate chapters. Chapter 2 is concerned with static electric field phenomena. Currents are absent, J = 0, and electric charges are static in space. Hence, key equations for electrostatics are

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$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{E} = 0 \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = \rho \end{cases}$$
(PII.2)

Chapter 3 is concerned with the intrinsic properties of stationary electric currents. From (PII.1), bearing in mind that div curl $\equiv 0$, we have

$$\begin{cases} \text{curl } \mathbf{E} = 0 \\ \text{div } \mathbf{J} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(PII.3)

Chapter 4 is concerned with magnetic fields produced by stationary currents. Therefore, from (PII.1), key equations to be examined are

$$\begin{array}{l} \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{array}$$
 (PII.4)

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