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Visualizing Electromagnetic Vector Fields in Matter using MATHEMATICA

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Abstract

The quantities of dynamic physics including gravitational field and electromagnetic field are accurately described using vector differential operators. Electromagnetism is notably more conceptual in matter compared to vacuum because abstract, three-dimensional fields that are sometimes difficult to visualize are involved in most analysis. A visual representation of abstract vector fields in matter is invaluable to students or researchers working in this field and may also assist teachers in teaching electromagnetism to physics or engineering students. We successfully visualized the most fundamental concepts of the electromagnetic vector calculated and estimated using vector differential operators in Mathematica. This visualization based on vector calculations can be used as a starting platform for the further exploration of electromagnetic vector fields.

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I. Introduction

Electromagnetic vector fields are composed of elaborate mathematical structures and abstract concepts described as vector differential operators [1-5]. It is often conceptually challenging for physicists to intuitively understand the associated physics phenomena and distinguish between them. To learn about the changes in the electric displacement $\vec{D}$ in a medium, including polarization $\vec{P}$ and electric quadrupole $Q_{\alpha, \beta}$, or magnetic intensity $\vec{H}$ in the medium including the magnetization vector $\vec{M}$ in the field $\vec{B}$ [5,6], the vector fields must be calculated and visualized to understand their characteristic features. According to our educational experience, the physicists must introduce a visualizing portfolio in curriculum to examine and test these concepts of physics. Several tools are available for the visualization of electromagnetic field vector such as: MATLAB’s interactive tools [7,8], Maple’s Classroom Tips [9], and Mathematica demonstrations [10-14]; that are effectively used to plot vector fields [7-9,12]. However, they are limited to certain fields in vacuum [9,13] or special materials [15-18], and do not specifying the constitutive relations in matter. The electric and the magnetic fields $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ respectively, are determined every where in space if, all sources, charge $\rho$ and current density $\vec{J}$, are specified. For a small number of definite sources, the determination of the fields is a tractable problem. However, for most cases of macroscopic aggregates of matter, the $\vec{D}$ and $\vec{H}$ are determined by the macroscopic sources $\vec{P}$, $\vec{H}$, $Q_{\alpha, \beta}$ and similar moment densities of the material medium in the presence of an applied field. The derived fields $\vec{D}$ and $\vec{H}$ are expressed in terms of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ using the constitutive relations in the material medium [5,18]. Maxwell equations do not preclude the possibility that one or both of quantities $\epsilon$, $\mu$, be negative. When $\mu > 0$, Faraday’s law in vector differential form, $\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \mu_0 \vec{H}$ denote a right-handed orthogonal triad whereas $\mu < 0$, $[\vec{k}, \vec{E}, \vec{H}]$ constitute a left-handed triad, which is explained by the vector differential mode exactly. We presented the capability of Mathematica for vector analysis and visualizing vector fields in previous works [19,20]. In this work, we have presented a platform visualizing vector fields added by the field densities using Mathematica. The platform will manipulate vi-
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II. Vector differential operators for vector fields in electrostatics

1. Electric vector field from scalar potential

(1) Electric field in vacuum

Electrostatics is the study of the time-independent distributions of electric charges and electromagnetic fields in electrodynamics [1-6]. If an arbitrary charge $q$ is placed in an electric field $\vec{E}$, it will experience a force $\vec{F}$ given by $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$. The electric field exerted to test charge $q$ can also be expressed as an integral over the charge density instead of the total charge: $Q = \int \rho(\vec{r}) \, dv'$. The electric field is given by $\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \int \frac{qQ}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \cdot \vec{r}' \rho(\vec{r}') \, dv'$.

$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = -\vec{F}(\vec{r})$, with $\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \, dv'$, (1)

where $dv'$ is used to designate an element of volume in the charge distribution and $V$ denote the entire volume occupied by the charge distribution. We get Gauss’s law in vector differential operator from Eq. (1) by the divergence theorem:

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$ or $\nabla \phi \cdot \hat{n} = -\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$ (2)

As since $\vec{E} = -\nabla \phi$, Gauss’s law guide to Poisson equation $\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$ In regions of no charge, Poisson’s equation reduce to Laplace equation: $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$. The general solution of Laplace equation in spherical coordinates for a problem with azimuthal symmetry is as follows [5,6]:

$\phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} [A_l r^l + B_l (r^{-l+1})] P_l(\cos \theta), \quad (3)$

where $P_l(\cos \theta)$ represents the Legendre polynomials. Coefficients $A_l$ and $B_l$ can be determined from the boundary conditions.

(2) Constitutive relation in dielectrics: $\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

For the potential of an arbitrary localized charge distribution $d\rho(r)$ in power of $\frac{1}{r}$, we can write potential at point $\vec{r}$ [1-3,5] as:

$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{r} \rho(\vec{r'}) \, dv' = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{r} \rho(\vec{r'}) \, dv' + \frac{1}{r^2} \int \rho(\vec{r'}) \, dv' + \cdots$ (4)

Here we use the binomial expansion of Legendre polynomials: $\frac{1}{r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\vec{r}^n}{n!} P_n(\cos \theta)$. The first term is called the monopole term, 2nd the dipole term, and 3rd quadrupole term. In this case we take the dipole term as a continuous charge distribution. The potential due to the dipole moment can be written succinctly as:

$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{r^3} \, dv' = \frac{1}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3}$, (5)

where $\vec{p} = \int \rho \, dv'$ is called the dipole moment of the distribution. A convenient measure of this effect is the polarization $\vec{P} = \lim_{\Delta V \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \sum \vec{p}$, then $\vec{p} = \vec{P} \, dv' [1,2]$. And apply the vector identity $\nabla \cdot \vec{P} \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r} \nabla \cdot \vec{p} + \cdots$
\( \mathbf{\hat{p}} \cdot \nabla \left[ \frac{1}{r} \right] \). Then the potential in the dielectrics with \( \mathbf{\vec{P}} \) instead of \( \mathbf{\hat{p}} \) in Eq. (5):

\[
\phi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{s} \mathbf{\hat{P}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{\hat{n}}}{r^3} d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{s} \mathbf{\hat{P}} \cdot \nabla \left[ \frac{1}{r} \right] d\mathbf{a} \\
= \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{s} \mathbf{\hat{n}} d\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{s} \left( \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\vec{P}} \right) d\mathbf{a} \\
= \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{s} \nabla \mathbf{\hat{P}} d\mathbf{a}.
\]  

where \( \sigma \mathbf{\hat{P}} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{n}} \) is the bounded surface charge and \( \rho_0 = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\vec{P}} \) is the bounded volume charge due to the polarization of the dielectric media. When applying Gauss’s law to a region containing the charges embedded in a dielectric, the polarization charges (\( \rho_0 \)) as well as the charge (\( \rho \)) must be included. Gauss’s law in dielectric medium is

\[
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\vec{E}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} (\rho + \rho_0) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} (\rho - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\vec{P}}) \\
\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_0 \mathbf{\vec{E}} + \mathbf{\vec{P}}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\vec{D}} = \rho.
\]

where \( \mathbf{\vec{D}} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{\vec{E}} + \mathbf{\vec{P}} \) is a new macroscopic field vector, the electric displacements \( \mathbf{\vec{D}} \), that act as the constitutive relation in dielectrics. \( \mathbf{\vec{D}} \) having the same unit as \( \mathbf{\vec{P}} \) charge per unit area (C/m²), for \( \mathbf{\hat{D}} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{n}} \mathbf{\hat{a}} = Q \).

2. Magnetic vector field from the potentials

(1) Magnetic vector field: \( \mathbf{\vec{B}} = \nabla \times \mathbf{\vec{A}} \)

Using the Biot-Savart law, the force \( \mathbf{F}_2 \), exerted on circuit 2 of current \( I_2 \) owing to the influence of circuit 1 in current \( I_1 \) is as follows:

\[
\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{4\pi} \oint_{I_1} \mathbf{\hat{F}} \cdot d\mathbf{\hat{l}}_2 \times \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{\hat{l}}_1 \times (\mathbf{\hat{r}}_2 - \mathbf{\hat{r}}_1)}{r_2 - r_1^3} \right] \\
= L_2 \oint_{I_2} \mathbf{\hat{F}} \cdot d\mathbf{\hat{l}}_2 \times \frac{d\mathbf{\hat{l}}_1 \times (\mathbf{\hat{r}}_2 - \mathbf{\hat{r}}_1)}{r_2 - r_1^3} \\
= L_2 \oint_{I_2} \mathbf{\hat{F}} \times \mathbf{\hat{B}}(r_2).
\]

Next, using the vector identity \( \nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{\hat{F}}) = \nabla \phi \times \mathbf{\hat{F}} + \phi \nabla \times \mathbf{\hat{F}} \), we can write as follows:

\[
\mathbf{\hat{B}}(r_2) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{I_1} \frac{\mathbf{\hat{J}}(\mathbf{\hat{r}})}{r_2 - r_1} d\mathbf{\hat{v}}_1.
\]

The vector potential \( \mathbf{\vec{A}}(r_2) \) may be applied to current circuits by making the substitution \( \mathbf{\hat{J}} d\mathbf{\hat{v}} = \mathbf{\hat{j}} d\mathbf{\hat{v}} \) and use an expand in powers of \( \mathbf{\hat{r}} \) to get \( |r_2 - r_1|^3 = \frac{1}{r_2^3} \left( 1 + \frac{r_1 \cdot \mathbf{\hat{r}}}{r_2^3} + \cdots \right) \) and vector identity \( \mathbf{\hat{r}}_1 \times \mathbf{\hat{r}}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{r_2^3} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{r}}_1 \times \mathbf{\hat{r}}_2 \). Then Eq. (10) is

\[
\mathbf{\vec{A}}(r_2) = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{4\pi} \oint_{I_1} \frac{\mathbf{\hat{J}}(\mathbf{\hat{r}})}{r_2 - r_1} d\mathbf{\hat{v}}_1.
\]

(2) Constitutive relation in magnetic media: \( \mathbf{\vec{B}} = H_0 (\mathbf{\vec{B}} + \mathbf{\bar{M}}) \)

Now we define a macroscopic vector point function magnetization: \( \mathbf{M} = \lim_{\Delta s \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta s} \sum m_i \). Each volume element \( \Delta V \) of magnetized matter is characterized by a magnetic dipole moment: \( m = \mathbf{M} \Delta V \) to explore the influence of matter on the magnetic field. We can write \( \mathbf{B} \) with \( \phi_s(\mathbf{\hat{r}}) \) and \( \mathbf{M} \) from Eq. (11):

\[
\mathbf{\hat{B}} = \nabla \times \mathbf{\hat{A}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{I_1} \mathbf{\hat{M}}(\mathbf{\hat{r}}) \times \left( \frac{\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'}{|\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'|^3} \right) d\mathbf{\hat{v}}' \\
= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{I_1} \mathbf{\hat{M}}(\mathbf{\hat{r}}) \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'}{|\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'|^3} \right) d\mathbf{\hat{v}}' \\
- \left( \mathbf{\hat{M}}(\mathbf{\hat{r}}) \cdot \nabla \right) \left( \frac{\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'}{|\mathbf{\hat{r}} - \mathbf{\hat{r}}'|^3} \right) d\mathbf{\hat{v}}'.
\]
\[= \mu_0 \mathbf{M}(r) - \mu_0 \nabla \left( \frac{1}{4 \pi} \int_{V_0} \frac{\mathbf{M}(r') \cdot (r - r')}{|r - r'|^3} \, dr' \right)\]

\[
\mathbf{B}(r) = \mu_0 \mathbf{M}(r) - \mu_0 \nabla \phi^*_M(r) = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{M}(r) + \mathbf{H}(r) \right),
\]

(12)

where magnetic scalar potential \(\phi^*_M(r)\) is

\[
\phi^*_M(r) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{V_0} \frac{\mathbf{M}(r') \cdot (r - r')}{|r - r'|^3} \, dr'
\]

(13)

Here an auxiliary magnetic vector field, \(\mathbf{H}\), is introduced as \(\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}\), i.e., \(\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})\), this is the constitutive equation in magnetic medium calculated from the magnetic scalar potentials : \(\mathbf{H}(r) = -\nabla \phi^*_M(r)\). Using the vector identity \(\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{|r - r'|} \right) = \nabla \left( \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right) \cdot \mathbf{M} + \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}\), we can present \(\phi^*_M(r)\) with the pole densities \(\sigma_M\) and \(\rho_M\) [1-3,5].

\[
\phi_M^*(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V_0} \frac{\mathbf{M}(r') \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right)}{|r - r'|^3} \, dr' = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V_0} \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{M}(r')}{|r - r'|} \right) \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(r') \, dr'
\]

\[
\phi^*_M(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V_0} \frac{\sigma_M(r') \, dr'}{|r - r'|} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V_0} \frac{\rho_M(r') \, dr'}{|r - r'|}
\]

(14)

where \(\sigma_M(r') = \mathbf{M}(r')\) is the surface density of magnetic pole strength and \(\rho_M(r') = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(r')\) is the magnetic pole density obtained from an integral over the entire volume of material \(V_0\) in Eq. (14), which contrast with the potential from the dipole moment \(\phi(r)\) in Eq. (6).

(3) Maxwell equation in matter

The Maxwell's equations describing the vector fields in macroscopic media can be written in the vector differential form at the MKSA unit system [1-3,5] as :

\[
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}
\]

(15)

\[
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0
\]

(16)

where \(\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}, \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}\). In dielectric media, polarization \(\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 \chi \mathbf{E}\) is defined and that \(\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 (1 + \chi) \mathbf{E} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}\), where \(\chi\) is the electric susceptibility of a material. The dielectric constant \(K\) is written by \(K = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}\) and \(\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon \mathbf{E} = K \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E}\). In magnetic material, magnetization is described by \(\mathbf{M} = \chi_n \mathbf{H}\), then \(\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_n) = \mu_0 \chi_n \mathbf{H} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}\) where \(\chi_n = 1 + \chi_m = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}\). \(K_m\) is the relative permeability. As \(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0\), and \(\nabla \times \mathbf{M} = 0\), if \(\mu \) is at least piecewise constant in each region, the magnetic scalar potential \(\phi^*_M\) also satisfies Laplace’s equation [5,6]. To visualize vector fields, we must determine the potentials from the Eqs. (1), (6), (10), and (14) with zonal harmonics. Eq. (3) is applicable in spherical boundaries and azimuthal symmetry applications. Thus we can calculate and plot the vector fields appropriately on the medium environments.

III. Visualizing vector fields with Mathematica

1. Plotting \(\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi\)

For the visualization of vector fields, Mathematica supports many procedures including VectorFieldPlot, GradientFieldPlot, and ContourPlot. VectorFieldPlot \([f_x, f_y]\) plots a vector function \([f_x, f_y]\), and GradientFieldPlot\([f]\) plots the gradient of scalar function \(f\). VectorFieldPlot\([\{f_x, f_y\}\]) and GradientFieldPlot\([\{f_x, f_y\}\]) plots are shown in Fig. 1(a) column. They are simpler but instructive examples that show the same vector fields results from PlotVectorField\([\{x, y\}]\) and PlotGradientField\([\{x^2, y^2\}]\) plots are shown in bottom row of Fig. 1. We have used the undefined procedure heezyPlot (in Mathematica code 3) to plot and manipulate the electric and magnetic fields with the prescribed scalar potential (In[451-458] in Mathematica code 2) appropriate to the material medium more effectively. The procedure includes the modules GradientFieldPlot and ContourPlot, and material parameters available to the prescribed potentials are assigned. When we assigned a potential the procedure produce a vector field platform as in Fig. 2. The plots of \(-\nabla \phi\) are produced with the GradientFieldPlot function in Mathematica. Complete modules are available in Ref. [24].
It is helpful to calculate vectors in both Cartesian and cylindrical coordinates in "Mathematica" code 1. If current circuit is confined in wire the vector potential \( \vec{A}_i(r) \) is determined by Eq. (10), then we can calculate magnetic induction \( \vec{B} \) with curl of vector potential \( \vec{B}(r) = \nabla \times \vec{A}_i(r) \) and plot vector fields in both 2D and 3D graphics with VectorFieldPlot3D in "Mathematica" as shown Fig. 3. The calculated \( \vec{B} \) field is \( B_{\chi\gamma} = \left\{ -\frac{2\mu_0}{(x^2 + y^2)} \frac{2\mu_0}{(x^2 + y^2)}, 0 \right\} \) in Cartesian coordinates while \( B_{\kappa\chi} = \left\{ 0, -\frac{2\mu_0}{r}, 0 \right\} \) in cylindrical coordinates in "Mathematica" code 2. This indicates \( \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} \) fields have \( x \) and \( y \) component in Cartesian while only \( \theta \) component in cylindrical coordinates when \( \vec{A}_i(r) \) have a \( z \) component, which is the characteristics of \( \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} \). If, instead of being confined to wire, the current exists in a medium, then \( \vec{A}_i(r) \) is represented with the magnetic dipole moment \( \vec{m} = \frac{1}{2} \int \vec{B}(r_1 \times d^2r_2) \) as in Eq. (11).

3. Prescribed potentials for vector fields

1. Polarized sphere with polarization \( \vec{P} \) in vacuum

The electric fields generated by a uniformly polarized sphere of radius \( a \) with polarization \( \vec{P} = \lim_{\Delta \nu \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta \nu} \int_{\Sigma_p} \vec{P} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Sigma \) or \( \vec{p} = \vec{P} \, d\Sigma \). The potential due to \( \vec{P} \) is given by Eq. (6),

\[
\phi(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{\Sigma_p} \frac{1}{r} \sigma d\Sigma = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_{\Sigma_p} \frac{1}{r} P \cos\theta d\Sigma ,
\]

where \( \sigma = \vec{P} \cdot \vec{n} = P \cos\theta \), and the volume bounded charge density \( \rho_s = -\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = 0 \) because \( \vec{P} \) is the constant polarization vector. Laplace’s equation in spherical coordinates is solved by zonal harmonics with spherical boundaries and azimuthal symmetry as follows [1,2]:

\[
\phi \left( r, \theta \right) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left[ B_l r^{-(l+1)} \right] P_l (\cos\theta), \quad r \geq a
\]
The potential can be written as an expansion with Legendre polynomials by Eq. (3).

\[ \phi = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l P_l(\cos \theta), \quad r \leq a \]  \hspace{1cm} (19)

At \( r = a \), the boundary conditions: \( \phi(a, \theta) = \phi(a, \theta) \) give the relation \( A_l a^l = B_l a^{l+1} \), and \( \nabla \phi_r = \nabla \phi_\theta = -\frac{\sigma(\theta)}{\varepsilon_0} \) by Eq. (2). From these we can get \( A_1 = \frac{P}{3} \) by the “eyeball” method; \( \sigma(\theta)_r = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = PCos[\theta] \). Thus, the potentials as follows:

\[ \phi_1(r, \theta) = \frac{P}{3\varepsilon_0} \frac{a^3}{r^2} \cos[\theta], \quad r \geq a \]  \hspace{1cm} (20)

\[ \phi_2(r, \theta) = \frac{P}{3\varepsilon_0} r \cos[\theta], \quad r \leq a \]  \hspace{1cm} (21)

Next, we obtain the electric fields inside and outside of the uniformly polarized sphere; \( E_1 = -\nabla \phi_1(r, \theta) \) \( E_2 = -\nabla \phi_2(r, \theta) \), and plot as Fig. 5(a).

(2) Grounded spherical conductor in electric field \( \vec{E}_0 \)

As a canonical problem in physics, we considered a conducting sphere radius \( a \) held at constant (let zero) potential and placed in a uniform field \( \vec{E}_0 \) [1,5,6,10].

The potential can be written as an expansion with Legendre polynomials by Eq. (3). The coefficients \( A_l, B_l \) were obtained from the boundary conditions. The electric field should be \( \vec{E}_0 \) as \( r \rightarrow \infty \). So that the potential must be \( \phi = -\int \vec{E}_0 \cdot d\ell = -E_0 r \cos[\theta] \). Then \( \phi(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l P_l(\cos \theta) = -E_0 r \cos[\theta] \), therefor all \( A_l = 0 \) except \( A_1 = -E_0 \). At \( r = a \) \( \phi = 0 \),

\[ A_1 + B_1 a^{\theta+1} = 0 \Rightarrow B_1 = -A_1 a^2 = E_0 a^2. \] Thus we determined the potential:

\[ \phi_2(r, \theta) = -E_0 (r \cos[\theta] - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \cos[\theta]) \]  \hspace{1cm} (22)

Next, we get \( \vec{E}_1 = -\nabla \phi(r, \theta) \) and plot as Fig. 5(b).

The field intensity is determined using huefunc \( \left[ \frac{\text{Norm} |\text{epvx}[z, y]|}{\text{epvxmax}} \right] \) with ColorFunctions. The field intensity platform is manipulated with the materials \( K \) values and medium environment (initial fields) and calculations of the vector field intensity at the vector points \( (r = 0.75a, 1.15a) \) are shown in Fig. 4.

(3) Dielectric sphere in an initially uniform electric field \( \vec{E}_0 \)

The potential of the dielectric sphere with a radius of \( a \) in initially uniform electric field \( \vec{E}_0 \) may be expressed as a sum of zonal harmonics in Eq. (18) [1,2]. As \( r \rightarrow \infty \), \( \vec{E} \rightarrow \vec{E}_0 \) and the potential on surface
should be continuous. The potential is presented by two harmonics of the lowest-order for the outside and inside of dielectric sphere, respectively as follows:

\[
\phi_1(r, \theta) = A_1 r \cos \theta + C_1 r^{-2} \cos \theta, \quad r \geq a \quad (23)
\]

\[
\phi_2(r, \theta) = A_2 r \cos \theta + C_2 r^{-2} \cos \theta, \quad r \geq a \quad (24)
\]

The constants \(A_1, A_2, C_1, \) and \(C_2\) determined from the boundary conditions as \(A_1 = -E_0, \ C_1 = 0, \ A_2 = -\frac{3E_0}{K+2}, \) and \(C_1 = \frac{K-1}{K+2} E_0 a^3.\) Then we determine the electric scalar potentials:

\[
\phi_1(r, \theta) = E_0 \frac{(K-1)}{(2+K)} r^2 \cos \theta - E_0 r \cos \theta, \quad r \geq a \quad (25)
\]

\[
\phi_2(r, \theta) = -\frac{3E_0}{2+K} r \cos \theta, \quad r \geq a \quad (26)
\]

For \(\vec{D} = \varepsilon \vec{E} = \kappa_0 \vec{E},\) we obtained the dielectric scalar potentials \(\phi_{12}\) as \(\phi_{12}(r, \theta) = \kappa_0 \phi_{12}(r, \theta) = \kappa_0 \phi_{22}.\) We get \(\vec{E}_1\) and \(\vec{E}_2\) from the \(\phi_{12}\) and \(\phi_{22}\) in an initially uniform field of \(\vec{E}_0\) as follows:

\[
\vec{E}_1 = -\nabla \phi_1 = \left( E_0 + \frac{K-1}{K+2} \frac{a^3}{r^3} \cos \theta \right)
\]
\[ \left( -E_0 + \frac{K-1}{K+2} \frac{a^3}{r^7} \right) \sin[\theta], 0 \right), \quad r \geq a \] (27)

\[ \overrightarrow{E}_2 = -\nabla \phi_{M2} = \frac{3E_0}{K+2} \left( \cos[\theta], -\sin[\theta], 0 \right), \quad r \leq a \] (28)

We can write \( \overrightarrow{E}_2 = -\frac{3E_0}{K+2} \overrightarrow{E}_d \) in Cartesian coordinate, where \( \overrightarrow{E}_d = \cos[\theta] \overrightarrow{e}_x - \sin[\theta] \overrightarrow{e}_y \). This can be rewritten as \( \overrightarrow{E}_2 = \left( 1 - \frac{K-1}{K+2} \right) \overrightarrow{E}_d \), which represent the depolarization (Clausius-Mossotti factor \( \frac{K-1}{K+2} \)) [1,2]. The molecular polarizability is \( \alpha = \frac{3e_0}{N} \frac{K-1}{K+2} \), where \( N \) is number of atoms or molecules per volume. Thus, characteristics of the \( \overrightarrow{E}_2 \) inside the dielectric give us important quantitative information about the structure of the atoms [21]. The fields \( \overrightarrow{E} \) and \( \overrightarrow{D} \) inside and outside of the dielectric sphere on the \( K \) values are shown in Fig. 5.

(4) Uniformly magnetized sphere in a nonpermeable medium

If the current density vanishes in some finite region of space, \( \nabla \times \overrightarrow{H} = 0 \) by Ampere’s law (Eq. (16)). This implies that we can introduce a magnetic scalar potential \( \phi_M \) such that \( \nabla^2 \phi_M = 0 \). As a common practical situation, we consider the hard ferromagnets with magnetized \( \overrightarrow{M} \). For such material, fixed magnetization \( \overrightarrow{M}(x) \). Then, \( \nabla \times \overrightarrow{B} = \mu_0 \nabla \times (\overrightarrow{H} + \overrightarrow{M}) = 0 \) becomes a magnetostatic Poisson’s equation \( \nabla^2 \phi_{M2} = -4\pi\rho_M \) with a magnetic charge density \( \rho_M \) if there is no boundary surface. The magnetic scalar potential \( \phi_M \) due to the magnetization \( \overrightarrow{M} \) is given by [1,5]:

\( \phi_M(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \frac{1}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \overrightarrow{e}_z \) \( \overrightarrow{r} \parallel \overrightarrow{e}_z \), \( r \geq a \) (29)

Thus, the magnetic potential is

\[ \phi_M(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i} \cos[\theta], \quad r \geq a \] (30)

\[ \phi_{M2}(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i} \cos[\theta], \quad r \geq a \] (31)

\( \overrightarrow{M} = \overrightarrow{M} \overrightarrow{e}_z \) is parallel to the z-axis. For the magnetic induction in the magnetized sphere, we may estimate a modified the magnetized scalar potential \( \phi_M^* \) in the sphere satisfying \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 = -\nabla \phi_M^* = \mu_0(\overrightarrow{H} + \overrightarrow{M}) = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \overrightarrow{M} \), thus, we can determine \( \phi_M^* \) as follows:

\[ \phi_M^*(r, \theta) = -\mu_0 \frac{2}{3} r \overrightarrow{M} \cos[\theta], \quad r \leq a \] (32)

Then \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 = -\nabla \phi_M^* = -\mu_0 \frac{2}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \overrightarrow{e}_z \) and \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 = -\nabla \phi_M^* = \mu_0 \frac{2}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \overrightarrow{e}_z \). Here, we note that \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 \) is parallel to \( \overrightarrow{M} \) while \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 \) is antiparallel to \( \overrightarrow{M} \) as shown in Fig. 6(a).

(5) Uniformly magnetized sphere in uniform magnetic field \( \overrightarrow{B}_0 \)

Consider a sphere of linear magnetic material with a radius \( a \) and a permeability \( \mu \) in space containing an initially uniform magnetic field \( \overrightarrow{B}_0 \). The boundary conditions are applied to obtain the parameters of the Eq. (23): (i) as \( r \to \infty \), \( \overrightarrow{B}_1 = \overrightarrow{B}_0 \) from \( -\mu_0 \nabla \phi_M = \overrightarrow{B}_0 \), we get \( A_1 = -\frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \). (ii) as \( r \to 0 \), \( C_2 \to 0 \) and (iii) \( \overrightarrow{B}_r = \overrightarrow{B}_0 \) at \( r = a \), from those \( C_1 \to \frac{a^3 B_0 (-1 + Km)}{(2 + Km) \mu_0} \), \( A_2 \to -\frac{3B_0}{(2 + Km) \mu_0} \) [1,5]. Thus, we get the magnetic potentials:

\[ \phi_{M1}(r, \theta) = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \left[ \frac{-1 + Km}{2 + Km} \right] \frac{a^3}{r^7} \cos[\theta], \quad r \geq a \] (33)

\[ \phi_{M2}(r, \theta) = -\frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \frac{3}{(2 + Km) \mu_0} r \cos[\theta], \quad r \leq a \] (34)

Then, we get \( \overrightarrow{B}_1 = \mu_0 \overrightarrow{H}_1 = \mu_0 (-\nabla \phi_{M1}) \) and \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 = \mu_\overrightarrow{H}_2 = \mu_0 \frac{2}{3} \overrightarrow{M} \) in the spherical system as follow:

\[ \overrightarrow{B}_1 = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{-1 + Km}{2 + Km} \right) \frac{a^3 \cos[\theta]}{r^7} + \cos[\theta], \quad r \geq a \] (35)

\[ \left( \frac{-1 + Km}{2 + Km} \right) \frac{a^3 \sin[\theta]}{r^7} - \sin[\theta], \quad r \leq a \] (36)

where \( \overrightarrow{B}_2 = \frac{3B_0 \cos[\theta]}{2 + Km} = \frac{3B_0 \sin[\theta]}{2 + Km} \) parallel to the pole. Vector
fields of $\vec{B}_1$ and $\vec{B}_2$ are plotted on the $Km$ values in the Cartesian coordinate in Fig. 6. Thus, we can calculate $\vec{B}_1$ and $\vec{B}_2$ with magnetic scalar potentials conveniently rather than with vector potentials.

(6) Prescribed magnetic scalar potentials
We can visualize the electromagnetic vector fields with heejyPlot user defined procedure composed of GradientFieldPlot and ContourPlot using the prescribed scalar potentials (marked). We then summarize the electromagnetic scalar potentials and vector field functions in Mathematica code 1 that are utilized in the heejyPlot function. We can use the above prescribed eight potentials (In[451-458]) of Cartesian coordinates to plot the vector fields in the heejyPlot procedure. By changing the parameters ($K$, $Km$, $M$, $P$) of the medium, plot the vector fields can be plotted repeatedly using the prescribed potentials shown as in Figs. 5 and 6.

4. Vector field plotting with scalar potentials
(1) Electric field plotting in the matter
Visualization of the electric fields in matter is presented two material medium: (i) the electric fields of the near the material in vacuum and (ii) in a uniform electric field $E_0$. In vacuum, consider of the...
electric field produced by a uniformly polarized sphere of radius \( a \) and polarization \( \vec{P} \). To plot the electric fields \((\vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2)\) inside and outside the uniformly polarized sphere in vacuum where no other electric fields are present, we employed the prescribed potentials: \( \text{potp12} [y_,z_] \), \( \text{potb43} [y_,z_] \) described in Mathematica code 1. For plotting the electric fields \((\vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2)\) and displacements \((\vec{D}_1, \vec{D}_2)\) fields inside and outside the material sphere we have assigned the prescribed potentials: \( \text{potc1} [y_,z_], \text{pote12} [y_,z_], \text{potd56} [y_,z_] \) to the heePlot procedure. The prescribed potentials are described in the Mathematica code 1. According to the selection of potential and parameter procedure plot the vector fields array as in Fig. 5. The adjustment of table index steps and plotting of additional vector field frames are possible by the index of table as in Mathematica code 2. It is evident that \( \vec{E}_2 = -\frac{P}{3\varepsilon_0} \hat{e}_z \) opposite to \( \vec{P} \) and so \( \vec{E}_2 \) called the depolarization field [22,23]. Given that \( \vec{D}_2 = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}_2 + \vec{P} \) while \( \vec{E}_2 = -\nabla \phi_2 \) and \( \vec{P} = \varepsilon_0\mu_0 \vec{E}_2 \), we can examine \( \vec{D} \) and \( \vec{E} \) outside and inside sphere for the \( K \) values shown as Fig. 5. Visualization of the electric and the magnetic vector fields is presented using both vector field plotting and vector field density plotting with vector point field intensity values (see Field intensity at (II) in Figs. 5 and 6). The vector field densities are plotted using \( \text{huefunc} = \frac{\text{Norm}[[\text{vfunc}]]}{v_{\text{max}}} \) with ColorFunction as in Mathematica code 2. These plots effectively reveal the features of the vector fields in matter. We can confirm the features of the vector fields by calculating the vector points inside and outside the sphere in the same platform. The intensity \((E_1 > E_2, E_1 > E_0, E_1 > E_2, D_1 < D_2)\) is shown in Fig. 5 and the array \( \{H_1 > H_2, B_1 < B_2, E_2, B_1 < B_2\} \) is shown in Fig. 6.

(2) Magnetic field plotting in the matter

For the plots of magnetic intensity \((\vec{H}_1, \vec{H}_2)\) and magnetic induction \((\vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2)\) fields in vacuum, we employed the prescribed potentials: \( \text{poth42} [y_,z_], \text{potb43} [y_,z_] \) described in Mathematica code 1. To plot the magnetic intensity \((\vec{H}_1, \vec{H}_2)\) and magnetic induction \((\vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2)\) in the uniform magnetic field \( \vec{B}_0 \), the prescribed potentials: \( \text{potm77} [y_,z_], \text{potm78} [y_,z_] \) are utilized heePlot. The plot frames can be expanded by controlling the table index of the platform similar to the plotting of electric fields. In Fig. 6(a) we see that \( \vec{H}_2 = -\frac{M}{3\varepsilon_0} \hat{e}_z \) is opposite to magnetization vector \( \vec{M} = M\hat{e}_z \), that is the demagnetizing field, a result that in accord with \( \vec{E}_2 = -\frac{P}{3\varepsilon_0} \hat{e}_z \) in Fig. 5(a). All the visualization of the vector fields was done by plotting the vector fields instead of the illustrations described in most of texts [1-5]. It confirms that the constitutive relations: \( \vec{B} = \mu_0(\vec{H} + \vec{M}) \) and \( \vec{D} = \varepsilon_0\vec{E} + \vec{P} \) are graphically represented in Figs. 5 and 6.

(3) Constitutive vector fields platform

Plotting the vector fields in different medium environments, we determined the eight functions for the scalar field potentials as presented in Mathematica code 1. Array of the vector fields is produced by selecting the prescribed potential and proper parameters, \( K, K_m, P, M, E_0, B_0 \) etc. Next, an array of vector fields is automatically produced based on the suggested indexing. In this procedure eight arrays of vector fields are possible. Therefore, it is possible to test and examine the constitutive relations in both vector calculation and graphics mode simultaneously in the same platform. The difference between them could not shown until vector field plots are produced in different medium environments. We have summarized the vector fields by visual representation of six fundamental vector fields as shown in Fig. 7. The platform presents the plotting of five kinds of vector fields and vector field density \( \vec{E} = -\nabla \phi, \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}, \vec{H} = -\nabla \phi', \vec{D} = \varepsilon_0\vec{E} + \vec{P} \), and \( \vec{B} = \mu_0(\vec{H} + \vec{M}) \), those are most fundamental vector fields in electromagnetics. Visualizing vector fields in Mathematica demonstrate the enhanced effectiveness of vector plots (eps, pdf) are scaled up in the graphics. Recently, artificial media i.e., metamaterials exhibit qualitatively new electromagnetic response functions which can not be found in the nature. Metamaterials are characterized by simultaneously negative permittivity and permeability, it referred to left-handed materials (LHMs). Their physical characteristics are also described with Maxwell equation Eq. (16) in vector differential mode [17,18]. Some aspects of Mathematica codes plotting vector fields in figures are presented in Appendix. Complete Mathematica codes plotemvfs.nb plotting the plots in the paper allows users to manipulate vector plots that are available from the site in Ref. [24]. Even if Mathematica is not installed, the user
Figure 7. (Color online) Vector field platform visualization of five vector fields from the vector potentials and scalar potentials: (a) $\vec{E} = -\nabla \phi$, (b) $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$, (c) $\vec{D}_2 = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}_2 + \vec{P}$ in an initially uniform electric field $\vec{E}_0$, (d) $\vec{H} = -\nabla \phi^*$ and $\vec{B}_2 = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$ side by side $\vec{E}_2$, and norms (d-norms) corresponding to (d) fields. The sphere of $\vec{M}$ in $\vec{B}_2$ is embedded in a nonpermeable medium while the sphere of $\vec{B}_2^*$ in an initially uniform magnetic field $\vec{B}_2$. All the plots are selected from the Figs. 1-7. While one scale up the graphics on the platform examines the vector graphics more detail. The number to the left side is the time (seconds) to plot the 15 fields in Mathematica (CPU (dual-core):i3-6100@3.7GHz).

may use a plotemvfs.cdf file instead in CDF Player (free download) [25].

IV. Conclusion

We have visually represented the most fundamental electromagnetic vector fields with the scalar and vector potentials using plotemvfs in Mathematica. In this work, eight user-defined functions for the prescribed potentials, were assigned, that were directly applied to the procedure heejyPlot to simultaneously plot the vector fields. This enables the examining and testing of the
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APPENDIX A: Mathematica codes

The Mathematica codes used for the plots shown in Figs. 4-6 to interpret the producing the vector fields. However, with these codes the vector fields could not be produced. The vector fields are produced by the complete *plotemvfs* procedure (Ref. [24]).

### Mathematica code 1

In[431]:= eq7[y_,z_]=phim2, phim2(z) = \( \phi_m(z) \)

In[432]:= eq80[y_,z_]=phim2, phim2(z) = \( \phi_m(z) \)

In[433]:= eq70[y_,z_]=phim1, phim1(z) = \( \phi_m(z) \)

In[434]:= eq43[y_,z_]=phiM2s, phiM2s(z) = \( \phi_M(z) \)

In[435]:= eq42[y_,z_]=phiM2, phiM2(z) = \( \phi_M(z) \)

In[436]:= eq41[y_,z_]=phiM1, phiM1(z) = \( \phi_M(z) \)

In[437]:= eq42[y_,z_]=phiM2, phiM2(z) = \( \phi_M(z) \)

In[438]:= eq32[y_,z_]=phip2, phip2(z) = \( \phi_p(z) \)

In[439]:= eq31[y_,z_]=phic1, phic1(z) = \( \phi_c(z) \)

In[440]:= eq40[y_,z_]=phic2, phic2(z) = \( \phi_c(z) \)

In[441]:= eq40[y_,z_]=phim1, phim1(z) = \( \phi_m(z) \)

In[442]:= eq80[y_,z_]=phim2, phim2(z) = \( \phi_m(z) \)

In[443]:= eq31[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[444]:= eq41[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[445]:= eq41[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[446]:= eq71[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[447]:= eq71[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[448]:= eq81[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[449]:= eq81[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[450]:= eq71[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

In[451]:= eq81[y_,z_]=\( \phi_p(z) \)

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