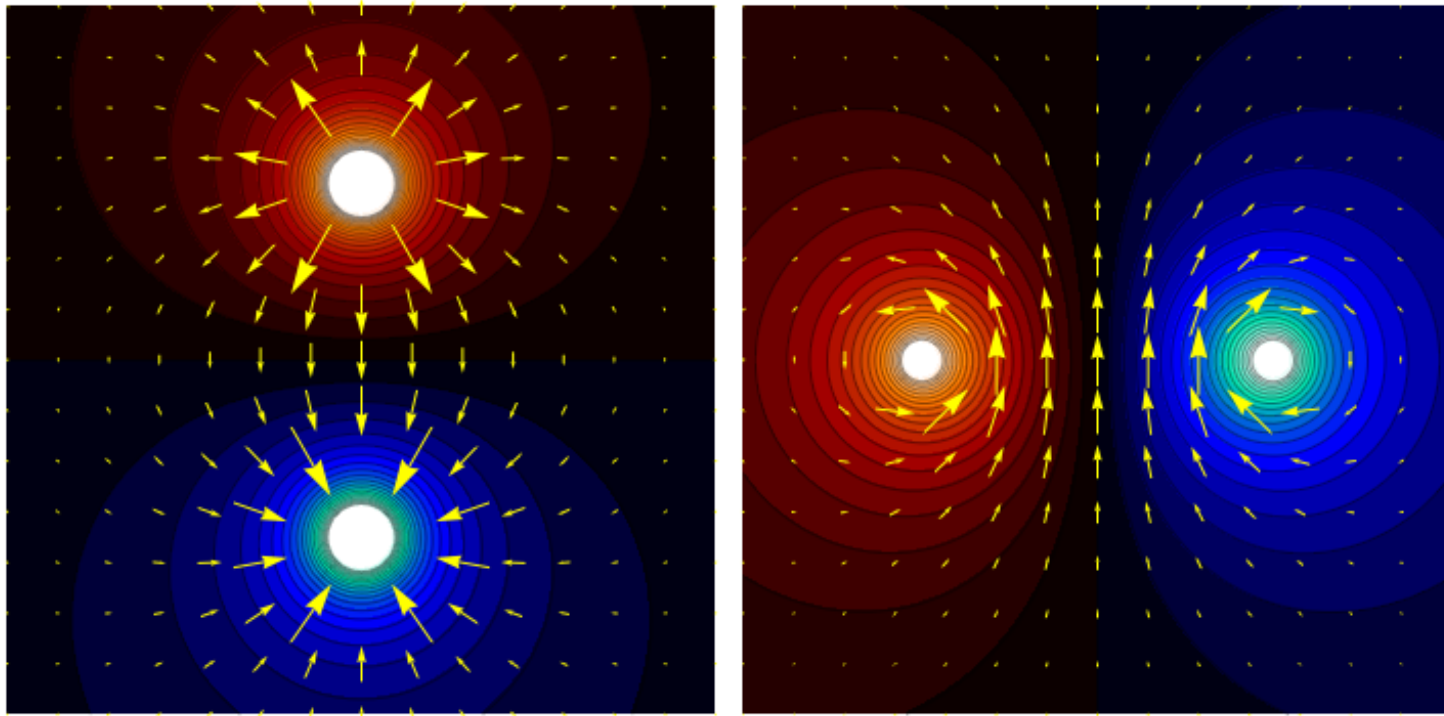
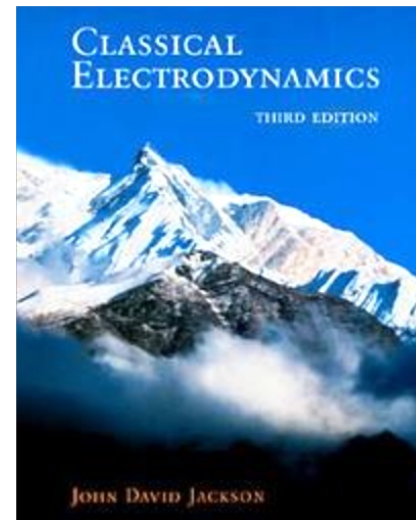
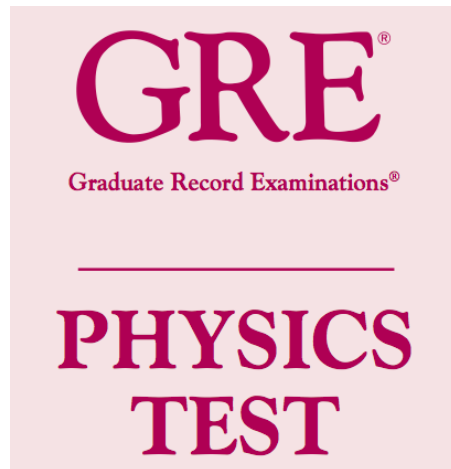


# Top 12 reasons to study electromagnetic theory



According to D. Schroeder

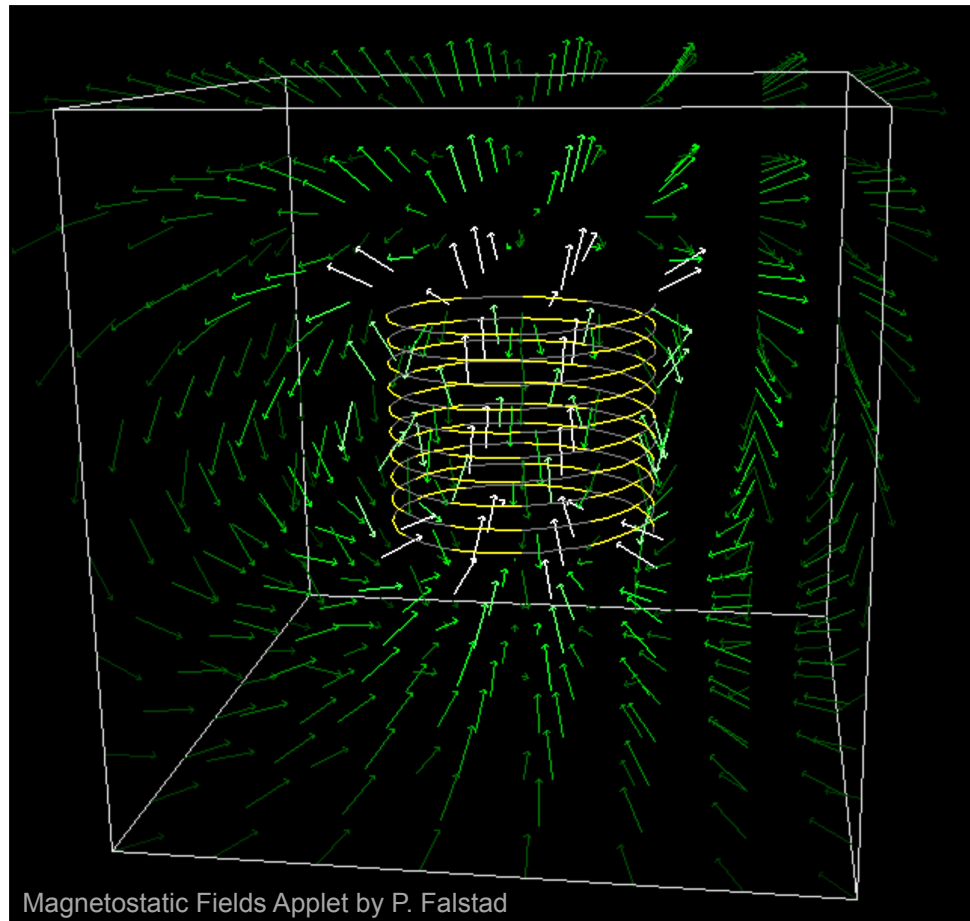
# 12. Because you have to.



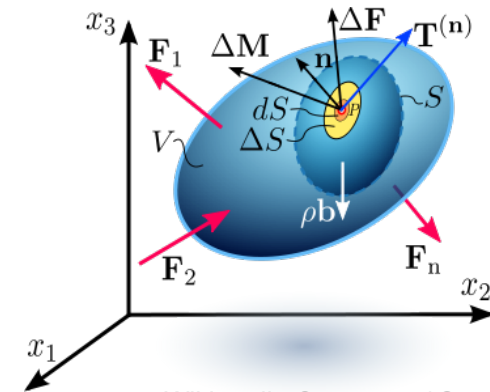
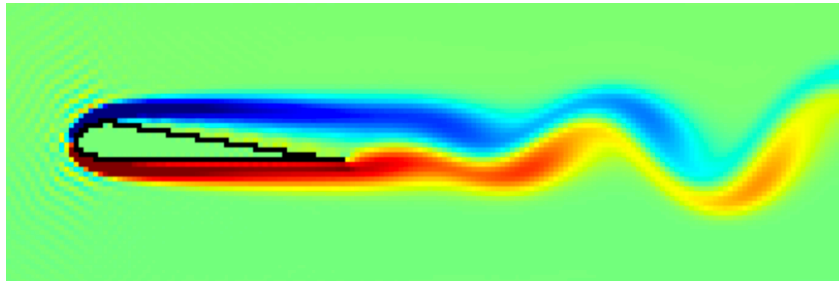
# 11. Master vector calculus.

$$\int \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) d\tau =$$
$$\int \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) d\tau +$$
$$\oint (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

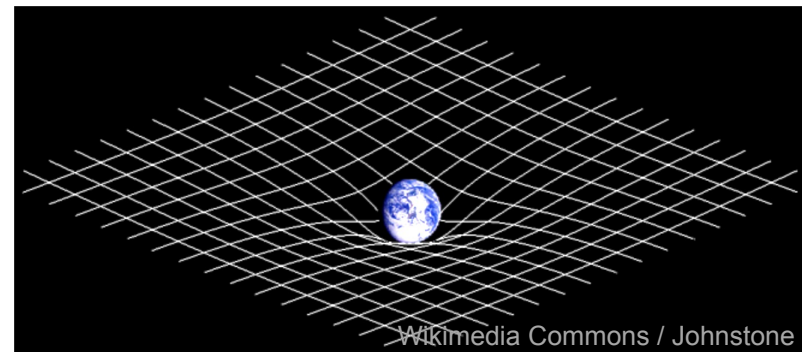
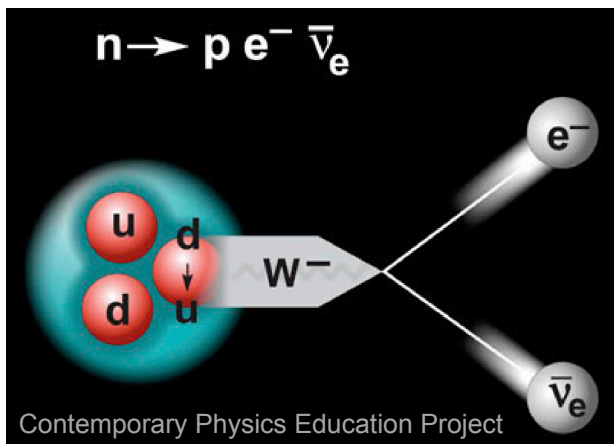
# 10. Visualize stuff in 3-D.



# 9. Practice for fluid mechanics, elasticity, strong & weak interactions, general relativity.

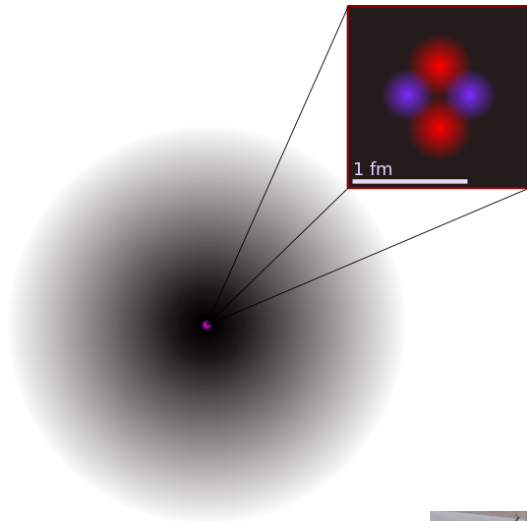


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# 8. Electromagnetic fields are everywhere.



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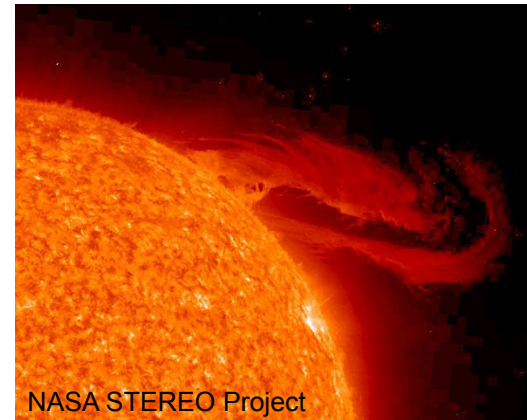
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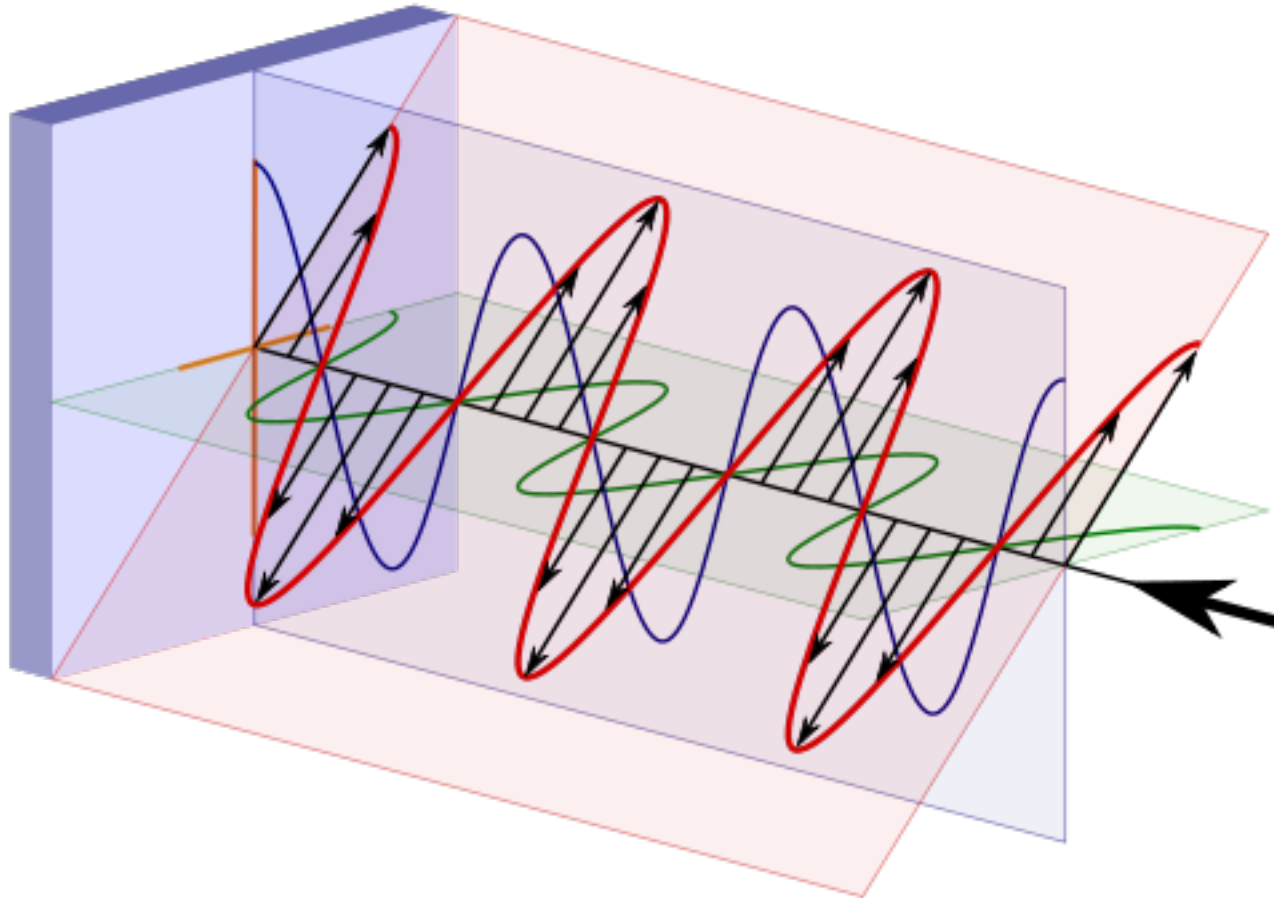
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7. It's the original unified field theory.

$$\mathbf{E}'_{\perp} = \gamma(\mathbf{E}_{\perp} + \beta \times \mathbf{B}_{\perp})$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_{\perp} = \gamma(\mathbf{B}_{\perp} - \beta \times \mathbf{E}_{\perp})$$

## 6. Light is an EM wave.

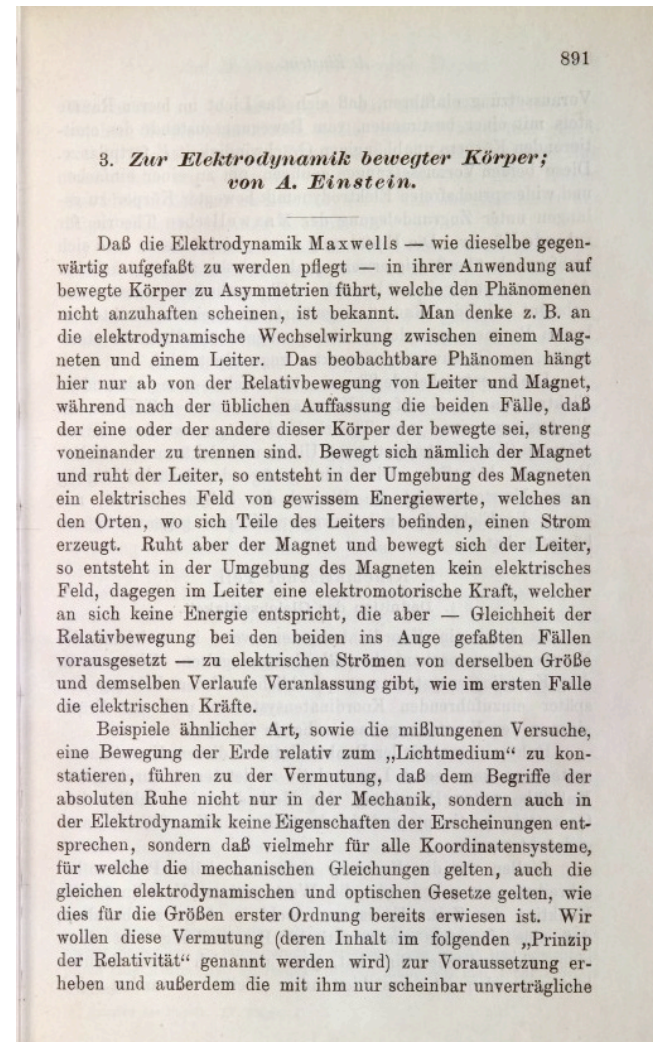




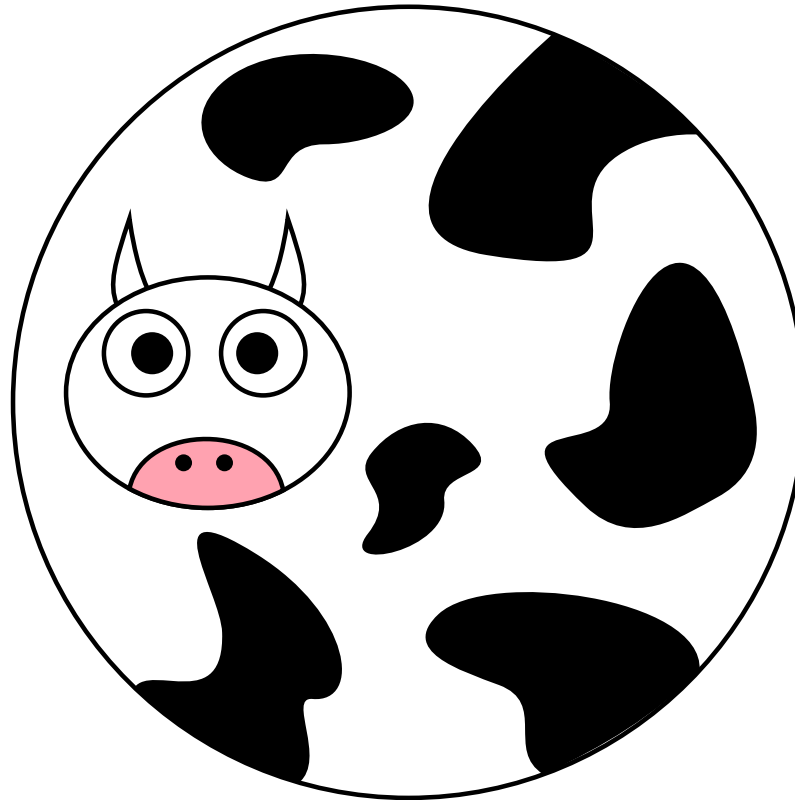
# 5. See where relativity came from.



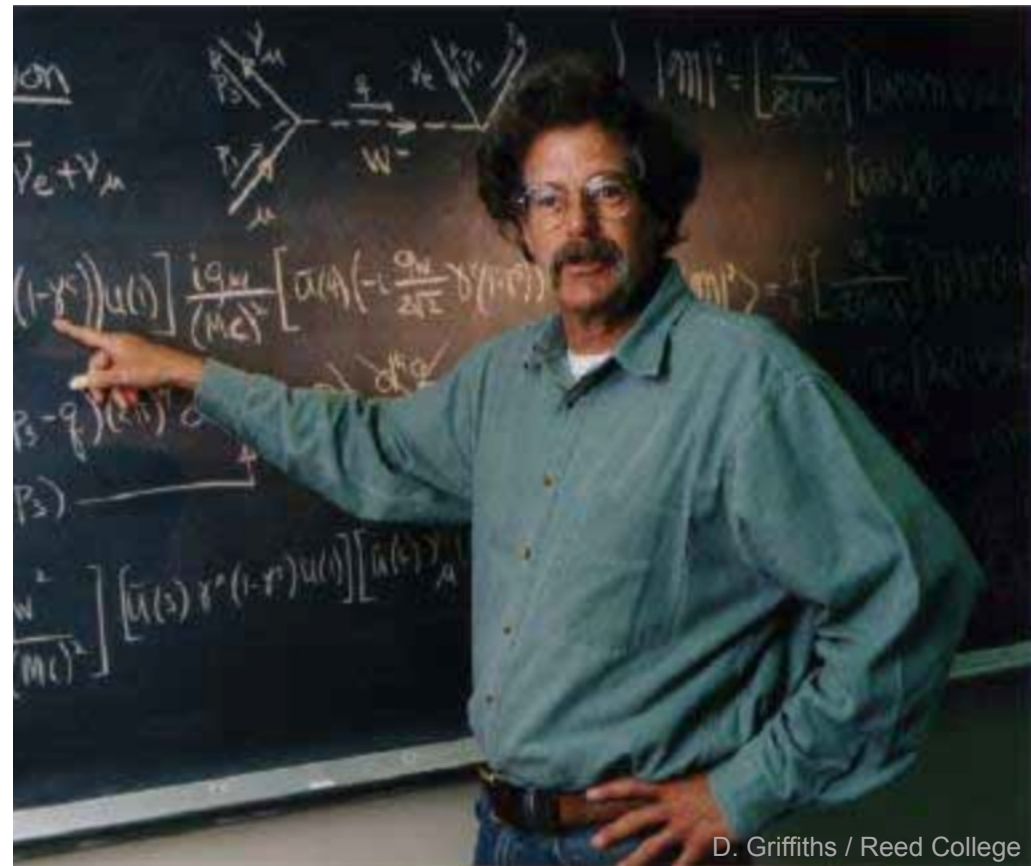
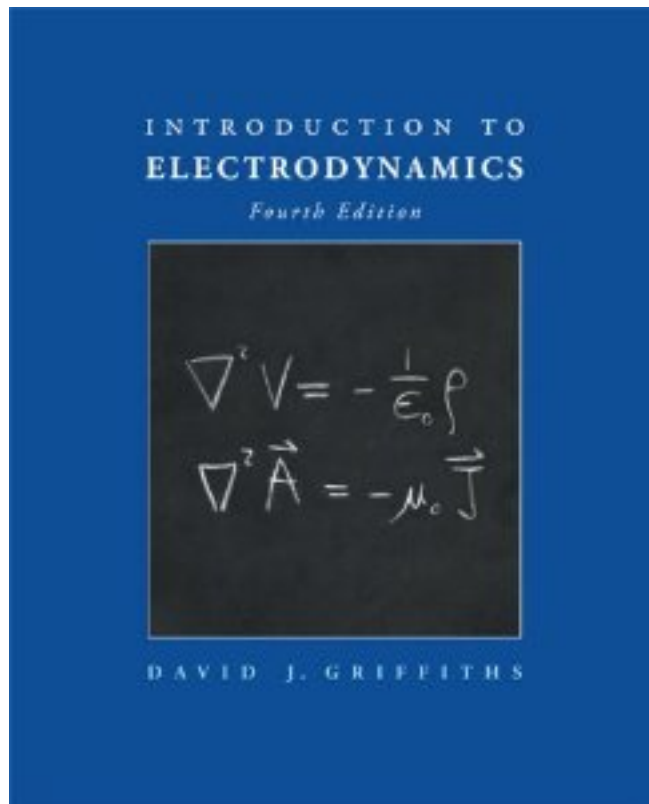
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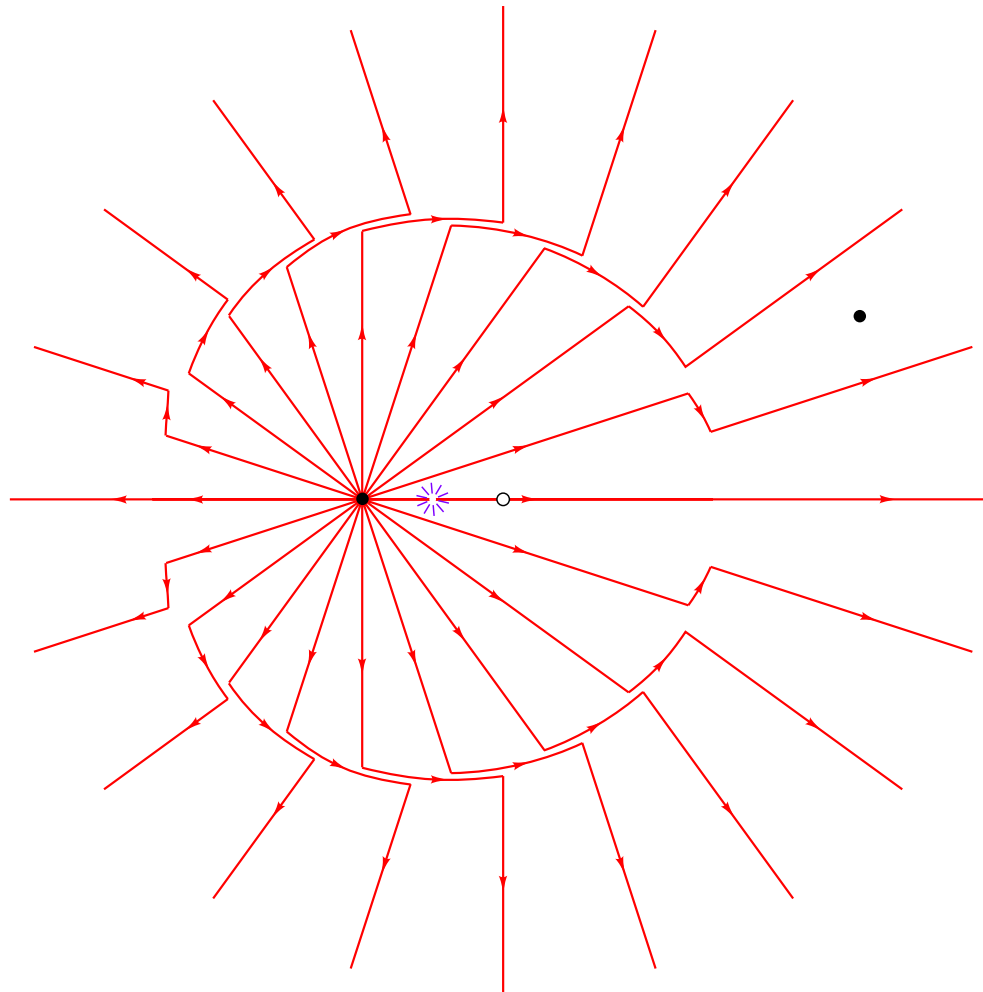
4. Applied physics is for ~~sissies~~.  
another course



### 3. Griffiths is a genius.



## 2. Action at a distance is just wrong.



# 1. Glimpse the inner workings of the universe.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$