Meet Maxwell's Equations

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Outline

- Coulomb's Law, Gauss' Law, Newton's Theorem
- Potentials for large |x|. Multipoles
- A cancellation property of multipoles
- Capacitory potential
- Perfect conductors and surface charges. Capacity.
- Induced charge on grounded conductors
 - A bound on induced charge
- Two charged conductors
 - A qualitative question
- Limiting amplitude principal for periodic sources
- Nonexistence of perfect shadows

Course Materials. The first topic is part of Meet the Laplacian.

The next topics are inspired by my 1974 Tulane lecture, clickable in Encounters materials.

A substantially fleshed out version of all but the last two topics is in the handout MeetElectrostatics.pdf among Encounters materials.

The last two topics are from the first Tulane lecture. It is an introduction to my 1972 Indiana Journal paper with M. Taylor.