

Magnetostatics

① Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon_0 \vec{E}) = \rho$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B}\right) = \frac{\partial (\epsilon_0 \vec{E})}{\partial t} + \vec{J}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \vec{E} \rightarrow \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = \rho \left[\vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} \right]$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Tesla-meter}}{\text{Ampere}}$$

② Static

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

For consistency we also need

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

③ Electrostatics

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon_0 \vec{E}) = \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$$

Magnetostatics

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B}\right) = \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

④ Thus, the fundamental equation in magnetostatics is

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \right) = \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \mu_0 \vec{J} \quad (\text{in vacuum})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

⑤ Gauge transformations

→ Maxwell's equations (not only static) are invariant under $\lambda = \lambda(\vec{r}, t) \rightarrow$ arbitrary

$$\vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \lambda$$

$$\vec{E} \rightarrow -\vec{\nabla} \left(\phi - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \lambda \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) = \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda) = \vec{B}$$

→ Radiation (Coulomb) gauge: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$.

⑥ In the radiation gauge ④ becomes.

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \mu_0 \int d^3r' G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \vec{J}(\vec{r}')$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$-\nabla^2 G = 1$$

$$G = (-\nabla^2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{4\pi r}$$

→ direction of \vec{A} due to line segment is decided by \vec{J} .

⑦ Consistency check for radiation gauge:

(i) If $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} \neq 0$
 choose $\vec{A}' = \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla} \lambda$
 then $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' = 0$ requires
 $-\nabla^2 \lambda = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$

which exists. In principle λ is determined by solving the Laplacian with $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ as the source.

(ii) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \int d^3x' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x-y) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x-y)$

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$

$= + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$

$= 0$ $\hookrightarrow 0$ (\because Green's fn. per 200)

$(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \text{ in static.})$

⑧ The magnetic field is determined as

$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

$= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$

⑧A Force on another wire

$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \rightarrow \int d^3x' \vec{J}_2(\vec{r}') \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}')$

⑨ I leave it as an exercise to verify

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = \mu_0 \vec{J}(\vec{r})$$

⑩ Example I

Consider a point charge

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = q \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_a)$$

$$\vec{J}(\vec{r}) = q \vec{v}_a \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_a)$$

$$\vec{v}_a = \frac{d\vec{r}_a}{dt}$$

Then,

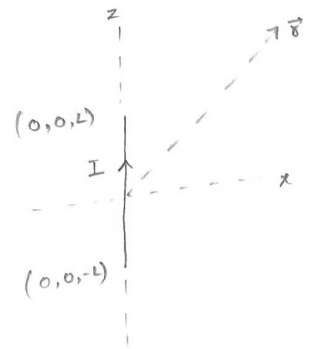
$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{q \vec{v}_a \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_a)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q \vec{v}_a}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_a|}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' q \vec{v}_a \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_a) \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} q \vec{v}_a \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_a}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_a|^3}$$

⑪ Example II: Current carrying line segment



$$\vec{J}(\vec{r}') = \hat{z} I \delta(x'-0) \delta(y'-0) \quad 0(-L < z < L)$$

⑫

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-L}^L dz' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' \frac{\hat{z} I \delta(x'-0) \delta(y'-0)}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \hat{z} I \int_{-L}^L dz' \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (z-z')^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{A} = (0, 0, A_z)$$

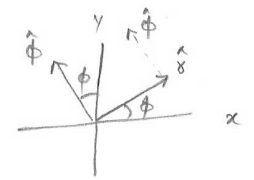
⑬

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \\ &= \hat{i} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \hat{j} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \int_{-L}^L dz' \frac{[-y \hat{i} + x \hat{j}]}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-z')^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & 0 & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

⑭

$$\begin{aligned} -y \hat{i} + x \hat{j} &= [-\sin\phi \hat{i} + \cos\phi \hat{j}] r \\ &= r \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$



⑮

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} r \int_{-L}^L dz' \frac{1}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-z')^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{21} \quad \int_{-L}^L dz' \frac{1}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-z')^2]^{3/2}} &= \frac{1}{s^2} \int_{\tan^{-1} \frac{z-L}{s}}^{\tan^{-1} \frac{z+L}{s}} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{s^2} \sin \theta \Big|_{\tan^{-1} \frac{z-L}{s}}^{\tan^{-1} \frac{z+L}{s}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s^2} \left[\frac{\frac{z+L}{s}}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z+L}{s}\right)^2}} - \frac{\frac{z-L}{s}}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z-L}{s}\right)^2}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{s^2} \left[\frac{z+L}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z+L)^2}} - \frac{(z-L)}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z-L)^2}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$x^2 + y^2 = s^2$
 $z - z' = s \tan \theta$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{\tan \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}}$

Using $\textcircled{21}$ in $\textcircled{20}$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi s} \left[\frac{z+L}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z+L)^2}} - \frac{(z-L)}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z-L)^2}} \right]$$

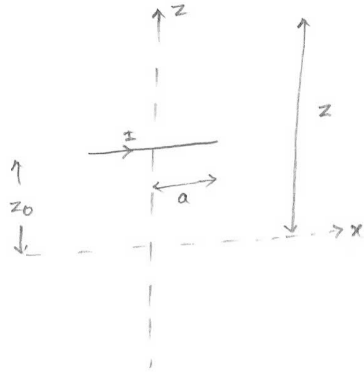
$\textcircled{23} \quad L \rightarrow \infty :$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi s} \cdot 2$$

$z = 0 :$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi s} \frac{2L}{\sqrt{s^2 + L^2}}$$

24) Example III : A finite solenoid.



$$n = \frac{\text{no. of turns}}{\text{length}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J}(\vec{r}') &= I_{dz_0} \delta(z'-z_0) \delta(\rho'-a) \hat{\phi}' & I_{dz_0} &= I n dz_0 \\ &= I n dz_0 \delta(z'-z_0) \delta(\rho'-a) [-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{25) } \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a dz' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \int_0^{\infty} \rho' d\rho' \frac{I n dz_0 [-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}] \delta(z'-z_0) \delta(\rho'-a)}{\sqrt{(z-z')^2 + \rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos(\phi-\phi')}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I n}{4\pi} dz_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{[-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}]}{\sqrt{(z-z_0)^2 + \rho^2 + a^2 - 2a\rho \cos(\phi-\phi')}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{26) } \vec{A}(\underbrace{0,0}_{\rho=0}, z) &= \frac{\mu_0 I n}{4\pi} dz_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{[-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}]}{\sqrt{(z-z_0)^2 + a^2}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(27) Caution:
 $\vec{A}(0,0,z) = 0 \quad \not\Rightarrow \quad \vec{B}(0,0,z) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

(28)
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{J}(r') \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz' \int_0^{\infty} r' dr' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \quad I_n dz_0 \delta(z' - z_0) \delta(r' - a) \\ &\quad \times \frac{[-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}] \times [(x-x') \hat{i} + (y-y') \hat{j} + (z-z') \hat{k}]}{[\sqrt{(z-z')^2 + r'^2 + r'^2 - 2r'r' \cos(\phi-\phi')}]^3} \end{aligned}$$

(29)
$$\vec{B}(0,0,z) = \frac{\mu_0 I_n}{4\pi} dz_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{[-\sin\phi' \hat{i} + \cos\phi' \hat{j}] \times [-a \cos\phi' \hat{i} - a \sin\phi' \hat{j} + (z-z_0) \hat{k}]}{[\sqrt{(z-z_0)^2 + a^2}]^3}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I_n}{4\pi} dz_0 \frac{a}{[a^2 + (z-z_0)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' a \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I_n}{4\pi} dz_0 \frac{2\pi a^2}{[a^2 + (z-z_0)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I_n}{2} \hat{k} \frac{a^2 dz_0}{[a^2 + (z-z_0)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{30} \quad \vec{B}_{\text{solenoid}}(0,0,z) &= \int_{-L}^L dz_0 \vec{B}(0,0,z) \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 I n}{2} \hat{k} \int_{-L}^L dz_0 \frac{a^2}{[a^2 + (z-z_0)^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 I n}{2} \hat{k} \left[\frac{z+L}{\sqrt{a^2 + (z+L)^2}} - \frac{z-L}{\sqrt{a^2 + (z-L)^2}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{31} \quad \underline{L \rightarrow \infty} : \quad \vec{B}_{\text{solenoid}}(0,0,z) = \mu_0 I n \hat{k}$$

$$\underline{z=0} : \quad \vec{B}_{\text{solenoid}}(0,0,0) = \frac{\mu_0 I n}{2} \hat{k} \frac{2L}{\sqrt{a^2 + L^2}}$$