

Maxwell's Equations for Magnetism

Let's calculate $\nabla \cdot \vec{B}$ and $\nabla \times \vec{B}$ from the Biot-Savart Law.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) d\tau'$$

Identity

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

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \left(\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) \right) &= \frac{\hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} \cdot \nabla \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \\ &\quad - \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \nabla \times \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}') = 0$ because \vec{J} depends on primed variables, but ∇ takes derivatives with respect to unprimed variables.

$\nabla \times \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) = 0$ because the curl of a point charge field is zero.

No Magnetic Monopoles

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \iff \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = \Phi_m = 0$$

\Rightarrow Net magnetic flux out of closed surface is zero.

\Rightarrow No isolated magnetic charge

\Rightarrow Magnetic field lines are closed curves.

Now look at $\nabla \times \vec{B}$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \nabla \times \left(\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} \right) d\tau'$$

Identity

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) &= (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} \\ &+ \vec{A} (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \left[\left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} \cdot \nabla \right) \vec{J}(\vec{r}') - (\vec{J} \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) + \vec{J} \left(\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) \right) - \frac{\hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} (\nabla \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}')) \right] d\tau'$$

①
②

③
④

① + ④ are zero because unprimed derivative of primed coordinates.

As before, $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) = 4\pi\sigma^3(\vec{r}'')$

$$\text{③} = \vec{J}(\vec{r}') 4\pi\sigma^3(\vec{r}'')$$

Now work on ②

In \vec{r}'' , \hat{r}'' , r'' the variables x, x', y, y', z, z' only appear in the combinations $x-x', y-y', z-z'$.

So the effect of exchanging $x \leftrightarrow x'$ etc is to change signs of the gradient

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{J} \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) &= -(\vec{J} \cdot \nabla') \left(\frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) \\ &= -(\vec{J} \cdot \nabla') \left(\frac{\vec{r}''}{r''^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Look at components

x-component

$$(\mathbf{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \nabla')$$
$$\left(\frac{x-x'}{(r'')^3} \right)$$

Another identity

$$\nabla \cdot (f \vec{A}) = f(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \nabla \cdot (\vec{A} f)$$

$$(\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) f = \nabla \cdot (f \vec{A}) - f(\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$$

So

$$(\mathbf{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \nabla') \left(\frac{x-x'}{(r'')^3} \right) = \nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{x-x'}{(r'')^3} \mathbf{J}(\vec{r}') \right)$$
$$- \frac{x-x'}{(r'')^3} (\nabla' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}'))$$

The second term is zero because $\nabla' \cdot \vec{J} = 0$
in magnetostatics.

Integrate the remaining term

$$\int_V \nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{x-x'}{r''^3} \mathbf{J}(\vec{r}') \right) d\tau'$$

$$= \oint_S \frac{x-x'}{r''^3} \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$= 0$$

if we ensure V is large enough so no current passes through the surface.

So only term ③ is left.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \vec{J}(\vec{r}') 4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') d\tau'$$

$$= \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Ampere's Law (Magnetostatics)

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

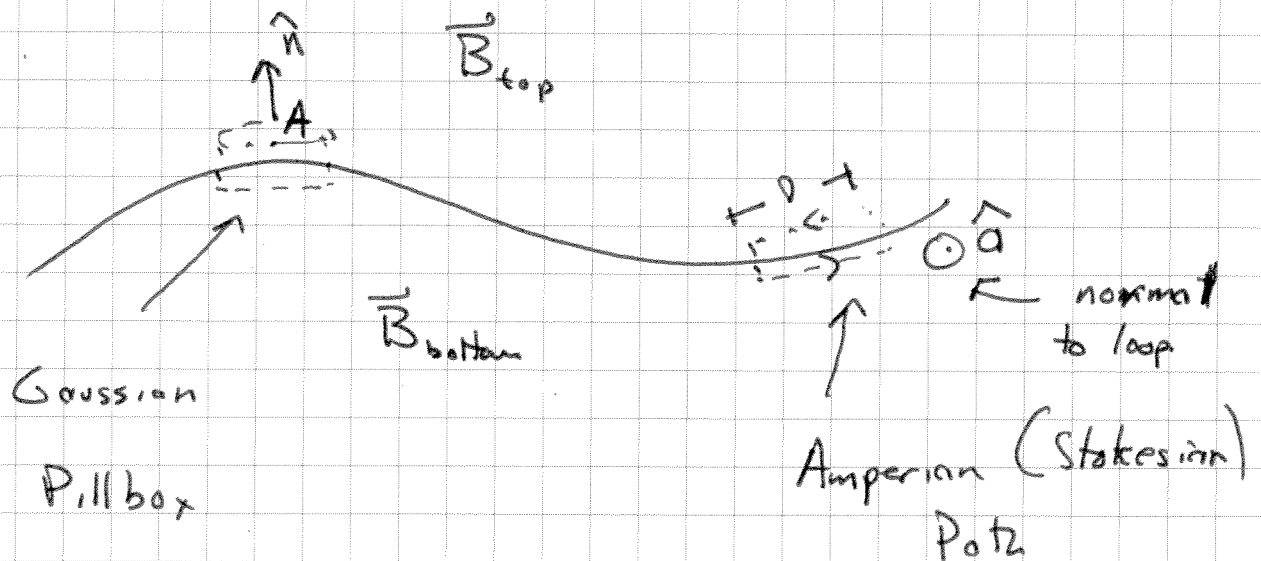
Convert to integral form

$$\int_S \nabla \times \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_S \mu_0 \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Stokes $\left(\int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a} = I_{enc} \right)$

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{enc} \quad \text{Ampere's Law Integral Form}$$

Magnetostatic Boundary Conditions



$$\Phi_m = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 \quad (\text{No magnetic monopoles})$$

$$\Phi_m = \vec{B}_{\text{top}} \cdot \hat{n} A - \vec{B}_{\text{bottom}} \cdot \hat{n} A = 0$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{top}}^{\perp} = \vec{B}_{\text{bottom}}^{\perp}$$

Ampere's Law

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_c \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} &= \vec{B}_{\text{top}} \cdot \hat{t} l - \vec{B}_{\text{bottom}} \cdot \hat{t} l \\ &= \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}} = \mu_0 \vec{K} \cdot \hat{a} \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{K} \equiv$ surface current

$\hat{a} \equiv$ surface normal Amperian loop

In vector form we can combine these as

$$\vec{B}_{\text{top}} - \vec{B}_{\text{bottom}} = \mu_0 (\vec{K} \times \hat{n})$$