

## II STEADY CURRENTS AND MAGNETISM

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#### 1. currents, charge conservation

$\underline{J}$  - current density

charge per unit area per unit time flowing across a plane  $b^{\perp}$  to the line of flow

charge per carrier

$$\underline{J} = \rho \underline{v} = n e \underline{v}$$

↑  
charge  
density

↑  
no. of charge  
carriers per  
unit volume

I - current

charge per unit time flowing across a surface S

$$I = \int \underline{J} \cdot d\underline{S}$$

continuity equation : expresses conservation of charge

rate of decrease of charge in V = charge leaving V

per unit time

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho dV = \int_S \underline{J} \cdot d\underline{S} = \int \operatorname{div} \underline{J} dV$$

↑  
divergence  
thm.

true & V

$$\therefore \operatorname{div} \underline{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

Ohm's law

experimentally for many materials, e.g. metals at constant temperature

$$J = \sigma E$$

↑  
conductivity (material property)

for a wire, length  $d$ , cross sectional area  $A$ , with a voltage  $V$  across it

$$E = \frac{V}{d} \quad J = \frac{I}{A}$$

$$\therefore \frac{I}{A} = \frac{\sigma V}{d}$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{I d}{A \sigma} \quad \text{resistance } R$$

$$R = \frac{d}{A \sigma} = \frac{d \rho}{A} \quad \leftarrow \text{resistivity}$$

↑  
conductivity

2. Force on a current carrying wire

$$\text{Lorentz force } F_{\text{mag}} = q(\underline{v}, \underline{B})$$

force on a volume element  $\delta \tau$  containing charge density  $\rho$  is

$$\delta F_{\text{mag}} = \rho(\underline{v}, \underline{B}) \delta \tau$$

$$= (\underline{J}, \underline{B}) \delta \tau$$

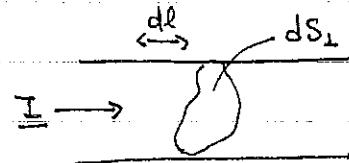
$$\therefore F_{\text{mag}} = \int_{\tau} \underline{J}, \underline{B} \, d\tau$$

for a wire  $d\tau = dS_{\perp} dl$

↑  
element of area  
bf to wire

element of length along wire

$$\therefore F_{\text{mag}} = \int_{\tau} (\underline{J} \cdot \underline{B}) dS_{\perp} dl$$



$$= \int_{\text{wire}} (\underline{J} \cdot \underline{B}) dl$$

$$= \int_{\text{wire}} I (\underline{dl} \cdot \underline{B})$$

(whether we write  $\underline{I} dl$  or  $I \underline{dl}$  just a matter of convenience)

### 3. Biot - Savart law

starting point for magnetostatics (ie steady currents and fields constant in time) cf Coulomb's law for electrostatics

$$\underline{B}(r) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{\text{wire}} \frac{dl' \wedge (\underline{r} - \underline{r}')}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^3}$$

↑  
magnetic field  
units Tesla

permeability  
of free space

$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N A}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N A}^{-2}$

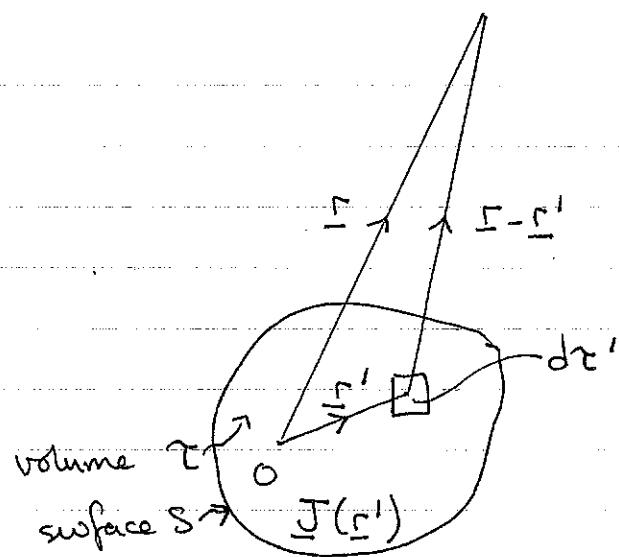
vector from element of current at  $\underline{r}'$  to point where we are calculating the field  $\underline{r}$ .

NB1 for a volume distribution of charge

$$\underline{B}(r) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{V} \frac{\underline{J}(r') \wedge |\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^3} dV'$$

NB2 superposition applies for magnetic fields

4. To prove  $\operatorname{div} \underline{B} = 0$



$$\operatorname{div} \underline{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \operatorname{div} \left\{ \frac{\underline{J}(r') \wedge (\underline{r} - \underline{r}')}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^2} \right\} d\underline{r}'$$

$\uparrow$   
div is w.r.t.  
unprimed co-ordinates

$\uparrow$   
integral is over  
the primed co-ordinates

$$(v2) \quad \operatorname{div} \left\{ \underline{J}(r') \wedge \frac{(\underline{r} - \underline{r}')}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^2} \right\} = \frac{(\underline{r} - \underline{r}')}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^2} \cdot \operatorname{curl} \underline{J}(r') - \underline{J}(r') \cdot \operatorname{curl} \left( \frac{(\underline{r} - \underline{r}')}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}'|^2} \right)$$

$\uparrow$   
zero because

$= 0 \quad (v6)$

$\underline{J}$  depends on the  
primed co-ordinates  
and curl is taken  
w.r.t. the unprimed ones.

$\therefore \operatorname{div} \underline{B} = 0$

no magnetic monopoles (charges)

5. Ampère's law. ( $\text{curl } \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \underline{\mathbf{J}}$ )

$$\text{curl } \underline{\mathbf{B}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma} \text{curl} \left\{ \frac{\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \wedge (\hat{\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'})}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^2} \right\} d\underline{\mathbf{r}}'$$

Vf:  $\text{curl} \left\{ \frac{\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \wedge (\hat{\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'})}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^2} \right\}$

$$= \underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \cdot \text{div} \left\{ \frac{\hat{\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'}}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^2} \right\} - (\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \cdot \text{grad}) \left\{ \frac{\hat{\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'}}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^2} \right\}$$

(a) (b)

+ zero terms which are derivatives w.r.t.  $x, y, z$  of  $\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}')$

(a) (using Vf) gives a contribution to  $\text{curl } \underline{\mathbf{B}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}})$  of

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma} \cancel{\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}')} L \pi \delta^3(\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}') d\underline{\mathbf{r}}' = \underline{\mu_0 \underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}})}$$

so component of (b)

$$+ (\underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \cdot \text{grad}') \left\{ \frac{\underline{x} - \underline{x}'}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^3} \right\}$$

reason for doing this is so I can use divergence thm.

allowed because I am differentiating a function of  $\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'$

$$\text{Vf: } = \text{div}' \left\{ \underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}') \frac{\underline{x} - \underline{x}'}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^3} \right\} - \frac{(\underline{x} - \underline{x}') \cdot \text{div}' \underline{\mathbf{J}}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}')}{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}}'|^3}$$

put back into  
curl  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  formula  
use divergence thm

↑  
zero from continuity  
equation for steady currents

$$\sim \int_S \frac{(x-x')}{|x-x'|^3} \underline{J}(x') \cdot d\underline{s}'$$

zero because, by construction  $\Sigma$  is the volume that includes all the currents  $\therefore$  none are flowing through  $S$

$$\therefore \text{curl } \underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{J}(\Sigma) \quad \text{Ampere's law}$$

$$\int_S \text{curl } \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{s} = \mu_0 \int_S \underline{J} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

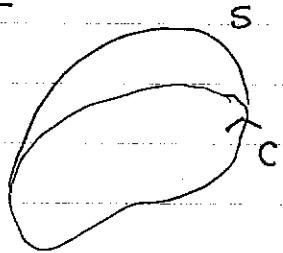


Stokes' thm



definition of  $I$

$$\oint_C \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{l} = \mu_0 I$$



total current passing  
through any surface  $S$   
spanning  $C$

N.B. to calculate  $\underline{B}$  in general need Biot-Savart, but in situations of high symmetry, Ampère much easier

cf

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$E$

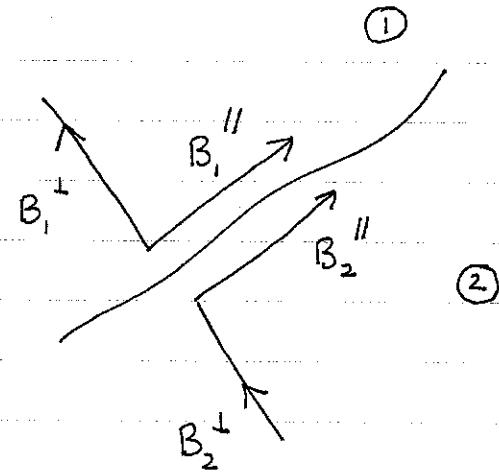
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Coulomb  
Gauss much easier

## 6. magnetostatic boundary conditions

$$1. \operatorname{div} \underline{B} = 0$$

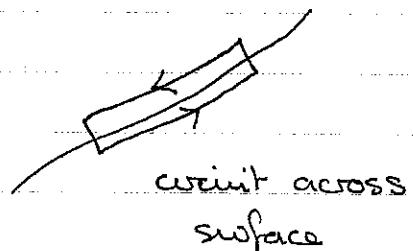
$$\therefore \int_S \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{s} = 0$$



Gaussian cylinder across surface  $\Rightarrow B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$

$$2. \oint \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{l} = \mu_0 I \quad (\text{Ampère's law})$$

$$\boxed{B_2'' - B_1'' = \mu_0 I_s}$$



surface current threading loop  
(out of paper +ve; r.h. rule)

## 7. summary so far (Maxwell without time dependence)

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad (\text{Gauss})$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \underline{E} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{div} \underline{B} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{curl} \underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{I} \quad (\text{Ampère})$$