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Notes 28 Magnetic field and Ampere's Law

Magnetic Field



Note: Flux lines come out of north poles!

Lorentz force Law:

$$\underline{F} = q \, \underline{v} \times \underline{B}$$

This experimental law defines <u>B</u>.

\underline{B} is the magnetic flux density vector.

In general, (with both \underline{E} and \underline{B} present):

$$\underline{F} = q\left(\underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B}\right)$$

The units of <u>B</u> are Webers/m² or Tesla [T].

A magnetic field can never give energy to a particle that is moving on a path.

$$\Delta W = \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = q\left(\underline{v} \times \underline{B}\right) \cdot d\underline{r} = q\left(\underline{v} \times \underline{B}\right) \cdot \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} dt$$

$$\Delta W = q \underbrace{\left(\underline{v} \times \underline{B}\right) \cdot \underline{v}}_{\text{zero}} dt = 0$$





Beam of electrons moving in a circle, due to the presence of a magnetic field. Purple light is emitted along the electron path, due to the electrons colliding with gas molecules in the bulb.

(From Wikipedia)

A stable orbit is a circular path:

$$\frac{mv_0^2}{R} = qv_0B_0$$

 $\underline{B} = -\underline{\hat{z}}B_0$ $\underline{v} = \underline{\hat{\phi}}v_0$ $\underline{F} = -\hat{\rho}(qv_0B_0)$

The most general stable path is a helix, with the helix axis aligned with the magnetic field.



There is no force in the axis direction (hence a constant velocity in this direction).

Magnetic field lines thus "guide" charged particles.

The earth's magnetic field protects us from charged particles from the sun (called the solar wind).



The particles spiral along the directions of the magnetic field, and are thus directed towards the poles.

This also explains the auroras seen near the north pole (aurora borealis) and the south pole (aurora australis).





The particles from the sun that reach the earth are directed towards the poles.

Magnetic Gauss Law



Magnetic pole (not possible)!

Note: Magnetic flux lines come out of a north pole and go into a south pole.

No net magnetic flux out!

Magnetic Gauss Law: Differential Form

$$\oint_{S} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dS = 0$$

From the definition of divergence we then have

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} \equiv \lim_{\Delta V \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \oint_{S} \underline{B} \cdot \hat{\underline{n}} \, dS$$

Hence

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

Ampere's Law



Note: The definition of the Amp* is as follows:

1 [A] current produces: $B_{\phi} = 2 \times 10^{-7}$ [T] at $\rho = 1$ [m]

* This is actually the definition before May 20, 2019. Please see Notes 3 for more discussion of this.

Hence

$$B_{\phi} = \left(\frac{I}{2\pi\rho}\right)\mu_0 \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad 2 \times 10^{-7} [\mathrm{T}] = \frac{1[\mathrm{A}]}{2\pi(1[\mathrm{m}])} \mu_0$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \quad [\text{H/m}]$$





(This is the definition of \underline{H} in free space.)

Hence

$$\underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{H}$$

 \underline{H} is called the "magnetic field".

The units of \underline{H} are [A/m].

$$\underline{H} = \hat{\phi} \left(\frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \right) \quad [A/m]$$

(for single infinite wire)

Next, consider an infinite wire inside of an arbitrary closed path.



A current (wire) is inside a closed path.

We integrate counterclockwise.

Observation: The answer does not depend on the shape of the path!

Next, consider an infinite wire outside of an arbitrary closed path.

Wire outside path



A current (wire) is outside a closed path.

$$\oint_{C} \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = \int_{0}^{0} \frac{I}{2\pi} d\phi$$
$$= 0$$

Note:

The angle ϕ smoothly goes from zero back to zero as we go around the path, starting on the *x* axis.

Observation:

The answer does not depend on the shape of the path!

Hence

$$\oint_C \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$$

Ampere's Law (DC currents)



Although the law was derived for an infinite vertical wire of current, the <u>assumption</u> is made that it holds for any current.

This is now an <u>experimental law</u>.

Note:

The same DC current I_{encl} goes through any surface that is attached to C (This follows from the KCL law.)

Right-hand rule for Ampere's law:

The fingers of the right hand are in the direction of the path C, and the thumb gives the reference direction for the current that is enclosed by the path.

(If the contour C goes counterclockwise, then the reference direction for current is pointing up.)

$$\oint_C \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$$



"Right-Hand Rule"

Ampere's Law Summary

Summary of Ampere's law:

$$\oint_{C} \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$$

$$I_{encl}$$
The direction of the current enclosed is chosen by the right-hand rule.

Right-hand rule for Ampere's law:

The fingers of the right hand are in the direction of the path *C*, and the thumb gives the reference direction for the current that is enclosed by the path.

(If the contour C goes counterclockwise, then the reference direction for current is pointing up.)

Amperes' Law: Differential Form



Since the unit normal is arbitrary (it could be any of the three unit vectors), we have

$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J}$$

Maxwell's Equations (Statics)



Maxwell's Equations (Dynamics)



Ampere's Law: Finding <u>H</u>

 $\oint_{C} \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$

Rules:

1) The "Amperian path" C must be a closed path.

2) The sign of I_{encl} is from the right-hand rule.

3) Pick C in the direction of \underline{H} (to the extent possible).

Note:

Ampere's law is only useful when the problem is very symmetric (there is only one unknown component of magnetic field).

Example



An infinite line current along the *z* axis



LHS =
$$H_{\phi}(2\pi\rho)$$

Z

V



Magnetic Gauss law:

$$\oint_{S} \underline{B} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}} \, dS = 0$$
$$B_{\rho} \left(2\pi\rho h \right) = 0$$





At DC, the current density inside the conductor is uniform, since the electric field is uniform (due to the fact that the voltage drop in the z direction is path independent).

 $\underline{H} = \hat{\phi} H_{\phi}$ The other components are zero, as in the wire example.

$$\oint_C \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$$

$$\oint_{C} \underline{H} \cdot \left(\hat{\underline{\phi}} \rho \, d\phi \right) = I_{encl}$$

$$\rho \int_{0}^{2\pi} H_{\phi} \, d\phi = I_{encl}$$

$$2\pi\rho H_{\phi} = I_{encl}$$



$$H_{\phi} = \frac{I_{encl}}{2\pi\rho}$$

This formula holds for <u>any</u> radius, as long as we get I_{encl} correct.





Summary

$$< a$$
 $\underline{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{a^2}\right)$ [A/m]

$$a < \rho < b$$

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$$\underline{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}}{2\pi\rho} \frac{I}{[\text{A/m}]}$$

$$y$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$a$$

$$b$$

$$a$$

$$c$$

$$x$$

$$b < \rho < c \qquad \underline{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \left(1 - \frac{\pi\rho^2 - \pi b^2}{\pi c^2 - \pi b^2} \right) \quad [A/m]$$

$$\rho > c$$
 $\underline{H} = \underline{0} [A/m]$

Note: There is no magnetic field outside of the coax (a perfect "shielding property").

Example





 $H_z = 0$

Hence

$$H_{z} = (nI) [A/m], \quad \rho < a$$
$$= 0, \quad \rho > a$$

The other components of the magnetic field are zero:

1) $H_{\phi} = 0$ since $I_{encl} = 0$



$$H_{\phi} 2\pi \rho = I_{encl}$$

2)
$$H_{\rho} = 0$$
 from
$$\oint_{S} \underline{B} \cdot \hat{\underline{n}} \, dS = 0$$



$$B_{\rho}2\pi\rho h=0$$

Summary





$$\underline{H} = \underline{\hat{z}}(nI) \quad [A/m], \quad \rho < a$$
$$= \underline{0}, \quad \rho > a$$

 $\underline{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \underline{H}, \quad \rho < a$

Note:

A right-hand rule can be used to determine the direction of the magnetic field (the same rule as for a straight wire).

Note:

A larger relative permeability will give a larger magnetic flux density. This results is a stronger magnet, or a larger inductance.

Example





$$H_z = 0$$
 (superposition with line currents)



Also, by symmetry: $H_x(-y) = -H_x(+y)$



$$\oint_C \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = I_{encl}$$

Note: There is no contribution from the left and right edges (the edges are perpendicular to the field).

$$\int_{front} \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = \int_{w/2}^{-w/2} H_x \, dx = -H_x^+ w$$

$$\int_{back} \underline{H} \cdot \underline{dr} = \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} H_x \, dx = H_x^- w$$

$$-H_{x}^{+}w + H_{x}^{-}w = J_{sz}w$$
$$-H_{x}^{+} - H_{x}^{+} = J_{sz}$$
$$H_{x}^{+} = -\frac{1}{2}J_{sz}$$



$$\underline{H} = \hat{\underline{x}} \left(-\frac{J_{sz}}{2} \right) \quad [A/m], \quad y > 0$$
$$\underline{H} = \hat{\underline{x}} \left(+\frac{J_{sz}}{2} \right) \quad [A/m], \quad y < 0$$

Note:

We can use a right hand-rule to quickly determine the <u>direction</u> of the magnetic field:

Put your thumb is in the direction of the current, and your fingers will give the overall direction of the magnetic field.

Note: The magnetic field does not depend on *y*.







Two parallel sheets (plates) of opposite surface current

$$J_{sz}^{bot} = \left(\frac{I}{w}\right) \quad [A/m]$$
$$J_{sz}^{top} = \left(\frac{-I}{w}\right) \quad [A/m]$$



Magnetic field due to bottom plate

Magnetic field due to top plate

$$\underline{H} = \underline{H}^{bot} + \underline{H}^{top}$$

We then have

$$\underline{H} = \begin{cases} 2 \left[-\underline{\hat{x}} \left(\frac{J_{sz}^{bot}}{2} \right) \right], & 0 < y < h \\ \underline{0}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Recall that

$$J_{sz}^{bot} = \left(\frac{I}{w}\right) \quad [A/m]$$

Hence

$$\underline{H} = -\underline{\hat{x}} \left(\frac{I}{w} \right) \quad [A/m], \quad 0 < y < h$$
$$\underline{H} = 0, \quad \text{otherwise}$$

We could also apply Ampere's law <u>directly</u> (without using superposition):



Hence

$$\underline{H} = -\underline{\hat{x}} \left(\frac{I}{w} \right) \quad [A/m], \quad 0 < y < h$$

Note:

Low Frequency Calculations

At <u>low frequency</u>, the DC formulas should be accurate, as long as we account for the time variation in the results.

Example (line current in time domain)



Low Frequency Calculations (cont.)

We can also used the DC formulas in the phasor domain.

Example (line current in the phasor domain)



Low Frequency Calculations (cont.)

Example (cont.)

Converting from phasor domain to the time domain:

$$\underline{H}^{p} \approx \underline{\hat{\phi}} \left(\frac{I^{p}}{2\pi\rho} \right) \text{ (phasor } \underline{H} \text{ field)}$$

$$\underline{H}(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\underline{H}^{p}e^{j\omega t}\right) \approx \operatorname{Re}\left(\underline{\hat{\phi}}\left(\frac{I^{p}}{2\pi\rho}\right)e^{j\omega t}\right) = \underline{\hat{\phi}}\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\rho}\right)\operatorname{Re}\left(I^{p}e^{j\omega t}\right)$$

$$= \underline{\hat{\phi}}\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\rho}\right)\operatorname{Re}\left(\left(I_{0}e^{j\phi}\right)e^{j\omega t}\right)$$

$$= \underline{\hat{\phi}}\left(\frac{1}{2\pi\rho}\right)I_{0}\cos\left(\omega t + \phi\right)$$

Hence $\underline{H}(t) \approx \hat{\underline{\phi}}\left(\frac{i(t)}{2\pi\rho}\right)$ [A/m]