

Lecture 14: Vector Properties of \vec{B}

Note Title

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Ampere's Law is

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \mu_0 i_{enc}$$

or w/ $i_{enc} = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a}$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \mu_0 \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

so

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

Derive it...

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

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

taken w/ respect to \vec{r}

so it passes into integral.

Front cover rule #6: $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{J} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{J}) - \vec{J} \cdot (\nabla \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2})$

And $\nabla \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = 0 \dots$ so

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

Now for the curl \vec{A}

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

$4\pi \delta^3(\vec{r})$

$$\nabla \times \left(\vec{J} \times \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = \vec{J} \left(\nabla \cdot \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) - \underbrace{\vec{J} \cdot \nabla \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}}_{\text{int. to zero}}$$

w/ $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$ (last term in rule 8)

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

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

Prove last term goes away...

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

↳ 3 components. For x:

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

zero

in magnetostatics

So

$$\left[-\vec{J} \cdot \nabla \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right]_x = \nabla' \cdot \left[\frac{(x-x')}{r^3} \vec{J} \right]$$

put into integral

$$\int_{V_{ol}} \nabla' \cdot \left[\frac{x-x'}{r^3} \vec{J} \right] d\tau' = \oint_S \frac{x-x'}{r^3} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0 !$$

This volume can be as big as you want. Take it where $\vec{J}' = 0$!

So we have Ampere's Law

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \quad \text{or} \quad \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 i_{enc}$$

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

Useful for

- (a) infinite straight wire
- (b) infinite plane w/ current density \vec{k}
- (c) infinite solenoids
- (d) Toroids

And about nothing else! Go back + use Biot-Savart.

We have some geometrical pictures

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{E} \text{ diverges + doesn't curl in statics}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{"no name" + no monopoles}$$
$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \quad \leftarrow \vec{B} \text{ curls.}$$

Since $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$, \vec{B} is $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$

$\vec{A} \Rightarrow$ vector potential.

Now more than 1 \vec{A} leads to the same \vec{B} . This is a gauge freedom.

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

We can choose $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$. Why? You can always make it so.

• Suppose $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0 \neq 0 \dots$

write $\vec{A} = \vec{A}_0 + \nabla \lambda$ for some fnc λ .

Try to make $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \dots$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0 = \nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0 + \nabla^2 \lambda$$

or $\boxed{\nabla^2 \lambda = -\nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0}$ Poisson's eqn.

Solution is $\lambda = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{A}_0}{r} d\vec{r}'$

But the point is that $\vec{A} + \vec{A}_0$ w/ $\vec{A} = \vec{A}_0 + \nabla \lambda$ have the same \vec{B} !

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} = \nabla \times \vec{A}_0 + \nabla \times \nabla \lambda = \vec{B}_0!$$

So Assume $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ +

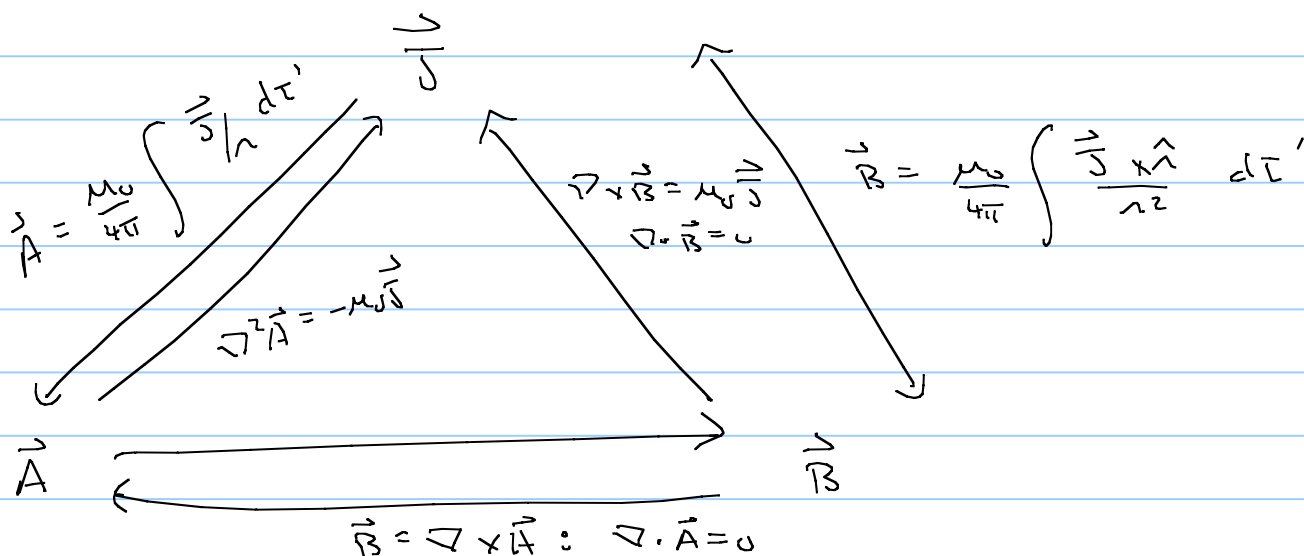
$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}}$$

These Poisson's eqns!

$$\boxed{\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{r} d\tau'}$$

So to find \vec{B} , you can try to find \vec{A} . (Note: this is not as easy as \vec{E} + V !)

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Similar to the boundary conditions on \vec{E} , we can get b.c. for \vec{B} around a 2-D, current carrying sheet w/ density \vec{K}

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

$$\text{so } B_{\text{above}}^{\parallel} - B_{\text{below}}^{\parallel} = \mu_0 K$$

$$B_{\text{above}}^{\perp} = B_{\text{below}}^{\perp}$$

\vec{A} is continuous (like V), w/ a discontinuity in the derivative (like V).

$$\frac{\partial \vec{A}_{\text{above}}}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial \vec{A}_{\text{below}}}{\partial n} = -\mu_0 \vec{K}$$

Since $\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}$, many of the tricks of Chap 2 work again. In particular there is a multipole expansion - starting w/ the dipole of course.

$$\vec{A}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \vec{m} = I \int d\vec{a} = I \vec{a}$$

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