

Last time

Derived an expression for electrostatic energy in dielectrics:

$$SW = \int d^3x \vec{E} \cdot S \vec{D}$$

For linear & isotropic dielectrics:

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}$$

Force:

$$F_x = - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \right)_Q$$

$$F_x = \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \right)_V$$

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note the positive sign!

Magnetostatics

• \Rightarrow main difference from electrostatics is due to absence of magnetic monopoles (no equivalent of point charges).

Instead one deals with magnetic dipoles:



loop of current carries magnetic dipole \vec{m}
($m = I \oint$)

Torque on \vec{m} is $\vec{N} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$, where

\vec{B} is magnetic induction (aka magnetic flux density)
OR magnetic field

(Analogy to electric dipoles: if we have dipole \vec{p} in electric field \vec{E} :



$$W = - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} = - p E \cos \alpha$$

torque is

$$N = + \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha} = p E \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

Conservation of Charge

Continuity: if $\rho(\vec{x}, t)$ is charge density

and $\vec{J}(\vec{x}, t)$ is current density

$$\left(\rho = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{volume}}, \quad J = \frac{\text{charge} \cdot \text{velocity}}{\text{volume}} \right)$$

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current
area

\Rightarrow the change in total charge in enclosed (18)

volume V should be equal to the amount of charge that flowed in/out of the volume. Hence:



$$\Delta Q = \int_V d^3x [\rho(\vec{x}, t+\Delta t) - \rho(\vec{x}, t)] = -\Delta t \oint_S da \cdot \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{J}}}{\vec{J}_n}}$$

as $Q = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}, t)$

$$= -\Delta t \int_V d^3x \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}$$

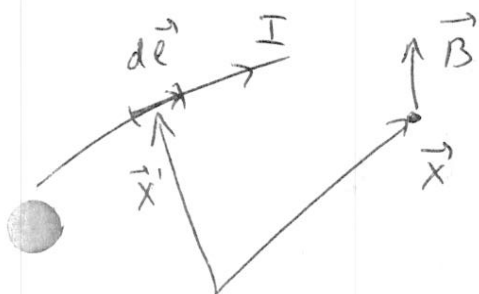
↑ divergence theorem

\Rightarrow as $\rho(\vec{x}, t+\Delta t) - \rho(\vec{x}, t) \approx \Delta t \cdot \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(\vec{x}, t)$

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

in the static case $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$

Biot and Savart Law



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{d\vec{l} \times (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^3}$$

$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} = 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Newtons}}{\text{Ampere}^2}$, 1 ampere = 1 Coulomb / 1 Second

for a point charge q moving with velocity \vec{v} :

$$I d\vec{l} = q \vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} q \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{x}}{x^3}$$

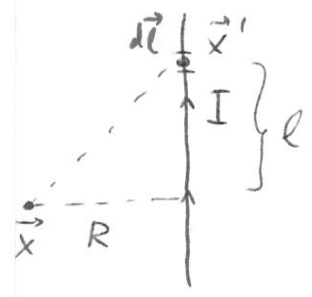
Transforming current I into current density \vec{J}

via $I d\vec{l} = \vec{J} \cdot d^3x$ we write

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

This is magnetic induction due to any current density $\vec{J}(\vec{x})$.

Example: a wire carrying current I :



$$|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dl}{l^2 + R^2} \cdot \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + l^2}} =$$

sin of the angle between $d\vec{l}$ & $(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I R \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dl}{(l^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I}{R}$$

$$\frac{R}{R^2 \sqrt{R^2 + l^2}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{2}{R^2}$$

Ampere's Law.

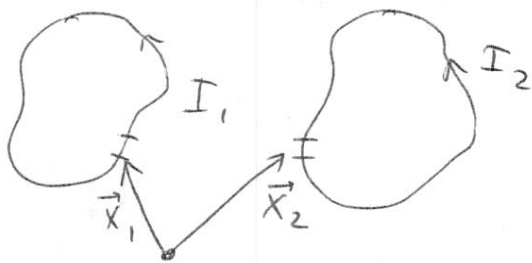
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The force on a current element $I_1 d\vec{l}_1$ due to magnetic field \vec{B} is $d\vec{F} = I_1 d\vec{l}_1 \times \vec{B}$

For a point charge q moving with velocity \vec{v} write $\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ (Lorentz force)

Imagine two loops of current: the force on

loop #1 due to loop #2 is



$$\vec{F}_{12} = I_1 \int d\vec{l}_1 \times \vec{B}_2$$

Due to Biot & Savart law, $\vec{B}_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_2 \int \frac{d\vec{l}_2 \times \vec{x}_{12}}{x_{12}^3}$

where $\vec{x}_{12} = \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2$. Substituting:

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \iiint \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \times (d\vec{l}_2 \times \vec{x}_{12})}{x_{12}^3}$$

$$\text{As } \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \times (d\vec{l}_2 \times \vec{x}_{12})}{x_{12}^3} = \frac{d\vec{l}_2 (d\vec{l}_1 \cdot \vec{x}_{12})}{x_{12}^3} - \frac{\vec{x}_{12} d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{x_{12}^3}$$

and, since $\vec{\nabla}_1 \frac{1}{|\vec{x}_{12}|} = -\frac{\vec{x}_{12}}{|\vec{x}_{12}|^3}$, the first term vanishes

and we write:

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$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint \oint \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{|\vec{x}_{12}|^3} \vec{x}_{12}$$

attractive if $I_1 \parallel I_2$
repulsive if $I_1 \& I_2$ anti-parallel

Ampere's law of force between two current loops.

As $I d\vec{l} = \vec{J} d^3x \Rightarrow$ for two localized

current densities
$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x_1 \int d^3x_2 \frac{\vec{J}_1(\vec{x}_1) \cdot \vec{J}_2(\vec{x}_2)}{|\vec{x}_{12}|^3} \vec{x}_{12}$$

For current density Ampere's law gives:

$$\vec{F} = \int d^3x \vec{J}(\vec{x}) \times \vec{B}(\vec{x})$$

The resulting torque is
$$\vec{N} = \int d^3x \vec{x} \times (\vec{J}(\vec{x}) \times \vec{B}(\vec{x}))$$

Differential Equations of Magnetostatics.

Start with Biot & Savart law:

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

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

\Rightarrow we recast \vec{B} as a curl of some vector field.

Definition

Vector potential \vec{A} is defined by

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

(Analogue of electrostatic potential Φ with $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$)

\vec{A} is not observable directly (in classical physics)

\vec{B} is observable

We have the freedom of redefining

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \vec{A}(\vec{x}) + \vec{\nabla}\psi(\vec{x})$$

for any random scalar function $\psi(\vec{x})$:

as $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla}\psi) = 0$, \vec{B} does not change \Rightarrow

\Rightarrow gauge invariance!

(cf. $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi + \text{const}$ in electrostatics)

\vec{A} is defined up to a gradient.

Biot - Savart law gives us

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} + \vec{\nabla}\psi$$